

Groton Daily Independent

Monday, March 27, 2017 ~ Vol. 24 - No. 256 ~ 1 of 26

- 1- Recycling trailers
- 1- Schultz Construction Ad
- 1- Kindergarten Screening
- 1 - DQ Help Wanted
- 2- Weekly Vikings Roundup
- 3- Bates Township Notices
- 3 - GDI Living Heart Fitness Ad
- 3- For Sale
- 4- Garbage Routes effective next week
- 5- Pappas earns outstanding presiding officer award
- 5- Lazy Farmers 4-H News
- 6- Today in Weather History
- 7- Local Weather Forecast
- 8- Yesterday's Groton Weather
- 8- Today's Weather Climate
- 8- National Weather map
- 9 - Daily Devotional
- 10- News from the Associated Press

Monday, March 27

School Breakfast: Mini pancakes, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Taco salad, refried beans, fruit, muffin.

Senior Menu: Goulash, green beans, Swedish apple pie square, whole wheat bread.

National Honor Society induction ceremony at 7 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study at 6:30 a.m.

Cub Scouts: meets at 7 p.m. at United Methodist Church in Groton.

Tuesday, March 28

School Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Chicken sandwich, sweet potato tots, fruit, broccoli and dip.

Senior Menu: Baked pork chop, au gratin



DAIRY QUEEN HELP WANTED

Dairy Queen in Groton is now hiring. If you're looking for a fun job with part-time hours, flexible scheduling, please stop in for an application.

Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

The cardboard/paper
recycling trailer at the school is **OPEN**

© 2017 Groton Daily Independent

2017 Groton Area Elementary

Kindergarten Roundup (Screening) for children turning

5 on or before September 1, 2017

Friday, March 31

Parents of children who will be turning 5 on or before September 1, 2017 in the Groton Area School District are asked to contact Heidi Krueger at the Groton Area Elementary School during school hours at 397-2317 to set up a screening time or to confirm their screening time. If your child is currently attending Junior Kindergarten they will not be screened.

Packets will be sent home this week with a scheduled time and additional paperwork that will need to be completed.

Kindergarten Roundup will take place at the Groton Area Elementary School. Please check in at the office.



SCHULTZ
CONSTRUCTION LLC
• BATH, SD •

Check out our portfolio on Facebook at **Schultz-Construction-LLC**
~ New Construction and Remodeling- renovations, additions, and carpentry work
~ Concrete- foundations, flatwork, decorative concrete surfaces.

605-380-1717
www.shawnschultzconstruction.com

Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

Since there is no recent news regarding the Vikings and free agency, we'll get back into the roster breakdown. We've covered the offense, so now it's time to turn to defense, starting with the defensive line.

At defensive end, the Vikings will be bringing back almost everyone from last year's squad. The Vikings were 5th in the NFL last year with 41 sacks, and most of that pressure came from the defensive end position.

Danielle Hunter was the best pass rusher on the team last season, which is incredibly impressive because he is only 22 years old. Hunter led the team with 12.5 sacks as a backup, and was the only Viking to accumulate double-digit sacks. Hunter has been fantastic through his first two years in the NFL, and he has certainly earned a shot at a starting spot on the team. He is still on a rookie contract through 2018, but will likely get a nice contract extension next offseason.

Everson Griffen was second on the team with 8 sacks in 2016. Griffen is only 29 years old, and is firmly entrenched as the team's starting left defensive end. He is signed through the 2018 season.

Brian Robison started at right defensive end last season, but will likely be demoted due to the emergence of Hunter. Robison was third on the team with 7.5 sacks last year, and has yet to crack double digits in his NFL career. Robison turns 34 next month, but just signed an extension that will drop his cap number and ensure his roster spot.

The Vikings signed Datone Jones this offseason, who was a former first round pick by Green Bay. Jones will become a backup who will play all along the defensive line. The Vikings cut one of their backup defensive ends last week, Scott Crichton, who was a third round pick in 2014.

The Vikings were 16th in the NFL, allowing 4.2 yards per carry. The team was also 3rd in the NFL, allowing only nine touchdowns on the ground. Most of that production was due to the defensive tackles, specifically Linval Joseph. Joseph is one of the best defensive tackles in the league, even if he doesn't get the recognition he deserves. Joseph is 28 years old and signed through the 2018 season at a very reasonable price.

Sharrif Floyd was supposed to be the defensive tackle next to Joseph, but the former first round pick only played 25 snaps in 2016 because of injury. He is entering the final year of his rookie contract, and will need to prove his worth this upcoming season if he wishes to remain on the team.

Shamar Stephen and Tom Johnson filled in for Floyd last season. Stephen played more snaps than Johnson, even though his play didn't warrant the increase in playing time. Tom Johnson is 32 and entering the last year of his contract. Shamar Stephen's contract will also be up after this season, but he just turned 26 and has a chance to improve.

All in all, the Vikings are set at defensive end, although it wouldn't surprise me to see the team take a chance on a project player in the middle to late rounds of the upcoming draft. Defensive tackle is a little more muddled. If Sharrif Floyd could ever live up to his potential, the Vikings could have the best defensive line in the league. However, with his injury concerns, the Vikings may look to invest a high draft pick in a defensive tackle to start next to Linval Joseph.

Groton Daily Independent

Monday, March 27, 2017 ~ Vol. 24 - No. 256 ~ 3 of 26

Bates Township Right-of-Way Notice

Bates Township Board of Supervisors reminds all landowners and tenants that the road right-of-way extends 33 feet from the center of the township road. This ditch is to be maintained and mowed. Any crops planted in the road right-of-way will be mowed and charged to the landowner, effective with the 2017 growing season.

Bates Township Board of Supervisors
Betty Geist
Township Clerk

For Sale

City of Groton is taking sealed bids on 2 used John Deere 725 mowers, 250 lbs. of grass seed sold in bags of 50 lbs., and 3 propane cylinders-100 lb. until Mar 29. Send bid with your name to City Hall, PO Box 587, Groton, SD 57445 in envelope marked bid. Call 397-2690 for more info.



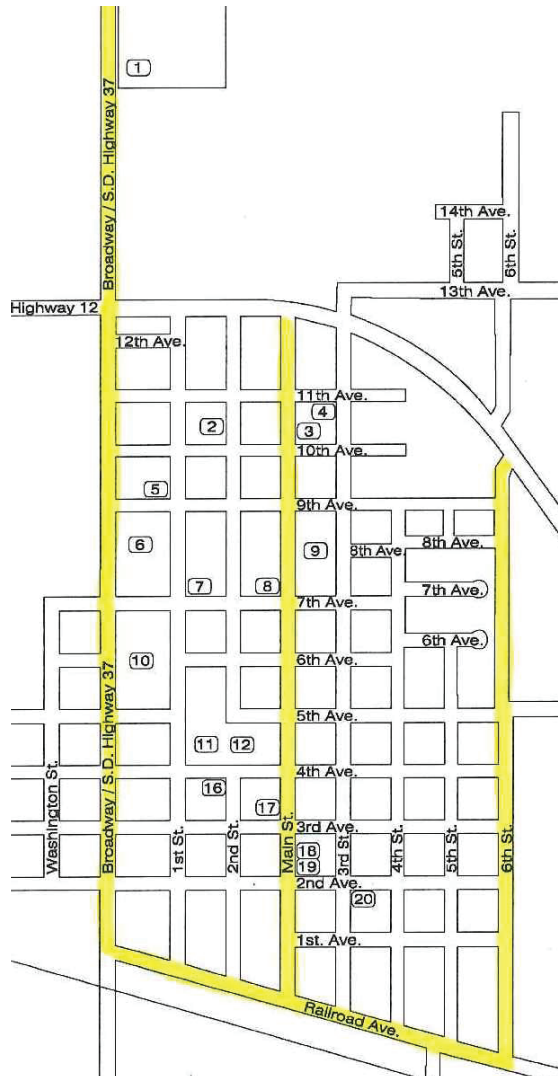
GDI Living  Fitness

25 Main St., Downtown Groton

Call or Text
Paul at
397-7460
or Tina at
397-7285
for
membership
Information

Groton Daily Independent

Monday, March 27, 2017 ~ Vol. 24 - No. 256 ~ 4 of 26



EFFECTIVE MARCH 27TH, 2017 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

**To Help Preserve Our Streets
GROTON Garbage Pickup Service
Will only be on Railroad Ave,
Main St, 6th St, & Hwy 37**

Residents of HRH Mobile Home Park need to take their garbage to Highway 37.

Residents north of 13th Avenue (Olson and Jacobson Development) need to bring their garbage to the Bus Barns.

Please bring your garbage bags & cans to these streets for Tuesday pickup
Thank you for your cooperation!!



Pappas is outstanding presiding officer

Samantha Pappas earned an Outstanding Presiding Officer award at the East River Student Congress held in Brookings on March 24, 2015. Samantha led approximately 20 peers to this honor.

