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EASTER MONDAY - NO SCHOOL

Senior Menu: Spanish rice with hamburger, green beans, Mandarin oranges, chocolate pudding, whole wheat bread.

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

St. John's Lutheran: Christian Literature Circle at 7:30 p.m.

United Methodist: Evening Bible Study at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 18

Senior Menu: Hot turkey combo, mashed potato and gravy, 7 layer salad, peaches.

School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Chicken strips, French fries, fruit, romaine salad.

Varsity track at Webster

7th/8th grade track at Ipswich, 3 p.m.

United Methodist: Bible Study at 10 a.m.

Wednesday, April 19

NSU Match Contest, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Senior Menu: Scalloped potato with ham, peas, sunset salad, cookie, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: French toast sticks, links, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Tater tot hot dish, corn, fruit, carrots and dip.

Emmanuel Lutheran: League at 6:30 p.m., Confirmation at 7 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Confirmation at 3:45 p.m.

Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Closed**

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GROTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
April 17, 2017 - 7pm
Groton Community Center

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Bills
- 3) Reconsideration of Mayor's Veto
- 4) Baseball Pop Bids
- 5) 2nd Reading Ordinance 711-Summer Salary Amendment
- 6) BB Playground Bids
- 7) Risk Assessment Map
- 8) Election Workers Pay
- 9) Police Vehicle Bids
- 10) Spring Cleanup Letters & Plan
- 11) Cemetery Stone Repairs
- 12) NW Energy – Substation maintenance
- 13) Finance Officers school
- 14) Hazard Mitigation Grants
- 15) Canvass Election Results
- 16) Exe Session – Legal or Personnel 1-25-2 (1) or (3)

Secrets to Saving on Your Summer City Vacation

By Nathaniel Sillin

Cities attract people for different reasons, which is partly why cities are such popular vacation destinations. Summer is one of the best times to visit, as the long days give you extra hours of sunlight for exploration and many cities host a variety of free activities. The busy season can mean rising prices, but there are a few city-specific savings tactics that can take some of the strain off your budget.

Look for insiders' knowledge about the city. Many major cities are covered by bloggers who focus on how to enjoy the city on the cheap. You could start your planning by researching online with the keywords "free or cheap" and the city's name. Some of the well-organized websites will even let you filter events by date, cost and your interests.

Also check the city's local newspaper sites for lists of free or cheap events. During the summer, many cities have free outdoor concerts and movie screenings; you can pack a picnic dinner and enjoy the warm weather and show.

Get around the city like a local. It might make sense to take an occasional cab, but some cities have robust public transportation systems. Take a few minutes to study the city's layout before arriving and don't be afraid to ask locals for advice or directions.

If you're in town for more than a few days, look into time-based public transportation passes. For example, you can get a seven-day Unlimited Ride MetroCard for subway and bus rides in New York City for \$32. (There's \$1 new-card fee if you're not refilling an existing card.) You can even use it on the crosstown buses that can quickly get you from one side of Central Park to the other.

Explore new cuisine. One of my favorite parts about visiting a city is trying the restaurants. Whether you save up and enjoy one of the city's finest eateries or find a hole-in-the-wall hidden gem, there's something for everyone.

Luckily, many cities' must-try foods are on the inexpensive side. Chicago's hot dogs, Portland's doughnuts and Austin's tacos all often cost less than \$5. You can also look for lists of cheap and delicious eats alongside the free-entertainment tips from frugal bloggers and local papers.

High-end restaurants will inevitably be pricey, but if it's on your "must-do" list, there could be ways to save. Some restaurants offer less expensive brunches or early evening tasting menus, or you might be able to grab a small bite and a drink at the bar rather than a full meal.

Find the deals if you're going to shop. Some people see shopping as an intrinsic part of a vacation, and cities are often home to chains' flagship stores, boutiques and specialty shops. The wide variety of options could tempt you to overspend, but it also means there are plenty of opportunities to save.

If you're in the luxury market, look for sample sales where high-end brands might be charging (relatively) less for products formerly on runways or showroom floors. Trying to stick to a tight budget? Look for large retailers' clearance sales, particularly if you're visiting when stores are clearing seasonal items off their shelves.

Think outside the box when it comes to lodging. Most people know that hotels in the heart of tourist areas are often the most expensive, and many turn to home-sharing sites as cheaper alternatives.

Another trick is to look for availability at hotels in the city's financial district. Holidays and weekends can bring vacancies at these properties, which may mean lower rates. Hotels right outside the main city, but accessible by public transportation, can also cost less.

Bottom line: Cities can be expensive, particularly during the busy summer, but there's a reason they're such popular vacation destinations. Whether you're interested in museums, shows, food, historic sites or all of the above, there are ways to save and make the most out of your summer in the city.

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Today in Weather History

April 17, 2006: A strong spring storm moved across the Northern and Central Plains, bringing precipitation and unyielding northwest winds. Sustained winds of 30 to 50 mph, with gusts around 70 mph, were felt across a large portion of western South Dakota for more than 24 hours as the storm slowly crossed the region.

1922: Southern Illinois and Western Indiana saw two rounds of severe weather, including tornadoes. The first significant tornado occurred just before midnight on the 16th near Oakdale, Illinois. This tornado killed 4 and injured 22 others. Five additional tornadoes took place between midnight and 3 AM on the 17th. During the mid-morning and early afternoon hours, two estimated F4 tornadoes caused devastation in Hedrick and near Orestes in Indiana. A postcard from one farm near Orestes was dropped near Mt. Cory, Ohio, 124 miles away.

1942: West Palm Beach, FL was soaked by 8.35 inches of rain in just two hours.

1953 - One of the few severe hailstorms accompanied by snow, sleet, glaze, and rain, pelted parts of Kay, Osage, Creek, Tulsa, Washington, and Rogers Counties in northeastern Oklahoma late in the day. Nearly 10,000 insurance claims were filed. (The Weather Channel)

1965 - The Mississippi River reached a flood crest at Saint Paul MN four feet higher than any previous mark. During the next two weeks record levels were reached along the Mississippi between Saint Paul and Hannibal MO. Flooding caused more than 100 million dollars damage, but timely warnings kept the death toll down to just twelve persons. (David Ludlum)

1987 - Twenty-two cities in the central U.S. reported new record high temperatures for the date. Temperatures warmed into the 70s and 80s from the High Plains Region to the Mississippi Valley, with readings in the low 90s reported in the Southern Plains Region. Tulsa OK hit 92 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Heavy snow blanketed northern Arizona. Snowfall totals ranged up to 16 inches at Pinetop, with 10 inches reported at Flagstaff. Afternoon thunderstorms spawned a couple of tornadoes in Idaho. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Arctic cold invaded the north central U.S. Missoula MT was blanketed with four inches of snow, and Glasgow MT reported a record cold morning low of 14 degrees above zero. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1990 - High winds in northern Utah, gusting to 90 mph in Weber County, blew a trampoline through a living room window, and strong winds associated with a cold front crossing the Middle Atlantic Coast Region gusted to 75 mph in the Chesapeake Bay area of Virginia. Unseasonably cold weather prevailed in the north central U.S. Valentine NE was the cold spot in the nation with a record low of 10 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2002: The heat wave continued across the east as high pressure off the Carolina blocked a frontal boundary across the Plains. Records for the date included:

Newark, New Jersey: 97

NYC Central Park: 96

Hartford, Connecticut: 95

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: 95

Reagan National Airport, DC: 95 (Tied monthly high)

Lynchburg, Virginia: 94

Atlantic City, New Jersey: 94

Norfolk, Virginia: 93






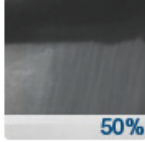

Providence, Rhode Island: 93

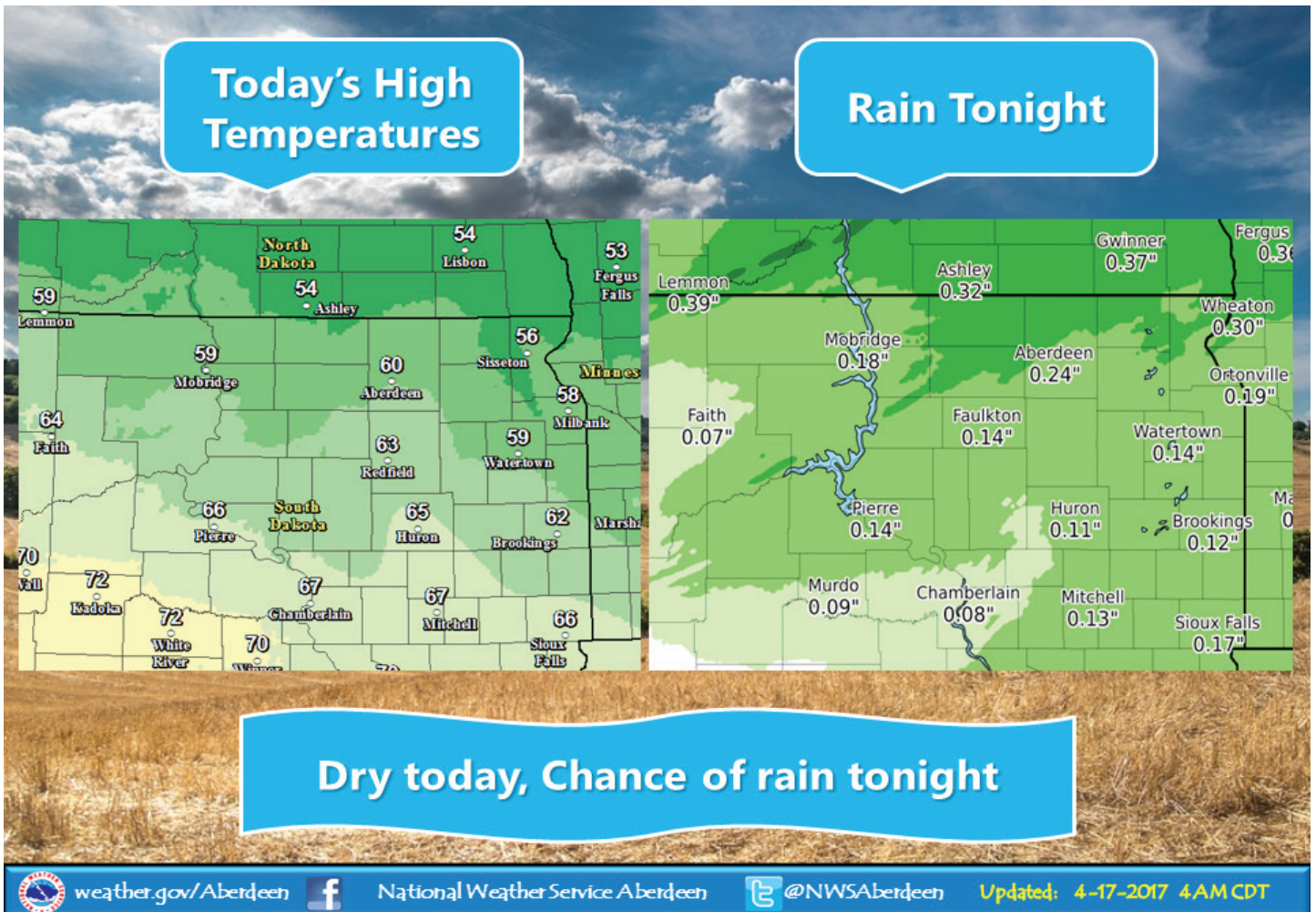
Boston, Massachusetts: 93

Portland, Maine: 80

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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
						
Increasing Clouds	Showers Likely	Chance Showers then Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Chance Rain	Chance Showers	Mostly Sunny
High: 59 °F	Low: 44 °F	High: 60 °F	Low: 39 °F	High: 54 °F	Low: 37 °F	High: 61 °F



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Today will see dry conditions and mild temperatures. A fast moving low pressure system will slide across the region tonight, bringing showers and a few thunderstorms. No severe weather is expected.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 64.6 F at 3:31 PM

