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Groton Area Schedule of Events

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Basketball: Girls Varsity Region 1A: High Seed (Host) #1 vs #4/#5 winner #2/#7 winner vs #3/#6 winner

Friday, March 1, 2019

Basketball: Boys Varsity Region 1A: High Seed (Host) #1 vs #4/#5 Winner #2/#7 Winner vs #3/#6 Winner
State Debate at Sioux Falls O'Gorman High School

Saturday, March 2, 2019

State Debate at Sioux Falls O'Gorman High School

Sunday, March 3, 2019

2:00pm- 6:00pm: Open Gym at GHS Arena (Grades JK-8
2pm - 4pm; Grades 6-12 4pm - 6pm)

- 1- Groton Care & Rehab Help Wanted Ad
- 1- Help Wanted
- 2- Girls Region 1A Bracket
- 3- Boys Region 1A Bracket
- 4- Basketball teams win
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Help Wanted

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Region 1A Girls Basketball Tournament

Print Bracket

#1 Aberdeen Roncalli

Score:

Date: 2/28/19

Time: 7:00 PM

Site: Aberdeen Roncalli

Score:

Milbank

#4 Milbank

Score: 47

Date: 2/25/19

Time: 7:00 PM

Site: Milbank

Score: 30

#5 Tiospa Zina

#2 Redfield/Doland

Score: 59

Date: 2/25/19

Time: 7:00 PM

Site: Redfield

Score: 22

#7 Webster Area

#3 Groton Area

Score: 50

Date: 2/26/19

Time: 5:30 PM

Site: Groton

Score: 49

#6 Sisseton

SODAK 16 QUALIFIER

School	Seed Pts.
Aberdeen Roncalli	42.895
Redfield/Doland	41.947
Groton Area	39.750
Milbank	39.722
Tiospa Zina	37.450
Sisseton	35.842
Webster Area	35.842

Redfield/Doland

Score:

Date: 2/28/19

Time: 7:00 PM

Site: Redfield

Score:

Groton Area

SODAK 16 QUALIFIER

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Region 1A Boys Basketball Tournament

Print Bracket

#1 Tiospa Zina

Score:

Date: March 1, 2019

Time: 7:00

Site: Agency Village

Score:

Groton Area

#4 Groton Area

Score: 62

Date: Feb 26, 2019

Time: 8:00

Site: Groton

Score: 44

#5 Milbank

#2 Aberdeen Roncalli

Score: 74

Date: Feb 26, 2019

Time: 7:00

Site: Aberdeen Roncalli

Score: 52

#7 Webster Area

#3 Redfield/Doland

Score: 61

Date: Feb 26, 2019

Time: 7:00

Site: Redfield

Score: 60

#6 Sisseton

Aberdeen Roncalli

Score:

Date: March 1, 2019

Time: 7:00

Site: High Seed

Score:

Redfield/Doland

SODAK 16 QUALIFIER

School	Seed Pts.
Tiospa Zina	44.000
Aberdeen Roncalli	43.400
Redfield/Doland	40.211
Groton Area	39.700
Milbank	39.579
Sisseton	39.444
Webster Area	37.316

SODAK 16 QUALIFIER

Maine makes 3-pointer in overtime thriller for Lady Tigers as 3 players have double-double nights;

Boys dominate Milbank with a 16-2 jump start

It was an amazing night for the Groton Area Tigers as both basketball teams will advance in regional play. The girls posted a 50-49 overtime win over Sisseton and the boys had a big 62-44 win over Milbank. Both games were played Tuesday night in the Groton Area Arena.

It was senior leadership that allowed the Lady Tigers to prosper as the seniors combined for 30 points. The Tigers jumped out to a 20-12 lead, but the Redmen closed it to two points at half time, 20-18. Sisseton took the lead in the third quarter and led by as many as eight points at 33-25. Groton Area came back to make it a 33-30 Sisseton lead at the end of the third quarter. The Tigers tied the game with 4:48 left and then took the lead, 42-38. Sisseton came back to tie it at 42 and took the lead, 44-42. Groton Area battled back and tied the game at 44 sending the game into overtime.

Sisseton took the first lead in overtime and led by as many at three points with 10 seconds left. Jennie Doeden was fouled, sending her to the free throw with the bonus shot. She made the first tone to make it 49-47, Sisseton. She missed the second one, but Payton Maine grabbed the rebound and Coach Shaun Wanner immediately called time out. Payton Maine would drill a three-point shot with 3.1 seconds left and the Tigers were celebrating a 50-49 win. Seniors Maine led the Tigers with 13 points, Doeden had 12 and Miranda Hanson had five. Gracie Traphagen came off the bench to score 10 points while fouling out with 3:21 left in the game. Kaycie Hawkins had seven points and Allyssa Locke had three points.

Libby Medenwald led the Redmen with 21 points followed by Kellie Karst with nine, Ayianna Chanku had eight, Hannah Goodhart six and Talia Estwick added two points.

Groton Area made 19 of 60 shots for 32 percent and was six of 12 from the line for 50 percent. Sisseton was 16 of 48 for 33 percent in field goal shooting and was 11 of 13 from the line for 85 percent.

It was a double-double night for the Tigers with Maine having 10 rebounds and Doeden 13. Eliza Wanner had 11 rebounds. Doeden had four steals and seven assists. Groton Area controlled the boards, 46-26. Maine was three for three in three-pointers while Hanson and Allyssa Locke each had a three-pointer.

The boys then avenged an earlier loss to Milbank with a big 62-44 win over the Bulldogs. Groton Area jumped out to a 16-2 lead and never looked back. In the first quarter, Groton Area shot nine of 15 for 60 percent. They shot six of 12 in the second quarter for 50 percent. Groton Area made six of 13 shots in the third quarter for 46 percent and was three of 11 in the fourth quarter for 27 percent. For the game, Groton Area was 24 of 51 for 47 percent. Milbank Area shot 23 percent in the first quarter, 22 percent in the second quarter, 45 percent in the third quarter and 43 percent in the fourth quarter. For the game, Milbank made 16 of 47 shots for 34 percent.

From the line, Groton Area was eight of 14 for 54 percent and Milbank was five of nine for 55 percent.

Bordyn DeHoet led the Tigers with 24 points followed by Jonathan Doeden with 13, Cade Guthmiller had nine and Treyton Diegel each had nine points, Jayden Zak had six and Kaden Kurtz added a free throw.

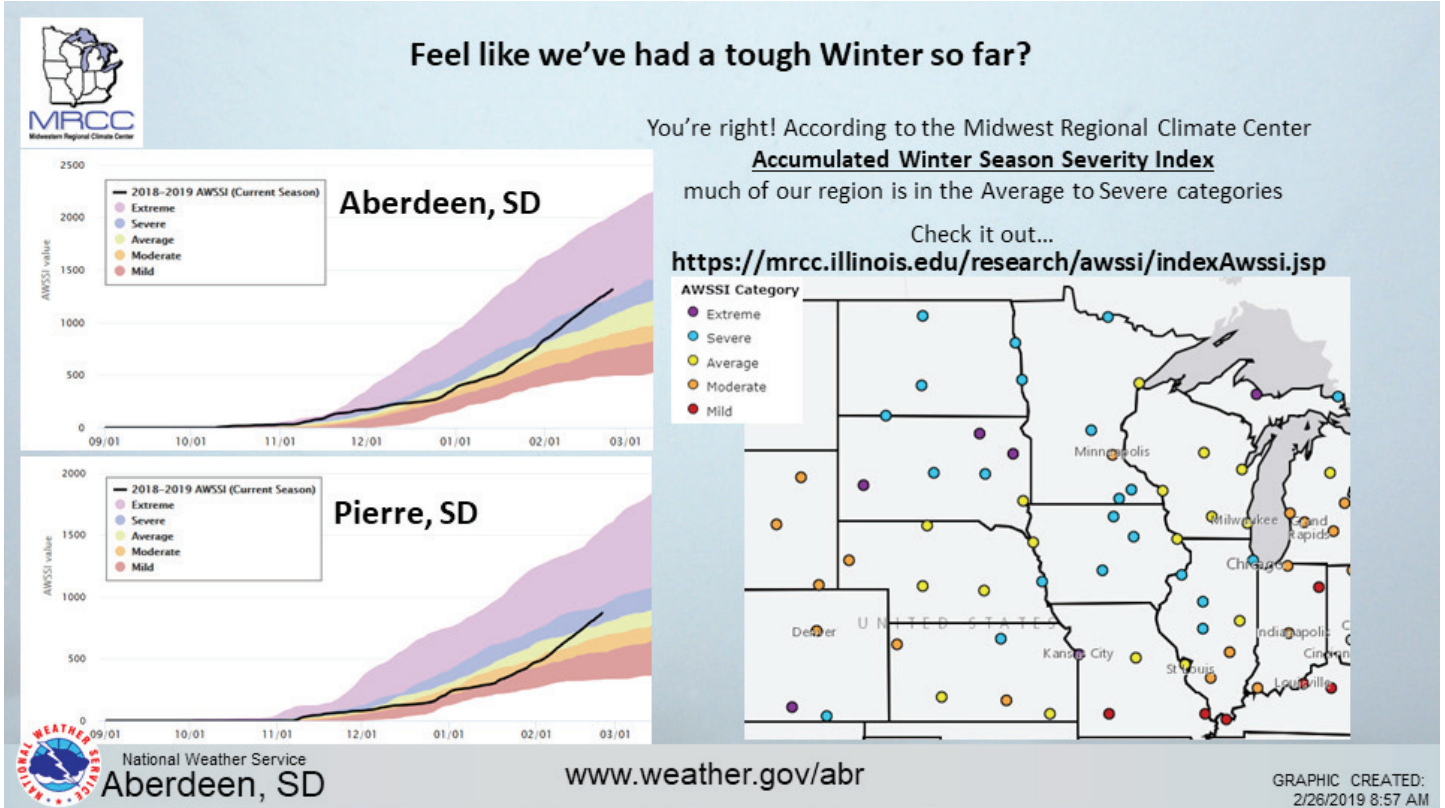
Braden Brandriet led the Bulldogs with 14 points followed by Max McCulloch with 11, Mason Riley had nine, Jordan Riley four and adding two points apiece were Noah Steinlicht, Jake Sandvig and Bennett Schwenn.

Regional action continues as the girls will travel to Redfield on Thursday and the boys will travel to Agency Village on Friday to take on Tiospa Zina.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Blocker Construction, Lori's Pharmacy, Professional Management Services, Olson Development, Groton Legion Post #39, Groton Chiropractic Clinic, TN Tax Business Solutions, BK Custom T's & More, Weber Landscaping, Coteau View Hunts & Kennels, Grain Solutions, LLC with Jessie Zak, McGannon Plumbing, Heating and Cooling, DeHoet Trucking, Aberdeen Chrysler Center, Ken's Food Fair of Groton, Bahr Spray Foam, S & S Lumber and Milbrandt Enterprises, Inc.

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Last couple of snow events have bumped us into the Extreme category on the Midwest Regional Climate Center's Accumulated Winter Season Severity Index in Aberdeen and Watertown (and solidly into the Severe category at Pierre). There is little relief in sight, with well below temperatures continuing and more snow in the forecast.

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Today in Weather History

February 27, 1969: Snowfall of up to 15 inches blocked many roads in South Dakota. Freezing rain formed a glaze on many utility lines resulting in extensive damage to the lines. The greatest damage occurred in the north central part of the state.

February 27, 1996: Across central and northeast South Dakota as well as west central Minnesota, a strong area of low pressure brought 4 to 11 inches of snow from the late afternoon of the 26th to the late evening of the 27th. Along with the snow came strong cold north winds of 20 to 40 mph, creating near blizzard conditions at times. Wind chills were from 20 below to 60 below. Some schools were closed or started late the 27th along with some activities canceled. Snowfall amounts included, 4 inches at Sisseton, 5 inches at Aberdeen, Redfield, near Reliance, Wheaton, Browns Valley, Britton, and Gettysburg. Other snowfall amounts included, 6 inches at Lebanon, Hoven, Miller, Webster, Eden, Frederick, and Seneca, 7 inches near Chelsea and Mellette, 8 inches at Roscoe and east of Hosmer, Tulare and near Milbank, 9 inches south of Ree Heights, 8 to 10 inches in the Ortonville area, and 11 inches at Wilmot.

1986: It was 99 degrees in Palm Springs, California. This is the highest temperature on record for February. This also occurred on Fe2/26/1986.

2010: A magnitude 8.8 earthquake occurred off the coast of central Chile at 3:34 local time. The earthquake triggered a tsunami which devastated several coastal towns in south-central Chile. Tsunami warnings were issued in 53 countries. Waves caused minor damage in San Diego area and the Tohoku region of Japan.