Lazy Farmers

Date of Meeting: March 5th, 2017

Place of Meeting: Rosewood Court in Groton

Host/Hostess: Vicci Stange and Ashlyn Sperry

Pledge Leaders: U.S.: Lane Krueger 4-H: Kayde Stange

Demonstrations Given: Lexi G- how to create picture letter wall art, Alex S- how to clean your cowboy boots, Alicia D- how to properly set a table, Ashlyn S- how to make homemade popcorn. Talks Given: Jarrett E- Cows, Delayne J-animals at a glance, Makayla J-Show pig care, Jayla J- Angus cattle, Lane K- Anthony Robles, Jamesen S- Baby calf care, Travis T- health in your cattle herd.

Special Club Activities or Events: Fruit Delivery is March 21st

Other Business Discussed: -Public Talks and Demos

-Market beef affidavits due March 31st

-FFA/4H judging contest is April 7th

-Horticulture and Consumer decision making skills

Date & Place of Next Meeting: April 3rd at 4:00, in high school conference room

Club Reporter: Lexi Gustafson

Groton Daily Independent

Monday, March 27, 2017 ~ Vol. 24 - No. 256 ~ 6 of 26

Today in Weather History

March 27, 1993: Rain and a rapid snowmelt caused the Big Sioux and Vermillion Rivers to rise to 1 to 8 feet above flood stage March 26th through March 31st, 1993. The worst of the flooding occurred in far southeast South Dakota where large areas of farmland were under water. The floodwaters closed at least 4 state highways in southeast South Dakota and blocked dozens of smaller roads in the east. Large chunks of ice on the Big Sioux led to many temporary ice jams. The ice jams took out fences and washed out roads. In some areas, the ice had to be pushed off of the roads with tractors.

1890: The middle Mississippi Valley saw a major tornado outbreak on this day with 24, estimated F2 or greater tornadoes impacting the area. At least 146 people were killed by tornadoes. The most notable of the tornadoes was an estimated F4 that carved a path from the Parkland neighborhood to Crescent Hill in Louisville, Kentucky. This tornado destroyed 766 buildings and killed an estimated 76 to 120 people. Most of the deaths occurred when the Falls City Hall collapsed.

1931: A blizzard struck western Kansas and adjoining states was called the "worst since January 1888". Twenty children, ages seven to fourteen, were stranded in a makeshift school bus for 33 hours during this blizzard.








1946: Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada thawed out as the mercury soared to 74 degrees, their warmest March temperature on record.

1964: Great Alaskan earthquake left at least 100 dead in Anchorage, Alaska. The tsunami generated by the earthquake in Prince William Sound, Alaska slammed a 2-by-12-inch plank into a truck tire that passed about three feet through the tire. Waves reached 103 feet above the low - tide mark.

1994: The Southeastern Palm Sunday Tornado Outbreak occurred on this date. What began as a peaceful Palm Sunday quickly changed to a historic day in weather history when a powerful tornado ripped through southern Alabama and Georgia. By the time the storm was over, 22 people were dead and 92 were injured. The F4 tornado cut a 50-mile path from Ragland in St. Clair, County Alabama to the Georgia line. The storm touched down near Ragland at 10:51 am. The storm struck Ohatchee than roared across northeastern Calhoun County, passing near Piedmont and hitting Goshen in Cherokee County. The most disastrous damage occurred at Goshen, where the twister struck the Goshen United Methodist Church at 11:37am. 20 people were killed at the church, which did not hear the tornado warning issued 10 minutes earlier by the National Weather Service in Birmingham. A tornado watch had been issued at 9:30 am. Following the tornadoes, Vice President Al Gore pledged to extend NOAA Weatheradio coverage into the areas affected by the twisters, which had previously been unable to receive the alarm signals.

Groton Daily Independent

Monday, March 27, 2017 ~ Vol. 24 - No. 256 ~ 7 of 26

Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
						
Patched Fog then Partly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Slight Chance Rain 20%	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
High: 58 °F	Low: 34 °F	High: 59 °F	Low: 37 °F	High: 56 °F	Low: 36 °F	High: 55 °F

DOT WEBCAM - EUREKA

Today
A Mix Of Sun & Clouds
Highs In The 50s/60s

Tuesday
Showers West – Dry East
Highs In The 50s/60s

Wed – Friday
Highs in the 50s



weather.gov/Aberdeen



National Weather Service Aberdeen



@NWSAberdeen

Updated: 3/27/2017 5:52 AM Central

Published on: 03/27/2017 at 5:53AM

Looks like this week is going to be fairly mild with generally light winds, and dry conditions across central and northeast South Dakota. Highs today and Tuesday will be in the 50s and 60s with 50s for the rest of the work week.

Groton Daily Independent

Monday, March 27, 2017 ~ Vol. 24 - No. 256 ~ 8 of 26

Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 48.7 F at 5:51 PM

Low Outside Temp: 35.4 F at 6:59 AM

High Gust: 12.0 Mph at 2:46 PM

Snow: Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 83° in 1946

Record Low: -12 in 1913

Average High: 46°F

Average Low: 24°F

Average Precip in March.: 0.97

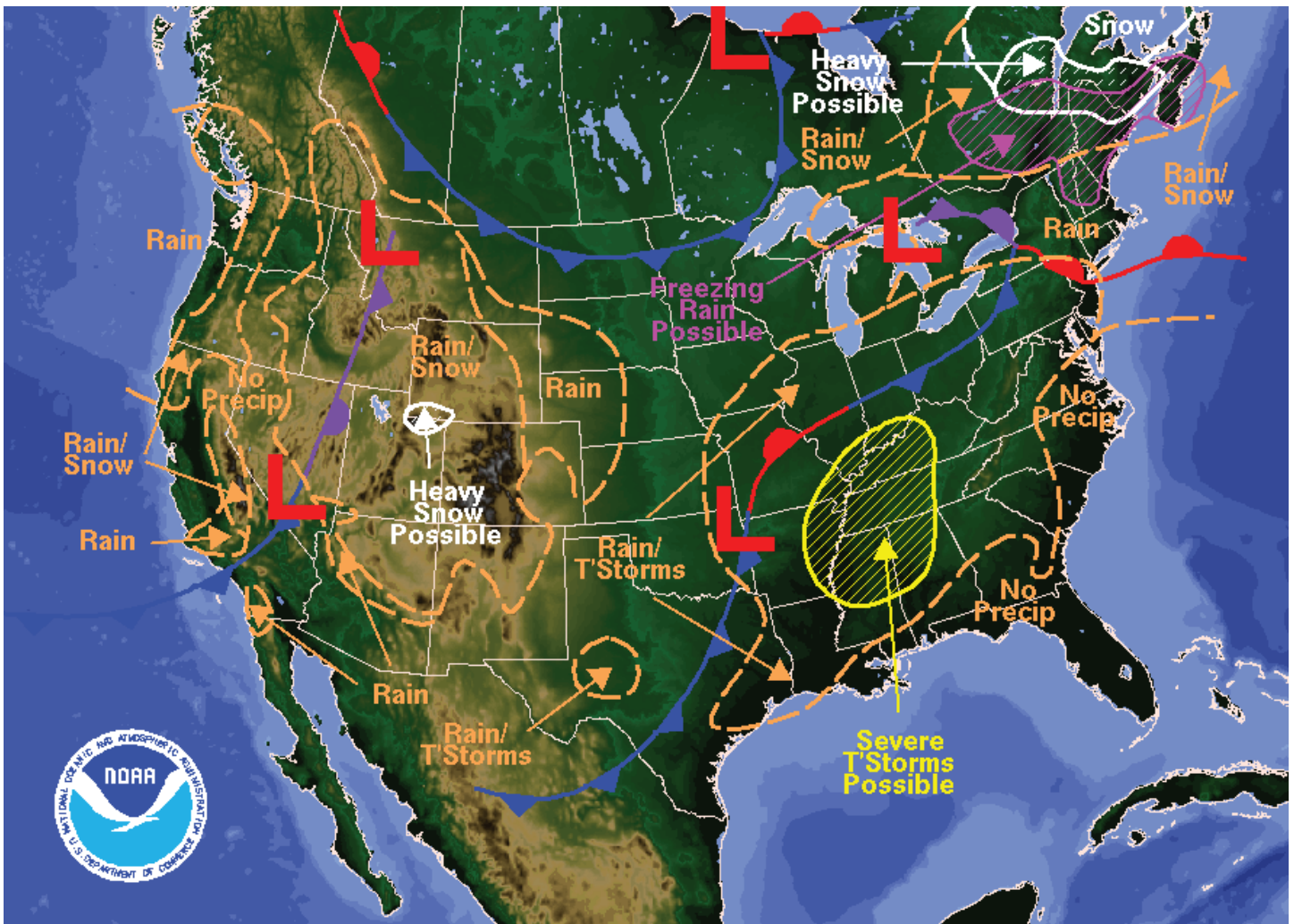
Precip to date in March.: 0.59

Average Precip to date: 1.99

Precip Year to Date: 0.59

Sunset Tonight: 7:55 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:20 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, Mar 27, 2017, issued 4:51 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

Groton Daily Independent

Monday, March 27, 2017 ~ Vol. 24 - No. 256 ~ 9 of 26



THE SIGNIFICANCE OF A SMILE

He is recognized as a pioneer medical missionary, an African explorer who wanted to discover the source of the Nile River, a scientific investigator and a reformer of the political system in England.

