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Sunday, May 28

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship at 9 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Worship at 9 a.m.

United Methodist Church: Conde worship, 9 a.m.; coffee fellowship time, 10 a.m., Groton worship, 11 a.m.

Catholic Parish: Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church at 9 a.m., then at St. Joseph in Turton at 11 a.m.

First Presbyterian: Bible Study at 9:30 a.m., Worship at 11 a.m.

Heaven Bound Ministries: Worship in Pierpont at 10 a.m.

Monday, May 29

MEMORIAL DAY

Tuesday, May 30

United Methodist: Bible Study at 10 a.m.

Senior Menu: Tater tot hotdish, green beans, orange half, sugar cookie, whole wheat bread.

Wednesday, May 31

United Methodist: Wednesday Coffee, 9 a.m.

James Valley Telco annual meeting at Groton Area High School, 12:30 p.m.

Senior Menu: Baked pork chop, macaroni salad, squash, pineapple strawberry ambrosia, whole wheat bread.

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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Human Trafficking and My Meeting with Ivanka Trump

There are certain issues where no matter how many times you read about them, hear about them, or talk to folks who have lived through them, you just don't understand how they could happen – and in South Dakota of all places. Human trafficking is one of those issues for me.

Recently, I sat down with Ivanka Trump at the White House on this very issue, alongside leaders from both sides of the aisle. Many understood the challenges from an international perspective, but when the conversation turned to what was happening inside our country, few realized that rural areas were as affected as major cities.

Whether I'm speaking on the House floor or in a meeting with trafficking advocates in South Dakota, when I start talking about how local law enforcement conducted a sting operation near Watertown that attracted more than 100 solicitations in just two days, people are shocked. Most just don't realize this can happen in small towns too. But it does.

Beyond rural versus urban, we had a thorough discussion about survivors' needs. In 2015, existing grants were opened to those who provide housing to trafficking survivors, as a result of legislation I wrote. While experts estimate between 100,000 and 300,000 children are trafficked in the U.S. each year, there are only a few hundred beds available to survivors nationwide. I'm hopeful this additional support will help create more safe spaces for survivors.

But more must be done. Once survivors escape, new challenges arise. Where do they find permanent housing? Or a job? Or a support system? Because traffickers often use drugs and alcohol as a means to control their victims, many survivors have criminal records that limit access to employment, housing, and support.

In 2016, for instance, 80 percent of survivors surveyed by the National Survivor Network had lost or not received employment because of their criminal convictions. To support survivors in getting back on their feet, I helped introduce new legislation that creates a pathway for them to expunge non-violent convictions and arrests from their records, so long as the crimes were a direct result of being trafficked. I'm hopeful this legislation will help relieve survivors of the past, open doors for them, and offer a path forward where healing can begin.

Still, one of the biggest pieces of feedback I get from South Dakota advocates is that we need to build awareness. Shortly after my meeting with Ivanka Trump, the House passed legislation I cosponsored to enhance the Department of Homeland Security's Blue Campaign. This is an effort to equip the general public and specific groups (such as hospitality workers, who may encounter trafficking more often than others) with better tools to identify and intervene when trafficking occurs.

The fight against this inhumane crime requires action from each of us, so I encourage you to take a minute to learn more about the issue and spread the word. The more eyes we have out there looking for signs of distress, the faster we can move toward ending human trafficking altogether.

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Tax Cuts Work for South Dakotans

We don't have a taxing problem in America – we have a spending problem.

First of all, the government doesn't generate money, it is not a person or a business. In South Dakota, if we don't produce or earn money, whether in our home or business, we don't spend money. The federal economic projection methods that Congressional appropriations are based upon are flawed. Therefore, it shouldn't be a surprise that the national debt has soared. We need to focus on tax cuts and let people keep more of their own money instead of feeding citizens' money into a government appropriations system that hasn't worked in 42 years. Allowing American families to keep more of their hard-earned dollars so that they can spend, save or invest it as they see fit will result in a more prosperous American economy.

I recently introduced a proposal that would keep the 'tax reform' discussion very simple. Rather than dive into the 74,000 page tax code - while needed - I offered legislation that simply reduces the average South Dakota family's tax burden by 16 percent. This is accomplished by a straight and simple 2 point rate cut in each tax bracket. For those on the lower end of the wage scale, that's even higher – a 20 percent tax cut. That is money directly in your pocket, money that I believe will be used to create jobs, put your kids in college, save for retirement, purchase a car or buy a new home.

Throughout our history, when government regulations and taxes have been moderated – economic freedom and prosperity thrive. There is a direct correlation between government policies and the economy. In recent history, both President John F. Kennedy, a Democrat, and President Ronald Reagan, a Republican, governed during very turbulent economic times. Both were forced to make bold decisions and resist the federal government's norm. Both pursued a bold, new path.

President Kennedy inherited a stagnant U.S. economy. Initially, trying to stimulate the weak economy, Kennedy proposed a government spending plan that failed. Desperately needing a new solution, Kennedy eventually pushed a plan to slash income tax rates across the board, with the top marginal tax rate declining by 20 points. President Kennedy, through tax cuts, doubled the rate of economic growth that he inherited. And, even with the lower tax rates, more revenue was generated in 1964 and 1965. The tax cuts President Kennedy initiated were followed by four consecutive administrations that raised taxes and, as a consequence, the economy floundered.

Two decades later, President Reagan, a Republican, often gave credit to President Kennedy for cutting taxes. The tax cuts that President Reagan proposed passed both Houses of Congress by wide margins and launched the country into a long stretch of economic growth. Both of these men were bold leaders who defied the "Washington knows best" mentality that has plagued our country for far too long. They both pursued plans that stimulated the economy by letting individual citizens decide how to spend more of their own money.

Lowering the tax rate is but one step we can take to overhaul the tax code that will provide direct, immediate relief to hardworking families and jolt our economy. Cutting taxes, coupled with reducing regulations, will allow our economy to heal from eight years of stagnant growth and once again prosper and flourish. Two revered presidents, a Democrat and a Republican, have already proven that it works.

In the coming weeks, I'd like to share more about my concerns regarding the flawed appropriations process that Congress has been using for the past 42 years.

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Dr. James L. Snyder Ministries



A Mystery Of Murderous Distortions

I do not want to alarm anyone – I'm not wound that tight – but there is a devious conspiracy in our country. A conspiracy of murderous distortions.

To be quite honest about all this, I was not the first to notice this conspiracy. In fact, it is quite unusual for me to notice anything first. As all husbands know, the husband is the last to know . . . anything.

It was the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage who first become aware of this conspiracy and brought it to my attention. Don't ask me how she does it, for I do not know. I just wish I knew her secret. My wife is the first to notice everything.

Let me give a few examples. My wife was the first one to notice that we were going together as a couple. She was the first to notice that we were engaged to be married. She was the first to know that we were getting married and when.

Back to the conspiracy.

Several weeks ago, my wife and I took a few days off and stole away to the romantic town of St. Augustine for some R&R&R, (Rest, Relaxation and Reading) the three most important pursuits of mankind. I like St. Augustine because it is the only thing I know older than most of my neckties.

Someone once said, "Either come apart and rest awhile or you will simply come apart."

As one who has come apart several times, I know it to be true. Therefore, my wife and I, just before "coming apart," take off and get outta Dodge.

One afternoon we decided to take in the local mall. I say "we" only in the loosest sense of the word. Personally, I would rather hit my thumb with a hammer than spend an afternoon at the mall.

When you are as happily married as I am (knock on wood), there are those little sacrifices that must be made. That's just the kind of husband I am.

The fact of the matter is, I joyfully accompanied my wife to the mall. About halfway through our afternoon at the mall, we sat down in a small coffee shop to enjoy a cup of Joe together.

Nothing relaxes me more than spending \$6 for a .59-cent cup of coffee.

It was while we were enjoying our coffee that my astute wife made an observation.

Actually, it struck me out of left field, if I can be honest about it. I was too busy grumbling about the cost of the coffee to take notice of what was happening around me at the time.

"Look at those people," my wife whispered confidentially to me. "Look at how they are dressed."

Frankly, I did not know what in the world she was referring to but I looked in the direction she was indicating.

When it comes to fashion, I don't make a statement. My idea of fashion rests on two simple facts. Does it fit and can I afford it?

I'm a rather happy-go-lucky kind of guy when it comes to clothing. Where in the Constitution of the United States does it say that a person has to wear matching socks?

However, women, wives in particular, have a different sense about all this.

"Why would anyone," she continued, ignoring my blissful ignorance on the subject, "leave their home dressed like that?"