Low Outside Temp: 27.3 F at 6:47 AM

High Gust: 27.0 Mph at 1:20 PM

Snow: Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 87° in 1915

Record Low: 10° in 1953

Average High: 58°F

Average Low: 32°F

Average Precip in April.: 0.86

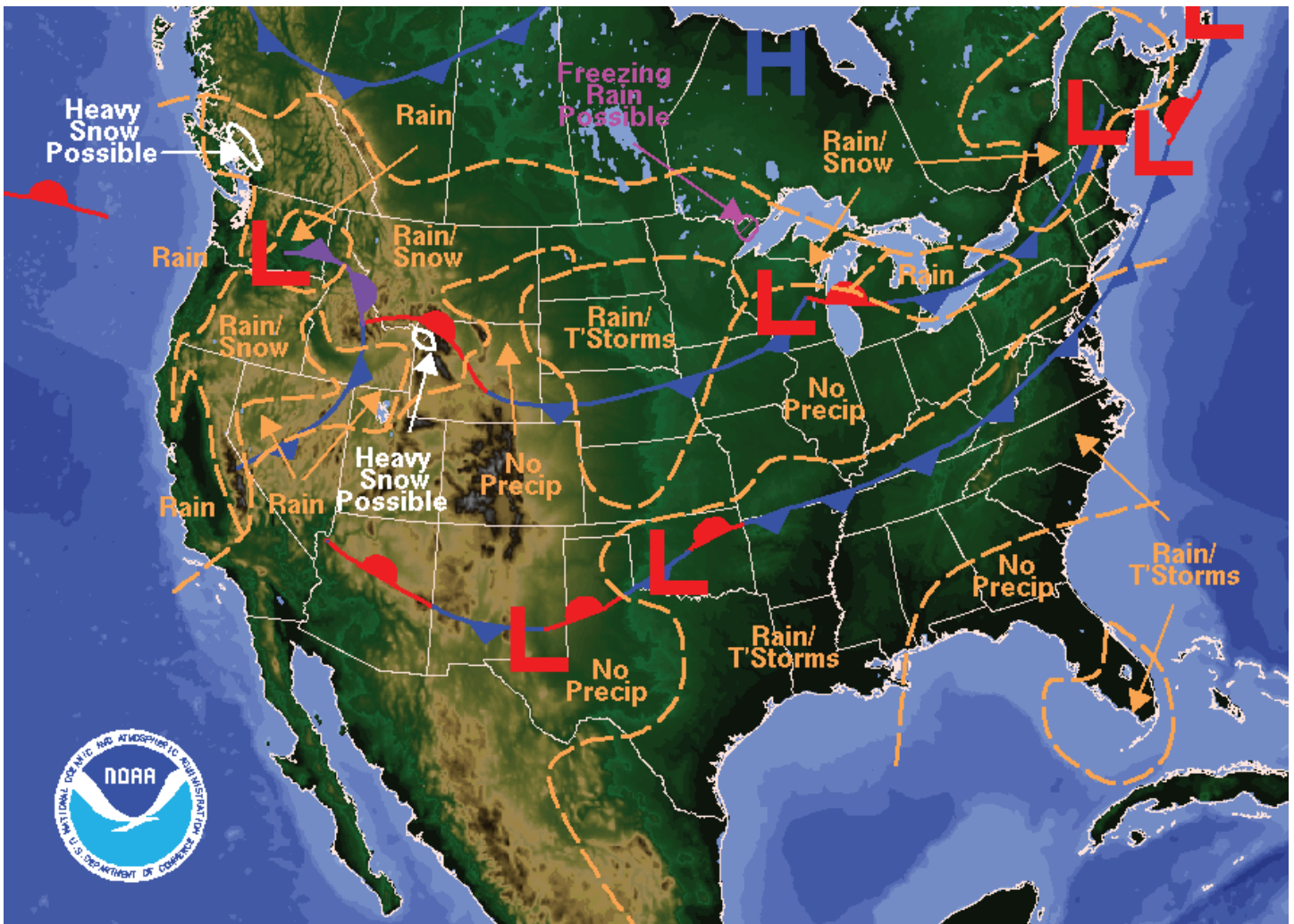
Precip to date in April.: 0.20

Average Precip to date: 3.04

Precip Year to Date: 0.79

Sunset Tonight: 8:22 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:42 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, Apr 17, 2017, issued 4:40 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



THE GIFTS OF ANCESTORS

It was a luncheon for art collectors in New York City. Only the affluent were invited to attend. One lady sitting next to a rabbi asked, "Did you know that one of my ancestors signed the Declaration of Independence?"

"No, I did not," he replied. "And did you know that one of mine signed the Ten Commandments?"

Tracing ancestors back hundreds of years has become an interesting hobby for many individuals. The idea of knowing one's relatives and where they came from is interesting, and at times fascinating. And for some, it is a reason for pride while others are embarrassed.

Many parents take great pride in telling their children about their ancestors; who they were, where they came from and what they accomplished. But, no doubt, there are far more who cannot tell where their children were last night or what they were doing.

The Psalmist said, "How happy are those who fear the Lord – and follow His ways!" This psalm clearly describes the benefits and blessings that God grants a family that follows His teachings and honors Him in all that they do. His values described in this psalm include love, service, honesty, integrity and prayer. They are the essential elements for every healthy relationship – especially family relationships that last into eternity.

The greatest legacy parents can leave their children is one of family Bible-reading, praying and church going.

Prayer: Father, we pray that all families everywhere will place You and Your Word at the center of their home and honor You with family worship and praise. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 128

- 1 Blessed are all who fear the Lord,
who walk in obedience to him.
- 2 You will eat the fruit of your labor;
blessings and prosperity will be yours.
- 3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots
around your table.
- 4 Yes, this will be the blessing
for the man who fears the Lord.
- 5 May the Lord bless you from Zion;
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.
- 6 May you live to see your children's children—
peace be on Israel.

News from the Associated Press

Northern State University to change brand

KATHERINE GRANDSTRAND, Aberdeen American News

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — Northern State University is looking for some help to define the school's brand. It's asking students, faculty and staff and community members to answer a 19-question survey to gauge familiarity with the university as a whole and with its many parts.

"I don't think we're looking to rebrand the institution, as far as the logos go," said Justin Fraase, director of communications and marketing at Northern. "I think the bigger issue we have as a university is we have maybe too many logos, maybe too many logo combinations."

It is part of an effort to better market Northern as a regional university, Fraase said, who started his job at the beginning of the semester.

"We're calling it a brand refresh because we want to refresh what's going on," he told the Aberdeen American News (<http://bit.ly/2o5ysti>).

One of the major things the communications and marketing department wants to change is the university's tag line: Be you. Be us. Be Northern.

"I can't guarantee that it will change, but that is definitely one thing that we've circled as something that we'd like to just refresh," Fraase said. "I think it's been around for almost a decade. For tag lines, that's a bit long."

One thing that won't change is the school's wolf logo or mascot.

However, there will be work to create guidelines for the school's logos and mascots, and the school has entered licensing agreement with Learfield Licensing Partners. Learfield is a trademark management company specializing in collegiate licensing and branding.

The partnership will give Northern more control over who sells branded merchandise and what it looks like, Fraase said. Northern will also collect royalties on the merchandise.

"I don't necessarily think we're going to be cash rich because of this," Fraase said. "It's more important for us to get a firmer grasp of the colors and the logos."

Standards will be introduced for other branded items, like business cards, envelopes and even email signatures, Fraase said. There will also be use guidelines for the different logos. The university seal won't show up on T-shirts, but will be on diploma frames.

The standards also specifically define Northern's maroon and gold tones so they are consistent whether they are used for a T-shirt, in print or on a computer screen.

"With today's technology, you can do a lot of print, even in cloth and shirts and stuff, that ensures that your maroon is your maroon and your gold is your gold," Fraase said.

Whether or not community members are alumni, they're still affected by Northern, Fraase said. That's why it's important to get feedback from across the Aberdeen area and not just from those directly involved with the university.

"The community plays a tremendous part in what goes on here at Northern," Fraase said.

People who don't attend events or visit campus regularly are still hearing about Northern and campus events.

Any changes will be launched in the fall 2017 semester, with full implementation expected July 2018.

"This is the time for the feedback," Fraase said. "It's not gonna be in July when we come out with something new."

New law allows South Dakota to sell unclaimed stocks sooner

By JOHN HULT, Argus Leader

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — There's a chance the state of South Dakota is about to sell your stocks.

If you've ever invested in a company or mutual fund and then completely ignored your quarterly statements, you might want to watch your mailbox.

When banks or fund managers lose contact with an investor — meaning the owner doesn't buy, sell, move or otherwise communicate with the institution for three years — those assets are considered unclaimed property and get transferred to the state. (The rule doesn't apply to retirement savings such as 401(k)s.)

The state holds onto those investments until the rightful owner is found, but a new law lets the state cash out more quickly.

The rightful owner can always collect the proceeds, but they'll lose any gains that might have occurred after the liquidation.

Speedier sales can be a boon to state budgets, letting states use the cash until an owner comes forward, but they could burn investors, said Tami Salmon, general council for the Investment Company Institute, a Washington, D.C., association that represents mutual fund managers.

"The states are becoming more aggressive in claiming this property," Salmon told the Argus Leader (<http://argusne.ws/2o5FX3h>).

A new law signed by Gov. Dennis Daugaard last month allows the state to sell unclaimed securities after 90 days. Previously the state's budget office had to wait three years before liquidating such investments.

State Treasurer Rich Sattgast said he'd rather return unclaimed securities to their owners. His office began sending letters to the last known addresses of the securities' owners in hopes of getting their attention before the sale.

"We don't want people getting our notices in the mail to think it's a scam," Sattgast said.

The sales would be initiated May 1 and finalized by June 9 unless the office finds a valid address from the named owner or hears from the owner online or over the phone.

The sale of approximately \$6 million in securities will be the second mass sell-off in Sattgast's six-year term. Moving forward, sales will happen more regularly.

Until the recent change, state law said merely that the treasurer "may" sell securities after three years, which Sattgast felt left the state open to lawsuits by those whose securities were sold and transferred to state coffers.

"I didn't want to act as financial adviser," Sattgast said.

The reasons for losing track of securities vary. A grandparent might buy stock in Disney for a grandchild, for example, but never tell the child. If the grandparent dies without passing along the child's address, the stock might end up in the state's hands before the child even realizes they have it.

Securities are only a small piece of the state's collection of unclaimed property. The Unclaimed Property Division has \$392 million in dormant checking and savings account balances, unpaid wages, utilities deposits, life insurance payouts and securities.

The Bureau of Finance and Management urged the sale of \$7 million in securities last fall, saying their ever-changing value made it difficult to accurately report the state's assets and liabilities under federally-required Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

"When the state treasurer holds these securities, it makes it problematic to report the values of those funds," said state economist Jim Terwilliger of the Bureau of Finance and Management, which supported the change in how the state manages unclaimed investments.

While no one testified against the bill in Pierre, the Investment Council Institute sent Daugaard a letter on March 9 urging a veto. A mass sell-off robs the rightful owners of the property of any gains their funds might earn after it, the letter explained.

Salmon said the new 90-day waiting period is a disservice to mutual fund and stock holders to benefit the state's general fund. She also expressed concern about how the state defines dormancy.

Dormancy means the owner stops interacting with an account for at least three years. Transferring funds

into an account qualifies as interaction in South Dakota, and retirement accounts like 401(k)s are excluded from dormancy periods until the holder reaches age 70.

Even so, Salmon said, plenty of investors could be at risk.

There are 150,000 South Dakotans with mutual funds, she said, at risk of having their property declared unclaimed if they stop interacting for three years. People don't call their fund managers every time they get a quarterly statement unless something's amiss, Salmon said.

"Most of us who get into mutual funds are in it for the long term. There's no need for us to check in," she said.

Salmon encouraged people to check in with their fund managers at least once a year to prevent dormancy.

The Securities Transfer Association and Shareholder Services Association wrote a similar letter on March 8, saying the new law would "eviscerate" due process rights of the securities' owners. A security's value is not in its immediate sale price, but in the rights it conveys to the holder: Proxy voting, dividends and the right of appreciation.

"The prompt liquidation of securities contained in (the bill) terminates all of these property interests," wrote STA council Jennifer Borden.