One day at a Missionary Conference in London, a gracious man with a contagious smile noticed a young boy standing quietly with a puzzled look on his face. With a kind expression and that wonderful smile, he approached the youngster and asked, "Wouldn't you like to become a missionary?"

Years later David Livingstone said, "It was that smile and the kind, questioning face that led me to become a missionary."

Paul once wrote of Moses and said that "his face shown with the glory of God." The glory that was evident in the face of Moses came from his relationship with God – the source of all glory then and now.

And Paul also wrote, "I pray that God who gives you hope will keep you happy and full of peace as you believe in Him."

There is an obvious connection in Paul's mind that is expressed in his writings: If the glory of the Lord is on the inside of the Christian, it will be obvious to those around us by the expressions on our faces. If you know and love Jesus you will express His grace and glory through the smile on your face and the kindness in your voice.

Prayer: We ask, Heavenly Father, that we will be so filled with Your Spirit that our faces will reflect Your beauty, our voices Your kindness and our deeds Your love. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

News from the Associated Press

Police search for sculpture stolen from downtown Sioux Falls

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police are asking for the public's help in finding a sculpture stolen from a downtown exhibit over the weekend.

The piece called "Weathering the Storm" was among the city's SculptureWalk exhibits. The director of SculptureWalk noticed Sunday that the piece was missing.

The missing piece is a Native American-themed sculpture of a horse's head. SculptureWalk says it is valued at nearly \$6,000.

KSFY-TV (<http://bit.ly/2nlgkNf>) reports this is the third time in the organization's history a sculpture was stolen off the street.

The Sioux Falls nonprofit is liable for the stolen piece and will have to cover the costs if it is not returned. SculptureWalk is offering a \$1,000 reward for the return of the sculpture or any information that leads authorities to the suspect.

Information from: KSFY-TV, <http://www.ksfy.com>

Ex-South Dakota trooper sentenced to 5 years in prison

CHAMBERLAIN, S.D. (AP) — A former South Dakota Highway Patrol trooper has been sentenced to five years in prison after admitting he took tens of thousands of dollars in evidence money.

Forty-eight-year-old Brian Biehl of Platte also was fined \$10,000. Brule County State's Attorney David Natvig and South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley announced Biehl's sentence Friday.

Biehl pleaded guilty to grand theft by law enforcement for keeping nearly \$70,000 confiscated from drug searches during his time with the patrol. He faced a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$20,000 fine.

The Capital Journal (<http://bit.ly/2nUGitB>) reports state police began investigating Biehl when other troopers began noticing money missing from evidence bags.

Biehl was a trooper for about 15 years, working out of Chamberlain. He left the patrol last year.

Information from: Pierre Capital Journal, <http://www.capjournal.com>

Authorities ID man killed in Charles Mix County rollover

DANTE, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have released the name of a Wagner man killed in a one-vehicle crash in Charles Mix County last week.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol says 34-year-old Jeremy Lhotak was driving a pickup truck that rolled in the ditch off a rural road just south of Dante. He was pronounced dead at the scene Thursday night.

Authorities say Lhotak was not wearing a seat belt and was thrown from the pickup. He was alone in the vehicle.

Suspects sought in deadly Cincinnati nightclub shooting

By JOHN MINCHILLO and DAN SEWELL, Associated Press

CINCINNATI (AP) — Cincinnati police searched for suspects in a nightclub shooting that left one man dead and 15 other people injured and sent club patrons diving to the ground to dodge bullets in what they described as a chaotic and terrifying scene.

A gunfight broke out inside the crowded Cameo club early Sunday after a dispute among several pa-

Groton Daily Independent

Monday, March 27, 2017 ~ Vol. 24 - No. 256 ~ 11 of 26

trons escalated into a shootout, authorities said. Some 200 people were inside the club near the Ohio River, east of downtown Cincinnati at the time.

"What we know at this point in the investigation is that several local men got into some type of dispute inside the bar, and it escalated into shots being fired from several individuals," Cincinnati Police Chief Eliot Isaac said. It was not immediately clear how many people fired shots.

O'Bryan Spikes, 27, was killed and 15 other people were injured. At least five victims remained hospitalized Monday morning. A University of Cincinnati Medical Center spokeswoman said shortly before daybreak that two were in critical condition and three were in stable.

Police scheduled a news conference for later Monday morning.

No suspects were in custody in the shooting at the club, which police said has a history of gun violence.

Club patron Mauricio Thompson described a chaotic scene in which as many as 20 shots were fired as people scrambled to get away. He said there was a fight and people were yelling for security to intervene before the gunfire began.

"Once I got outside, people coming out bloody, gunshot wounds on them, some of their friends carrying them to the car, rushing them to the hospital," Thompson told WCPO-TV. "It was just crazy."

Another patron told the television station that she dove to the ground outside of the nightclub to dodge bullets, and that her boyfriend climbed on top of her to protect her.

"I thought I was going to die. At that point survival skills started kicking in," said Sherell, who preferred not to give her last name. "Once I heard the third shot — I didn't know whether it was coming from outside, someone was shooting at the club, or whether it was coming from inside."

Isaac said the club has its own security operation that uses detection wands and pat-downs, but that police believe several firearms somehow got inside. Four officers were working security in the club's parking lot and some tried unsuccessfully to revive the man who died.

The club has a history of gun violence, including a shooting inside the club on New Year's Day in 2015 and one in the parking lot in September of that year, City Manager Harry Black said.

Cameo's Facebook page, which later was taken down, said it caters to college students on Friday nights, when anyone over 18 is allowed in, while Saturdays are "grown and sexy night" for ages 21 and older.

"Saturday night, it is a very young crowd. We have had incidents here in the past, but this is by far the worst," Police Capt. Kim Williams said.

Authorities asked anyone with information on the shooting to come forward. Investigators were checking to see if surveillance cameras were working, Williams said.

The operator of the nightclub, Jay Rodgers, released a statement Sunday night calling the shooting, "senseless."

"We will do everything in our power to cooperate and make sure the monsters that did this are caught and brought to justice," said Rodgers, who added that the club would remain closed until both an internal and a police investigation are completed.

Associated Press reporter Mike Householder in Cincinnati contributed to this report.

Russian protest leader hit with comparatively light fine

By NATALIYA VASILYEVA, Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny, who organized a wave of nationwide protests against government corruption that rattled authorities, was fined 20,000 rubles (\$340) by a Moscow court on Monday.

It was a comparatively lenient punishment for organizing an unsanctioned rally for which he faced up to 15 days in jail. The court has yet to deliver a ruling on charges accusing the opposition leader of resisting arrest.

Navalny was arrested on Sunday as he walked to a protest gathering in Moscow and spent the night in jail before appearing in court.

The Kremlin, meanwhile, has lashed out at protest organizers, blaming them for putting lives at risk

Groton Daily Independent

Monday, March 27, 2017 ~ Vol. 24 - No. 256 ~ 12 of 26

by inviting people to unsanctioned demonstrations.

Tens of thousands of protesters took to the streets across Russia on Sunday in the biggest show of defiance since 2011-2012 anti-government protests.

The Kremlin has dismissed the opposition as Westernized urban elite disconnected from the issues faced by the poor in Russia's far-flung regions, but Sunday's protests included demonstrations in the areas which typically produce a high vote for President Vladimir Putin, from Siberia's Chita to Dagestan's Makhachkala.

Russian police say that about 500 people were arrested, while human rights groups say 1,000 were taken into custody. On Monday, the European Union has called on Russian authorities to release the demonstrators.

President Vladimir Putin's spokesman chided protest organizers, saying they incited illegal acts.

"The Kremlin respects people's civic stance and their right to voice their position," Dmitry Peskov told reporters. "We can't express the same respect to those who consciously misled people and who consciously did it yesterday and provoked illegal actions."

Peskov defended police who were seen manhandling protesters, some of whom were underage, calling their response "highly professional and lawful."

Asked about the Kremlin's reaction to the wide geography of the protests, something that has not been seen at least since 2011, Peskov said "the Kremlin is quite sober about the scale of yesterday's protests, and are not inclined to diminish them or push them out of proportion."

Putin "constantly talks to people" and is well-briefed on the sentiment in the country, Peskov insisted.

He also claimed that underage protesters in Moscow were promised cash if they were arrested. Pressed on the source of these claims, Peskov quoted "facts."

The protests were led by Navalny, a charismatic opposition leader who has recently announced his bid for presidency. Navalny was grabbed by police while walking to the rally from a nearby subway station. He posted a selfie on Twitter from the courtroom on Monday morning, saying: "A time will come when we'll put them on trial too - and that time it will be fair." If found guilty for resisting arrest.

"Even the slightest illusion of fair justice is absent here," Navalny said in the courtroom, complaining about the judge striking down one motion after another. "Yesterday's events have shown that quite a large number of voters in Russia support the program of a candidate who stands for fighting corruption. These people demand political representation. And I strive to be their political representative.

The 40-year old Navalny, arguably Russia's most popular opposition leader, has been twice convicted on fraud and embezzlement charges that he has dismissed as politically motivated. Navalny is currently serving a suspended sentence, and Sunday's arrest could be used as a pretext to convert it into jail time.