Of course, I had not the faintest idea what was causing her so much distress. She then pointed out something I never thought of before.

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People were dressed in the worst possible fashion, according to her: plaids with stripes; clothes so tight you could see their blood pulsating through their veins.

How people get into such clothes is beyond me. My only conclusion is, that they are born in those clothes. Perhaps the biggest question I might have is, how in the world do they ever get out of their clothes at night?

Then the hair. I never took notice before, but as my wife pointed out to me, some people have bad hairdos.

Just as she pointed this out to me, I walked a person – male or female, I do not know – with their hair greased up in points. Each point was a different color.

The only blue hair I had seen was Aunt Erma's back in Pennsylvania.

"You would think," my wife commented, "that these people did not have mirrors in their homes."

Then it struck me. I think my wife has hit upon something rather sinister. I'm only hoping it is not the work of some terrorist group, although there is a certain amount of terror in the thought.

Based on the evidence at hand, I must conclude that someone, or some group of people, have been stealing mirrors from the homes of unsuspecting people.

The evidence is too overwhelming to ignore. If people had mirrors in their homes, they never would leave home without looking at themselves.

Reflecting on this I was reminded of something I had read in the Bible.

"For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was" (James 1:23-24).

Being happy with yourself on the inside is much better than being happy with yourself on the outside.

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Wanner places in two events at state track meet

Several Groton Area athletes placed at the state track meet held this weekend in Tea and Sioux Falls. Overall, the girls team finished 12th with 23 points. Audrey Wanner placed in two events, taking second in the long jump and fifth in the triple jump. Harleigh Stange placed fifth in the long jump, and Jessica Bjerke placed fifth and Taylor Holm sixth in the discus.

Jonathan Doeden was the only one to place for the boys as he took fourth in the 110m hurdles.

GIRLS LONG JUMP -- 1, Shayla Howell, Belle Fourche, 18-05.75; 2, Audrey Wanner, Groton Area, 17-03.50; 3, Mikayla Wevik, Tea Area, 16-10.00; 4, Sydney Goertel, West Central, 16-09.75; 5, Harleigh Stange, Groton Area, 16-07.00; 6, Lydia Gerber, Canton, 16-05.50; T-7, Jocelyn Krouse, McCook Central, 16-03.25; T-7; Lynsey Stevens, Sioux Valley, 16-03.25

GIRLS TRIPLE JUMP -- 1, Shayla Howell, Belle Fourche, 39-09.25 *New Record*; 2, Anna Rasmussen, Dakota Valley, 35-10.50; 3, Echo Ecoffey, Red Cloud, 35-08.25; 4, Claire Stoller, Madison, 34-11.25; 5, Audrey Wanner, Groton Area, 34-09.50; 6, Bella Jensen, Belle Fourche, 34-09.00; 7, Riley Donnelly, Elk Point-Jefferson, 34-09.00; 8, Sydney Goertel, West Central, 34-08.25

GIRLS DISCUS — 1, Jordan Menken, Custer, 137-07; 2, Faith Leiseth, Hamlin, 128-05; 3, Janae Patterson, Wagner, 124-11; 4, Cali Boden, 116-10, Beresford; 5, Jessica Bjerke, Groton Area, 115-03; 6, Taylor Holm, Groton Area, 112-05; 7, Kenna Curry, Elk Point-Jefferson, 112-03; 8, Mady Handel, Chamberlain, 111-02.

BOYS 110 HURDLES — 1, Cooper Baloun, Redfield/Doland, 15.08; 2, Justus Adams, SF Christian, 15.19; 3, Caden Lamer, Tri-Valley, 15.57; 4, Jonathan Doeden, Groton, 15.67; 5, Stephon St. Pierre, Wagner, 15.70; 6, Cade Poppen, Hamlin, 15.89; 7, Ethan Gilbert, Lennox, 15.97; 8, Brenden Johnson, Hill City, 16.46.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS — t-1, Madison, St. Thomas More, 64; 3, Custer, 62; 4, Dakota Valley, 49; 5, West Central, 45; 6, Belle Fourche, 43.50; 7, Spearfish, 34; 8, Canton, 32; 9, Hill City, 27; t-10, Tea Area, Todd County, 26; 12, Groton Area, 23; 13, Mt. Vernon/Plankinton, 21; 14, Beresford, 19.50; 15, Tri-Valley, 19; 16, SF Christian, 17.50; 17, Vermillion, 16; 18, Lennox, 14; t-19, Hamlin, Chamberlain, Elk Point-Jefferson, 13; 22, McCook Central/Montrose, 12.50; t-23, Dell Rapids, Ethan/Parkston, 12; 25, Sioux Valley, 11; 26, Lead-Deadwood, 10; 27, Wagner, 9; 28, Britton-Hecla, Winner, 7; 30, Red Cloud, 6; 31, Redfield/Doland, 5; 32, Stanley County, 4; 33, Bon Homme, 2; 34, Flandreau, 1.

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS — 1, SF Christian, 112; 2, St. Thomas More, 106; 3, Madison, 41; 4, Winner, 40; 5, Chamberlain, 37; 6, Spearfish, 36; t-7, Tri-Valley, Dell Rapids, 32; 9, Aberdeen Roncalli, 25; 10, Custer, 24; 11, Hill City, 23; 12, West Central, 21; 13, Stanley County, 19; 14, Garretson, 17; 15, Beresford, 15; t-16, Lennox, Lead-Deadwood, 14; 18, Dakota Valley, 13; 19, Miller, 11; t-20, Vermillion, Redfield/Doland, Tea Area, 10; 23, Canton, 9; t-24, Webster Area, Hamlin, 8; t-26, Milbank Area, Mt. Vernon/Plankinton, 7; 28, Hot Springs, 6; t-29, Groton Area, Bon Homme, 5; t-31, Britton-Hecla, Wagner, 4; t-33, Clark/Willow Lake, Red Cloud, 3; t-35, Bennett County, Elk Point-Jefferson, 2; t-37, Todd County, Belle Fourche, Mobridge-Pollock, Little Wound, 1.

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Jessica Bjerke placed fifth and Taylor Holm sixth in the girls discus at the state track meet.

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Audrey Wanner placed fifth in the triple jump at the state track meet. Photo courtesy of South Dakota

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Audrey Wanner placed second and Harleigh Stange fifth in the long jump at the state track meet. Photo courtesy of South Dakota Public Broadcasting. ©2017 SDPB

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Today in Weather History

May 28, 1934: Watertown recorded a high temperature of 102 degrees, which is the earliest yearly date when Watertown reached 100 degrees.

May 28, 1965: Low temperatures were mostly for the mid to upper 20s across a broad area. The low temperatures set back some crops and caused light damage to others. Some low temperatures around the area include; 26 degrees in Andover; 27 in Ipswich; 28 in Britton, Leola and McLaughlin; and 29 in Clear Lake, Eureka, Gettysburg, and Pierre.

1880: An estimated F4 tornado hit Savoy, Texas. The storm killed 14 people, and 60 others were injured. It leveled the entire business and northeast residential sections. The tornado was described as "a funnel blazing with balls of fire."

1877 - A "terrific" two day long sandstorm (sand) blasted Yuma, AZ. (28th-29th) (The Weather Channel)

1947 - A storm produced heavy snow across Wisconsin, with ten inches reported at Gay Mills. The snow damaged fruit and other trees, and downed power lines. The storm was followed by the coldest weather of the month for much of the High Plains Region and Missouri Valley. Williston ND reported a low of 21 degrees the morning of the 28th, and the next morning Cheyenne WY reported a morning low of 16 above zero. (David Ludlum)

1987 - Thunderstorms produced torrential rains in Oklahoma and northern Texas. Lake Altus, OK, was deluged with nine inches of rain. Up to eight inches drenched northern Texas, and baseball size hail was reported north of Seminole and at Knickerbocker. Ten to 13 inch rains soaked central Oklahoma the last five days of May resulting in an estimated 65 million dollars damage, and forcing several thousand persons to evacuate their homes, many by boat or helicopter. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - A sharp cold front began to usher cold, wet and windy weather into the western U.S. Thunderstorms in the Great Plains Region produced wind gusts to 80 mph near Brookings, SD. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Unseasonably hot weather continued in Florida. Five cities reported record high temperatures for the date. The record high of 98 degrees at Lakeland, FL, was their fifth in a row. Thunderstorms produced severe weather in Florida late in the day, with golf ball size hail reported at Kissimmee. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)


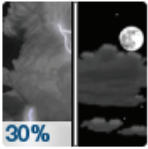





1990 - Two to five inches of rain over southeastern Ohio on the 28th and 29th capped an exceptionally wet month of May, and triggered widespread flooding. Flooding which resulted claimed three lives, and caused millions of dollars damage. Numerous roads in southeast Ohio were flooded and impassable, and many other roads were blocked by landslides. (Storm Data)

1973: An F3 tornado moved east and struck the northern portion of Athens, Georgia. Destruction was massive near Athens, with losses estimated at ten million dollars. Damage from the storm included 545 homes and 17 businesses. Hundreds of large trees more than 100 years old were destroyed.



