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## "WHAT'S THE LEAD, AP?"

President Donald Trump shakes hands with 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Neil Gorsuch, his choice to fill the Supreme Court vacancy caused by the death of Justice Antonin Scalia, at the Trump announcement in the East Room of the White House in Washington, Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2017. (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

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### [Trump taps conservative Judge Neil Gorsuch for Supreme Court](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump has nominated Neil Gorsuch, a fast-rising conservative judge with legal flair, to the Supreme Court, setting up a fierce fight with Democrats over a jurist who could shape America's legal landscape for decades to come.

### [Conservative Gorsuch emulates Scalia minus the rough edges](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) — If confirmed by the Senate to the Supreme Court, Neil Gorsuch would fill the seat of the late Justice Antonin Scalia, whom he emulated as a judge. He would be the first justice to serve alongside a colleague for whom he worked.

### [Trump's secretary of state pick headed for Senate approval](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's nomination of Rex Tillerson for secretary of state is headed toward confirmation after several Democrats crossed party lines to back the former Exxon Mobil CEO.

### [Trump's pick to head VA rejects radical change to fix agency](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's pick to lead the Veterans Affairs Department, David Shulkin, promises to address the health care needs of millions of veterans and is rejecting a dismantling of the beleaguered agency or wide-scale restructuring as the way to do it.

In this Jan. 21, 2017 file photo, Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Joseph Dunford greets Defense Secretary Jim Mattis at the Pentagon. By visiting Japan and South Korea on his first official overseas trip, Mattis is seeking to reinforce key a President Donald Trump's campaign-trail complaints that defense treaties disadvantaged the United States. (AP I Brandon, File)

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