Separately, police arrested Navalny's associates who were at their office, setting up and monitoring a webcast of the rally. Thirteen of them spent the night at a police station while authorities raided their office, reportedly removing all equipment. It wasn't immediately clear what charges they may be facing. Over the years, Navalny, a trained lawyer, evolved from a lone blogger to someone who leads a group of like-minded activists, the Anti-Corruption Foundation, whose full-time job is to investigate official corruption.

Whether Navalny and his associates will be slapped with new charges could indicate which approach the Kremlin will take in dealing with a new wave of discontent: crack down on it even further or exercise restraint.

Russian state television completely ignored the protests in their broadcasts on Sunday, and authorities didn't comment on it in any way.

Geir Moulson contributed to this report from Berlin.

Schumer seizes on Trump team's offer to work with Dems

By HOPE YEN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's aides opened the door to working with moderate Democrats on health care and other issues while Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer quickly offered to find common ground with Trump for repairing former President Barack Obama's health care law.

Schumer said Sunday that Trump must be willing to drop attempts to repeal his predecessor's signature achievement, warning that Trump was destined to "lose again" on other parts of his agenda if he remained beholden to conservative Republicans.

Trump initially focused the blame for the failure on Democrats and predicted a dire future for the current law. But on Sunday he turned his criticism toward conservative lawmakers for the failure of the Republican bill, complaining on Twitter: "Democrats are smiling in D.C. that the Freedom Caucus, with the help of Club For Growth and Heritage, have saved Planned Parenthood & Ocare!"

The Freedom Caucus is a hard-right group of more than 30 GOP House members who were largely responsible for blocking the bill to undo the Affordable Care Act, or "Obamacare." The bill was pulled from the House floor Friday in a humiliating political defeat for the president, having lacked support from conservative Republicans, some moderate Republicans and Democrats.

In additional fallout from the jarring setback, Rep. Ted Poe, R-Texas, said he was leaving the caucus. Poe tweeted Friday that some lawmakers "would've voted against the 10 Commandments."

"We must come together to find solutions to move this country forward," Poe said Sunday in a written statement. "Saying 'no' is easy, leading is hard but that is what we were elected to do."

On Sunday, Trump aides made clear that the president could seek support from moderate Democrats on upcoming legislative battles ranging from the budget and tax cuts to health care, leaving open the possibility he could revisit health care legislation. Whether he would work to repair Obama's law was a big question.

White House chief of staff Reince Priebus scolded conservative Republicans, explaining that Trump had felt "disappointed" with a "number of people he thought were loyal to him that weren't."

"It's time for the party to start governing," Priebus said. "I think it's time for our folks to come together, and I also think it's time to potentially get a few moderate Democrats on board as well."

As he ponders his next steps, Trump faces decisions on whether to back administrative changes to fix Obama's health care law or undermine it as prices for insurance plans rise in many markets. Over the weekend, the president tweeted a promise of achieving a "great healthcare plan" because Obamacare will "explode."

Priebus did not answer directly regarding Trump's choice, saying that fixes to the health law will have to come legislatively and he wants to ensure "people don't get left behind."

"I don't think the president is closing the door on anything," he said.

Schumer, a New York Democrat, suggested that "if he changes, he could have a different presidency."

"But he's going to have to tell the Freedom Caucus and the hard-right special wealthy interests who are dominating his presidency ... he can't work with them, and we'll certainly look at his proposals," Schumer said.

Their comments came after another day of finger-pointing among Republicans, both subtle and otherwise. On Saturday, Trump urged Americans in a tweet to watch Judge Jeanine Pirro's program on Fox News that night. She led her show by calling for House Speaker Paul Ryan to resign, blaming him for the defeat of the bill in the Republican-controlled chamber.

Priebus described the two events as "coincidental," insisting that Trump was helping out a friend by plugging her show and no "preplanning" occurred.

"He doesn't blame Paul Ryan," Priebus said. "In fact, he thought Paul Ryan worked really hard. He enjoys his relationship with Paul Ryan, thinks that Paul Ryan is a great speaker of the House."

Priebus said Trump was looking ahead for now at debate over the budget and a tax plan, which he said would include a border adjustment tax and middle-class tax cuts.

"It's more or less a warning shot that we are willing to talk to anyone. We always have been," he said. "I think more so now than ever, it's time for both parties to come together and get to real reforms in this country."

Groton Daily Independent

Monday, March 27, 2017 ~ Vol. 24 - No. 256 ~ 14 of 26

Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., chairman of the Freedom Caucus, acknowledged he was doing a lot of "self-critiquing" after the health care defeat. He insisted the GOP overhaul effort was not over and that he regretted not spending more time with moderate Republicans and Democrats "to find some consensus." Priebus spoke on "Fox News Sunday," and Schumer and Meadows appeared on ABC's "This Week."

Associated Press writer Catherine Lucey contributed to this report.

10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press

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

1. WHAT TRUMP IS WILLING TO DO WITH 'OBAMACARE'

The U.S. president's aides open the door to working with moderate Democrats on the health care issue.

2. AP: 'BATHROOM BILL' COSTLY FOR NORTH CAROLINA

The law limiting LGBT protections will cost the state more than \$3.75 billion in lost business over a dozen years, an AP analysis finds.

3. POLICE SEARCH FOR SUSPECTS IN DEADLY NIGHTCLUB SHOOTING

Cincinnati officials say that several men got into a dispute inside the crowded Cameo club, escalating into gunfire.

4. RUSSIAN OPPOSITION LEADER EXPECTED IN COURT

Alexei Navalny, who recently announced he's running for president, was detained while walking to a rally from a nearby subway station as tens of thousands protested across the country against corruption.

5. SOUTH KOREA PROSECUTORS PUSH TO ARREST EX-LEADER

The move comes after Park Geun-hye was questioned over suspicions that she colluded with a jailed confidante to extort from companies and other wrongdoings.

6. WHO WILL RUN NEW 'INNOVATION' OFFICE

Jared Kushner, Trump's son-in-law, will lead a division that will seek to overhaul government functions using ideas from the business sector.

7. EVANGELICAL CHURCHES BOOMING IN CUBA

The building of churches conflicts with a communist government that recognizes freedom of religion but not the right to erect houses of worship, an AP investigation finds.

8. SOME RESISTING SEATTLE HOMELESS PLAN

Those opposed to \$55 million a year in new taxes to fight the problem say the city already spends millions to combat homelessness, and things have gotten worse.

9. TRUMP SEEKING TO ELIMINATE NEA

The National Endowment for the Arts is diverse and decentralized, with a significant part of its budget distributed to state and local organizations.

10. UPSTARTS REACH FINAL FOUR

After knocking on the door a few times, Gonzaga makes its first national semifinal. South Carolina, meanwhile, enters having never been close to this deep a run.

South Korean prosecutors push to arrest ousted president

By HYUNG-JIN KIM, Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korean prosecutors said Monday that they want to arrest former President Park Geun-hye over the corruption allegations that triggered a huge political scandal and toppled her from power.

The move comes after prosecutors grilled Park for 14 hours last week over suspicions that she colluded with a jailed confidante to extort from companies and committed other wrongdoing when she was in office.

The Seoul prosecutors' office said in a statement that it asked a local court to issue an arrest war-

Groton Daily Independent

Monday, March 27, 2017 ~ Vol. 24 - No. 256 ~ 15 of 26

rant for Park. The Seoul Central District Court said it would hold a hearing Thursday to decide on the prosecutors' request.

The court is expected to ask Park to attend the hearing, and its decision on her fate will likely come by Friday, according to court officials.

An arrest is the next step before Park can be formally charged with crimes such as extortion, bribery and abuse of power. A bribery conviction alone is punishable by up to life in prison.

Park has denied any legal wrongdoing.

Even if the court dismisses the request, prosecutors can still indict and charge her. Prosecutors said Park's alleged crimes were "grave," and that she should also be arrested because her alleged accomplice, confidante Choi Soon-sil, and other suspects in the scandal have been arrested.

Political analysts have said that arresting Park would also boost tensions and create a backlash from her conservative supporters ahead of an election in May to choose her successor.

While in office, Park had presidential immunity from prosecution and had refused to meet with prosecutors.

Prosecutors accuse Park of conspiring with Choi and a top presidential adviser to pressure 16 business groups, including Samsung, to donate 77.4 billion won (\$69 million) to two nonprofits that Choi controlled and allegedly used for personal profit. The companies told investigators that they couldn't refuse because they feared business disadvantages such as government tax investigations.

Prosecutors believe the money Samsung gave Choi could qualify as bribes provided to Park. Prosecutors also accuse Park of conspiring with Choi and top officials to blacklist artists critical of her policies and deny them state financial support.

Park has apologized for putting trust in Choi, but said she only let her edit some of her presidential speeches and provide the president with some "public relations" help.

The opposition-controlled parliament in December impeached Park over the allegations and suspended her presidential powers and responsibilities before the Constitutional Court ruled on March 10 to dismiss her as president.

The allegations plunged the country into political turmoil, with both Park's opponents and supporters staging massive street rallies. Three of her supporters, mostly elderly conservative citizens, died during clashes with the police after the March 10 court ruling.

