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SD37 to be closed today

Residents along SD 37 and west 5th Ave need to pump their sump pumps into the sanitary sewer and not in the street during construction. SD 37 will be closed today from Railroad Ave to 12th Ave. There was a question about increasing the north-south stop light by 5 seconds. The DOT will look into this. The construction schedule is catching up.

There will be 2 crossings between west and east. From what I understand it will be 2nd and 5th, but that will change as the project moves forward. There will always be 2 crossings available.

RR Ave is the detour all the way east to US 12. The road south of the golf course has been upgraded.

SD37 will be closed for most of the summer.

Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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Monday, May 15

Groton Schools: NEC Girls Golf at Sisseton, 10 a.m.; 7th/8th NEC track at Sisseton, 10 a.m.

School Lunch: Pizza, green beans, romaine salad, fruit.

Senior Menu: Hamburger cabbage roll hot dish, mixed vegetables, pears, cookie, whole wheat bread.

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

United Methodist: Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m., Evening Bible Study movie at Val Baker's House at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 16

School Lunch: Cook's Choice.

Senior Menu: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, parsley buttered carrots, banana cake with icing, whole wheat bread.

Wednesday, May 17

Groton Schools: Elementary Track and Field Day from 12:30 p.m. to 3:20 p.m.

School Lunch: Hot dogs/brats, baked beans, baked chips, rice crispy bar.

Senior Menu: Ham, baked potato with sour cream, green beans, fruited Jell-O salad, whole wheat bread.

United Methodist: Wednesday Coffee at 9 a.m.; Ad Council at 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, May 18

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Regional Track at Milbank, noon.

School Lunch: Sack Lunch.

Senior Menu: French dip sandwich, macaroni

Groton Chiropractic Clinic

Carol McFarland-Kutter, D.C.

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GROTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

May 15, 2017 - 7pm

Groton Community Center

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Bills
- 3) Surplus Playground Equipment Bids
- 4) Surplus CC Tables
- 5) WEB Water rates
- 6) Awards
- 7) 7:30pm Malt Beverage License Renew Hearing – Ken’s & MJ’s
- 8) Cleanup Week Results
- 9) Certifications Held
- 10) FEMA safe room training
- 11) Update – Hwy 37 Project
- 12) Transfer Fund Balance
- 13) Cancel delinquent Outstanding Checks
- 14) Exe Session – Personnel – 1.25.2 (1)
- 15) Hire Coach

Weekly Vikings Roundup BY Jordan Wright

Over the last two weeks, we've discussed the Minnesota Vikings and their draft picks from a couple weeks ago. This week, I thought I'd change things up a bit and talk about the rest of the NFC North's draft classes.

Green Bay Packers

The Packers traded out of the first round, then picked up cornerback Kevin King from Washington with the first pick in the second round. Then they double dipped, selecting another defensive back in the end of the second round – Josh Jones, a safety from N.C. State. The Packers' loss to the Atlanta Falcons in the NFC Championship game was clearly a motivating factor, as the Packers gave up nearly 400 yards and 4 touchdowns to Matt Ryan in the 44-21 beatdown.

In the third round, the Packers once again went defense, selecting Montravius Adams, a defensive tackle from Auburn. Adams has tons of potential, but he had a reputation of not giving 100% effort which is what caused him to slip in the draft. He could end up being a steal for Green Bay. In the fourth round, the Packers picked Vince Biegel, a linebacker from Wisconsin and Jamaal Williams, a running back from BYU.

The rest of the Packers' draft looks like this: DeAngelo Yancey, WR, Purdue and Aaron Jones, RB, UTEP in the fifth round. Kofi Amichia, C, USF in the sixth round. Devante Mays, RB, Utah State and Malachi Dupre, WR, LSU in the seventh.

Detroit Lions

The Detroit Lions desperately needed to upgrade their linebacking corps, and they did just that with their first-round pick, selecting Jarrad Davis from Florida. Davis is a fine linebacker, but he will always be compared to Reuben Foster (LB from Alabama) who was a better prospect and still on the board when Detroit picked. In the second round, the Lions made another good pick, drafting Teez Tabor, cornerback from Florida. Tabor was once regarded as a first-round prospect, but slipped because of a slow 40 time. He has good instincts, however, and should be able to help Detroit's secondary.

After starting well, the wheels kind of fell off for the Lions, and the rest of their draft picks are pretty iffy. In the third round, the team picked Kenny Golladay, WR from Northern Illinois. With their two picks in the fourth, the Lions selected Jalen Reeves-Maybin, LB, Tennessee and Michael Roberts, TE, University of Toledo.

The rest of the Lions' draft was: Jamal Agnew, CB, San Diego in the fifth round. Jeremiah Ledbetter, DE, Arkansas and Brad Kaaya, QB, Miami in the sixth round. The team used its last selection on Pat O'Connor, DE, Eastern Michigan in the seventh round.

Chicago Bears

The Chicago Bears selected five players in the draft, but they will only be remembered for the huge trade they made in the first round. The Bears moved up from #3 to #2 (and gave up a haul to do so) to select Mitch Trubisky, quarterback from North Carolina. The trade was a head-scratcher for two reasons: first, the team had just given a large contract to Mike Glennon to be their quarterback this past offseason, and second, Trubisky was not a "can't miss" prospect coming out of college. There is a chance he pans out in the NFL, but if he doesn't, that trade will really set the Bears franchise back.

In the second round, the Bears selected Adam Shaheen, a tight end from Ashland. If you're wondering where in the heck Ashland is, you're not the only one. The Bears needed a tight end, but they likely reached with the Shaheen pick.

In the fourth round, the Bears selected Eddie Jackson, a safety from Alabama and Tarik Cohen, a running back from North Carolina A&T. Their last pick was used on Jordan Morgan, G, Kutztown University. Eddie Jackson may end up being the Bears' best pick in the 2017 NFL draft, and I was surprised that he fell that far. But again, at the end of the day, the Bears' draft class will be graded on Trubisky alone. Bears fans have to be hoping he's the answer, and that he can lead the team to the playoffs for the first time in seven years.

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A Big Win for South Dakota Veterans

South Dakota veterans and doctors who participate in the Choice program received some good news recently. Late last month, President Donald Trump signed into law legislation that includes a provision of a bill I introduced which, in essence, makes the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) the primary payer for services under the Choice Act.

This is important because now veterans will no longer have to pay higher health care costs when they seek care at a non-VA facility when using the Choice Act. This is especially great news for those who live in rural areas, as it will make sure that their cost of visiting a physician is the same regardless of if they see their own local doctor under the Choice Act or travel to get care at a VA facility. It is also a win for doctors in the private sector who serve our veterans, as it will eliminate the bureaucratic reimbursement process so they can get paid in a timely manner by the VA when they care for veterans under this same act.

The intent of the Choice Act, which is to provide relief to those facing long appointment wait times and those who live far from VA facilities, had been undermined because of higher out-of-pocket costs to veterans and reimbursement issues for providers. By eliminating the so-called 'secondary payer clause' and essentially making the VA the primary payer under the Choice Act, South Dakota veterans will no longer be forced to pay more for health care services they receive in the community than they would for the same care at a VA facility.

In addition to hearing from veterans, our office has heard from doctors who were struggling to be reimbursed for the care they had provided. We heard from one doctor who was waiting up to nine months to be reimbursed by the VA and was owed millions of dollars. In one case, a hospital had refused to accept referred veterans for physical therapy due to non-payment from the VA. They simply can't afford to see patients when they know there is a strong chance they will not be paid for services rendered. The intent of the law is good, but the manner in which the 'secondary payer' provision was originally written failed both our veterans and the private-sector doctors who treat them under the Choice program. I'm glad we were able to fix this section under the extension, and I will work to include the fix as a permanent component of Choice in the future.

My staff and I heard time and again of the hardship caused by the 'secondary payer' provision. My interest in introducing this legislation was a direct result of the feedback we received from South Dakota veterans, their families and medical providers in South Dakota. I thank them for alerting us to this glitch in the system, and I look forward to working with the VA on its implementation. Our veterans make incredible sacrifices for our freedoms; they shouldn't have to worry about reimbursement issues for the care they have earned upon retirement.

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Today in Weather History

May 15, 1964: A two-day rainfall event ended with 3.57 inches at Rapid City. Damage to roads and bridges was reported in the northern Black Hills.

1834 - The Northern Atlantic Coast States were in the midst of their greatest May snowstorm of record. The hills around Newbury, VT, were covered with two to three feet of snow. (David Ludlum)

1896: An estimated F5 tornado struck Sherman, Texas, killing 73 people; 60 of them in downtown. Tornado victims were found as far as 400 yards away from their original location. A trunk lid was carried 35 miles by the twister.

1957: An F4 tornado killed 20 people at Silverton, Texas. A 5,000-pound gasoline storage tank was reportedly carried 1.5 miles and dropped into a lake. Residents said the tornado "looked like red sand, boiling and rumbling."

1968: Also, an F5 tornado moved through Butler, Chickasaw, Floyd, Franklin, and Howard Counties in northeast Iowa. The tornado moved northeast from north of Hansell, passing east of Aredale and Marble Rock, before devastating Charles City. The tornado grew larger and more intense as it approached Charles City. The huge funnel passed directly through town, destroying 337 homes, and causing about \$30 million in damage. The tornado continued to the northeast hitting Elma, and caused another \$1.5 million in damages. From there the tornado turned to the north and dissipated south of Chester, 4 miles south of the Minnesota border. Nearly 2000 homes were damaged or destroyed. All 13 deaths occurred in Floyd County. 450 injuries were reported in Floyd County and 12 injuries in Howard County. Another F5 tornado moved north-northeast from southwest of Oelwein to Maynard and east of Randalia in Fayette County, IA. Homes were leveled and swept away in both Oelwein and Maynard. The warning sirens had sounded for only 15 seconds before the power failed in Oelwein. Nearly 1000 homes were damaged or destroyed along the path, and 34 people had to be hospitalized. Almost 1,000 families were affected. In addition to these F5 tornadoes, an F2 tornado touched down 6 miles south of Cresco, IA and two weak F1 tornadoes touched down in Dodge County, MN. Also, baseball size hail fell in Fayette County, IA.

1972: The worst ice jam flooding of memory for long-time residents took place along the Kuskokwim River and Yukon River in Alaska. It was the first time since 1890 that the two rivers "flowed as one". The towns of Oscarville and Napaskiak have been entirely inundated.

1987 - Unseasonably warm weather returned to the north central U.S. Seven cities reported record high temperatures for the date, including Janestown, ND, with a reading of 96 degrees. Thunderstorms in Utah produced five inches of rain south of Bicknell. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)




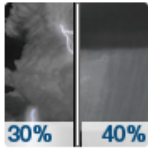
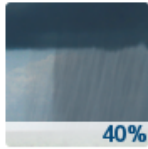


1988 - Thunderstorms in Oklahoma produced wind gusts to 80 mph in Oklahoma County, and baseball size hail at Pawnee. Hail piled up to a depth of 18 inches south of Pawnee. Hail damage in Oklahoma was estimated at close to 25 million dollars. Thunderstorms in the Upper Midwest produced golf ball size hail around Cleveland, OH, and wind gusts to 83 mph at Angola, IN. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)


1989 - Thunderstorms developing along and north of a stationary front produced severe weather in the south central U.S. Thunderstorms spawned eleven tornadoes, and there were 145 reports of large hail and damaging winds. Softball size hail caused 2.1 million dollars damage at Sherman, TX. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather from the Central Plains Region and Oklahoma to Indiana and western Kentucky. Thunderstorms spawned fifteen tornadoes, including seven in Oklahoma, and there were 165 reports of large hail or damaging winds. A tornado killed one person, injured a dozen others, and caused four million dollars damage at Stillwater, OK. Another tornado injured eight persons at Foyil, OK. Thunderstorms in Oklahoma also produced wind gusts to 92 mph at Oologah Lake, and softball size hail at Canton and north of Oakwood. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)


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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
						
Chance Showers then Partly Sunny	Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms then Chance Showers	Chance Showers	Chance Showers and Breezy	Mostly Cloudy
High: 82 °F	Low: 59 °F	High: 78 °F	Low: 53 °F	High: 60 °F	Low: 43 °F	High: 58 °F



Tuesday
Highs: **70 to 85**
Chance Thunderstorms



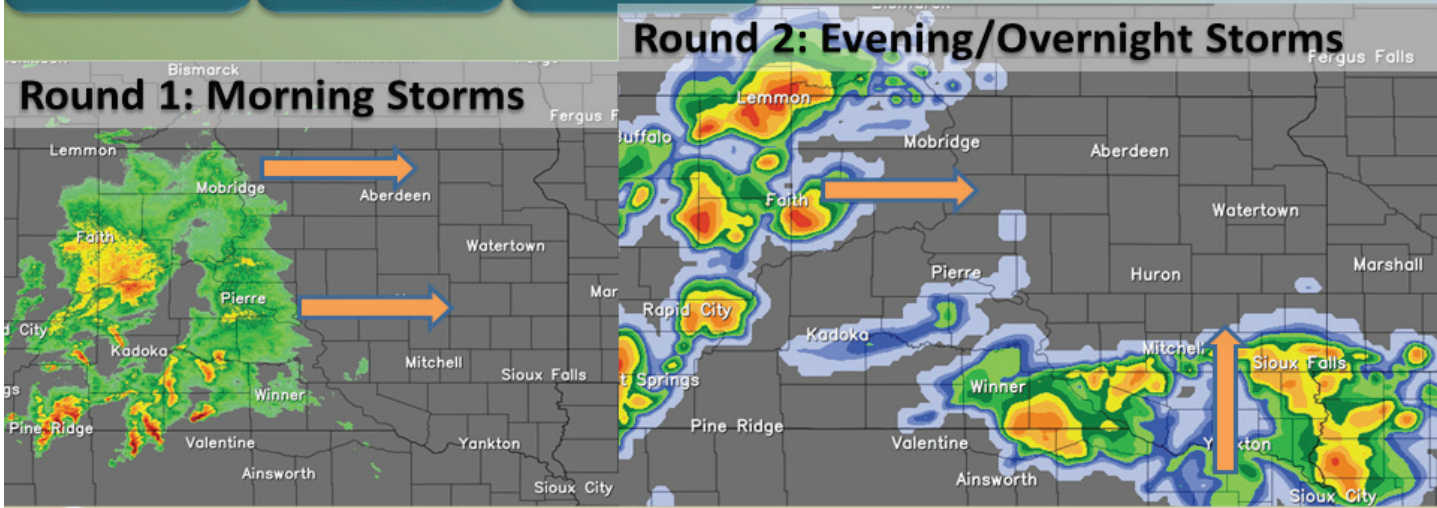
Wednesday
Highs: **55 to 65**
Chance Rain Showers Northeast





Thursday
Highs: **55 to 60**
Slight Chance Rain Showers South

Two Rounds Of Thunderstorms Today/Tonight

Round 2: Evening/Overnight Storms



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Two rounds of showers and thunderstorms are possible today. The first round will move through this morning, and very little rain accumulation is expected. That system will move out and the second system moves in later in the day and overnight. A few storms maybe be strong, with large hail, gusty winds and heavy rain possible. The active pattern will continue through the week with additional rain-fall chances. A slight cool down is also anticipated.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 81.7 F at 2:27 PM

