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## Groton Area Schedule of Events

**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)

### Bates Township

**BATES TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE**

Bates Township will hold its annual meeting and election on Tuesday, March 5th, 2019 at the home of the Clerk, 14523 409th Ave, Conde.

Election of officers and business meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m.

We will be receiving bids for road maintenance and gravel. Please mail bids to

Betty Geist, Bates Township Clerk, 14523 409th Ave., Conde, SD 57434 prior to meeting date.

Betty Geist, Township Clerk

### Help Wanted

Looking for a fun, part-time job? Groton Dairy Queen is now hiring. Stop in for an application. (0216.0316)

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

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

- 1- Groton Care & Rehab Help Wanted Ad
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- 1- Bates Township Notice
- 2- Remove Fish Houses by March 10
- 2- Truss Pros is Hiring
- 2- State DI Pins
- 3- The making of a snow plow
- 4- Did You Know - about honey
- 5- I "Hate" Winter Party at Groton Care & Rehab
- 6- Accidents yesterday
- 7- Tiospa Zina has 17 point rally to end Groton's season
- 8- GFP Commission Unanimously Passes Deer License Allocation Proposal
- 9- Potential record cold in the morning (Yeah!)
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## HELP WANTED

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### Remove Fish Houses by March 10

Earlier this week, the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) extended the timeline for when anglers must remove their fish houses from South Dakota lakes. That deadline is now March 10, 2019.

While snow cover has made access to lakes difficult that snow will make removal of fish houses even more difficult when it melts and pools on lakes.

Anglers need to use caution when traveling on the ice.



### Steampunk Sue has arrived!

This year's State DI pins have arrived and are shown on the left.

The Copper will be sold today at the southeast tournament, Silver next weekend in Groton and Gold at West the next weekend. Then hopefully there will be some trading at state where they can be purchased, as well as online after state. Globals bound teams will have an additional rare pin for the set.

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**Did you know?**

A 450 gram  
jar of honey  
requires 1152 bees  
to travel 180,246 km  
and visit  
4,5 million flowers.  
That's 156 km  
per bee!





## I "HATE"

## WINTER

## PARTY

### Free Root Beer Floats

*Open to the community*

**Thursday, March 7th**

**Starting at 2 p.m.**



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**The roads are getting to the point where they are treacherous. On the way to Tiospa Zina last night, we encountered two accidents. One had a pickup on its side. These photos are from the accident scene just west of Webster. There was also a report of a vehicle upside in the ditch just north of Groton yesterday. Allow extra time if you need to travel and be careful!** (Photos by Paul Kosel)





## Tiospa Zina has 17 point rally to end Groton's season

The Groton Area boys saw their season come to an end Friday at Agency Village as the Tiospa Zina Wambdi posted a 56-38 win over the Tigers. It was the second round of Region 1A competition. The game started 15 minutes later to allow the fans from the charter bus to arrive to watch the entire game.

The game was also broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, where a record 1,100 viewers watched the game. The broadcast was sponsored by Aberdeen Chrysler Center, Allied Climate Professionals w/ Kevin Nehls, Bahr Spray Foam, BK Custom T's & More, Blocker Construction, DeHoet Trucking, Full Circle Ag, Groton American Legion, Groton Care & Rehab Center, Johnson Agency (JR), Jungle Lanes & Lounge, Locke Electric, Lori's Pharmacy, Mike-N-Jo's Body-N-Glass, Milbrandt Enterprises, Inc., Northeast Chiropractic Clinic w/ Taylor Anderson, Olde Bank Cafe, Olson Development, Professional Management Services, S & S Lumber, TNTax Business Solutions, Truss Pros of Britton and Weber Landscaping.

Both teams struggled in the early goings as it was 3:51 before the first basket was scored in the game and that was by the Tigers. The game was tied at two and four before the Wambdi took an 8-6 lead at the end of the first quarter. In the first quarter, Groton Area made three of 10 field goals for 30 percent and the Wambdi made three of 14 for 21 percent.

Tiospa Zina had a seven-point run in the second quarter and jumped out to a 20-12 lead at half time. The Tigers were two of 13 in the second quarter for 15 percent and the Wambdi were four of 13 for 31 percent.

It was the third quarter where Tiospa Zina ruled the court, forcing three turnovers and having a 17-point run to take a 41-19 lead. In the third quarter, the Tigers were three of 15 for 20 percent and the Wambdi were eight of 12 for 67 percent. Groton Area shot 39 percent in the fourth quarter and Tiospa Zina shot 42 percent.

Jonathan Doeden led the Tigers with 12 points while Brodyn DeHoet and Treyton Diegel each had 10 points and Lane Tietz and Kaden Kurtz each had a three-pointer. Diegel and DeHoet each had two three-pointers in the fourth quarter.



It was a double-double night for Tiospa Zina's Jameson Pratt as he finished with 22 points and 11 rebounds. Payton Halseide had 13 points, Johnny German and Divante Greeley each had 10 six points, Jacob LaBlanc had four, Caleb White three and adding two points was Quintin Abbey.

Groton Area had 14 turnovers of which 13 of them were steals. Tiospa Zina had 11 turnovers of which three were steals with DeHoet having two. The Tigers shot 29 percent from the field and the Wambdi made 39 percent. Groton Area made two of six free throws for 33 percent of of Tiospa Zina's 13 team fouls. The Wambdi made nine of 15 free throws off of Groton Area's 13 team fouls. Tiospa Zina had the edge on the boards, 37-31, with DeHoet having nine for Groton Area.

**Coach Justin Hanson talks to his team during a time out.** (Photo

by Paul Kosel)



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Coach Justin Hanson made the following comments on his Facebook Page, "This is always the hardest part of the season. None of us ever want things to come to an end, but like the saying goes, all good things must. This season was a year of growth. Our record may not have reflected our true talents, but the growth that these 25 young men showed was breath taking. I never exited one gym after a night of Tiger Basketball where I felt like our boys didn't play 110%. Our boys were forced to overcome more adversity this season than most teams have to overcome in 4 seasons combined and you know what? They did it. They dealt with it. Never complaining, never giving up, they just kept their chins held high and came to practice every day willing and ready to get better. We may not be heading to play in a State Tournament, but we are coming out winners. Winners in the fact that all of the boys became one family, one group who picks each other up when one is down, one family who doesn't just give a five but extends a hug to their teammates, one TEAM who came together to support one of their brother's mom in her fight. This is what it's all about. It's not about wins and losses, or who got more minutes. It's about the growth these boys gained as human beings. They learned compassion, anger, frustration, happiness, loving, caring and most importantly what it's like to be a TEAM! They are all one unit willing to do anything for each other 7-12 grade. No matter what, and that is what they'll take away from this season. That is what it means to truly be #TigerProud. Please when you see these 25 young men out in public, take the time to congratulate them on their hard-work and growth. They've earned it!"

Stacy Keith commented on the GDILIVE.COM page, "Good season Tigers!!!"

## **GFP Commission Unanimously Passes Deer License Allocation Proposal**

PIERRE, S.D. – Earlier today, the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Commission unanimously passed the deer license allocation proposal that would allow a hunter to apply for two of the six deer seasons in the first draw. These seasons include: East River/Special Buck, West River/Special Buck, Black Hills, Muzzleloader, Refuge and Custer State Park. Special Buck license holders would be limited to one additional application in the first draw as long as that application was not valid for the same season as their Special Buck license.

Nonresident hunters remain eligible for eight percent of the allocation for West River, Black Hills and Refuge hunting seasons during the first drawing.

Other details include:

In the second draw, a hunter may not apply for a leftover license if they possess two licenses for any of the East River/Special Buck, West River/Special Buck, Black Hills, Muzzleloader, Refuge and Custer State Park deer hunting units in the first draw. A person with one license for these seasons may submit one application for a season they currently do not possess a license.

In the third draw, a resident hunter (even if they possess 2 licenses) may submit one application for each season they do not possess a license.

In the fourth draw, resident hunters may submit up to five applications. Only those nonresidents without two licenses may apply for a license remaining in pools originally designated (8%) for nonresidents (West River, Black Hills or Refuge).

After the fourth draw, all remaining resident and nonresident licenses would be pooled and sold first-come, first-served. There will be no limit on the number of licenses that a person can acquire.

In addition, preference points for the six deer seasons would be free to youth age 15 or younger during the calendar year when the preference point is acquired. An applicant who has not received a first choice license or has not obtained a license using preference that is or was age 15 or younger in the calendar year of the drawing would receive a bonus preference point for that deer season.

These changes are slated to be implemented for the 2019 deer hunting season if approved by the legislative interim rules review committee in April. One of the biggest changes would be that application deadlines for the six firearm seasons would be mid-June. The special buck application deadline would remain mid-April.

Pending finalization of this new proposal, the GFP Commission intends to conduct a comprehensive review in three years.

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## Potential Record Cold March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

Location	Forecast and (Record) Cold Lows Sunday Morning	Forecast and (Record) Cold Highs on Sunday
Aberdeen	-20° (-15° in 1916)	-2° (5° in 1978)
Watertown	-18° (-20° in 1916)	-4° (4° in 1978)
Pierre	-15° (-11° in 2014)	1° (5° in 1960)
Mobridge	-18° (-22° in 1916)	-1° (4° in 1989)
Sisseton	-15° (-10° in 2002)	-2° (8° in 1978)
Timber Lake	-19° (-19° in 1917)	-1° (1° in 1989)
Kennebec	-12° (-18° in 2014)	1° (5° in 1989)
Wheaton, MN	-16° (-10° in 2014)	-1° (6° in 2014)

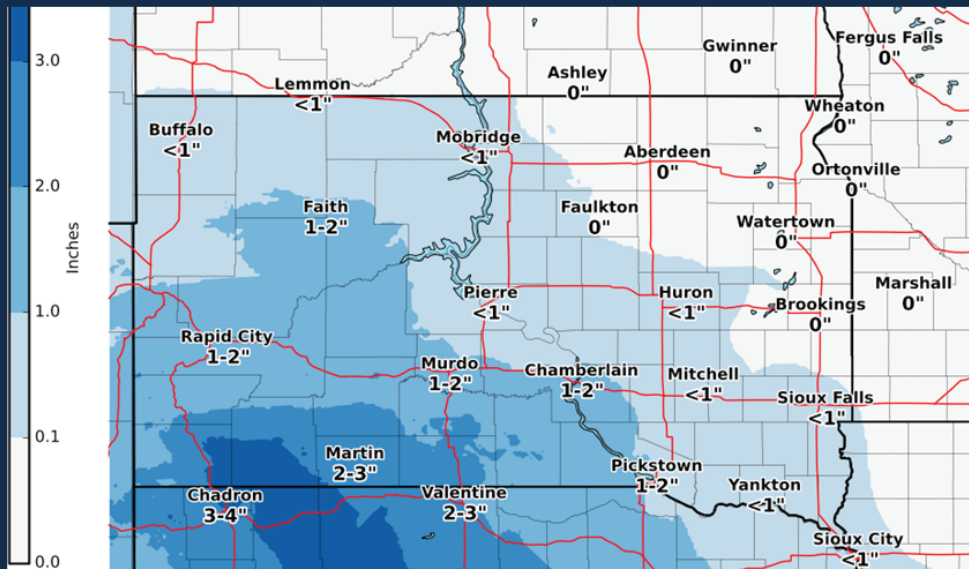


Updated: 3/2/2019 6:30 AM Central

Published on: 03/02/2019 at 6:35AM

## Accumulating Snow Possible Today

Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>: Snow will track southeast across central South Dakota this morning and into the afternoon. Roads could become slick; take it slow if traveling! Temperatures will also be very cold with highs only in the single digits.



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## Today in Weather History

March 2, 1966: The blizzard began late on March 2nd in the west and moved very slowly across the state reaching the extreme east on the 4th continuing into the 5th. Snow depths ranged from 2 to 4 inches in southeast South Dakota to nearly 3 feet in north central South Dakota. Winds of 40 to 55 mph with gusts to 70 mph caused widespread blowing snow and near zero visibilities during the storm. Drifts up to 30 feet were reported in sheltered areas with open fields nearly bare. The storm caused massive livestock losses. Estimated losses were 50,000 cattle, 46,000 sheep, and 1800 hogs. The most substantial losses were in the central and north central parts of the state. The heavy snow also collapsed many structures. The storm directly caused three deaths due to exposure and three deaths were indirectly caused by the storm; 2 due to heart attacks and one by asphyxiation. The blizzard was rated as one of the most severe that has been experienced in South Dakota. Many roads were blocked for days along with many schools and businesses closed.

March 2, 2007: An area of low pressure moved slowly northeast across the central and northern plains bringing widespread snowfall along with intense winds. The combination of the falling snow and the existing snow cover resulted in blizzard conditions with visibilities to zero at times. This blizzard event was part of the same upper-level low-pressure trough that brought the heavy snowfall to the area on February 28th. Additional snowfall occurred on March 1st and 2nd across the region as a large area of snow wrapped in from the east. Widespread blizzard conditions developed by noon on March 2nd and continued into the early morning hours of the 3rd. Snowfall amounts, including the snow on February 28th, ranged from 2 inches to as much as 22 inches across central and northeast South Dakota. The heaviest snowfall amounts were across northeastern South Dakota where total snow depths were in the 25 to 30-inch range. Northwest winds of 30 to 45 mph with gusts near 60 mph brought zero visibilities at times across the area along with creating large snowdrifts. Schools, businesses, airports, roads, and interstates were closed for up to two days. Travel was not advised across the area. Also, many cars were ditched along with several accidents. Many travelers were stranded and several shelters were opened. The Emergency Operations Center was activated in Pierre, and the Governor declared the blizzard area a disaster. Some of the most significant snowfall amounts over the 3 day period included, 11 inches at Andover, Hosmer, and Redfield, 12 inches at Webster, 13 inches at Miller, 14 inches at Victor, Groton, and Clark, 15 inches at Castlewood and Summit, 16 inches at Watertown and Roy Lake, 19 inches at Sisseton, 20 inches at Milbank, 21 inches at Bryant, and 22 inches at Clear Lake.

1927: Raleigh, North Carolina was buried under 17.8 inches of snow in 24 hours, a record for that location until 2000. On January 25, 2000, Raleigh saw 17.9 inches of snow in 24 hours.

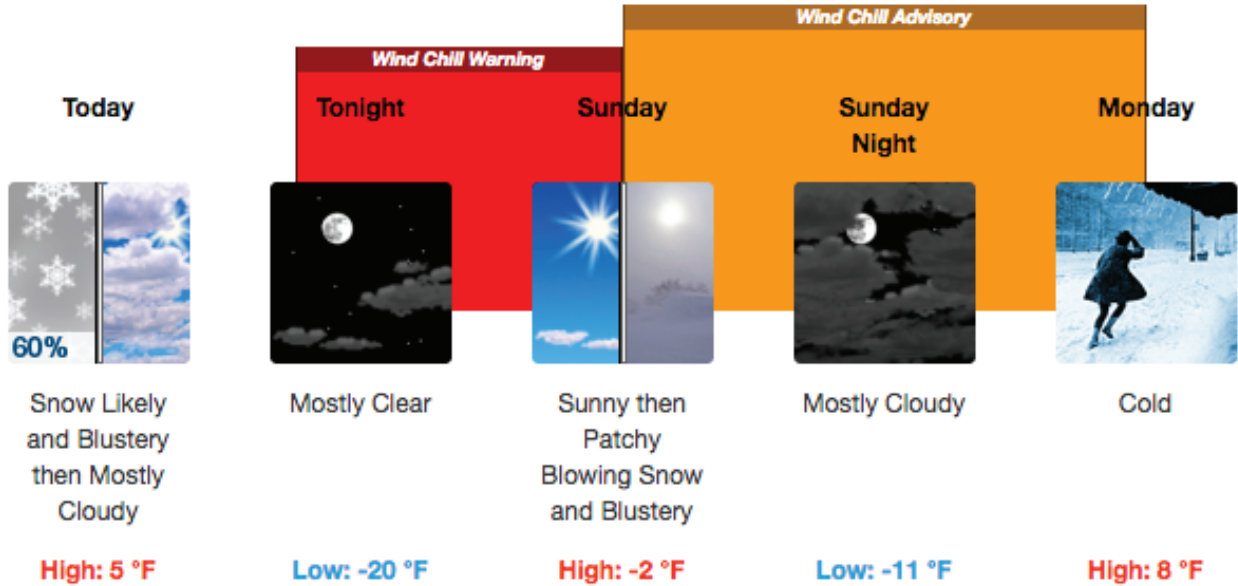
1988: Thunderstorms produced severe weather in the south-central U.S. A tornado in Baton Rouge, Louisiana injured two persons, and another tornado caused five million dollars damage at the airport in Lafayette, Louisiana.

1990: Twenty-two ships were trapped by ice in the worst ice jam in the Gulf of St. Lawrence in 10 years. The ice was 23 feet thick.



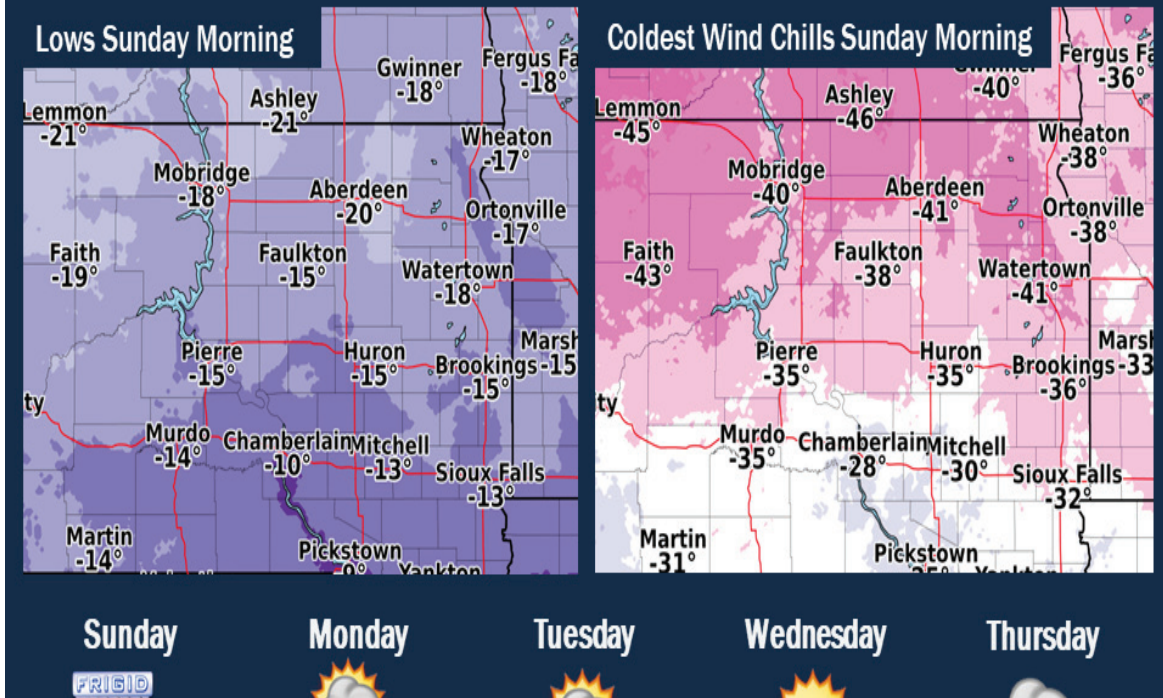
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## RECORD COLD THIS WEEKEND

Dry and cold today with highs in the single digits. Records most likely to be broken: Sunday morning lows and Sunday highs. Dangerous wind chills; frostbite possible in as little as 10 min



It may be March, but dangerously cold air remains. Of particular concern is Sunday with wind chills around 40 below are possible, though wind chills may again reach into the 20 to 35 below range on Monday morning.