Park, South Korea's first female president, is a daughter of late dictator Park Chung-hee, one of the most divisive figures in the country's history. Conservative supporters revere him as a hero who lifted a war-torn nation from poverty, while liberal critics remember him as a horrible human rights abuser who tortured and imprisoned his political rivals.

Associated Press writer Kim Tong-hyung contributed to this report.

Some balk as Seattle seeks to spend more money on homeless

By PHUONG LE, Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — Sixteen months after he declared a state of emergency on homelessness, Seattle's mayor is asking voters in this liberal, affluent city for \$55 million a year in new taxes to fight the problem.

But some are pushing back, saying the city already spends millions to combat homelessness, and things appear to have gotten worse, not better.

In making his case, Mayor Ed Murray says the problem has grown exponentially and federal and state help is unlikely. He wants voters to support a proposed ballot initiative that would increase property taxes to raise \$275 million over five years for homeless services — almost doubling what Seattle spends each year.

Supporters say current resources haven't been enough to stem the rising tide of people on the streets, and the proposed levy will provide more housing for those who need it most.

"This is a city that's not going to wait for a dysfunctional federal government to show up and do something - because lives are being lost," Murray said at a recent news conference. The mayor, who is

Groton Daily Independent

Monday, March 27, 2017 ~ Vol. 24 - No. 256 ~ 16 of 26

up for re-election, would be on the same ballot as the tax initiative if backers gather enough signatures to qualify it for the August election.

City voters have approved three property tax increases in as many years to pay for affordable housing, preschools and buses, on top of other taxes, and some say the higher bills are pricing out working- and middle-class families. Others are demanding accountability.

The mayor "needs to make these reforms first and then come to the taxpayers," said Harley Lever, founder of a group called Safe Seattle, who helped form one of two campaigns opposing Initiative 126. The city should spend current money more efficiently and adopt the data-driven, performance-based approach that places like Houston and Boston have used to successfully reduce homelessness, Lever said.

"Seattle citizens are very generous. They've done their part," he added.

While homelessness has decreased nationwide and in many cities, the problem has grown in others such as Seattle. In 2016, a one-night homeless count found nearly 3,000 people living outside in this city of about 650,000, marking the fourth straight year of increases.

Daniel Malone, executive director of the nonprofit Downtown Emergency Services, blames rising rents and low vacancy rates for the spike in homelessness. "As rents have skyrocketed, more and more people have fallen into homelessness, and it's harder for people to scratch their way out," he said.

Since declaring a civil emergency on homelessness in November 2015, Murray expanded shelter beds, authorized new homeless encampments and hired a homeless czar, a \$135,000 cabinet-level position.

Last fall, following two consultant reports that said the city needed to revamp its approach, the mayor announced a shift to focusing on moving people into long-term housing, among other changes. Communities such as Houston, Las Vegas and New Orleans have made the greatest reductions in homelessness by acting urgently, focusing relentlessly on housing placement, using data to drive funding and creating a person-centered response, one report noted.

City officials say they're making improvements in line with recommendations in those reports.

Under the new strategy called Pathways Home, Seattle is focusing on getting people into long-term housing. This summer, for the first time in a decade, city homeless contracts will be up for competitive rebidding, and programs that get money will have to show they move people into housing.

While Seattle has numerous homeless programs, the mayor and others conceded it has not supported a coordinated system. In 2015, city money was spread across 183 contracts and 60 agencies.

City officials also have started working through a list of names to figure out how to get specific individuals into housing. Last month, Murray launched trained teams of outreach workers and police officers that go out and connect people to services. The city also plans a 24-hour shelter and service center that is open to all, even those struggling with addiction.

"It probably feels very slow to our community and the public, but I remind folks that we're making a pretty significant system shift," said Catherine Lester, who directs the city's Human Services Department. She noted 1,300 people were helped out of homelessness last year.

Lever said the city needs to demonstrate its reforms work before asking taxpayers for more.

Others were irked that a millionaire who doesn't live in the city, venture capitalist Nick Hanauer, brought the initiative proposal to the mayor. Hanauer lives in Shoreline, just north of Seattle, and has been prominent in backing liberal causes in the state.

Murray's proposal would raise property taxes by 27 cents for every \$1,000 assessed value. That means about \$163 a year for a \$604,000 home, the median price in Seattle according to the real estate data firm Zillow. Commercial property taxes would account for about 40 percent.

About 70 percent of the money would go to a range of rental subsidies, while other money would expand addiction and mental health treatment and add more trained outreach teams. An independent panel would monitor the work.

Barbara Poppe, a national housing expert hired by the city as a consultant, said programs to be funded by the initiative align with recommendations in her August report and that the city generally appears to be on track.

Asked whether the city needed more resources, she said the number of homeless people has increased since data in her report.

"You're going to need more resources if you're having people experience more homelessness," she

added.

TIPPING OFF: Final Four welcomes trio of 1st-time coaches

By AARON BEARD, AP Basketball Writer

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Frank Martin never got caught up in wins and losses, the highs and the lows, as he worked to build South Carolina into a contender for conference championships.

Gonzaga's Mark Few dismissed questions of whether his Bulldogs would be a failure as long as they failed to get to a Final Four after so many great regular seasons. And Oregon's Dana Altman focused on turning one deep NCAA Tournament run into something more.

Whatever their differences in personality, playing style and approach, that trio now shares something in common after all that work: each is headed to his first Final Four. It's the first time since 2006 that the Final Four will feature three first-time coaches there.

"Anyone that's in sports dreams of moments like this," Martin said after Sunday's win against Florida in the NCAA Tournament's East Region final. "It's not something that you start dreaming it the year you win 25 games. You dream it every single day."

South Carolina and North Carolina both won regional finals Sunday, sending them to Phoenix along with Gonzaga and Oregon after their wins a day earlier.

This is nothing new for the Tar Heels and Hall of Fame coach Roy Williams, who is in his fifth Final Four with UNC and ninth overall dating to his time with Kansas. For everyone else, this is a breakthrough moment.

Gonzaga (36-1), the West's No. 1 seed, had been to five Sweet 16s and one Elite Eight under Few before this season. This time, the Zags eked past Northwestern and West Virginia before routing Xavier in the regional final.

"I've been there 28 years. My first year on staff we won four Division I games," Few said Saturday of his time as an assistant. "And I mean this wasn't even possible. And each year we got better and better, and then we got really, really good. ... And our culture is just so strong. And this was a culture win and a culture statement and (I) couldn't be prouder."

Oregon (33-5), the No. 3 seed in the Midwest, secured the program's first trip to the national semifinals since the 1939 "Tall Firs" won the first NCAA Tournament. Altman, in his seventh year, led the Ducks to last year's Elite Eight before falling to Oklahoma but came back to beat top-seeded Kansas in Kansas City, Missouri, to secure the program's first Final Four since that '39 title.

Then there's Martin, whose seventh-seeded Gamecocks (26-10) upset East No. 2 Duke — the pre-season No. 1-ranked team — and No. 3 seed Baylor before Sunday's win against Florida in New York. Martin had coached in a regional final at Kansas State in 2010.

And with Gonzaga facing South Carolina in the first semifinal, at least one of the newcomers will coach for a national championship on the final night of the season.

Here are things to know after the regional rounds and entering the Final Four:

THE SCHEDULE: Gonzaga and South Carolina will be Saturday's first semifinal, tipping off at 6:09 p.m. EDT. Oregon and UNC will tip off roughly 40 minutes after the conclusion of that game.

RECORD HAUL: UNC, the South Region's No. 1 seed, earned a record 20th Final Four berth on Luke Maye's last-second shot to beat Kentucky 75-73 in Memphis, Tennessee. That also sent UNC (31-7) back to the national semifinals a year after losing to Villanova on a last-second 3-pointer in the title game — which formed the basis of a season-long rallying cry to get back and try again.

UNFAMILIAR FOES: The semifinalists haven't met often. Gonzaga and South Carolina have never played. Meanwhile, UNC and Oregon have played four times, with the Tar Heels winning all four — the last coming in the 2008 Maui Invitational.

CONFERENCE BREAKDOWN: The Southeastern Conference fell short in its bid for multiple Final Four teams after getting three to the Elite Eight. Now four conferences each have one team: the SEC (South Carolina), the West Coast (Gonzaga), the Pac-12 (Oregon) and the Atlantic Coast (North Carolina).

The SEC has the most wins of any league (11-4) in this year's field of 68, followed closely by the Pac-

12 (10-3).

Follow Aaron Beard on Twitter at <http://www.twitter.com/aaronbeardap>

More AP college basketball: <http://collegebasketball.ap.org> and http://www.twitter.com/AP_Top25

Trump plans office to bring business ideas to government

By CATHERINE LUCEY, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump is set to announce a new White House office run by his son-in-law that will seek to overhaul government functions using ideas from the business sector.

A senior administration official said Trump on Monday will announce the White House Office of American Innovation. The official sought anonymity to discuss the office in advance of the formal rollout.

The plans for the office were first reported by The Washington Post.

The innovation office will be led by Jared Kushner, a senior adviser to Trump, and will report directly to the president.