Low Outside Temp: 60.5 F at 6:41 AM

High Gust: 26.0 Mph at 3:37 PM

Snow: Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 103° in 1931

Record Low: 23° in 2014

Average High: 69°F

Average Low: 44°F

Average Precip in May: 1.53

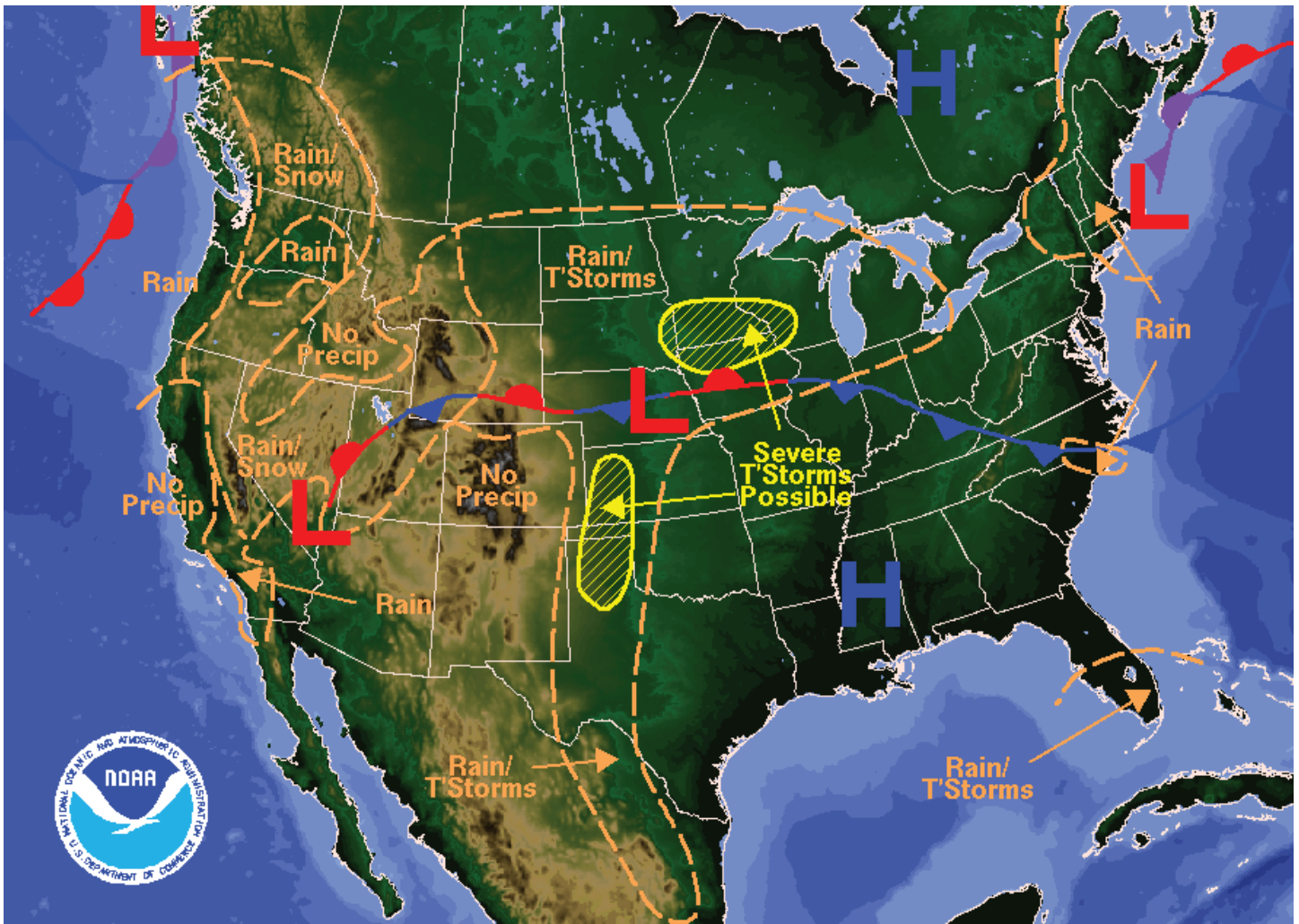
Precip to date in May: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 5.56

Precip Year to Date: 1.98

Sunset Tonight: 8:57 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:01 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, May 15, 2017, issued 4:27 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Mcreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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WHAT TO DO WITH TROUBLE

A young businessman, deeply troubled, went to his pastor. After a deep sigh he said, "I have some huge problems. I don't know what to do, and I need your help. Will you pray with me?"

What a great way to look at problems: through the eyes of prayer. That was what David did. "I pour out my complaints before Him; before Him I tell my trouble."

Whatever may have been troubling David was not as important as going to God in prayer. He did not go to his friends and complain. He did not go to the leaders of his army and gripe. Nor was he paralyzed in confusion or fear. He did what every godly person does: go to God and pray. And it was not an insincere prayer or a prayer that was meaningless. David "poured out" his complaints and troubles. He left his troubles, so to speak, "on the floor." He kept nothing inside of himself. He put it where God could see what was troubling him.

Far too often we go to others and complain about our troubles knowing that they can do no more than listen or offer us sympathy. Sometimes we sit and sulk and feel sorry for ourselves. Other times we climb into bed and try to hide from them by falling asleep - only to awaken and see them before us on the ceiling.

David did the most sensible thing that any of us can do: Go to God and "pour out" our "troubles" and look to Him for His wisdom, guidance and solutions. He knows the answer before we even identify the problem. So, it makes good sense to go to Him first!

Prayer: It is so strange, Lord, that we often look to others for help rather than You. May we look to You first. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 142:2 I pour out before him my complaint; before him I tell my trouble.

News from the Associated Press

South Dakota man recovering from accident that paralyzed him

TOM GRIFFITH, Rapid City Journal

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Mark Schuh of Rapid City was living a full, contented life.

The 46-year-old worked hard at his successful professional painting service catering to contractors who built high-end homes in the Black Hills. He helped raise two step-children from his wife's previous marriage in a loving environment. He spent weekends hunting and fishing, and took occasional vacations as a reward for the couple's labors.

But, as enduring evidence of the fragility of human beings, and how quickly life can change forever in a single instant, Schuh's active life as he knew it came to an end in a few terrifying seconds last July 26.

That day, Schuh was working at a custom home off Rimrock Highway west of Rapid City. As he and a co-worker in his painting business loaded 100-pound doors into his trailer, intent on bringing them to his shop for a coat of stain, the half-ton wall of doors cascaded downward, struck Schuh in the head, and left him injured and dazed on the floor of his trailer.

As he lie there awaiting an ambulance, his head hanging in the well of the trailer's door, Schuh said he simply tried to remain calm, which aided his breathing that had become restricted.

"I thought maybe I had a pinched nerve or something," he told the Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/2p1bwMX>). "The hit I took to my head was so light, and it only left a small scratch on the left side of my forehead. No bleeding, no nothing. Of course, I had never been in that situation before. I thought, 'Well they'll get me to the hospital and give me some muscle relaxers.'"

As the 45-minute wait for the ambulance seemed to stretch into eternity, Schuh's parents, Duane and Carrie, arrived from their nearby home after being alerted to the accident by one of the contractors who was at the job site. They found their only son stretched out on the trailer floor, conscious, but unable to move.

"After the call, the thought went through my head that something bad had happened, and I prayed all the way over there that it wouldn't be really bad," Schuh's mother recalled. "We got there, and I walked up to the trailer, and the guy working with Mark said, 'Don't jar the trailer.'"

Carrie Schuh stuck her head into the trailer and asked her son if he was OK, and he said he was. But her motherly instincts told her otherwise.

"I looked at my husband, and we both knew he wasn't OK," Carrie Schuh said. "You could tell he was in extreme pain. We waited about 15 minutes for the ambulance to arrive, and it was the longest 15 minutes of my life. His dad told me later that as soon as he saw Mark he knew it wasn't good. He wasn't positioned the way a person would be if he could move himself."

With clarity and deep understatement, she added: "It wasn't a good day."

Placed on a backboard, his head immobilized, and rushed by ambulance to Rapid City Regional Hospital, Schuh's wife, Josette, beat them there after also receiving a call from a contractor. Upon seeing her husband for the first time after the accident, with doctors and nurses scurrying to treat emergency room patients, the first thing Schuh did was apologize to his wife for being such a bother.

For Schuh, memories of that morning and the ensuing days are somewhat of a blur.

"I remember being unloaded from the ambulance," he said. "I remember them saying they would have to cut my clothes off. I don't remember a whole lot after that. I don't remember people coming to see me over the next few days."

Shortly after Schuh's arrival in the ER, and following a CT-scan, a doctor entered the injured man's exam room to find a flock of Schuhs, including Josette, parents Duane and Carrie, step-daughter Candace Wurdeman, Josette's mother Connie, and Mark's sister Paula Arthur.

The doctor informed the gathering that Schuh had fractured his C3 and C5 vertebrae and that he had a vertebral artery dissection, a flap-like tear of the inner lining of the vertebral artery located in the neck

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which supplies blood to the brain.

"The spinal cord was not severed; it was still intact, which was a blessing," Josette recalled. "But there was shock. What do we do?"

As Schuh lie paralyzed in his hospital bed, unable to move anything from the neck down, the doctor began discussing options which included surgery, or a less-invasive plan to brace his neck, administer steroids, and allow time to heal the fractures. Meanwhile, nurses were prepping a surgical suite in case the family elected surgery, the doctor said.

"We had about 10 minutes to make that decision," Josette recalled. "Everybody gave their input and the general consensus was, let's not rush into surgery if it's not life-threatening right now. Bracing would be less invasive with less chance for infection or other complications. We agreed to hold off, and we wanted to get another opinion."

Eight days later, Schuh was airlifted to Craig Rehabilitation Hospital in Englewood, Colo., one of the top-rated rehabilitation hospitals for brain and spinal injuries in the U.S. On the flight were the Schuh, Josette, two nurses and two pilots. For Josette, the flight to Colorado was terrifying.

"It was the scariest flight I was ever on," she said. "It was such a traumatic time in our lives, but I had to be with Mark, and I did it."

Three days after arriving at Craig hospital, on Aug. 6, nurses wheeled Schuh into an operating room at Swedish Hospital, a respected Trauma One surgical center, where neurosurgeons fused his C2 to his T2 with two titanium rods and 12 screws designed to increase stability of his decompressed spinal cord.

Still incapacitated from the neck down, Schuh would remain at Craig Hospital for three months, receiving occasional visitors, before returning to Rapid City on Oct. 27. For the middle-aged couple, the return to the Black Hills was greeted with some trepidation.

"It felt really good to be home," Schuh said. "But it was also scary for both of us, because that support system wasn't there anymore. We knew there would be challenges and Craig Hospital prepared us for that. But when we got home, it was reality, and we had to deal with that."

The stark reality of living with a quadriplegic — a person who has lost movement due to paralysis of all four limbs — or the "new normal" as Josette is apt to call it, didn't take long to surface after the Schuhs returned to their four-level home in a quiet neighborhood on Rapid City's west side.

One of the Schuhs' living room couches was displaced to make room for a hospital bed, where Mark now spends the majority of his time with a flat-screen television and the drapes tightly drawn to block prying eyes. Their dining room table was removed as well, to accommodate a wheel-in shower where Josette and caregivers attend to her husband's daily sanitary needs.

Shortly after the accident, the couple canceled a planned November trip to Mexico. When they returned home from Craig Hospital, they sold Josette's car and replaced it with a handicapped conversion van, a \$53,000 "necessity" they had not anticipated.

As the loss of Mark's healthy income accompanied his injury, they began receiving a modest Social Security disability stipend of \$1,400 a month, but they're still wrestling with their insurance company, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, which has twice denied coverage of in-home assistance.

"They don't feel a quadriplegic needs home health care assistance for daily care," Josette said with a shrug. So, they recently met with a local advocacy group to gain assistance and advice and pressure the insurance company to cover the costs.

From the time the ambulance picked up Schuh from the accident scene on July 26 until today, total medical costs have approached \$1 million. Meanwhile, the Schuhs' income, insurance and disability payments don't come close to covering costs from the accident or its aftermath.

Local ambulance charges were \$3,000, air ambulance costs were \$32,000, neurosurgeons charged \$32,000 plus expenses tied to a five-day stay at Swedish Hospital. Craig Hospital invoices averaged \$4,000 per day for Schuh's three-month treatment at the Colorado facility.

Meanwhile, the Schuhs are saddled with \$1,200 in monthly insurance premiums, \$2,500 per month in home health care costs, and spent \$65,000 on a motorized wheelchair, an additional \$2,500 on a wheelchair seat lift, \$700 for a portable shower, \$1,000 on an electrical Hoyer lift that helps transfer the patient

from his bed to his wheelchair, and \$3,000 on a mattress-turning system that moves Schuh six to nine times per hour so he doesn't suffer from bedsores.

The burdensome debt led the Schuhs to sell off their prized fishing boat that they'd only owned for a year. The fifth-wheel trailer they treasured in their rare idle hours and Mark's custom motorcycle are now listed for sale.

They would like to build or buy a one-level ranch house to rid themselves of the obstacles posed by their current multi-level home, but the Schuhs say time will tell if they'll ever be able to afford it.

While reluctant to discuss the most intimate details of their personal relationship, Josette credited Craig Hospital with providing an educational class on maintaining intimacy in their marriage in the aftermath of the life-changing accident.

"They let us know that it's still possible," she said. "I hold Mark's hand when we're driving in the van and we still kiss and hug. Human touch is huge for anybody in this situation, because it improves the feeling of isolation experienced by any paralyzed person."

Meanwhile, in the midst of their tragedy, the Schuhs have come to recognize the importance of family and expressed deep gratitude for the neighbors, including Darald and Joann McElroy from across the street, who have hand-delivered two meals a week to the Schuhs for many months.

A pub crawl conducted in January by the Black Hills Home Builders, of which Mark was a member, netted more than \$12,000 to help defray the Schuhs' medical costs, and a November benefit at the Moose Club raised additional funds. A March 11 benefit at Big J's Roadhouse in Humboldt, S.D., arranged by three of Mark's uncles and aunts, also contributed to defray their expenses.

"It makes you feel that there are still good people in the world," Schuh said from his home hospital bed. "These are just a handful of many individuals and groups that have made their love known."

And, while it would be easy for Mark Schuh to be mad at the world for his unforeseen plight and the unwelcome challenges that await him in the future, he still awakes each morning with no malice in his heart and a determination to tackle the next obstacle.

"It was an accident," he said matter-of-factly. "There's no one to blame. It could have happened to anyone or no one."

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

Careflight crew works to save lives in helicopters

SHANNON MARVEL, Aberdeen American News

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — There's limited room inside a helicopter, but working within that space to provide critical medical care is something the Avera Careflight crew must know how to do.

The smaller environment with fewer resources poses challenges that grounded medical personnel don't encounter, said Anna Vanden Bosch of Sioux Falls, a clinical care manager for Careflight.

But even with the tight space, the helicopter packs plenty of accessories.

"There's a lot of equipment that's unique to our environment. We have a video laryngoscopy. We always carry blood on every flight, which is unusual, but it's a very life-saving thing," Vanden Bosch told the Aberdeen American News (<http://bit.ly/2pUrFqd>).