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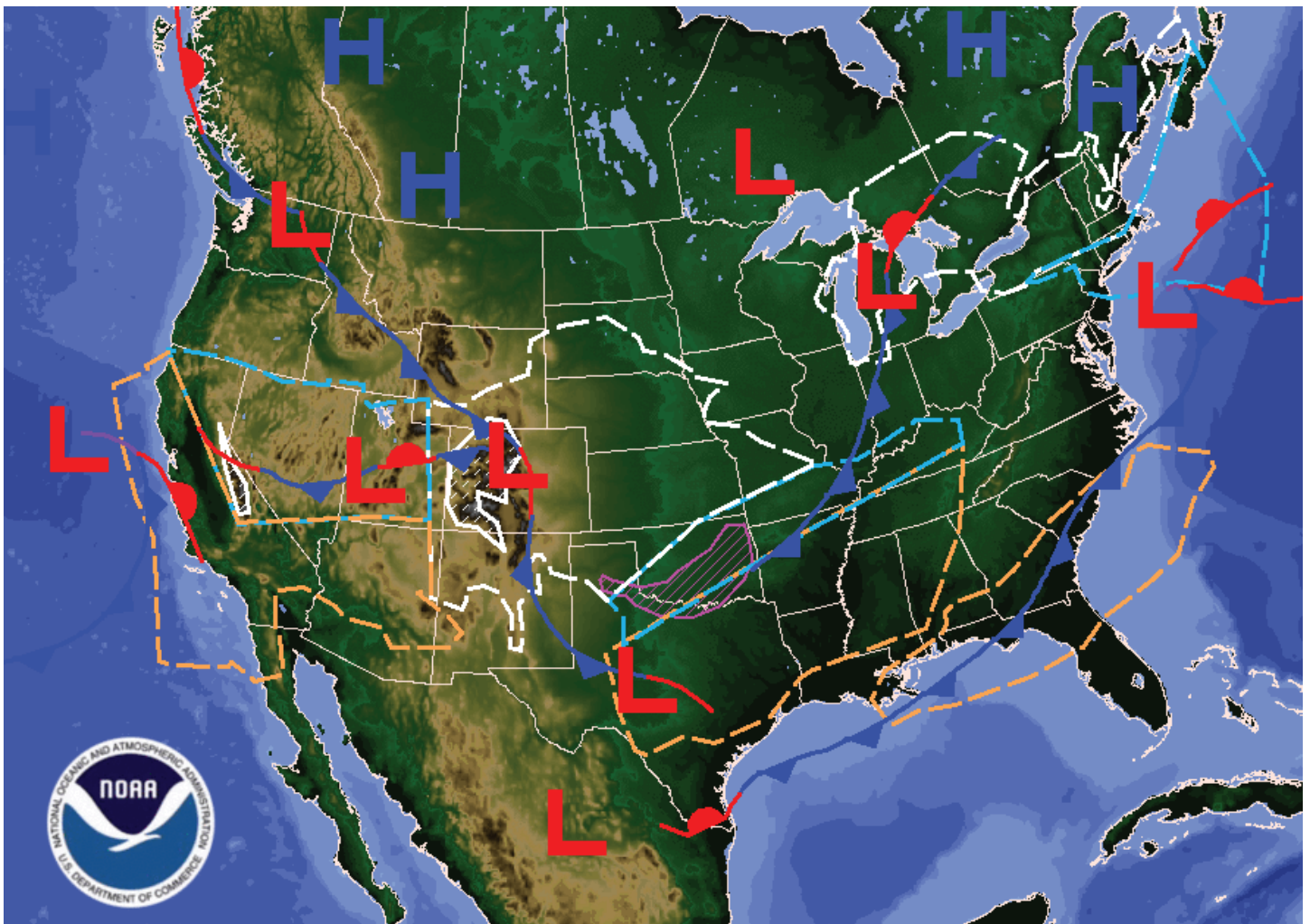
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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 17 °F at 11:13 AM**  
**Low Outside Temp: -7 °F at 10:07 PM**  
**High Gust: 15 mph at 2:42 PM**  
**Precip: 3-4" fluffy snow fell yesterday**

## Today's Info

**Record High: 60° in 1974, 1905**  
**Record Low: -21° in 1913**  
**Average High: 33°F**  
**Average Low: 14°F**  
**Average Precip in Mar.: 0.03**  
**Precip to date in Mar.: 0.00**  
**Average Precip to date: 1.05**  
**Precip Year to Date: 0.00**  
**Sunset Tonight: 6:22 p.m.**  
**Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:09 a.m.**



### Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Sat, Mar 02, 2019, issued 6:42 AM EST  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Kebede 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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## THE JOY OF WISDOM

I do not know where to begin or what to say, he confessed with a face that was covered with confusion.

Well, start any place, and we'll see if we can unwind things. God promised that He would guide us when we asked for His directions, I replied.

Some people look at me and ask if I've just received a fatal diagnosis. Others want to know if my wife and children just abandoned me. Some want to know if I'm on my way to jail. It's humiliating. Nothing's really wrong - but people think my life is a disaster, he continued.

Tom is like many others we meet every day. Forlorn looks, drooped shoulders, eyes looking for a light, ears listening for something that will change things. What is the solution to their problems?

God's wisdom. Though it may not be easy to follow, it's simple to understand. Though it creates difficult choices, it leads to a blessed, happy and joyful life. Solomon, under God's guidance, wrote, Blessed, or happy, is the man who finds wisdom.

But, what do we need to do to get it? We get it when we walk in a right relationship with God. Being right with God is an essential, basic ingredient in the life of the Christian. Our God is a righteous God, and we can expect no blessings, happiness, joy or peace until we make things right with Him!

And, we must thank Him for that! If we have a spike in our temperature, we know we have a health problem. When we lose the joy of His salvation, we have a heart problem; God is at work!

Prayer: Thank You, Lord, for loving us so much. You do everything You can to keep us close beside You. Thanks, again! In Jesus Name, Amen.

Scripture For Today: Proverbs 3:13 Blessed is the person who finds wisdom, the one who gains understanding.



## 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

## News from the Associated Press

### Popular state park near Sioux Falls to expand in size

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A popular state park 20 miles northeast of Sioux Falls is about to double in size. The Argus Leader reports that the Game, Fish and Park Commission has agreed to acquire donated land to expand the 157-acre Palisades State Park.

Parks division officials say the park has been operating at 99 percent capacity, with more than 90,000 people visiting each year.

The expansion will add at least 70 campsites and extra recreational aspects south of the existing park. The park features cliffs and rock formations eroded out of pink Sioux Quartzite along the Split Rock Creek. It is a destination for campers, hikers, rock climbers, kayakers and canoers.

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

### Troopers find 100 pounds of pot in South Dakota traffic stop

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Two people are facing a variety of drug offenses after authorities found more than 100 pounds of marijuana and other drugs in their vehicle after a traffic stop in Minnehaha County.

The Argus Leader reports that 33-year-old Elique Semaboye and 23-year-old Christian Alan Backhaus are charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession with the intent to distribute marijuana, possession of more than 10 pounds of marijuana, drug paraphernalia, and traffic violations.

Court documents show that troopers found 101 pounds of marijuana, 68 grams of hash oil and 10 grams of cocaine at a traffic stop last month. Documents did not say where the two were coming from, or where they were going.

Both suspects remain in custody. It wasn't clear if they are being represented by attorneys.

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

### Yearning for Zion ex-polygamist ranch in Texas being sold

By JOHN MacCORMACK, San Antonio Express-News

ELDORADO, Texas (AP) — A group of polygamists, with their blond child brides and 19th century doctrine of plural marriage being the pathway to heaven, were forced out their compound here in 2014, and scattered to the west.

The San Antonio Express-News reports their prophet and absolute leader, Warren Jeffs, 63, once on the FBI's 10 Most Wanted List, is serving a life sentence in a Texas state prison for raping young girls at the site.

And for most residents of this one-stoplight farming town three hours west of San Antonio, the whole traumatic story that began 15 years ago is fading into history.

But just a few miles north of town, the abandoned Yearning for Zion Ranch looks much like it did when hundreds of followers of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints called it home.

The broad streets, orchards, water treatment plant and more than 40 large buildings, including a massive white temple, remain intact and functional.

After years of legal entanglements, the property soon will belong to ETG Properties LLC. The Dallas-area company intends to use it as a military and law enforcement training base.

On a recent flyover, James Doyle, 82, a pilot and former Schleicher County justice of the peace, noted important landmarks.

"That big house down there is where Warren Jeffs lived. He had 15 to 20 wives there," he remarked, pointing out an elongated structure that resembles a small motel.

He also pointed out a huge concrete amphitheater from which Jeffs reportedly planned to address the

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leaders of the free world after his prison walls crumbled.

And if the fear and anxiety triggered by the arrival of polygamists from Arizona and Utah has ebbed, the unnerving presence of the prophet lingers.

"He is terrible, horrible. He caused a lot of heartache for a lot of kids and other people. He separated wives from their husbands and all kinds of things," Doyle said.

The ranch and all of its improvements were forfeited to the state in 2014 after Jeffs and nine other men were convicted or pled guilty to bigamy and sex crimes committed on the property.

In October, ETG Properties, based in Addison, agreed to buy the ranch for \$4.17 million. While waiting for the sale to close, ETG has been leasing the property for \$5,000 a month.

Already Border Patrol and Department of Defense personnel have come for training, and neighbors are getting used to the sounds of helicopters and other aircraft moving after dark.

Repeated attempts to reach the principals of ETG Properties and related companies were unsuccessful.

Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran is the most eager for the story to end.

"This has consumed my life since 2004. There has not been a day that did not involve something to do with this bunch or this land," he said.

For a decade, Doran was the county's liaison with the polygamists and he still maintains contact with one of them.

After the group left in 2014, Doran and his wife Lenette moved into a two-bedroom apartment on the ranch as caretakers.

"It was the cheapest way for the county. At first it was creepy because of everything that happened there. Now there is nothing there that bothers me," he added.

He used inmate labor to maintain the property and structures, once valued at \$34 million on county tax rolls.

During his watch there, the ranch has experienced flooding, a wildfire and scattered attempts to break into the property.

Along the way, he said, he had to learn how everything worked, including the municipal water system.

Before the YFC Ranch turned this small town upside down, people here talked more about cotton, cattle and high school sports.

Doran still remembers the shock of learning that the reclusive polygamists were building a community just to the north.

"It was baptism by fire. We were trying to wrap our minds around what this group was about," he recalled. "Me personally, I barely knew what polygamy was."

On March 25, 2004, as stunned townspeople gathered with Doran outside the courthouse to hear the news, one local woman held up a sign that read "The Devil is Here."

Flora Jessop, an apostate who had left the polygamist colony at Short Creek, Arizona, and Buster Johnson, an official from Mohave County, Arizona, spoke to the crowd.

"They are not a danger to your children. They are a danger to their own children," said Jessop, who said she had 28 brothers and sisters.

Johnson spoke graphically about how the FDLS women received almost no education and some begin bearing children as young teenagers.

Randy Mankin, publisher of the Eldorado Success, the paper of record for the story since 2004, likened the polygamist's arrival to that of a UFO.

"It's still fresh to me, like yesterday but I'm one of the old geezers," Mankin said.

"It just felt like a cloud was hanging over the town. No one knew what the future would be. Some people left because they were afraid a group would come and take over," he said.

Things reached a chaotic peak in April 2008, when the state raided the ranch, prompted by an anonymous complaint to Child Protective Services of child abuse. The call later proved to be a hoax, but not before hundreds of women and children were removed.

"There were 13 satellite television trucks parked at the courthouse," Mankin recalls.

More than 400 children were taken into temporary custody by the state. They were returned seven weeks



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later after the Third Court of Appeals ruled that the state had not met its burden for an emergency removal. Still, the evidence obtained, including DNA from the children, led to indictments of Jeffs and 11 other men on charges of bigamy and sexual assault.

In August 2011, Jeffs was convicted of aggravated sexual assault of a child and sexual assault of a child. His victims were 12 and 15 years old. He was sentenced to life in prison plus 20 years.

In November 2012, the Texas Attorney General's Office began legal proceedings to seize the ranch. In April 2014, the last polygamists left peacefully and Texas authorities took possession.

As Eldorado's improbable polygamist ordeal is now finally ending, opinions about the place among community leaders differ.

Johnny Griffin, 74, who was county judge through 2008, still thinks the state was wrong to forcefully remove more than 400 children.

"I was really opposed to that whole operation. It was a political stand for (then-Attorney General) Mr. Abbott. He was going to run for governor. In my opinion, it was the worst of the state being Big Brother," Griffin began.

He also disagrees with the state using the criminal convictions of a handful of polygamist men to justify seizing the Yearning for Zion Ranch, and forcing everyone who lived there to leave.

"Why in the hell didn't they leave the mommas and the kids in there, and get rid of the men? When you see your momma get drug off, it's got to affect you. I thought it was terribly handled," he said.

Former County Commissioner Matt Brown, however, thinks that state officials handled the situation appropriately.

"We're just glad that they are gone. There was a lot of turmoil and unrest in the county. When they move in, they can certainly ruin a community," he said.

Brown said that the abuses that occurred within the polygamist community outweigh any arguments about religious liberty or criticism of the state's abrupt removal of the children.

"It was the child abuse and the brainwashing that goes on in that cult. And it's sad that it's still going on. It's pretty much a slave state," he said.

"We're glad to have new owners. We're glad someone was interested in the property and it's being put to good use," he added.

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Information from: San Antonio Express-News, <http://www.mysanantonio.com>

## Cadaver program seeks more donations of human bodies

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — The coordinator of a University of South Dakota program that provides human bodies to schools for anatomy and physiology classes says there's a severe shortage of donors.

Sara Bird, who coordinates the program, tells the Aberdeen American News that the program needs 60-65 human bodies to be donated every year to fulfill all requests. She says the program had just 36 bodies at the start of the 2018-19 school year.

Bird says the shortage of donations means the program has had to turn away schools, limit requests and reduce the number of students in programs, including at the University of South Dakota.

Conditions that would prohibit a body donation include morbid obesity, organ donation beyond the eyes, transmittable diseases or severe trauma.

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## Tribes accuse Corps of withholding pipeline study records

By **BLAKE NICHOLSON**, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Tribes battling the Dakota Access oil pipeline in court are accusing the Army Corps of Engineers of withholding dozens of documents that could bolster their case that the pipeline could unfairly impact them.

Many of the records that attorneys for the four Sioux tribes allege are missing relate to the pipeline's crossing beneath the Lake Oahe reservoir on the Missouri River in the Dakotas, which the tribes rely on for drinking water, fishing and religious practices. Fears of a spill into the river sparked prolonged protests in 2016 and early 2017 that drew thousands of pipeline opponents from around the world to southern North Dakota.

The Corps, which permitted the \$3.8 billion pipeline that began moving North Dakota oil to Illinois in June 2017, "produced a fragmented and incomplete record designed to defend a flawed agency action, one that omits key documents important to the tribes' legal challenge," attorneys for the Standing Rock, Cheyenne River, Yankton and Oglala Sioux tribes wrote in a Wednesday court filing. They implored U.S. District Judge James Boasberg to order the Corps to turn over the requested documents.

The Justice Department, which represents the Corps, declined comment.

Boasberg in June 2017 ruled that the Corps "largely complied" with environmental law when permitting the pipeline built by Texas-based Energy Transfer Partners, but he ordered more study on tribal impacts. The Corps in August 2018 said it had finished more than a year of additional study and that the work substantiated its earlier determination that the pipeline does not pose a higher risk of adverse impacts to minorities.

The tribes are challenging the assertion, hoping to persuade Boasberg to shut down the pipeline.

The Corps in early February turned over to the tribes documents it used in making the determination. The tribes allege records are missing that impact not only their case but also "masks" information that could influence Boasberg's eventual decision on whether the Corps study is adequate.

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## Iowa grocery participates in muscular dystrophy fundraiser

BOONE, Iowa (AP) — An Iowa-based grocery store chain is again participating in an annual fundraiser to fight muscular dystrophy, ALS and related muscular degenerative diseases.

Fareway Stores throughout Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska and South Dakota are participating in the MDA Shamrocks program running through March 16.

Under the program, customers can buy paper shamrocks along with their grocery purchases for \$1, \$5 or more. The money collected goes to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The association says the MDA Shamrocks program the nation's largest St. Patrick's Day fundraising program.

The money raised helps fund research and provide individuals with life-enhancing programs and support services. That includes multidisciplinary care at the MDA Care Center at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City.