2015: Some parts of Oklahoma have seen more than a foot of rain during the month of May 2015. Storms killed at least 17 people in Texas and Oklahoma, and more than a dozen are still missing. State climatologist Gary McManus from the Oklahoma Climatological Survey calculated the May rainfall total averaged over all Sooner State reporting stations through midday May 29 - 14.18 inches - was easily outpacing the previous record wet month, set in October 1941 (10.75 inches).

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Today	Tonight	Memorial Day	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday
						
Breezy. Sunny then scattered T-storms	Scattered T-storms and Breezy then Partly Cloudy	Chance Showers and Breezy	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny
High: 74 °F	Low: 47 °F	High: 64 °F	Low: 43 °F	High: 65 °F	Low: 39 °F	High: 75 °F


Afternoon/Evening Showers & Storms

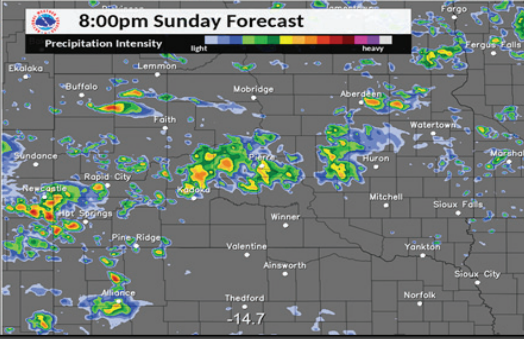
4:00pm Sunday Forecast




6:00pm Sunday Forecast




8:00pm Sunday Forecast





Highs in the 70s





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Conditions will become rather windy today as northwest winds increase through the day and become gusty by afternoon. Sustained winds from 20 to 30 mph with higher gusts will be common. We will once again see development of afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms. The images show just one model's interpretation of where showers and storms will be at the given times. Keep in mind that storms won't be exactly where they show at those times. This just gives us an idea as to the timing and perhaps areal coverage, as well as storm type. What we can take from this is that activity will be scattered, with storms moving into the area by late afternoon and exiting this evening. Any of the more organized showers and storms will be capable of producing gusty winds in excess of 40 or 50 mph. So, don't be caught off guard late this afternoon and evening. If skies darken, keep in mind gusty winds may be on the way!

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 74.7 F at 7:25 PM

Low Outside Temp: 49.2 F at 2:45 AM

High Gust: 27.0 Mph at 2:00 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 102° in 1934

Record Low: 30° in 1965

Average High: 72°F

Average Low: 48°F

Average Precip in May: 2.81

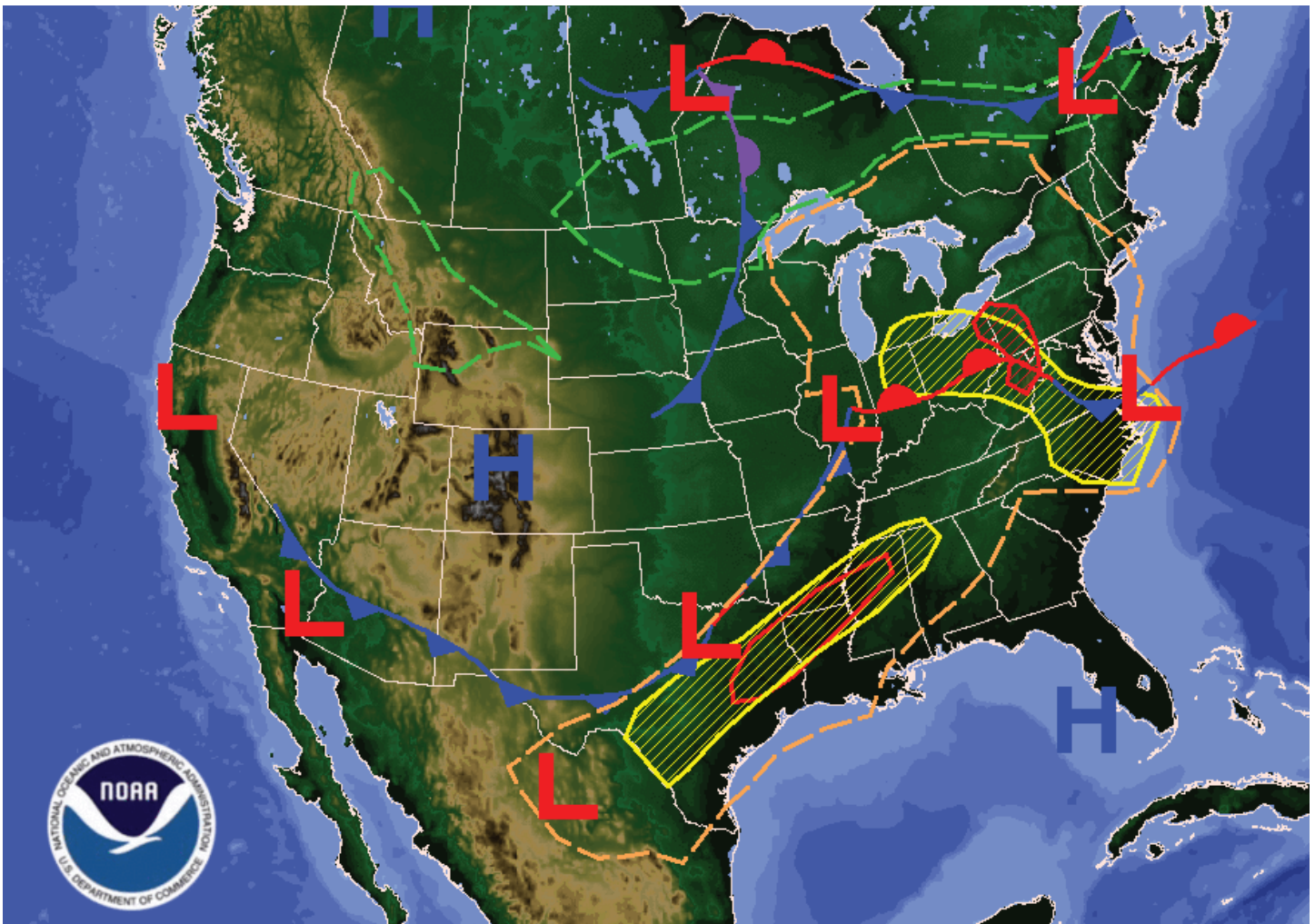
Precip to date in May: 1.21

Average Precip to date: 6.84

Precip Year to Date: 3.19

Sunset Tonight: 9:11 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:50 a.m.



Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Sun, May 28, 2017, issued 5:01 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Krekeler with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

Rain

Rain and T'Storms

Rain and Snow

Snow

Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)

Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)

Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)

Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)

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AN EVERLASTING KINGDOM

World events, at times, are overwhelming. The moral and spiritual decay, the expansion of religions that would eliminate Christianity, the rise of secularism and "political correctness" have dimmed the voice of believers and the increased number of martyrs has raised the question: "Will Christianity survive?"

Absolutely! The Psalmist long ago assured us that: "Your Kingdom is an everlasting Kingdom and Your dominion endures through all generations!"

Nearly two thousand years ago some tried to do away with Jesus. They nailed Him to a cross. Sealed Him in a tomb. Surrounded that tomb with guards and proudly said, "This is the end of Him." They thought that they had rid the world of His presence. But they were fooled. He came back from the dead and became the Living Christ! He was victorious over sin and death and became our Savior.

Robert Ingersoll, the atheist, held up a Bible and declared, "In fifteen years this book will be in a morgue." Fifteen years later it was he who would be in a morgue.

Islam swept across the Middle East in the 7th century determined to destroy Christianity. A Christian church in Damascus was turned into a mosque. Today, the words, "Thy Kingdom, O Christ, is an everlasting Kingdom and Thy dominion endures throughout all generations" are inscribed over the entrance.

One day there will be no kingdoms but God's Kingdom. It is not about endurance, but who will be its citizens!