Among those working on the effort are National Economic Council director Gary Cohn, Dina Powell, senior counselor to the president for economic initiatives and deputy national security adviser, Chris Liddell, assistant to the president for strategic initiatives and Reed Cordish, assistant to the president for intragovernmental and technology initiatives. All have extensive business experience.

Trump is readying to announce the new office at a low point in his young administration, days after the Republican bill to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare," imploded in the House of Representatives, revealing deep divides within GOP and fraying tensions at the White House.

This effort has been developing since shortly after the inauguration, the official said. The group has been meeting since then and started talking to CEOs from various sectors about ways to make changes to federal programs. Areas they hope to tackle include overhauling Veterans' Affairs, improving workforce development and targeting opioid addiction.

Trump's daughter Ivanka, who is married to Kushner and has a West Wing office but no official job, will get involved on issues she is focused on, such as workforce development.

1 dead, 15 injured in Cincinnati nightclub gunfight

By JOHN MINCHILLO and DAN SEWELL, Associated Press

CINCINNATI (AP) — A gunfight broke out inside a crowded Cincinnati nightclub early Sunday, leaving one man dead and 15 other people wounded after a dispute among several patrons escalated into a shootout, authorities said.

No suspects were in custody by Sunday night in the shooting at the Cameo club, which has a history of gun violence, and police said there was no indication of any terrorism link.

Cincinnati Police Chief Eliot Isaac said one of the wounded was in "extremely critical condition," while a hospital spokeswoman said two victims were listed in critical condition.

Police began receiving calls at 1:30 a.m. about gunshots at the club near the Ohio River east of downtown Cincinnati. Isaac said some 200 people were inside the club, one of the few hip-hop venues in the city, for music and dancing.

Isaac identified the dead man as 27-year-old O'Bryan Spikes, but provided no other details. He said 15 others were injured, with some already treated and released from hospitals.

"What we know at this point in the investigation is that several local men got into some type of dispute inside the bar, and it escalated into shots being fired from several individuals," Isaac said. It wasn't clear how many people fired shots.

Club patron Mauricio Thompson described a chaotic scene in which as many as 20 shots were fired

Groton Daily Independent

Monday, March 27, 2017 ~ Vol. 24 - No. 256 ~ 19 of 26

as people scrambled to get away. He said there was a fight and people were yelling for security to intervene before the gunfire began.

"Once I got outside, people coming out bloody, gunshot wounds on them, some of their friends carrying them to the car, rushing them to the hospital," Thompson told WCPO-TV. "It was just crazy."

Another patron told the television station that she dove to the ground outside the nightclub to dodge bullets and her boyfriend climbed on top of her to protect her.

"I thought I was going to die. At that point survival skills started kicking in," said Sherell, who preferred not to give her last name. "Once I heard the third shot — I didn't know whether it was coming from outside, someone was shooting at the club, or whether it was coming from inside."

Police Sgt. Daniel Hils said the large crowd at the club was a factor in the number of people who suffered gunshot wounds.

"When you're talking about something tightly packed like that, I think intended targets aren't going to be the only thing that's hit," said Hils, who is president of the Fraternal Order of Police local. "When you starting throwing lead around, and there's a lot of other people standing around, then the other people are going to get hit."

Isaac said the club has its own security operation that uses detection wands and pat-downs, but that police believe several firearms got inside. Four officers were working security in the club's parking lot and some tried unsuccessfully to revive the man who died.

Cameo's Facebook profile said it caters to college students on Friday nights, when anyone over 18 is allowed in, while Saturdays are "grown and sexy night" for ages 21 and older. The page was taken down later Sunday.

The club has a history of gun violence, including a shooting inside the club on New Year's Day in 2015 and one in the parking lot in September of that year, City Manager Harry Black said.

Police Capt. Kim Williams said there was "just a lot of chaos, obviously, when shots were fired."

"Saturday night, it is a very young crowd. We have had incidents here in the past, but this is by far the worst," she said.

Referring to initial speculation about possible terrorism, Mayor John Cranley said: "What difference does that make to the victims? Innocent people were shot."

He called the shootings "unacceptable" and said authorities would work to find ways to prevent such violence.

A single body was removed by the coroner shortly after 6 a.m. A federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives team was also at the scene.

Among the injured, five were treated at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center and released, hospital spokeswoman Kelly Martin said. She said two people were in critical condition and another three were listed in stable condition by late afternoon. She had no details on the types of injuries or the ages of the victims. Other injured people were taken to or drove themselves to other hospitals.

Authorities asked anyone with information to come forward. Investigators were checking to see if surveillance cameras were working, Williams said.

The operator of the nightclub, Jay Rodgers, released a statement Sunday night calling the shooting that took place there, "senseless."

"We will do everything in our power to cooperate and make sure the monsters that did this are caught and brought to justice," Rodgers said.

He added that the club would remain closed until "both our management completes our own investigation and the Cincinnati Police Department completes their investigation."

The area is mostly industrial but also home to several nightclubs with a smattering of homes. A regional airport is nearby. The neighborhood is fairly desolate at night, with the exception of the nightlife scene and 24-hour gas stations. The road where the club is located was easily cordoned off by a single police cruiser and officer at either end.

First responders had problems reaching the shooting victims because the parking lots were full, Sgt. Eric Franz told the Cincinnati Enquirer.

Ohio Gov. John Kasich said on Twitter that he was "saddened to learn about last night's shooting" and that he was offering the state's assistance.

Associated Press reporter Mike Householder in Cincinnati contributed to this report.

Carrier deal touted by Trump unusual for Indiana

By TOM DAVIES, Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The deal brokered by President Donald Trump to stem job losses at a Carrier Corp. factory in Indianapolis is unusual for the state of Indiana as it offers \$7 million of incentives to a company still planning to cut about a third of its some 1,600 jobs.

A state economic development board is scheduled to vote Tuesday on endorsing the package nearly four months after Trump celebrated his role in the negotiations with a visit to the plant, which makes furnaces.

Most of the scant details that Indiana officials have released came on a one-page handout distributed by then-Gov. Mike Pence's staff when he and Trump traveled to the Carrier factory on Dec. 1. Trump, who during the presidential campaign had often criticized Carrier's plans to shutter the factory and shift production to Mexico, declared that the company's reversal would be the first of many such decisions with him as president.

Many states offer tax breaks and training grants for companies to retain jobs, but that hasn't been the case in Indiana over the last 12 years, when Republicans have held the governor's office. During that time, the state has typically demanded companies receiving such economic development deals promise to create new jobs.

Carrier announced last February that it would close the Indianapolis factory and cut about 1,400 production jobs in a move expected to save \$65 million annually. The deal with the state saves about 800 of those jobs, but about 550 of them are still being eliminated. Carrier also promises to keep 250 headquarters and engineering staff positions in Indianapolis that the company had said all along would stay in the state.

Indiana Secretary of Commerce Jim Schellinger said he wishes jobs weren't being eliminated at the factory, but is happy it is staying open.

"This was not a threat; they'd left," he said. "They were in the process of putting the finishing touches on a \$52 million plant in Monterrey, Mexico."

Only 11 state incentive deals since 2005 have involved a fund for job retention, making up less than 0.5 percent of the 2,570 agreements during that time, according to Indiana Economic Development Corp. reports. Retention deals are smaller than many job creation packages, such as an \$18 million offer last year to business software company Salesforce for adding up to 800 positions in Indianapolis.

The \$7 million over a decade that Carrier will receive pales in comparison with the \$57 billion in sales reported by parent company United Technologies for last year. Trump had leverage because United Technologies also owns Pratt & Whitney, which has billions in contracts to produce fighter jet engines for the U.S. military.

Schellinger acknowledged that more than state incentives were involved in Carrier's decision. The company previously had rebuffed negotiation attempts by Pence, who is now Trump's vice president.

"Then Donald Trump picks up the phone on Nov. 15 and makes a phone call and reminds the CEO of United Technologies that 10 percent of their revenues come from the federal government, which could all change on Jan. 21," Schellinger told The Associated Press. "Game, set, match."

Carrier, in a Nov. 30 statement, attributed its decision to the Trump administration's "commitment to support the business community and create an improved, more competitive U.S. business climate." The company said this past week that the state incentives were an important consideration, but didn't respond to questions about the possible loss of federal contracts.

Indiana University business professor Mohan Tatikonda, who has studied the Indianapolis Carrier plant, said United Technologies' priority is having a good relationship with the Trump administration as tax and regulation changes are considered.

"Potentially being at the table to influence trade policy and so forth — that is far more important than

the \$7 million that the state is offering," he said.

Job retention deals are common in many states and can be better investments than trying to replace lost businesses, said Greg LeRoy, executive director of Good Jobs First, a Washington, D.C.-based non-profit that tracks economic development incentives. He calls the Carrier plant deal a "very politicized, hyper-weird" situation.

"There's no policy takeaway here," LeRoy said. "This was a high-profile episode that Trump chanced upon while on the campaign trail and chose to revisit, as far as I can tell."

Security, parking, garbage irk Ivanka Trump's DC neighbors

By BEN NUCKOLS, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Residents of a posh Washington neighborhood say Ivanka Trump and her family don't make for very good neighbors, taking up much of the parking on an already crowded street and leaving trash bags at the curb for days. A big part of the complaint: a huge security presence, with even a trip to the playground requiring three vans.