Sattgast said he's going to work to find property owners prior to the sale by publishing legal notices in newspapers and sending letters to the last known addresses of the owners. The three employees use nationwide search software to find addresses and will stop the sale of any security if a valid address appears in the search.

"We're going to work very diligently to find these people," Sattgast said.

The only candidate who's announced an intention to run for Sattgast's position in 2018, Josh Haeder, says he hopes to see more significant outreach on unclaimed property.

The Huron-area property manager and staffer for Sen. Mike Rounds says the state should be using social media to reach out to unclaimed property owners, and that extending its outreach beyond newspapers, booths at public events and letters will be more important now that the law has changed.

"As we move forward with this law, we'll need to find those more effective ways of reaching out to people," Haeder said.

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

ATV crash kills 1 near Augustana University in Sioux Falls

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Police say a man has died in an ATV accident in Sioux Falls.

The accident was reported just before 8 p.m. Saturday. Police and paramedics found a man with serious injuries. He died at the scene.

A police statement says witnesses told officers the man was traveling east on a street near the campus of Augustana University when he lost control of the ATV. He was not wearing a helmet.

The man's name has not been released, pending family notifications.

Kansas patrol: 3 killed in fiery 4-vehicle wreck

FOWLER, Kan. (AP) — Authorities say three people were killed in a fiery four-vehicle crash that involved a camper-trailer becoming unhooked on a southwestern Kansas highway.

The Kansas Highway Patrol tells KAKE-TV (<http://bit.ly/2ogptGn>) that a pickup truck driver was exiting a bridge on U.S. 54 about 6:50 p.m. Friday near Fowler when his trailer somehow came loose and went across the highway.

A tractor-trailer driven by 43-year-old Zachery Duncan of Watertown, South Dakota, drove through the trailer, flattening a tire and causing his brakes to lock. The patrol says that semi then went across the highway and hit another tractor-trailer driven by 56-year-old John Kemp Jr. of Brandon, Mississippi.

Troopers say both big rigs caught fire.

Both truckers were killed along with a passenger in Duncan's rig — 35-year-old Manda Price of Watertown.

Information from: KAKE-TV.

National forest takes steps to prevent next beetle epidemic

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Though the 20-year mountain pine beetle epidemic in Black Hills National Forest in western South Dakota has ended, U.S. Forest Service officials plan to continue fighting against the tree-killing insects.

The Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/2nV6qAg>) reported that a new effort has begun called the Black Hills Resilient Landscapes Project. If the project is approved, forest managers will spend the next decade improving forest conditions by removing dead trees, igniting controlled burns and churning patches of soil to encourage new tree growth. Another major focus is adding a variety of tree types to the forest so prevent the spread of the beetles.

"We're really investing in the long-term health and resiliency of the forest," said project manager Anne Davy.

The beetles have been plaguing the Black Hills since 1997. Almost 450,000 acres have been affected. That is more than one-third of the national forest.

"When the infestation was so bad, we just needed to stop it," Davy said. "We went out and dealt with that, and now we need to start moving things back in the right direction."

The beetles are black in color and roughly the size of a grain of rice. They burrow through the bark of pine trees and can cause a tree to turn brown and die within a year with its harmful fungus and hungry larvae.

Millions of federal, state and private dollars have been spent over the past two decades to fight the beetle epidemic.

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

South Dakota museum invited to be Smithsonian Affiliate

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — The Mitchell Prehistoric Indian Village museum in southeastern South Dakota has been invited to become a Smithsonian Affiliate.

The Daily Republic (<http://bit.ly/2oyjn73>) reported while nothing has been finalized, the museum's executive director Cindy Gregg said approval could happen by the end of May.

The Smithsonian Affiliation website said it's "a national outreach program that develops long-term, high quality partnerships with museums, educational, and cultural organizations to enrich communities with Smithsonian resources."

Benefits of becoming an affiliate include special traveling exhibits, Smithsonian artifact loans and public lectures by Smithsonian scholars. Museum members will automatically become members of the Smithsonian and be eligible for discounts in Smithsonian gift shops.

However, the program is not free and costs \$3,000 annually to be a member. Gregg has approached the Davison County Commission for an annual donation to cover the cost of joining the program.

In recent years the museum gained recognition for finding an unbroken pot, archival botanicals and a partial juvenile bison skeleton in recent years. It's most popular attraction is the Corn Palace.

The museum hopes to use the increased opportunities and advertising benefit that comes with being an affiliate to improve its status as a regional attraction.

There are more than 200 Smithsonian Affiliate. If approved, Indian Village would become the third affiliate in South Dakota.

Information from: The Daily Republic, <http://www.mitchellrepublic.com>

Arkansas fights on multiple legal fronts to begin executions

By KELLY P. KISSEL, Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Lawyers for the state of Arkansas faced fights on multiple legal fronts Monday to begin a series of double executions before a key sedative used in lethal injections expires at the end of the month.

Bruce Earl Ward and Don William Davis Jr. had been scheduled to die Monday night, the first of four double executions set by Gov. Asa Hutchinson for an 11-day period. A federal judge issued stays for each of the inmates Saturday and a state court judge on Friday blocked prison officials from using a paralyzing drug until he could determine whether Arkansas obtained it properly.

Arkansas appealed in those cases and also hoped to dissolve a separate stay for Ward that had been issued by the Arkansas Supreme Court. In a victory for the state Sunday, a federal judge in western Arkansas denied a stay request by Davis.

Even with the stays in place and questions remaining before a number of courts, executions are still possible Monday night. The U.S. Supreme Court could be asked to tackle a number of questions before the end of the day and, depending on those answers, Ward could walk to the death chamber at Varner for a 7 p.m. execution.

“Immediate reversal is warranted,” Arkansas’ solicitor general, Lee Rudofsky, wrote Saturday to the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis. “. (D)elaying Appellees’ executions by even a few days — until Arkansas’s supply of midazolam expires — will make it impossible for Arkansas to carry out Appellees’ just and lawful sentences.”

At a federal court hearing last week, prison officials testified that they have no new source for the sedative, which is intended to mask the effects of drugs that will shut down the inmates’ lungs and hearts. The inmates say midazolam is unsuitable as an execution drug, saying it is not a painkiller and could subject them to a cruel and unusual punishment in violation of the U.S. Constitution.

If they aren’t knocked out sufficiently, they would be able to feel the pain of their lungs and hearts stopping, they say.

In state court on Friday, Pulaski County Circuit Judge Wendell Griffen blocked the state from using its supply of vecuronium bromide after a distributor complained prison officials used false pretenses to obtain it. The drug prevents the diaphragm from moving, essentially suffocating the prisoners.

Griffen scheduled a hearing for Tuesday morning, then joined anti-death penalty protesters outside the governor’s mansion and tied himself to a cot as though he were an inmate on a death chamber gurney.

The company that asked Griffen to act, McKesson Corp., sought to drop its lawsuit after U.S. District Judge Kristine Baker issued her stays on Saturday. It would keep the right to file another lawsuit if Baker’s order is overturned.

A different federal judge has issued a stay for an inmate who won a clemency recommendation from the state’s Parole Board, while the state Supreme Court has issued one for another inmate pending more mental health tests.

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Search widens for Facebook murder suspect

CLEVELAND (AP) — Police in Ohio urged residents in surrounding states on Monday to be on alert for a man who they said shot and killed an elderly passerby seemingly at random and then posted a gruesome video of the killing on Facebook.

Steve Stephens, 37, was wanted on a charge of aggravated murder in the death of Robert Godwin Sr. in Cleveland.

In a statement early Monday, police warned residents of Pennsylvania, New York, Indiana and Michigan to be on the lookout for Stephens, who they said may have traveled out of state.

In the video, which appears shaky, Stephens gets out of his car and appears to randomly target Godwin,

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74, who is holding a plastic shopping bag. Stephens says the name of a woman, whom Godwin does not seem to recognize.

"She's the reason that this is about to happen to you," Stephens tells Godwin before pointing a gun at him. Godwin can be seen shielding his face with the shopping bag.

Facebook said the suspect did go live on the social media website at one point during the day, but not during the killing. Police earlier had said that Stephens had broadcast it on Facebook Live.

The video of the killing was on Facebook for about three hours before it was removed. Stephens Facebook page also was eventually removed.

"This is a horrific crime and we do not allow this kind of content on Facebook," said a company spokesperson. "We work hard to keep a safe environment on Facebook, and are in touch with law enforcement in emergencies when there are direct threats to physical safety."

The victim's son, Robert Godwin Jr., told Cleveland.com that he can't bring himself to watch the video.

"I haven't watched the video. I haven't even looked at my cellphone or the news," Godwin said. "I don't really want to see it."

He said his father, a retired foundry worker, collected aluminum cans and often walked with a plastic shopping bag, picking cans up if he saw them on ground. The son said he believed his father was looking for cans on Sunday when Stephens approached him.

In a separate video posted on Facebook, Stephens claimed to have killed more than a dozen other people.

"Like I said, I killed 13, so I'm working on 14 as we speak," he said.

Police have not verified any other shootings or deaths, Police Chief Calvin Williams said.

"There are no more victims that we know are tied to him," he said.

Police said they have been talking with family and friends of Stephens, who is a case manager at Beech Brook, a behavioral health agency headquartered in Pepper Pike, near Cleveland.

"We were shocked and horrified to learn of this news today," agency spokeswoman Nancy Kortemeyer said in a statement. "We are hoping that the Cleveland Police will be able to apprehend Mr. Stephens as soon as possible and before anyone else is injured."

In one of the videos, Stephens can be seen holding up his Beech Brook employee identification badge.

"I'm killing with my Beech Brook badge on too," he says.

Stephens also mentioned his fraternity, Omega Psi Phi, in one of his Facebook posts. The fraternity issued a statement Sunday night.

"On behalf of the Supreme Council and the members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, we lift our sincere and heartfelt prayers and condolences of comfort to the families impacted by the recent shooting in Cleveland, Ohio," it said.

Police said Stephens should be considered armed and dangerous.

The FBI said it was assisting in the investigation.

Pence warns NKorea 'era of strategic patience is over'

By KEN THOMAS, Associated Press

PANMUNJOM, South Korea (AP) — Viewing his adversaries in the distance, U.S. Vice President Mike Pence traveled to the tense zone dividing North and South Korea and warned Pyongyang that after years of testing the U.S. and South Korea with its nuclear ambitions, "the era of strategic patience is over."

Pence made an unannounced visit to the Demilitarized Zone Monday at the start of his 10-day trip to Asia in a U.S. show of force that allowed the vice president to gaze at North Korean soldiers from afar and stare directly across a border marked by razor wire. As the brown bomber jacket-clad vice president was briefed near the military demarcation line, two North Korean soldiers watched from a short distance away, one taking multiple photographs of the American visitor.

Pence told reporters near the DMZ that President Donald Trump was hopeful China would use its "extraordinary levers" to pressure the North to abandon its weapons program, a day after the North's failed missile test launch. But Pence expressed impatience with the unwillingness of the regime to move toward ridding itself of nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles.

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Pointing to the quarter-century since the United States first confronted North Korea over its attempts to build nuclear weapons, the vice president said a period of patience had followed.

"But the era of strategic patience is over," he declared. "President Trump has made it clear that the patience of the United States and our allies in this region has run out and we want to see change. We want to see North Korea abandon its reckless path of the development of nuclear weapons, and also its continual use and testing of ballistic missiles is unacceptable."

Later Monday, Pence reiterated in a joint statement alongside South Korean Acting President Hwang Kyo-ahn that "all options are on the table" to deal with threat and said any use of nuclear weapons by Pyongyang would be met with "an overwhelming and effective response." He said the American commitment to South Korea is "iron-clad and immutable."

Pointing to Trump's recent military actions in Syria and Afghanistan, Pence said, "North Korea would do well not to test his resolve," or the U.S. armed forces in the region.

The vice president earlier visited a military installation near the DMZ, Camp Bonifas, for a briefing with military leaders at the joint U.S.-South Korean installation, which is just outside the 2.5-mile (4.02-kilometer)-wide DMZ. Under rainfall, Pence later stood a few meters from the military demarcation line outside Freedom House, gazing at the North Korean soldiers across the border, and then peered at a deforested stretch of North Korea from a lookout post in the hillside.