## Friday's Scores

By The Associated Press

### BOYS PREP BASKETBALL

Class A Region 1

SoDak 16 Qualifier

Redfield/Doland 45, Aberdeen Roncalli 42

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SoDak 16 Qualifier  
Flandreau 64, Sioux Valley 54  
Madison 80, Hamlin 70  
Class A Region 3  
SoDak 16 Qualifier  
Dell Rapids 68, Garretson 53  
Sioux Falls Christian 69, Baltic 31  
Class A Region 4  
SoDak 16 Qualifier  
Lennox 64, Dakota Valley 53  
Tea Area 86, Vermillion 60  
Class A Region 5  
SoDak 16 Qualifier  
Bon Homme 47, Platte-Geddes 42  
Parker 63, Parkston 59  
Class A Region 6  
SoDak 16 Qualifier  
Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 67, Stanley County 64  
Mobridge-Pollock 43, Chamberlain 41  
Class A Region 7  
SoDak 16 Qualifier  
Pine Ridge 89, Little Wound 64  
Winner 62, Red Cloud 57  
Class A Region 8  
SoDak 16 Qualifier  
Hot Springs 57, Rapid City Christian 52  
St. Thomas More 64, Belle Fourche 42  
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SoDak 16 Qualifier  
Clark/Willow Lake 61, Aberdeen Christian 52  
Northwestern 49, Warner 45  
Class B Region 2  
SoDak 16 Qualifier  
Potter County 68, Faulkton 55  
Sully Buttes 58, Highmore-Harrold 47  
Class B Region 3  
SoDak 16 Qualifier  
DeSmet 60, Castlewood 57  
Wolsey-Wessington 54, Arlington 51  
Class B Region 4  
SoDak 16 Qualifier  
Dell Rapids St. Mary 64, Colman-Egan 62  
Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 55, Hanson 48  
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SoDak 16 Qualifier  
Bridgewater-Emery 81, Irene-Wakonda 49  
Viborg-Hurley 62, Canistota 42  
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Corsica/Stickney 55, Kimball/White Lake 46  
Class B Region 7  
SoDak 16 Qualifier  
Jones County 59, Lower Brule 43  
White River 73, Kadoka Area 51  
Class B Region 8  
SoDak 16 Qualifier  
Lemmon 60, Faith 51  
Timber Lake 70, Harding County 51

## **GIRLS PREP BASKETBALL**

Class AA SoDak 16  
State Qualifier  
Douglas 75, Brookings 47  
Harrisburg 65, Sioux Falls Roosevelt 35  
Mitchell 60, Sturgis Brown 35  
Rapid City Stevens 55, Yankton 31  
Sioux Falls Lincoln 59, Huron 34  
Sioux Falls O'Gorman 60, Pierre 38  
Sioux Falls Washington 47, Rapid City Central 33

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

## **Alpacas visit South Dakota library**

**By ARIELLE ZIONTS, Rapid City Journal**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — “You don’t see alpacas in the library every day,” Charlotte Preble said as she stood next to three of the tall, woolly animals visiting the downtown Rapid City Public Library.

“I like them because they’re just so darn fluffy,” the 10-year-old Rapid City resident told the Rapid City Journal.

Preble was among dozens of enthusiastic visitors who stopped by to see the alpacas that walked around a small area on the second floor of the library as people petted, fed and took selfies with them.

The alpaca visit is part of the library’s “No School Day” series, when the library plans fun educational activities for youth, said Janet Parr, events coordinator.

Parr was thinking about how cold it has been recently and decided how a visit from warm animals might be nice. She brought the alpacas to the library after learning that Glenn and Deb Lepp raise them in the nearby community of Caputa.

They’re just “so adorable,” Parr said.

While the library has brought in poultry and reptiles before, mammals have never visited, she added.

In addition to bringing in the alpacas, Parr set up several alpaca-themed arts-and-crafts stations so the children who visited could practice teamwork and creativity.

“I love animals, and I just wanted to see alpacas since I hadn’t seen them for a while,” 11-year-old Amelia Holy Rock said as she created an alpaca from colorful felt and pipe cleaners.

Holy Rock, of Rapid City, said her mom learned of the event after seeing the library’s Facebook video of the alpacas entering the building and riding up the elevator.

Other youth colored in drawings of alpacas and made alpaca finger puppets out of paper and pompoms. People could also enter a raffle to win a set of 3D-printed alpacas.

Preble said she learned that alpacas come from South America and others discovered as Glenn Lepp explained that alpacas, like llamas, will sometimes spit when they get angry.

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The animals were a bit stressed from all the attention but are overall gentle and kind animals, Lepp said. His ranch, Caputa Alpacas, has hosted school groups and welcomes visitors who want to meet the animals or buy alpaca wool products.

"Everybody likes them," Lepp said.

For the visit to the library, Lepp brought Angel and Snowball, two adult cream-colored alpacas, and Zion, a baby with dark brown wool.

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

## South Dakota college students do stand-up as part of class

By KATHERINE GRANDSTRAND, Aberdeen American News

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — Humor is an interesting tool people use in every day interactions.

That's something students taking Liz Sill's comedy and humor seminar at Northern State University are learning.

"Humor is something that even scholarly people in our industry can't figure out," said Jennafer Martin, junior.

"What surprised me was the origins of laughter," junior Kaycee Cronin told the Aberdeen American News. "You laugh because you're afraid. Something puts fear into you and you laugh because you're either afraid or maybe the fear's gone."

The class is mandatory for all communication studies majors, and has undergraduates of all levels.

"It's really important that we all actually do the things we study," said Sills, who is an assistant professor of communication studies. "That's part of what this class is about."

So, the students were tasked with performing stand-up comedy at the Red Rooster Coffee House during an open mic night hosted by local comedian Spencer Dobson.

"It's hard," said junior Harrison Bruns. "When you watch a stand-up bit on Netflix, you just think these people are funny and they just happen to be gifted and they're just really good at it, but like in reality they're working on their jokes all the time, and (you don't know) how much work they actually put into perfecting a joke and making sure a punchline hits."

One challenge students have: trying to keep their stories family friendly for the Red Rooster.

"You have to be more cautious, I guess, in what you're saying than what we say to one another in the classroom," said junior Carly Wheeting.

"As college kids, we (curse) left and right and nobody thinks twice about it, but there's going to be kids, you can't do that," Cronin said.

And they have to know their audience.

"You can try and be funny to that particular audience. I can make jokes with my friends, but that doesn't mean everybody's going to find what I say funny," said senior Becca Langbehn.

And bombing is part of the game.

"When Spencer was here, he was talking about how you have to prepare yourself for failure," senior Makaela Moser said. "You're not going to be good every time. People aren't going to laugh every time."

But all the students are in the same boat — they're all first-timers on the stand-up stage.

"Everyone's really nervous, and everyone's kind of dreading it almost, but also, I'm really excited to see everybody else's," said junior Bailey Alonge.

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## SD Lottery

By The Associated Press

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

Mega Millions

29-33-39-60-66, Mega Ball: 21, Megaplier: 2

(twenty-nine, thirty-three, thirty-nine, sixty, sixty-six; Mega Ball: twenty-one; Megaplier: two)

Estimated jackpot: \$267 million

Powerball

Estimated jackpot: \$348 million

## Prosecutors: Rapid City teen killed during planned robbery

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Prosecutors say two young men accused of killing a teen in Rapid City earlier this week shot the victim during a planned robbery.

Nineteen-year-old Andre Martinez and 19-year-old Cole Waters appeared in court Friday on multiple counts, including aiding and abetting first-degree murder. The Rapid City Journal reports they could face the death penalty or life in prison.

They are accused of killing 17-year-old Emmanuel Hinton of Box Elder on Tuesday during an apparent drug sale. Prosecutors say Martinez planned the robbery, and Waters held Martinez's gun to Hinton's head and shot him.

Bail for both men was set at \$1 million, cash-only bond. An attorney for Martinez called that "quite exuberant" and said her client has post-traumatic stress disorder and mental health issues.

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

## SD industrial hemp bill still 'gravely concerns' governor

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem said Friday that a bill to legalize industrial hemp still "gravely concerns" her, but she stopped short of threatening to veto the proposal that's one step from her desk.

The Republican governor said she's apprehensive that the bill approved Thursday by a Senate panel would make enforcement difficult. Noem echoed concerns raised by her administration at the panel hearing, saying she's worried because drug detection dogs flag hemp, just like marijuana, and that the plants look alike.

The 2018 federal farm bill legalized cultivation of industrial hemp nationally, but the governor has asked state lawmakers not to pass the bill this year.

Supporters contend planting hemp wouldn't even happen until 2020 under the bill, which defines industrial hemp as containing no more than 0.3 percent THC. They said there's an industry ready in South Dakota to start processing hemp products.

If the measure passes the full Senate without changes, it would head to Noem's desk. The governor said there's an amendment that may be proposed in the Senate that would win her support, but she declined to describe the proposed changes.

Noem also took issue with two proposals legislators are discussing this year after the state won the ability to collect sales taxes from out-of-state internet retailers. Lawmakers are debating the changes because of ambiguity in a 2016 law that sought to require that a half-cent sales tax hike be phased out if the state was ever allowed to impose the online sales taxes.

Under existing law, the 4.5 percent tax rate is to be rolled back by one-tenth of a percent for every ad-



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ditional \$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 reductions to occur.

A bill that would have instead allowed the Legislature's budget-writing committee to propose reductions each year that online sales tax revenue grew by \$20 million was changed this week to target cutting the sales tax on food, rather than the overall rate. Noem said she's concerned the plan goes against the original intent of the previous legislation.

The governor also said she disagrees with a bill that would encompass 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.

Following a recent trip to Washington, D.C., Noem told reporters in Pierre that she had several discussions with President Donald Trump about trade disputes. Noem spoke last Friday at a conference sponsored by Politico alongside a National Governors Association meeting, saying trade wars with countries like China have "devastated" South Dakota .

Trump was in discussions with China over the weekend while she was there, and Noem said the president wanted her to know that he's continuing to work for more fair agreements for South Dakota farmers.

"He wanted me to know that he knows we're concerned," Noem said. "He said, 'I know my farmers need better markets. I know they need more access, and that's what I'm working for.'"

## **Belle Fourche woman sentenced for federal programs fraud**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Belle Fourche woman convicted of defrauding federal government programs has been sentenced to nearly a year in prison.

Authorities say 49-year-old Cindy Geib stole more than \$112,000 in money and benefits from federal Social Security, Medicaid, food stamp and heating aid programs for herself and her four children between 2011 and 2017.

The U.S. Attorney's Office says Geib was recently sentenced on federal theft and fraud counts to 10 months in prison and restitution.

## **TigerSwan appeals attorney fees ruling to state's high court**

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A North Carolina security company that won a court case in the wake of protests against the Dakota Access oil pipeline is continuing to pursue reimbursement of its attorney fees.

North Dakota's Private Investigative and Security Board sued TigerSwan in 2017, alleging the company that handled security for the pipeline developer illegally operated without a state license.

Judge John Grinsteiner ultimately dismissed the case, but he also rejected TigerSwan's request for reimbursement of at least \$165,000 in attorney fees. Grinsteiner said the board's case wasn't frivolous even though the board lost.

TigerSwan has appealed to the state Supreme Court.

The board has appealed the dismissal of its case to the state Supreme Court and also is seeking up to \$2 million in fines against TigerSwan through an administrative complaint.

## **Champion NDSU football team to visit White House on Monday**

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — The national champion North Dakota State football team will visit the White House on Monday.

President Donald Trump invited the Fargo team last month. U.S. Sen. John Hoeven announced the details Friday.

Hoeven says the Bison will visit the White House on Monday morning, and then he'll host a luncheon for the team at the U.S. Capitol.

NDSU defeated Eastern Washington in January's Football Championship Subdivision title game to win its seventh national title in eight years. Hoeven calls the Bison "a stellar team and an exceptional program."

## **Authorities ID Alexandria woman killed in rollover crash**

ALEXANDRIA, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have identified an Alexandria woman who died in a one-vehicle rollover in Hanson County.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol says 20-year-old Ashley Moe 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.

Moe was pronounced dead at the scene. She was traveling alone.

## **USD: 'Hawaiian Day' party, leis determined inappropriate**

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — A student organization at the University of South Dakota has been told that holding a "Hawaiian Day" party violates the school's policy on inclusiveness.

So, the Student Bar Association has renamed its winter social event "Beach Day." And even though the group is encouraging members to wear floral shirts, it won't be distributing leis at the party.

Law school administrators advised the students not to distribute the traditional flower garlands often given to tourists in Hawaii because using items of cultural significance might be viewed as inappropriate, according to the Argus Leader .

The administration advised the association to change the Hawaiian theme of the event based on a complaint by a student who expressed concern about the use of indigenous cultural symbols, according to Michelle Cwach, the university's director of marketing communications.

The decision to change the event Wednesday came on the same day that South Dakota lawmakers killed a bill that would have mandated free speech on the state's college campuses and required the Board of Regents to promote intellectual diversity among college faculty and staffs. The board's executive director, Paul Beran, urged lawmakers to kill the bill, which had already passed the House. A Senate committee voted it down.

Cwach said the board revised its policy on free speech last fall.

"USD has already addressed this issue with interim law school administration and the SBA to clarify its commitment to the First Amendment," she said. "USD continues to seek new ways to educate its campus community and current and incoming leaders on its responsibility to the First Amendment."

Regents spokeswoman Janelle Toman said the review of the Hawaiian Day party was an "isolated instance."

"There is no system-wide review of university social events by the Board of Regents, and we have no such plans to do so going forward," she said in an email.

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

## **America's newest crew capsule rockets toward space station**

**By MARCIA DUNN, AP Aerospace Writer**

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — America's newest capsule for astronauts rocketed Saturday toward the International Space Station on a high-stakes test flight by SpaceX.

The only passenger was a life-size test dummy, named Ripley after the lead character in the "Alien" movies. SpaceX needs to nail the debut of its crew Dragon capsule before putting people on board later this year.

This latest, flashiest Dragon is on a fast track to reach the space station Sunday morning, just 27 hours after liftoff.

It will spend five days docked to the orbiting outpost, before making a retro-style splashdown in the Atlantic next Friday — all vital training for the next space demo, possibly this summer, when two astronauts strap in.

SpaceX founder and chief executive Elon Musk said the launch was "super stressful" to watch, but he's hopeful the capsule will be ready to carry people later this year.

"To be frank, I'm a little emotionally exhausted," Musk told reporters barely an hour after liftoff. "We have

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to dock to the station. We have to come back, but so far it's worked ... we've passed the riskiest items." NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine called it "a big night for the United States of America."

"We're on the precipice of launching American astronauts on American rockets from American soil again for the first time since the retirement of the space shuttles in 2011," said Bridenstine, who got a special tour of the launch pad on the eve of launch, by Musk.

An estimated 5,000 NASA and contractor employees, tourists and journalists gathered in the wee hours at Kennedy Space Center with the SpaceX launch team, as the Falcon 9 rocket blasted off before dawn from the same spot where Apollo moon rockets and space shuttles once soared. Across the country at SpaceX Mission Control in Hawthorne, California, company employees went wild, cheering every step of the way until the capsule successfully reached orbit.

Looking on from Kennedy's Launch Control were the two NASA astronauts who will strap in as early as July for the second space demo, Doug Hurley and Bob Behnken. Shortly after liftoff, Musk asked them, "How do you feel about flying on it?"

It's been eight years since Hurley and three other astronauts flew the last space shuttle mission, and human launches from Florida ceased.

NASA turned to private companies, SpaceX and Boeing, and has provided them \$8 billion to build and operate crew capsules to ferry astronauts to and from the space station. Now Russian rockets are the only way to get astronauts to the 250-mile-high outpost. Soyuz tickets have skyrocketed over the years; NASA currently pays \$82 million per seat.

Boeing aims to conduct the first test flight of its Starliner capsule in April, with astronauts on board possibly in August.

Bridenstine said he's confident that astronauts will soar on a Dragon or Starliner — or both — by year's end. But he stressed there's no rush.

"We are not in a space race," he said. "That race is over. We went to the moon and we won. It's done. Now we're in a position where we can take our time and make sure we get it right."

SpaceX already has made 16 trips to the space station using cargo Dragons. The white crew Dragon is slightly bigger — 27 feet (8 meters) tip to tip — and considerably fancier and safer. Musk said the redesigned capsule has "hardly a part in common" with its predecessor.

It features four seats, three windows, touch-screen computer displays and life-support equipment, as well as eight abort engines to pull the capsule to safety in the event of a launch emergency. Solar cells are mounted on the spacecraft for electrical power, as opposed to the protruding solar wings on cargo Dragons.

"It's an incredibly sleek looking vehicle from the inside and it's very easy to operate," Hurley told reporters just hours before liftoff. He marvels at how the Dragon has just 30 buttons and touch screens, compared with the space shuttle cockpit's 2,000 switches and circuit breakers.

For the test, the Ripley dummy was strapped into the far left seat, wearing the company's snappy white spacesuit. The other seats were empty, save for a small plush toy resembling Earth that was free to float upon reaching zero-gravity. "Super high tech zero-g indicator added just before launch!" Musk tweeted. True to his word, the toy rose weightlessly above the seat once the capsule was in orbit.

As many as seven astronauts could squeeze in, although four will be the norm once flights get going, allowing for a little cargo room. About 450 pounds (200 kilograms) of supplies are going up on this flight.

The capsule is designed to dock and undock automatically with the space station. Cargo Dragon must be maneuvered with the station's robot arm.

Like Ripley, the capsule is rigged with sensors. Engineers will be carefully watching sound, vibration and other stresses on the spacecraft, while monitoring the life-support, communication and propulsion systems. Some of the equipment needs more work — possibly even redesign — before serving human passengers.

"We're going to learn a ton from this mission," said NASA's commercial crew program manager, Kathy Lueders.

Flight operations team members — some of them new to this — also need the six-day trial run, according to Kennedy Space Center's director, Robert Cabana.



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The objective is to make the next demo flight, with Hurley and Behnken, as safe as possible. The more immediate goal is to avoid harming the space station and its three occupants: an American, Canadian and Russian.

"Seeing a success like this definitely gives us a lot of confidence in the future," Behnken said.

At Saturday's post-launch news conference, Musk said he'd be happy to fly on the revamped Dragon. "You guys think it's a good vehicle, right?" he asked Behnken and Hurley, seated alongside him. Musk jokingly said they better wait a week, until the Dragon returns, before responding.

Despite SpaceX's success at recovering and reusing its rockets, NASA is insisting on brand new boosters from SpaceX for the crew capsule flights. The first-stage booster used Saturday landed on a floating platform in the Atlantic, following liftoff. SpaceX plans to recycle the newly flying capsule for a high-altitude abort test this spring, along with a booster launched and retrieved a week ago.

Musk anticipates eventually selling Dragon rides to private citizens, much as the Russians have done, first to the space station and then perhaps beyond. "That would be pretty cool," he said.