Neighbors of Trump, her husband Jared Kushner and their three children have grouched that sidewalks have been closed, public parking overrun and that the family and their staff haven't learned the trash pickup schedule outside their \$5.5-million home.

"It has been a three-ring circus from the day that they've moved in," Marietta Robinson, who lives across the street, told with The Associated Press.

The house in the Kalorama neighborhood was bought in December by a company with ties to a Chilean billionaire. The company is renting it to Kushner and Trump, who moved in just after the inauguration of her father, President Donald Trump. Both work in the White House as advisers to the president.

Residents of the enclave of four- and five-story townhomes and elegant single-family properties about 2 miles north of the White House are accustomed to VIP neighbors. Former President Barack Obama and his family have lived there since he left office, and the Secret Service closed off their entire block to traffic. Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos bought a home there, and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson also moved in recently.

Yet no one has raised the ire of the community like the Trumps. At a recent neighborhood commission meeting, Fox News anchor Chris Wallace was among those who showed up to complain about parking problems.

Some in the neighborhood have also complained about the family's rental arrangement. The company that owns the house didn't obtain a rental license for two months, securing one just this week after it was warned by city regulators.

"Maybe some of the upset has to do with politics a little. I couldn't say for sure, but I know that people don't seem to be upset about Tillerson's situation. It's much less intrusive," said Ellen Goldstein, an elected neighborhood commissioner.

The Secret Service has sole responsibility under law for protecting the family, but neighbors have noticed what they describe as an unusually large and aggressive security presence. Ivanka Trump arrives and departs in a four-vehicle motorcade, Robinson said.

"There are more of them than I have ever seen," Robinson wrote in a letter to Democratic Mayor Muriel Bowser and other city officials. "Frequently several of them are milling outside of the house at all hours having conversations and staring meanly at anyone in view."

The letter — which also complained about parking, trash and noise — spurred the city government into action. On Friday morning, District transportation crews were outside the house, removing "No Parking" signs.

The department said no permits had been sought for parking exemptions or sidewalk closures on the street since Trump moved in. Yet vehicles associated with the Trump-Kushner house have been seen parking in the restricted areas for hours at a time, and barriers have been erected on the sidewalk in front of the house, forcing pedestrians to cross the street, next-door neighbor Rhona Wolfe Friedman said.

Groton Daily Independent

Monday, March 27, 2017 ~ Vol. 24 - No. 256 ~ 22 of 26

Even without extra restrictions, street parking for non-residents is limited to two hours.

"The parking patrol on Tracy Place has always been ultra-vigilant," Robinson wrote to the mayor. "Suddenly, the parking enforcement has disappeared."

A Secret Service spokeswoman, Nicole Mainor, said agency officials met with neighbors and city officials on Friday morning and addressed their concerns about parking and other disruptions. She declined to answer specific questions about the level of protection the family receives, citing agency policy.

It's not clear whether Ivanka Trump is aware of any complaints, saying in a statement emailed Friday afternoon by an aide: "We love the neighborhood and our family has received an incredibly gracious welcome from our neighbors."

Christopher Chapin, president of the neighborhood council — who doesn't live as close as the neighbors who've complained — said all the attention is good for Kalorama.

"We are delighted to have political figures like the Obamas, the Kushners and the Tillersons living in our neighborhood," he said.

Associated Press writer Catherine Lucey in Washington contributed to this report.

Follow Ben Nuckols on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/APBenNuckols>.

AP Exclusive: 'Bathroom bill' to cost North Carolina \$3.76B

By EMERY P. DALESIO and JONATHAN DREW, Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Despite Republican assurances that North Carolina's "bathroom bill" isn't hurting the economy, the law limiting LGBT protections will cost the state more than \$3.76 billion in lost business over a dozen years, according to an Associated Press analysis.

Over the past year, North Carolina has suffered financial hits ranging from scuttled plans for a PayPal facility that would have added an estimated \$2.66 billion to the state's economy to a canceled Ringo Starr concert that deprived a town's amphitheater of about \$33,000 in revenue. The blows have landed in the state's biggest cities as well as towns surrounding its flagship university, and from the mountains to the coast.

North Carolina could lose hundreds of millions more because the NCAA is avoiding the state, usually a favored host. The group is set to announce sites for various championships through 2022, and North Carolina won't be among them as long as the law is on the books. The NAACP also has initiated a national economic boycott.

The AP analysis — compiled through interviews and public records requests — represents the largest reckoning yet of how much the law, passed one year ago, could cost the state. The law excludes gender identity and sexual orientation from statewide antidiscrimination protections, and requires transgender people to use restrooms corresponding to the sex on their birth certificates in many public buildings.

Still, AP's tally is likely an underestimation of the law's true costs. The count includes only data obtained from businesses and state or local officials regarding projects that canceled or relocated because of HB2. A business project was counted only if AP determined through public records or interviews that HB2 was why it pulled out.

Some projects that left, such as a Lionsgate television production that backed out of plans in Charlotte, weren't included because of a lack of data on their economic impact.

The AP also tallied the losses of dozens of conventions, sporting events and concerts through figures from local officials. The AP didn't attempt to quantify anecdotal reports that lacked hard numbers, or to forecast the loss of future conventions.

Bank of America CEO Brian Moynihan — who leads the largest company based in North Carolina — said he's spoken privately to business leaders who went elsewhere with projects or events because of the controversy, and he fears more decisions like that are being made quietly.

"Companies are moving to other places because they don't face an issue that they face here," he told a World Affairs Council of Charlotte luncheon last month. "What's going on that you don't know about?"

Groton Daily Independent

Monday, March 27, 2017 ~ Vol. 24 - No. 256 ~ 23 of 26

What convention decided to take you off the list? What location for a distribution facility took you off the list? What corporate headquarters consideration for a foreign company — there's a lot of them out there — just took you off the list because they just didn't want to be bothered with the controversy? That's what eats you up."

Other measures show the country's ninth most populous state has a healthy economy. By quarterly gross domestic product, the federal government said, North Carolina had the nation's 10th fastest-growing economy six months after the law passed. The vast majority of large companies with existing operations in the state — such as American Airlines, with its second-largest hub in Charlotte — made no public moves to financially penalize North Carolina.

Shortly after he signed the law, Republican then-Gov. Pat McCrory issued a statement assuring residents it wouldn't affect North Carolina's status as "one of the top states to do business in the country."

HB2 supporters say its costs have been tiny compared with an economy estimated at more than \$500 billion a year, roughly the size of Sweden's. They say they're willing to absorb those costs if the law prevents heterosexual predators posing as transgender people from entering private spaces to molest women and girls — acts the law's detractors say are imagined.

Lt. Gov. Dan Forest, one of the strongest supporters, accused news organizations of creating a false picture of economic upheaval. A global equestrian competition that's coming to North Carolina in 2018 despite HB2 is projected to have an economic impact bigger than the sporting events that have canceled, Forest said. The Swiss-based group behind the event estimated its spending poured about \$250 million into the French region of Normandy the last time it was held — 2014. The organization said the figure came from a study by consulting and accounting firm Deloitte, but the Federation Equestre Internationale declined to release the report.

Forest declined a request for an interview based on AP's analysis.

"The effect is minimal to the state," Forest told Texas legislators considering a similar law. "Our economy is doing well. Don't be fooled by the media. This issue is not about the economy. This issue is about privacy, safety and security in the most vulnerable places we go."

But AP's analysis shows the economy could be growing faster if not for projects that have already canceled.

Those include PayPal canceling a 400-job project in Charlotte, CoStar backing out of negotiations to bring 700-plus jobs to the same area, and Deutsche Bank scuttling a plan for 250 jobs in the Raleigh area. Other companies that backed out include Adidas, which is building its first U.S. sports shoe factory employing 160 near Atlanta rather than a High Point site, and Voxpro, which opted to hire hundreds of customer support workers in Athens, Georgia, rather than the Raleigh area.

"We couldn't set up operations in a state that was discriminating against LGBT" people, Dan Kiely, Voxpro founder and CEO, said in an interview.

All told, the state has missed out on more than 2,900 direct jobs that went elsewhere.

Supporters are hard-pressed to point to economic benefits from the law, said James Kleckley, of East Carolina University's business college.

"I don't know of any examples where somebody located here because of HB2," he said. "If you look at a law, whether or not you agree with it or don't agree with it, there are going to be positive effects and negative effects. Virtually everything we know about (HB2) are the negative effects. Even anecdotally I don't know any positive effects."

An analysis by the state Commerce Department shortly before HB2 was enacted shows state officials expected the PayPal expansion to contribute more than \$200 million annually to North Carolina's gross domestic product — an overall measure of the economy. By the end of 2028, the state expected PayPal to have added \$2.66 billion to the state economy.

The same analysis of the Deutsche Bank project estimated a total impact of about \$543 million by the end of 2027. The economic model has been used for more than a decade — with some updates along the way — when the state offers major discretionary tax breaks to attract jobs.