1926 - A hurricane came inland near Daytona Beach, FL. The hurricane caused 2.5 million dollars damage in eastern Florida, including the Jacksonville area. (David Ludlum)

1939 - The temperature at Lewiston, ID, hit 117 degrees to establish an all-time record high for that location. (The Weather Channel)

1943 - On a whim, and flying a single engine AT-6, Lieutenant Ralph O'Hair and Colonel Duckworth were the first to fly into a hurricane. It started regular Air Force flights into hurricanes. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Thunderstorms in Minnesota spawned a tornado which moved in a southwesterly direction for a distance of thirty miles across Rice County and Goodhue County. Trees were uprooted and tossed about like toys, and a horse lifted by the tornado was observed sailing horizontally through the air. Thunderstorms drenched La Crosse, WI, with 5.26 inches of rain, their second highest 24 hour total of record. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Hot weather prevailed in the north central U.S. Williston, ND, reported a record high of 108 degrees. Thunderstorms produced severe weather in the eastern U.S., and in southeastern Texas. Richland County, SC, was soaked with up to 5.5 inches of rain. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced locally heavy rains in the southwestern U.S. Yuma, AZ, experienced their most severe thunderstorm of record. Strong thunderstorm winds, with unofficial gusts as high as 95 mph, reduced visibilities to near zero in blowing dust and sand. Yuma got nearly as much rain in one hour as is normally received in an entire year. The storm total of 2.55 inches of rain was a record 24 hour total for July. Property damage due to flash flooding and high winds was in the millions. (Storm Data)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather from Wisconsin and northern Illinois to New England, with 103 reports of large hail and damaging winds through the day. Thunderstorms in Wisconsin produced hail three inches in diameter near Oshkosh, and wind gusts to 65 mph at Germantown. (The National Weather Summary)

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Today



Cold

High: 6 °F

Tonight



Increasing
Clouds

Low: -7 °F

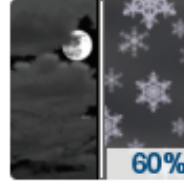
Thursday



Mostly Sunny

High: 17 °F

Thursday
Night



Mostly Cloudy
then Snow
Likely

Low: 1 °F

Friday



Snow Likely
then Slight
Chance Snow

High: 16 °F

Well Below Normal Temps

Today
3 to 13°

Tonight
-10 to 6°

Thursday
14 to 25°

Light to Moderate Snow
Thursday night into Friday

National Weather Service
Aberdeen, SD

www.weather.gov/abr

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2/27/2019 3:43 AM

Drier conditions expected today. A weak wave will move through south central SD late tonight bringing up to an inch of snow. A stronger system will bring light to moderate snow to the region Thursday night and Friday before dangerously cold temperatures surge back in over the weekend.

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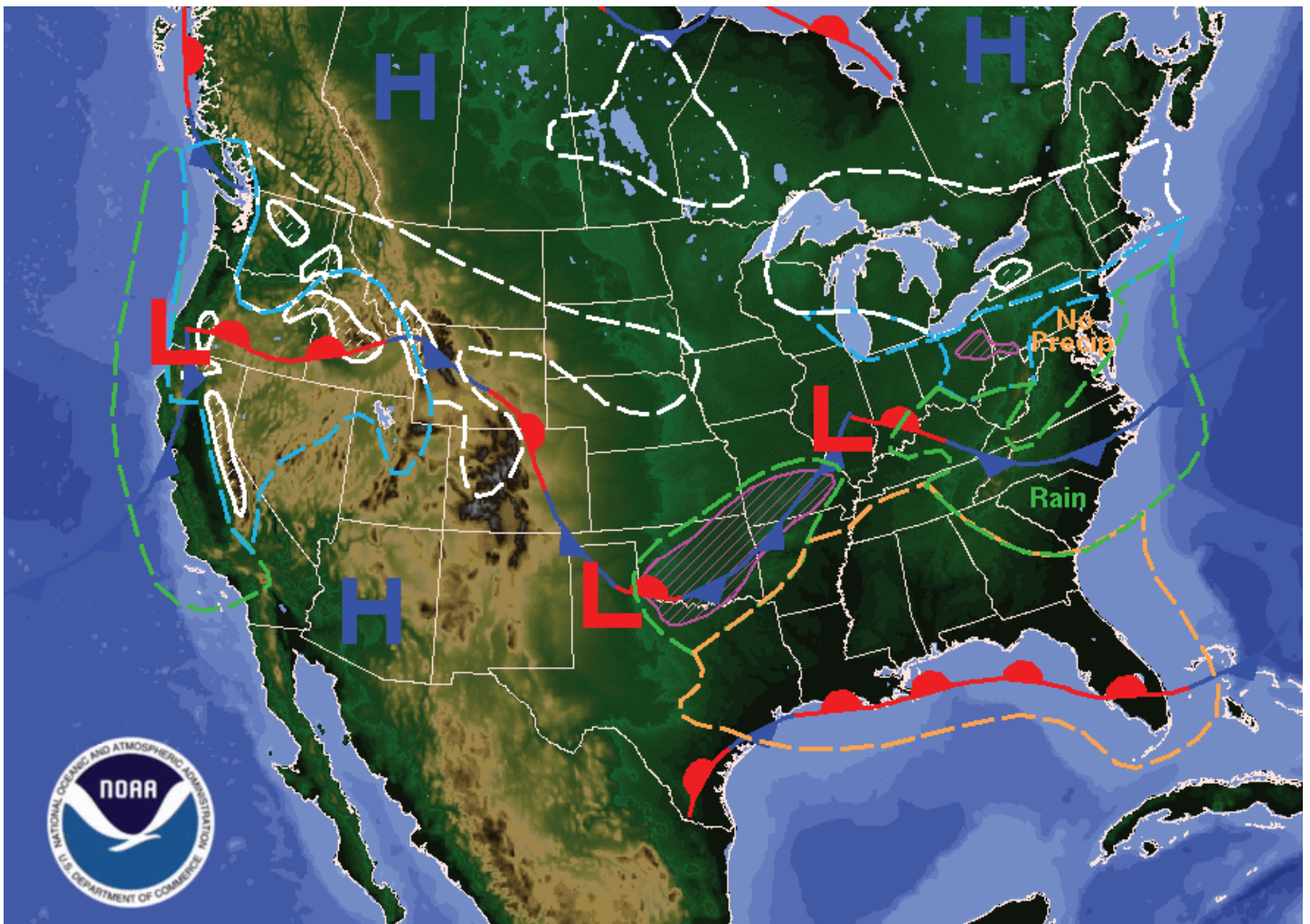
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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 8 °F at 3:12 AM
Low Outside Temp: -10 °F at 10:09 PM
High Gust: 36 mph at 9:10 AM
Precip:

Today's Info

Record High: 68° in 2016
Record Low: -23° in 2001
Average High: 32°F
Average Low: 12°F
Average Precip in Feb.: 0.50
Precip to date in Feb.: 0.00
Average Precip to date: 0.97
Precip Year to Date: 0.00
Sunset Tonight: 6:18 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:14 a.m.



Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Wed, Feb 27, 2019, issued 4:43 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds 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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MORE THAN NOW AND THEN

Some things sound too good to be true. Facts are presented, authorizations were given, promises made, warranties provided, guarantees assured. Most of these items seem to have loopholes, limitations, or escape clauses. Not the Word of God. Whatever we find in His Word is His Word - it cannot be broken, changed, or modified. However, there are some things in His Word that seem too good to be true. For example, He will make your paths straight. Or, as one translation states: He will direct and make your path straight and plain.

Most people would give almost everything they possess to have the assurance of knowing what is in their future. We are all creatures of time, and whenever we think of the future, we think of uncertainty. We know there is a future, but we do not know what it holds. Only God does, and He offers to be our Guide for whatever is before us. He offers to make our future clear and plain and safe and even straight - with nothing that will destroy us.

To travel this path involves trust - trust in One who loves us and who will guide and guard us and give us things that are good for us. It is not important that we know our future, only that we know that He our Sovereign God - knows it. The future is in His hands.

This path also involves humility. We must willingly surrender our self-confidence to God-confidence. We may not understand what is happening to us, but He does.

This path requires an attitude of submission. To submit to Him means that we are willing to depend on and follow Him wherever He leads us. We no longer have any control over our lives.

Prayer: Father, empty our heads and our hearts from whatever desires keep us from living a life that is completely surrendered to doing Your will. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Scripture For Today: Proverbs 3:6 In all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

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
- 06/13/2019 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

Tuesday's Scores By The Associated Press

BOYS PREP BASKETBALL

Aberdeen Central 71, Brookings 62
Sioux Falls Lincoln 58, Sioux Falls Roosevelt 52

Class A Region 1

First Round

Aberdeen Roncalli 76, Webster 52

Groton Area 62, Milbank 44

Redfield/Doland 61, Sisseton 60

Class A Region 2

First Round

Flandreau 67, Flandreau Indian 45

Hamlin 50, Deuel 39

Class A Region 3

First Round

Baltic 60, Tri-Valley 55

Garretson 53, West Central 52

Class A Region 4

First Round

Dakota Valley 80, Canton 35

Lennox 66, Elk Point-Jefferson 31

Vermillion 67, Beresford 54

Class A Region 5

First Round

Bon Homme 60, Wagner 56

Parkston 55, McCook Central/Montrose 50

Platte-Geddes 51, Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 46

Class A Region 6

First Round

Chamberlain 69, McLaughlin 57

Mobridge-Pollock 55, Crow Creek 53, OT

Stanley County 67, Miller 58

Class A Region 7

First Round

Little Wound 71, Todd County 37

Red Cloud 60, Bennett County 55

Winner 74, St. Francis Indian 55

Class A Region 8

First Round

Belle Fourche 57, Custer 40

Hot Springs 68, Lead-Deadwood 41

Rapid City Christian 80, Hill City 55

Class B Region 1

Quarterfinal

Aberdeen Christian 74, Britton-Hecla 61

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Clark/Willow Lake 64, Waubay/Summit 29
Warner 39, Langford 36
Class B Region 2
Quarterfinal
Faulkton 52, Leola/Frederick 46
Highmore-Harrold 66, Herreid/Selby Area 44
Potter County 59, Ipswich 42
Sully Buttes 66, Sunshine Bible Academy 38
Class B Region 3
Quarterfinal
Arlington 63, Deubrook 45
Castlewood 51, James Valley Christian 44
DeSmet 67, Wessington Springs 27
Wolsey-Wessington 63, Lake Preston 52
Class B Region 4
First Round
Chester 38, Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 25
Quarterfinal
Colman-Egan 50, Mitchell Christian 43
Hanson 69, Howard 45
Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 56, Elkton-Lake Benton 45
Class B Region 5
Quarterfinal
Bridgewater-Emery 68, Freeman Academy/Marion 43
Canistota 77, Freeman 39
Irene-Wakonda 61, Gayville-Volin 55
Viborg-Hurley 62, Menno 31
Class B Region 6
Quarterfinal
Colome 59, Burke 50
Corsica/Stickney 76, Tripp-Delmont/Armour 56
Kimball/White Lake 63, Gregory 26
Marty Indian 76, Andes Central/Dakota Christian 59
Class B Region 7
Quarterfinal
Jones County 71, Wall 31
Kadoka Area 50, Lyman 45
Lower Brule 80, Oelrichs 55
White River 92, Crazy Horse 43
Class B Region 8
First Round
Newell 56, Dupree 43
Tiospaye Topa 72, McIntosh 67
Wakpala 83, Takini 54
GIRLS PREP BASKETBALL
Aberdeen Central 39, Brookings 21
Class A Region 1
First Round
Groton Area 50, Sisseton 49, OT

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

SD Lottery

By The Associated Press

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

Mega Millions

10-12-14-24-60, Mega Ball: 20, Megaplier: 3

(ten, twelve, fourteen, twenty-four, sixty; Mega Ball: twenty; Megaplier: three)

Estimated jackpot: \$245 million

Powerball

Estimated jackpot: \$322 million

South Dakota lawmakers debate pair of sales tax cut bills

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota lawmakers are debating competing measures to address the Legislature's commitment to scale back a 2016 sales tax hike.

The state House voted narrowly Monday to advance a bill that would incrementally roll back the half-cent sales tax hike dedicated to raising teacher pay each budget year that sales tax revenue growth exceeds a certain threshold. Lawmakers are debating the proposals because of ambiguity in the roughly three-year-old law that sought to require the tax increase be phased out if the state ever gained the ability to collect sales taxes from out-of-state internet retailers.

The state won a U.S. Supreme Court case last year clearing the way for such collections, which started Nov. 1. Under existing law, the state's 4.5 percent rate is to be rolled back by one-tenth of a percent for every additional \$20 million in online sales tax revenue collected, with a floor of 4 percent. But officials have said new legislation would be required for the envisioned tax reductions to occur.

State senators approved Republican Sen. Jeff Partridge's measure earlier this month that would repeal provisions directing the tax cuts and instead allow the Legislature's budget-writing committee to propose reductions each year that online sales tax revenue grows by \$20 million. Partridge, who sponsored the 2016 rate rollback provision known as the "Partridge amendment," told senators that his bill would strike the original language to resolve the ambiguity and clarify the process for the Legislature and the governor.

Partridge said Tuesday that he doesn't view the two measures as competing.

"I just see these as potential bills that could work together and could play well together in the sandbox if we helped them along and worked well on this together," Partridge said.