A video laryngoscopy is a tool used to see down a person's throat to determine whether there's an obstruction.

One procedure the crew is trained to perform is creating a "surgical airway." That involves making an incision in the patient's neck to provide an alternative airway when there's an obstruction.

Flight nurse Bobby Hegge of Sioux Falls said the hospital provides the crew with the autonomy necessary to keep a critical-care patient alive until the helicopter can get to a medical center that offers a higher level of care.

"There are facilities that frequently call us that we'll go to repeatedly, like Redfield, Oakes (N.D.), Mobridge," he said. "We'll either transport them to Fargo (N.D.) or we'll take them to Sioux Falls. If we have a motor

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vehicle accident, we'll usually bring them back (to Aberdeen) where we'll stabilize them and assess them, then if they need further higher care we'll take them to Sioux Falls or Fargo for that care."

Traveling at high elevations in rural areas often puts the crew out of radio and cellphone range.

"A lot of times we're just kind of on our own so we can't phone a friend or doctor to ask them for advice," Hegge said. "So they train us for a lot more for complex interventions and situations and trust us to do the right thing."

The team uses specialized equipment that can adapt to its environment, Vanden Bosch said.

"We have specialized ventilator, monitors and IV pumps that are very specific to air transport. Even altitude affects our patients. There's also the noise, vibrations and the most important thing is watching our environment to make sure we as a crew, along with the patient, get home safely," she said.

Ten people comprise the tight-knit Aberdeen Careflight team tasked with providing emergency medical care to patients who are far removed from a hospital or clinic. There are other Careflight stations in Mitchell, Sioux Falls, Yankton and Marshall, Minn.

John Kirk, one of Aberdeen's four Careflight pilots, spent years rescuing people in the Coast Guard before turning to a civilian career helping those in emergency situations. He said he has 22 years of flying experience.

"A lot of the pilots you'll find in this industry are ex-military. In fact, almost exclusively," said Kirk, from Sioux City, Iowa.

With eight years of experience, Hegge said the extra training required of the Careflight crew is worthwhile, but being a member of the team is challenging.

"It's not for everyone, that's for sure," he said.

Vanden Bosch has worked as flight transport clinical care manager for 10 years.

"There's a lot of other expectations, like getting off late. I think a lot of our families know that. At the end of the day, you're not necessarily going to get off at 7 p.m.," she said.

Rarely does the crew allow anyone other than the patient to ride along in the helicopter.

"Typically we don't take anybody else. The aircraft is small. You can take one more, we have one more seat in the aircraft. But typically there's a lot of good reasons not to take them along," Kirk said. "It's not because we're heartless, it's because we're focused on the patient care, and to have an extra person on there really inhibits their ability to work with the patient. If it's a loved one, it can be really difficult to watch — some procedures look awful, but it's for their own good."

The bill for Careflight services can often exceed \$10,000, and crew members say they do their best to avoid passing expenses along to patients and their family members.

To that end, the helicopter won't pick up a person and start medical care if the person is going to die, Vanden Bosch said.

However, she said, the Careflight can respond to a call and provide medical treatment at no cost to the patient. A person is only billed for Careflight services if he or she is transported by the helicopter.

As a pilot, Kirk is very attuned to the environment, particularly the weather conditions. He pays close attention to the weather radar and constantly updates his flight plan as conditions change.

"We're on call, and I don't know when we're going to get a flight, so you always have to be prepared," he said.

Conditions that compromise safety are considered when determining whether Careflight will respond to a call.

"Our pilot in command is our No. 1 safety priority, we would never jeopardize that," Vanden Bosch said. "Obviously, we live in South Dakota where weather changes very quickly and that can change, but we're trained that nobody has to go on it unless we're all OK with it. I think on the backside, I don't think people realize how much goes into the preparation for the flight. There's so much safety that goes into it. That's our priority."

Even so, there can be problems.

In 2002, three members of a Careflight crew and a patient were killed when the helicopter crashed in a field near Doland. The cause of the crash was determined to be pilot error.

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A Careflight helicopter pilot crash landed near Aberdeen in 2012 after the engine started to make strange noises.

Vanden Bosch said the mechanics of the helicopter are closely monitored throughout the day, drastically decreasing the chances of breakdown.

Much of the time, the Careflight team is on standby in the event there's a call. But the crew also helps at the Avera St. Luke's Hospital.

"We'll help out in the emergency room if a critical patient comes in, just to give them some extra hands, because we're all on the same team," Hegge said.

The job is both physically and emotionally demanding, but it's worth it, Vanden Bosch said.

"I think at the end of the day it's not about the save, it's about the whole community and family that you're there to benefit," she said.

"Unfortunately you do have those patients that will pass away, but you will never forget those families that you stood there, side by side with them to provide that care. Obviously I think pediatrics have a soft spot in a lot of people's hearts, and it's not that any one person's life is more valuable than the other, but it's always harder (when a child is involved). I always think that they haven't lived their life and it's always harder," Vanden Bosch said.

After difficult transfers, crew members take time to decompress. They tend to understand each other.

"Sometimes it's not even saying anything to each other, it's just respecting each other and knowing that it was hard," Vanden Bosch said.

Information from: Aberdeen American News, <http://www.aberdeennews.com>

Frozen burritos maker relocates after recall, listeria scare

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — The New Mexico company that recalled more than 252,000 pounds of frozen burritos because of possible listeria contamination says it's relocating.

Green Chile Concepts LLC said it will start making food products at its new manufacturing plant starting Monday in a long-planned move.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture on Saturday announced the Green Chile Food Company recall for various frozen burritos containing meat and poultry, after a routine sample of a beef and potato burrito found a problem.

The Las Cruces, New Mexico-based company voluntarily recalled the burritos, which have been sold frozen, refrigerated or served hot at convenience stores, vending machines and stores through distributors in California, Illinois, Oregon and South Dakota.

There have been no reports of people getting sick. Listeria can cause serious illness and even death.

60-year-old man died in motorcycle crash north of Yankton

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — A 60-year-old man has died in a motorcycle crash in Yankton County of south-eastern South Dakota.

The Department of Public Safety says the crash happened on U.S. Highway 81, seven miles north of Yankton, when the motorcyclist tried to pass a vehicle and collided with an oncoming car just before 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

The man was thrown from his motorcycle and died at the scene. His name was not immediately released.

The other driver, who tried to avoid crashing, was not hurt.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol is investigating.

Argus Leader reporter subpoenaed in tribal marijuana case

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Prosecutors plan to call a Sioux Falls Argus Leader reporter as a witness in a trial related to a marijuana operation that the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe attempted to start, and the newspaper has objected.

The attorney general's office has subpoenaed Dana Ferguson to testify in the upcoming trial in Moody County of Eric Hagen, a consultant who helped the tribe set up a growing facility, Argus Leader Media reported Sunday (<http://argusne.ws/2qgkIAL>).

Ferguson joined lawmakers and journalists on a tour of the facility in October 2015, when the tribe was planning to open a recreational marijuana resort to spur economic development. The tribe abandoned the project under fire from state officials, including Attorney General Marty Jackley, saying it had burned the plants.

Jackley's office charged Hagen and Jonathan Hunt, two officials with Monarch America, a Colorado-based company in the marijuana industry, for assisting the tribe. Hunt last year pleaded guilty to a drug conspiracy count. Hagen has pleaded not guilty to charges of conspiracy to possess, possession and attempt to possess more than 10 pounds of marijuana. His trial is set to begin May 22.

"Commanding our reporter to testify in this case is not only troubling but unnecessary," Argus Leader Media news director Cory Myers said. "There are multiple avenues for the attorney general to get testimony about the tour, including from any of the five elected officials present, without compromising our reporter's role as an independent observer."

Two of the five lawmakers who went on the tour said they had not been subpoenaed. Two others did not return the newspaper's messages.

In an email to the Argus Leader, Jackley said that he has worked to avoid issuing subpoenas to journalists in his time as attorney general and U.S. attorney for South Dakota.

Forty states have some type of shield law that protects journalists from being forced to divulge sources or testify, said Gregg Leslie, legal defense director for the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press. South Dakota does not, although a 1995 state Supreme Court decision gave reporters a qualified privilege to protect confidential sources in some circumstances.

David Bordewyk, executive director of the South Dakota Newspaper Association, said he was not aware of any recent instances of journalists in the state being forced to testify. Doing so could harm their ability to cultivate sources and inform the public, he said.

"The bottom line is: Journalists are not there to do the work of law enforcement or the government, but independent of that," he said.

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

South Dakota company still raising money for ethanol plant

ONIDA, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota company is still working to raise enough money to build a \$150 million ethanol plant just south of Onida.

The Capital Journal (<http://bit.ly/2q2XTjR>) reported that Ringneck Energy LLC CEO Walt Wendland said the company finally has one or two investors willing to give the last piece of equity needed to start construction.

He said it will amount to half of the expected construction and start-up costs and the company hopes to begin construction this summer.

"We need to have about \$75 million in equity in order to get our financing," he said. "We've got people lined up to finish that."

He said the plant will buy 25 million bushels of corn every year and will employ about 40 people. The plant's main byproduct, distillers grain, will be used as livestock feed.

Having an ethanol plant will help boost the prices to farmers by 10 cents to 15 cents a bushel, said Tim Lukens, manager of Oahe Grain.

Construction on the 80-million-gallon-per-year facility has run into numerous delays due to legal, financial and regulatory hurdles.

Some Onida residents have fought the plant's location because they fear pollution and health risks. Some opponents of corn ethanol cite government subsidies and studies that show other ethanol sources might make more economic and environmental sense.

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

South Dakota sees drop in 2016 pheasant hunting season

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The number of pheasant hunters in South Dakota in 2016 and the number of birds they killed were both down from the previous year, according to the state's upland hunting harvest survey.

The Capital Journal (<http://bit.ly/2q2mDX9>) reported that slightly more than 61,000 residents and about 81,000 nonresidents took to the South Dakota pheasant fields in 2016, down a few thousand from the 2015 season.

Senior upland game biologist Travis Runia said the slump wasn't entirely unexpected because the overall number of pheasants decreased about 20 percent.

"It's pretty amazing that so many people base their decision on that count," he said.

Despite fewer pheasant hunters, the number of birds each hunter took home remained close to 2015 numbers. Resident hunters took home around eight birds each, while nonresidents took home around nine birds. South Dakota hunters took home a little more than 1.1 pheasants in 2016.

Runia said the 2016 harvest data showed a continued correlation between the pheasant population and the number of acres of land in the Conservation Reserve Program, which pays landowners to plant grass instead of crops.

The state's pheasant population most recently peaked in 2007, around the same time the number of acres in the program peaked. Since then, the state's pheasant harvest as dropped nearly in half, from slightly more than 2 million in 2007 to a little more than 1.17 million in 2016.

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

Oil pipeline opponents try going after the money

By **BLAKE NICHOLSON**, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Opposition to the Dakota Access oil pipeline has persuaded some banks to stop supporting projects that might harm the environment or tread on indigenous rights, but calling the divest movement a success might be a stretch.

It doesn't appear to be hurting the ability of energy companies to get financing and it doesn't seem to concern lenders broadly. Yet pipeline opponents see victory in the fact that they have made financial institutions more aware of indigenous rights — and they're intent on keeping up the fight on projects such as Keystone XL even after failing to stop the Dakota Access line.

"We aren't ignoring the fact we couldn't stop that pipeline," said Vanessa Green, a campaign director with the DivestInvest initiative. "There's a battle, and then there's a war."

The \$3.8 billion Dakota Access pipeline from North Dakota to Illinois will be fully operational by June 1, a half-year later than planned by Texas-based developer Energy Transfer Partners. The project was delayed by lawsuits from American Indian tribes who fear it threatens cultural sites and drinking water, and months of protests by tribal members and their supporters. President Donald Trump pushed the project through shortly after taking office.

While the protests centered on a camp in North Dakota that at times housed thousands of people, opponents also picketed banks in major U.S. cities and urged banks in Europe and even Japan to take a stand against the pipeline.

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Some did. Paris-based BNP Paribas USA, Netherlands-based ING and Norway-based DNB sold off their shares of a Dakota Access loan. Private investor Storebrand and Odin Fund Management, both in Norway, sold shares in companies linked to the project. Dutch bank ABN-AMRO stopped providing credit to a parent company of ETP.

Pipeline opponents also targeted cities with some success, including in Seattle, where leaders in February voted to cut ties with San Francisco-based banking giant Wells Fargo in part due to its role in funding Dakota Access.

In all, the DefundDAPL movement claims that divestments from that project total more than \$80 million from individuals and \$4.3 billion from cities.

But that didn't stop ETP from completing the Dakota Access pipeline, and the company has a number of other projects underway across the U.S.

"We do not have a concern about our current or future financing options," ETP spokeswoman Vicki Granada said.

TransCanada Corp., which is planning the \$8 billion Keystone XL pipeline through the central Plains, wouldn't say whether it has secured the necessary financing. But its first-quarter 2017 financial report indicates that finding funds overall hasn't been a problem: The company raised \$2.6 billion toward a \$23 billion capital program.

As for Wells Fargo, which lists \$2 trillion in assets, it calls the city divestitures "symbolic" and notes that other communities and tribes are still clients.

"Certainly, the protests have had some limited negative impact to the company's reputation, which is a shame because it overshadows all of the tremendous work our team members and the company does to support those very same communities and local nonprofits across the country," spokesman Alan Elias said.

In the meantime, opponents of such projects continue to seek to broaden their efforts to educate people about the potential effects not only on the environment, but on Native Americans.

"There's a whole widening narrative woven into what was once an environmental movement," said Green, with the DivestInvest initiative. "Now it's much more integrated, with a social justice, indigenous rights focus."

In March, New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer in partnership with First Peoples Worldwide, an indigenous advocacy and funding group, convened an educational meeting in Washington for global investors with Dave Archambault, chairman of the Standing Rock Sioux, the tribe that started the opposition to Dakota Access.

"We're just going to continue to build awareness for companies that have no regard for the environment, have no regard for people, and hopefully the companies, banks, lenders, financial institutions understand that if you want to be socially responsible, not to invest in companies like ETP," Archambault said in an interview.

Tom Sanzillo, director of finance at the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis, said that while market forces ultimately determine industry practices, public opinion can be a factor.

"Market factors and public opinion worked together to substantially reduce the market share of coal," he said. "You have those two factors working together, that's how change takes place."

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The Latest: Cyberattack 'under control' in US

LONDON (AP) — The latest on the global extortion cyberattack that hit dozens of countries (all times local): 12:40 p.m.

Tom Bossert, a homeland security adviser to U.S. President Donald Trump, says the recent global cyberattack is something that "for right now, we've got under control" in the United States.

Bossert tells ABC's "Good Morning America" that the malware is an "extremely serious threat" that could inspire copycat attacks. But Microsoft's security patch released in March should protect U.S. networks for

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those who install it.

Microsoft's top lawyer has criticized U.S. intelligence for "stockpiling" software code that can aid hackers. Cybersecurity experts say the unknown hackers behind the latest attacks used a vulnerability exposed in U.S. government documents leaked online.