Prayer: Heavenly Father, give us courage to speak Your truth to do all that we can to expand Your Kingdom! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 145:13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.

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News from the Associated Press

SD Lottery

By The Associated Press

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

Dakota Cash
10-12-13-25-27
(ten, twelve, thirteen, twenty-five, twenty-seven)
Estimated jackpot: \$185,000

Hot Lotto
04-13-18-23-44, Hot Ball: 12
(four, thirteen, eighteen, twenty-three, forty-four; Hot Ball: twelve)
Estimated jackpot: \$6.81 million

Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$65 million

Powerball
05-10-28-55-67, Powerball: 9, Power Play: 3
(five, ten, twenty-eight, fifty-five, sixty-seven; Powerball: nine; Power Play: three)
Estimated jackpot: \$275 million

Man, 66, killed in crash near Summit

SUMMIT, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say a 66-year-old man died after his car collided with another vehicle near Summit.

Department of Public Safety spokesman Tony Mangan says the crash occurred at 2:19 p.m. Friday when the man tried to turn onto U.S. Highway 12 and his minivan collided with a Pontiac Grand Prix driven by a 16-year-old girl.

The girl suffered serious injuries but they're not life-threatening. There were no passengers in either vehicle.

Authorities are not releasing names because family members are still being notified.

Mangan says the man was not wearing a seatbelt but the teenage girl was.

Hughes County stalls wind farm projects to study ordinances

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Officials in a central South Dakota county have put a six-month moratorium on any wind energy development until they can study and maybe change local ordinances.

The Hughes County Commission made the decision earlier this month, after several ranchers and farmers in the eastern part of the county and western Hyde County leased land to a California company planning to develop two wind farms south of Harrold.

Hughes County Manager Kevin Hipple tells the Capital Journal (<http://bit.ly/2qnvz8a>) the commission recently heard Infinity Renewables was making deals with landowners. He said one landowner contacted the commission worried about whether local ordinances protected landowners.

Commission Chairman Norm Weaver said things have changed since ordinances were written about eight or nine years ago. Weaver and other commissioners agreed it would be a good idea to look at what other counties are doing, including increasing "setbacks," which are the distances between wind turbines and

homes, roads or other things nearby.

Commissioner Tom Tveit said he has a relative with a cattle operation in North Dakota where a wind-energy company built a large turbine in the middle of a new cattle gate

"That's not being a good neighbor," Tveit said.

But he said he doesn't want to stand in the way of economic development. Tveit said he wants the county to quickly update its zoning ordinances for wind farms.

Dave Mabene, land agent for Infinity Renewables, said the delay wouldn't impose on the project.

"We will not be able to move on these projects within a six-month time frame," he told the commission.

Mabene said he and Christine White, a project developer for Infinity, attended the public hearing to find out how they can help. Infinity has worked on several projects in the Midwest, including a 52-turbines wind farm near Hebron, North Dakota, that began generating power a few months ago.

Infinity is eager to develop two projects south of Harrold because "this is where the wind blows," White said.

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

Rangeland in South Dakota still recovering from fire

COTTONWOOD, S.D. (AP) — More than 41,000 acres of rangeland scorched in a massive South Dakota prairie wildfire last October may still need another year to recover.

Green grass is beginning to replace the blackened area across most of the 65 square miles consumed in the Cottonwood Fire that exploded along Interstate 90, the Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/2qXIeCd>) reported.

But ranchers say the area is far from ready for grazing.

"The pasture is not coming back real quick," rancher Grady Crew said. "It needs a year or two."

The fire burned both private and public lands within Buffalo Gap National Grasslands before finally being subdued two days later by more than 300 firefighters. The exact cause is unknown.

Ranchers say they lost a combined more than 280 cattle, outbuildings, fences and acres of pasture.

"It'll sure show you how dangerous wildfires are," rancher Clifford Poss said.

Poss said lack of soil moisture is limiting the return of Western wheatgrass, alfalfa and smooth brome. He said any snowfall the burn area received over the winter either blew away because of no plant life to hold it in place, or evaporated quickly on the blackened ground.

Philip Charities organized the Cottonwood Fire Fund in late October, which raised thousands of dollars in aid, along with donations of hay and fencing materials.

"We're used to troubles, just not that big of troubles," Crew said. "You've got to accept some of it and just keep plugging away. Don't give up."

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

Angry BA passengers still face long lines, cancellations

By JILL LAWLESS, Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Thousands of British Airways passengers are still facing long lines, confusion and canceled flights as the airline works to restore its computer systems after a global IT failure crippled its services.

The airline said that it hoped to operate a "near normal schedule" at Gatwick and the "majority of services" from Heathrow on Sunday, a day after canceling all flights from both London airports.

"Work continues to restore all of our IT systems but we expect some further disruption today," BA said in a statement.

BA canceled flights from Heathrow and Gatwick Saturday, upending the travel plans of tens of thousands of people on a busy U.K. holiday weekend. It blamed a power supply issue for the outage and said there was no sign it was under cyberattack.

BA operates hundreds of flights from Heathrow and Gatwick on a typical day — and both are major hubs for worldwide travel.

Passengers — some of whom had spent the night at the airport — faced long lines to check in, re-book or find lost luggage on Sunday. Dozens more flights from Heathrow were canceled.

“Everyone is upset. There’s people in tears,” said Melanie Ware, who flew in from Los Angeles and was trying to get to Venice on her honeymoon.

“We rebooked for Venice for tonight, which they also have canceled now,” she told Sky News. “So we have no way of getting out of Heathrow and they haven’t compensated us for anything, and we’re stuck and this is the worst honeymoon ever.

“British Airways has ruined our honeymoon.”

Tonda Sallee, who was trying to fly to Frankfurt, said she been in line for five hours, “and we have no idea how long we’ll be in line. The rest of the day I’m sure, and we probably won’t fly out today either.”

Many passengers complained about a lack of information from the airline.

“Some 80-year-old lady was standing around waiting for announcements, et cetera, and she fell over,” said Londoner Terry Page, who managed to get on one of the last flights from Heathrow to Dallas-Fort Worth on Saturday. He and other passengers arrived, but their luggage did not.

“We helped her up and she said ‘I’m just so tired,’” Page said. “It’s been a terrible, terrible day.”

While not that frequent, when airline outages do happen, the effects are widespread, high-profile and can hit travelers across the globe.

BA passengers were hit with severe delays in July and September 2016 because of problems with the airline’s online check-in systems.

In August 2016, Delta planes around the world were grounded when an electrical component failed and led to a shutdown of the transformer that provides power to the airline’s data center. Delta said it lost \$100 million in revenue as a result of the outage.

UK: Manchester attack investigation still at ‘full tilt’

By JILL LAWLESS, Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The hunt is still on for suspects in the Manchester bombing, and members of attacker Salman Abedi’s network may still be at large, Britain’s interior minister said Sunday.

“The operation is still at full tilt,” Home Secretary Amber Rudd said. Police say that 1,000 people are working on the investigation, trying to track down bomber Salman Abedi’s accomplices and piece together his movements in the days before the attack.

“Until the operation is complete, we can’t be entirely sure that it is closed,” Rudd said.

Abedi, a 22-year-old Briton of Libyan descent, killed 22 people and himself on May 22 at an Ariana Grande concert. Police have 11 suspects in custody — including Abedi’s elder brother Ismail — and have searched properties across the northwest England city. Another brother and Abedi’s father have been detained in Libya.

On Saturday, Britain lowered its official terrorism threat level from “critical” to “severe” after police said they had dismantled a large part of Abedi’s network.

Police have released surveillance-camera images of Abedi on the night of the attack and appealed for more information about his final days. They say he returned to Britain from Libya on May 18, and likely completed assembling his bomb at a rented apartment in central Manchester.

The images show Abedi in the hours before the attack, wearing sneakers, jeans, a dark jacket and a baseball cap. The straps of a knapsack are visible on his shoulders.

Security remained high at major events across Britain on Sunday, including the Great Manchester Run road race, where police armed with submachine guns protected participants and spectators.

The government is facing criticism after acknowledging that Abedi was on security services’ radar, but wasn’t a major focus of investigation.

Rudd said Sunday that intelligence agencies were monitoring 3,000 suspected extremists and had a

wider pool of 20,000 people of interest.

"I would not rush to conclusions ... that they have somehow missed something," Rudd said.

The family of one victim, 18-year-old Georgina Callander, said her life had been cut short by "evil, evil men prepared to ruin lives and destroy families."