Americans for Prosperity-South Dakota's state director, Don Hagggar, said he'd be surprised if Partridge's bill passes a House committee vote and that he thinks the representatives' plan is a better alternative. The more forceful bill veers away from online sales taxes and instead encompasses overall sales tax revenues.

It would automatically trigger a one-tenth of a percent rate reduction each budget year that sales tax collection growth exceeds cost-of-living plus \$20 million, also setting the floor at 4 percent. Sales taxes are the state's main revenue source. Lawmakers in 2016 dedicated the money raised by the historic tax increase to boost South Dakota teacher pay, which was the lowest in the nation.

Mary McCorkle, president of the South Dakota Education Association, a teacher's union, said she's worried the state wouldn't be able to honor its financial commitments under the House bill. She said it wouldn't allow for funding growth and that the state must make sure there's enough revenue for education funding and to keep moving forward on teacher salaries.

"I think it would be an unfortunate thing if we stood still and ended up right back on the bottom again," said McCorkle, adding that she believes Partridge's bill is a better approach.

Republican Rep. Chris Karr, who sponsored this year's House plan, told representatives that the bill "fulfills a promise" to taxpayers about rolling back the sales tax rate. He called the measure a more "financially responsible" way to address the rate, saying gross sales tax receipts are a very good indicator of the health of the state's economy.

"It's going to live up to the promise and it's realistic," he said.

When the economy is healthy, the measure would start backing off the sales tax rate and return money to taxpayers, Haggard said. He said the bar would be set fairly high to trigger the reductions in a process that's likely to play out over five to 10 years.

But Republican Rep. David Anderson urged his colleagues to vote against the bill, saying the move is dangerous and that lawmakers' promise was based on internet sales tax collections. He said it's too early to change the triggering mechanism and that legislators have to think about how the bill would affect the state.

"In my district, I've had virtually no one come up to me and say, 'We gotta do this,'" Anderson said. "The people in my district want to pay teachers better, want to pay community service providers better, and on and on it goes, because they know we're behind the eight ball and behind the economy."

Asked about Partridge's bill earlier in February, Republican Gov. Kristi Noem said she wants to wait until the state has more revenue data.

Pickup rollover in Hanson County kills 20-year-old woman

ALEXANDRIA, S.D. (AP) — A one-vehicle rollover in Hanson County has killed a 20-year-old woman.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol says the woman lost control of her pickup truck shortly before 7 a.m. Tuesday on a rural road 6 miles north of Alexandria, and the vehicle rolled in the ditch.

She was pronounced dead at the scene. Her name wasn't immediately released.

Police: Rapid City principal threatened to shoot teacher

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A Rapid City elementary school principal is accused of pointing guns at a teacher in his home.

Forty-nine-year-old Daniel Janklow appeared in court Tuesday on an aggravated assault charge.

The Rapid City Journal reports the teacher said she offered to help Janklow after he had back surgery. When Janklow asked her to drop off food at his home on Feb. 16, he allegedly became upset because she was taking too long and pointed a handgun and a shotgun at her when she brought the food to his bedroom.

Janklow told police he was medicated that day and had no memory of pointing a gun at anyone.

Rapid City Area Schools says Janklow has been on leave as principal of Meadowbrook Elementary School since Jan. 28 for an unrelated reason.

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

Injured pipeline protester argues for lawsuit to proceed

By **BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press**

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A New York City woman severely injured while protesting the Dakota Access oil pipeline in North Dakota says she deserves an opportunity to gather more evidence from the government to prove her claim in federal court that she was intentionally targeted with a concussion grenade.

Attorneys for Sophia Wilansky are fighting a government effort to have her lawsuit thrown out for lack of proof that her civil rights were violated due to excessive force by law enforcement.

Wilansky suffered a left arm injury in an explosion during a violent November 2016 clash between police and opponents of the \$3.8 billion pipeline that Texas-based Energy Transfer Partners built to move North Dakota oil to Illinois. She maintains she has limited use of the arm despite five surgeries and seeks millions of dollars for alleged excessive force, assault, negligence, emotional distress and defamation.

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Wilansky sued local and state law enforcement officials and Morton County in November, alleging that an unknown law officer threw a flashbang device directly at her. Government officials maintain the explosion was caused by a propane canister that protesters rigged to explode, and last month they asked a federal judge to dismiss the lawsuit, saying there is no evidence officers violated her rights through excessive force.

Wilansky's attorneys in their response filed Monday note that the two sides have not yet exchanged evidence and also assert that the government's claims fall flat.

"The law is unambiguous that intentionally targeting a peaceful protester with a flashbang constitutes excessive force in violation of the United States Constitution," attorney Edward Barnidge wrote.

"Every reasonable officer knows that hitting someone with a flashbang will likely cause serious harm, or even death. Thus, it is only reasonable to infer that Officer (John) Doe intended to injure Sophia," Barnidge said. "If Sophia's injury had been unintended, Officer Doe's co-workers would have gasped in horror, not cheered."

Wilansky's attorneys also dispute the government's assertion that public statements officials made blaming Wilansky for her own injury were legally done in the course of their job duties. They want the case to proceed so they can gather more information from the government on the job duties of officials who released statements that they consider defamatory.

"Defendants are attempting to cloak themselves in the shroud of absolute privilege by introducing myriad new facts regarding the scope of their job duties," Barnidge said. "These new facts are contested, and the court should refrain from considering them until plaintiff has had an opportunity to test them."

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

10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press

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

1. 'HE WANTS TO DO SOMETHING GREAT'

Trump is seeking to convince Kim Jong Un that North Korea could thrive economically like Vietnam if he would end his pursuit of nuclear weapons.

2. MICHAEL COHEN: TRUMP KNEW ABOUT WIKILEAKS

Trump's former personal lawyer is planning to tell a House committee that Trump knew ahead of time that WikiLeaks had emails damaging to Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign.

3. INDIA-PAKISTAN TENSIONS ESCALATE

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Pakistan says 2 Indian warplanes downed, 2 pilots captured

By ROSHAN MUGHAL and AIJAZ HUSSAIN, Associated Press

MUZAFARABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan shot down two Indian warplanes Wednesday in the disputed region of Kashmir and captured their pilots, its military said, raising tensions between the nuclear-armed rivals to a level unseen in 20 years.

India acknowledged one of its air force planes was "lost" in skirmishes with Pakistan and its pilot was "missing in action" in a chaotic day that also saw mortar shells fired by Indian troops from across the frontier dividing the two sectors of Kashmir kill six civilians and wound others.

Pakistan responded by shutting down its civilian airspace as Prime Minister Imran Khan called for negotiations with his Indian counterpart Narendra Modi to ensure "better sense can prevail."

"Let's sit together to talk to find a solution," Khan said. There was no immediate reaction from Modi.

The planes went down Wednesday morning in Kashmir, a mountainous region claimed by both India and Pakistan since almost immediately after their creation in 1947. One of the downed planes crashed in Pakistan's part of Kashmir while the other went down in Indian-controlled section of the Himalayan region, Pakistan's army spokesman Maj. Gen. Asif Ghafoor said.

Pakistani troops on the ground captured the pilots, he said.

The injured pilot was being treated at a military hospital, Ghafoor told a news conference in the garrison town of Rawalpindi. He did not elaborate beyond saying the pilots were being "treated well" and made no mention of them being returned to India.

Ghafoor struck a conciliatory tone.

"We have no intention of escalation, but are fully prepared to do so if forced into that paradigm," he added.

India's External Affairs Ministry spokesman Raveesh Kumar said one of its Mig-21 fighter aircraft was missing. He said India was still "ascertaining" whether its pilot was in Pakistan's custody. He said one Pakistani aircraft was shot down, something Pakistan denied.

Meanwhile, Indian police say officials have recovered four bodies from the wreckage of an Indian Air Force chopper that crashed in Indian-controlled sector of Kashmir.

Senior police officer Munir Ahmed Khan said the chopper crashed close to an airport on Wednesday in Budgam area, in the outskirts of the region's main city of Srinagar. The Srinagar airport, which has been shut along with two other airports for civilian flights in the region, is also an air force station.

Eyewitnesses said soldiers fired in air to keep residents away from the crash site. It wasn't immediately clear if that crash was related to Pakistan's claim of shooting down a second Indian aircraft.

Hours later, Pakistan's Civil Aviation Authority said it shut Pakistani airspace to all commercial flights on Wednesday, without elaborating or indicating when the flights might resume. It was not clear if the shutdown applied to commercial overflights, though aviation authorities in Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates stopped all flights to Pakistan.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Ministry in Islamabad said the country's air force was carrying out airstrikes Wednesday from within Pakistani airspace across the disputed Kashmir boundary but that this was not in "retaliation to continued Indian belligerence."

Ghafoor, the Pakistani military spokesman, said the strikes were aimed at "avoiding human loss and collateral damage."

According to local Pakistani police official Mohammad Altaf, the six fatalities in the Indian shelling earlier

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on Wednesday included children. The shells hit the village of Kotli in Pakistan's section of Kashmir.

Kashmir is split between Pakistan and India and claimed by both in its entirety. Though Pakistani and Indian troops in Kashmir often trade fire, the latest casualties came a day after tensions escalated sharply following a pre-dawn airstrike and incursion by India that New Delhi said targeted a terrorist training camp in northwestern Pakistan.

In Tuesday's pre-dawn strike by India, Pakistan had said that Indian warplanes dropped bombs near the Pakistani town of Balakot but there were no casualties.

Residents on both sides of the de-facto frontier, the so-called Line of Control, said there were exchanges of fire between the two sides through the night. In Pakistan's part of Kashmir, hundreds of villagers fled border towns.

The situation was no different in villages along the Line of Control in Indian-controlled Kashmir, where residents were moving to safer places following the intense exchange of fire, which began Tuesday and continued Wednesday. In New Delhi, Indian officials said Wednesday at least five of their soldiers were wounded in firing by Pakistani troops along the volatile frontier.

Lt. Col. Devender Anand, an Indian army spokesman, said Pakistani soldiers targeted dozens of Indian military positions across the Line of Control throughout the night. An Indian military statement said that "out of anger and frustration," Pakistan "initiated unprovoked ceasefire violation."

The statement said Indian troops "retaliated for effect" and claimed to have destroyed five Pakistani posts. It accused Pakistani soldiers of firing mortars and missiles "from civilian houses, using villagers as human shields."

Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan was expected to convene the National Command Authority on Wednesday to discuss Islamabad's response to the incursions by Indian warplanes.

On Wednesday, Pakistan's Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi told state-run Pakistan Television he was in touch with his counterparts across the world about the "Indian aggression," adding that New Delhi had endangered peace in the region by Tuesday's airstrike on Pakistan.

In New Delhi, India's External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj said Wednesday her country does not wish to see further escalation of the situation with Pakistan and that it will continue to act with responsibility and restraint.

She said the limited objective of India's pre-emptive strike inside Pakistan on a terrorist training camp Tuesday was to act decisively against the terrorist infrastructure of Jaish-e-Mohammad group, to pre-empt another terror attack in India.

The latest wave of tensions between Pakistan and India first erupted after the militant group Jaish-e-Mohammad claimed responsibility for the Feb. 14 suicide bombing of a convoy of India's paramilitary forces in the Indian portion of Kashmir that killed over 40 Indian troops.

Pakistan has said it was not involved in the attack and was ready to help New Delhi in the investigations. India long has accused Pakistan of cultivating such militant groups to attack it.

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Cohen says Trump knew about WikiLeaks email dump beforehand

By MARY CLARE JALONICK and MICHAEL R. SISAk, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's former personal lawyer is planning to tell a House committee that Trump knew ahead of time that WikiLeaks had emails damaging to Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign and that Trump is a "racist," a "conman" and a "cheat."

Michael Cohen suggests in prepared testimony obtained by The Associated Press that Trump also implicitly told him to lie about a Moscow real estate project. Cohen has pleaded guilty to lying to Congress about the project, which he says Trump knew about as Cohen was negotiating with Russia during the election.

Cohen says Trump did not directly tell him to lie, but "he would look me in the eye and tell me there's

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no business in Russia and then go out and lie to the American people by saying the same thing.”

Cohen says that “in his way, he was telling me to lie.” He adds that lawyers for Trump had “reviewed and edited” the statement in which Cohen falsely said a proposal for a Trump Tower in Moscow had been abandoned in January 2016. Cohen has since acknowledged he continued pursuing the project for months after that.

In the prepared testimony, Cohen apologizes for his actions. “I am ashamed that I chose to take part in concealing Mr. Trump’s illicit acts rather than listening to my own conscience,” he says.

Trump, at a Vietnam hotel before a planned meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and unable to ignore the drama playing out thousands of miles away, lashed out at Cohen on Twitter, saying that Cohen “did bad things unrelated to Trump” and “is lying in order to reduce his prison time.”

Cohen, ahead of his appearance, said Tuesday that the American people can decide “exactly who is telling the truth” when he testifies Wednesday before the House Oversight and Reform committee, setting the stage for an explosive public hearing that threatens to overshadow Trump’s summit in Vietnam with Kim.