Meanwhile, China made a plea for a return to negotiations. Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang said Monday that tensions need to be eased on the Korean Peninsula to bring the escalating dispute there to a peaceful resolution. Lu said Beijing wants to resume the multi-party negotiations that ended in stalemate in 2009 and suggested that U.S. plans to deploy a missile defense system in South Korea were damaging its relations with China.

In Tokyo, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, speaking to a parliamentary session Monday, said: "Needless to say, diplomatic effort is important to maintain peace. But dialogue for the sake of having dialogue is meaningless."

"We need to apply pressure on North Korea so they seriously respond to a dialogue" with the international community, he said, urging China and Russia to play more constructive roles on the issue.

Pence's visit, full of Cold War symbolism, came amid increasing tensions and heated rhetoric on the Korean Peninsula. While the North did not conduct a nuclear test, the specter of a potential test and an escalated U.S. response has trailed Pence as he undertakes his Asian tour.

Trump wrote Sunday on Twitter that China was working with the United States on "the North Korea problem." His national security adviser, H.R. McMaster, said the U.S. would rely on its allies as well as Chinese leadership to resolve the issues with North Korea.

McMaster cited Trump's recent decision to order missile strikes in Syria after a chemical attack blamed on the Assad government, as a sign that the president "is clearly comfortable making tough decisions." But at the same time, McMaster said on "This Week" on ABC that "it's time for us to undertake all actions we can, short of a military option, to try to resolve this peacefully."

The Trump administration is hoping that China will help rein in North Korea in exchange for other considerations. Last week, Trump said he would not declare China a currency manipulator, pulling back from a campaign promise, as he looked for help from Beijing, which is the North's dominant trade partner.

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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:

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A host of novel medicines are in testing, from drugs that target more specific pathways and types of pain to ones that make recovering from surgery easier.

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The deputy chairman of CHP cited irregularities in the conduct of the vote that granted sweeping powers to President Tayyip Erdogan.

6. WHY BATTLE FOR WESTERN MOSUL IS A GRIND

Much of the fighting in this part of Iraq's second-largest city takes place between houses so close that they almost touch, putting Iraqi security forces in the crosshairs of the Islamic State group.

7. ABSENCES, FITNESS, ATMOSPHERE — NEW WAYS TO TRACK SCHOOLS

States are beginning to outline new ways to evaluate their schools, rather than relying just on traditional measures such as test scores.

8. HOW CHILDREN CONSUME TV

A new Nielsen study finds that viewers aged 2-11 averaged 76 hours of TV each month and spent just 26 1/2 hours watching video content on multimedia devices, and 15 hours on a PC.

9. READY, SET, ROLL!

Thousands of children are heading to the White House for its biggest social event of the year: the annual Easter Egg Roll.

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121st Boston Marathon is Meb's last run, Rupp's first

By JIMMY GOLEN, AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Meb Keflezighi's last Boston Marathon. Galen Rupp's first. Two defending champions on the women's side (sort of), and Lemi Berhanu Hayle returns to go for his second straight men's title.

Also: puppies!

The 121st edition of the Boston Marathon will leave Hopkinton on Monday morning for the 26.2-mile trek to Copley Square, with more than 30,000 runners expected to line up with partly cloudy skies and temperatures in the mid-60s — a little warmer than the competitors would like. But a tailwind gusting up to 30 mph could mean fast times, at least among the elite runners who would finish before the hottest part of the day.

The race has largely returned to normal four years after two bombs at the finish line in 2013 killed three people and wounded hundreds more. A new documentary that premiered in Boston on Saturday night, narrated by Matt Damon, tells that story along with many others from the history of the world's longest running long run.

This year, some of the best will be back in the pack, including a formerly homeless man who is running to raise money for a homeless shelter, and Ben Beach going for an unprecedented 50th straight Boston finish.

Here are some other things to look for in Monday's race:

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MEB'S FAREWELL

Keflezighi, whose emotional victory the year after the finish line bombings was the first for an American man in three decades, says he is running Boston for the last time.

"People say, 'Why stop? You're still at a high level.' But it takes a lot out of you," he said as he prepared to embark on his victory lap. "I had the best job in the world for a long, long time."

A four-time Olympian who earned a silver medal in Athens in 2004 and won the 2009 New York City Marathon — both times also ending long American droughts — Keflezighi's 2014 win in Boston is one of the signature moments in the race's century-old history. With the names of the bombing victims written on his bib and chants of "U-S-A!" coming from the crowd, he claimed the first American title since 1985.

But he will turn 42 in May. He plans one more run in New York before retiring from competitive racing.

WOMEN TIMES TWO

Atsede Baysa is back to defend her women's title, but she will be joined in the field by another returning winner fresh off a Boston victory.

Buzunesh Deba was anointed the 2014 Boston champion in December — more than two years after the race — when Rita Jeptoo was stripped of the title for testing positive for performance-enhancing drugs. Jeptoo, whose 2006 and 2013 victories remain unchallenged, is the first person to break the tape on Boylston Street and be disqualified since Rosie Ruiz famously took a shortcut to the finish line in 1980.

Deba is hoping for another victory and a first chance at all the honors that come with it.

HAIL HAYLE

Hayle gave Ethiopia its first-ever sweep last year when he pulled away from countryman and two-time champion (2013, 2015) Lelisa Desisa with about a mile to go to join Baysa on the victory stand.

In all, Ethiopia claimed the top three spots on the men's side (pushing the once-dominant Kenyans down to the next four spots), and the top two women. It was the fourth straight year an Ethiopian has won (including Deba, who never actually made it to the top of the podium).

Joining Hayle in the field this year are fellow Ethiopians Yemane Tsegay and Dino Sefir.

AMERICAN HOPES

Rupp, the bronze medalist in the Rio Olympics, will be running Boston for the first time.

Already a silver medalist and U.S. record-holder in the 10,000 meters, he ran the fastest marathon time ever for an American in the Summer Games: 2 hours, 10 minutes, 5 seconds.

"I'm at a point in my career where I feel like I can compete with anybody," he said this week. "And there's no place better to do it than Boston."

With two-time fourth-place finisher Shalane Flanagan out with a back injury, the U.S. hopes on the women's side are represented by Desi Linden, a two-time Olympian who has thrice placed in the top 10 in Boston.

WARM AND FUZZY

The honors won't end for the winners on Monday: A guide dog training center in New York will name two puppies from a litter expected during the race after the men's and women's champions. Guiding Eyes for the Blind CEO Thomas Panek, who will be running Boston, visited the finish line with two other puppies on Sunday — these were a few weeks old already — and attracted a lot of attention.

If they pass their training, the puppies will be sent to people who are blind or visually impaired, or as service dogs for children with autism. Spokeswoman Julia Hadlock said Guiding Eyes is the only center in the country that trains dogs for running, along with their other functions.

AP Sports Writer Kyle Hightower and Associated Press Writer William J. Kole contributed to this story.

Tensions spike over N. Korea, but Pyongyang barely notices

By TIM SULLIVAN, Associated Press

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — The clouds of war, it might seem, are gathering around the Korean Peninsula.

The North Korean government flaunts an increasingly sophisticated arsenal of intercontinental missiles

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and launches a midrange version, which apparently fails seconds after takeoff. The U.S. moves an immense warship to the waters off the peninsula in a display of military might. President Donald Trump warns he's ready to "solve North Korea," while North Korea's deputy foreign minister says his country will conduct its next nuclear test whenever it sees fit.

And in Pyongyang, where war would mean untold horrors, where neighborhoods could be reduced to rubble and tens of thousands of civilians could be killed, few people seem to care much at all.

On Sunday, the city's zoo was crowded, playgrounds were full of children and families strolled along downtown sidewalks speckled with the falling blossoms of apricot trees. At the city's annual Kimilsungia flower show — held to celebrate Saturday's 105th anniversary of the birth of North Korea's founding ruler, Kim Il Sung, and the purple orchid named for him — thousands crowded around the displays, many using cellphones to take photos of friends and family.

In a country where the propaganda is all-encompassing, and where the same family has held power for three generations, every display mixed bright flowers with reminders of Kim Il Sung or the nation that his grandson, Kim Jong Un, now rules. So there were dioramas of Kim Il Sung's birthplace, photos of him meeting foreign leaders, paintings of new housing developments — and models of missiles.

And there was Chong Ok An, a retiree pushing her way through the crowds with her family.

"We're not afraid," she said. "As long as we have Marshall Kim Jong Un we can win any fight."

Her response reflected the phrasing of North Korean propaganda, as well as the reality that every person here has heard talk of war for decades. The Kim family has entrenched its rule by portraying the country as being relentlessly under siege, leaving its people unable to distinguish between daily hyperbole and the reality of an increasingly tense situation.

The same unending hyperbole has affected South Koreans as well. They have heard North Korean warnings of their destruction for so long that the threats barely even register. While interest in North Korea spikes immediately after a missile launch, within hours internet search traffic is again dominated by TV comedy shows, taxes and real estate.

After the North's weekend birthday celebrations passed with no huge provocations like a nuclear test, people and the media in South Korea were more preoccupied Monday with domestic news such as the start of the official campaigning period for next month's presidential election and a popular singer and actor's wedding plans. Later Monday, South Korean prosecutors were expected to indict former President Park Geun-hye on corruption charges, providing for headline-grabbing news.

Associated Press writer Hyung-jin Kim in Seoul, South Korea, contributed to this report.

Overcoming Opioids: The quest for less addictive drugs

By **MARILYNN MARCHIONE, AP Chief Medical Writer**

Tummy tucks really hurt. Doctors carve from hip to hip, slicing off skin, tightening muscles, tugging at innards. Patients often need strong painkillers for days or even weeks, but Mary Hernandez went home on just over-the-counter ibuprofen.

The reason may be the yellowish goo smeared on her 18-inch wound as she lay on the operating table. The Houston woman was helping test a novel medicine aimed at avoiding opioids, potent pain relievers fueling an epidemic of overuse and addiction.

Vicodin, OxyContin and similar drugs are widely used for bad backs, severe arthritis, damaged nerves and other woes. They work powerfully in brain areas that control pleasure and pain, but the body adapts to them quickly, so people need higher and higher doses to get relief.

This growing dependence on opioids has mushroomed into a national health crisis, ripping apart communities and straining police and health departments. Every day, an overdose of prescription opioids or heroin kills 91 people, and legions more are brought back from the brink of death. With some 2 million Americans hooked on these pills, evidence is growing that they're not as good a choice for treating chronic

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pain as once thought.

Drug companies are working on alternatives, but have had little success.

Twenty or so years ago, they invested heavily and “failed miserably,” said Dr. Nora Volkow, director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Pain is a pain to research. Some people bear more than others, and success can’t be measured as objectively as it can be with medicines that shrink a tumor or clear an infection. Some new pain drugs that worked well were doomed by side effects — Vioxx, for instance, helped arthritis but hurt hearts.

Some fresh approaches are giving hope:

—“Bespoke” drugs, as Volkow calls them. These target specific pathways and types of pain rather than acting broadly in the brain. One is Enbrel, which treats a key feature of rheumatoid arthritis and, in the process, eases pain.

—Drugs to prevent the need for opioids. One that Hernandez was helping test numbs a wound for a few days and curbs inflammation. If people don’t have big pain after surgery, their nerves don’t go on high alert and there’s less chance of developing chronic pain that might require opioids.

—Funky new sources for medicines. In testing: Drugs from silk, hot chili peppers and the venom of snakes, snails and other critters.

—Novel uses for existing drugs. Some seizure and depression medicines, for example, can help some types of pain.

The biggest need, however, is for completely new medicines that can be used by lots of people for lots of problems. These also pose the most risk — for companies and patients alike.

ONE DRUG’S BUMPY ROAD

In the early 2000s, a small biotech company had a big idea: blocking nerve growth factor, a protein made in response to pain. The company’s drug, now called tanezumab (tah-NAZE-uh-mab), works on outlying nerves, helping to keep pain signals from muscles, skin and organs from reaching the spinal cord and brain — good for treating arthritis and bad backs.