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## Neo-Nazi group's leader is black man who vows to dissolve it

By MICHAEL KUNZELMAN, Associated Press

One of the nation's largest neo-Nazi groups appears to have an unlikely new leader: a black activist who has vowed to dismantle it.

Court documents filed Thursday suggest James Hart Stern wants to use his new position as director and president of the National Socialist Movement to undermine the Detroit-based group's defense against a lawsuit.

The NSM is one of several extremist groups sued over bloodshed at a 2017 white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia. Stern's filing asks a federal court in Virginia to issue a judgment against the group before one of the lawsuits goes to trial.

Stern replaced Jeff Schoep as the group's leader in January, according to Michigan corporate records. But those records and court documents say nothing about how or why Stern got the position. His feat invited comparisons to the recent Spike Lee movie "BlackKkKlansman" in which a black police officer infiltrates a branch of the Ku Klux Klan.

Schoep did not respond Thursday to emails and calls seeking comment.

Matthew Heimbach, a leading white nationalist figure who briefly served as the NSM's community outreach director last year, said Schoep and other group leaders have been at odds with rank-and-file members over its direction. Heimbach said some members "essentially want it to remain a politically impotent white supremacist gang" and resisted ideological changes advocated by Schoep.

Heimbach said Schoep's apparent departure and Stern's installation as its leader probably spell the end of the group in its current form. Schoep was 21 when he took control of the group in 1994 and renamed it the National Socialist Movement, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center.

"I think it's kind of a sad obit for one of the longest-running white nationalist organizations," said Heimbach, who estimates it had about 40 active, dues-paying members last year.

The group has drawn much larger crowds at rallies.

NSM members used to attend rallies and protests in full Nazi uniforms, including at a march in Toledo, Ohio, that sparked a riot in 2005. More recently, Schoep tried to rebrand the group and appeal to a new generation of racists and anti-Semites by getting rid of such overt displays of Nazi symbols.

It appeared that Stern, of Moreno Valley, California, had been trying for at least two years to disrupt the group. A message posted on his website said he would be meeting with Schoep in February 2017 "to sign a proclamation acknowledging the NSM denouncing being a white supremacist group."

"I have personally targeted eradicating the (Ku Klux Klan) and the National Socialist Movement, which are

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two organizations here in this country which have all too long been given privileges they don't deserve," Stern said in a video posted on his site.

On Wednesday, lawyers for the plaintiffs suing white supremacist groups and movement leaders over the Charlottesville violence asked the court to sanction Schoep. They say he has ignored his obligations to turn over documents and give them access to his electronic devices and social media accounts. They also claim Schoep recently fired his attorney as a stalling tactic.

A federal magistrate judge in Charlottesville ruled last Friday that Stern cannot represent the NSM in the case because he does not appear to be a licensed attorney. That did not deter Stern from filing Thursday's request for summary judgment against his own group.

"It is the decision of the National Socialist Movement to plead liable to all causes of actions listed in the complaint against it," he wrote.

Stern served a prison sentence for mail fraud at the same facility as onetime Ku Klux Klan leader Edgar Ray Killen, who was convicted in the "Mississippi Burning" killings of three civil rights workers. Killen died in January 2018.

In 2012, Stern claimed Killen signed over to him power of attorney and ownership of 40 acres of land while they were serving prison terms together. A lawyer for Killen asked a judge to throw out the land transfer and certify that Killen and his family owned the property.

## Legalized sports betting unlikely in 3 largest US states

By GEOFF MULVIHILL, Associated Press

Over the past decade, teams from California, Florida or Texas have competed in more than half the championship series in the four major professional sports — including every NBA final.

That may be no surprise, considering the three states account for 27 percent of all franchises in those leagues. The sheer number of teams and their relative success make them fertile territory for legalizing sports gambling now that the U.S. Supreme Court has allowed every state to offer it.

"These states are the brass rings given the size of the populations and the potential opportunity," said Sara Slane, a spokeswoman for the American Gaming Association.

So far, that ring remains elusive.

A 50-state review of sports gambling legislation by The Associated Press reveals that legalization efforts are nonexistent or very unlikely to happen anytime soon in the nation's three most populous states, which together hold more than a quarter of the U.S. population.

The reasons vary. In California and Florida, powerful tribal interests that control most casino gambling are reluctant to reopen their agreements with the state and potentially share the gambling market with other players, including card rooms and race tracks.

In Texas, a combination of political clout from out-of-state casino interests and social conservatives who are morally opposed to gambling have effectively killed any prospects for legalized sports betting.

In all three states, any attempt to allow sports gambling would likely require a statewide vote to amend the constitution — a high hurdle for any issue, much less an expansion of gambling.

"The dynamic at work here is the larger the state, the larger the market, the larger the opportunity — the more complex the stakeholder environment and the more political stasis sets in," said Chris Grove, managing director of gambling research firm Eilers and Krejcik.

Sports gambling is now legal in eight states, including Nevada, which had a monopoly before the high court ruling last spring.

Arkansas, New York and the District of Columbia also have legalized sports gambling in some form and are working on regulations before bets can be placed, while at least 22 other states are considering bills to legalize it. Advocates think the legislation has a realistic chance of passing in about half those states.

California, which alone accounts for one-eighth of the U.S. population and has 17 teams among the four major professional leagues, will not be joining the sports gambling states anytime soon.

Gambling there is largely controlled by casino-operating tribes that have compacts with the state. The

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tribes that are part of the California Nations Indian Gaming Association oppose an expansion of gambling even though it could bring more traffic to their casinos, said Steve Stallings, the group's chairman.

The group is in the midst of a dispute with the state's card rooms and doesn't want to see more competition for the tribes by opening a debate over sports betting.

"We feel like protecting the industry in California is more important," he said.

Just in case it does become legal, the United Auburn Indian Community struck a deal last year with a joint venture of casino company MGM and online gambling company GVC to run the sportsbook at its Thunder Valley Casino Resort, northeast of Sacramento.

Even so, the tribe doesn't want that to happen, said Howard Dickstein, the lawyer who negotiated the deal on the tribe's behalf.

"The tribe is not a strong advocate of legalizing sports betting under any circumstance," he said. "The agreement with MGM is an insurance policy to become allied with a leader if and when it becomes legal in California."

Dickstein said the tribe would welcome sports betting if it were clear that tribal casinos would control the market in California. But if betting is allowed at card rooms, racetracks or lottery retailers, it would not be so appealing for the casinos. Even if the tribes would receive a big piece of the action, it might mean renegotiating their agreements with the state that determine what is allowed at their casinos — and that could give the state an opportunity to insist on concessions.

A similar dynamic is in play in other states, including Arizona and Minnesota, where bills that would allow tribes to operate sports betting are in danger, partly because many of the tribes oppose them.

In Florida, a major casino-operating tribe also is a key factor.

Last year, voters agreed to make it tougher to expand gambling with a constitutional amendment that requires 60 percent voter approval for any future expansion of gambling in the state. The measure's supporters included Disney, whose Orlando resort is a major economic force, and the Seminole Tribe, which owns seven of Florida's eight tribal casinos.

State Senate President Bill Galvano, a Republican, said he believes sports betting could be legalized without voter approval, although he said he might ask for it, anyway. He said broader gambling legislation is being developed that would allow wagering, likely at racetracks, tribal casinos and perhaps in some form at sports venues.

"Sports betting has been taking place here, as it has other places, just not regulated and taxed," he said.

Any attempt to push through legalization in Florida without voter approval would hit opposition and likely trigger a lawsuit, said John Sowinski, who led the campaign for last year's constitutional amendment and leads the group No Casinos.

"Any sort of sober analysis of any type of gambling finds it doesn't add anything to the economy," he said. "It's basically parasitic."

In either case, Galvano said his bill is not likely to be a top priority during the 60-day legislative session that begins on Tuesday. Seminole Tribe spokesman Gary Bitner said in a text message that the tribe would not comment on the status of sports betting in Florida.

Texas, in addition to being home to eight teams in the four major professional sports, has hosted three Super Bowls, three NBA All-Star games and six NCAA men's Final Four basketball tournaments since 2004.

But the state is far less welcoming when it comes to gambling because of a mix of morality and money: Social conservatives assail it as a regressive tax on the poor, and the official Texas Republican Party platform opposes expanded gambling in any form.

A bill from a Democratic lawmaker seeking to legalize sports gambling has little chance this year in the Republican-dominated Legislature.

The biggest winners if Texas maintains the status quo are casinos in neighboring Oklahoma and Louisiana, whose operators are major contributors to Texas politicians.

Billionaire Tilman Fertitta, owner of the Golden Nugget casinos, has donated more than \$500,000 to Texas Gov. Greg Abbott. Two Oklahoma casino empires, the Chickasaw Nation and Choctaw Nation, have given more than \$5 million combined to Texas officeholders and candidates since 2006.



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Rob Kohler, a lobbyist who opposes gambling as a consultant for the Christian Life Commission, said the consistently winning argument in Texas has been that gambling preys upon the poor. "Dollars don't come from the sky," he said. "They're coming out of people's pockets."

AP writer Paul Weber in Austin, Texas, contributed to this article.

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## 2020 Democratic hopefuls fanning out in early-voting states

By MEG KINNARD, Associated Press

Democratic presidential hopefuls are introducing themselves to voters in some of the earliest states that will weigh in on their campaigns to take on President Donald Trump in the 2020 election.

Candidates are fanning out in South Carolina and Iowa on Saturday, spending time with voters in two of the states that hold the earliest balloting next year.

Sens. Cory Booker of New Jersey and Sherrod Brown of Ohio are in South Carolina, site of the South's first primary. Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts plans to court voters in Iowa.

Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota is scheduled to attend the Gridiron Club dinner in Washington, an event where politicians traditionally poke fun at the press and other politicians. Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont is making Brooklyn the official launch site of his second run for the White House.

Trump plans to speak to a gathering of conservatives in suburban Maryland, where he is expected to emphasize the White House's political message that Democrats are rallying behind what his team is calling the policies of "socialism."

## Analysis: GOP senators struggle to escape no-win border vote

By LISA MASCARO, AP Congressional Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — One by one, the Republican senators floated their ideas. They were trying to find a way out of a seemingly impossible dilemma: how to support President Donald Trump's U.S.-Mexico border wall without approving the national emergency declaration he invoked to build it.

And one by one, during a private lunchtime meeting that ran hot at times, they found no easy answers. As a deadline for voting looms, it's increasingly clear that Republican senators are deeply uncomfortable with Trump's use of executive power to build the wall and desperate to devise a way around the vote.

Senators know whatever they decide will make history. It's the first time Congress is voting to terminate a national emergency. Even if Trump vetoes the measure, as expected, it will set precedent for other money grabs by future occupants of the White House.

This is why they tried to talk Trump out of invoking national emergency powers and why they're now in a no-win situation as they prepare to vote.

"People are caught between the need for border security — and agreeing with what the president's trying to do — but not how he's trying to do it," said Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa, the senior-most Republican senator.

In the days ahead, senators will be required to vote on a resolution, already approved by Democrats in the House, to terminate Trump's executive action.

Senate Republicans don't have the votes to stop what Trump is doing, nor do they necessarily want to. Many of their constituents want the wall, and senators, especially those up for re-election in 2020, don't want to run afoul of the president whose supporters they'll need.

But they're trying at least to provide some distance between Trump's effort to build the wall and what many see as executive overreach that could echo for years to come.

Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, presented colleagues during the lunchtime meeting with a proposal to revisit the 1976 National Emergencies Act, clawing back some of the authority Congress ceded decades ago that

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paved the way for Trump's action.

Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., has been working on a plan suggesting Trump could do away with his declaration completely by simply repurposing existing money to build the wall rather than invoking the emergency orders to take more dollars.

Other senators are swapping other ideas.

"This has been a little bit of a wake-up call," said Texas Sen. John Cornyn, a member of the GOP leadership.

Cornyn said most lawmakers were simply not aware that Congress over the years has been "so willing to delegate our authority" to the president. "I wouldn't be surprised if some changes are made," he said.

A guiding touchstone for some has been to draw on the principles of a conservative giant: What would the late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia do?

Republicans have railed against executive reach long before Trump. They criticized President Barack Obama's executive actions, particularly those involving the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA, that shielded young immigrants in the country illegally, known as Dreamers, from deportation.

Now, though, Republicans are loath to allow Trump to go even further, by encroaching on the authority the Constitution specifically grants Congress for appropriating funds.

Trump's declaration allows him to dip into billions of Defense Department dollars for already-approved military construction projects and shift that money, along with other funds, toward the border wall. Senators worry what the next presidents will do, invoking such power grabs for Democratic priorities to fight climate change or lessen the strains of income inequality.

"Many folks don't like the idea of the precedent it sets, but they realize it's the centerpiece of President Trump's (2016 campaign) - what he ran on - and it causes a little bit of heartburn," said Sen. Mike Braun, a newly elected conservative from Indiana.

"I kind of would fall in that camp," he said. Braun said he probably will back the president. He supports Trump and believes there's a crisis on the border. But he said the reach of executive authority does "give you pause."

Senators are quickly running into the procedural roadblocks that show how difficult it will be to change course.

Because the resolution is a first of its kind, efforts to alter it are posing all sorts of parliamentary questions that have yet to be answered. Even if the senators can agree with an alternative plan, they'll also have to clear the procedural hurdles that so far have been high. And, for now, it's unclear if they can come up with an idea that does both.

"There're procedural problems that we haven't figured out yet," Cornyn acknowledged.

When Vice President Mike Pence and administration officials visited senators privately on Tuesday to buck up support for Trump's action, it provoked a lively discussion.

The White House officials made the case for the border emergency and insisted Trump's action would not open the floodgates for future presidents to take similar steps for their priorities.

The senators peppered the vice president with questions. And the next day at their own private lunch — and in public — they started airing their work arounds.

"Everybody's blaming the president," Grassley said. "The president doesn't deserve any blame. Congress delegated this authority to him. So we're delegating away our legislative authority. We've probably done too much of it."

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## Democrats 2020: Governors try to crack the senator scramble

By **BILL BARROW**, Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The opening months of the Democratic presidential primary have been dominated by senators who have staked their campaigns on personal narratives and sweeping liberal policies. Now come the governors.

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee was the first state executive to enter the presidential field, launching his campaign Friday by declaring climate change the nation's most pressing task and his campaign's defining issue. Former Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper is expected to join soon. Montana Gov. Steve Bullock and former Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe are considering bids, as well.

Most of them will use some variations of an argument that governors from Franklin Roosevelt and Ronald Reagan to Bill Clinton and George W. Bush have used to reach the Oval Office: We get things done, unlike those Capitol Hill peacocks. "If America wants to see a Washington that actually works, look west to Washington state," Inslee, a former congressman, said Friday in his Seattle announcement.

Yet governors face notable headwinds in the era of President Donald Trump.

Many Democratic voters are transfixed by the daily saga in the nation's capital, and that allows presidential candidates including Sens. Kamala Harris of California, Cory Booker of New Jersey and Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts to remain front and center in the battle for attention.

"I don't want to diminish being a governor, but it's just not as important as it used to be," said Bill Richardson, a former New Mexico governor.

Richardson ran for president in 2008 but never gained traction, as a freshman senator from Illinois named Barack Obama won the nomination and the general election. Eight years later, Republicans went even further afield from Obama's thin resume when they nominated Trump, who'd never held elected office at any level.

Adding to the governors' challenges, they are middle-aged to older white men at a time when the Democratic Party base is dominated by women nonwhites and young voters — an electorate that may not be clamoring for the offerings of conventional politicians. Inslee and Hickenlooper are in their late 60s. McAuliffe is 62. Bullock is the youngest, at 52.

For those Democrats looking for a white man, they've already got Sanders, who is anything but conventional, as a 77-year-old democratic socialist. Potentially joining the fold soon: former Vice President Joe Biden, a 76-year-old with decades in the limelight, and Texas Democrat Beto O'Rourke, a 46-year-old who built a national following in his unsuccessful bid to topple Republican Sen. Ted Cruz last year. Both men would bring an immediate fundraising jolt that governors might not match.

"Things are so audience-driven. Who's on fire? Who gets the crowd?" said Boyd Brown, a South Carolina Democrat who is part of the "Draft Beto" operation. "A no-name governor from a small state isn't drawing that enthusiasm. They've got to do something to catch fire."

Added Richardson: "Voters want an inspirational candidate."

For Inslee, action on climate change is his attempt to do just that. "I'm the only candidate who is saying very clearly this has to be the No. 1 priority for the United States," he said in an interview after his announcement. "This is a compelling passion of my life, in public life. I'm the only person who's been working on this literally for decades."

Inslee argues that his focus, besides policy necessity, is good politics given the increasing attention climate change is getting from the left. His theory: Once he gets noticed for his signature issue, Democratic voters will see his liberal record in Washington.

Colorado's Hickenlooper has a different approach, basing his nascent campaign around the argument that he has a record of uniting divided constituencies to get things done in a two-party battleground state. He regularly touts new limits on energy emissions, gun control laws and Medicaid expansion that he implemented during his two terms.

At an Iowa house party in January, Hickenlooper described himself as "having strong progressive values, but also being willing to compromise to make progress." He argued against a primary that revolves around



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who loathes Trump more.

"If everyone yells at Trump, he wins," Hickenlooper said when asked about the president. "You have to laugh at him and joke along and say, 'Hey, this is what I did.'"

Bullock and McAuliffe would be arguing on a slate of accomplishments in statehouses controlled by Republicans. Bullock successfully expanded Medicaid in Montana. McAuliffe was unable to persuade GOP lawmakers to do that but took executive action on liberal priorities such as restoring most felons' voting rights.

For their parts, senators are still sensitive to assessments of their management abilities — and the Senate's reputation for doing more talking than anything else.

Harris notes that her previous posts as California attorney general and local prosecutor made her an executive branch official responsible for guiding an office or an agency. New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker, who would become the second black man to hold the presidency, talks extensively of his tenure as the mayor of Newark, New Jersey. Even Sanders, who has been on Capitol Hill for almost 30 years, brings up actions he took as mayor of Burlington, Vermont.

Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar's aides this week touted her rankings in Vanderbilt University's assessment of the most effective senators based on 15 metrics of how successful senators were in advancing impactful legislation. Klobuchar was the highest-ranking Democratic senator and fifth overall.

For all the challenges, Democratic observers remain wary about writing off governors who may start from seemingly nowhere.

"The divide will not be between people with executive and legislative experience but between people who have fine ideas versus those who want to be transformational presidents," said Adam Green, co-founder of the Progressive Change Campaign Committee, which backs Warren. Green put Warren and Sanders in the transformational category but said Inslee's approach on climate change could qualify.