"I wish I could say that Georgina is one of the last to die in this way but unless our government opens its eyes we know we are only another in a long line of parents on a list that continues to grow," the family said in a statement released through Greater Manchester Police.

Philippines pounds militants as civilians found shot dead

By JIM GOMEZ, Associated Press

MARAWI, Philippines (AP) — Philippine forces found the bodies of what appeared to be eight executed civilians as authorities launched fresh airstrikes Sunday to drive militants linked to the Islamic State group out of a besieged southern city. The death toll from six days of fighting neared 100.

The crisis in Marawi, home to some 200,000 people, has grown increasingly dire as the militants show unexpected tenacity, fending off a military that has unleashed attack helicopters, armored vehicles and scores of soldiers.

The violence prompted President Rodrigo Duterte on Tuesday to declare 60 days of martial law in the southern Philippines, where a Muslim separatist rebellion has raged for decades. But the recent bloodshed in Marawi has raised fears that extremism is growing as smaller militant groups unify and align themselves with the Islamic State group.

Much of the city is a no-go zone, but as the military advances and more civilians escape, the scope of the battle is becoming clear.

Thousands of civilians have streamed out of Marawi and more than 2,000 were still trapped inside the city. Many sent desperate text messages begging to be rescued and reporting that their homes had been destroyed, said Zia Alonto Adiong, an official in Lanao del Sur, one of the country's poorest provinces.

"Have mercy on us, we don't have any more water to drink," read one of the messages, sent to a hotline set up for trapped residents.

The Associated Press was shown the messages by relief workers at a provincial government complex in Marawi. Another message asked authorities to retrieve three bodies that were rotting near a resident's home.

Speaking at the evacuation center on Sunday, Saddat Liong said his house was hit by mortar fire and burned to the ground. Liong, his wife and eight children lost everything, he said — even their cooking pots.

"I feel that we've lost our city," he said.

Military spokesman Brig. Gen. Restituto Padilla said that combat operations were still going on, but that the militants were weakening.

"We believe they're now low on ammunition and food," he said, speaking by phone from Manila, the capital. "Compared to the initial days, there has been increasingly less resistance from the militants within Marawi."

Padilla said the bodies of four men, three women and a child were found near a road close to Mindanao State University in Marawi.

Eight other men were found gunned down and thrown into a shallow ravine early Sunday in Marawi's Emi village, said police officer Jamail Mangadang. A paper sign attached to one of the men indicated that the victims had "betrayed their faith," he said, identifying the men as civilians.

Marawi is a mostly Muslim city.

Mangadang said the eight men were bakers and carpenters who were evacuating to Iligan, a city near Marawi, but were intercepted by the militants. When they couldn't recite verses of the Quran because they were Christians, they were brought to the top of a ravine and shot to death, Mangadang said, citing the chief of a village where the victims lived.

In addition to the civilian deaths, Padilla said 61 militants, 11 soldiers and four police were among the dead.

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The violence erupted Tuesday night when the government launched a raid to capture Isnilon Hapilon, who is on Washington's list of most-wanted terrorists. But the operation went awry and militants rampaged through the city, torching buildings and battling government forces in the streets.

A priest and several worshippers were taken hostage. There was no word on their condition.

Hapilon, an Islamic preacher, is a commander of the Abu Sayyaf militant group who pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group in 2014. He also heads an alliance of at least 10 smaller militant groups, including the Maute, which has a heavy presence in Marawi and has been instrumental in fighting off government forces in the current battles.

All of the groups are inspired by the Islamic State group. Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana told reporters that Hapilon has received funds from the Islamic State group.

Washington has offered a \$5 million reward for information leading to Hapilon's capture.

AP source: Kushner sought secret communications with Russia

By VIVIAN SALAMA, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jared Kushner, President Donald Trump's son-in-law and a top White House adviser, proposed a secret back channel between the Kremlin and the Trump transition team during a December meeting with the Russian ambassador to the U.S.

Kushner spoke with Ambassador Sergey Kislyak about creating that line of communication to facilitate sensitive discussions aimed at exploring the incoming administration's options with Russia as it was developing its Syria policy, a person familiar with the discussions told The Associated Press.

The intent was to connect Trump's chief national security adviser at the time, Michael Flynn, with Russian military leaders, said this person, who wasn't authorized to publicly discuss private policy deliberations and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Russia, a pivotal player in Syria, has backed Syrian President Bashar Assad, often at the expense of civilians during a long civil war.

The White House did not acknowledge the meeting or Kushner's attendance until March. At the time, a White House official dismissed it as a brief courtesy meeting.

Kushner's involvement in the proposed back channel was first reported by The Washington Post, which said he proposed using Russian diplomatic facilities for the discussions, apparently to make them more difficult to monitor. The newspaper cited anonymous U.S. officials who were briefed on intelligence reports on intercepted Russian communications.

The Post reported that Kislyak was taken aback by the suggestion of allowing an American to use Russian communications gear at its embassy or consulate — a proposal that would have carried security risks for Moscow as well as the Trump team.

According to the person familiar with the Kushner meeting, the Trump team eventually felt there was no need for a back channel once Rex Tillerson was confirmed as secretary of state, which took place Feb. 1. The team decided to communicate with Moscow through more official channels.

Flynn served briefly as Trump's national security adviser before being fired in February. Officials said he misled Vice President Mike Pence about whether he and the ambassador had discussed U.S. sanctions against Russia in a phone call.

Sally Yates, the former acting attorney general, told Congress this month that that deception left Flynn vulnerable to being blackmailed by the Russians. Flynn remains under federal investigation in Virginia over his foreign business ties. He was interviewed by the FBI in January about his contacts with Kislyak.

The disclosure of the back channel put White House advisers on the defensive Saturday, as Trump wrapped up his first foreign trip as president. Lawyers for Kushner said he was willing to talk with federal and congressional investigators about his foreign contacts and his work on the Trump campaign.

Meeting with reporters in Sicily, two Trump advisers refused to address the contents of Kushner's December meeting with the Russian diplomat. But they did not dismiss the idea that the administration would go outside normal U.S. government and diplomatic channels for communications with other countries.

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Speaking generally, national security adviser H.R. McMaster said "we have back channel communications with a number of countries." He added: "It allows you to communicate in a discreet manner."

Kushner was a trusted Trump adviser last year, overseeing the campaign's digital strategy. He remains an influential confidant within the White House as does his wife, Ivanka Trump.

Reuters has reported that Kushner had at least three previously undisclosed contacts with Kislyak last year, including two phone calls between April and November. Kushner's attorney, Jamie Gorelick, told Reuters that Kushner "has no recollection of the calls as described."

Investigators are also interested in a meeting Kushner had with the Russian banker, Sergey Gorkov, according to reports from the Post and NBC News.

Federal investigators and several congressional committees are looking into any connections between Russia and the Trump campaign, including allegations that there may have been collaboration to help Trump and harm his Democratic opponent, Hillary Clinton.

The Senate Intelligence Committee, which is investigating Russia's meddling in the 2016 U.S. presidential election, has requested information and documents from Trump's campaign, the AP confirmed. The request from the committee arrived last week at campaign headquarters in New York, according to person familiar with the request who wasn't authorized to discuss the developments publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The Post first reported the request, which covers materials such as emails, phone records and documents dating to Trump's first days as a candidate in July 2015.

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Back home after foreign trip, Trump faces slew of challenges

By JILL COLVIN and KEN THOMAS, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — His whirlwind foreign trip complete, President Donald Trump faces a slew of political and policy challenges at home and mushrooming inquiries into allegations that Russia meddled in the U.S. election and had improper dealings with his campaign and associates.

Trump returned to Washington late Saturday after a nine-day trip to the Middle East and Europe, his first trip abroad as president. Awaiting him were reports that his son-in-law and senior adviser, Jared Kushner, spoke with Russia's ambassador to the United States about setting up secret communications with Moscow during the presidential transition.

White House aides prepared for potential changes ahead, with the president mulling a staff overhaul amid frustrations over what he views as his communication team's failures to push back against allegations. A rally planned Thursday in Iowa was postponed due to "an unforeseen change" in Trump's schedule.

While overseas, Trump's longtime attorney, Marc Kasowitz, joined a still-forming legal team to help the president shoulder the intensifying investigations into Russian interference in the election and his associates' potential involvement. More attorneys with deep experience in Washington investigations are expected to be added, along with crisis communication experts, to help the White House in the weeks ahead.

"They need to quarantine this stuff and put the investigations in a separate communications operation," said Jack Quinn, who served as White House counsel for President Bill Clinton.