Pfizer Inc. bought the firm in 2006 and expanded testing. But in 2010, some people on tanezumab and similar drugs being tested by rivals needed joint replacements. Besides dulling pain, nerve growth factor may affect joint repair and regeneration, so a possible safety issue needed full investigation in a medicine that would be the first of its type ever sold, said one independent expert, Dr. Jianguo Cheng, a Cleveland Clinic pain specialist and science chief for the American Academy of Pain Medicine.

Regulators put some of the studies on hold. Suddenly, some people who had been doing well on tanezumab lost access to it. Phyllis Leis in Waterfall, a small town in south-central Pennsylvania, was one.

“I was so angry,” she said. “That was like a miracle drug. It really was. Unless you have arthritis in your knees and have trouble walking, you’ll never understand how much relief and what a godsend it was.”

Her doctor, Alan Kivitz of Altoona Center for Clinical Research, has helped run hundreds of pain studies and consults for Pfizer and many other companies. “You rarely get people to feel that good” as many of them did on the nerve growth factor drugs, he said.

A drug with that much early promise is unusual, said Ken Verburg, who has led Pfizer’s pain research for several decades.

“When you do see one, you fight hard to try to bring one to the market,” he said.

An independent review ultimately tied just a few serious joint problems to tanezumab and the suspension on testing was lifted in August 2012. But a new issue — nervous system effects in some animal studies — prompted a second hold later that year, and that wasn’t lifted until 2015.

Now Eli Lilly & Co. has joined Pfizer in testing tanezumab in late-stage studies with 7,000 patients. Results are expected late next year — about 17 years after the drug’s conception.

AVOIDING PAIN TO AVOID DRUGS

What if a drug could keep people from needing long-term pain relief in the first place? Heron Therapeutics Inc. is testing a novel, long-acting version of two drugs — the anesthetic bupivacaine and the anti-inflammatory meloxicam — for notoriously painful operations like tummy tucks, bunion removal and

hernia repair.

Company studies suggest it can numb wounds for about three days and cut patients' need for opioids by 30 to 50 percent.

There's a good chance of preventing brain responses that lead to chronic pain if patients can get through that "initially very rough period," said Dr. Harold Minkowitz, a Houston anesthesiologist who consults for Heron and treated Hernandez in the tummy tuck study.

Hernandez was part of an experiment testing the drug versus a placebo and doesn't know whether she got the drug or a dummy medicine. But she hurt less than she expected to and never filled a prescription for pain pills.

"The goal would be to have half or more of patients not requiring an opiate after they go home," said Heron's chief executive, Barry Quart. "You have far fewer opiates going out into society, far fewer opiates sitting in medicine cabinets that make their way to a high school."

Studies so far are mid-stage — too small to prove safety and effectiveness — but Heron plans more aimed at winning approval.

ON THE HORIZON

Many companies have their eyes on sodium channel blockers, which affect how nerves talk to each other and thus might help various types of pain. Others are testing cell therapies for nerve pain. Stem cells can modulate immune responses and inflammation, and may "overcome a raft of problems," said Cheng of the pain medicine academy.

Some companies, including Samumed, Centrexion Therapeutics and Flexion Therapeutics, are testing long-acting medicines to inject in knees to relieve arthritis pain. Samumed's aims to regenerate cartilage.

And then there's marijuana. A cannabis extract is sold as a mouth spray in Britain for nerve pain and other problems from multiple sclerosis. But cannabinoid research in the U.S. has been hampered by marijuana's legal status. A special license is needed and most researchers don't even try to obtain one, said Susan Ingram, a neurosurgery scientist at Oregon Health & Science University.

She is studying cannabinoid receptors in the brain, looking at how pain affects one type but not another. Such work might someday lead to drugs that relieve pain but don't produce a high or addiction.

Selective activity has precedent: The drug buprenorphine partially binds to opioid receptors in the brain and has become "an extraordinarily successful medication" for treating addiction, said Volkow, of the national drug institute.

"It has shown pharmaceutical companies that if you come up with a good intervention, there is an opportunity to recover their costs," she said.

Marilynn Marchione can be followed at <http://twitter.com/MMarchioneAP>

Virginia Tech marks 10 years after shooting that killed 32

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — Ten years after a mentally ill student fatally shot 32 people at Virginia Tech, survivors and families of the slain returned Sunday to the campus to honor the lives that were lost that day.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, widely known as Virginia Tech, held a series of events to mark the anniversary of the deadly campus shooting on April 16, 2007. Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe and U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine were among the 10,000 to 20,000 people on the Blacksburg campus for the solemn occasion.

Kaine, who was governor at the time of the shooting, said he still vividly remembers the horrors of that day, but has also grown close to many of the survivors and the victims' families.

"We're going with a lot of different emotions, but we wouldn't be anywhere else," said Kaine, who attended the service with his wife, Anne Holton.

The shooting at Virginia Tech was, at the time, the deadliest mass shooting in recent U.S. history. A massacre that claimed 49 lives at an Orlando, Florida, nightclub surpassed it last year. It forced schools across the country to rethink campus security and reignited the debate over gun control that rages to this day.

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On Sunday morning, McAuliffe and his daughter participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at 9:43 a.m._the time when Seung-Hui Cho's rampage in Norris Hall began. The Roanoke Times reports (<http://bit.ly/2pqps3w>) that the pair, along with former Virginia Tech President Charles Steger and current President Timothy Sands and his wife, walked around the memorial, stopping at every one of the 32 stones arranged in a semi-circle, each engraved with the name of a victim.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the families, survivors and the entire Virginia Tech community who have shown incredible strength and resilience while facing unimaginable grief," McAuliffe said. "We should reflect on the heartbreaking events that took place and use this moment to come together to ensure an incident of this magnitude never happens again in our Commonwealth."

In a speech Sunday afternoon, Kaine said April 16, 2007 remains "the worst day of my life."

Kaine had been governor for a year and a half when the shooting occurred, and said since that day he's kept in touch with many families who lost children, spouses or loved ones in the mass shooting.

Kaine recalled speaking with families as he was leaving the governor's mansion in 2010.

"I remember saying to them, I'll never understand what you lost, because I never lost a child, a spouse, a parent or a sibling," he said. "But as somebody who has grown to know the biographies and stories of each of these 32, I begin to have a sense of what the Commonwealth lost, what the country lost, what the world lost on April 16, 2007."

After Kaine's remarks, short biographies of each of the victims were read aloud.

On Sunday evening, students, faculty and visitors gathered for a candlelight vigil. At 11:59 p.m., a candle at the April 16 memorial that was lit at midnight was to be extinguished and carried into Burruss Hall. The events were planned by current students over the last 18 months, said Mark Owczarski, a Virginia Tech spokesman.

Leading up to the anniversary, the atmosphere on campus has been one of reflection and remembrance, Owczarski said. Most of the current students were in elementary school when the shooting occurred, but understand that the "tragedy is part of Virginia Tech," he said. Counselors have been stationed at commemoration events throughout the weekend to provide support.

"It is together - as a community - that we endure difficult times," Tech President Tim Sands said in a recent email to students and staff.

Fugitive Mexican ex-governor moved to Guatemalan prison

By SONIA PEREZ D. and MARIA VERZA, Associated Press

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — A former governor who had become a symbol of government corruption in Mexico was transferred to a Guatemalan military prison on Sunday hours after being captured in a hotel following six months on the lam.

Ex-Veracruz state Gov. Javier Duarte looked pale and visibly tired as he was brought to the military base in Guatemala's capital guarded by two dozen police officers. Prosecutors in Mexico directed the Foreign Relations Department to request his extradition to his homeland, where he is wanted on suspicion of money laundering and organized crime.

Duarte, 43, captured Saturday in Panajachel, a picturesque tourist town on Lake Atitlan in Guatemala's highlands, with the cooperation of that country's police and Interpol office, a statement from Mexico's federal Attorney General's Office said.

"I have no comment, thank you," the former Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, governor said to a question from The Associated Press as he entered the prison.

Duarte is accused of running a corruption ring that allegedly pilfered millions of dollars from Veracruz's coffers. State officials say schools, hospitals and other public institutions were stripped of resources under Duarte's government and that of his predecessor.

Manuel Noriega, deputy director of Interpol in Guatemala, said Duarte would be presented before a judge to consider his possible extradition.

Political analyst Alejandro Hope said it is difficult to judge whether Duarte's capture — the second in

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a week of a high-profile, fugitive former PRI governor — will boost PRI President Enrique Peña Nieto's image in fighting corruption.

"In the best case it will give him a small boost in the short term but it also draws attention to the corruption of the governors," said Hope. And "he knows a lot of things about a lot of people."

Duarte was governor of Veracruz from 2010 until he left office Oct. 12, 2016, two months before the scheduled end of his term, saying he was doing so in order to face the allegations against him.

At the time he denied having links to phantom businesses that allegedly won state contracts, and said he had not stolen a single peso of state money or diverted government funds overseas.

"I don't have foreign accounts," he said last year. "I don't have properties anywhere."

Duarte promptly disappeared and had been sought by Mexican authorities ever since. Earlier this year, Interpol issued a notice for his capture.

The Mexican government has found millions of dollars purportedly linked to Duarte, frozen more than 100 bank accounts and also seized property and businesses tied to the former governor. A reward of 15 million pesos (\$730,000) had been offered for his capture.

While on the lam, Duarte was supported by a network of Mexicans who helped him evade justice, Omar Garcia Harfuch, head of the Criminal Investigation Agency in Mexico's Attorney General's Office, told a press conference Sunday.

Garcia Harfuch said investigators "identified many homes, telephone numbers and vehicles related to people who supported Javier Duarte from Mexico City in the logistics of his stay and movement in Guatemala."

"During the investigation, it came to light that various private airlines offering services to the region were charged with transporting (Duarte) to different points in Guatemala," he said.

Authorities were tipped off to his presence in Guatemala by the Nov. 10, 2016 detention of a person at the airport in the border city of Tapachula. The person was carrying two passports with photographs of the ex-governor and his wife but with different names.

Garcia Harfuch did not provide the names of the people helping Duarte from Mexico City. But authorities in Mexico vowed to recover the money Duarte allegedly stole and bring to justice his accomplices.

"Justice will be done," said new Veracruz Gov. Miguel Angel Yunes, a bitter critic of Duarte. "Let there be no mercy for those who were merciless to the people of Veracruz. There will be no pardon."

The detention comes a week after Tomas Yarrington, the former governor of Mexico's Tamaulipas state, was arrested in Italy, also on allegations of organized crime and money laundering.

Another ex-governor, Cesar Duarte of Chihuahua state, is also wanted on suspicion of corruption and is said to have fled to El Paso, Texas. He is not related to Javier Duarte.

All three ex-governors were members of Peña Nieto's ruling PRI.

The party, which expelled Javier Duarte on Oct. 25, 2016, and has sought to distance itself from him, applauded the arrest.

"The PRI calls for all the relevant investigations to be carried out and, respecting due process, for the ex-governor of Veracruz to be punished in an exemplary fashion, as well as anyone who is confirmed to have taken part in his criminal ring," the party said in a statement.

Duarte became a powerful symbol of alleged corruption during midterm elections last year in which the PRI lost several governorships, including Veracruz, that it had held uninterrupted since its founding in 1929.

Duarte also has been widely criticized for rampant violence in the state during his administration, as drug cartels warred for territory and thousands of people were killed or disappeared into clandestine graves in cases that mostly remain unsolved. The dead include at least 16 journalists slain in Veracruz during his six years in office.

Verza reported from Mexico City.

Pope decries 'vile' attack on Syrians in Easter address

By FRANCES D'EMILIO, Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (AP) — On Christianity's most joyful day, Pope Francis lamented the horrors generated by war and hatred, delivering an Easter Sunday message that also decried the "latest vile" attack on civilians in Syria.

Both in his impromptu homily during Mass in St. Peter's Square and later in his formal "Urbi et Orbi" Easter message delivered from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, Francis reflected on a litany of suffering in the world, including wars, oppressive regimes, human trafficking, corruption, famine and domestic violence.