Another former governor, Michigan's Jennifer Granholm, said governors still can marry old-school retail campaigning — like a little-known former Georgia governor, Jimmy Carter, used in Iowa in 1975 — with the social media savvy that senators like Harris and Warren have used to build massive followings. Then governors must capitalize in the initial summer debates, Granholm added, saying it's all possible if they shed the conventions of already being an executive.

"Anybody who says they know what's going to work and who's going to figure it out is lying," said Brown, the O'Rourke supporter from South Carolina. "Donald Trump is president, isn't he?"

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## 8 killed in India-Pakistan fighting amid high tensions

By **ROSHAN MUGHAL** and **AIJAZ HUSSAIN**, Associated Press

SRINAGAR, India (AP) — Indian and Pakistani soldiers have again targeted each other's posts and villages along their volatile frontier in disputed Kashmir, killing at least six civilians and two Pakistani troops, officials said Saturday.

But in a sign that tensions between the nuclear-armed rivals could soon ease, a Pakistani Cabinet minister said a key train service between Pakistan and neighboring India would resume on Monday.

Tensions have been running high since Indian aircraft crossed into Pakistan this past Tuesday, carrying out what India called a pre-emptive strike against militants blamed for a Feb. 14 suicide bombing in Indian-controlled Kashmir that killed 40 Indian troops. Pakistan retaliated, shooting down a fighter jet Wednesday and detaining its pilot, who was returned to India on Friday in a peace gesture.

Fighting resumed overnight Friday. Pakistan's military said two of its soldiers were killed in an exchange of fire with Indian forces near the Line of Control that separates Kashmir between the rivals. It marked

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the first fatalities for Pakistani troops since Wednesday, when tensions dramatically escalated between the nuclear-armed countries over Kashmir, which is split between them but claimed by both in its entirety.

Indian police, meanwhile, said two siblings and their mother were killed in Indian-controlled Kashmir. The three died after a shell fired by Pakistani soldiers hit their home in the Poonch region near the Line of Control. The children's father was critically wounded.

In Pakistan-controlled Kashmir, government official Umar Azam said Indian troops with heavy weapons "indiscriminately targeted border villagers" along the Line of Control, killing a boy and wounding three other people. He said several homes were destroyed by Indian shelling.

Following a lull lasting a few hours, shelling and firing of small arms resumed Saturday. A Pakistani military statement said two civilians were killed and two others wounded in the fresh fighting. The Indian army said Pakistani troops attacked Indian posts at several places along the militarized line.

Since tensions escalated following last month's suicide attack, world leaders have scrambled to head off an all-out war between India and Pakistan. The rivals have fought two of their three wars over Kashmir since their independence from British rule in 1947.

Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi said Saturday that Russia had offered to serve as a mediator to ease tensions. He said Pakistan was ready to accept the offer, but he did not know whether India would agree as well.

Qureshi also said a top Saudi diplomat would soon visit Pakistan and India. Pakistani officials said China is expected to send an envoy to Pakistan and India this coming week.

The current violence marks the most serious escalation of the long-simmering conflict since 1999, when Pakistan's military sent a ground force into Indian-controlled Kashmir. That year also saw an Indian fighter jet shoot down a Pakistani naval aircraft, killing all 16 on board.

The latest wave of tensions began after the militant group Jaish-e-Mohammad claimed responsibility for the Feb. 14 suicide bombing by a Kashmiri militant on Indian paramilitary forces. India has long accused Pakistan of cultivating such militant groups to attack it. Pakistan has denied any involvement in the suicide attack.

Pakistan's minister for railways, Sheikh Rashid Ahmed, told reporters Saturday that the Samjhauta Express train service linking the Pakistani city of Lahore with the Indian border town of Atari would resume on Monday. The service was suspended by Pakistani authorities this past week.

Thousands of people on both sides of Kashmir have fled to government-run temporary shelters or relatives' homes in safer areas to escape shelling along the frontier, which is marked by razor wire, watch towers and bunkers amid tangled bushes, forests and fields of rice and corn.

"These battles are fought on our bodies, in our homes and fields, and we still don't have anything in our hands. We are at the mercy of these soldiers," said Mohammed Akram, a resident in the Mendhar area in Indian-controlled Kashmir.

Sakina, a young woman who fled to a shelter with her two children, said the frequent shelling had made them "homeless in our own land."

In Pakistani-administered Kashmir, many displaced families urged the international community to help resolve the issue of Kashmir so that they can live peacefully.

"Whenever India fires mortars, it's we who suffer," said Mohammad Latif, a laborer who took refuge at a government building that was vacated for sheltering displaced families.

"I don't care whether the Indian pilot is gone or not, I don't care who released him and why, but I want to know whether peace will return to us after his return to India," said Mohammad Sadiq, a shopkeeper who also was among the displaced. He said the latest tensions between Pakistan and India rose so suddenly that some people sold their sheep, cows and buffaloes at throwaway prices in his native Chikothi town.

"We did not know whether we will get any shelter and how could we take our animals" with us, he said.

Meanwhile, Indian police said two paramilitary soldiers and two counterinsurgency police officials were killed in a gunbattle with militants in Indian-controlled Kashmir, while troops fatally shot a civilian during anti-India protests.

Rebel groups have been fighting Indian rule since 1989 and demand that Kashmir be united either under

Pakistani rule or as an independent country.

Mughal reported from Muzafarabad, Pakistan. Associated Press writer Munir Ahmed in Islamabad contributed to this report.

## Despite threats, 'sanctuary' cities are getting their grants

By WILSON RING, Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — About 18 months after the Trump administration threatened to withhold law enforcement grants from nearly 30 places around the country it felt weren't doing enough to work with federal immigration agents, all but one have received or been cleared to get the money, the Justice Department said.

In most cases, courts chipped away at the crackdown that escalated in November 2017 with letters from former Attorney General Jeff Sessions to 29 cities, metro areas, counties or states it considered as having adopted "sanctuary policies" saying those policies may violate federal law.

Of those 29 jurisdictions — which include cities as large as Los Angeles and as small as Burlington, Vermont — only Oregon has yet to be cleared to receive the grants from 2017, a Justice Department spokesman told The Associated Press this week.

Vermont officials announced Monday that they had been told the state Department of Public Safety would be getting \$2.3 million in law enforcement grants that had been blocked. Vermont had not joined any of the legal cases, instead corresponding directly with the Justice Department.

U.S. Sen. Patrick Leahy, a Vermont Democrat, declared victory, saying the money would be used primarily on anti-drug efforts.

"State and local law enforcement agencies already are stretched thin, and withholding these federal grants only makes their work more difficult," Leahy said in an email to the AP. "It's unthinkable that the Trump Justice Department would hold these funds hostage over an unrelated dispute on immigration policy."

Last summer, the U.S. Conference of Mayors sued in Illinois on behalf of its member cities focusing on the issue. In September, a federal court temporarily blocked the Justice Department from withholding the funds for the jurisdictions represented by the conference.

The conference's litigation is now focused on making the order affecting the 2017 grants permanent and apply to 2018 grants, as well, said Kate O'Brien, a Chicago attorney who represented the mayors.

Other federal courts have ruled against the Justice Department. Similar cases are being litigated across the country, and the Justice Department is considering appealing some unfavorable rulings.

The Trump administration has long argued that places that don't cooperate with federal immigration authorities, often called "sanctuary cities," pose a threat to public safety.

"I continue to urge all jurisdictions under review to reconsider policies that place the safety of their communities and their residents at risk," Sessions said in a statement in January 2018. "Protecting criminal aliens from federal immigration authorities defies common sense and undermines the rule of law."

The details differ by jurisdiction, but the Justice Department felt law enforcement agencies in those communities weren't sufficiently committing themselves to cooperating with federal immigration agents when officers came in contact with people who might not be in the country legally.

Aside from confirming the clearance of grants to the 28 jurisdictions, Justice Department spokesman Steven Stafford declined to comment.

Some, but not all, of the 28 jurisdictions were cleared for the grants without changing the policies that triggered the original concern from the Justice Department, now led by Attorney General William Barr. And not all of the places actually have the money in hand yet, or have been told they've been cleared to get it.

Ken Martinez, the county attorney for Bernalillo County, New Mexico, said officials there had yet to hear about 2017 grant funding and are eager to get it.

"It will be incredibly helpful," Martinez said. "I can tell you there's been a high level of frustration from



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people on both sides of the issue.”

In West Palm Beach, Florida, the Justice Department was concerned about the wording of a city resolution dealing with police investigations involving citizenship or immigration status. A year ago, a memo was sent to city employees saying they “may” share information with federal authorities.

“So no funds (were) lost on our end,” said police Sgt. David Lefont, noting the total was less than \$100,000.

That some of the threatened cities ended up changing their policies amounts to at least a partial victory for the Trump administration, said Jessica Vaughan, the director of policy studies for the Center For Immigration Studies, which advocates for tight restrictions on immigration.

“What it looks like to me, the Trump Administration is not able to fully enforce cooperation with ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) to the extent they would like to, but it is able to fully enforce compliance with existing federal law that some sanctuary jurisdictions have had to change their policies in order to get their money,” Vaughan said.

But other jurisdictions were cleared to get the money without having to change anything.

“The court in our cases, and in similar cases throughout the country, has found the attorney general is not authorized to impose these conditions,” said O’Brien, the attorney for the mayors’ group.

The Vermont settlement of the 2017 grants is among the last.

Even before the 2017 letters were sent, federal courts across the country had begun to rule against the Trump administration’s efforts. And they continue.

A federal judge in Los Angeles ruled Feb. 15 that the Justice Department exceeded its authority and ordered a permanent, nationwide injunction against requiring police departments to cooperate with immigration authorities in order to receive the grants.

Oregon, the only one of the 29 jurisdictions not yet cleared for the 2017 grants, last fall filed its own lawsuit against the Justice Department. The lawsuit, which also covers grants for 2018, accused Trump and Matthew Whitaker, acting attorney general at the time, of trying to “impermissibly commandeer the resources” of Oregon and its largest city, Portland.

“For years, these grants have provided millions of dollars to law enforcement in Oregon,” Rosenblum said in November. “But, suddenly these public safety funds have been withdrawn because Oregon will not submit to U.S. DOJ’s demand that Oregon participate in its immigration enforcement efforts.”

Contributing to this report were Associated Press writers Eliot Spagat in San Diego; Paul Elias in San Francisco; Susan Montoya Bryan in Albuquerque, New Mexico; Andrew Selsky in Salem, Oregon; and AP News Researcher Jennifer Farrar in New York.

## AP FACT CHECK: Trump twists Cohen’s words on collusion

By HOPE YEN and CALVIN WOODWARD, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Assailed by his ex-lawyer at every turn, President Donald Trump nevertheless claimed a measure of vindication from Michael Cohen’s statement that he possessed no direct evidence of collusion with Russia from his time serving the boss. But contrary to Trump’s words, Cohen did not exonerate him on the matter in his testimony to lawmakers.

Trump also put the best face on his summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, claiming he had a “really productive time” in Hanoi, Vietnam, despite the collapse of talks and cancellation of a planned signing agreement. More substantively, he claimed the talks broke down because North Korea insisted on the lifting of all sanctions — an assertion contradicted by the State Department as well as by the North Koreans.

On other recent rhetorical fronts, the president credited his daughter with creating jobs that don’t exist and Democrats persisted in their distorted accusation that the Trump administration confined migrant children in cages.

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TRUMP: "He said no collusion. And I was, you know, a little impressed by that, frankly. Could've — he could've gone all out. He only went about 95 percent instead of 100 percent." — Hanoi news conference Thursday.

THE FACTS: He takes Cohen's comment too far. Cohen did not clear his former boss on the question of whether his campaign colluded with Russia to influence the 2016 election. In the course of implicating Trump in other alleged criminal activity, Cohen said he did not witness or know directly of collusion "but I have my suspicions." He didn't say "no collusion."

Cohen told lawmakers: "So, as I stated in my testimony, I wouldn't use the word 'colluding.' Was there something odd about the back-and-forth praise with President Putin? Yes, but I'm not really sure that I can answer that question in terms of collusion. I was not part of the campaign. I don't know the other conversations that Mr. Trump had with other individuals. There is just so many dots that all seem to lead to the same direction."

And: "The questions have been raised about whether I know of direct evidence that Mr. Trump or his campaign colluded with Russia. I do not, and I want to be clear. But I have my suspicions."

REP. JIM JORDAN, top Republican on the House Oversight and Reform Committee: "Remember how all this started. The Clinton campaign hired Perkins Coie law firm who hired Glenn Simpson who hired a foreigner, Christopher Steele, who put together the fake dossier that the FBI used to go get a warrant to spy on the Trump campaign." — remarks Wednesday at hearing with Cohen.

THE FACTS: He's repeating a false claim by Trump that special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia probe is based on a "fake dossier." The FBI's investigation actually began months before it received a dossier of anti-Trump research financed by the Democratic Party and Hillary Clinton's campaign. The FBI probe's origins were based on other evidence — not the existence of the dossier, which has not been discredited.

Last year, the Republican-controlled House Intelligence Committee found the Russia probe was initiated after the FBI received information related to Trump campaign foreign policy adviser George Papadopoulos, not the dossier. The committee's final report was praised by Trump.

## NORTH KOREA

TRUMP, on his summit: "We had a really, I think, a very productive time." — Post-summit Hanoi news conference

THE FACTS: The talks fell apart, lunch was canceled, a signing ceremony scrapped and Trump said another meeting with Kim "may not be for a long time" before he left to come home two hours early. Moreover, they came away disagreeing about what they had disagreed about.

TRUMP: "Basically, they wanted the sanctions lifted in their entirety, and we couldn't do that." — Hanoi news conference.

THE FACTS: A senior State Department official said North Korea demanded Trump's support for the lifting of U.N. Security Council sanctions imposed since March 2016 — not other sanctions. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to publicly discuss the private negotiations.

Although North Korea wants all sanctions erased, the official said, Kim was pressing for relief from ones that impede the civilian economy and was not demanding an end to sanctions on armaments. Altogether, Kim was seeking substantial relief, insisting bans be lifted on trade in goods and commodities such as metals, raw materials, luxury items, seafood, coal exports, refined petroleum imports and raw petroleum imports. But he did not insist that sanctions be "lifted in their entirety," as Trump asserted.

## MIGRANT CHILDREN

REP. ELIJAH CUMMINGS, Democratic chairman of House Oversight and Reform Committee, on Trump: "I want him when he goes out there and he does things, I want him to think about children. I want him to think about the children that he separated from their parents. I want him to think about the fact that we had children in cages." — remarks Wednesday to reporters.

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THE FACTS: He's echoing a Democratic talking point that seizes on a visceral image of kids in "cages" as evidence of Trump administration cruelty. But the claim lacks context. The "cages" are actually chain-link fences and the Obama administration used them for migrant children, too.

Children are held behind the fences inside Border Patrol facilities. Obama's administration detained large numbers of unaccompanied children in such a manner in 2014 during a surge of migrant children at the border. Images that circulated online of children in chain link pens during the height of Trump's family separations controversy — and blamed on him — were actually from 2014 when Obama was in office.

Children are placed in such areas by age and sex for safety reasons and are generally held for up to 72 hours by the Border Patrol. They then go into the custody of the Health and Human Services Department and are housed in shelters until they are placed with sponsors in the U.S., usually parents or close relatives. Some children who are with their families will go into family detention or will be released with their family into the country as their immigration cases play out.

The Homeland Security Department's inspector general visited five detention facilities for unaccompanied children on the Texas border with Mexico in late June, during the height of the furor over family separations, and found the facilities appeared to comply with detention standards. The government watchdog reported that cleanliness was inconsistent but that the children had access to toilets, food, drinks, clean bedding and hygiene items.

At the height of the family separations, about 2,400 children were separated. Since then, 118 children have been. Immigration officials are allowed to take a child from a parent in certain cases — serious criminal charges against a parent, concerns over the health and welfare of a child or medical concerns.

That policy has long been in place and is separate from the now-suspended zero-tolerance Trump administration policy that saw children separated from parents only because they had crossed illegally.

## BORDER-DRUGS

"Ninety percent of the drugs don't come through the port of entry. Ninety percent of the drugs and the big stuff goes out to the desert, makes a left, and goes where you don't have any wall." — remarks to governors Monday.

THE FACTS: Not true, according to federal findings that Trump repeatedly ignores. The majority of drugs crossing the southern border comes in at land ports of entry, not territory between them.

The Drug Enforcement Administration, Customs and Border Protection and other agencies rely on vast surveillance capabilities, intelligence from informants and other sources, seizure data and other evidence to reach that conclusion.

On seizures alone, fully 90 percent of heroin crossing U.S. borders was intercepted at entry ports, not territory between them, and similar percentages of other drugs — methamphetamines, cocaine and fentanyl — were also seized at these checkpoints, U.S. officials say. Marijuana is an exception, primarily smuggled between entry ports.

Trump justifies his declaration of an emergency at the border in part by citing a need to stop drug shipments, most of which in fact would not be impeded by any wall. In Trump's telling, vehicles full of drugs invariably make a left after crossing some remote stretch of the border.

Customs and Border Protection deploys about 23,000 personnel at airports, land crossings and seaports and close to 20,000 between entry ports.

## IVANKA TRUMP

TRUMP: "My daughter has created millions of jobs. I don't know if anyone knows that, but she's created millions of jobs. ... Last year, my administration created the Council for American Worker and launched the Pledge of America's Workers, where we've gained commitments from private sector leaders to hire and train more than 6.5 million Americans. Think of it: 6.5 million. And these are jobs that, for the most part, would not have happened." — remarks to governors Monday.

THE FACTS: Actually, Trump's daughter, Ivanka, a White House adviser, did not create "millions" of jobs.

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Nor did the White House Council for the American Worker, which she helps lead, create 6.5 million jobs as Trump suggests.

Trump established the council by executive order in July. It is aimed in part at getting companies to sign onto a pledge to give students and workers more job training and skills development opportunities in the face of impending automation. Two hundred companies have since agreed to the pledge, offering training opportunities that total more than 6.5 million, according to the White House.

But the training opportunities are neither actual job openings nor are they being immediately provided. The White House describes the programs as opportunities "over the next five years," including "apprenticeships and work-based learning, continuing education, on-the-job training, and reskilling."