Bossert said "criminals" are responsible, not the U.S. government. Bossert says the U.S. hasn't ruled out involvement by a foreign government, but that the recent ransom demands suggest a criminal network.

10:55 a.m.

Indian authorities were on high alert for news of malfunctioning computers Monday, after experts estimated 5 percent of affected computers were in the country.

The Computer Emergency Response Team of India issued a red-colored "critical alert" — its highest alarm level — and urged computer users to update their systems and use protective software.

But few major problems were reported. The head of the government response team told Press Trust of India news agency that "everything seems to be normal, so far. No reports have come in" detailing cyberattacks in the country.

The Kaspersky Lab, a security solutions firm, had estimated that up to 5 percent of computers affected globally could be in India. The country is considered vulnerable thanks to a large number of computers running on older Microsoft operating systems.

10:20 a.m.

Britain's health service says most hospitals hit by the global "ransomware" attack are back up and running, but seven are still experiencing IT disruption and canceling appointments.

About a fifth of NHS trusts — the regional bodies that run hospitals and clinics — were hit by the attack on Friday, leading to thousands of canceled appointments and operations.

Health officials say seven of the 47 affected are still having IT problems and have asked for "extra support" from the National Health Service.

Barts Health, which runs five London hospitals, says it is still sending some ambulances to other hospitals and has canceled some surgeries and outpatient appointments.

Ciaran Martin, chief executive of the U.K.'s National Cyber Security Centre, has warned that more computers could be infected Monday as doctors' practices re-opened after the weekend.

9:50 a.m.

In France, auto manufacturer Renault said one of its plants, which employs 3,500 people in Douai, northern France, wasn't reopening Monday as technicians continued to deal with the aftermath of the global cyberattack.

The company described the temporary halt in production as a "preventative step." The company gave no details on the degree to which the plant was affected by the malware. Renault said all of its other plants in France were open Monday.

8:45 a.m.

The problem with its home page wasn't ransomware after all, Osaka city hall said. The site is now back up but the real cause of the problem is not yet clear, said spokesman Hajime Nishikawa.

Kyodo News said one personal computer was affected at one office at East Japan Railway Co., but train services were not affected.

6:15 a.m.

A Japanese nonprofit says computers at 600 locations had been hit in the global "ransomware" cyberattack.

Nissan Motor Co. confirmed Monday some units had been targeted, but there was no major impact on

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its business.

Hitachi spokeswoman Yuko Tainiuchi said emails were slow or not getting delivered, and files could not be opened. The company believes the problems are related to the ransomware attack, although no ransom is being demanded. They were installing software to fix the problems.

The Japan Computer Emergency Response Team Coordination Center said 2,000 computers in Japan were reported affected so far, citing an affiliate foreign security organization that it cannot identify.

At least one hospital was affected, according to police. The city of Osaka said its home page went blank, although problems had not been detected otherwise.

6:10 a.m.

South Korea has been mostly spared from the global cyber chaos that crippled scores of governments and companies in 150 countries.

Director Shin Dae Kyu at the state-run Korea Internet & Security Agency who monitors the private sector said Monday that five companies have reported they were targeted by a global "ransomware" cyberattack. While some companies did not report damages to the government, South Korea was yet to see crippling damages, he said.

The most public damage was on the country's largest movie chain. CJ CGV Co. was restoring its advertising servers at dozens of its movie theaters after the attack left the company unable to display trailers of upcoming movies. Its movie ticket systems were unaffected.

Another government security official said no government systems were affected.

6 a.m.

Global cyber chaos is spreading Monday as companies boot up computers at work following the weekend's worldwide "ransomware" cyberattack.

The extortion scheme has created chaos in 150 countries and could wreak even greater havoc as more malicious variations appear. The initial attack, known as "WannaCry," paralyzed computers running Britain's hospital network, Germany's national railway and scores of other companies and government agencies around the world.

As a loose global network of cybersecurity experts fought the ransomware hackers, in China, state media said more than 29,000 institutions had been infected along with hundreds of thousands of devices.

The Japan Computer Emergency Response Team Coordination Center, a nonprofit providing support for computer attacks, said 2,000 computers at 600 locations in Japan were reported affected so far.

North Korea: New long-range missile can carry heavy nuke

By FOSTER KLUG, Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea on Monday boasted of a successful weekend launch of a new type of "medium long-range" ballistic rocket that can carry a heavy nuclear warhead. Outsiders also saw a significant technological jump, with the test-fire apparently flying higher and for a longer time period than any other such previous missile.

Amid condemnation in Seoul, Tokyo and Washington, a jubilant North Korean leader Kim Jong Un promised more nuclear and missile tests and warned that his country's weapons could strike the U.S. mainland and Pacific holdings.

North Korean propaganda must be considered with wariness — Pyongyang has threatened for decades to reduce Seoul to a "sea of fire," for instance — but Monday's claim, if confirmed, would mark another big advance toward the North's goal of fielding a nuclear-tipped missile capable of reaching the U.S. mainland. Some experts, including officials in Tokyo, estimate that Sunday's launch successfully tested a new type of missile, potentially the longest in North Korea's arsenal.

The test is also an immediate challenge to South Korea's new president, Moon Jae-in, a liberal elected last week who expressed a desire to reach out to North Korea. Pyongyang's aggressive push to boost its weapons program also makes it one of the Trump administration's most urgent foreign policy worries,

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though Washington has struggled to settle on a policy.

North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency called the missile a "new ground-to-ground medium long-range strategic ballistic rocket," and said the "Hwasong-12" was "capable of carrying a large, heavy nuclear warhead."

Kim witnessed the test and "hugged officials in the field of rocket research, saying that they worked hard to achieve a great thing," according to KCNA.

The rocket, "newly designed in a Korean-style," flew 787 kilometers (490 miles) and reached a maximum altitude of 2,111 kilometers (1,310 miles), the North said, and "verified the homing feature of the warhead under the worst re-entry situation and accurate performance of detonation system."

South Korea's Defense Ministry said more analysis is needed to verify the North's claim on the rocket's technological features. Spokesman Moon Sang Gyun said it's still unlikely that North Korea has re-entry technology, which would return a warhead safely back into the atmosphere.

Japanese officials said Sunday that the missile flew for half an hour and reached an unusually high altitude before landing in the Sea of Japan.

Several South Korean analysts, including Lee Illwoo, a Seoul-based commentator on military issues, said the missile flew higher and for a longer period than any other the North has ever test-fired. North Korea has also launched satellites into orbit on long-range rockets that share some of the same technology as missiles.

North Korea is not thought to be able yet to make a nuclear warhead small enough to mount on a long-range missile, though some outside analysts think it can arm shorter-range missiles with warheads. Each new nuclear and longer-range missile test is part of the North's attempt to build a nuclear-tipped intercontinental ballistic missile.

Kim said North Korea would stage more nuclear and missile tests in order to perfect nuclear bombs needed to deal with U.S. "nuclear blackmail."

State media paraphrased North Korea's leader as saying that "the most perfect weapon systems in the world will never become the eternal exclusive property of the U.S.," warning that "the U.S. should not ... disregard or misjudge the reality that its mainland and Pacific operation region are in (North Korea's) sighting range for strike."

The launch complicates the new South Korean president's plan to talk to the North, and came as U.S., Japanese and European navies gather for joint war games in the Pacific.

"The president expressed deep regret over the fact that this reckless provocation ... occurred just days after a new government was launched in South Korea," senior presidential secretary Yoon Young-chan said. "The president said we are leaving open the possibility of dialogue with North Korea, but we should sternly deal with a provocation to prevent North Korea from miscalculating."

Moon, South Korea's first liberal leader in nearly a decade, said as he took his oath of office last week that he'd be willing to visit North Korea if the circumstances were right.

In Seoul, some citizens expressed frustration.

Kim Do-hoon, 31, said that South Korea, while keeping the "door open for conversation" with the North, should also "show a stern attitude at some level."

"As South Korea's diplomatic situation matures, North Korea should also show a more mature attitude, not a childish one, and contribute to (establishing a better) diplomatic relationship," said Jin Hyo-seon, 33, a painter.

The U.N. Security Council will hold closed consultations about the launch on Tuesday afternoon, according to the U.N. Mission for Uruguay, which holds the council presidency this month.

The U.S. ambassador to the U.N., Nikki Haley, said on ABC television that the United States has been working well with China, Pyongyang's closest ally, and raised the possibility of new sanctions against North Korea, including on oil imports.

The Security Council has adopted six increasingly tougher sanctions resolutions against North Korea.

President Donald Trump's administration has called North Korean ballistic and nuclear efforts unacceptable.

able, but it has swung between threats of military action and offers to talk as it formulates a policy.

While Trump has said he'd be "honored" to talk with leader Kim under favorable conditions, Haley seemed to rule out the possibility. "Having a missile test is not the way to sit down with the president, because he's absolutely not going to do it," she told ABC.

The U.S. Pacific Command said Sunday's test flight "is not consistent with an intercontinental ballistic missile."

David Wright, co-director of the Global Security Program at the Union of Concerned Scientists, said the missile could have a range of 4,500 kilometers (about 2,800 miles) if flown on a standard, instead of lofted, trajectory — considerably longer than North Korea's current missiles. He said Sunday's launch — the seventh such firing by North Korea this year — may have been of a new mobile, two-stage liquid-fueled missile North Korea displayed in a huge April 15 military parade.

The White House, in a statement, said that North Korea has been "a flagrant menace for far too long."

The launch came as troops from the U.S., Japan and two European nations gather near Guam for drills that are partly a message to North Korea. The USS Carl Vinson, an aircraft supercarrier, is also engaging with South Korean navy ships in waters off the Korean Peninsula, according to Seoul's Defense Ministry.

Associated Press writer Hyung-jin Kim contributed to this report.

Erdogan visits Trump, amid much friction between US, Turkey

By JOSH LEDERMAN and VIVIAN SALAMA, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is on a collision course with its NATO ally Turkey, pushing ahead with arming Syrian Kurds after deciding the immediate objective of defeating Islamic State militants outweighs the potential damage to a partnership vital to U.S. interests in the volatile Middle East.

The Turks are fiercely opposed to the U.S. plans, seeing the Kurdish fighters as terrorists. And when Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan visits the White House on Tuesday, the most he and President Donald Trump may be able to do is agree to disagree, and move on.

"The Turks see this as a crisis in the relationship," said Jonathan Schanzer at the Washington-based Foundation for Defense of Democracies.

The challenge is hardly new. Long before Trump took office, U.S. presidents have grappled with the fragility of partnering with Turkey's government and the Kurds to carry out a Middle East agenda.

Past administrations have sought a delicate balance. Too exuberant in its support for the Kurds, and the U.S. risks pushing ally Turkey toward U.S. geopolitical rivals like Russia or emboldening the Kurds to try to create an independent state — a scenario that would destabilize multiple countries in the region. Too little cooperation with the Kurds risks squandering a battlefield ally with proven effectiveness against extremist threats and who has staunchly supported Washington.

Trump has made his priorities clear.

His administration is arming Syrian Kurdish fighters as part of an effort to recapture the Syrian city of Raqqa, the Islamic State group's self-declared capital. Coupled with the U.S.-backed fight in the Iraqi city of Mosul, Raqqa is seen as a key step toward liberating the remaining territory the militants hold.

Turkey has been pressuring the U.S. to drop support for the Kurdish militants in Syria for years and doesn't want them spearheading the Raqqa effort. Turkey considers the Syrian Kurdish group, known as the YPG, a terrorist group because of its ties to the outlawed Kurdish Workers' Party inside Turkey. The United States, the European Union and Turkey all agree the PKK is a terrorist organization.

The Turks fear any weapons the U.S. provides the Syrian Kurds could well end up with their ethnic brethren in Turkey, who've fought violently as part of a separatist insurgency for more than three decades. As a nod to Turkey's concerns, the Pentagon has promised tight monitoring of all weapons and greater intelligence sharing to help the Turks better watch over their frontiers. Kurds are an ethnic group predominantly concentrated along the borders of four countries — Turkey, Syria, Iraq and Iran.

But a face-to-face confrontation on the matter between Trump and Erdogan seems inevitable.

Erdogan and other top Turkish officials have pressed for the U.S. to reverse its strategy, however low the prospects of Trump changing his mind. As a result, experts see Erdogan using the meeting to confront Trump on a host of other Turkish grievances. Those include extraditing the Pennsylvania-based cleric, Fethullah Gulen, whom Erdogan blames for fomenting a failed coup last summer, and dropping U.S. charges against Reza Zarrab, a Turkish businessman accused of money-laundering and violating U.S. sanctions in Iran.

"I see this trip as a new milestone in Turkey-U.S. relations," Erdogan said, as he prepared to fly to Washington.

The U.S., too, has a wish list for Turkey. Washington is concerned by rising anti-Americanism in Turkey that Erdogan's government has tolerated since the July coup attempt. The U.S. also has pressed unsuccessfully for the release of Andrew Brunson, an American pastor, and other detained U.S. citizens.

Trump also has much at stake. His willingness to partner with authoritarian rulers and overlook their shortcomings on democracy and human rights have alarmed U.S. lawmakers of both parties. Trump's premise has been that he is focusing on deal-making. That puts added pressure on him to get results.

Trump has gone out of his way to foster a good relationship with Erdogan. After a national referendum last month that strengthened Erdogan's presidential powers, European leaders and rights advocates criticized Turkey for moving closer toward autocratic rule. Trump congratulated Erdogan.

Now, the American leader may try to cash in.

"Trump has prioritized protecting U.S. national security interests over lecturing allies on democratic values or human rights," said James Phillips, a senior research fellow for Middle Eastern affairs at the Heritage Foundation. "I don't think the president will lose any sleep if he is criticized for meeting with President Erdogan, as long as it pays dividends for advancing his foreign policy agenda."

But Erdogan may not be amenable to accepting the U.S. military support for the Kurds in a quid pro quo. Last month, the Turkish military bombed Kurdish forces in Syria and Iraq, in one case with American forces only about six miles (10 kilometers) away. His government has insisted it may attack Syrian Kurdish fighters again. The U.S., whose forces are sometimes embedded with the Kurds, has much to fear.

Barack Aydin of the Washington-based Kurdish Policy Research Center, said the key ought to be a broader peace process between Erdogan's government and Kurdish opponents in Turkey, which would eliminate these problems.

"That would be a very good start," Aydin said.

Replaces 8th paragraph to correct acronym for Syrian Kurdish Group of PKK.

Lawmakers urge Trump to avoid picking a partisan for FBI job

By HOPE YEN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — As President Donald Trump considers a replacement for fired FBI Director James Comey, lawmakers are urging the president to steer clear of appointing any politicians.

The advice came Sunday amid more criticism over Trump's dismissal of Comey during an FBI probe of Russia's meddling with last year's election and any ties to the Trump campaign. James Clapper, the former director of national intelligence, said the Founding Fathers created three co-equal branches of government with checks and balances, but with Trump as president, that was now "eroding."

"I think, in many ways, our institutions are under assault, both externally — and that's the big news here, is the Russian interference in our election system," Clapper said "I think as well our institutions are under assault internally."

When asked, "Internally, from the president?" Clapper responded, "Exactly."

The White House had no immediate comment. No White House aide appeared on the Sunday news shows, leaving Nikki Haley, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, to defend Trump. "The president is the CEO of the country. He can hire and fire whoever he wants," she said.