On WikiLeaks, Cohen says in the prepared testimony that he was in Trump’s office in July 2016 when longtime adviser Roger Stone called Trump. Trump put Stone on speakerphone and Stone told him that he had communicated with WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange and that “within a couple of days, there would be a massive dump of emails that would damage Hillary Clinton’s campaign,” according to Cohen.

Trump responded by saying “wouldn’t that be great,” Cohen says.

That month, WikiLeaks released thousands of emails hacked from the Democratic National Committee’s server.

“A lot of people have asked me about whether Mr. Trump knew about the release of the hacked Democratic National Committee emails ahead of time,” Cohen says in the prepared testimony. “The answer is yes.”

Cohen says he does not have direct evidence that Trump colluded with the Russian government during the election, but that he has “suspicions.” Of a meeting in Trump Tower between campaign advisers, including Trump’s oldest son, and a Russian lawyer, Cohen says that Trump had frequently told him that Donald Trump Jr. “had the worst judgment of anyone in the world” and he “would never set up any meeting of any significance alone — and certainly not without checking with his father.”

Cohen, once Trump’s loyal attorney and fixer, has turned on his former boss and cooperated with special counsel Robert Mueller’s Russia investigation. He begins a three-year prison sentence in May after he pleaded guilty to lying to Congress in 2017 and committing campaign finance violations while he was working for Trump.

He met Senate intelligence committee for more than nine hours behind closed doors on Tuesday. Cohen said in brief remarks afterward that he appreciated the opportunity to “clear the record and tell the truth” to the Senate committee after acknowledging he lied to the panel in 2017.

It was the first of three consecutive days of congressional appearances for Cohen. After the public hearing Wednesday, he will appear before the House intelligence panel Thursday, again speaking in private.

Republicans are expected to aggressively attempt to discredit Cohen, given that he has acknowledged lying previously. White House spokeswoman Sarah Sanders said in a statement Tuesday it was “laughable that anyone would take a convicted liar like Cohen at his word, and pathetic to see him given yet another opportunity to spread his lies.”

One Republican House member did more than just question Cohen’s credibility. Florida Republican Matt Gaetz tweeted Tuesday that the world is “about to learn a lot” about Cohen and suggested he knew of disparaging information that could come out during the hearing. Gaetz later apologized and said he was deleting the tweet.

Gaetz, a Trump ally who talks to the president frequently, is not a member of the committee that will question Cohen.

Democrats have been alternately suspicious of Cohen and eager to hear what he has to say. Sen. Mark Warner, the intelligence panel’s top Democrat, suggested in a brief statement to reporters outside Tuesday’s interview that Cohen had provided important information.

“Two years ago when this investigation started I said it may be the most important thing I am involved

in in my public life in the Senate, and nothing I've heard today dissuades me from that view," Warner said.

In addition to lying to Congress, Cohen pleaded guilty last year to campaign finance violations for his involvement in payments to two women who allege they had affairs with Trump.

Federal prosecutors in New York have said Trump directed Cohen to arrange the payments to buy the silence of porn actress Stormy Daniels and former Playboy model Karen McDougal in the run-up to the 2016 campaign. Cohen told a judge that he agreed to cover up Trump's "dirty deeds" out of "blind loyalty."

Cohen says in his prepared testimony that he lied to the first lady, Melania Trump, about the affairs. Trump has denied that he had the affairs.

"Lying to the First Lady is one of my biggest regrets," he says. "She is a kind, good person. I respect her greatly - and she did not deserve that."

Cohen also says he will present the committee with a copy of the check Trump wrote from his personal bank account after he became president to reimburse him for the hush money payments. He claims he has other exhibits as well, including some financial statements.

On the matter of racism, Cohen says the president made racist comments "disparaging African-Americans, saying at one point that black people would never vote for him because they were too stupid."

Cohen is not expected to discuss matters related to Russia in the public hearing, saving that information for the closed-door interviews with the intelligence committees. House Oversight and Reform Chairman Elijah Cummings has said he doesn't want to interfere with Mueller's investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election and links to Trump's campaign.

Members of the Oversight panel are expected to ask questions about the campaign finance violations, Trump's business practices and compliance with tax laws and "the accuracy of the president's public statements," according to a memo laying out the scope of the hearing.

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Nigeria's president is re-elected, but challenger rejects it

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ABUJA, Nigeria (AP) — Nigeria's president was declared the clear winner of a second term in Africa's largest democracy early Wednesday, after a campaign in which he urged voters to give him another chance to tackle gaping corruption, widespread insecurity and an economy limping back from a rare recession.

While many frustrated Nigerians had said they wanted to give someone new a try, President Muhammadu Buhari, a former military dictator, profited from his upright reputation in an oil-rich nation weary of politicians enriching themselves instead of the people.

Top opposition candidate Atiku Abubakar, a billionaire former vice president who made sweeping campaign promises to "make Nigeria work again," quickly rejected the result of what he called a "sham election" and said he would challenge it in court.

Speaking shortly after the announcement of the official results and as many Nigerians awakened to the morning prayer, Buhari told colleagues that he was "deeply humbled" by the win. He also said he regretted the loss of dozens of lives in election-related violence.

"I will like to make a special appeal to my supporters not to gloat or humiliate the opposition. Victory is enough reward for your efforts," Buhari said.

He pledged that in his second term, his administration "will intensify its efforts in security, restructuring the economy and fighting corruption. ... We will strive to strengthen our unity and inclusiveness so that no section or group will feel left behind or left out."

In a statement shared by aides, Abubakar said he would have conceded "within seconds" if the vote had been free and fair. Instead he alleged "manifest and premeditated malpractices" in many of Nigeria's 36 states.

He asserted that voting was suppressed in his strongholds in the south and that states where an ex-

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tremist insurgency continues generated "much higher voter turnouts" than in peaceful ones. He objected to the deployment of the military in some areas.

Court challenges are nothing new in Nigeria, where Buhari himself doggedly fought his past election losses for months, in vain. The Supreme Court of Nigeria has never overturned a presidential election, Chris Kwaja, a senior adviser to the United States Institute of Peace, told The Associated Press.

The president's colleagues had made clear they expected a challenge to this vote. "There's no opposition that will roll over and play dead. Anybody that lost an election will always complain," Hameed Ali, the ruling party agent attending the vote declaration, told reporters.

Buhari's supporters began dancing in the streets of the capital, Abuja, on Tuesday night as vote counting stretched his lead from the weekend election to nearly 4 million votes over Abubakar.

Buhari received 15.1 million votes, or 55 percent, the electoral commission said in making its official declaration. Abubakar received 11.2 million, or 41 percent. The average national turnout was 35.6 percent, continuing a downward trend.

Buhari's party on Tuesday rejected Abubakar's earlier allegations of manipulation of the results. It called on Abubakar, who hasn't made a public appearance since Saturday's election, to accept his loss gracefully and concede. "Let this nation move forward," campaign spokesman Babatunde Fashola told the AP in an interview.

The election, once described as too close to call, suffered from a surprise weeklong postponement and significant delays in the opening of polling stations. While election observers called the process generally peaceful, at least 53 people were killed in an attack claimed by the Islamic State West Africa Province extremist group and other violence, analysis unit SBM Intelligence said.

A former U.S. ambassador to Nigeria, John Campbell, has said the troubled election gives the candidates grounds to go to the courts.

Many Nigerians have prayed for peace during the unexpectedly drawn-out election process. Some spoke approvingly of the 2015 vote, when President Goodluck Jonathan took the unprecedented step of conceding to Buhari before official results were announced. It was the first defeat of an incumbent president by the opposition in the country's history.

Now Nigerians, who have been praised for their patience and resilience in this bumpy vote, are settling in for a legal fight.

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Anticipation mounts as Trump, Kim close in on second summit

By JONATHAN LEMIRE, FOSTER KLUG and DEB RIECHMANN, Associated Press

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — U.S. President Donald Trump enthusiastically waved a tiny Vietnamese flag Wednesday as he sought to convince North Korea's Kim Jong Un that his nation could thrive economically like Vietnam if he would end his pursuit of nuclear weapons.

"We'll see what happens, but he wants to do something great," Trump said, adding that Kim could use Vietnam as a model for economic revitalization. "If you look at what you've done in a short time, he can do it in a very, very rapid time — make North Korea into a great economic power."

Trump expressed a similar sentiment in a tweet earlier Wednesday. "Vietnam is thriving like few places on earth. North Korea would be the same, and very quickly, if it would denuclearize. The potential is AWE-SOME, a great opportunity, like almost none other in history, for my friend Kim Jong Un. We will know fairly soon - Very Interesting!"

Anticipation for what could come out of the summit ran high in Hanoi. But the carnival-like atmosphere in

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the Vietnamese capital, with street artists painting likenesses of the leaders and vendors hawking T-shirts emblazoned with their faces, stood in contrast to the serious items on the agenda: North Korea's pursuit of nuclear weapons and peace on the Korean Peninsula.

While Trump held a series of meetings with his Vietnamese hosts, Kim remained at his hotel as North Korean officials toured Vietnam's scenic Halong Bay and a nearby industrial site. South Korean TV showed a group of officials, including Ri Su Yong, vice chairman of the party's central committee, taking a cruise along the bay and visiting factories in the port city of Hai Phong.

The group also reportedly included O Su Yong, director of economic affairs at North Korea's ruling Workers' Party of Korea. Experts say O's inclusion in the delegation indicated that Kim expects to return home with economic rewards, including partial sanctions relief.

North and South Korea also want sanctions dialed back so they can resurrect two major symbols of rapprochement that provided much-needed hard currency to North Korea: a jointly run factory park in Kaesong and South Korean tours to the North's scenic Diamond Mountain resort.

"We have a very big meeting planned tonight as you know, with North Korea, Chairman Kim, and I think it may very well turn out to be very successful," Trump told the top leaders of Vietnam.

Scoring a victory at the summit would offset Trump's political troubles back in Washington, where Michael Cohen, his former personal attorney, was prepared to tell lawmakers that Trump is a "racist," a "conman" and a "cheat."

Back at his hotel with hours to spare before meeting with Kim, and unable to ignore the drama playing out thousands of miles away, Trump began tweeting about Cohen, a Democratic lawmaker who has criticized him in the past and other issues.

Trump said Cohen, who has been sentenced to three years in prison for lying to Congress, "did bad things unrelated to Trump" and "is lying in order to reduce his prison time."

Trump and Kim were opening their second summit with a one-on-one chat and social dinner, before additional talks Thursday. Trump was being joined at dinner by U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney. Kim was being accompanied by Kim Yong Chol, a key negotiator in talks with the U.S., and Ri Yong Ho, the foreign affairs minister. Interpreters for each side were also attending.

There's growing worry among experts that Trump, eager for an agreement, will give Kim too much and get too little in return — a peace declaration for the Korean War that the North could use to eventually push for the reduction of U.S. troops in South Korea, for example, or sanctions relief that could allow Pyongyang to restart the lucrative economic projects with the South. Skeptics insist Trump must first get real progress on the North abandoning its nuclear weapons before giving away important negotiating leverage too soon.

Trump criticized media reports about his intentions, tweeting that "Kim Jong Un and I will try very hard to work something out on Denuclearization & then making North Korea an Economic Powerhouse. I believe that China, Russia, Japan & South Korea will be very helpful!"

The leaders first met last June in Singapore, a summit that was long on historic pageantry but short on any enforceable agreements for North Korea to give up its nuclear arsenal. North Korea has spent decades, at great economic sacrifice, building its nuclear program, and there is widespread skepticism that it will give away that program without getting something substantial from the U.S.

That could be a declaration to end the Korean War. Such an announcement would allow Trump to make history and would dovetail with his opposition to "forever wars." But it wouldn't amount to concrete steps toward denuclearization and could even turn the focus of discussions to removing or reducing the 28,500 U.S. troops stationed in South Korea. If there is no war, North Korea could ask why the U.S. needs to have troops in South Korea at all.

The conflict ended in 1953 with an armistice, essentially a cease-fire signed by North Korea, China and the 17-nation, U.S.-led United Nations Command. If made, the declaration would amount to a political statement, ostensibly teeing up talks for a formal peace treaty that would involve other nations.

Back in Washington, Cohen also planned to tell lawmakers that Trump knew ahead of time that WikiLeaks had emails damaging to the presidential campaign of Hillary Clinton, Trump's Democratic rival in the 2016 presidential election. Cohen also was alleging that Trump implicitly, but not directly, told him to lie about a Trump real estate project in Moscow.

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Workers dig by hand to free dozens in Indonesia mine rubble

By NINIEK KARMINI, Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — The collapse of an unlicensed gold mine in Indonesia buried dozens of people, and rescuers dug desperately with their bare hands and farm tools on Wednesday to unearth victims calling for help from beneath the rubble.

National disaster agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho said three people were confirmed dead and 14 have been rescued. "It is estimated that 43 people are still buried," he said.

Makeshift wooden structures in the mine in North Sulawesi province's Bolaang Mongondow district collapsed Tuesday evening due to unstable soil and the large number of mining holes, burying people in the mine pit.