## FENTANYL DANGERS

TRUMP, on the dangers of fentanyl: "A little tiny spoonful can wipe out a state. It's hard to believe. It can wipe out an entire state, a spoonful of this stuff." — remarks to governors Monday.

THE FACTS: It can't.

Fentanyl can be extraordinarily lethal as well as addictive.

The Drug Enforcement Administration cited evidence in a case last year that 1 gram of fentanyl can kill 300 people to 500 people. The case involved a Belleville, Illinois, man convicted in Texas of trafficking nearly 12 kilograms (26 pounds) of the drug, which the agency says is enough to kill up to 5.8 million people.

A teaspoon generally holds 4 grams to 6 grams, depending on the dry substance, equating to a theoretical death toll from fentanyl of 1,200 to 3,000, far from Trump's claim that an amount that small can wipe out "an entire state." That's because the state with the smallest population, Wyoming, has about 578,000 people. It would take close to 200 teaspoons to kill a population of that size.

## NATO

TRUMP: "We've picked up over a \$100 billion just in NATO over the last two years. A hundred billion dollars more has come in." — Hanoi news conference.

THE FACTS: His numbers are off, and the notion that more money has "come in" is misleading.

The NATO secretary-general, Jens Stoltenberg, said on Feb. 15 that NATO allies in Europe and Canada had spent an additional \$41 billion on their own defense since 2016, and that by the end of 2020 that figure would rise to \$100 billion. So, the \$100 billion refers to additional military spending over a four-year period, not over the past two years.

Trump typically frames the issue as one of money being paid to the U.S. or to NATO itself. In reality, it's a matter of how much each country in the alliance spends on its own military capabilities. Their increased spending is meant to lessen dependence on the U.S. for the defense of member countries.

In 2014, during the Obama administration, NATO members agreed to move "toward" spending 2 percent of their gross domestic product on their own defense by 2024. Trump's pressure may have spurred some countries to increase their spending faster than they planned or to become more serious about moving to the 2 percent goal.

## HARRY REID

TRUMP: "Former Senator Harry Reid (he got thrown out) is working hard to put a good spin on his failed career." — tweet Monday.

THE FACTS: Reid wasn't "thrown out" of office — by voters, fellow Democrats or anyone. He retired.

The longtime Senate Democratic leader announced in March 2015 that he would not seek another term and would retire after five terms, citing in part health concerns after falling while exercising and suffering serious bruises and a lasting injury to his right eye.

Reid, who was 75 at the time, said he would serve out the rest of his term in the Senate, which he in fact did, retiring in January 2017. Now he's been dealing with pancreatic cancer.

## VOTER FRAUD



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SENATE MAJORITY LEADER MITCH McCONNELL: "Now, for years and years, every Republican who dared to call for commonsense safeguards for Americans' ballots was demonized by Democrats and their allies. We were hit with left-wing talking points insisting that voter fraud wasn't real. That fraud just didn't happen. That modest efforts to ensure that voters are who they say they are and are voting in the proper place were really some sinister right-wing plot. As you might expect, now that an incident of very real voter fraud has become national news and the Republican candidate seems to have benefited, these long-standing Democrat talking points have quieted. ... I've been focused for decades on protecting the integrity of our elections." — remarks in the Senate on Tuesday.

THE FACTS: McConnell suggested the election debacle in North Carolina could have been prevented by Republican efforts, including his own, to fight "voter fraud" with voter ID laws, and he blamed Democrats for inaction on the issue. But the Republican drive to require people to show identification when they show up to vote is not on point to what happened in North Carolina.

The case of malfeasance involving Republican Mark Harris' congressional campaign in November focused on absentee mail-in ballot fraud, not voter impersonation at the ballot box. Voter IDs are powerless to stop mail-in ballot fraud.

The North Carolina State Board of Elections last month ordered a new election in the district, citing the voting improprieties. According to testimony during a state elections board hearing, Harris hired political operative Leslie McCrae Dowless Jr., who collected absentee ballots from voters by offering to put them in the mail. Some of Dowless' associates testified they collected blank or incomplete ballots, then forged signatures and filled in votes for local candidates. Dowless was arrested Wednesday on criminal charges over his collection of absentee ballots.

McConnell is correct that Republicans and Democrats in Congress have debated election security for years. The Republican efforts in Congress have centered on voter ID laws, including an amendment McConnell offered in 2007 to require ID to help prevent noncitizens from voting at the ballot box. Democrats have opposed voter-ID laws as unnecessarily restrictive for nonwhites, the poor and young people, who tend to vote Democratic.

The actual number of election fraud cases is very small, and the type that voter IDs is designed to prevent — voter impersonation at the ballot box — is virtually nonexistent.

A 2012 report by News21, a reporting project affiliated with Arizona State University, found 2,068 cases of election fraud in the United States since 2000. Ten of those cases involved voter impersonation, or 1 out of every 15 million prospective voters. Mail-in absentee fraud was more common, with 491 cases. None of those instances affected the outcome of an election.

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## Sanders to launch 2020 campaign from Brooklyn hometown

By JUANA SUMMERS, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Sen. Bernie Sanders will return to Brooklyn, the borough where he was born, to launch a presidential campaign that's expected to connect his working-class childhood to his populist political views that have reshaped the Democratic Party.

Sanders, a Vermont independent and the runner-up in the 2016 Democratic presidential primary, will speak Saturday morning from Brooklyn College, which he attended for a time.

Sanders launched his 2016 campaign from Vermont, the bucolic state that he has represented in the Senate for nearly two decades. But this time around, seeking to showcase more of his personal story, Sanders will first stop in Brooklyn, where he grew up as the son of a Jewish immigrant and lived in a

rent-controlled apartment.

Amid his calls for "Medicare-for-all," a \$15-an-hour minimum wage and addressing climate change, Sanders is expected to discuss his working-class roots and how his family's financial struggles have shaped his populist political views. In those reflections is an implicit contrast to another New Yorker, President Donald Trump, a billionaire who hails from Queens. Sanders has been among the most vocal critics of Trump, calling him, a racist, a sexist and a xenophobe.

After Brooklyn, Sanders will travel to Selma, Alabama, where he will be among the politicians commemorating the anniversary of the 1965 clash known as "Bloody Sunday," when peaceful demonstrators were beaten back by Alabama state troopers as they attempted to cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge. He'll hold his second campaign rally in Chicago, where he attended the University of Chicago and was involved in civil rights protests.

Sanders had previously frustrated some aides and supporters with his reticence to share more of his personal story. But at the pair of weekend rallies, Sanders will shed light on how his childhood and his activism have informed the policies and ideas he's championed.

Sanders joins the presidential race not as an outlier as he was in his campaign against Hillary Clinton but as one of the best-known candidates in a crowded field of Democrats. He also has a strong base of small-dollar donors: In the first week of his campaign, Sanders raised \$10 million, far outpacing his rivals.

The political moment that he faces in his second bid, however, is far different than when he ran four years ago. A number of the liberal positions that Sanders has championed, in some cases for years, have been backed by other Democrats in the field, notably Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, who is campaigning with similar populist notes.

## North Korea's Kim leaves Vietnam after summit breakdown

By **FOSTER KLUG and EMILY WANG, Associated Press**

DONG DANG, Vietnam (AP) — Smiling and holding up his clasped hands in a victorious pose, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un on Saturday boarded his private train at the Vietnam-China border for a 60-plus-hour ride home, ending a trip to Vietnam that saw a summit breakdown with President Donald Trump.

He spent his last day in Hanoi laying large red-and-yellow wreaths at a war memorial and at the mausoleum of national hero Ho Chi Minh, surrounded by Vietnamese soldiers in crisp white uniforms and his own entourage of top North Korean officials. At the border, he got out of his armored limousine and clasped his hands, waving to a crowd of people cheering his departure.

Since Trump flew home to Washington, Kim has stepped assuredly into the spotlight, keen to show himself as a poised leader taking his rightful place on the international stage. He met Friday with President Nguyen Phu Trong, the country's top leader and Communist Party chief, grinning broadly as he was feted by top officials and escorted down a red carpet.

As Kim met with officials in Hanoi, the United States and North Korea have both been spinning their versions of what happened during one of the most high-profile diplomatic collapses in recent years.

But some experts believe that Kim, by standing shoulder-to-shoulder with Trump at a summit that captivated many around the world, will have one sure win: He'll be able to portray himself to his people and supporters as the charismatic head of a nuclear-armed power, not an international pariah that starves its citizens so it can build nukes and missiles.

On Saturday, Kim, his trademark high-and-tight pompadour a bit disheveled, walked slowly behind a wreath with his name on it and a message that said, "I mourn the heroes and patriotic martyrs," as it was taken to the Monument to War Heroes and Martyrs. He also oversaw the presentation of a large wreath at the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, where he bowed and walked inside.

Talks between Kim and Trump broke down on Thursday, the second day of their two-day summit, in a dispute over how much sanctions relief Washington should provide Pyongyang in return for nuclear disarmament steps. Despite a senior North Korean official's suggestion — in a rushed, middle-of-the-night news conference called to dispute Trump's version of the summit's end — that Kim may have "lost the will" for

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diplomacy, the North Korean leader seems to have emerged from the diplomatic wreckage as a winner. Kim answered questions with humor and ease when confronted by an aggressive international media contingent here. And, crucially for his image at home, he stood firm on his demands for the relief of sanctions imposed over a nuclear program North Korea says it built in the face of unrelenting U.S. hostility meant to end its leadership.

Kim, as he considers his next move after Hanoi, will be backed by state-controlled media that were already busy portraying the summit as a victory for their leader, saying Kim and Trump "appreciated that the second meeting in Hanoi offered an important occasion for deepening mutual respect and trust and putting the relations between the two countries on a new stage."

North Korea said it had asked for partial sanctions relief in return for closing its main nuclear site at Yongbyon, an important nuclear-fuel production facility but not the only place the North is believed to make bomb fuel.

The United States also has been spinning the summit breakdown, with senior officials saying that North Korea wanted billions of dollars in sanctions relief in return for only partial dismantlement of Yongbyon, and demanded the North scrap more of its nuclear program for such a high level of concessions.

It's unclear what will come next: Working-level meetings among experts to close the negotiating gap? Another summit? Or will Trump, consumed with controversy in Washington and burned by the failure in Hanoi, lose interest?

The worst-case scenario would be a return to the personal insults and threats of war between Trump and Kim in 2017 as the North staged a series of increasingly powerful weapons tests, including a nuclear detonation and displays of long-range missiles that can target the U.S. mainland, though experts believe those ICBMs are not yet complete.

Trump maintained ahead of the Hanoi summit that the economic benefits of a deal could push Kim to give up his nuclear ambitions.

Kim came into the summit feeling confident that he could settle something that would end painful economic sanctions while letting him keep much of his nuclear program and only making a "a variety of gestures that mimic disarmament," Jeffrey Lewis, a nuclear expert at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey, wrote after the summit collapse. This outcome would be a signal that "the world must live with North Korea's bomb, but Kim won't rub it in anyone's face."

"Since it would be utter madness to try to topple a nuclear-armed dictator, it seems obvious which side should yield," Lewis said. If Trump "does not accept the reality that we now live with a nuclear-armed North Korea, then we are doomed to the collapse of negotiations, and perhaps even a return to the terror of 2017."

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## Eyeing 2020, White House steps up 'socialism' attack on Dems

By ZEKE MILLER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — As the White House gears up for the 2020 campaign, it's pressing the case that Democrats are rallying behind what it's calling the policies of "socialism."

Trying to portray Democrats as out of step with ordinary Americans, Vice President Mike Pence said in a speech Friday at the Conservative Political Action Conference that the choice in the next election is "between freedom and socialism, between personal responsibility and government dependence."

It was the latest step in a coordinated effort by President Donald Trump and his allies to drive up enthusiasm among the GOP base by sowing fears about the policies pushed by Democrats.

"The moment America becomes a socialist country is the moment America ceases to be America," Pence

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told the crowd of conservative activists.

Pence also took aim at "Medicare-for-all" and the Green New Deal, policy proposals prominent in the crowded Democratic contest for the presidential nomination.

The Medicare proposal really means "quality health care for none," Pence said. And "the only thing green" about the Democrats' environmental framework to combat climate change, the vice president said, "is how much green it's going to cost taxpayers if we do it: \$90 trillion."

The American Action Forum, a Republican-linked think tank, has estimated that the Green New Deal could cost \$51 trillion to \$93 trillion over 10 years. Democrats have not specified a price tag, though Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York, who introduced the plan along with Massachusetts Sen. Ed Markey, said it would be "the same way we paid for the original New Deal, World War II, the bank bailouts, tax cuts for the rich and decades of war — with public money appropriated by Congress."

The health care and climate proposals have become litmus tests in the race for the Democratic nomination, with many liberals embracing the ideas even as some pragmatists raise questions about cost and feasibility.

White House economic adviser Larry Kudlow said at the conference Thursday that Americans should "put socialism on trial and then convict it." Trump was expected to deliver a similar message when he addresses the conference on Saturday.

A Trump campaign official said the campaign was exploring ways to use the "socialism" message to drive a wedge between Democratic voters and independents. The official spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe internal planning.

The campaign also believes that the attacks will activate Trump's base, which may have lost some motivation because the president has run into congressional opposition as he tries to fulfill his U.S.-Mexico border wall promise.

The head of the Republican National Committee, Ronna McDaniel, told the conference on Thursday that the GOP would look to "go out and educate" voters about socialism.

Responding to Pence's socialism accusation, Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren said: "This is no surprise. It's nonsense, but Donald Trump and Donald Trump's minions will do whatever they think helps Donald Trump. That's all that's going on here."

Pence called Sen. Bernie Sanders, the Vermont independent who is making a second run for the Democratic presidential nomination, an "avowed socialist," though Sanders identifies as a "democratic socialist," calling for sweeping social programs to help reduce income inequality. Pence added Sanders that epitomized Democratic candidates and officials who "have papered over the failed policies of socialism with bumper-sticker slogans and slick social media campaigns."

Sanders fired back in a missive to his vast small-dollar donor list, encouraging them to give to his campaign in Pence's "honor" and saying Pence was targeting them because his "campaign is the strongest and most powerful challenge to Trump's re-election."

The White House has tried to cite the political chaos in Venezuela, where moderates backed by the Trump administration are challenging the socialist government of Nicholas Maduro after years of economic collapse, as a warning sign about the consequences of Democratic policies in the United States.

A Gallup poll from last August found that 37 percent of Americans feel positive about socialism, a share little changed over the past decade. Nearly 6 in 10 Democrats (57 percent) reported having a positive view of socialism, more than three times the share of Republicans (16 percent).

According to Gallup, young adults are especially likely to view socialism positively. About half of Americans under 30 (51 percent) and 41 percent of those age 30 to 49 reported feeling positive on that topic, compared with about 3 in 10 of those 50 and older.

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## Chemical weapons watchdog says chlorine was used in Douma

By **MIKE CORDER, Associated Press**

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — The global chemical weapons watchdog said Friday it found “reasonable grounds” that chlorine was used as a weapon in a deadly attack on the Syrian town of Douma last year.

The determination was contained in a detailed report by the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons’ fact finding mission that investigated the April 7, 2018 attack. Medical workers said at the time that the attack killed more than 40 people.

The mission’s mandate does not include laying blame.

In a statement, the OPCW said the mission visited Douma, analyzed samples taken from the scene and from people affected, interviewed witnesses and studied toxicological and ballistics analyses.

The investigators were delayed by several days from reaching the scene by security concerns, leading to fears that evidence could degrade or be cleaned up.

However, the data they eventually amassed and studied provided “reasonable grounds that the use of a toxic chemical as a weapon” took place, the OPCW said.

“This toxic chemical contained reactive chlorine. The toxic chemical was likely molecular chlorine.”

Survivors reached by The Associated Press in the aftermath of the attack said they were overwhelmed by the smell of chlorine on the night of April 7. Activists said many of the dead were found with foam around their mouths, an indicator for suffocation. Medical workers said they treated symptoms including difficulty breathing and fainting.

The United States, Britain and France blamed Syrian government forces and launched punitive airstrikes. Syria denied responsibility.

Douma was the final target of the government’s sweeping campaign to seize back control of the eastern Ghouta suburbs of Damascus from rebels after seven years of revolt. Militants gave up the town days after the alleged attack.

The OPCW said the report has been sent to the United Nations Security Council.

Russia, a staunch ally of Syrian President Bashar Assad, rejected claims that Syria was responsible for the attack and even brought what it called witnesses to The Hague to describe their experiences.

In a tweet Friday, the Russian embassy in The Hague said the OPCW reached its finding, “in spite of all the evidence presented by Russia, Syria, and even British journalists that the Douma incident is no more than ‘White helmets’ staged provocation.”

A joint investigative mechanism between the United Nations and OPCW, set up in 2015, was responsible for apportioning blame, but it was disbanded after Russia vetoed an extension of its mandate at the UN Security Council. Moscow claimed the team was not professional or objective in its investigations.

The team accused Syria of using chlorine gas in at least two attacks in 2014 and 2015 and the nerve agent sarin in an aerial attack on Khan Sheikhoun in April 2017 that killed about 100 people and affected about 200 others. The latter attack led to a U.S. airstrike on a Syrian airfield.

The team also accused the Islamic State extremist group of using mustard gas twice in 2015 and 2016.

## Oakland teachers strike ends with tentative deal for raise

By **JOCELYN GECKER, Associated Press**

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Striking teachers in Oakland, California, celebrated after reaching a contract deal Friday with school administrators to end a seven-day walkout.

To cheers and applause, union leaders from the Oakland Education Association announced that teachers had won everything they demanded — higher pay, smaller classes and more school resources — in a week of marathon negotiating sessions with the district.

“This is a historic contract with a win in every major proposal we made,” the Oakland Education Association said in a statement.

“We have achieved so much in the seven days of our historic strike in Oakland,” union President Keith Brown told a news conference. “Our power in the streets prevailed.”

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The deal includes an 11 percent salary increase and a one-time 3 percent bonus, once the deal is ratified, Brown said.

Teachers were expected to vote Saturday, and if the deal is approved, return to classrooms next week. "On Monday, March 4, we look forward to everyone being together again in the classroom," Superintendent Kyla Johnson-Trammell said in a statement. "The contract will help ensure more teachers stay in Oakland and that more come to teach in our classrooms and support our students."

Oakland's 3,000 teachers walked off the job Feb. 21, effectively shutting the city's 86 schools.

The district kept Oakland schools open during the strike staffed by a skeleton crew of substitutes. But most students stayed away in support of their striking teachers. The district said about 6 percent of students came to class during the weeklong action.