During the Monica Lewinsky investigation, the Clinton White House brought on a dedicated group of lawyers and a created a separate media operation to handle investigation-related inquiries so they didn't completely subsume the president's agenda. "I think that was enormously helpful," Quinn said.

Trump, according to one person familiar with his thinking, believed he was facing more of a communications problem than a legal one, despite the intensifying inquiries. The person, like others, spoke on condition of anonymity in order to discuss private conversations.

As he mulls new additions and outside reinforcements, Trump has entertained bringing his former campaign manager, Corey Lewandowski, and former deputy campaign manager, David Bossie, formally back

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into the fold. Both Lewandowski and Bossie discussed the prospect with the president before his trip, according to one person told of the conversations.

Lewandowski's return would be a particularly notable development, given the fact that he was fired by Trump after clashing with other staff as well as Trump's adult children. Nonetheless, Lewandowski, who led the small team that steered Trump's primary victory, has the trust of the president — an advantage that many of Trump's aides lack.

Trump called his maiden trip abroad a "home run," but while the White House had hoped it would serve as a reset, attention on the Russia probe has only increased.

Recently appointed special counsel Robert Mueller, a former FBI director, is starting off an investigation with a broad mandate that will allow him to probe both the possible Russian influence and whether Trump attempted to obstruct the investigation by firing FBI Director James Comey.

Heightening concerns for the White House, Comey is expected to testify before Congress after Memorial Day about memos he kept on conversations with the president that pertained to the investigation.

The White House also grappled with reports that Kushner proposed setting up a secret back channel between the Kremlin and the Trump transition team during a December meeting. Kushner spoke with Sergey Kislyak, the Russian ambassador to the U.S., about creating the secret line to make it easier to hold sensitive discussions about the conflict in Syria, according to a person familiar with the discussions.

The back channel was meant to connect Michael Flynn, who later became Trump's first national security adviser, with Russian military leaders, said the person, who wasn't authorized to publicly discuss private policy considerations and spoke on condition of anonymity. Flynn was fired in February, officials saying he misled Vice President Mike Pence about whether he and the ambassador had discussed U.S. sanctions against Russia in a phone call.

Before departing Italy for the U.S., White House officials refused to address the reports about Kushner.

Other major issues await decisions by Trump. He said in a tweet that he would make a final decision next week on whether to withdraw from the Paris climate agreement, in which nearly 200 countries pledged to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions in an effort to combat global warming. As a candidate, Trump vowed to pull out of the accord, which was negotiated during the Obama administration, claiming the deal would be economically disadvantageous to the U.S.

The search continues for an FBI director to replace Comey. Trump interviewed potential candidates and said he was "very close" to deciding on a replacement before he left for the Middle East. But one of Trump's short-list candidates, former Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman, withdrew from consideration, and the White House has been mum on other possibilities.

Trump's policy agenda has run into road blocks since he departed Washington. The Republican health care bill that narrowly passed the House faces an uncertain future in the Senate after a Congressional Budget Office analysis said it would leave 23 million more Americans uninsured by 2026.

The president will need to defend his budget plan, which was released while he was abroad and drew criticism for deep cuts to safety net programs.

Trump also has to decide soon on a Pentagon recommendation to add more U.S. and NATO troops in Afghanistan, as well as boosting reinforcement for the beleaguered Afghan forces. The Pentagon says it has about 8,400 troops in Afghanistan, about one-quarter of whom are special operations forces targeting extremist groups such as an Islamic State affiliate.

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Rocker Gregg Allman dies at age 69; sang and lived the blues

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SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) — Gregg Allman, a survivor of tragedy, knew the blues musically and in a painfully personal way.

Raised by a single mother after his father was shot to death, he idolized his guitar-slinging older brother, Duane, and became his musical partner. They formed the nucleus of The Allman Brothers Band, which helped define the Southern rock sound of the 1970s.

Their songs such as "Whipping Post," "Ramblin' Man" and "Midnight Rider" laid the foundation for the genre and opened the doors for groups like Lynyrd Skynyrd and the Marshall Tucker Band.

Gregg Allman, whose bluesy vocals and soulful touch on the Hammond B-3 organ helped propel the Allman Brothers Band to superstardom, died Saturday. He was 69.

Allman died peacefully and surrounded by loved ones at his home near Savannah, his manager, Michael Lehman, told The Associated Press. He blamed cancer for Allman's death.

"It's a result of his reoccurrence of liver cancer that had come back five years ago," Lehman said in an interview. "He kept it very private because he wanted to continue to play music until he couldn't."

Allman played his last concert in October as health problems forced him to cancel other 2016 shows. He announced Aug. 5 that he was "under his doctor's care at the Mayo Clinic" due to "serious health issues." Later that year, he canceled more dates, citing a throat injury. In March, he canceled performances for the rest of 2017.

Born in Nashville, Tennessee, the rock star known for his long blond hair was raised in Florida.

In his 2012 memoir, "My Cross to Bear," Allman described how his older brother was a central figure in his life in the years after their father was murdered by a man he met in a bar. The two boys endured a spell in a military school before being swept up in rock music in their teens. Although Gregg was the first to pick up a guitar, it was Duane who excelled at it. So Gregg later switched to the organ.

They spent years in bands together, but failed to crack success until they formed The Allman Brothers Band in 1969. It featured extended jams, tight guitar harmonies by Duane Allman and Dickey Betts, rhythms from a pair of drummers and the smoky blues inflected voice of Gregg Allman.

Based in Macon, Georgia, the group also had drummers Jai Johanny "Jaimoe" Johanson and Butch Trucks and bassist Berry Oakley. They reached the pinnacle of the burgeoning music scene, partying to excess while defining a sound that still excites millions.

Their self-titled debut album came out in 1969, but it was their seminal live album "At Fillmore East" in 1971 that catapulted the band to stardom. Considered one of the greatest live albums ever made, the two LP record opened with their version of Blind Willie McTell's "Statesboro Blues," with Duane Allman on slide guitar. The album introduced fans to their fusion of blues, rock and jazz.

Duane Allman had quickly ascended to the pantheon of guitar heroes, not just from his contributions to the Allman band, but from his session work with Aretha Franklin, Wilson Pickett and with Eric Clapton on the classic "Layla and Other Assorted Love Songs" album. But he was killed in a motorcycle accident in October 1971, just months after recording the Fillmore shows. Another motorcycle accident the following year claimed Oakley's life.

Keyboard player Chuck Leavell joined the band following Duane Allman's death and the band continued to soar. Their follow-up to the Fillmore album, "Eat a Peach," became their first top 10 album and featured some of their most popular recordings, including "Melissa" and "Blue Sky."

Gregg Allman said in a 1998 interview with The Associated Press that he and Betts mourned his brother's death in music.

"We used to write songs in a graveyard in Macon," Allman said. "One thing everybody thought was Duane would come back to haunt us if we did not keep going. He had the most passion for music of any man I've ever seen."

In a 2012 interview with The Associated Press, he said Duane remained on his mind every day. Once in a while, he could even feel his presence.

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"I can tell when he's there, man," Allman said. "I'm not going to get all cosmic on you. But listen, he's there."

The 1970s brought more highly publicized turmoil: Allman was compelled to testify in a drug case against a former road manager for the band and his marriage to the actress and singer Cher was short-lived even by show business standards.

In 1975, Cher and Allman married three days after she divorced her husband and singing partner, Sonny Bono. Their marriage was tumultuous from the start; Cher requested a divorce just nine days after their Las Vegas wedding, although she dismissed the suit a month later.

Together they released a widely panned duets album under the name "Allman and Woman." They had one child together, Elijah Blue, and Cher filed for legal separation in 1977. Allman said in an interview with Viva magazine in 1977 that he regretted marrying Cher and said that they probably could have fallen in love if it hadn't been for his drug abuse.

The Allman Brothers Band likewise split up in the 1980s and then re-formed several times over the years. A changing cast of players has included Derek Trucks, nephew of original drummer Butch Trucks, as well as guitarist Warren Haynes.

Starting in 1990, more than 20 years after its founding, the reunited band began releasing new music and found a new audience. In 1995 the band was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and they won a Grammy Award for best rock instrumental performance for "Jessica" the following year.

In 2000, Betts was ousted from the band via fax for alleged substance abuse and poor performance and he hasn't played with the band since.

Butch Trucks died in January 2017. Authorities said he shot himself in front of his wife at their Florida home.

In his memoir, Allman said he spent years overindulging in women, drugs and alcohol before getting sober in the mid-1990s. He said that after getting sober, he felt "brand new" at the age of 50.