Local disaster official Abdul Muin Papatungan said the search effort was difficult because of the risk of causing more landslides and a lack of equipment.

"Unstable soil conditions make us extra careful lifting rocks because it can lead to new landslides," Papatungan said. "We still hear voices crying for help from people beneath the rubble."

Informal mining operations are commonplace in Indonesia, providing a tenuous livelihood to thousands who labor in conditions with a high risk of serious injury or death.

Miners often burrow straight into hillsides with few supports, and children often are sent into the tunnels to dig and carry out ore hacked from rock faces.

Police, search and rescue agency workers, soldiers and Indonesian Red Cross personnel were taking part in the rescue effort, but the remote location was complicating the operation.

Papatungan said the mine and a village connected to it are in a steep area that can only be reached by foot. Earth-moving equipment and ambulances can't reach the location, he said.

Indonesia accounts for about 3 percent of world gold production. Most of that comes from the Grasberg mine in Papua province, said to be the world's largest gold mine with \$40 billion in reserves and up to 20,000 workers.

But small artisanal, often unauthorized mining is rising in many parts of Asia and Africa. A study by the Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development found the number of people engaged in such mining has risen to over 40 million, up from 30 million in 2014 and 6 million in 1993.

Landslides, flooding and collapses of tunnels are just some of the hazards in such mining. Much of the processing of gold ore involves use of highly toxic mercury and cyanide by workers using little or no protection.

Trump touts prosperity, but is that what North Korea wants?

By ERIC TALMADGE, Associated Press

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — President Donald Trump's message to North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has been simple and clear: give up your nuclear weapons and a flood of wealth will soon be yours for the taking.

But here's a nagging question: Is that really what Kim wants?

With Trump and Kim descending on Hanoi for their second summit, there has been a persistent sug-

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gestion that Kim will look around at the relative prosperity of his Vietnamese hosts — who are certainly no strangers to U.S. hostility — and think that he, too, should open up his country to more foreign investment and trade.

Trump himself has been the primary cheerleader.

On Wednesday morning he tweeted: "Vietnam is thriving like few places on earth. North Korea would be the same, and very quickly, if it would denuclearize. The potential is AWESOME, a great opportunity, like almost none other in history, for my friend Kim Jong Un. We will know fairly soon - Very Interesting!"

For sure, North Korea could have a brighter future.

"Using the words 'great economic power' is a Trumpian exaggeration, but a useful one," said William Brown, a North Korea economy expert and former CIA analyst. "The truth is North Korea quite easily could become a prosperous country, growing faster than any of its neighbors and catching up with them in terms of income per capita. It has what it takes."

Brown cited North Korea's strong human capital, low wages and high levels of verbal and math literacy. He also noted it has a potential bonanza of natural resources such as lead, zinc, rare earths, coal, iron ore and hydropower. He agreed with Trump about location — saying North Korea sits "between four big economies that are far richer but increasingly moribund."

But girding against a foreign threat is a time-tested justification for giving a leader extraordinary powers and limiting individual freedoms, like travel and expression. Opening up to foreign capital and bringing his country in line with international financial standards means giving up a great deal of control.

Control, for Kim, is the most important commodity of all.

While his country is far more dynamic than many outside observers realize, opening up in the pursuit of wealth is for Kim an extremely dangerous proposition. It seems clear he wants to revitalize the economy, but it is anything but apparent he's ready or even interested in opening up any more than he needs to in order to achieve that narrow goal.

As Kim arrived in Hanoi, back in Pyongyang the ruling party's daily newspaper, Rodong Sinmun, printed a commentary vowing the nation will stay the course the Kim family has set for the past three generations.

"The revolutionary cause of *juche* (self-reliance) and the cause of socialism are sure to triumph" under the guidance of the party and the people "who remain faithful to the cause of the party with indomitable mental power," it said.

Kim's primary objectives have focused on the development of infrastructure projects, building up the tourism industry and strengthening government regulation of the country's expanding market-style economy.

"The statements from Trump at North Korea as the next economic powerhouse seem to assume that were the nuclear weapons out of the picture, North Korea would immediately open its doors and society to anyone wanting to come in and invest," said Benjamin Katzeff Silberstein, a fellow at the Henry L. Stimson Center and editor of North Korea Economy Watch. "But the regime will want to maintain the main facets of social control."

Silberstein said the government isn't likely to let foreign businesspeople roam freely around the country anytime soon. He added that Kim has focused on promoting special economic zones because they have the potential for high growth while remaining isolated "walled gardens."

In the immediate future, Kim's goals are pragmatic.

He is seeking to get in front of the grassroots market forces that are growing all around him and undercut support for trade sanctions that are limiting his options and drying up government coffers.

His government is especially interested in moving ahead on projects with South Korea, including the re-opening of a tourist resort at Mount Kumgang and an industrial center near the city of Kaesong that were both built with massive funding from the South. North Korea is also hurting badly from its inability to export its minerals and coal.

Having nuclear weapons is what got him to the point where he could meet directly with a U.S. president. So he would be foolish to throw that away without a significant reward. On the other hand, if he goes deep down the capitalist path, like South Korea, Kim could risk undermining his regime's own legitimacy.

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The story of Vietnam, north and south, is in that sense a cautionary tale. The economic reforms and growth of today's Vietnam only came after unification. For North Korea, the South represents a rival that not only still exists, but is richer and its people are allowed far greater individual freedoms.

Silberstein believes that is not an insurmountable fear for Kim.

"Market reforms are already happening and have been for quite some time, it's just that Kim Jong Un never formally announced an overhaul of the system," he said, adding that under Kim, market trade has been allowed to expand, and has even been encouraged by the state to do so. Enterprises have received unprecedented freedom to plan their own production and dispose of a large share of their profits themselves.

"The same has happened in agriculture, and from what we know, the results have been successful," he said. "I strongly believe that Kim wants to take this process of liberalization further, though it will likely never be called 'reforms,' only 'improvements.'"

"The tricky part is how to balance letting loose on some of the strict social control, such as opening up space for private investments both from abroad and from the general public, changing the governance of private property, massively upgrading communications infrastructure and the like, with still keeping information about the outside world away or at least regulated."

Silberstein suggested that if given a choice between social controls or economic reforms, Kim will choose control.

"Whatever might happen, they'll proceed cautiously," he said.

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Australian Cardinal Pell to spend his first night in prison

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MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — The most senior Catholic cleric ever convicted of child sex abuse was sent to prison on Wednesday and will wait two weeks to learn his sentence for molesting two choirboys in a Melbourne cathedral two decades ago.

Victorian state County Court Chief Judge Peter Kidd revoked Cardinal George Pell's bail at the end of a sentencing hearing in a packed, standing room-only courtroom. Kidd said he would deliver his sentence on March 13.

The 77-year-old Pell, who could face 50 years in prison, showed no expression as he walked from the dock with a cane escorted by three court security officers and a prison guard. Pell paused at the door, turned to the judge and bowed.

He was taken by prison van from the court to the Melbourne Assessment Prison, a maximum security facility where inmates new to the state penal system are assessed. All prisoners are strip-searched on arrival and Pell, like all pedophiles, will be kept in protective custody, where he will remain alone for up to 23 hours a day.

A jury unanimously convicted Pell in December of abusing the two 13-year-olds in a rear room of St. Patrick's Cathedral in 1996 weeks after becoming archbishop of Melbourne, Australia's second-largest city. But Pell wasn't taken into custody immediately because he had surgery scheduled to have both knees replaced.

Pell faced an abusive crowd Wednesday as he entered court half an hour before his sentencing hearing began.

"I hope you burn in hell!" one man shouted while pushing against a cluster of police officers trying to shield the cardinal as he walked into the courthouse. "You're a pedophile! You're a criminal! You're a monster!"

Pell's lawyer Robert Richter was heckled by members of the public during the lunch break, prompting Kidd to warn people in the gallery that they could be charged with contempt of court for such behavior.

Kidd said such acts directed at Pell and Richter showed that Pell was being blamed for the sexual abuse

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and cover-ups within the Catholic Church recently exposed by a government-commissioned investigation into Australian institutions' handling of abuse allegations.

"The Catholic Church is not on trial ... I'm imposing sentence on Cardinal Pell for what he did," Kidd said.

The court had until Tuesday forbidden publication of any details about the trial because Pell had faced a second trial in April on charges that he indecently assaulted two boys aged 9 or 10 and 11 or 12 as a young priest in the late 1970s in a public pool in his hometown of Ballarat. Those charges have now been dropped.

Pope Francis removed Pell as a member of his informal Cabinet in October. He had remained prefect of the Vatican's economy ministry, but his five-year term expired this month, acting Vatican spokesman Alessandro Gisotti said.

Gisotti tweeted that Pell "is no longer" the Holy See's economy chief.

Pell will be sentenced for five convictions of sexual penetration and indecent acts involving the boys. Each conviction carries a maximum 10-year prison term.

The judge said Pell was guilty of a breach of trust with an element of brutality and had had a sense of impunity. "I see this as callus, brazen offending — blatant," Kidd said.

"At the time, he thought he was going to get away with it. Otherwise he wouldn't have done it," Kidd added.

Richter had told the jury during the trial that "only a mad man" would take the risk of sexually abusing two boys in a cathedral room with the door open and people likely to wander in.

On Wednesday, Richter described the abuse as a "temporary loss of judgment" in response to an "irresistible impulse."

Pell had maintained his innocence throughout, describing the accusations as "vile and disgusting conduct." His lawyers have appealed the convictions and were scheduled to appear in the Court of Appeal on Wednesday afternoon to apply for bail. But the bail application was later withdrawn, and no date has been set for an appeal hearing.

Pell lawyer Paul Galbally said the cardinal had decided against applying for bail.

"He believes it is appropriate for him to await his sentencing" in prison, Galbally said in a statement.

The victim who testified at Pell's trial said in a statement that since the conviction was revealed, he has experienced "shame, loneliness, depression and struggle." The man said it had taken him years to understand the impact the assault had on his life.

The other victim died of a heroin overdose that his father attributed to the aftermath of the abuse. Neither victim can be named under state law.

The revelations in the Pell case came in the same month that the Vatican announced that Francis approved the expulsion from the priesthood of a former high-ranking American cardinal, Theodore McCarrick, for sexual abuse of minors and adults.

The convictions were also confirmed days after Francis concluded his extraordinary summit of Catholic leaders summoned to Rome for a tutorial on preventing clergy sexual abuse and protecting children from predator priests.

House OKs Democrats' bill blocking Trump emergency on wall

By ALAN FRAM and ANDREW TAYLOR, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats ignored a veto threat and rammed legislation through the House Tuesday that would stymie President Donald Trump's bid for billions of extra dollars for his border wall, escalating a clash over whether he was abusing his powers to advance his paramount campaign pledge.

The House's 245-182 vote to block Trump's national emergency declaration fell well below the two-thirds majority that would be needed to override his promised veto. Top Republicans worked to keep defections as low as possible — 13 backed the Democrats' resolution — underscoring their desire to avoid a tally suggesting that Trump's hold on lawmakers was weakening.

The vote also throws the political hot potato to the Republican-run Senate, where there were already

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enough GOP defections to edge it to the cusp of passage. Vice President Mike Pence used a lunch with Republican senators at the Capitol to try keeping them aboard, citing a dangerous crisis at the border, but there were no signs he'd succeeded.

"I personally couldn't handicap the outcome at this point," said Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., who's planning a vote within the next three weeks. He even said Republicans remained uncertain about the legality of Trump's move, telling reporters, "We're in the process of weighing that."

Senate passage would force Trump's first veto, which the House vote demonstrated that Congress would surely fail to overturn. But the showdown was forcing Republicans to cast uncomfortable votes pitting their support for a president wildly popular with GOP voters against fears that his expansive use of emergency powers would invite future Democratic presidents to do likewise for their own pet policies.

House Republicans who joined all voting Democrats to support the Democratic resolution included moderates from competitive districts like Fred Upton of Michigan and libertarian-leaning conservatives like Thomas Massie from Kentucky.

The White House wrote to lawmakers formally threatening to veto the legislation. The letter said blocking the emergency declaration would "undermine the administration's ability to respond effectively to the ongoing crisis at the Southern Border."

Republicans said Democrats were driven by politics and a desire to oppose Trump at every turn, and said Trump had clear authority to declare an emergency to protect the country. They also defended the president's claims of a security crisis along the boundary with Mexico, which he has said is ravaged by drug smugglers, human traffickers and immigrants trying to sneak into the U.S. illegally.

"We are at war on the Southern border with the drug cartels," said Rep. Pete Olson, R-Texas.

Trump has asserted that barriers would stop drugs from Mexico from entering the U.S. In fact, government figures show that 90 percent of drugs intercepted from Mexico are caught at ports of entry, not remote areas where barriers would be constructed.

Democrats said Republicans repeatedly accused former President Barack Obama of flouting the Constitution, which gives Congress control over spending, but are ignoring Trump's effort to do the same.

"Is your oath of office to Donald Trump, or is your oath of office to the Constitution?" House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., asked Republicans.