The walkout affected 36,000 students.

The Oakland Education Association said educators were forced to strike because administrators had not listened to their demands for two years. Teachers had been working without a contract since 2017.

Among their demands was a 12 percent retroactive raise covering 2017 to 2020 to compensate for what they say are among the lowest salaries for public school teachers in the expensive San Francisco Bay Area.

A starting salary for teachers at Oakland schools is \$46,500 a year and the average salary in the district is \$63,000 a year.

Brown said the new proposed salary will allow teachers to earn "a living wage."

"Experienced teachers will now be able to stay in the classroom," he said.

Nearly 600 teachers left their positions at Oakland public schools last year, according to the union, which said the district was not able to retain teachers or attract experienced new teachers with such low wages.

The union also won a "five-month pause" on school closures after protesting a district plan to shut as many as 24 schools that serve primarily African-American and Latino students. The union had argued that closing the schools would send more students to charter schools that drain more than \$57 million a year from the district.

The union rejected two earlier salary proposals from the district, which initially offered a 5 percent raise covering 2017 to 2020.

The deal also requires the district to reduce class sizes and hire more student support staff, including special education teachers, psychologists and nurses.

The talks did not center on pension or health care benefits, which are free for full-time workers and their beneficiaries. The Oakland district spends an additional \$13,487 per teacher annually for health benefits for educators and their families.

Oakland teachers were the latest educators in the country to strike over pay and classroom conditions.

Recent strikes across the nation have built on a wave of teacher activism that began last spring. Unions for West Virginia teachers, who staged a nine-day walkout last year, ended another two-day strike last week.

Last month, teachers in Denver ended a three-day walkout after reaching a deal raising their wages.

Teachers in Los Angeles, the nation's second-largest school district, staged a six-day strike last month that ended when they settled on a 6-percent raise with promises of smaller class sizes and the addition of nurses and counselors.

## 'Who's the Boss?' and 'Soap' actress Katherine Helmond dies

By ANDREW DALTON, AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actress Katherine Helmond, an Emmy-nominated and Golden Globe-winning actress who played two very different matriarchs on the ABC sitcoms "Who's the Boss?" and "Soap," has died, her talent agency said Friday. She was 89.

Helmond died of complications from Alzheimer's disease last Saturday at her home in Los Angeles, talent agency APA said in a statement.

A native of Galveston, Texas, Helmond's credits date back to the 1950s and she worked steadily in small roles through the decades. But her real fame, and all seven of her Emmy nominations, didn't start arriving

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until she was nearly 50.

She was probably best known for playing Mona Robinson, Judith Light's mother on "Who's the Boss?," which also starred Tony Danza and a young Alyssa Milano.

She won a best supporting Golden Globe for her work in 1989.

"My beautiful, kind, funny, gracious, compassionate, rock," Milano mourned on Twitter. "You were an instrumental part of my life. You taught me to hold my head above the marsh! You taught me to do anything for a laugh! What an example you were!"

On the show, Light was an uptight single mother who hired the 1980s heartthrob Danza to be her live-in housekeeper, and Helmond was her foil, a lover of nightlife, pursuer of men and flaunter of sexuality who would have been at home on "The Golden Girls," which ran during the same years.

"Katherine Helmond was a remarkable human being and an extraordinary artist; generous, gracious, charming and profoundly funny," Light said in a statement. "She taught me so much about life and inspired me indelibly by watching her work. Katherine was a gift to our business and to the world."

Danza tweeted, "We all lost a national treasure today. No words can measure my love."

An only child, raised by her mother and grandmother, who began acting while a girl in Catholic school, Helmond began her professional career in theater and returned to it often, earning a Tony Award nomination in 1973 for her Broadway role in Eugene O'Neill's "The Great God Brown."

She was a favorite of director Terry Gilliam, who put her in his films "Brazil," "Time Bandits," and "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas."

In "Brazil," a dystopian comedy from 1985, she played a surgery-addicted woman whose elastic face became one of the most memorable images from the cult film.

Her major break came with "Soap," a parody of soap operas that aired from 1977 to 1981. She played wealthy matriarch Jessica Tate, one of two main characters on the show, which co-starred Robert Guillaume and was also a breakthrough for Billy Crystal, who played her nephew.

She was nominated for Emmys for all four seasons of the show and won a best actress in a comedy Golden Globe in 1981.

Helmond kept working into her 80s doing mostly voice work, most notably as the Model T Lizzie in the Pixar "Cars" films.

She had a recurring role on "Everybody Loves Raymond" from 1996 to 2004 as the title character's mother-in-law.

"Katherine Helmond was such a class act and incredibly down to earth," tweeted actress Patricia Heaton, who co-starred with Ray Romano on the show. "She was terrific as my mother on 'Everybody Loves Raymond' and I looked up to her as a role model."

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, David Christian, her half-sister, Alice Parry, and many nieces and nephews, her agency's statement said.

A memorial is being planned.

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This story has been corrected to remove a reference to Milano playing a family relation to Helmond on "Who's the Boss?"

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## Lyft reveals big growth but no profits as it readies for IPO

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NEW YORK (AP) — Lyft is growing quickly ahead of its initial public offering but continues to bleed money and may struggle to turn a profit as it tries to catch up to Uber in the booming ride-hailing market, according to a federal filing.

The company released its financial details for the first time on Friday, giving the public a glimpse into its performance before deciding whether to buy into a transportation trend that has changed the way tens of

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millions of people get around. The unveiling came nearly three months after the San Francisco company filed confidential documents for its initial public offering of stock.

Lyft reported \$2.2 billion in revenue last year — more than double its \$1.1 billion in revenue in 2017. That continued a growth trajectory that saw revenue more than triple in 2017 compared with 2016, when the company brought in \$343.3 million.

But Lyft is still losing money and its executives warned it may struggle to turn a profit, according to Friday's filing. The company lost \$911 million last year, bringing its total losses to nearly \$3 billion since 2012 while raking in \$5.1 billion in venture capital.

Its cash balance also is shrinking. Lyft had \$517 million in cash and equivalents at the end of last year, about half of what it had at the end of 2017. The IPO will enable the company to raise more cash to finance its operations and expand while management tries to figure out way to turn a profit.

The next step for Lyft will be to meet with potential investors during presentations known as a "road show" on Wall Street, then determine how much stock it will sell in the IPO and how much to demand for its shares. If all goes smoothly, Lyft's stock market debut will likely occur in late March or early April.

Lyft has been in a race with Uber to be first to offer its stock to the public, and has positioned itself as the affable alternative to its larger and more ubiquitous rival. Uber, which struggled with public relations setbacks in the past, expects to file its IPO later this year.

Together, the two could raise billions of dollars to fuel their expansions and give investors an opportunity to see how the companies plan to become sustainable.

Lyft's filing says that its co-founders — CEO Logan Green, 35, and President John Zimmer, 34 — will keep significant control of the company after it goes public and "will be able to significantly influence any action requiring the approval of our stockholders," including the election of board members, a merger, asset sales or other major corporate transactions.

The company's share of the U.S. ride-hailing market was 39 percent in December 2018, up from 22 percent in December 2016, according to the filing, which cited growth from new drivers and riders as well as increased ride frequency. It reported 30.7 million riders and 1.9 million drivers in more than 300 cities in 2018, and has given more than 1 billion rides since its inception in 2012, according to the filing.

Lyft's market-share gains in recent years came at a time when Uber was dogged by reports that drivers accosted passengers and that the company allowed rampant sexual harassment internally — revelations that ultimately led its co-founder Travis Kalanick to resign. Uber has been working to repair its image under CEO Dara Khosrowshahi, who tweeted congratulations to the Lyft team Friday, calling it "a big moment for ridesharing!"

Lyft allowed customers to tip drivers earlier than Uber, building into its brand the sense that it treats drivers better than its main competitor. In its filing, Lyft said it will pay cash bonuses of \$1,000 and \$10,000 to drivers who meet certain criteria, and that drivers may use those bonuses to buy the company's shares.

Bookings, a figure representing Lyft's fares after subtracting taxes, tolls and tips, have been rising dramatically — a trend that the company intends to underscore in its presentation to potential investors. Lyft's bookings surpassed \$8 billion last year, 76 percent more than in 2017 and more than four times the number from 2016. The company's revenue of \$2.2 billion last year represents Lyft's slice of the bookings.

"We believe this is a key indicator of the utility of transportation solutions provided through our multimodal platform, as well as the scale and growth in our business," the company said in the filing.

Lyft, known for the pink moustaches that used to adorn car grilles, was valued at just over \$15 billion last year. In addition to ride-hailing, it offers shared car, bike and scooter rides.

By being the first company in the ride-hailing category to go public, Lyft is likely to attract institutional investors who want to get in on the sector, said Rohit Kulkarni, senior vice president of research at Forge. Based on the figures in the filing, and assuming steady revenue growth of more than 50 percent in the next year, institutional investors are likely to value Lyft at \$20 billion to \$25 billion, he said.

The next step is for Lyft managers to go on the road to woo investors, presenting details and fielding questions from potential buyers in hopes of drumming up interest. That will help the company determine



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the price of its shares when it goes public, likely in late March or early April.

"Lyft has clearly demonstrated progress along its pathway to profitability ... but the key question is whether Lyft can accelerate its pathway to profitability," Kulkarni said. "On its upcoming roadshow, public equity investors would have a lot of tough questions for Lyft's management on this topic."

In its risk assessments, Lyft outlined the difficulty of attracting and retaining drivers and riders "in a cost-effective manner," complying with laws and regulations, and being able to manage growth and expand beyond the U.S. and part of Canada.

The company conceded that it has lost money since it started in mid-2012 and its expenses are increasing as it launches new services.

"We have incurred net losses each year since our inception and we may not be able to achieve or maintain profitability in the future," the company said.

Lyft also said it faces intense competition and could lose market share to competitors.

The company acknowledged the importance of developing autonomous vehicle technology on its own or with partners. Uber — as well as Waymo, General Motors and others — is working on self-driving vehicles, which they expect to enter the ride-hailing business. If they are able to do that, and Lyft is still relying on drivers, its cost of giving rides likely would be far higher.

Despite competing with Lyft, General Motors and Alphabet — Waymo's parent company — each own more than 5 percent of Lyft's Class A common stock, according to the filing.

Krisher reported from Detroit and Liedtke reported from San Francisco.

This story has been corrected to read that Lyft's cash on hand in 2018 was \$517 million, not \$517,690.

## Saudi Arabia revokes citizenship of Hamza bin Laden

By JON GAMBRELL, Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Saudi Arabia announced Friday it had revoked the citizenship of Hamza bin Laden, the son of the late al-Qaida leader who has become an increasingly prominent figure in the terror network.

There was no immediate explanation why the royal decree stripping his citizenship, signed in November, was only becoming public now. However, the announcement comes after the U.S. government on Thursday offered a \$1 million reward for information leading to his capture as part of its "Rewards for Justice" program. He also was added Thursday to a United Nations Security Council terrorism sanctions list.

The kingdom similarly stripped Osama bin Laden's citizenship in 1994 while he was living in exile in Sudan when Hamza bin Laden was just a child. Where he is now remains in question.

"This is an example of history rhyming," said Thomas Joscelyn, a senior fellow at the Washington-based Foundation for Defense of Democracies who studies al-Qaida and the Islamic State group. "He's basically born right after al-Qaida is founded, so his life is totally consumed in the establishment, the formation of al-Qaida and the launching of its war against the West and America."

Saudi Arabia revoked Hamza bin Laden's citizenship in November, according to a circular by the Interior Ministry quietly published Friday by the country's official gazette. State-run media in the kingdom did not report on the decision.

Bin Laden is believed to have been born in 1989, the year of the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan, where his father became known among the mujahedeen fighters. His father returned to Saudi Arabia and later fled to Sudan after criticizing the kingdom for allowing U.S. troops to deploy in the country during the 1991 Gulf War. He later fled Sudan for Afghanistan in 1996, where he declared war against the U.S.

As leader of al-Qaida, Osama bin Laden oversaw a series of attacks, including the 1998 bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, as well as the bombing of the USS Cole off Yemen. He and others plotted and executed the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on New York and the Pentagon, which led to the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan. U.S. Navy SEALs ultimately killed bin Laden in a raid on a house in Abbottabad,

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Pakistan, in 2011.

For Hamza bin Laden, now believed to be around 30, his father initially worried for his safety and thought to send him away for study, but his son instead "wants to get into the fight," Joscelyn said. He's then sent away for explosives training in Pakistan.

Video released by the CIA in 2017 that was seized during the Abbottabad raid shows Hamza bin Laden with a trimmed mustache but no beard, at his wedding. Previous images have only shown him as a child. The State Department said in its announcement Thursday about the \$1 million bounty on him that it believes he married the daughter of Mohamed Atta, the lead hijacker in the Sept. 11 attacks.

Hamza bin Laden began appearing in militant videos and recordings in 2015 as an al-Qaida spokesman. "If you think that your sinful crime that you committed in Abbottabad has passed without punishment, then you thought wrong," he said in his first audio recording.

In recent years, the Islamic State group, which began as al-Qaida in Iraq before breaking away from the terror group, has taken much of the international attention. However, Joscelyn warned al-Qaida remains a transnational threat, something that authorities may now pay more attention to as the Islamic State group withers away in Syria.

The U.N. Security Council committee in charge of al-Qaida-related sanctions said Thursday that Hamza bin Laden's prominence has grown in recent years, calling him "the most probable successor" to lead a potential new version of the terror group.

His addition to the sanctions list subjects him to a travel ban, asset freeze and arms embargo that all U.N. member states are obligated to enforce.

A U.N. report published last year suggested both he and Ayman al-Zawahiri, who took over al-Qaida after Osama bin Laden's death, "are reported to be in the Afghanistan-Pakistan border areas."

"Al-Qaida's leadership demonstrates strategic patience and its regional affiliates exercise good tactical judgment, embedding themselves in local issues and becoming players," the U.N. report warned. "While there is as yet little evidence of a re-emerging direct global threat from al-Qaida, improved leadership and enhanced communication will probably increase the threat over time."

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## Women say New York agency let sex harassment go on for years

By DAVID KLEPPER, Associated Press

GLENS FALLS, N.Y. (AP) — One woman says a male co-worker at her state job grabbed her head and forced it between his legs. Another woman says the same man exposed his penis to her while she worked in her cubicle. A third says the man pulled her into a small room, unzipped his pants and said, "Why don't we just get this over with?"

All three told The Associated Press that no one did anything significant about their complaints against Chad Dominie for at least two years, until one of the women said he grabbed her by the arms and threatened to sexually assault her in October 2017. That accusation prompted a call to police and a harassment charge against Dominie, an administrative assistant in a small office of a New York state agency that helps the disabled.

Dominie has acknowledged engaging in "locker room" behavior — "I tell her to 'shut her whore mouth' and I'm the big villain?" he said — but denied exposing himself or threatening or touching anyone inappropriately. He has been suspended from his job without pay since his arrest, pleaded guilty to a harassment violation — less than a misdemeanor — and paid \$120 in court costs. To date, he remains a state employee, pending the outcome of a disciplinary proceeding.

"This has to stop," said Mary Tromblee, the woman who accused Dominie of threatening sexual assault and in the previous nine months complained that he twice lifted her skirt, reached down her blouse to grope her breast and exposed himself by her desk.

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"Not one person protected me," said Tromblee, who took out a restraining order against Dominie and has now filed a federal harassment complaint. "I want people to know — you can stand up for yourself."

Though leaders such as Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo insist New York has a tough law on sexual harassment, with more changes proposed this legislative session, the allegations that roiled this office of less than two dozen in Glens Falls underscore a familiar criticism: Aggressive policies aren't of much use if managers don't take action.

Harassment is not a new problem in New York state government, nor is it for this particular agency, the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities. The agency's No. 2 official, Jay Kiyonaga, was fired last year after an investigation revealed "reprehensible" and "sexually inappropriate" acts by him that went back years.

Dominie, 44, acknowledged in an interview with the AP that he engaged in "locker room" behavior that included calling female co-workers "whores," providing marijuana to supervisors and viewing pornography in the office.

He contended that he was only punished after he threatened to report the improper behavior of supervisors, and that his conduct and language were long tolerated as part of the office "culture."

"I was never offended by it," he said. "I'm an old Marine. It was a joke. We were just horseplaying."

Dominie, a 21-year veteran of the state agency who made \$41,000 a year before his suspension, says the allegations of harassment prompted his wife to divorce him, and he expects to be fired later this year. To make ends meet, he's been working as a youth sports referee.

Two supervisors, one of whom has since retired, declined to comment to the AP. But the agency issued a statement defending its handling of the situation.

"Upon learning of the allegations, OPWDD immediately reported the incident to law enforcement and the accused employee was placed on administrative leave," it said. The statement added that unnamed employees involved in the matter were "appropriately disciplined" and counseled, though it declined to offer details.

The women interviewed by the AP tell a much different story.

They said the two supervisors witnessed the behavior and didn't properly handle multiple complaints, some of which date to at least 2015. Instead of reporting them for further investigation, the women said, the supervisors would repeatedly call Dominie in for meetings with his accusers and ask him to "do better." The women said he would reform for a few days, only to go back to his old ways.

One woman recalled how Dominie not only used explicit language but also assigned letter grades — A, B, C, D or F — to female co-workers based on their outfits and appearance on any given day. The woman said he showed a particular interest in feet, forcing her to swear off open-toed shoes.

"It got to a point where I stopped caring what I look like. I stopped doing my makeup, doing my hair. I gained a lot of weight," one of the women recalled. "I would wake up every day thinking 'what can I do to stop him from bothering me today?'"

AP generally does not identify those who say they were sexually assaulted or harassed. Of the three women AP interviewed about Dominie, it is identifying only Tromblee, a 53-year-old registered nurse, because she said she wanted to tell her story publicly.

The two other women gave accounts that were consistent with the formal complaints Tromblee lodged with the state and with the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Tromblee and another woman who spoke about Dominie still work in the office; a third has retired.

Tromblee recounted how one supervisor, a woman named Alexis Barlow, asked her whether she had provoked the harassment by flirting with Dominie. Tromblee said in her EEOC complaint that another supervisor, a man named Liam Stander, sometimes exchanged pornography with Dominie over their smartphones and simulated sexual intercourse with him through their clothes as employees watched.

Standar has since retired. He and Barlow declined to comment for this story.