"I never believed in God until this," he said in an interview with The Associated Press in 1998. "I asked him to bring me out of this or let me die before all the innings have been played. Now I have started taking on some spiritualism."

However, after all the years of unhealthy living he ended up with hepatitis C which severely damaged his liver. He underwent a liver transplant in 2010.

After the surgery, he turned music to help him recover and released his first solo album in 14 years "Low Country Blues" in 2011.

"I think it's because you're doing something you love," Allman said in a 2011 interview with The Associated Press. "I think it just creates a diversion from the pain itself. You've been swallowed up by something you love, you know, and you're just totally engulfed."

The band was honored with a lifetime achievement Grammy in 2012.

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Australia's most notorious drug smuggler returns from Bali

By KRISTEN GELINEAU, Associated Press

SYDNEY (AP) — Australian drug smuggler Schapelle Corby, whose trial and imprisonment on Indonesia's tourist island of Bali mesmerized her country for more than a decade, returned home Sunday.

Corby landed in the Queensland capital of Brisbane early Sunday morning, after she was deported from Bali amid a frenzy of journalists. More than 200 police officers were deployed to secure her departure from Denpasar, Bali's capital, said Ida Bagus Adnyana, who heads Bali's Justice and Human Rights office.

"Corby signed a document to end her parole. She is completely free now," he said.

Back on Australian soil, she managed to evade the waiting media throng and slip out of the airport unseen. A member of Corby's security team, Eleanor Whitman, read a statement to journalists on behalf

of the family.

"To all those in Australia and all those in Bali who have been there throughout this difficult journey, your support has not gone unnoticed," the statement said. "The priority of our focus will now be on healing and moving forward."

Corby was arrested in 2004 at the age of 27 after customs officers at Bali's airport found more than 4 kilograms (9 pounds) of marijuana inside her boogie board bag, sparking a media frenzy in Australia on par with America's O.J. Simpson trial.

Corby always insisted the drugs had been planted in her bag, and most Australians initially believed her story. Her courtroom battle was tailor-made for TV: a photogenic Australian beach girl who had apparently fallen victim to corrupt officials in an Asian country that had come to be viewed with fear and suspicion after dozens of Australians were killed in the 2002 Bali bombings.

Indonesians, who called Corby "Ganja Queen," were mystified by Australia's response. To them, the case was clear-cut, and the Australian outrage overly nationalistic.

Corby's insistence that the drugs were planted by baggage handlers was dismissed as lies by Balinese prosecutors. A court sentenced her to 20 years in prison, though that was later reduced.

In 2014, after nine years behind bars, she was released but had to stay in Bali until her parole expired on Saturday. In the lead-up to her deportation, she kept a low profile, living in a villa in Bali with her Indonesian boyfriend.

Australian media spent two weeks camped outside the villa, attempting to catch a glimpse of the elusive drug smuggler.

Hoping to fool reporters, friends and family members took to donning bizarre face masks as they went to and from the property.

Though proving Corby's innocence was once something of a national cause in Australia, unflattering reports about her family emerged over the years, sullyng her image in many Australians' eyes. Today, few Australians still believe Corby's story but remain fascinated by the saga.

Under Australian law, she will not be able to directly profit from telling her story.

Trump's trip: Conventional images and unconventional talk

By JULIE PACE and JONATHAN LEMIRE, Associated Press

TAORMINA, Sicily (AP) — As he dashed through the Middle East and Europe, Donald Trump looked like a conventional American leader abroad. He solemnly laid a wreath at a Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem, had an audience with the pope at the Vatican and stood center stage with Western allies at the annual summits that dominate the diplomatic calendar.

But when Trump spoke, he sounded like anything but a typical U.S. president.

On his first overseas tour, the new president made no attempt to publicly promote democracy and human rights in Saudi Arabia, instead declaring that he wasn't there to lecture. In Israel and the West Bank, he pointedly did not back America's long-standing support for a two-state solution to the intractable peace process. And in the heart of Europe, Trump berated NATO allies over their financial commitments and would not explicitly endorse the "one for all, all for one" defense doctrine that has been the cornerstone of trans-Atlantic security for decades.

To the White House, Trump's first trip abroad was an embodiment of the promises he made as a candidate to put America's interests first and break through the guardrails that have long defined U.S. foreign policy. Trump advisers repeatedly described the trip as historic and groundbreaking, including one senior official who brashly said without evidence that Trump had "united the entire Muslim world."

Addressing U.S. troops Saturday at a Sicilian air base moments before departing for Washington, Trump himself declared: "I think we hit a home run."

Trump boarded Air Force One without having held a single news conference on the trip — a break in presidential precedent that allowed him to avoid facing tough questions about his foreign policy or the raging controversies involving the investigations into his campaign's possible ties to Russia. Instead, the White House hoped to let the images of Trump in statesman-like settings tell the story of his first trip abroad,

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and perhaps ease questions about his preparedness for the delicate world of international diplomacy.

Yet those questions are sure to persist, particularly given Trump's remarkable lashing of NATO allies in Brussels. Standing alongside his counterparts, the president effectively accused countries who do not meet NATO's goal of spending 2 percent of their gross domestic product of sponging off American taxpayers. He left some allies, already nervous about Russia's saber-rattling and Trump's public affection for Russian President Vladimir Putin, further flummoxed when he ended his remarks without making an explicit statement of support for Article 5, the common defense clause that underpins the 68-year-old military alliance.

"The mood of Article 5, the idea that we are all in this together, is not the mood he conveyed," said Jon Alterman, a senior vice president at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. "The mood he conveyed is you guys are a bunch of freeloaders."

Some European leaders believe Trump can still be coaxed away from his controversial campaign positions. At the Group of 7 summit in the coastal town of Taormina, leaders launched an aggressive, behind-the-scenes campaign to get him to stay in the Paris climate accord.

While Trump emerged from the summit without a final decision on the Paris pact, he declared in a tweet Saturday that he will make a final decision next week.

Trump's return home Saturday night also shifts attention back to the storm clouds of scandal hovering over the White House. In a briefing with reporters Saturday, White House officials shifted uncomfortably and refused to comment when asked about reports that Jared Kushner, Trump's son-in-law and senior adviser, tried to set up secret communications with Russia after the election.

Trump's nine-day, five-stop international tour resulted in few tangible policy achievements. The U.S. inked a \$110 billion arms sale to Saudi Arabia and unveiled numerous business commitments in the region, though the White House never provided specific details about the scope of the agreements. At NATO, the White House touted the alliance's commitment to boosting defense spending, though the resolution was essentially a continuation of a pact agreed to two years earlier.

Still, the trip offered the clearest picture to date of how Trump plans to put his imprint on America's relationship with the world.

From the start, he set a new direction. Instead of following presidential tradition by making his international debut in a neighboring democracy like Canada or Mexico, Trump flew to Saudi Arabia, the repressive desert kingdom.

He appeared particularly comfortable in the setting. In Riyadh, he received a lavish, gold-plated welcome: His image was projected across the facade of the luxury hotel where he stayed, horses flanked his motorcade as it moved to one of the king's desert palaces and an extravagant celebration was held in his honor, complete with a traditional Saudi sword dance.

Trump betrayed no awkwardness at relishing the warm embrace of one of the world's most oppressive governments. Instead, he reciprocated with a pledge to not publicly chastise the ruling royal family for its crackdown on political dissent.

"We are not here to lecture — we are not here to tell other people how to live, what to do, who to be, or how to worship," Trump said.

Trump was lavishly feted in Israel as well, embraced by a prime minister who despised his predecessor and was eager to flatter the new president. Trump received multiple standing ovations — one of his favorite measures of success — during a speech on U.S. relations with Israel. The photo of his solemn visit to the Western Wall was splashed across the front pages of Israel's newspapers.

Like many of his predecessors, Trump made a personal appeal for peace between Israelis and Palestinians. But he never uttered the words "two-state solution," the longtime U.S. policy plan that would create a separate homeland for Palestinians. He also made no mention of new Jewish settlements in the West Bank, a major point of contention for the Palestinians.

The smaller moments of the president's trip were endlessly dissected as well, from first lady Melania Trump's apparent reluctance to hold her husband's hand on occasion to his shoving aside of Montenegro's prime minister to get to the front of a pack of leaders at a NATO photo opportunity. At the G-7, it was

Trump's interactions with other leaders that commanded attention.

The six other heads of state took a short walk from one event to the next, chatting convivially as they strolled through the narrow Sicilian streets. Trump hung back, deciding against joining his peers.