He encouraged people to hold fast in their "fearful hearts" to faith, acknowledging that many people wonder where God is amid so much evil and suffering in the world.

Some 60,000 people, including multi-national throngs of pilgrims and tourists, endured tight anti-terrorism security checks — and, later, a brief downpour — to hear Francis and receive his blessing.

The crowd size, cited by the Vatican security forces, was smaller in comparison to some other Easters, when about 100,000 turned out for the occasion.

After Mass, Francis toured the square in his open-topped, white popemobile and waved back to well-wishers.

In his balcony address, Francis prayed that God would sustain those working to comfort and help the civilian population in Syria, "prey to a war that continues to sow horror and death."

He cited the explosion Saturday that ripped through a bus depot in the Aleppo area where evacuees were awaiting transfer, killing at least 100 people.

"Yesterday saw the latest vile attack on fleeing refugees," the pope said, also praying for peace in the Holy Land, Iraq and Yemen.

Separately, in a letter he sent to the bishop of Assisi, the birthplace of St. Francis, whose name he chose for his papacy, the pope decried the "scandalous reality of a world still marked by the divide between the endless number of indigent" and the "tiny portion of those who possess the majority of riches and presume to decide the fates of humanity."

Francis has repeatedly championed the dignity of migrants fleeing war, persecution or poverty. On Sunday he recalled "all those forced to leave their homelands as a result of armed conflicts, terrorist attacks, famine and oppressive regimes."

The church's first pontiff from Latin America voiced concern over the "political and social tensions" in the world as well as the "scourge of corruption" on his home continent. Francis also mentioned hostilities and famine plaguing parts of Africa.

Speaking of Europe's problems, Francis cited the continued conflict and bloodshed in Ukraine and prayed for hope for those struggling with high unemployment, especially young people.

Traditionally, the pope gives no homily during the late-morning Easter Mass, saving his reflections for the "Urbi et Orbi" message at noon.

But Francis broke with that tradition, giving an off-the-cuff homily during Mass about what he described as a nagging question for many faithful: Why are there so many tragedies and wars if Jesus has risen from the dead, a belief that Christians celebrate each Easter?

"The Church never ceases to say, faced with our defeats, our closed and fearful hearts, 'stop, the Lord is risen.' But if the Lord is risen, how come these things happen?" Francis asked.

He gestured toward the potted hyacinths, tulips and daffodils, which came from the Netherlands, and which were arranged in neat rows on the steps leading to the church.

Easter "isn't a party with lots of flowers. This is pretty, but it's not this, it's more than this," Francis said.

He said having faith on Easter gives sense in the middle of "so many calamities: the sense of looking beyond, the sense of saying, look, there isn't a wall, there's a horizon, there's life, there's joy."

Turkey votes to expand president's powers; critics cry fraud

By ELENA BECATOROS, SUZAN FRASER and ZEYNEP BILGINSOY, Associated Press

ISTANBUL (AP) — Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan won a historic referendum Sunday that will greatly expand the powers of his office, although opposition parties questioned the outcome and said they would challenge the results.

With nearly all ballots counted, the "yes" vote stood at 51.41 percent, while the "no" vote was 48.59 percent, according to the state-run Anadolu Agency. The head of Turkey's electoral board confirmed the "yes" victory and said final results would be declared in 11-12 days.

Although the margin fell short of the sweeping victory Erdogan had sought in the landmark referendum, it could nevertheless cement his hold on power in Turkey and is expected to have a huge effect on the country's long-term political future and its international relations.

The 18 constitutional amendments that will come into effect after the next election, scheduled for 2019, will abolish the office of the prime minister and hand sweeping executive powers to the president.

Erdogan, who first came to power in 2003 as prime minister, had argued a "Turkish-style" presidential system would bring stability and prosperity to a country rattled by a failed coup last year that left more than 200 people dead, and a series of devastating attacks by the Islamic State group and Kurdish militants.

In his first remarks from Istanbul after the vote count showed the amendments winning approval, Erdogan struck a conciliatory tone, thanking all voters no matter how they cast their ballots and calling the referendum a "historic decision."

"April 16 is the victory of all who said 'yes' or 'no,' of the whole 80 million, of the whole of Turkey," Erdogan told reporters in a live televised address.

But he quickly reverted to a more abrasive style when addressing thousands of flag-waving supporters in Istanbul.

"There are those who are belittling the result. They shouldn't try, it will be in vain," he said. "It's too late now."

Responding to chants from the crowd to reinstate the death penalty, Erdogan said he would take up the issue with the country's political leaders, adding that the question could be put to another referendum if the political leaders could not agree.

He also took a dig at international critics. During the referendum campaign, Ankara's relations soured with some European countries, notably Germany and the Netherlands. Erdogan branded officials in the two nations as Nazis for not allowing his ministers to campaign for the expatriate vote there.

"We want other countries and organizations to show respect to the decision of our people. We expect countries that we accept as our allies to show more sensitivity to our fight against terrorism," he said.

Opponents had argued the constitutional changes would give too much power to a man who they say has shown increasingly autocratic tendencies. Opposition parties complained of a number of irregularities in the voting, and were particularly incensed by an electoral board decision announced Sunday afternoon to accept as valid ballots that did not bear the official stamp.

"The Supreme Electoral Board changed rules mid-game, after the ballot envelopes were opened, in a way contrary to laws," said Kemal Kilicdaroglu, head of the main opposition People's Republican Party. Earlier, the party's vice chairman, Erdal Aksunger, said it would challenge between 37 percent and 60 percent of the ballot boxes and accused Anadolu's results of being inaccurate.

But electoral board head Sadi Guven defended the decision.

"There is no question of changing the rules in the middle of the game," he said.

A pro-Kurdish opposition party that also opposed the constitutional changes said it plans to object to two-thirds of the ballots.

Given the contested outcome, Fadi Hakura, Turkey specialist at the London-based think-tank Chatham House, described Erdogan's win as a "pyrrhic victory that comes at a huge political cost. The result will depend on how far the opposition will take their claim of irregularity in the voting, and what the international reaction will be."

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"Erdogan has claimed victory, but there are question marks that are being raised," Hakura said.

Initial reaction from abroad was cautious. Three top officials for the European Union — EU Commission chief Jean-Claude Juncker, EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini and Enlargement Commissioner Johannes Hahn — said in a joint statement they "take note of the reported results" and were awaiting a report from international election observers.

Austrian Foreign Minister Sebastian Kurz said the referendum was bound to complicate further cooperation between Ankara and the EU. Kurz said on Twitter the result "shows how divided the country is. Cooperation with #EU will become even more complex."

The referendum campaign was highly divisive and heavily one-sided, with the "yes" side dominating the airwaves and billboards. Supporters of the "no" vote have complained of intimidation, including beatings, detentions and threats.

"Erdogan dominated the national media. He imposed a very restrictive environment for the 'no' camp. He secured a thin majority of 1 percent," Hakura said. "This suggests that Erdogan will become more robust and more challenging to deal with."

More than 55 million people were registered to vote, while another 1.3 million expatriates cast ballots abroad. The ballots themselves did not include the referendum question — it was assumed to be understood.

The changes will allow the president to appoint ministers, senior government officials and half the members of Turkey's highest judicial body, as well as to issue decrees and declare states of emergency. They set a limit of two five-year terms for presidents and also allow the president to remain at the helm of a political party.

Opponents fear the changes will lead to autocratic one-man rule, ensuring that the 63-year-old Erdogan, who has been accused of repressing rights and freedoms, could govern until 2029 with few checks and balances.

In Istanbul, hundreds of demonstrators opposed to the amendments marched in a central neighborhood late Sunday, clanging pots and pans and chanting, "This is just the beginning, the struggle will continue."

The vote came as Turkey has been buffeted by problems. Erdogan survived a coup attempt last July, which he has blamed on his former ally and current nemesis Fethullah Gulen, an Islamic cleric living in the United States. Gulen has denied involvement.

A widespread government crackdown has targeted Gulen followers and other government opponents, branding them terrorists. A state of emergency has been imposed.

About 100,000 people — including judges, teachers, academics, doctors, journalists, military officials and police — have lost their jobs in the crackdown, and more than 40,000 have been arrested. Hundreds of media outlets and non-governmental organizations have been shut down.

Turkey has also suffered renewed violence between Kurdish militants and security forces in the country's volatile southeast, as well as a string of bombings, some attributed to the Islamic State group, which is active across the border in Syria.

The war in Syria has led to some 3 million refugees crossing into Turkey. Erdogan sent troops into Syria to help opposition Syrian forces clear a border area from the threat posed by Islamic State militants.

Fraser reported from Ankara. Bram Janssen in Istanbul and Mucahit Ceylan in Diyarbakir also contributed to this report.

Mass transit advocates hope for boost from highway collapse

By **RUSS BYNUM** and **KATHLEEN FOODY**, Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — The collapse of an interstate in the heart of Atlanta has more than 2 million metro residents sitting in even more traffic in the already congested city, and mass transit advocates hope the headaches will spur new interest in expanding rail and bus routes.

Many commuters come from surrounding counties that have long resisted mass transit, creating a car-

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centric region shaped by issues of race and class for more than four decades.

Georgia transportation officials hope to reopen Interstate 85 by mid-June after a 350-foot span came crashing down March 30 amid intense heat from a fire set beneath the roadway.

Until then, 250,000 drivers who depend on that route each day are stretching the limits of Atlanta's other highways and surface roads, or using the region's transit system at unprecedented levels. Ridership has gone up 20 percent since the collapse.

Skeptics of expanding mass transportation in metro Atlanta wonder whether residents of such a sprawling region will leave their cars behind barring a crisis of this magnitude.

Georgia lawmakers created the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority in 1965, envisioning a system to serve the counties that made up metro Atlanta at the time.

But three of the five counties backed out of MARTA in referendums before its 1971 startup. On the heels of the civil rights movement, white Atlantans were fleeing to the suburbs in droves and had no interest in closing the distance between their new homes and the city's core.

"There's no question in my mind that since the 1960s, race has been the underlying factor in all of these attitudes against bringing MARTA into the outlying areas," said Ronald H. Bayor, a professor emeritus of history at Georgia Tech and author of the 1996 book "Race and the Shaping of Twentieth-Century Atlanta." "White flight was well underway. People were running away from the desegregation of the Atlanta schools. Some of the opposition was from whites who worried that it would lead to the integration of the suburbs."

Long after MARTA began operating, Bayor said, whites would privately joke that its nickname stood for "Moving Africans Rapidly Through Atlanta." Publicly, opponents were less explicit but warned that mass transit would increase crime or diminish property values in the suburbs.

Violent crimes haven't helped MARTA's reputation. On Thursday, a man was fatally shot on a MARTA train and three passengers were wounded in what police called a "targeted, isolated incident." MARTA police have investigated four other killings since July, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported. There were no slayings in the previous four years, though several dozen aggravated assaults and robberies were reported each year.

The transit system is largely limited to Atlanta's core that doesn't give most commuters a practical route between home and work.

Ted Johnson typically drives 45 minutes from his suburban home to his downtown office, a trip that takes twice as long using mass transit. He doesn't mind using the train to avoid the collapse issues, but he's not sure MARTA will be a good fit when everything is back to normal.

"I've used MARTA before when my car was in the shop or I needed to get to the airport," Johnson said. "But compared to driving a hybrid car that doesn't use much gas, parking at a station and paying a train fare is more expensive."

In a 2011 study comparing mass transit in the largest U.S. metropolitan areas, the Brookings Institution found only 38 percent of metro Atlanta's working-age population lives in neighborhoods with access to public transportation. Even those living near bus stops and train stations could reach on average only 21 percent of metro Atlanta jobs within 90 minutes.

"In the metropolitan big leagues, Atlanta has the lowest-performing service," said Adie Tomer, who authored the study. "There's a long legacy there of just really not supporting transit."

But attitudes toward the Atlanta transit system have changed dramatically in recent years. Decades-old claims that transit would lead to crime and blight "have been proven inaccurate," said Tad Leithead, the former head of a regional planning organization.

"I'm hoping the people who are using MARTA maybe for the first time will see how convenient it is and stay with it," he said.