Lawmakers from both parties reprimanded Trump for his actions, which included shifting explanations

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from the White House for Comey's dismissal and an ominous tweet by Trump that warned Comey against leaks to the press because Trump may have "tapes" of their conversations.

Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham, a member of the Judiciary Committee, said selecting an FBI agent to lead the agency would allow the nation to "reset." He dismissed as less desirable at least two of the 14 candidates under consideration, ex-FBI agent and former Rep. Mike Rogers of Michigan and Sen. John Cornyn of Texas, the No. 2 Republican in the Senate.

"It's now time to pick somebody who comes from within the ranks, or has such a reputation that has no political background at all that can go into the job on Day 1," said Graham, R-S.C.

"The president has a chance to clean up the mess he mostly created," Graham said, adding: "I have no evidence that the president colluded with the Russians at all ... but we don't know all the evidence yet."

Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, continued to argue that the president should consider Merrick Garland, the federal judge nominated to the Supreme Court last year by President Barack Obama but who was denied a hearing by Republicans. A former top aide to Sen. Mitch McConnell, Josh Holmes, said that McConnell is interested in the suggestion.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York said the new FBI director should be someone "not of partisan background" with "great experience" and "courage." Declining to comment on a Garland nomination, Schumer left open the possibility that Democrats might withdraw support for a new FBI director unless the Justice Department names a special prosecutor for the Russia probe.

Under Senate rules, Republicans could confirm an FBI director with 51 votes. Republicans hold 52 seats in the chamber to Democrats' 48.

Calling Trump's remarks about possible taped conversations "outrageous," Sen. Mark Warner of Virginia, the top Democrat on the Senate Intelligence Committee, said his panel or another committee would "absolutely" subpoena such tapes.

"We have got to make sure that these tapes, if they exist, don't mysteriously disappear," Warner said, adding that he hopes to have Comey testify in a public hearing before his committee.

The blowback against the firing of Comey angered the increasingly frustrated president, who made the decision after consulting only a small group of advisers, worried the news would leak out. Trump has openly vented his frustration with the media and Democrats on Twitter, musing about canceling press briefings and arguing that it's difficult for aides to know his thinking.

The administration has interviewed at least eight candidates to replace Comey, just over half of the 14 being considered. Trump has said a decision could come before he leaves Friday for the Mideast and Europe, his first overseas trip as president. He was also set to welcome foreign leaders to the White House, with Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Tuesday and President Juan Manuel Santos of Colombia on Thursday. A leader of the United Arab Emirates was scheduled to visit Monday.

Clapper and Schumer made their comments on CNN's "State of the Union"; Graham spoke on NBC's "Meet the Press"; Haley and Warner appeared on ABC's "This Week"; and Warner spoke on "Fox News Sunday" along with Lee and Holmes.

Associated Press writers Catherine Lucey, Sadie Gurman and Darlene Superville contributed to this report.

Monday morning blues as 'WannaCry' hits at workweek's start

By YURI KAGEYAMA and LOUISE WATT, Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — The worldwide "ransomware" cyberattack spread to thousands of more computers on Monday as people logged in at work, disrupting business, schools, hospitals and daily life, though no new large-scale breakdowns were reported.

In Britain, whose health service was among the first high-profile targets of the attack Friday, some hospitals and doctors' offices were still struggling to recover.

The full extent of the damage from the cyberattack felt in 150 countries was unclear and could worsen if more malicious variations of the online extortion scheme appear.

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The initial attack, known as "WannaCry," paralyzed computers running factories, banks, government agencies and transport systems in scores of countries, including Russia, Ukraine, Brazil, Spain, India and Japan, among others. Among those hit were Russia's Interior Ministry and companies including Spain's Telefonica and FedEx Corp. in the U.S.

Though the ransomware continued to spread at a more subdued pace on Monday, many companies and government agencies were still struggling to recover from the first attack.

Carmaker Renault said one of its French plants, which employs 3,500 people, wasn't reopening Monday as a "preventative step" while technicians deal with the aftermath of the attack.

Britain's National Health Service said about a fifth of NHS trusts — the regional bodies that run hospitals and clinics — were hit by the attack on Friday, leading to thousands of canceled appointments and operations. Seven of the 47 affected trusts were still having IT problems Monday.

Ciaran Martin, chief executive of the U.K.'s National Cyber Security Centre, has warned that more computers could be infected Monday as doctors' practices re-opened after the weekend.

In Asia, where Friday's attack occurred after business hours, thousands of new cases were reported on Monday as people came back to work.

The Japan Computer Emergency Response Team Coordination Center, a nonprofit group, said 2,000 computers at 600 locations in Japan were affected. Companies including Hitachi and Nissan Motor Co. reported problems but said they had not seriously affected their business operations.

Chinese state media said 29,372 institutions there had been infected along with hundreds of thousands of devices.

Universities and other educational institutions in China were among the hardest hit, possibly because schools tend to have old computers and be slow to update operating systems and security, said Fang Xingdong, founder of ChinaLabs, an internet strategy think tank.

On social media, students complained about not being able to access their work, and people in various cities said they hadn't been able to take their driving tests over the weekend because some local traffic police systems were down.

Railway stations, mail delivery, gas stations, hospitals, office buildings, shopping malls and government services also were affected, China's Xinhua News Agency said, citing the Threat Intelligence Center of Qihoo 360, a Chinese internet security services company.

In Indonesia, the malware locked patient files on computers in two hospitals in the capital, Jakarta, causing delays.

Experts urged organizations and companies to immediately update older Microsoft operating systems, such as Windows XP, with a patch released by Microsoft Corp. to limit vulnerability to a more powerful version of the malware — or to future versions that can't be stopped.

Paying ransom will not ensure any fix, said Eiichi Moriya, a cybersecurity expert and professor at Meiji University.

"You are dealing with a criminal," he said. "It's like after a robber enters your home. You can change the locks but what has happened cannot be undone. If someone kidnaps your child, you may pay your ransom but there is no guarantee your child will return."

New variants of the rapidly replicating malware were discovered Sunday. One did not include the so-called kill switch that allowed researchers to interrupt the malware's spread Friday by diverting it to a dead end on the internet.

Ryan Kalember, senior vice president at Proofpoint Inc., which helped stop its spread, said the version without a kill switch could spread. It was benign because it contained a flaw that prevented it from taking over computers and demanding ransom to unlock files but other more malicious ones will likely pop up.

"We haven't fully dodged this bullet at all until we're patched against the vulnerability itself," Kalember said.

The attack held users hostage by freezing their computers, popping up a red screen with the words, "Oops, your files have been encrypted!" and demanding money through online bitcoin payment — \$300 at first, rising to \$600 before it destroys files hours later.

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Just one click on an infected attachment or bad link would lead to all computers in a network becoming infected, said Vikram Thakur, technical director of Symantec Security Response.

"That's what makes this more troubling than ransomware was a week ago," Thakur said.

The attack has hit more than 200,000 victims across the world since Friday and is seen as an "escalating threat," said Rob Wainwright, the head of Europol, Europe's policing agency.

"The numbers are still going up," Wainwright said.

Microsoft's top lawyer is laying some of the blame at the feet of the U.S. government. Brad Smith criticized U.S. intelligence agencies, including the CIA and National Security Agency, for "stockpiling" software code that can be used by hackers. Cybersecurity experts say the unknown hackers who launched this weekend's "ransomware" attacks used a vulnerability that was exposed in NSA documents leaked online.

It was too early to say who was behind the onslaught, which struck 100,000 organizations, and what their motivation was, aside from the obvious demand for money. So far, not many people have paid the ransom demanded by the malware, Europol spokesman Jan Op Gen Oorth told The Associated Press.

Researchers who helped prevent the spread of the malware and cybersecurity firms worked around the clock over the weekend to monitor the situation and install the software patch.

"Right now, just about every IT department has been working all weekend rolling this out," said Dan Wire, spokesman at Fireeye Security.

Microsoft distributed the patch two months ago, which could have forestalled much of the attack, but in many organizations it was likely lost among the blizzard of updates and patches that large corporations and governments strain to manage.

Watt reported from Beijing. AP researcher Yu Bing and news assistant Liu Zheng in Beijing, John Leicester in Paris, Jill Lawless in London, Youkyung Lee in Seoul and Kelvin Chan in Hong Kong contributed to this report.

10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press

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

1. WHY THIS NORTH KOREA MISSILE TEST IS DIFFERENT

Pyongyang claims it can carry a heavy nuclear warhead and outsiders see a significant technological jump with the latest ballistic launch.

2. WORLDWIDE 'RANSOMWARE' CYBERATTACK SPREADS

The malware hits thousands of more computers, disrupting business, schools, hospitals and daily life, though no new large-scale breakdowns were reported.

3. WHAT LAWMAKERS ARE URGING TRUMP TO DO

As the U.S. president considers a replacement for fired FBI Director James Comey, members of Congress are urging him to steer clear of appointing any politicians.

4. US ON COLLISION COURSE WITH NATO ALLY TURKEY

The Trump administration is pushing ahead with arming Syrian Kurds despite potential damage to a vital partnership.

5. WHO WILL BE HEARING LATEST TRAVEL BAN APPEAL

Three judges in Seattle appointed by former President Bill Clinton will hear the appeal of Hawaii's challenge to Trump's ban targeting six predominantly Muslim countries.

6. WHICH KIDS WILL SEXUALLY ATTACK CLASSMATES

Thousands of school-age offenders are treated annually for sexual aggression in the U.S., yet there is no profile of a typical attacker, AP finds.

7. SCHOOL SEX COMPLAINTS TO FEDS RISE — AND LANGUISH

The U.S. government issued guidance on what schools must do upon receiving reports of student sexual violence in K-12 schools, but that has not led to a wave of reforms, an AP analysis finds.

8. FRANCE'S NEW PRESIDENT WASTES NO TIME

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On his first full day in office, Emmanuel Macron is meeting in Berlin with Chancellor Angela Merkel and possibly unveiling his choice of prime minister.

9. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA REPEATS AS MISS USA

Kara McCullough, a scientist working for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, wins the crown.

10. 'THERE ISN'T A PERSON OR PLAYER I WOULD TRADE PLACES WITH'

Derek Jeter has his No. 2 retired by New York Yankees and is immortalized with a plaque in Monument Park.

With Merkel and PM, France's new president wastes no time

By SYLVIE CORBET, Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — On his first full day in office, France's freshly inaugurated President Emmanuel Macron was moving quickly Monday on fronts foreign and domestic, with a scheduled first presidential trip to Berlin for talks with Chancellor Angela Merkel and the expected unveiling of his choice for prime minister.

Among names being bandied around for the top job in Macron's first government, speculation mostly centered on Edouard Philippe. The 46-year-old lawmaker, largely unknown to voters, is a member of the mainstream-right Republicans party that was badly battered by Macron's victory in the presidential campaign.

Appointing Philippe could tick several boxes for 39-year-old Macron, France's youngest president, who took power on Sunday. Philippe's age would reinforce the generational shift in France's corridors of power and the image of youthful vigor that Macron is cultivating. It would also make good on Macron's campaign promises to repopulate French politics with new faces.

Philippe could also attract other Republicans to Macron's cause as the centrist president works to piece together a majority in parliament to pass promised economic reforms.

Macron's planned afternoon trip to Berlin, his first as president, signals his intent to also move rapidly on campaign promises to revive support for the European Union by reforming and strengthening it.

On Sunday, Macron said: "We will need a more efficient Europe, a more democratic Europe, a more political Europe because it's the instrument of our power and our sovereignty, I will work on that."

Germany is looking to Macron to revitalize France as an economic power and political heavyweight in an EU facing complex divorce proceedings with Britain. When Britain leaves the bloc in 2019, France will be the EU's only member with nuclear weapons and a permanent seat on the U.N. Security Council.

As a presidential candidate, Macron called for a "new Franco-German deal" that would involve "much more structured cooperation" on investment, on European border security, and on defense.

Macron is the conservative Merkel's fourth French president in nearly 12 years as chancellor. She built a solid relationship with Macron's predecessor, Socialist Francois Hollande, despite their political differences — notably with their joint effort to secure an accord to calm the crisis in Ukraine in tense overnight talks in Minsk, Belarus in 2015.

Germany is keen to continue with the Franco-German diplomatic drive to keep a lid on the situation in Ukraine.

Merkel has praised Macron's embrace of European unity but has offered few concrete details of the way forward for German-French relations.

John Leicester in Paris and Geir Moulson in Berlin contributed.

Another appeals court to weigh Trump's revised travel ban

By GENE JOHNSON, Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — For the second time in a week, government lawyers will try to persuade a federal appeals court to reinstate President Donald Trump's revised travel ban — and once again, they can expect plenty of questions Monday about whether the ban was designed to discriminate against Muslims.

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has scheduled arguments in Seattle over

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Hawaii's lawsuit challenging the travel ban, which would suspend the nation's refugee program and temporarily bar new visas for citizens of Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen.

Last week, judges on the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals heard arguments over whether to affirm a Maryland judge's decision putting the ban on ice. They peppered Acting Solicitor General Jeffrey Wall with questions about whether they could consider Trump's campaign statements calling for a ban on Muslims entering the U.S., with one judge asking if there was anything other than "willful blindness" that would prevent them from doing so.

Monday's arguments mark the second time Trump's efforts to restrict immigration from certain Muslim-majority nations have reached the San Francisco-based 9th Circuit.

After Trump issued his initial travel ban on a Friday in late January, bringing chaos and protests to airports around the country, a Seattle judge blocked its enforcement nationwide — a decision that was unanimously upheld by a three-judge 9th Circuit panel.

The president then rewrote his executive order, rather than appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, and in March, U.S. District Judge Derrick Watson in Honolulu blocked the new version from taking effect, citing what he called "significant and un rebutted evidence of religious animus" in Trump's campaign statements.

"Again, in this court, the President claims a nearly limitless power to make immigration policy that is all but immune from judicial review," Hawaii Attorney General Douglas Chin wrote to the 9th Circuit. "Again, he must be checked."

The administration's lawyers are seeking to persuade the judges that the lower court's decision is "fundamentally wrong," and that the president's order falls squarely within his duty to secure the nation's borders. The order as written is silent on religion, and neither Hawaii nor its co-plaintiff, the imam of the Muslim Association of Hawaii, has standing to sue, they say — arguments that were rejected in the lower court.

The travel ban cases are expected to reach the Supreme Court, but that would likely be cemented if the 4th and 9th Circuits reach differing conclusions about its legality. Because of how the courts chose to proceed, a full slate of 13 judges heard the 4th Circuit arguments last week, while just three, all appointees of President Bill Clinton, will sit in Seattle.

For that reason — with the possibility for myriad concurring or dissenting opinions — it could take the 4th Circuit longer to rule, noted Carl Tobias, a law professor at University of Richmond law school in Virginia.

Leonard's injury spotlights a debated and dangerous NBA play

By BRIAN MAHONEY, AP Basketball Writer

Kawhi Leonard had already launched his jump shot and Zaza Pachulia kept sliding toward him while Leonard was in the air.

Leonard landed on Pachulia's foot and crashed to the court in pain.

Dirty? Possibly.

Dangerous? Absolutely.