In response to the story, a group of former legislative staffers who say they were harassed by lawmakers called for additional legislative hearings on harassment. The group, Harassment Free Albany, was a

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driving factor in the Legislature's decision to hold a hearing on harassment last month — the first hearing dedicated to the topic in three decades.

"Why were devoted public servants like Mary left to defend themselves- not just against their harasser but their supervisors who are enabling victim-blamers?" the group tweeted. "We deserve better. We expect more."

Caitlin Girouard, a spokeswoman for Cuomo, called the allegations raised by the women "absolutely despicable and 100 percent unacceptable" and said the governor has worked to improve laws prohibiting harassment in both the public and private sectors.

"We fully expect the disciplinary processes to result in appropriate penalties against anyone who has violated the law,"

## Washington Gov. Inslee focuses on climate change in 2020 bid

By **BILL BARROW** and **RACHEL LA CORTE**, Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — Declaring climate change the nation's most pressing issue, Washington Gov. Jay Inslee launched his 2020 Democratic presidential bid on Friday with a promise to refocus American government and society.

"It is time for our nation to set a new priority," Inslee told supporters gathered at a solar panel business in Seattle. "This is truly our moment. It is our moment to solve America's most daunting challenge and make it the first, foremost and paramount duty of the United States ... to defeat climate change."

The 68-year-old former congressman becomes the first governor to enter a race dominated by senators. Former Vice President Joe Biden and former Texas Rep. Beto O'Rourke also are expected to make highly anticipated 2020 announcements in the coming weeks.

But Inslee says his emphasis on combating climate change sets him apart from his competitors and from Republican President Donald Trump.

"We are all angry and outraged by this president," he said, adding that rather than get drawn into Trump's vortex, he would "unite Americans in this moment to solve our most urgent problem."

Inslee frames climate action as an economic opportunity, not just a moral imperative. He didn't talk specifically Friday about the costs of his vision, other than to criticize considerable tax subsidies for the fossil fuel industry. But he argued that public and private investments in clean energy are a net boon for working Americans that would create "millions of jobs," from building "electric cars in Michigan" to installing solar panels on homes in every state.

Inslee says no presidential candidate has hinged a campaign as heavily on climate and environmental policy as he will. He unveiled a blue-and-green campaign logo with an arc of the Earth, eschewing the typical red, white and blue. His Twitter feed Friday was replete with the hashtag #OurClimateMoment.

He plans his first trip as a candidate to Iowa next week, with events geared to climate issues. Trips to Nevada and California will follow.

Inslee may have a larger opening on climate since billionaire environmental activist Tom Steyer has passed on a national campaign, opting instead to continue his advocacy for impeaching and removing Trump from office. Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, a billionaire who has spent millions of dollars on climate issues, may run.

Steyer tweeted Friday: "It's good to know that a climate champion like @GovInslee will be in the race, pushing the country to recognize what is at stake."

Inslee hasn't specifically endorsed the Green New Deal introduced by New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Massachusetts Sen. Ed Markey, and he didn't during his speech Friday. But he said last month that he was "thrilled that this ... resolution has been brought forward" to push for action.

"This is an aspirational document that sets the goal, rather than the policy. It's not meant to be a policy document," he said during an interview after his campaign event. "I will be rolling out my own proposed policy. It will be comprehensive. It will be robust. It will have a sector-by-sector approach which will be targeted to reduction of carbon pollution and job creation."



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On the Green Deal, he said, "I think this is fantastic that we have multiple voices now rather than just mine." He called that "something to celebrate."

Inslee announced his intention to "power our economy with 100 percent clean energy," but he set no target date for the U.S. to become carbon neutral. The Green New Deal sets a target of 2030.

Despite his emphasis on climate policy, Inslee says he's not a one-issue candidate. He pitches his breadth of personal and political experiences as ideal to bridge political and cultural divides among the Democratic base and the broader electorate.

Inslee has governed Washington state as an unabashed liberal, promoting clean energy, gay rights, abortion rights, environmental preservation, tighter gun restrictions and more spending for education and job training. In Congress, he voted against the U.S. invasion of Iraq in 2003 and for a ban on certain military-style guns.

Most recently, he's called for a state-based public option health insurance plan in Washington that he says is a "step toward universal health care."

The state GOP recently has derided his "extreme environmental agenda" and pointed to its price tag.

Inslee started his legal and political career in small-town central Washington, winning a state legislative post and, for one term, a congressional seat before being knocked out in the GOP sweep of 1994. He returned to Congress representing a metro-Seattle district for 12 years before resigning to run for governor in 2012.

Inslee raised his profile serving as the chairman of the Democratic Governors Association in 2018; Democrats picked up seven governor's offices, and Inslee became a familiar guest to cable news audiences, using the opportunity to lambaste Trump on such issues as immigration and ethics.

"Unlike the man in the White House, I believe in all the people who make up America," he said Friday.

When asked if he would consider declaring a national emergency over climate change, Inslee said he found the current declaration related to the U.S.-Mexico border wall to be "illegal and unconstitutional."

"If the rules change, of course everything will be on the table to figure out how we solve this problem," he said, adding that, at this point, he would not commit to declaring a national emergency on climate.

"The best way to do this is to work with Congress to develop a national consensus about how to build a clean-energy economy," he said.

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## US hits Venezuela officials with sanctions for blocking aid

By MATTHEW LEE, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration imposed sanctions Friday on six high-ranking members of the Venezuelan security forces and revoked the visas of other officials and their relatives in the latest effort to pressure President Nicolas Maduro into leaving office.

The sanctions are in response to the blocking of humanitarian aid convoys last week while the visa revocations on dozens of individuals are intended to punish people who have flourished amid the South American country's dire economic crisis, Elliott Abrams, the special representative for Venezuela, told reporters.

"Maduro supporters that abuse or violate human rights, steal from the Venezuelan people or undermine Venezuela's democracy are not welcome in the United States," Abrams said. "Neither are their family members who enjoy a privileged lifestyle at the expense of the liberty and prosperity of millions of Venezuelans."

The measures were the latest by the Trump administration to increase the international pressure on Maduro, whose re-election last year is seen as illegitimate, to resign and turn power over to the opposition leader Juan Guaido, who has been recognized by the U.S. and 50 other government as interim president.

The State Department later said that the U.S. had revoked the visas of 49 people, making them subject

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to deportation if they are in the country. It placed an unspecified number of others on a visa restriction list.

The U.S. already has travel bans on other high-ranking Venezuelan officials connected to Maduro who are accused of committing human rights abuses or corruption.

Separately, the Treasury Department imposed financial sanctions on six officials from the National Guard and police who are allied with Maduro. These officials played a role in closing Venezuela's borders with Brazil and Colombia to prevent the entry of assistance from countries opposed to Maduro's continued rule.

Maduro's forces fired tear gas and buckshot at activists trying to deliver humanitarian aid in violent clashes on Feb. 23, leaving two people dead and about 300 injured.

Friday's action targets six security officials "who control many of the groups that prevented humanitarian aid from entering Venezuela, thereby exacerbating the humanitarian crisis that has left millions of Venezuelans starving and without access to medical care under the Maduro regime," Treasury said in a statement.

The sanctions block any assets they have in U.S. jurisdictions and bar Americans from conducting financial transactions with them.

Those targeted are Richard Jesus Lopez, the commander of Venezuela's National Guard; Jesus Maria Mantilla, the commander of Venezuela's Strategic Integral Defense Region Guayana; Alberto Mirtiliano Bermudez, the general in charge of Venezuela's Integral Defense Zone in Bolivar State, which borders Brazil; Jose Leonardo Noronom, the general in charge of Venezuela's Integral Defense Zone in Tachira State, which borders Colombia; Jose Miguel Dominguez, a national police commander in Tachira; and Cristhiam Abelardo Morales, another commander in Tachira.

The men are part of security forces that have remained loyal to Maduro and are essential to his hold on power in the once-prosperous country.

Guaido had announced that last weekend's attempt to deliver U.S.-supplied humanitarian aid from Colombia into Venezuela would be politically decisive, but Maduro called the aid part of a scheme to overthrow his government.

Maduro has denounced his opponents as killers and criminals in fiery speeches reminiscent of the style of his predecessor and mentor, Hugo Chavez.

## How major US stock indexes fared Friday

By The Associated Press

Stocks rose on Wall Street Friday, snapping a three-day losing streak amid renewed optimism for a potential resolution to the U.S.'s trade war with China.

Investors drew encouragement from a published report saying the two nations could hammer out a trade deal within the next month. Health care and technology companies accounted for much of the market's gains.

On Friday:

The S&P 500 index climbed 19.20 points, or 0.7 percent, to 2,803.69.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 110.32 points, or 0.4 percent, to 26,026.32.

The Nasdaq composite gained 62.82 points, or 0.8 percent, to 7,595.35.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies picked up 14.09 points, or 0.9 percent, to 1,589.64.

For the week:

The S&P 500 rose 11.02 points, or 0.4 percent.

The Dow fell 5.49 points, or 0.02 percent.

The Nasdaq picked up 67.81 points, or 0.9 percent.

The Russell 2000 lost 0.42 points, or 0.03 percent.

For the year:

The S&P 500 is up 296.84 points, or 11.8 percent.

The Dow is up 2,698.86 points, or 11.6 percent.

The Nasdaq is up 960.08 points, or 14.5 percent.

The Russell 2000 is up 241.08 points, or 17.9 percent.

## S&P 500 snaps 3-day losing streak as US stocks close higher

By DAMIAN J. TROISE and ALEX VEIGA, AP Business Writers

Health care and technology companies helped lift U.S. stocks higher Friday, breaking a three-day losing streak for the S&P 500 and giving the benchmark index its fifth consecutive weekly gain.

Renewed optimism for a potential resolution to the U.S.-China trade conflict helped put investors in a buying mood following a Bloomberg story saying U.S. officials are preparing a deal that could be signed within a month.

The trade war between the world's largest economies has raised prices for consumers and companies. It's also deepened concerns that escalating tariffs could worsen the global economy's slowdown.

Even so, investors' jitters over trade and signs of a slowing global economy have been eased by confidence in the prospects for steady U.S. growth and an increasingly hands-off Federal Reserve. That's fueled the market's strong start to this year following its steep sell-off at the end of 2018.

"Clearly, the tariffs negotiations are moving in the right direction, as far as the market is concerned, and that's positive," said Quincy Krosby, chief market strategist at Prudential Financial. "The other positive is that the Fed remains on hold ... and they have been telegraphing that they remain patient on interest rate hikes."

The S&P 500 climbed 19.20 points, or 0.7 percent, to 2,803.69. That's the index's first close above 2,800 points since Nov. 8. The S&P has notched a weekly gain in nine of the past 10 weeks.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 110.32 points, or 0.4 percent, to 26,026.32. The Nasdaq composite gained 62.82 points, or 0.8 percent, to 7,595.35. The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies picked up 14.09 points, or 0.9 percent, to 1,589.64. Major indexes in Europe also finished higher.

The U.S. stock indexes got off to a strong start early Friday, then lost ground after a report showed manufacturing growth slowed in February. But that pullback didn't last, a reflection of how traders have remained confident in the strength of the U.S. economy despite weak economic reports.

Consumer spending in December took its biggest tumble in nine years. Disappointing retail sales are another sign that growth slowed at the end of 2018.

Optimism over a potential U.S.-China trade deal marked a change from earlier in the week, when U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer raised doubts about progress in the talks. Speaking to lawmakers, Lighthizer said that much still needed to be done before the sides can reach an agreement over Beijing's technology strategy and other issues.

Washington accuses Beijing of stealing foreign companies' technology or pressuring them to hand it over. President Donald Trump has held off on a threat to impose higher tariffs on \$200 billion of Chinese products as negotiations continue.

While the market's recent gains already reflect investors' optimism for a U.S.-China trade deal, stocks could get a further boost from an official resolution to the dispute, said Eric Wiegand, senior portfolio manager for Private Wealth Management at U.S. Bank.

"If we were able to see a successful conclusion to the negotiations that could be a near-term catalyst," he said.

Health care and technology companies accounted for much of the market's gains Friday. Celgene rose 3.4 percent, while Western Digital gained 2.7 percent.

A mix of company earnings and deal news also caught investors' attention Friday.

Gap surged 16.2 percent after it announced that it will spin off its Old Navy brand into a separate company. The retailer will retain its namesake brand, along with Banana Republic and others, in a new, yet to be named company.

The split comes as Old Navy has thrived while Gap struggles with increasing competition from the likes of Target and Amazon.

Several supermarket operators declined after The Wall Street Journal reported that Amazon is planning to open dozens of grocery stores in several U.S. cities. The e-commerce giant has been making a big push

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into brick-and-mortar stores, buying up the Whole Foods grocery chain in 2017 and opening cashier-less convenience stores around the country.

The news sent Amazon shares 1.9 percent higher. Supermarket operator Kroger slid 4.5 percent. Walmart, which also sells groceries, dropped 1.1 percent. Sprouts Farmers Markets fell 0.5 percent.

Investors bid up shares in Foot Locker after the footwear and athletic apparel retailer blew past investor expectations for the fourth quarter and forecast double-digit profit growth for this year. The stock climbed 6 percent.

Tesla tumbled 7.8 percent after CEO Elon Musk said the electric car maker is unlikely to turn a profit in the first quarter. The company also began selling a \$35,000 version of its Model 3, which previously cost at least \$42,900.

Caesars Entertainment gained 4.1 percent after the casino operator said it will replace three board members with directors chosen by billionaire activist investor Carl Icahn.

U.S. crude slid 2.5 percent to settle at \$55.80 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, used to price international oils, dropped 1.9 percent to close at \$65.07 a barrel in London.

Bond prices fell. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.76 percent from 2.71 percent late Thursday.

The dollar rose to 112.01 yen from 111.42 yen on Thursday. The euro weakened to \$1.1357 from \$1.1379.

Gold fell 1.3 percent to \$1,299.20 an ounce. Silver dropped 2.4 percent to \$15.26 an ounce. Copper declined 0.5 percent to \$2.93 a pound.

In other energy futures trading, wholesale gasoline slid 1.3 percent to \$1.73 a gallon. Heating oil lost 1.3 percent to \$2 a gallon. Natural gas gained 1.7 percent to \$2.89 per 1,000 cubic feet.

## Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Saturday, March 2, the 61st day of 2019. There are 304 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 2, 1933, the motion picture "King Kong" had its world premiere at New York's Radio City Music Hall and the Roxy.

On this date:

In 1793, the first (and third) president of the Republic of Texas, Sam Houston, was born near Lexington, Virginia.

In 1836, the Republic of Texas formally declared its independence from Mexico.

In 1877, Republican Rutherford B. Hayes was declared the winner of the 1876 presidential election over Democrat Samuel J. Tilden, even though Tilden had won the popular vote.

In 1917, Puerto Ricans were granted U.S. citizenship as President Woodrow Wilson signed the Jones-Shafroth Act.

In 1939, Roman Catholic Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli (puh-CHEL'-ee) was elected pope on his 63rd birthday; he took the name Pius XII. The Massachusetts legislature voted to ratify the Bill of Rights, 147 years after the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution had gone into effect. (Georgia and Connecticut soon followed.)

In 1943, the three-day Battle of the Bismarck Sea began in the southwest Pacific during World War II; U.S. and Australian warplanes were able to inflict heavy damage on an Imperial Japanese convoy.

In 1962, Wilt Chamberlain scored 100 points for the Philadelphia Warriors in a game against the New York Knicks, an NBA record that still stands. (Philadelphia won, 169-147.)

In 1978, the remains of comedian Charles Chaplin were stolen by extortionists from his grave in Cosier-sur-Vevey, Switzerland. (The body was recovered near Lake Geneva 11 weeks later.)

In 1985, the government approved a screening test for AIDS that detected antibodies to the virus, allowing possibly contaminated blood to be excluded from the blood supply.



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In 1989, representatives from the 12 European Community nations agreed to ban all production of CFCs (chlorofluorocarbons), the synthetic compounds blamed for destroying the Earth's ozone layer, by the end of the 20th century.

In 1990, more than 6,000 drivers went on strike against Greyhound Lines Inc. (The company, later declaring an impasse in negotiations, fired the strikers.)

In 1995, the Internet search engine website Yahoo! was incorporated by founders Jerry Yang and David Filo.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama introduced Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius as his choice to be secretary of health and human services. Soldiers assassinated the president of Guinea-Bissau, Joao Bernardo "Nino" Vieira.

Five years ago: The historical drama "12 Years a Slave" won best picture at the 86th annual Academy Awards; one of its stars, Lupita Nyong'o, won best supporting actress. Matthew McConaughey was named best actor for "Dallas Buyers Club" while Cate Blanchett was honored as best actress for "Blue Jasmine"; Alfonso Cuarón received best director for "Gravity."

One year ago: At a funeral before an invitation-only crowd of approximately 2,000 in Charlotte, North Carolina, the children of the Rev. Billy Graham remembered "America's Pastor" as a man devoted to spreading the Gospel, and one who lived his life at home as he preached it in stadiums. A nor'easter pounded the Atlantic coast with hurricane-force winds and sideways rain and snow, grounding flights and leaving more than 2 million homes and businesses without power from North Carolina to Maine.

Today's Birthdays: Actor John Cullum is 89. Former Soviet President and Nobel peace laureate Mikhail S. Gorbachev is 88. Actress Barbara Luna is 80. Author John Irving is 77. Actress Cassie Yates is 68. Actress Laraine Newman is 67. Former Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., is 66. Former Interior Secretary Ken Salazar is 64. Singer Jay Osmond is 64. Pop musician John Cowsill (The Cowsills) is 63. Former tennis player Kevin Curren is 61. Country singer Larry Stewart (Restless Heart) is 60. Rock singer Jon Bon Jovi is 57. Blues singer-musician Alvin Youngblood Hart is 56. Actor Daniel Craig is 51. Actor Richard Ruccolo is 47. Rock musician Casey (Jimmie's Chicken Shack) is 43. Rock singer Chris Martin (Coldplay) is 42. Actress Heather McComb is 42. Actress Rebel Wilson is 39. Actress Bryce Dallas Howard is 38. NFL quarterback Ben Roethlisberger is 37. Musician Mike "McDuck" Olson (Lake Street Dive) is 36. Actor Robert Iler is 34. Actress Nathalie Emmanuel is 30. Country singer Luke Combs is 29. Singer-rapper-actress Becky G is 22.

Thought for Today: "Nothing ever really sets human nature free, but self-control." — Phyllis Bottome, English writer (1884-1963).

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