Trump's push for the wall reflected a continuation of the anti-immigrant views that helped fuel his election, some Democrats said.

"Since when do we call human beings in need a national emergency?" said Mexican-born Rep. Jesus "Chuy" Garcia, D-Ill. "Is he running out of insults for people like me?"

Democrats also said the crisis is a fiction manufactured by Trump to dance around Congress' vote this month to provide less than \$1.4 billion for barrier construction. That was well below the \$5.7 billion Trump demanded as he futilely forced a record-setting 35-day federal shutdown.

"The president does not get to override Congress in a raucous temper tantrum over his inability to broker a deal" with lawmakers for more money, said Rep. Hank Johnson, D-Ga. Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-Texas, sponsor of the one-sentence measure blocking the declaration, called Trump's move "constitutional vandalism."

Trump used a 1976 law to declare a national emergency and ordered the shift of \$3.6 billion from military construction projects to wall building. Citing other powers, he intends to shift another \$3.1 billion from Defense Department anti-drug efforts and a fund that collects seized assets.

The money would be used to build steel barriers up to 30 feet tall and other barriers and for "law enforcement efforts," said a White House statement.

In the Senate, three Republicans have said they will back Democrats' drive to block the emergency declaration: Maine's Susan Collins, Alaska's Lisa Murkowski and North Carolina's Thom Tillis. One more GOP defection would provide enough votes to approve the Democratic measure, assuming all Democrats and their independent allies back it.

Republicans said senators asked Pence numerous questions about which projects Trump would divert to pay for the wall, with Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., saying the discussion was "hearty." Shelby, who chairs the Senate Appropriations Committee, which controls spending, said his panel would quickly "backfill"

money for military construction with other funds he did not identify.

"That issue won't stay alive long," Shelby told reporters.

Sen. John Thune of South Dakota, the chief GOP vote counter, said there may be GOP attempts to amend the House measure, saying Republicans "think they have amendments that would improve it."

That suggests that McConnell may try finding a way to add language that could sink the Democratic resolution or, perhaps, make it more palatable for Republicans. The law requires the Senate to vote on a measure within 18 days of receiving it from the House.

Though presidents have declared 58 emergencies under the law, this is the first aimed at acquiring money for an item Congress has explicitly refused to finance, according to Elizabeth Goitein, co-director for national security at New York University Law School's Brennan Center for Justice. This is also the first time Congress has cast votes on whether to annul an emergency declaration, she said.

Even with Democrats' effort near-certain to ultimately fail, several lawsuits have been filed aimed at blocking the money, including by Democratic state attorneys general, progressive and environmental groups. Those suits at the very least are likely to delay access to those funds for months or years.

AP Congressional Correspondent Lisa Mascaro and reporter Colleen Long contributed.

R. Kelly insiders may have helped R&B star with sexual abuse

By MICHAEL TARM, AP Legal Affairs Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — After R. Kelly met a girl celebrating her 16th birthday at a restaurant, it was his manager who handed her Kelly's business card with the R&B star's personal phone number on it, telling the teen that Kelly wanted her to give him a call, according to prosecutors.

The 52-year-old singer-songwriter was charged last week with sexually abusing the girl once a month for a year after she retrieved the card from her mom's purse and phoned Kelly. In all, prosecutors accuse him of abusing four females, three of whom were between 13 and 17.

Kelly is looking at the possibility of decades in prison if convicted, but there's no official word on whether the manager or anyone else in his inner circle might face charges for complicity in any abuse or for failing to report abuse if they suspected it.

Legal experts say it's not obvious what laws could be invoked.

All 50 states require that certain professionals, including doctors and teachers, report any suspicions of child abuse, but only around a third mandate that all adults do. Kelly's home state of Illinois is not among them.

More than 10 Kelly associates, such as agents and security guards, could be exposed to criminal liability in the Chicago case for staying silent about abuse or actively assisting Kelly, said Michael Avenatti, a lawyer for two Kelly accusers.

In a phone interview, he said Kelly depended heavily on others to target underage girls, to transport them and to pay them off to keep quiet over the years he ascended from busking on Chicago subway platforms to become a best-selling music artist.

Kelly "could not have accomplished this for 28 years without the assistance of others who looked the other way because they didn't want the R. Kelly gravy train to end," Avenatti said Tuesday.

The question isn't limited to Kelly insiders. Critics have blasted law enforcement for not pursuing the Grammy winner more aggressively.

"Every system in this city — police, courts, the South and West sides, the churches, everybody — has failed these young black female victims," argued Jim DeRogatis, who as a Chicago Sun-Times reporter played the central role in revealing the sex-abuse accusations. He told television station WTTW's "Chicago Tonight" on Monday that 48 women have shared with him their stories of abuse by Kelly since 1991.

Kelly's attorney, Steve Greenberg, declined to comment on any possible criminal exposure involving people around Kelly. He said he is "constrained by the canons of ethics" from addressing anything other than allegations directed at his client.

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Music industry stalwarts seemed to look the other way when whispers began 25 years ago and grew louder.

Fans didn't back away either.

In 2013, after allegations of abuse were widely known, concert venues sold out for the tour promoting his album "Black Panties." The album peaked at No. 2 on Billboard's R&B chart and sold 500,000 copies by 2015. His next album, "The Buffet," went to No. 1 in 2016.

If prosecutors do go after Kelly's confidantes, Avenatti expects many to turn on him.

"His handlers and enablers are going to look to save their own butts as opposed to R. Kelly," he said.

In practice, charges against someone other than the abuser are rare.

At Penn State University, three administrators were convicted of child endangerment in the case of former assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky, who was convicted in 2012 of raping and sexually abusing multiple boys.

In sentencing former university President Graham Spanier, Senior Vice President Gary Schultz and Athletic Director Tim Curley in 2017, a judge said it should have been easy to pick up the phone to report what they suspected about Sandusky.

"They ignored the opportunity to put an end to his crimes when they had a chance to do so," Judge John Boccabella said.

Texas has one of the toughest state reporting requirements, mandating that all adults report suspected child abuse. Violators can be imprisoned for up to a year and fined \$4,000.

Of just 117 people charged between 2008 and 2012 under the Texas law, fewer than a quarter were eventually convicted, in part because of the challenges of proving that someone did not do something, according to a 2013 report by the Houston Chronicle.

"It's hard to prove a negative sometimes," Jane Waters, then chief of the special victims bureau of the Harris County District Attorney's Office, told the newspaper.

A bill dubbed The Speak Up Act, introduced by Sen. Bob Casey, would make it a federal crime in all 50 states if an adult who suspects child abuse does not report it. But in eight years since its introduction, the proposal has not garnered sufficient support to even come up for a vote.

At least some child advocates worry about unintended consequences of laws mandating all adults, in all situations, report suspected abuse. They say child-protection resources nationwide are already stretched thin and a burst of new reports, including an uptick in false ones, could draw staff away from investigations with better chances of leading to charges.

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Check out the AP's complete coverage of the investigations into R. Kelly.

Supreme Court considers fate of cross-shaped war memorial

By JESSICA GRESKO, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court is diving into a debate about the place of religious symbols in public life in a case about a cross-shaped war memorial in Maryland.

Those challenging the cross say that if the court allows it to stand on public land, the ruling could make it easier for government officials to defend support for religion. On the other side, supporters of the cross say a ruling against them could spell the "doom of hundreds of war memorials that use crosses to commemorate the fallen."

The case the high court is hearing Wednesday involves a 40-foot-tall, concrete cross on a large, grassy highway median in Maryland, just outside Washington. The nearly 100-year-old cross was built as a memorial to area residents who died in World War I.

The cross's challengers include three area residents and the District of Columbia-based American Humanist Association, a group that includes atheists and agnostics. They argue that the cross's location on

public land violates the First Amendment's establishment clause, which prohibits the government from favoring one religion over others. They say the cross should be moved to private property or modified into a nonreligious monument such as a slab or obelisk. The group lost the first round in court, but in 2017 an appeals court ruled the cross unconstitutional.

Defending the cross at the high court are The American Legion, which raised money for the cross and completed it in 1925, and Maryland officials, who took over maintenance of the cross nearly 60 years ago to preserve it and address traffic safety concerns. Maryland officials argue that the cross doesn't violate the Constitution because it has a secular purpose and meaning.

The memorial's supporters, including the Trump administration, would seem more likely to win based on the court's decision to take the case and the court's conservative makeup, seen as more likely to uphold such displays. But observers will also be watching during arguments to see how broadly the justices seem inclined to rule.

The Supreme Court has been criticized for being less than clear in explaining how to analyze monuments that are like Maryland's cross, so-called passive displays challenged as violating the Constitution's establishment clause. In 1971 the court announced a test for use in such cases, which asks whether the government's action has a secular purpose, advances or inhibits religion or fosters "an excessive government entanglement with religion." But in the decades since, the court hasn't always followed that test, and several former and current justices have criticized it.

Monuments that are similar to Maryland's cross, meanwhile, have met with a mixed fate at the high court. For example, on the same day in 2005 the court upheld a Ten Commandments monument on the grounds of the Texas state capitol while striking down Ten Commandments displays in Kentucky courthouses. Justice Stephen Breyer, whose vote made the difference in the outcome in both cases, said the Texas display had a primarily nonreligious purpose while the history of the courthouse displays demonstrated a government effort to promote religion.

A decision in the Maryland case is expected by the end of June.

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Cohen prepared testimony: Trump is 'racist,' 'liar,' 'cheat'

By MARY CLARE JALONICK and MICHAEL R. SISAk, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's former personal lawyer is preparing to tell a House committee Wednesday that Trump knew ahead of time that WikiLeaks had emails damaging to his rival Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign and that he is a "racist," a "conman" and a "cheat."

Michael Cohen suggests in prepared testimony obtained by The Associated Press that Trump also implicitly told him to lie about a Moscow real estate project. Cohen has pleaded guilty to lying to Congress about the project, which he says Trump knew about as Cohen was negotiating with Russia during the election.

Cohen says Trump did not directly tell him to lie, but that "he would look me in the eye and tell me there's no business in Russia and then go out and lie to the American people by saying the same thing."

Cohen said that "in his way, he was telling me to lie."

In the testimony, Cohen apologizes for his actions and says "I am ashamed that I chose to take part in concealing Mr. Trump's illicit acts rather than listening to my own conscience."

On WikiLeaks, Cohen says he was in Trump's office in July 2016 when his longtime adviser Roger Stone called Trump. He says Trump put Stone on speakerphone and Stone said that "within a couple of days, there would be a massive dump of emails that would damage Hillary Clinton's campaign."

Trump responded by saying "wouldn't that be great," according to Cohen.

"A lot of people have asked me about whether Mr. Trump knew about the release of the hacked Democratic National Committee emails ahead of time," Cohen says in the testimony. "The answer is yes."

Cohen also says that Trump made racist comments about African-Americans, saying at one point that black people would never vote for him because they were too stupid. Cohen says that he and Trump once

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drove through a struggling neighborhood in Chicago and that Trump remarked that only black people could live that way.

He also says Trump once asked him to name a country run by a black person that wasn't falling apart, though he says Trump used a vulgarism. At the time Barack Obama was America's president.

Looking ahead to his public testimony, Cohen said Tuesday that the American people can decide "exactly who is telling the truth" when he appears Wednesday before the House Oversight and Reform committee, setting the stage for an explosive public hearing that threatens to overshadow Trump's summit in Vietnam with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

Cohen, once Trump's loyal attorney and fixer, has turned on his former boss and cooperated with special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation. He begins a three-year prison sentence in May after he pleaded guilty to lying to Congress in 2017 and committing campaign finance violations while he was working for Trump.

He met with the Senate intelligence committee for more than nine hours behind closed doors on Tuesday. Cohen said he appreciated the opportunity to "clear the record and tell the truth" after acknowledging he lied to the committee in 2017.

It was the first of three consecutive days of congressional appearances for Cohen. After the public hearing Wednesday, he will appear before the House intelligence panel Thursday, again speaking in private.

Republicans are expected to aggressively attempt to discredit Cohen, given that he has acknowledged lying previously. White House spokeswoman Sarah Sanders said in a statement Tuesday it was "laughable that anyone would take a convicted liar like Cohen at his word, and pathetic to see him given yet another opportunity to spread his lies."

One Republican House member did more than just question Cohen's credibility. Florida Republican Matt Gaetz tweeted Tuesday that the world is "about to learn a lot" about Cohen and suggested he knew of disparaging information that could come out during the hearing. The Trump ally offered no evidence to support his remarks and waved off the notion that he appeared to be threatening or intimidating a witness.

After a barrage of criticism, Gaetz apologized and said he was deleting the tweet and should have chosen better words to show his intent.

Lanny Davis, one of Cohen's lawyers, said in a statement that he wouldn't respond to Gaetz's "despicable lies and personal smears, except to say we trust that his colleagues in the House, both Republicans and Democrats, will repudiate his words and his conduct."