The play that knocked Leonard out of the game with an injured left ankle and helped Golden State's huge rally in Game 1 of the Western Conference finals is one the NBA started cracking down on four seasons ago in an effort to protect jump shooters.

But with long-distance shots playing such a heavy role in offenses these days, the risk of injury isn't going away.

Nor is the debate — one the Spurs have seen from both sides — that raged long after the Warriors' 113-111 victory Sunday. While Leonard is respected for the way he defends without fouling, opponents hated the way former defensive ace Bruce Bowen crowded too closely on their jumpers.

"We see this quite often in the NBA where that defender, they just go a little too far and you're not allowed to take the landing area away from the jump shooter," Joe Borgia, the NBA's senior vice president of replay and referee operations, said Sunday while discussing the foul that was called on Pachulia on his "Making the Call" video segment on NBA.com.

"Obviously a very dangerous situation for players, and the referee luckily stayed on that play all the way

until the shooter landed and the foul was called on the play.”

That wasn’t enough for ABC analyst Jeff Van Gundy, who argued that Pachulia should have been called for a flagrant one for intentionally sliding under Leonard, which both players denied.

“Did he step under it? Like on purpose? No,” Leonard said afterward. “He was contesting a shot. The shot clock was coming down. I’ll have to see the play.”

Pachulia said he was just trying to contest the shot and seemed surprised at first that a foul was even called, though many observers on social media thought the play looked suspect.

“Zaza’s not a dirty player. You’ve got to time that perfectly if you want to hurt somebody,” teammate Kevin Durant said. “We’re not that type of team. Kawhi’s an unbelievable player. We’ve got nothing but respect for him. We wish that he gets healthy. We just tried to contest a shot. Guys are playing hard. It was an unfortunate situation, I wish it didn’t happen, but I don’t think it was intentional. You can’t listen to people on Twitter, they’re irrational.”

But they aren’t the only ones lately wondering if one of those fouls was intentional. Markieff Morris did the same after the Washington forward landed on Al Horford’s foot in Game 1 of their Eastern Conference semifinal, knocking him out of a game the Celtics rallied to win.

Realizing the potential for ankle injuries — a problem for Warriors star Stephen Curry earlier in his career — the NBA made the play one of its points of emphasis for officials before the 2013-14 season, stressing that shooters had to be given the freedom to land. But in a series like the West finals, matching the Warriors’ lethal outside shooters against a Spurs team that led the league in 3-point percentage during the regular season, neither team is going to want to allow too much space.

That’s all Pachulia had in mind.

“I just did what I was supposed to do and challenged his shot. I turned around and there was a call,” Pachulia said. “I didn’t notice that he was down until I turned back actually. So I didn’t see what happened there.”

More AP NBA: apnews.com/tag/NBAbasketball

North Korea: New long-range missile can carry heavy nuke

By FOSTER KLUG, Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea said Monday the missile it launched over the weekend was a new type of “medium long-range” ballistic rocket that can carry a heavy nuclear warhead. A jubilant leader Kim Jong Un promised more nuclear and missile tests and warned that North Korean weapons could strike the U.S. mainland and Pacific holdings.

North Korean propaganda must be considered with wariness — Pyongyang has threatened for decades to reduce Seoul to a “sea of fire,” for instance — but Monday’s claim, if confirmed, would mark another big advance toward the North’s goal of fielding a nuclear-tipped missile capable of reaching the U.S. mainland. Some experts, including officials in Tokyo, estimate that Sunday’s launch successfully tested a new type of missile in Pyongyang’s arsenal.

The test is also an immediate challenge to South Korea’s new leader, Moon Jae-in, a liberal elected last week who expressed a desire to reach out to North Korea. Pyongyang’s aggressive push to boost its weapons program also makes it one of the Trump administration’s most urgent foreign policy worries, though Washington has struggled to settle on a policy.

North Korea’s official Korean Central News Agency called the missile a “new ground-to-ground medium long-range strategic ballistic rocket,” and said the “Hwasong-12” was “capable of carrying a large, heavy nuclear warhead.” Kim Jong Un witnessed the test and “hugged officials in the field of rocket research, saying that they worked hard to achieve a great thing,” according to KCNA.

The rocket, “newly designed in a Korean-style,” flew 787 kilometers (490 miles) and reached a maximum altitude of 2,111.5 kilometers (1,310 miles), the North said, and “verified the homing feature of the warhead

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under the worst re-entry situation and accurate performance of detonation system.”

South Korea’s Defense Ministry said more analysis is needed to verify the North’s claim on the rocket’s technological features. Spokesman Moon Sang Gyun said it’s still unlikely that North Korea has re-entry technology, which would return a warhead safely back into the atmosphere.

Japanese officials said Sunday the missile flew for half an hour and reached an unusually high altitude before landing in the Sea of Japan.

North Korea is not thought to be able yet to make a nuclear warhead small enough to mount on a long-range missile, though some outside analysts think they can arm shorter range missiles with warheads; each new nuclear and longer-range missile test is part of the North’s attempt to build a nuclear-tipped long-range missile.

Kim said the North would stage more nuclear and missile tests in order to perfect nuclear bombs needed to deal with U.S. “nuclear blackmail.”

State media paraphrased Kim as saying that “the most perfect weapon systems in the world will never become the eternal exclusive property of the U.S., ... strongly warning the U.S. should not ... disregard or misjudge the reality that its mainland and Pacific operation region are in (North Korea’s) sighting range for strike.”

The launch complicates the new South Korean president’s plan to talk to the North, and came as U.S., Japanese and European navies gather for joint war games in the Pacific.

“The president expressed deep regret over the fact that this reckless provocation ... occurred just days after a new government was launched in South Korea,” senior presidential secretary Yoon Young-chan said. “The president said we are leaving open the possibility of dialogue with North Korea, but we should sternly deal with a provocation to prevent North Korea from miscalculating.”

Moon, South Korea’s first liberal leader in nearly a decade, said as he took his oath of office last week that he’d be willing to visit the North if the circumstances were right.

The U.N. Security Council will hold closed consultations about the launch on Tuesday afternoon, according to the U.N. Mission for Uruguay, which holds the council presidency this month.

U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley said on ABC television that the United States has been working well with China, Pyongyang’s closest ally, and she raised the possibility of new sanctions against North Korea, including on oil imports.

The Security Council has adopted six increasingly tougher sanctions resolutions against North Korea.

President Donald Trump’s administration has called North Korean ballistic and nuclear efforts unacceptable, but it has swung between threats of military action and offers to talk as it formulates a policy.

While Trump has said he’d be “honored” to talk with leader Kim Jong Un under favorable conditions, Haley seemed to rule out the possibility. “Having a missile test is not the way to sit down with the president, because he’s absolutely not going to do it,” she told ABC.

The U.S. Pacific Command said the flight of Sunday’s test “is not consistent with an intercontinental ballistic missile,” a technology the North is believed to have tested clandestinely by launching rockets to put satellites in orbit.

David Wright, co-director of the Global Security Program at the Union of Concerned Scientists, said the missile could have a range of 4,500 kilometers (about 2,800 miles) if flown on a standard, instead of a lofted, trajectory — considerably longer than Pyongyang’s current missiles. He said Sunday’s launch — the seventh such firing by North Korea this year — may have been of a new mobile, two-stage liquid-fueled missile North Korea displayed in a huge April 15 military parade.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe told reporters that the launch was “absolutely unacceptable” and that Japan would respond resolutely.

The White House took note of the missile landing close to Russia’s Pacific coast and said in a statement that North Korea has been “a flagrant menace for far too long.”

Italian Premier Paolo Gentiloni said the G-7 summit his country is hosting later this month would discuss how to deal with the risk North Korea’s missile launchings pose to global security.

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"It's a serious problem for global stability and security, and I'm convinced that the upcoming G-7, in friendship, will contribute to resolving this issue," he said in Beijing.

The launch came as troops from the U.S., Japan and two European nations gather near Guam for drills that are partly a message to North Korea. The USS Carl Vinson, an aircraft supercarrier, is also engaging with South Korean navy ships in waters off the Korean Peninsula, according to Seoul's Defense Ministry.

Associated Press writers Hyung-jin Kim in Seoul, Mari Yamaguchi in Tokyo and Frances D'Emilio in Rome contributed to this report.

The Latest: 29,000 Chinese institutions hit by cyberattack

LONDON (AP) — The latest on the global extortion cyberattack that hit dozens of countries on Friday (all times local):

4:50 a.m.

Chinese state media say more than 29,000 institutions across China have been infected by the global "ransomware" cyberattack.

Xinhua News Agency reports that by Saturday evening, 29,372 institutions had been infected along with hundreds of thousands of devices. It cited the Threat Intelligence Center of Qihoo 360, a Chinese internet security services company.

It says universities and educational institutions were among the hardest hit, numbering 4,341, or about 15 percent of internet protocol addresses attacked. Also affected were railway stations, mail delivery, gas stations, hospitals, office buildings, shopping malls and government services.

Xinhua says the system used by PetroChina's gas stations was attacked, meaning customers could not use their cards to pay. Most stations had recovered.

4:45 a.m.

Japanese companies say they are working to overcome the problems caused by a global "ransomware" cyberattack.

Nissan Motor Co. confirmed Monday some units had been targeted, but it had responded and there has been no major impact on its business.

Hitachi spokeswoman Yuko Tainiuchi said it was experiencing email delays and file delivery failures and suspected the cyberattack was at fault, even though no ransom was being demanded. Programs were being installed to fix the problem.

Broadcaster NTV reported 600 companies and 2,000 computers in Japan had been affected. Overall the attack has created chaos in 150 countries

The initial attack, known as "WannaCry," paralyzed computers that run Britain's hospital network, Germany's national railway and other companies and government agencies worldwide in what's believed to be the biggest online extortion scheme ever.

2:30 a.m.

The Indonesian government is urging businesses to update computer security after two hospitals were affected by a "ransomware" cyberattack that has hit dozens of countries.

The director-general of Indonesia's Communication and Information Ministry says in a statement that the malware locked patient files on computers at the affected hospitals, both in the capital Jakarta.

Local media reported Monday that patients arriving at Dharmas Cancer Hospital on the weekend were unable to get queue numbers and had to wait several hours while staff worked with paper records.

The ministry has announced specific measures that organizations can take to counter the "WannaCry" attack including a specific update to Microsoft operating systems.

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Microsoft's top lawyer is laying some of the blame for Friday's massive cyberattack at the feet of the U.S. government.

Brad Smith criticized U.S. intelligence agencies, including the CIA and National Security Agency, for "stockpiling" software code that can be used by hackers. Cybersecurity experts say the unknown hackers who launched this weekend's "ransomware" attacks used a vulnerability that was exposed in NSA documents leaked online.

In a post on Microsoft's blog, Smith says: "An equivalent scenario with conventional weapons would be the U.S. military having some of its Tomahawk missiles stolen."

Microsoft's lawyer says governments should "report vulnerabilities" that they discover to software companies, "rather than stockpile, sell, or exploit them."

10:30 p.m.

Britain's National Cyber Security Center has joined others in warning that more cases of "ransomware" attacks may come to light as a new work week starts Monday.

The organization predicts that the problem could be "at a significant scale" because some infected machines haven't yet been detected, and existing infections can spread within networks.

It said Sunday that a similar cyberattack could also recur, though it did not have "specific evidence" of this.

The warning echoed that from Europe's policing agency earlier Sunday. Europol that said the malware has claimed some 200,000 victims across 150 countries and that the numbers are still going up. Officials urged organizations and companies to immediately update their security software.

8:45 p.m.

An executive at a cybersecurity firm that helped block a global ransomware attack says new variations of the malicious worm are circulating and researchers expect one to develop that can't be stopped.

Ryan Kalember, senior vice president at Proofpoint Inc., says that millions of devices could be vulnerable if they haven't applied security patches over the weekend.

He says if a new variant without a so-called kill switch pops up, then organizations will be on their own to prevent it from taking over their computers.

Proofpoint and a British cybersecurity researcher teamed up Friday to derail the attack that was said to strike at least 100,000 organizations in 150 countries.

It is believed to be the biggest online extortion ever, hitting British hospitals, German rail and companies and government agencies.

6 p.m.

The former U.S. national intelligence director says the global "ransomware" attack could grow much larger when people return to work.

James Clapper told ABC's "This Week" on Sunday that he expects similar attacks to become a growing problem in the future.

Europe's police agency says the attack has hit at least 100,000 organizations in 150 countries.

It is believed to be the biggest online extortion recorded. It spread cyber chaos worldwide, hitting Britain's hospital network, Germany's railway and scores of companies and government agencies.

Clapper and Europol say the scope of the problem may become bigger Monday when people switch on their computers.

Clapper, who served as intelligence director under President Barack Obama, calls it a "very serious, serious problem."

Attackers have demanded \$300 to \$600 to unlock encrypted files.

11:40 a.m.

Europol, the European Union's police agency, says the international "ransomware" cyberattack has so far hit more than 100,000 organizations in at least 150 countries.

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Spokesman Jan Op Gen Oorth said Sunday that the number of individuals who have fallen victim to the cyberextortion attack could be much higher.

He said it was too early to say who is behind the onslaught and what their motivation was. He said the main challenge was the fast-spreading capabilities of the malware, but added that, so far, not many people have paid the ransoms that the virus demands.

He warned that more people may be hit by the virus Monday when they return to work and switch on their computers.

The attack that began Friday is believed to be the biggest online extortion attack ever recorded, with victims including Britain's hospital network and Germany's national railway.

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Chinese media are reporting that the global "ransomware" virus attacked many university networks in China.

The Beijing News said Sunday that students at several universities around the country reported being hit by the virus, which blocked access to their thesis papers and dissertation presentations.

In each case, a pop-up window demanded payments of \$300, or about 2,000 yuan, in order to free the files.

The attack that began Friday is believed to be the biggest online extortion attack ever recorded, disrupting computers that run factories, banks, government agencies and transport systems. It crippled the British health care system for a day, infecting nearly 20 percent of its health care groups, forcing medical treatments to be canceled or postponed for thousands of people.

A young British cybersecurity researcher discovered a so-called "kill switch" for the attack, limiting the damage.

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As terrifying as the unprecedented global "ransomware" attack was, cybersecurity experts say it's nothing compared to what might be coming — especially if companies and governments don't make major fixes.

Had it not been for a young cybersecurity researcher's accidental discovery of a so-called "kill switch," the malicious software likely would have spread much farther and faster than it did Friday.

This is already believed to be the biggest online extortion attack ever recorded, disrupting computers that run factories, banks, government agencies and transport systems in nations as diverse as Russia, Ukraine, Brazil, Spain, India and the U.S.

Security experts tempered the alarm bells by saying that widespread attacks are tough to pull off. This one worked because of a "perfect storm" of conditions, including a known and highly dangerous security hole in Microsoft Windows, tardy users who didn't apply Microsoft's March software fix, and malware designed to spread quickly once inside university, business or government networks.

Log in, look out: Cyber chaos may grow at workweek's start

By SYLVIA HUI and CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER, Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Employees booting up computers at work Monday could see red as they discover they're victims of a global "ransomware" cyberattack that has created chaos in 150 countries and could wreak even greater havoc as more malicious variations appear.