State officials said they didn't run the same financial analysis for CoStar, Voxpro and Adidas, so losses attributed to them were calculated using payroll numbers and other figures from the companies or state

Groton Daily Independent

Monday, March 27, 2017 ~ Vol. 24 - No. 256 ~ 24 of 26

documents.

Meanwhile, canceled conventions, concerts and sporting events ranging from the NBA All-Star Game to a Bruce Springsteen show have deprived the state of more than \$196 million. The number was compiled through email exchanges and interviews with local tourism officials.

All told, the state will have missed out on more than \$3.76 billion by the end of 2028. The losses are based on projects that already went elsewhere — so the money won't be recouped even if the law is struck down in court or repealed.

By the end of 2017 alone, the lost business will total more than \$525 million.

Tourism officials in several cities say the numbers they report represent only a fraction of the damage the law has done. They typically track large conventions but don't have firm numbers for when groups or tourists cancel smaller deals — or rule out North Carolina before booking.

"The biggest impact is how many times our phones are not ringing now," said Shelly Green, CEO of the Durham Convention & Visitors Bureau.

When Green's bureau sought to tally cancellations, it was able to count several large sporting events and conventions that backed out, depriving the city of more than \$11 million, she said. But officials found hotels and meeting planners were tight-lipped about other events.

"There are a lot more meetings that have canceled, but we don't have data on them," she said.

Elsewhere, tourism setbacks range from an estimated \$100 million lost when the 2017 NBA All-Star Game moved out of Charlotte to \$36,000 in spending taken elsewhere when the Lutheran Financial Managers Convention backed out of Fayetteville. Seven hundred part-time workers at Raleigh's PNC Arena lost at least \$130,000 in wages because of cancellations by Pearl Jam, Cirque Du Soleil and others.

Other financial signals of disapproval have been more symbolic than clearly harmful.

More than two dozen cities and states, from Honolulu to Vermont, have banned taxpayer-funded visits to North Carolina because of HB2. Most said they couldn't estimate the money not spent on business travel. But in Providence, Rhode Island, officials refused to spend even the remaining \$495 to send three city employees to a Charlotte conference after sponsors picked up most of the costs, city spokesman Victor Morente said via email.

Dozens of investment firms have urged North Carolina to repeal HB2, but most of those contacted in recent weeks, such as John Hancock and Morgan Stanley, wouldn't discuss any financial measures they took to penalize the state. Trillium Asset Management, which manages more than \$2 billion for wealthy families and foundations, had dozens of clients request that their holdings exclude bonds issued by North Carolina state or municipal governments, Chief Executive Officer Matt Patsky said in an interview.

What impact did selling off several million dollars of municipal bonds have? Impossible to measure, Patsky said.

In September, despite the law, Asheville's Chamber of Commerce announced that biotech company Avadim was adding 550 jobs. Local officials call it the biggest single job creator in area history.

But HB2 jeopardized another project of similar size for the left-leaning mountain city. Chamber CEO Kit Cramer said last year that another company considering bringing 500 technology jobs was balking because of HB2, adding: "That's a loss that would be incredibly hard to swallow." Cramer said in an email in March that the company hasn't made a decision. She didn't give further details; that potential loss wasn't included in AP's count.

Charlotte, North Carolina's largest city, has lost projects totaling 2,000 jobs because of HB2, Chamber of Commerce research director Chuck McShane said in an email. According to separate documents obtained through public records requests, the majority were in the PayPal and CoStar projects.

CoStar, a real-estate research firm, was entering final negotiations to bring 732 jobs to Charlotte in September when its board backed out because of negative publicity over HB2, according to an email between a chamber executive and a city official. When the company picked Virginia, the reversal cost North Carolina at least \$250 million in economic impact over the next six years, according to figures from both states.

"I fear this will be an epidemic outcome for many projects we are still in the running for at this time," Jeffrey Edge of the Charlotte Chamber wrote in the September email exchange first reported by The

Groton Daily Independent

Monday, March 27, 2017 ~ Vol. 24 - No. 256 ~ 25 of 26

Charlotte Observer.

Economic losses also hit smaller towns, such as those surrounding the University of North Carolina. When the San Francisco Symphony pulled out of two concerts scheduled for April 2017, the move had a ripple effect totaling about \$325,000, according to Patty Griffin, of the Chapel Hill/Orange County Visitors Bureau.

"Memorial Hall will be empty those two nights and see no revenue for tickets or concessions, and no employees will work," she said via email. "The attendees for most of them who have dinner, drinks and desserts either before or after the performance will not come out, which impacts local restaurants."

Green, the Durham tourism official, said, "When you think about it, this whole thing is just such a Dumpster fire, and nobody wants to go near it."

Follow Dalesio at www.twitter.com/emerydalesio and Drew at www.twitter.com/jonldrew .

Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Monday, March 27, the 86th day of 2017. There are 279 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 27, 1977, in aviation's worst disaster, 583 people were killed when a KLM Boeing 747, attempting to take off in heavy fog, crashed into a Pan Am 747 on an airport runway on the Canary Island of Tenerife (ten-uh-REEF').

On this date:

In 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon (hwahn pahns duh LEE'-ohn) sighted present-day Florida.

In 1836, the first Mormon temple was dedicated in Kirtland, Ohio, by Joseph Smith Jr.

In 1884, the first telephone line between Boston and New York was inaugurated.

In 1912, first lady Helen Herron Taft and the wife of Japan's ambassador to the United States, Viscountess Chinda, planted the first two of 3,000 cherry trees given to the U.S. as a gift by the mayor of Tokyo.

In 1933, Japan officially withdrew from the League of Nations.

In 1942, during World War II, Congress granted American servicemen free first-class mailing privileges.

In 1952, the MGM movie musical "Singin' in the Rain," starring Gene Kelly, Donald O'Connor and Debbie Reynolds, had its world premiere at New York's Radio City Music Hall.

In 1957, "Around the World in 80 Days" won the Academy Award for best picture of 1956; Yul Brynner won best actor for "The King and I," Ingrid Bergman was awarded best actress for "Anastasia" and George Stevens was recognized as best director for "Giant."

In 1964, Alaska was hit by a magnitude 9.2 earthquake (the strongest on record in North America) and tsunamis that together claimed about 130 lives.

In 1980, 123 workers died when a North Sea floating oil field platform, the Alexander Kielland, capsized during a storm.

In 1996, an Israeli court convicted Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's (YIT'-sahk rah-BEENZ') confessed assassin of murder, then sentenced former law student Yigal Amir (YEE'-gahl ah-MEER') to life in prison.

In 2002, President George W. Bush signed landmark bipartisan legislation designed to limit the role of big money in political campaigns.

Ten years ago: Truck bombs hit markets in Tal Afar (tahl AH'-fur), Iraq, killing at least 152 people and wounding more than 150. NFL owners voted 30-2 (with Cincinnati and Arizona dissenting) to make the video replay system a permanent officiating tool.

Five years ago: A JetBlue Airways captain ran through the cabin of a New York-to-Las Vegas flight yelling about religion and terrorists before he was tackled and restrained by passengers. (Clayton Osbon was charged with interference with a flight crew; he was found not guilty by reason of insanity.) Award-winning poet Adrienne Rich, 82, died in Santa Cruz, California. Art critic Hilton Kramer, 84, died in Harpswell, Maine.

Groton Daily Independent

Monday, March 27, 2017 ~ Vol. 24 - No. 256 ~ 26 of 26

One year ago: A bombing in the eastern Pakistani city of Lahore killed 65 people in a park crowded with Christians, including many children; a breakaway faction of the Taliban claimed responsibility. The Syrian government recaptured the historic city of Palmyra (pahl-MEER'-uh) from Islamic State fighters who had waged a 10-month reign of terror there. Global Catholic Network founder Mother Angelica, 92, died in Hanceville, Alabama.

Today's Birthdays: Dance company director Arthur Mitchell is 83. Actor Julian Glover is 82. Actor Jerry Lacy is 81. Hall of Fame racer Cale Yarborough is 78. Actor-director Austin Pendleton is 77. Actor Michael York is 75. Rock musician Tony Banks (Genesis) is 67. Rock musician Andrew Farriss (INXS) is 58. Jazz musician Dave Koz (kahz) is 54. Movie director Quentin Tarantino is 54. Rock musician Derrick McKenzie (Jamiroquai) is 53. Rock musician Johnny April (Staind) is 52. Actress Talisa Soto is 50. Actor Ben Koldyke is 49. Actress Pauley Perrette is 48. Singer Mariah Carey is 47. Rock musician Brendan Hill (Blues Traveler) is 47. Actress Elizabeth Mitchell is 47. Actor Nathan Fillion is 46. Hip-hop singer Fergie (Black Eyed Peas) is 42. Actress Megan Hilty is 36. Actress Emily Ann Lloyd is 33. Actress Brenda Song is 29. Pop singer/songwriter Kimbra is 27. Actress Taylor Atelian is 22. Classical crossover singer Amira Willighagen (TV: "Holland's Got Talent") is 13.

Thought for Today: "Often the test of courage is not to die but to live." — Vittorio Alfieri, Italian dramatist (1749-1803).

(Above Advance for Use Monday, March 27)

Copyright 2017, The Associated Press. All rights reserved.