Mercedes-Benz and State Farm are building headquarters in Sandy Springs, citing access to two rail stations in the suburban city north of Atlanta. Mayor Rusty Paul, a vocal supporter of transit expansion, said opponents feel like transit is a concession to become an urban center rather than a suburb.

"To which I say: Whether you like it or not, the character of this area is going to change because the

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people are still coming," he said.

In Fulton County, sprawling roughly 70 miles north to south, mayors for some northernmost cities balked in talks last year about extending rail lines past Sandy Springs. Officials in the city of Johns Creek approved a resolution warning that MARTA rail would increase apartment-style housing, "further increasing traffic, straining the public school system, eroding the residential character of the surrounding areas and reducing property values."

Voters created the city, now home to 83,000 people, 11 years ago. Fenced subdivisions and an occasional golf course are connected by multi-lane roads, lined with chain stores and restaurants.

Mayor Mike Bodker said he thinks residents could support higher sales taxes for some type of transit but local benefits have to be clear.

"The thing that residents are protecting is the golden goose of Johns Creek, which is these great schools," Bodker said. "What they perceive is: If you build a bunch of apartments and you have a bunch of transient residents that don't care as much about having an investment in the community, the schools start eroding."

Opponents of expanding rail lines also argue that it's too costly. Toll lanes for buses, ride-hailing services and carpooling are a better fix than rail lines that will take years to build, said Benita Dodd, vice president of the conservative Georgia Public Policy Foundation.

"Nothing is going to work for us as effectively as the automobile," Dodd said.

Bynum reported from Savannah, Ga.

Hundreds dress up as Chaplin's 'Tramp' at star's Swiss home

BERLIN (AP) — Hundreds of Charlie Chaplin fans dressed as his "Tramp" character have gathered at the silent film star's former home in Switzerland, marking what would have been his 128th birthday.

The Chaplin's World museum, which opened a year ago, said 662 people sporting the star's distinctive bowler hat and cane gathered Sunday at the Manoir de Ban in Corsier-sur-Vevey, above Lake Geneva.

The Manoir de Ban is where Chaplin lived his last 25 years, raising children, writing music and movie scripts and contemplating his legacy far from the glare of the Hollywood spotlight. He died in 1977.

Trump: 'Who paid for' rallies seeking release of tax returns

By TAMMY WEBBER, Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — President Donald Trump says "someone should look into who paid" for the rallies around the country Saturday that urged him to release his tax returns.

Trump tweeted Sunday: "I did what was an almost an impossible thing to do for a Republican-easily won the Electoral College! Now Tax Returns are brought up again?"

Trump was the first major-party nominee in more than 40 years not to release his returns and he reneged on a campaign commitment to release them. He said they were being audited.

"Someone should look into who paid for the small organized rallies yesterday. The election is over," he tweeted.

Thousands of sign-waving, chanting protesters marched Saturday through streets across America, demanding that the president release his tax returns so the public can examine his business ties and determine whether he has links to foreign powers.

The demonstrations came on the date taxpayers traditionally have to file their returns by and just days before this year's filing deadline Tuesday. The tax day protests in more than a dozen cities were largely peaceful, though occasionally demonstrators and some pro-Trump groups taunted each other in face-to-face exchanges.

In Berkeley, California, police arrested at least 20 people at unrelated gatherings of about 200 pro- and anti-Trump people in a park after fist fighting erupted. Officers confiscated knives and makeshift weapons.

Trump has said that voters don't care about his tax returns.

But many demonstrators said they hoped Saturday's marches would convince Trump otherwise.

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"We do care. We want to see his taxes," said Ann Demerlis, who was among hundreds who marched in Philadelphia from City Hall to an area in front of historic Independence Hall, carrying signs and chanting "We want your taxes now!"

Seventy-one-year-old Ilene Singh said he's wrong. She rode a bus from New Jersey to New York City with her friend Geraldine Markowitz, 83, to take part in the protests. "We're here to say we care," said Singh.

Pushing her walker, Karin Arlin, 85, a Holocaust survivor who came to the U.S. from Germany when she was 9, said she's also worried about the direction of the country.

"You don't know which way the country goes," said Arlin next to her 89-year-old husband who fled Czechoslovakia during World War II. "I hope Republicans see it."

Protesters in Raleigh, North Carolina, said they suspect that Trump's returns might show he has paid little or nothing to the government he now heads, or that he was indebted to Russian, Chinese or other foreign interests.

"His reputation ... as a businessman and, more importantly, as a true American, a person who is concerned with American values, would be totally destroyed if all his financial information was made public," said Mike Mannshardt, a retired teacher.

One of Trump's sharpest critics in the House spoke to protesters at the U.S. Capitol just before they set off on a march to the National Mall in Washington, D.C. Democratic Rep. Maxine Waters, of California, said there's nothing to prevent Trump from releasing his income taxes.

"If he thinks he can get away with playing king, he's got another thought coming," Waters said.

Trump's break with precedent has raised questions about possible conflicts of interest.

Democrats are pushing for a vote on a bill from Rep. Anna Eshoo, a Democrat from California, which would require the president and all major-party nominees to publicly disclose their previous three years of tax returns with the Office of Government Ethics or the Federal Election Commission.

Republicans also have rebuffed Democrats' efforts to get the House Ways and Means Committee to act. It has legal authority to obtain confidential tax records, and could vote to make them public.

China car dilemma: Beijing wants electric, buyers want SUVs

By JOE McDONALD, AP Business Writer

BEIJING (AP) — Automakers face a dilemma in China's huge but crowded market: Regulators are pushing them to sell electric cars, but buyers want gas-guzzling SUVs.

The industry is rattled by Beijing's proposal to require that electric cars make up 8 percent of every brand's production as soon as next year. Consumers are steering the other way: First-quarter SUV sales soared 21 percent from a year earlier to 2.4 million, while electric vehicle purchases sank 4.4 percent to just 55,929.

"It's tough for someone with an EV to come and take away market share from SUVs," said Ben Cavender of China Market Research Group.

The Shanghai auto show, which opens to the public on Friday, will showcase work on electric models meant to appeal to Chinese drivers who are wary of the unfamiliar technology's reliability and cost.

The pressure for electrification in China is an added headache for automakers at a time when sales growth is slowing and competition heating up in a market they are counting on to drive global revenue.

Sales growth fell to 1.7 percent in March from last year's 15 percent. SUVs made up 40 percent of sales, while sedan purchases fell 4.9 percent.

At the Shanghai show, the industry's biggest marketing event this year, almost every global and Chinese brand plans to display at least an electric concept car, if not a model ready for sale, alongside its latest SUVs and sedans.

General Motors Co.'s Buick unit announced plans last month for Chinese sales of its Velite 5 gasoline-electric hybrid sedan. Buick also sells a hybrid LaCrosse in China.

This month, Ford Motor Co. said it will sell an all-electric SUV and a plug-in hybrid Mondeo Energi sedan in China. Ford's joint venture with state-owned Changan Automobile Co. will manufacture the Mondeo.

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Ford said by 2025 it plans offer electric versions of 70 percent of its models sold in China.

"We are prioritizing our electrification efforts on China to reflect its importance as a global electrified vehicle market," Ford CEO Mark Fields said in a statement.

NextEV, a Shanghai-based startup, says it will display 11 vehicles in Shanghai from its all-electric NIO brand. They include the two-door EP9, a contender for the title of fastest electric car, with what the manufacturer says is a top speed of 194 mph (310 kph).

Volkswagen AG plans to announce its electric vehicle plans for China and unveil an electric concept car. Honda Motor Co. will show its new NeuV, a futuristic concept car the company has suggested might get an electric drivetrain.

Government planners see electric vehicles as a sector where China can lead, and a Cabinet technology development plan issued in 2013 calls for two of the top global brands in 2025 to be Chinese.

Hence the proposal, released in September, calling for electric or gasoline-electric hybrids to make up 8 percent of every automaker's output next year. That would rise to 10 percent in 2019 and 12 percent in 2020.

Manufacturers failing to meet those targets could buy credits from companies that produce more electrics, helping to subsidize development.

People in the industry say manufacturers have warned Beijing those targets are too ambitious. News reports say regulators might have agreed to lower or delay them in an updated plan due out this year, but there has been no official confirmation.

China's stand-out EV success so far is BYD Auto Co. It sells all-electric vehicles to taxi and bus fleets in China and abroad and gasoline-electric hybrid SUVs and sedans to Chinese consumers.

BYD Auto says last year's sales rose 70 percent over 2015 to 100,183 vehicles. That would make it the biggest electric brand for a second year, with Tesla Inc. in second place at 76,230 vehicles sold.

Other Chinese brands offer plug-in electrics but most sold only a few hundred vehicles last year. That is partly because their vehicles cost up to 350,000 yuan (\$50,000), or two to three times the price of equivalent gasoline models.

Even Great Wall Motors Ltd., which became China's most profitable auto brand by making almost nothing but SUVs, has unveiled an electric compact sedan, the C30 EV, which looks almost comically small next to its hulking other vehicles. It has yet to say when sales will start.

Some brands promise a range of up to 200 kilometers (120 miles) on one charge. But industry analysts say that is too much money and too short a distance for most drivers, who have few places to recharge.

"The biggest worries for people buying an electric car are lack of convenience for charging and the miserable range most electric cars have," said Zhang Xin, an independent auto industry analyst.

To ease such "range anxiety," the Cabinet has ordered the state-owned power industry to step up installation of charging stations.

Government plans call for China to have 100,000 public charging stations and 800,000 private stations by next year, up from a total of 50,000 at the start of 2016. Longer term, the government wants a network that can support 5 million vehicles by 2020.

The government also is trying to nudge buyers toward electrics by exempting them from sales taxes and from license plate fees and lotteries imposed by Beijing, Shanghai and some other cities to curb congestion.

Aside from BYD, Chinese manufacturers are waiting to see what price regulators set for credits before deciding whether to buy them or develop their own technology.

"Even by 2020, it's not going to be a profitable business," said John Zeng of LMC Automotive.

"The industry has to prepare for the worst case," said Zeng. "That means who you have to have all the technology ready in case you need it, but on the other hand they don't want to commercialize it now, because it is not profitable."

Kids prefer the TV for their viewing, but love other devices

By FRAZIER MOORE, AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Grace Ellis has never known a time when you needed a TV to watch TV.

The North Attleboro, Massachusetts, fifth-grader watches shows like "Liv and Maddie," "Jessie" and "The Lodge" on her laptop, iPad and phone.

"Sometimes I watch TV in the car," she says. "I have ballet every day, so I watch on the way."

She has a TV in her bedroom that isn't hooked up to cable but is perfect for watching DVDs.

And the family's flat-screen has advantages of its own.

"It's much bigger," Grace explains, "and on the couch, it's comfier."

Ever since freckle-faced puppet Howdy Doody ushered in children's television nearly 70 years ago, each new generation of viewers has been treated to a growing bounty of programs on a mushrooming selection of gadgetry.

But nothing compares to the current wave: "The generation coming up now is used to having everything at their fingertips," says Stacey Lynn Schulman, an analyst at the Katz Media Group.

Why not? From birth, theirs has been a world of video digitally issuing from every screen. And for them, any of those screens is just another screen, whether or not you call it "TV."

"When they love a (show), they love it in every form and on every platform," says Nickelodeon president Cyma Zarghami.

This keeps the bosses at each kids' network scrambling to make sure that wherever children turn their eyes, that network's programming will be there.

Even so, it may be surprising that children nonetheless watch most television on, well, a television. As in: old-fashioned linear, while-it's-actually-airing telecasts.

A new Nielsen study finds that in the fourth quarter of 2016, viewers aged 2-11 averaged about 17 hours of live (not time-shifted) TV each week. Granted, that's a drop of about 90 minutes weekly from the year before. But by comparison, kids in fourth quarter 2016 spent about 4½ hours weekly watching video content on other devices.

"Linear TV is still the lion's share of where kids' time is spent," says Jane Gould, senior vice president for consumer insights for Disney Channel. "But it's important for us to be in all the OTHER places where they are, as well."

One reason: Those other outlets can pave the way for a new program's arrival on linear TV.