As a loose global network of cybersecurity experts fought the ransomware hackers, officials and experts on Sunday urged organizations and companies to update older Microsoft operating systems immediately to ensure they aren't vulnerable to a more powerful version of the software — or to future versions that can't be stopped.

The initial attack, known as "WannaCry," paralyzed computers that run Britain's hospital network, Germany's national railway and scores of other companies and government agencies worldwide in what was believed to be the biggest online extortion scheme so far.

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Microsoft blamed the U.S. government for "stockpiling" software code that was used by unknown hackers to launch the attacks. The hackers exploited software code from the National Security Agency that leaked online.

The company's top lawyer said the government should report weaknesses they discover to software companies rather than seek to exploit them.

"An equivalent scenario with conventional weapons would be the U.S. military having some of its Tomahawk missiles stolen," attorney Brad Smith wrote on Microsoft's blog.

New variants of the rapidly replicating worm were discovered Sunday and one did not include the so-called kill switch that allowed researchers to interrupt its spread Friday by diverting it to a dead end on the internet.

Ryan Kalember, senior vice president at Proofpoint Inc. which helped stop its spread, said the version without a kill switch was able to spread but was benign because it contained a flaw that wouldn't allow it to take over a computer and demand ransom to unlock files. However, he said it's only a matter of time before a malevolent version exists.

"I still expect another to pop up and be fully operational," Kalember said. "We haven't fully dodged this bullet at all until we're patched against the vulnerability itself."

The attack held users hostage by freezing their computers, popping up a red screen with the words, "Oops, your files have been encrypted!" and demanding money through online bitcoin payment — \$300 at first, rising to \$600 before it destroys files hours later.

The ransomware attack was particularly malicious, because if just one person in an organization clicked on an infected attachment or bad link, all the computers in a network would be infected, said Vikram Thakur, technical director of Symantec Security Response.

"That's what makes this more troubling than ransomware was a week ago," Thakur said.

It hit 200,000 victims across the world since Friday and is seen as an "escalating threat," said Rob Wainwright, the head of Europol, Europe's policing agency.

"The numbers are still going up," Wainwright said. "We've seen that the slowdown of the infection rate over Friday night, after a temporary fix around it, has now been overcome by a second variation the criminals have released."

The effects were felt around the globe, disrupting computers that run factories, banks, government agencies and transport systems in nations as diverse as Russia, Ukraine, Brazil, Spain, India and the U.S. Britain's National Health Service was hit hard, while Russia's Interior Ministry and companies including Spain's Telefonica, FedEx Corp. in the U.S. and French carmaker Renault all reported disruptions.

Chinese media reported that more than 29,000 institutions in the country had been hit, with universities and other educational entities the hardest hit, along with railway services and retailers. Japanese broadcaster NTV reported 600 companies in that country had been hit, and automaker Nissan and the Hitachi conglomerate said they were addressing the problem at their units that were affected.

The full extent of the attack won't become fully clear until people return to their workplaces Monday, for the first time after the attacks. Many may click infected email attachments or bad links and spread the virus further.

"It's this constant battle," said Ryan O'Leary, vice president of WhiteHat Security's threat research center. "The bad guys are always one step ahead."

The White House held emergency meetings Friday and Saturday to assess the global cyber threat, a White House official said Sunday. No details were disclosed. The official was not authorized to discuss the private meetings by name and requested anonymity.

It was too early to say who was behind the onslaught, which struck 100,000 organizations, and what their motivation was, aside from the obvious demand for money. So far, not many people have paid the ransom demanded by the malware, Europol spokesman Jan Op Gen Oorth told The Associated Press.

Researchers who helped prevent the spread of the malware and cybersecurity firms worked around the clock during the weekend to monitor the situation and install a software patch to block the worm from infecting computers in corporations across the U.S., Europe and Asia.

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"Right now, just about every IT department has been working all weekend rolling this out," said Dan Wire, spokesman at Fireeye Security.

Businesses, government agencies and other organizations were urged to quickly implement a patch released by Microsoft Corp. The ransomware exploits older versions of Microsoft's operating system software, such as Windows XP.

Installing the patch is one way to secure computers against the virus. The other is to disable a type of software that connects computers to printers and faxes, which the virus exploits, O'Leary added.

Microsoft distributed a patch two months ago that could have forestalled much of the attack, but in many organizations it was likely lost among the blizzard of updates and patches that large corporations and governments strain to manage.

"It's one of those things, in a perfect world, if people were up to date on the patches, this wouldn't be a problem," O'Leary said. "But there are so many things to patch. The patch lists can be ginormous. It can be tough to tell which patch is important, until it is too late."

Rugaber reported from Washington. AP writers Brian Melley in Los Angeles, Catherine Lucey in Washington, Allen G. Breed in Raleigh, North Carolina, and AP Technology Writer Anick Jesdanun in New York contributed to this report.

Miss District of Columbia wins 2017 edition of Miss USA

By REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The District of Columbia has won back-to-back Miss USA titles.

Kara McCullough, a 25-year-old chemist working for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, was crowned Sunday at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center on the Las Vegas Strip. She will go on to compete on the Miss Universe contest.

The runner-up was Miss New Jersey Chhavi Verg, a student at Rutgers University studying marketing and Spanish. The second runner-up was Miss Minnesota Meridith Gould, who is studying apparel retail merchandising at the University of Minnesota.

Fifty-one women representing each state and the nation's capital participated in the decades-old competition.

McCullough was born in Naples, Italy, and raised in Virginia Beach, Virginia. She said she wants to inspire children to pursue careers in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Last year, District of Columbia resident Deshauna Barber became the first-ever military member to win Miss USA.

The top five finalists were asked different questions that touched on the pros and cons of social media, women's rights and issues affecting teenagers. McCullough was asked whether she thinks that affordable health care for all U.S. citizens is a right or a privilege. McCullough said it is a privilege.

"As a government employee, I'm granted health care and I see firsthand that for one to have health care, you need to have jobs."

Later in the competition, the McCullough, Verg and Gould were asked to explain what they consider feminism to be and whether they consider themselves feminists. Miss District of Columbia said she likes to "transpose" the word feminism to "equalism."

The beauty pageant this year included five women who immigrated to the U.S. at a young age and now as citizens hoped to represent the nation on a global stage. Verg and the women representing Florida, North Dakota, Hawaii, Connecticut and New Jersey told The Associated Press this week they have faced challenges and opportunities as immigrants.

Verg told The Associated Press days ahead of the competition that she and her parents immigrated from India to the U.S. with only \$500 in their pockets when she was 4 years old. Her first winter she did not have a winter coat and the family struggled to adjust.

"I want to show Americans that the definition of what it means to be American is changing," the 20-year-

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old said. "It's not just one face. There are many different people who are Americans, and I feel like Asian-Americans often times are left out of the conversation."

The contestants' remarks stand in stark contrast to the scandal that enveloped the pageant in 2015, when then-part owner and now U.S. President Donald Trump offended Hispanics when he made anti-immigrant remarks in announcing his bid for the White House.

Trump co-owned The Miss Universe Organization with NBCUniversal, but the network and the Spanish-language broadcaster Univision quickly cut ties with him, refusing to air the show. Trump sued both networks, eventually settling and selling the pageant to talent management company WME/IMG.

The show kicked off with a performance from a Cirque du Soleil show — a Las Vegas staple — based on Michael Jackson songs. The contestants took the stage as Jackson's "Black or White" played and acrobats performed.

CMA Award-winner Brett Eldredge performed his new single "The Long Way" as the women modeled their evening gowns. They modeled their final looks of the night during a performance of Pitbull's "Options" featuring Stephen Marley.

Julianne Hough, Ashley Graham and Terrence J. hosted the show.

Graduate, 14, youngest ever at Texas Christian University

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A 14-year-old physics major has become the youngest person ever to graduate from Texas Christian University.

Carson Huey-You was among more than 2,000 students getting degrees Saturday at the Fort Worth school founded in 1873. He started at TCU in 2013 when he was 11. He also has minors in Chinese and math.

Huey-You tells the Fort Worth Star-Telegram (<http://bit.ly/2pyVvID>) his favorite thing about college has been getting to learn things he never thought about, things he never knew existed and things he might not even think about thinking about. He also says he's learned how to deal with "some real hard classes" and get over the disappointment of a poor score on a test.

The self-described "normal dude" wants to work on getting graduate degrees in quantum mechanics.

Information from: Fort Worth Star-Telegram, <http://www.star-telegram.com>

Pope prays in silence for all mothers in heaven and on earth

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis has invited faithful in St. Peter's Square to join him in silent prayer for each one's own mother, including those in Heaven.

Greeting tourists and Romans on Sunday from a window overlooking the square, Francis noted that in many countries Mother's Day was being celebrated.

He said: "So let's remember with gratitude and affection all mothers, even our mothers in heaven."

Francis then invited all in the crowd of 25,000 to spend "a few instants in silence, each one praying for their own mother." He then bowed his head in prayer, before wishing all a good day.

Si Woo Kim becomes youngest winner of Players Championship

By DOUG FERGUSON, AP Golf Writer

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Si Woo Kim made Sunday at The Players Championship look like child's play.

From a tough lie behind the green, in a bunker with not much room between him and the pin, or even standing on the 17th tee and staring at an island, the 21-year-old South Korean never flinched and never made worse than par.

Kim kept a clean card to the end for a 3-under 69 to become the youngest champion in the 44-year history of the biggest tournament this side of the majors.

"I feel like I'm still dreaming that I won this championship," Kim said after his three-stroke victory.

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On a windy afternoon at the TPC Sawgrass, where anything can go wrong without notice, Kim was the only player to go bogey-free in the final round that derailed everyone else in a hopeless pursuit of him.

His last hurdle was getting by the final two holes where not even his two-shot lead was safe — the island green at the par-3 17th and a closing hole with water all the way down the left side.

"I wasn't nervous at all because I was leading," he said. "I just focused on the middle of the green."

He landed safely and two-putted from 45 feet, and then he smashed another drive down the middle of the 18th fairway.

The only drama at the end came from Ian Poulter, who was happy just to be here.

Two weeks ago, Poulter thought he had lost his PGA Tour card until officials realized a clerical oversight that restored his status and even gave him a spot in The Players Championship. He was the only player to seriously challenge Kim until he ran out of holes, and then it was a matter of finishing second.

Poulter shanked his second shot from the right rough on the 18th, and it bounced off hospitality tents, down a cart path and into a palmetto bush. He took a penalty drop, and then hit wedge over the trees and nearly holed it, tapping in for bogey.

He closed with a 71 and tied for second with Louis Oosthuizen, who shot 73.

"It was a big shock to the system to hit one of those nasty shanks when I've hit it as good as I have all week," Poulter said. "But the fourth shot was pretty special — from one of the worst shots I've ever hit to one of the very best."

The bogey on the 18th was only the second for Poulter over the final 46 of the tournament. As tough as the Players Stadium Course played, his best chance was waiting for Kim to make a mistake, just like so many other players. Remarkably, Kim never did.

"As good as he played yesterday, he's obviously gone out there today and played even better," Poulter said. "He's gone clean out there today, which is extremely impressive under that pressure. ... You have to respect some good golf, and that's exactly what he's done."

Oosthuizen, who fell out of the lead for good with a fairway bunker shot into the water for double bogey on No. 4, watched it all day playing alongside Kim.

"If you're on your game and playing well, that the things you do," Oosthuizen said. "You just don't give shots away. If you can do that around this golf course, you can outscore everyone. And he played like someone that was doing it for five or six years, like it was just another round of golf. It just shows you how good a player he is and how cool and calm he is. Never once did he look flustered at all."

The excitement, good and bad, came from everyone else.

Rafa Cabrera Bello of Spain hit 8-iron that bounded off the side of a bunker and into the cup for an albatross 2 on the par-5 16th. He followed that with a birdie on the 17th, and then holed a long par putt from just off the 18th green. That gave him a 70 and a tie for fourth with Kyle Stanley, a co-leader after 54 holes who shot 75.

The other co-leader was J.B. Holmes, and it was a horror show for the Kentuckian.

Holmes shot 40 on the front nine and still had hope until bogeys on the 14th and 15th holes. And then it turned ugly. He hit too shots into the water on the 17th and make a quintuple-bogey 8, then finished with a double bogey to close with an 84, the worst finish by a 54-hole leader at The Players.

Holmes wasn't alone. Defending champion Jason Day closed with an 80, keeping very much in tact the streak of no winner ever repeating in the Players. Rickie Fowler, who won the year before, closed with a 79.

As for the winner? That was rarely in doubt for Kim, who finished at 10-under 278

Kim said he wasn't nervous because of his victory last year in the Wyndham Championship, which gave him a two-year exemption on the PGA Tour. This victory comes with perks beyond the \$1.89 million first prize. He gets a five-year exemption on the PGA Tour, and a three-year exemption to the Masters.

The previous youngest champion of The Players was Adam Scott, who was 23 when he won in 2005.

Just over four years ago, Kim came over to America to play the final version of PGA Tour's qualifying school. He earned a card at age 17, but he could not become a PGA Tour member until he turned 18 the following June. That card effectively went to waste, and Kim spent the next two years on the develop-

mental tour until earning his card back to the big leagues.

Now he's here to stay for at least the next five years, and based on his game, probably much longer.

Schools face vexing test: Which kids will sexually attack?

By JUSTIN PRITCHARD and REESE DUNKLIN, Associated Press

The children who sexually assault other children may be the popular jocks, the loners or anyone in between. There is no typical attacker, no way for schools to predict who might inflict that kind of torment on a classmate.

Thousands of school-age offenders are treated annually for sexual aggression in the United States, yet experts see no standard profile of personality, background or motivation.

They say that while anti-social behavior can suggest a greater risk of offending, the cool kid may attack and the rebel may reform. The reasons are rarely as straightforward as physical gratification and range from a sense of entitlement to desperation to fit in.

Though many sexual assaults aren't reported to authorities, research shows that about 95 percent of juvenile offenders who enter the justice system won't be arrested for another sex crime. Experts say the ordeal of facing police and parents — along with public condemnation for such taboo acts — scares many straight.

An ongoing Associated Press investigation has documented how K-12 schools in the United States can fail to protect students in their care from sexual assault, sometimes minimizing or even covering up incidents. Schools also struggle to help sexually aggressive students, both before and after they do lasting harm.

The juvenile justice system stresses second chances, and even unrepentant offenders don't forfeit their right to an education. Back in class, privacy laws can mean teachers and peers do not know their pasts.

The toughest patients need support from all sides, not just treatment professionals, according to one of the nation's pre-eminent juvenile sexual offender experts.

"The safest sex offender is somebody who is stable, occupied, accountable to others and has a plan for the future," said therapist David Prescott, who has treated or assessed hundreds of sexually aggressive kids and now works in Maine for an alliance of nonprofit organizations.

With support and maturation, experts say, young abusers typically recover.

"It's not a lifelong trajectory," said Maia Christopher, executive director of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers. "Children tend to be much more influenced by effective kinds of interventions than adults."

But, as three cases identified by the AP show, they have to want to make it work.

CONFRONTING REALITY

Marques Mondy's basketball talent was obvious. His troubled past was not.

After the Division I prospect assaulted a classmate in a darkened band room at their suburban Michigan high school, a judge ordered him into adolescent sex offender treatment — for the second time.