Democrats have been alternately suspicious of Cohen and eager to hear what he has to say. Sen. Mark Warner, the intelligence panel's top Democrat, suggested in a brief statement to reporters outside Tuesday's interview that Cohen had provided important information.

"Two years ago when this investigation started I said it may be the most important thing I am involved in in my public life in the Senate, and nothing I've heard today dissuades me from that view," Warner said.

In addition to lying to Congress, Cohen pleaded guilty last year to campaign finance violations for his involvement in payments to two women who allege they had affairs with Trump.

Federal prosecutors in New York have said Trump directed Cohen to arrange the payments to buy the silence of porn actress Stormy Daniels and former Playboy model Karen McDougal in the run-up to the 2016 campaign. Cohen told a judge that he agreed to cover up Trump's "dirty deeds" out of "blind loyalty."

In his prepared testimony, Cohen says he will present the committee with a copy of the check Trump wrote from his personal bank account after he became president to reimburse him for the hush money payments.

Trump has denied the allegations and said Cohen lied to get a lighter sentence.

Cohen is not expected to discuss matters related to Russia in the public hearing, saving that information for the closed-door interviews with the intelligence committees. House Oversight and Reform Chairman Elijah Cummings has said he doesn't want to interfere with Mueller's investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election and links to Trump's campaign.

Members of the Oversight panel are expected to ask questions about the campaign finance violations,

Trump's business practices and compliance with tax laws and "the accuracy of the president's public statements," according to a memo laying out the scope of the hearing.

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Chicago will elect a black woman as its mayor for first time

By HERBERT G. McCANN, Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — A former federal prosecutor and a county board leader will face each other in a runoff to become Chicago's first black female mayor after leading a large field Tuesday that included a member of the Daley family that has dominated the city's politics for much of the last six decades.

Political outsider Lori Lightfoot, who was a federal prosecutor in northern Illinois, and Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle were the top two vote-getters among 14 candidates, but neither received more than the 50 percent needed to avoid an April 2 runoff. The winner will succeed Mayor Rahm Emanuel to lead the nation's third-largest city. Emanuel did not seek re-election.

Among those they defeated was William Daley, who has never held major elected office but featured the most famous surname in the race. His father, Richard J. Daley, and brother, Richard M. Daley, held the city's top job for nearly 43 years of a 55-year span before Emanuel took the oath in 2011. Daley is a former U.S. Commerce secretary who, like Emanuel, served as White House chief of staff to President Barack Obama.

Emanuel's decision not to seek a third term drew some of the biggest names in state and municipal government as would-be successors, along with some political newcomers with strong support, in a transitional election for a lakefront metropolis still struggling to shed its reputation for corruption, police brutality and street violence.

"What do you think of us now?" Lightfoot said Tuesday night to a crowd of her supporters. "This is what change looks like."

Lightfoot, the first openly gay woman to run for Chicago mayor, has been critical of efforts to reform the Chicago Police Department in the wake of the 2014 fatal shooting of black teenager Laquan McDonald by a white police officer.

Preckwinkle, who leads the county's Democratic Party, also made a campaign issue out of McDonald's shooting.

"We may not be at the finish line. But, we should acknowledge that history is being made," Preckwinkle, who previously served 19 years on the City Council and was a Chicago Public Schools teacher, told her supporters.

"It's not enough to stand at a podium and talk about what you want to see happen," she added, taking an apparent shot at Lightfoot. "You have to come to this job with the capacity and the capability to make your vision a reality."

Turnout was low Tuesday. Jim Allen, spokesman for the Chicago Board of Election, said by late afternoon turnout was around 27 percent of registered voters. The record low for a February mayoral election was 33.8 percent in 2007, when Emanuel was first elected.

"It appears that some voters either just disengaged or are not willing to make a decision until they know who's in the runoff, assuming there is a runoff," Allen said.

Businessman Willie Wilson, Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza and activist Amara Enyia, who received financial support from Kanye West and Chance the Rapper, rounded out the top vote-getters.

Although a nonpartisan election, the candidates were all attached in varying degrees to the Democratic Party. The Republican Party has virtually disappeared from the city.

"A problem is the absence of the Republican Party offering a different choice and different ideas," said DePaul University political scientist Larry Bennett. "Those running are all Democrats, offering odd claims of doing something different."

The variety of candidates reflected the many issues facing Chicago's next mayor: poor neighborhoods

in need of investment, overwhelming pension debt, low-performing public schools and a crime rate that is often pointed to as among the nation's worst.

However, an issue that took center stage in the contest is the need to change how business is conducted at City Hall. For some that means an end to pay-to-play, paying off influential politicians in order to do business in the city.

Since 1972, more than two dozen city aldermen have been convicted of crimes related to official duties.

Last month, Edward Burke, a 50-year veteran and former chairman of the City Council's Finance Committee, was indicted after authorities said a wiretap on his cellphone captured him pressuring executives of a fast-food chain to hire his law firm in exchange for help with permits. Preckwinkle, Mendoza, attorney Gery Chico and Daley all sought to distance their ties to Burke, who had a comfortable lead in his race for re-election on Tuesday.

Reforming the city's Police Department is a job the winning candidate can't dodge. A consent decree approved last month by U.S. District Judge Robert Dow Jr. is aimed at tightening supervision, improving training and fixing the department's disciplinary system.

The decree is the most important consequence of the shooting of McDonald by now-former officer Jason Van Dyke. A video of the shooting sparked demonstrations and resulted in Van Dyke's murder conviction. Illinois' attorney general sued the city to force the court's involvement after years of inaction by the City Council, which dealt with systemic police misconduct in recent years by approving millions of dollars in lawsuit settlements.

Emanuel's popularity plummeted after release of the McDonald shooting video and he eventually decided not to seek re-election, leading to the scramble to succeed him.

Voters also chose among candidates for the 50-member City Council.

The city has a tradition of having a dominating mayor and a City Council that isn't aggressive in serving as a separate branch of government, according to Bennett, the political scientist. That has meant the performance of various city departments hasn't received adequate scrutiny.

United Methodist delegates reject recognizing gay marriage

By DAVID CRARY and JIM SALTER, Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The United Methodist Church, America's second-largest Protestant denomination, faces a likely surge in defections and acts of defiance after delegates at a crucial conference voted Tuesday to strengthen the faith's divisive bans on same-sex marriage and ordination of LGBT clergy.

Emotions were high throughout the third and final day of the UMC's meeting. Some supporters of greater LGBT inclusion were in tears, while others vented their anger when, midway through the session, delegates defeated a proposal that would have let regional and local church bodies decide for themselves on gay-friendly policies.

"Devastation," was how former Methodist pastor Rebecca Wilson of Detroit described her feelings. "As someone who left because I'm gay, I'm waiting for the church I love to stop bringing more hate."

After several more hours of debate, the conservatives' proposal, called the Traditional Plan, was approved by a vote of 438-384. Opponents unsuccessfully sought to weaken the plan with hostile amendments or to prolong the debate past a mandatory adjournment time set to accommodate a monster truck rally in the arena. One delegate even requested an investigation into the possibility that "vote buying" was taking place at the conference.

The Traditional Plan's success was due to an alliance of conservatives from the U.S. and overseas. About 43 percent of the delegates were from abroad, mostly from Africa, and overwhelmingly supported the LGBT bans.

If the bans were eased, "the church in Africa would cease to exist," said the Rev. Jerry Kulah of Liberia. "We can't do anything but to support the Traditional Plan — it is the biblical plan."

Council of Bishops President Kenneth H. Carter, speaking at a news conference after the session, said the meeting was necessary "because if the impasse we found ourselves in" over questions of human sexuality.

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"I would just simply say that we have work to do. We did not accomplish that in these three days," Carter said.

Carter said he is concerned the plan will cause progressive churches to leave the denomination. He said church leaders "will be doing a lot of outreach" to those churches.

"Persons will feel harmed," Carter said.

The deep split within the church was evident in several fiery speeches opposing the Traditional Plan.

"If we bring this virus into our church, it will bring illness to us all," said the Rev. Thomas Berlin of Herndon, Virginia. He predicted many Methodist churchgoers and some regional bodies would leave the church, while others would "stay and fight," performing same-sex weddings even if it meant punishment.

Many supporters of the more liberal plan stood in support as Berlin spoke. Some wore rainbow-motif garments or sat behind rainbow banners. After the vote, a small group of protesters carried a cross to the stage at the conference and sat around it. Another group of about 200 people staged a peaceful sitdown protest while about two dozen police officers watched.

The Rev. Allen Ewing-Merrill, a pastor from Portland, Maine, pledged defiance of the Traditional Plan, tweeting: "I will not participate in your bigotry, sin & violence."

An association of Methodist theological schools warned that if the Traditional Plan passes, the church "will lose an entire generation of leaders in America."

Formed in a merger in 1968, the United Methodist Church claims about 12.6 million members worldwide, including nearly 7 million in the United States.

While other mainline Protestant denominations, such as the Episcopal and Presbyterian (U.S.A.) churches, have embraced gay-friendly practices, the Methodist church still bans them, though acts of defiance by pro-LGBT clergy have multiplied. Many have performed same-sex weddings; others have come out as gay or lesbian from the pulpit of their churches.

Enforcement of the bans has been inconsistent; the Traditional Plan aspires to beef up discipline against those engaged in defiance.

The Rev. Tim Bagwell, 64, pastor at a UMC church in Macon, Georgia, had opposed the Traditional Plan and called the outcome "deeply painful." But he said his church will stay with UMC until at least 2020, when the next major conference is scheduled. He's hopeful new delegates will be elected and change course to a more inclusive church.

"I am deeply sad," he said. "The Methodist church has always been mainstream, reaching out to people. This sends a different tone ... one of exclusion, not inclusion."

The Rev. Scott Hagan, 45, a pastor from Bonaire, Georgia, supported the Traditional Plan, saying the liberals' alternative would have sent a mixed message.

"To have each church — possibly in the same town — offering a different perspective and practice would surely be confusing to the public that comes to the church looking for guidance," Hagan said.

Crary reported from New York.

Passengers band together on train stuck in Oregon mountains

By ANDREW SELSKY, Associated Press

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — An Amtrak train with almost 200 people aboard hit downed trees during a blizzard and got stranded in the Oregon mountains for a day and a half, but passengers and crew banded together during the ordeal that ended Tuesday.

"It was really nice to meet people pulling together," passenger Tracy Rhodes, of Scottsdale, Arizona, said in a phone interview after the train that had been traveling from Seattle to Los Angeles rolled back into the college town of Eugene, Oregon, with a clanging bell announcing its arrival. Passengers spilled out, some waving their arms high in jubilation.

During the 36 hours that the train was stuck, younger passengers helped older ones reach their families to let them know they were all right, said Rhodes, who was traveling with her brother to visit their

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82-year-old mother in Klamath Falls, Oregon. A "mom brigade" was formed to take care of and entertain the children, she said.

"People were being very kind to each other, being friends," Rhodes said. "It restores your faith."

The trouble began Sunday evening, when the double-decker Coast Starlight train struck a tree that had fallen onto the tracks, Amtrak said.

Rhodes said the train stopped suddenly but not violently. She was told the engine hit several snow-laden trees and that one snapped back, damaging a hose assembly providing air pressure for the brakes. The train was repaired enough to move forward a short distance to Oakridge, Oregon, a town 1,200 feet (366 meters) high in the Cascade Range that was dealing with its own problems — a blackout and snow and debris-covered roads.

Railroad officials decided to keep the passengers on board instead of letting them into the town of 3,200 people. The hours ticked by. Some passengers grew impatient.

"This is hell and it's getting worse," Rebekah Dodson posted on Facebook after 30 hours, along with photos of herself and other passengers smiling into the camera.

The train with 183 passengers still had electricity, heat and food. Some people took the long unscheduled stop with a sense of humor.

"The food hoarding has begun. I'm considering saving half my dinner steak and making jerky on the room heater," Rhodes tweeted. She and her brother had sleeping berths.

"We were fed very well. Steak at night, hot breakfast in the morning," she said. Coach passengers were given beef stew with mashed potatoes, she noted.

To pass the time, Rhodes and her brother browsed the internet and played war, speed and cribbage with cards they bought in the cafe. Others sent images and video of passengers gazing out the window at the snowy landscape or napping to social media.

Amtrak Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Scot Naparstek said the railroad regretted the extended delay.

"With more than a foot of heavy snow and numerous trees blocking the track, we made every decision in the best interest of the safety of our customers," Naparstek said, adding that customers would get refunds and other compensation.

Amtrak spokeswoman Olivia Irvin said weather and track obstructions remained an issue and that the Coast Starlight would run only south of Sacramento until Friday.

The crew of 13 dealt with the situation as best they could. With diapers running short, a worker in the cafe improvised with napkins and safety pins, Rhodes said.

"People were great. The train crew was amazing," said Marsha Trujillo, from Martinez, California. "They were so professional and so kind. We really wanted for nothing except for maybe someplace comfortable to lie down, and a shower."

The Coast Starlight bills itself on the Amtrak website as "a grand West Coast train adventure."

"Break free of congested airports and freeways to get up-close-and-personal with America's spectacular West Coast. Hug rocky coastlines, glide beside the majestic Cascade Mountains," the site says.