Gould points to "Andi Mack," an ambitious young-adult comedy-drama that debuted on Disney Channel on April 7. Weeks before it landed there, the series could be sampled on digital platforms including the Disney Channel app, Disney.com, Disney Channel YouTube, iTunes, Amazon and Google Play.

Count Grace Ellis among the legions of kids whose attention was snagged by this mega-buildup. When "Andi Mack" premiered, Grace was one of the 9 million TV viewers who tuned in.

When "Sesame Street" premiered on PBS back in 1969, it joined a bare handful of TV shows (chief among them "Captain Kangaroo" and "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood") devoted to uplifting their young audience.

Nearly a half-century later, "Sesame Street" is going strong.

"PBS is still at its core," says Sesame Workshop COO Steve Youngwood. So is TV overall, as demonstrated by the series expanding to HBO a year ago. TV currently accounts for 40 percent of its viewership.

But "Sesame Street" has never stopped adapting to an evolving media landscape that today finds 18 percent of its audience viewing on tablets, 14 percent on mobile phones and 25 percent on other streaming devices and computers.

That includes YouTube, where its program content has been a presence for some time. Now it's getting special focus with the launch of Sesame Studios, which Youngwood describes as "a separate production unit specifically for that platform. We want to harness the power of YouTube to educate kids just like we harnessed the power of TV 50 years ago."

A half-century ago "streaming video" was an unimagined wonder. But today's TV landscape has been upended by this technology, and by major streaming-video outlets like Hulu, Amazon and Netflix as they

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aggressively vie for kids' (as well as everybody else's) attention.

Netflix famously doesn't disclose viewership figures. But according to Andy Yeatman, director of global kids content, "About half of our members around the world watch kids' content on a regular basis. So it's a very large, engaged audience.

"Between new and returning series last year, we added 35 new seasons of kids' originals," he says. Similar expansion is projected this year.

In a bygone era with just a handful of TV channels, kids could count on finding shows aimed at them only on Saturday mornings and weekday afternoons.

Nickelodeon's Zarghami pegs 2013-14 as the most recent turning point for kids TV, "when the landscape seriously shifted," she says, with streaming-video-on-demand providers gaining a real foothold and supplemental devices like tablets and mobile taking off.

Today, Nick has six on-demand platforms, "and we went from 500 new episodes in a season to close to 700 this season," she says.

In short, kids are flooded with just-for-them content from every direction. But even that's not enough.

"What they really look for is, to be surprised," says Disney Channel's Gould. "That's the real challenge: How do we surprise and delight them?"

Schulman of the Katz Media Group has her own prediction for where the next round of surprises might be waiting.

"Virtual reality has been hard to get off the ground, but kids are all about immersive experiences," she says. When VR is ready for them, "that's probably going to be the next big thing."

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Which state sends most taxes to DC? Hint: It's not a state

By **STEPHEN OHLEMACHER, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Tax Day approaches, show some love for the good people who live in the nation's capital.

Washington, that swampy den of iniquity that politicians love to scorn, sends the most tax dollars per person to the U.S. government.

By a lot.

Last year, the District of Columbia paid Uncle Sam \$37,000 per person in federal income, payroll and estate taxes. The next closest was Delaware, at \$16,000 per person.

"It's where the money is," said Roberton Williams, a fellow at the Tax Policy Center. "The reason the District pays so much in taxes is that there are a lot of high-income people there."

Washington is an outlier because, despite years of lobbying, it is not a state. It doesn't even have a vote in Congress. It is, however, a city with a relatively high cost of living.

West Virginia, Mississippi and New Mexico have low median household incomes, which helps explain why they their residents pay far less in federal taxes. West Virginia paid \$3,600 per person last year, while Mississippi paid \$3,900 per person and New Mexico residents paid a little more than \$4,000.

The Associated Press calculated each state's per-capita tax bill using data from the IRS and population estimates from the Census Bureau.

The deadline to file federal tax returns is Tuesday. It was pushed back because the usual April 15 deadline was Saturday, and because Monday is a holiday in the District of Columbia.

The IRS says millions of taxpayers have yet to file their returns. As they do, they shouldn't feel too bad for D.C. residents.

The nation's capital gets a good return on its tax investment. For every dollar the District sends to the federal government, it gets back almost \$4, according to a 2015 study by the New York state comptroller.

For years, the late Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., would document that New York paid more to

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the federal government than it got back. In 2015, the state's comptroller took up the cause.

Washington's rate of return is higher than any state — most of it comes from wages for federal employees. The closest state is Mississippi, which gets back \$2.57 in federal spending for every dollar it sends to Washington. New Mexico, West Virginia and Alabama are also big winners when it comes to federal taxes and spending.

These states are big takers because they have a lot of residents who get federal benefits, including Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, disability benefits and food stamps.

"They have lower incomes so they pay less in taxes and, because they have lower incomes, they get more federal aid," said Morgan Scarboro, a policy analyst at the Tax Foundation.

So why do so many of these states that benefit from the federal government produce conservative politicians who complain that the government is too big?

"There is this perception that so much money is being spent on things that don't benefit them," Williams said. "They ignore the things that do benefit them."

Williams cited foreign aid as a favorite target, even though it makes up only 1 percent of the federal budget, if you count military assistance.

"People view the world as cut my taxes and cut his spending," Williams said. "His spending is wasteful and my taxes are hurting me badly."

Most states are winners when it comes to getting more money from the federal government than they pay in taxes. On average, Americans get \$1.22 for every dollar they send to Washington, according to the New York study.

That's why the federal government has a budget deficit.

The federal spending comes from social programs such as Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, as well as grants to state and local governments and spending on infrastructure.

States such as South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia benefit from having large military bases.

The biggest losers when it comes to taxes and spending are New Jersey, Wyoming and Connecticut. New Jersey gets back just 77 cents for every dollar it pays, while Wyoming gets back 81 cents and Connecticut gets 83 cents.

New York gets 91 cents for every dollar it sends to Washington, according to the comptroller's report.

All these states have incomes above the national average.

"It's a good example of a progressive tax code," Scarboro said. "That is how it is designed to work."

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Professor sues Wal-Mart over 'clean toilets' description

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) — A Montana State University professor is suing Wal-Mart for libel after he says an employee at the Bozeman store listed his occupation on a fishing license as a "toilet cleaner."

Gilbert Kalonde, assistant professor of technology education at MSU, filed the suit this past week in Gallatin County District Court.

Kalonde is seeking unspecified damages.

Wal-Mart spokesman Ragan Dickens told The Associated Press: "To our knowledge an administrative process to resolve this with Dr. Kalonde is ongoing. We've not been served with the lawsuit, but we take the claims seriously and will respond appropriately with the court."

According to the complaint, Kalonde bought a state fishing license in April 2015, showing the Wal-Mart employee identification of his employment at MSU. But the Wal-Mart employee entered "clean toilets" into the state database as Kalonde's occupation.

The suit contends Wal-Mart exposed Kalonde to "hatred, contempt, ridicule" through the incident.

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Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Monday, April 17, the 107th day of 2017. There are 258 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 17, 1937, cartoon character Daffy Duck made his debut in the Warner Bros. animated short "Porky's Duck Hunt," directed by Tex Avery.

On this date:

In 1492, a contract was signed by Christopher Columbus and a representative of Spain's King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, giving Columbus a commission to seek a westward ocean passage to Asia.

In 1861, the Virginia State Convention voted to secede from the Union.

In 1924, the motion picture studio Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer was founded, the result of a merger of Metro Pictures, Goldwyn Pictures and the Louis B. Mayer Co.

In 1941, Yugoslavia surrendered to Germany during World War II.

In 1961, some 1,500 CIA-trained Cuban exiles launched the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in an attempt to topple Fidel Castro, whose forces crushed the incursion by the third day.

In 1964, Geraldine "Jerrie" Mock became the first woman to complete a solo airplane trip around the world as she returned to Columbus, Ohio, after 29 1/2 days in her Cessna 180. Ford Motor Co. unveiled the Mustang at the New York World's Fair. The first game was played at New York's Shea Stadium; the Pittsburgh Pirates defeated the Mets, 4-3.

In 1970, Apollo 13 astronauts James A. Lovell, Fred W. Haise and Jack Swigert splashed down safely in the Pacific, four days after a ruptured oxygen tank crippled their spacecraft while en route to the moon.

In 1972, the Boston Marathon allowed women to compete for the first time; Nina Kuscsik was the first officially recognized women's champion, with a time of 3:10:26.

In 1975, Cambodia's five-year war ended as the capital Phnom Penh fell to the Khmer Rouge, which instituted brutal, radical policies that claimed an estimated 1.7 million lives until the regime was overthrown in 1979.

In 1984, an 11-day police siege began at Libya's embassy in London when an unidentified shooter inside the building fired on a crowd of protesters, killing police officer Yvonne Fletcher. (The Libyans in the embassy were eventually allowed to leave the country as Britain and Libya severed relations.)

In 1986, at London's Heathrow Airport, a bomb was discovered in the bag of Anne-Marie Murphy, a pregnant Irishwoman about to board an El Al jetliner to Israel; she'd been tricked into carrying the bomb by her Jordanian fiance, Nezar Hindawi. The bodies of kidnapped American Peter Kilburn and Britons Philip Padfield and Leigh Douglas were found near Beirut; they had been slain in apparent retaliation for the U.S. raid on Libya.

In 1997, former Israeli president Chaim Herzog (KHY'-ehm HEHRT'-zahg) died in Tel Aviv at age 78.

Ten years ago: A day after the Virginia Tech massacre, President George W. Bush visited the campus, where he told students and teachers at a somber convocation that the nation was praying for them and "there's a power in these prayers." In Rome, a U.S. soldier went on trial in absentia for the shooting death of Italian intelligence agent Nicola Calipari at an Iraqi checkpoint in March 2005. (However, a court later threw out the proceedings against Spc. Mario Lozano, saying Italy had no jurisdiction.) Actress Kitty Carlisle Hart died in New York at age 96.

Five years ago: Riding on the back of a 747 jet, retired space shuttle Discovery traveled from Cape Canaveral, Florida, to Chantilly, Virginia, to be installed in its new home: the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum annex near Washington Dulles Airport in Northern Virginia. Jamie Moyer, at age 49, became the oldest pitcher ever to win a major league contest as the Colorado Rockies beat the San Diego Padres 5-3.

One year ago: Brazil's lower house of Congress voted to impeach President Dilma Rouseff, who repeatedly argued that the push against her was a "coup." (Rouseff was removed the following August.) Pennsylvania became the 24th state to legalize a comprehensive medical marijuana program as Gov. Tom Wolf

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signed the bill into law. Actress Doris Roberts, who played the tart-tongued, endlessly meddling mother on CBS' "Everybody Loves Raymond," died at age 90.

Today's Birthdays: Actor David Bradley is 75. Composer-musician Jan Hammer (yahn HAH'-mur) is 69. Actress Olivia Hussey is 66. Actor Clarke Peters is 65. Rock singer-musician Pete Shelley (Buzzcocks) is 62. Rapper Afrika Bambaataa is 60. Actor Sean Bean is 58. Former NFL quarterback Boomer Esiason is 56. Actor Joel Murray is 55. Rock singer Maynard James Keenan is 53. Actress Lela Rochon (LEE'-lah rohn-SHAHN') is 53. Actor William Mapother is 52. Actress Leslie Bega is 50. Actor Henry Ian Cusick is 50. Actress Kimberly Elise is 50. Singer Liz Phair is 50. Rapper-actor Redman is 47. Actress Jennifer Garner is 45. Country musician Craig Anderson is 44. Singer Victoria Adams Beckham is 43. Actress-singer Lindsay Korman is 39. Actor Tate Ellington is 38. Actor Nicholas D'Agosto (TV: "Trial & Error") is 37. Actor Charlie Hofheimer is 36. Actress Rooney Mara is 32. Actress Jacqueline MacInnes Wood is 30. Actor Paulie Litt is 22. Actress Dee Dee Davis is 21.

Thought for Today: "A happiness that is sought for ourselves alone can never be found; for a happiness that is diminished by being shared is not big enough to make us happy." — Thomas Merton, American poet and author (1915-1968).