Under oath in court, the 17-year-old admitted touching the girl on the upper inside of her thigh without her consent. The girl had alleged much worse, and a nurse who examined her told a sheriff's detective an internal tear was "consistent with an injury caused from a penetration."

In mandatory counseling, however, Mondy insisted he did nothing wrong. His therapist told the judge he saw no value in more sessions: Without an acknowledgement of harm, treatment would not succeed.

Mondy's story is not simply a case study of how an offender who drifts in and out of already-strained punishment and treatment systems can end up back at school, unbowed and unchanged. It also shows how family dynamics and privacy rules can further complicate accountability and, ultimately, rehabilitation.

Approached by the AP in person, Mondy, now 23, said there was more to the high school assault story and that he would call to discuss it. He never did.

To piece together his background, the AP unearthed disciplinary records from eight law enforcement agencies and four colleges where he tried to extend his basketball career, and also reviewed material from a civil lawsuit and federal investigation targeting how the school district handled the assault.

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In 2003, as a fourth-grader just shy of his ninth birthday, Mondy joined three other boys in an attack on two 11-year-old girls, according to records AP obtained from police in his hometown of Grand Rapids. Behind a house, the boys took turns humping the girls while clothed, later forcing them into an empty home to continue the sexual assault.

When police sought to interview Mondy and his older brother, whom witnesses said helped lead the attack, their mother came without them. Nicole Scott, who is black, suggested the white detective had scared the other two boys into confessing.

Mondy ended up accepting a deal that knocked two criminal sexual conduct felonies down to misdemeanor aggravated assault. Probation included his first stint in Kent County's Adolescent Sex Offender Treatment Program.

Seven years later, Mondy was roaming the halls of Forest Hills Central High School with a sophomore he'd just met. Now 6' 5", he was poised for a breakout junior year of basketball, with pedigree programs including Michigan and Stanford showing interest.

As a cheerleader and multisport athlete herself, the girl knew of Mondy. Charismatic and popular, he was one of the few black students on campus.

He also was well-known to school administrators, who had suspended him for incidents including intimidation and fighting.

Mondy and the girl, Quinn Eck, stopped in front of an empty band room. They went inside and he attacked her, removing her underpants and trying to force her to have sex, she told investigators. She said she struggled free after a call to her cellphone distracted him.

Mondy's story was far different: They talked, it got awkward, he left. "She was telling (me) that she liked (me) but she don't wanna get played," he said in a handwritten statement .

Two weeks later, a second student said Mondy assaulted her in the school parking lot.

Prosecutors eventually charged Mondy with two counts of criminal sexual conduct — one in connection with each alleged assault.

Therapists say adults can play a huge role in rehabilitation, whether by pushing young offenders to confront reality or shielding them from responsibility.

Mondy's coach lobbied for the suspended star's return. "I have invested hundreds of hours in Marques, as have his other coaches and teachers and support teachers," Kenneth George wrote the district superintendent. "And, it is working."

As when he was in fourth grade, Mondy's mom was fiercely protective.

"I hope race isn't a factor when determining who is telling the truth and who is lying," she wrote a district official on Christmas Day 2010. Her son's accusers were white.

The second girl decided not to press charges after other students started harassing Eck, reducing the case to a he said-she said standoff. For a second time, Mondy pleaded guilty to misdemeanor assault, rather than a sexual conduct felony. Again, he received probation and a trip to adolescent sex offender treatment.

Within several months Mondy moved, and the criminal case was closed.

An investigation by the U.S. Education Department's Office for Civil Rights concluded the school failed to protect Eck from retaliation after the assault. Her family filed a federal lawsuit asserting that officials bungled the case and she won a \$600,000 settlement.

The AP does not identify victims of sexual assault without their consent, but Eck said she was ready to speak publicly. After many dark moments, she wants to advocate for victims.

"I am the person I am today because of what happened," she said. "I'm crying now, but I know I'm strong."

Mondy, meanwhile, bounced around smaller colleges, often leaving after run-ins with campus security. By April 2014, he was 20 years old and back in Grand Rapids, where police in a nearby suburb arrested him on suspicion of shoplifting an \$8.99 bottle of wine.

Weeks later, Mondy was accused of a fourth sexual assault. A former neighbor told police that he pushed

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her onto a bed and yanked off her underwear but left after she resisted. He never faced charges — the woman told police she wanted to move on.

Authorities did not connect the dots: An officer who checked Mondy's record found no prior charges. A Grand Rapids police spokesman explained that criminal history checks may not reveal juvenile misdemeanors, which the fourth-grade assault became.

The prosecutor who handled Mondy's juvenile cases said she wasn't surprised to learn of the 2014 assault allegation.

"He didn't do the treatment he needed to do," Vicki Seidl said. "If you can't admit you've done something wrong, you're never going to change behavior."

PREDICTIONS AND WARNINGS

The leading research suggests the overwhelming majority of the nation's roughly 50 million K-12 students will never sexually attack a peer. What have therapists, researchers and other experts concluded about those who do?

Because children are constantly developing, experts say age is an important factor when it comes to motivation. Feelings of control or entitlement might spur a high school student. A middle schooler could act on impulse and opportunity. Elementary students might not know they are violating boundaries.

Academic studies suggest that what might seem like two obvious risk factors — exposure to pornography and being the victim of sexual abuse — are far from certain triggers.

Broader life instability likely is a factor. A 2013 report that studied 517 children who committed sexual offenses found every one had suffered some form of neglect or abuse, said Nicole Pittman, who wrote the report for Human Rights Watch.

Experts also have struggled to develop accurate ways to assess who will reoffend, which leaves them on the hunt for warning signs that may suggest greater risk. Clues include a disregard for others' personal boundaries, or a tendency to fight and steal. Social isolation or pressure to be sexually active further elevates the risk, as do fantasies about forceful sex.

The case of Jesse Vierstra illustrates how difficult it is to predict who will be sexually aggressive.

Handsome, athletic and respectful of his coaches, Vierstra was well-liked growing up as the son of wealthy dairy farmers in Twin Falls, Idaho, the kind of place where elementary school kids walk home alone.

As a teenager, the biggest blots on Vierstra's record were a few traffic stops. But as soon as he left for college, the serious accusations started.

Several days into his freshman year at the University of Idaho in fall 2011, two students told authorities that Vierstra raped them. Both said consensual encounters turned violent after they refused sex. Authorities charged him with battery, which he pleaded down to disturbing the peace. Though a university disciplinary process cleared him, Vierstra was suspended during the inquiry and never re-enrolled.

In October 2012, a third woman — a freshman — said Vierstra raped her outside a fraternity party when he was visiting the campus for homecoming weekend.

The veteran detective assigned to investigate had a hunch: College rapists don't start there. And then he learned the stories of two high school girls from Twin Falls.

His notes of their interviews recorded the allegations:

In fall 2010, when Vierstra was a high school senior, a girl joined friends to watch a movie in his home theater. He separated the girl, a sophomore, from the group, pulled down her pants and, as she resisted, angrily insisted she wanted the sex he was forcing on her.

About a month later, the girl's friend, also a 15-year-old sophomore, went to Vierstra's house for a movie. On the ride home, he pulled into a parking lot. Though she resisted, she said, he penetrated her.

Several weeks later, he called apologetically and she agreed to hang out again. They drove to the family dairy, where she said he attempted to assault her but was interrupted by the arrival of one of his sisters. On the ride back, Vierstra insisted the girl get out near a corn field to watch the sunset. He pushed her into a ditch and, she told the detective, tried to force her to perform oral sex when he was unable to pull

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off her pants.

Neither girl reported the alleged assaults to authorities at the time. The second girl later told the detective it was her fault for hanging out with him again.

During Vierstra's 2013 sentencing for the university rape, the judge noted that he did not accept responsibility. "You use terms like 'the alleged victim,'" the judge said, "indicating that she's really not the victim."

Last fall, more than three years into a 5-to-15-year sentence, Vierstra was released in a plea deal when a new attorney argued that his first lawyer did not defend him competently.

"I wish I would have been a better man; I wish I would have had more respect for her," Vierstra said at his resentencing.

An AP reporter tried unsuccessfully to interview Vierstra, now 24, in Twin Falls, where he lives as a registered sex offender.

His mother, Susan Parnell, said he is working to be a good citizen and that his resentencing remarks shouldn't be interpreted as any suggestion of guilt.

False sexual assault accusations are "out of control" nationwide, Parnell said. She added that any woman who had "actually been assaulted, she should be able to go forward."

TREATMENT CAN WORK

It's unclear how many children and adolescents in the United States are undergoing treatment for sexual offenses. The latest count of 14,000, based on a 2008 survey of treatment providers, was an acknowledged underrepresentation.

Most adolescent offenders enter outpatient counseling, according to the survey, though there are residential programs, too, including some where the offenders attend local schools.

As an adolescent, Christopher Lee received treatment at a rural camp and in a group home. Since 2005, four days before he turned 19, he has been locked up in the Minnesota Sex Offender Program.

From birth, Lee could hear well in only one ear and see well with only one eye. According to his case file, parts of which were released to AP with Lee's permission, family members abused him mentally and physically, though not sexually.

Growing up, Lee said he desperately sought connections but was too needy to keep friends and became a target for bullying. Lee said he channeled his aggression toward sex starting at 10, after a 12-year-old cousin who usually ignored him invited him under the covers. The girl undressed, then got on top of Lee. Someone came to the bedroom door and they stopped.

"I equated sex with love, acceptance, safety, security, friendship, life," Lee said. "It meant something more to me than what it should have."

When he was 12, a girl he liked began teasing him in the middle school pool. He said he responded by shoving his hand down her bathing suit, then forcing her to touch his crotch.

Minnesota officials civilly committed him for indefinite treatment after concluding he was likely to continue exposing himself to, masturbating in front of or peeping on other children — a pattern he admitted to during counseling for an arson case. He also sexually molested two relatives, according to his file.

When Lee first arrived, he was too angry to accept treatment. He has since made substantial progress, according to notes made by his primary therapist, but still may lash out when upset.

Inside the barbed-wire secure complex where he is locked up, Lee mused about the 700 or so other men also undergoing treatment, about 10 percent of whom offended only as juveniles. He has come to learn their stories through conversation or group therapy.

Some did it because they could, others because they were trying to deal with past trauma or because it made them feel powerful.

"The rhyme or reason as to why people offend," Lee said, "is infinite."

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York; Gillian Flaccus in Beaverton, Oregon; and Rebecca Boone in Boise, Idaho.

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Today in History By The Associated Press

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Today is Monday, May 15, the 135th day of 2017. There are 230 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On May 15, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a measure creating the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, whose members came to be known as WACs. Wartime gasoline rationing went into effect in 17 Eastern states, limiting sales to three gallons a week for non-essential vehicles.

On this date:

In 1776, Virginia authorized its delegation to the Continental Congress to support independence from Britain.

In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed an act establishing the Department of Agriculture.

In 1911, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Standard Oil Co. was a monopoly in violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act, and ordered its breakup.

In 1930, registered nurse Ellen Church, the first airline stewardess, went on duty aboard an Oakland-to-Chicago flight operated by Boeing Air Transport (a forerunner of United Airlines).

In 1955, the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain and France signed the Austrian State Treaty, which re-established Austria's independence.

In 1963, astronaut L. Gordon Cooper blasted off aboard Faith 7 on the final mission of the Project Mercury space program.

In 1967, the U.S. Supreme Court, in its unanimous *In re Gault* decision, ruled that juveniles accused of crimes were entitled to the same due process afforded adults. American realist painter Edward Hopper died in New York at age 84.

In 1970, just after midnight, Phillip Lafayette Gibbs and James Earl Green, two black students at Jackson State College in Mississippi, were killed as police opened fire during student protests.

In 1972, Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace was shot and left paralyzed by Arthur H. Bremer while campaigning for president in Laurel, Maryland. (Bremer served 35 years for attempted murder.)

In 1975, U.S. forces invaded the Cambodian island of Koh Tang and captured the American merchant ship *Mayaguez*, which had been seized by the Khmer Rouge. (All 39 crew members had already been released safely by Cambodia; some 40 U.S. servicemen were killed in connection with the operation.)

In 1988, the Soviet Union began the process of withdrawing its troops from Afghanistan, more than eight years after Soviet forces entered the country.

In 1991, Edith Cresson was appointed by French President Francois Mitterrand (frahn-SWAH' mee-teh-RAHN') to be France's first female prime minister.

Ten years ago: The Rev. Jerry Falwell, who built the Christian right into a political force, died in Lynchburg, Virginia, at age 73. Yolanda King, the firstborn child of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King, died in Santa Monica, California, at age 51. President George W. Bush chose Lt. Gen. Douglas Lute to oversee the fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan as a war czar. Taoiseach (TEE'-shuk) Bertie Ahern became the first Irish leader to address the joint houses of the British Parliament. Kenny Chesney collected his third consecutive entertainer of the year trophy from the Academy of Country Music.

Five years ago: Francois Hollande (frahn-SWAH' oh-LAWND') became president of France after a ceremony at the Elysee Palace in central Paris; he was the country's first Socialist leader since Francois Mitterrand (frahn-SWAH' mee-teh-RAHN') left office in 1995. In Bogota, Colombia, a midday bombing killed

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two bodyguards of an archconservative former interior minister, Fernando Londoño, who was injured. Cleveland Cavaliers guard Kyrie Irving was named the NBA's Rookie of the Year.

One year ago: President Barack Obama urged graduates at Rutgers University to shun those who wanted to confront a rapidly changing world by building walls around the United States or by embracing ignorance, as he delivered a sharp and barely concealed critique of Donald Trump. A suicide bomber detonated explosives among policemen standing in line outside a police base in the southern Yemeni city of Mukalla, killing 25. "60 Minutes" said goodbye to Morley Safer, honoring the newsman who had been a fixture at the CBS newsmagazine for all but two of its 48 years (Safer died four days later at age 84).

Today's Birthdays: Actress-singer Anna Maria Alberghetti is 81. Counterculture icon Wavy Gravy is 81. Former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright is 80. Singer Trini Lopez is 80. Singer Lenny Welch is 79. Actress-singer Lainie Kazan is 75. Actress Gunilla Hutton is 75. Country singer K.T. Oslin is 75. Former Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius is 69. Singer-songwriter Brian Eno is 69. Actor Nicholas Hammond (Film: "The Sound of Music") is 67. Actor Chazz Palminteri is 65. Baseball Hall of Famer George Brett is 64. Musician-composer Mike Oldfield is 64. Actor Lee Horsley is 62. TV personality Giselle Fernandez is 56. Actress Brenda Bakke is 54. Football Hall-of-Famer Emmitt Smith is 48. Actor Brad Rowe is 47. Actor David Charvet (shahr-VAY') is 45. Actor Russell Hornsby is 43. Rock musician Ahmet Zappa is 43. Olympic gold-medal gymnast Amy Chow is 39. Actor David Krumholtz is 39. Actress Jamie-Lynn Sigler is 36. Actress Alexandra Breckenridge is 35. Rock musician Brad Shultz (Cage the Elephant) is 35. Rock musician Nick Perri is 33. Tennis player Andy Murray is 30.

Thought for Today: "Vice is most dangerous when it puts on the garb of virtue." — Danish proverb.