In this case, however, nature trumped modern human conveyances.

After the train began moving again Tuesday, Dodson posted a video on Facebook admiring the view.

"We are moving and it's totally awesome," she said as trees laden with snow swept past a window. "Isn't it beautiful? I'm so excited."

Carly Bigby, a teacher aboard the train, had been visiting Eugene with her fiance and was trying to figure out how to get back home to Klamath Falls.

"I am exhausted," she told KOIN, a Portland TV station.

The highway to Klamath Falls was snowbound and impassable. With no way to reach her mother, Rhodes planned to fly home to Arizona.

"She is definitely disappointed, but is glad we're safe," she said.

The train retreated to the north Tuesday afternoon, heading back to Seattle. Some passengers including Rhodes got off in Portland. The train's journey further north was delayed for at least two hours, passen-

gers were told, after a railroad bridge over the Columbia River between Oregon and Washington state caught fire.

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US general says no military threat on southern border

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Under pointed questioning from senators, the top U.S. general for homeland defense said Tuesday that he sees no military threat coming from the southern border with Mexico, but his focus is on “very real” threats from China and Russia.

Air Force Gen. Terrence O’Shaughnessy, commander, U.S. Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command, told a Senate committee that proposed barriers along the U.S.-Mexico border could increase security against any potential military threats coming from the south. But he said Russia’s advancements in training and capabilities, and its intent to hold the U.S. at risk, present an urgent threat to America.

President Donald Trump has declared a national emergency along the southern border to fund his proposed wall, and he plans to use Defense Department funds from military construction and counter-drug programs to pay for it. Members of Congress are challenging that.

Democratic senators on the Senate Armed Services Committee peppered O’Shaughnessy with questions about the need to divert the money from existing projects and questioned the validity of a national emergency declaration.

“I’m concerned, very frankly, that this administration is politicizing our military and militarizing our immigration policy - in effect, using the troops under your command as political props, both in terms of declaring a fake emergency but also compromising our potential security by diverting them away from other assignments and missions that are absolutely necessary,” said Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn.

The meeting comes as the Democratic-controlled House was planning a vote Tuesday to revoke Trump’s emergency declaration, and send legislation to the Republican-held Senate, where it would take only a handful of GOP defections to pass it.

O’Shaughnessy, who visited the southern border on Saturday with Acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan, was careful to defer any assessment of the southern threat to the Department of Homeland Security and Customs and Border Protection. He said that those agencies believe that more fencing can impact the movement of drugs across the border.

O’Shaughnessy said he would defer to DHS “on the character of the threat,” adding that Northern Command is trying to “be a good partner” as the other agencies take on the drug trafficking challenge. Asked if it is a national emergency, he said, it is a “national issue” that requires a “whole-of-government approach.”

Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., questioned whether Congress should allow Trump to use Pentagon money for a non-defense emergency.

“The threat isn’t military, and still we’ll take \$6 billion out of the defense budget to deal with it?” said Kaine. “If we set that precedent, I certainly can foresee a day when a president is going to say 40,000 gun deaths a year are an emergency, and why don’t we take money out of the Pentagon budget to deal with that?”

Sen. Dan Sullivan, R-Alaska, argued that the shipment of illegal drugs from Mexico into the U.S. has caused tens of thousands of deaths, and that it constituted an emergency. But he also endorsed O’Shaughnessy’s assertion that Russia’s expanding fleet of icebreakers in the Arctic present a serious threat, and the U.S. needs to increase its capabilities there.

The U.S. Coast Guard currently has one working Polar-class icebreaker ship, but there’s funding in the Defense Department budget to begin building more. Sullivan said the poor condition of the U.S. ship is a disgrace, and the U.S. needs more ability to counter Russia and China in the arctic.

US appeals court clears AT&T's \$81B purchase of Time Warner

By **MARCY GORDON** and **TALI ARBEL**, AP Business Writers

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal appeals court on Tuesday cleared AT&T's takeover of Time Warner, rejecting the Trump administration's claims that the \$81 billion deal will harm consumers and reduce competition in the TV industry.

The ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington came in the high-stakes competition case, approving one of the biggest media marriages ever. It was already completed last spring, soon after a federal trial judge approved it. AT&T, a wireless carrier and TV and home internet provider, absorbed Time Warner, the owner of CNN, HBO, the Warner Bros. movie studio, "Game of Thrones," sports programming and other shows.

Many observers had expected the decision favorable to AT&T from the three-judge appeals court panel. The decision was unanimous to uphold the trial judge's June ruling. Opposing the merger forced the Justice Department to argue against standing legal doctrine that favors mergers among companies that don't compete directly with each other, what's known as a vertical merger.

The U.S. antitrust lawsuit against Dallas-based AT&T marked the first time in decades that the government has challenged that doctrine by suing to block a vertical merger.

The ruling dealt a major setback to the Trump Justice Department. The department said it won't appeal the ruling. Its chances of prevailing at the Supreme Court were considered dim.

"We are grateful that the Court of Appeals considered our objections to the district court opinion," spokesman Jeremy Edwards said. "The department has no plans to seek further review."

The appeals court judges said U.S. District Judge Richard Leon was correct to dismiss the government's argument that AT&T's takeover of Time Warner would hurt competition, limit choices and jack up prices for consumers to watch TV and movies.

"The government failed to meet its burden of proof" for its theory that costs for Time Warner's Turner Broadcasting content would increase after the merger, mainly through threats of programming "blackouts," the judges wrote. The Turner networks include CNN.

The Justice Department antitrust attorneys had asserted that Leon misunderstood the complexities of the TV industry and the nature of AT&T's competitors.

The idea behind the merger was to help AT&T — which claims about 25 million of the 90 million U.S. households that are pay TV customers — compete better with online rivals like Netflix, YouTube and Hulu.

AT&T already had a streaming service, DirecTV Now, but it launched a cheaper offering called WatchTV soon after the deal closed. It's planning another streaming service, "WarnerMedia," for later this year.

"The merger of these innovative companies has already yielded significant consumer benefits, and it will continue to do so for years to come," AT&T General Counsel David McAtee said in a statement.

The Justice Department was committed to pursuing the long-shot bid against the merger, rather than considering conditions that could have been imposed on AT&T by the trial court to make the deal more acceptable. The head of Justice's antitrust division, Makan Delrahim, doesn't like merger conditions requiring regulators to keep an eye on the combined company's conduct for years after.

But politics and presidential influence also could have been a factor, suggested Matthew Cantor, an attorney focusing on telecom antitrust matters at Constantine Cannon in New York. When the deal was first made public in October 2016, it drew fire from then-candidate Donald Trump, who promised to kill it "because it's too much concentration of power in the hands of too few." Trump as president has publicly feuded with Time Warner's CNN, calling it "failing" and a purveyor of "fake news," and suspending one of its correspondents from the White House.

"It seems to me that political considerations played into this," Cantor said. "It's odd that the Justice Department has gone after this merger as its principal merger case. ... This was a very tough case. It's very hard to challenge a vertical merger."

The case could affect future antitrust regulation. It underscores that the government should look at vertical mergers more critically, particularly when the companies combining are already in industries that

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have few competitors, said Diana Moss, president of the American Antitrust Institute.

There has been a rush of deal-making in the cable, entertainment and telecom industries over the last few years, and Leon's ruling opened the doors for more efforts.

Just a day after his decision, Comcast jumped back into a bidding war with Disney for most of 21st Century Fox's TV and movie businesses. Disney eventually won, and Comcast bought British broadcaster Sky instead.

In other deal activity, wireless carriers Sprint and T-Mobile also are attempting to combine. The Justice Department and the Federal Communications Commission are still reviewing that deal, which is not a vertical merger. Sprint and T-Mobile are direct competitors.

Arbel reported from New York.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 27, the 58th day of 2019. There are 307 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 27, 1951, the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution, limiting a president to two terms of office, was ratified.

On this date:

In 1801, the District of Columbia was placed under the jurisdiction of Congress.

In 1911, inventor Charles F. Kettering demonstrated his electric automobile starter in Detroit by starting a Cadillac's motor with just the press of a switch, instead of hand-cranking.

In 1922, the Supreme Court, in *Leser v. Garnett*, unanimously upheld the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which guaranteed the right of women to vote.

In 1933, Germany's parliament building, the Reichstag (RYKS'-tahg), was gutted by fire; Chancellor Adolf Hitler, blaming the Communists, used the fire to justify suspending civil liberties.

In 1943, during World War II, Norwegian commandos launched a successful raid to sabotage a German-operated heavy water plant in Norway. An explosion inside a coal mine near Bearcreek, Montana, killed 74 miners and one rescue worker. The U.S. government, responding to a copper shortage, began circulating one-cent coins made of steel plated with zinc (the steel pennies proved unpopular, since they were easily mistaken for dimes).

In 1960, the U.S. Olympic hockey team defeated the Soviets, 3-2, at the Winter Games in Squaw Valley, California. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)

In 1968, at the conclusion of a CBS News special report on the Vietnam War, Walter Cronkite delivered a commentary in which he said that the conflict appeared "mired in stalemate." Former teen singing idol Frankie Lymon, known for such songs as "Why Do Fools Fall in Love" and "Goody Goody," was found dead of a drug overdose in New York at age 25.

In 1973, members of the American Indian Movement occupied the hamlet of Wounded Knee in South Dakota, the site of the 1890 massacre of Sioux men, women and children. (The occupation lasted until the following May.)

In 1982, Wayne Williams was found guilty of murdering two of the 28 young blacks whose bodies were found in the Atlanta area over a 22-month period. (Williams, who was also blamed for 22 other deaths, has maintained his innocence.)

In 1991, Operation Desert Storm came to a conclusion as President George H.W. Bush declared that "Kuwait is liberated, Iraq's army is defeated," and announced that the allies would suspend combat operations at midnight, Eastern time.

In 1998, with the approval of Queen Elizabeth II, Britain's House of Lords agreed to end 1,000 years of male preference by giving a monarch's first-born daughter the same claim to the throne as any first-born

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son.

In 1999, The Reverend Henry Lyons, president of the National Baptist Convention USA, was convicted in Largo, Fla., of swindling millions of dollars from companies seeking to do business with his followers. (Lyons, who served nearly five years in prison, was released in 2003.)

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama told Marines at Camp Lejeune, N.C. that he would end combat operations in Iraq by Aug. 31, 2010 and open a new era of diplomacy in the Middle East. The Rocky Mountain News ceased publishing after nearly 150 years in business.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama kicked off his "My Brother's Keeper" initiative from the White House East Room, calling for vigorous efforts to reverse underachievement among young black and Hispanic males. Masked gunmen stormed parliament in Ukraine's strategic Crimean region while the newly formed interim government pledged to prevent a breakup with strong backing for the West.

One year ago: According to two people informed of the decision, the security clearance of White House senior adviser and presidential son-in-law Jared Kushner had been downgraded, significantly reducing his access to classified information. (Kushner's status was restored in May after the completion of his background check.) A five-hour truce ordered by Syria's Russian allies to let civilians flee a besieged rebel-held enclave near Damascus failed to result in aid deliveries or medical evacuations, as deadly airstrikes and shelling continued. President Donald Trump named former digital adviser Brad Parscale as campaign manager for his 2020 re-election bid. The Anti-Defamation League reported a 57 percent increase in anti-Semitic incidents in the United States during 2017.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Joanne Woodward is 89. Consumer advocate Ralph Nader is 85. Opera singer Mirella Freni is 84. Actress Barbara Babcock is 82. Actor Howard Hesseman is 79. Actress Debra Monk is 70. Rock singer-musician Neal Schon (Journey) is 65. Rock musician Adrian Smith (Iron Maiden) is 62. Actor Timothy Spall is 62. Rock musician Paul Humphreys (Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark) is 59. Country singer Johnny Van Zant (Van Zant) is 59. Rock musician Leon Mobley (Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals) is 58. Basketball Hall of Famer James Worthy is 58. Actor Adam Baldwin is 57. Actor Grant Show is 57. Rock musician Mike Cross (Sponge) is 54. Actor Noah Emmerich is 54. Actor Donal Logue (DOH'-nuhl LOHG) is 53. Rhythm-and-blues singer Chilli (TLC) is 48. Rock musician Jeremy Dean (Nine Days) is 47. Rhythm-and-blues singer Roderick Clark is 46. Country-rock musician Shonna Tucker is 41. Chelsea Clinton is 39. Actor Brandon Beemer is 39. Rock musician Cyrus Bolooki (New Found Glory) is 39. Rock musician Jake Clemons (Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band) is 39. Rhythm-and-blues singer Bobby Valentino is 39. Singer Josh Groban is 38. Banjoist Noam (cq) Pikelnny is 38. Rock musician Jared Champion (Cage the Elephant) is 36. Actress Kate Mara is 36. TV personality JWoww (AKA Jenni Farley) is 33. Actress Lindsey Morgan is 29.

Thought for Today: "He that respects himself is safe from others. He wears a coat of mail that none can pierce." — Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (born this date in 1807, died in 1882).

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