Instead, he got in a golf cart and the American president's mini-motorcade drove the route alone, Trump once more having charted his own course.

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Southern rock founding father Gregg Allman dies at age 69

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SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) — Music legend Gregg Allman, whose bluesy vocals and soulful touch on the Hammond B-3 organ helped propel The Allman Brothers Band to superstardom and spawn Southern rock, died Saturday, his manager said. He was 69.

Allman died peacefully and surrounded by loved ones at his home near Savannah, Georgia, his manager, Michael Lehman, told The Associated Press. He blamed cancer for Allman's death.

"It's a result of his reoccurrence of liver cancer that had come back five years ago," Lehman said in an interview. "He kept it very private because he wanted to continue to play music until he couldn't."

Allman played his last concert in October as health problems forced him to cancel other 2016 shows. He announced on Aug. 5 that he was "under his doctor's care at the Mayo Clinic" due to "serious health issues." Later that year, he canceled more dates, citing a throat injury. In March, he canceled performances for the rest of 2017.

Funeral arrangements had not been finalized Saturday. But Lehman said Allman would be buried alongside his late brother, founding Allman Brothers guitarist Duane Allman, at Rose Hill Cemetery in Macon, where the band got its start nearly five decades ago.

"He'll be laid next to his brother, Duane," Lehman said. "That's in his wishes."

Southern rock and country musician Charlie Daniels said via Twitter, "Gregg Allman had a feeling for the blues very few ever have had to believe that magnificent voice is stilled forever."

Born in Nashville, Tennessee, the rock star known for his long blond hair was raised in Florida by a single mother. Allman idolized his older brother, Duane, eventually joining a series of bands with him. Together they formed the nucleus of The Allman Brothers Band.

The original band featured extended jams, tight guitar harmonies by Duane Allman and Dickey Betts, rhythms from a pair of drummers and the smoky, blues-inflected voice of Gregg Allman. Songs such as "Whipping Post," "Ramblin' Man" and "Midnight Rider" helped define what came to be known as Southern rock and opened the doors for such stars as Lynyrd Skynyrd and the Marshall Tucker Band.

In his 2012 memoir, "My Cross to Bear," Allman described how Duane was a central figure in his life in the years after their father was murdered by a man he met in a bar. The two boys endured a spell in a military school before being swept up in rock music in their teens. Although Gregg was the first to pick up a guitar, it was Duane who excelled at it. So Gregg later switched to the organ.

They failed to crack success until they formed The Allman Brothers Band in 1969. Based in Macon, Georgia, the group featured Betts, drummers Jai Johanny "Jaimoe" Johanson and Butch Trucks and bassist Berry Oakley. They partied to excess while defining a sound that still excites millions.

Their self-titled debut album came out in 1969, but it was their seminal live album "At Fillmore East" in 1971 that catapulted the band to stardom.

Duane Allman had quickly ascended to the pantheon of guitar heroes, not just from his contributions to the Allman band, but from his session work with Aretha Franklin, Wilson Pickett and with Eric Clapton on the classic "Layla and Other Assorted Love Songs" album. But he was killed in a motorcycle accident in October 1971, just months after recording the Fillmore shows. Another motorcycle accident the following year claimed Oakley's life. .

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In a 2012 interview with The Associated Press, Gregg Allman said Duane remained on his mind every day. Once in a while, he could even feel his presence.

"I can tell when he's there, man," Allman said. "I'm not going to get all cosmic on you. But listen, he's there."

The 1970s brought more highly publicized turmoil: Allman was compelled to testify in a drug case against a former road manager for the band and his marriage to the actress and singer Cher was short-lived even by show business standards.

In 1975, Cher and Allman married three days after she divorced her husband and singing partner, Sonny Bono. Their marriage was tumultuous from the start; Cher requested a divorce just nine days after their Las Vegas wedding, although she dismissed the suit a month later.

Together they released a widely panned duets album under the name "Allman and Woman." They had one child together, Elijah Blue, and Cher filed for legal separation in 1977.

Cher said via Twitter on Saturday, "IVE TRIED.WORDS ARE IMPOSSIBLE."

The Allman Brothers Band likewise split up in the 1980s and then re-formed several times over the years. A changing cast of players has included Derek Trucks, nephew of original drummer Butch Trucks, as well as guitarist Warren Haynes.

Starting in 1990, more than 20 years after its founding, the reunited band began releasing new music and found a new audience. In 1995 the band was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and won a Grammy Award for best rock instrumental performance for "Jessica" the following year.

In 2000, Betts was ousted from the band via fax for alleged substance abuse and poor performance and he hasn't played with the band since.

Butch Trucks died in January 2017. Authorities said he shot himself in front of his wife at their Florida home.

Lehman said Allman had recently finished what would be his final album, titled Southern Blood and scheduled for release in September.

"He actually just listened to a few tracks of it last night and was really passionate and excited for that record to be complete," Lehman said.

In his memoir, Allman said he spent years overindulging in women, drugs and alcohol before getting sober in the mid-1990s. He said that after getting sober, he felt "brand new" at the age of 50.

"I never believed in God until this," he said in an interview with The Associated Press in 1998. "I asked him to bring me out of this or let me die before all the innings have been played. Now I have started taking on some spiritualism."

However, after all the years of unhealthy living he ended up with hepatitis C which severely damaged his liver. He underwent a liver transplant in 2010.

The statement on Allman's website says that as he faced health problems, "Gregg considered being on the road playing music with his brothers and solo band for his beloved fans essential medicine for his soul. Playing music lifted him up and kept him going during the toughest of times."

After the surgery, he turned music to help him recover and released his first solo album in 14 years "Low Country Blues" in 2011.

"I think it's because you're doing something you love," Allman said in a 2011 interview with The Associated Press. "I think it just creates a diversion from the pain itself. You've been swallowed up by something you love, you know, and you're just totally engulfed."

The band was honored with a lifetime achievement Grammy in 2012.

Hall reported from Nashville, Tennessee.

UK police show photo of concert bomber, ask public for info

By JILL LAWLESS and MSTYSLAV CHERNOV, Associated Press

MANCHESTER, England (AP) — British police on Saturday released surveillance-camera images of the Manchester concert bomber on the night of the attack as they appealed for more information about his final days.

Authorities said they had made major progress in unravelling the plot behind the concert bombing but acknowledged there were still gaps in their knowledge.

Britain reduced its terrorism threat level a notch Saturday, from "critical" to "severe," yet security remained high as jittery residents tried to enjoy a long holiday weekend. Armed police officers and soldiers were deployed at soccer matches, concerts and other big events.

Abedi, a 22-year-old Briton of Libyan descent, died in Monday's explosion, which killed 22 others and wounded nearly 120 as crowds were leaving an Ariana Grande concert.

The photos released by police show attacker Salman Abedi on the night of the bombing, wearing sneakers, jeans, a dark jacket and a baseball cap. The straps of a knapsack are visible on his shoulders.

Greater Manchester Police chief Ian Hopkins and Neil Basu, the national coordinator of counterterrorism policing, urged people to contact police if they had information about Abedi's movements between May 18 and Monday night.

"In the past five days, we have gathered significant information about Abedi, his associates, his finances, the places he had been, how the device was built and the wider conspiracy," they said in a statement.

"Our priorities are to understand the run-up to this terrible event and to understand if more people were involved in planning this attack."

British Prime Minister Theresa May said "a significant amount of police activity" and several arrests had led to the level being lowered. But she urged Britons to remain vigilant and said soldiers would remain at high-profile sites throughout the weekend, and start reducing their presence beginning Tuesday.

A severe threat still means an attack is "highly likely," according to the scale set by Britain's Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre.

Assistant Commissioner Mark Rowley, Britain's top counterterrorism police officer, said authorities have dismantled a "large part" of the network around bomber Salman Abedi.

But Rowley said there were still "gaps in our understanding" of the plot, as investigators probed Abedi's potential links to jihadis in Britain, Europe, Libya and the Middle East.

"There will be more arrests and there will be more searches," he said.

Police made two more arrests in Manchester on Saturday on suspicion of terrorism offenses, bringing the number of suspects in custody to 11. All are men, aged between 18 and 44. In addition, Abedi's father and younger brother were detained in Libya.

Police disclosed new details about Abedi's movements, saying he returned to Britain four days before the attack. His father has said Abedi was in Libya until earlier this month and had told family he planned to go to Saudi Arabia on a pilgrimage.

Police say they think Abedi assembled his bomb at a rented apartment in central Manchester that was raided by officers Wednesday.

Investigators have searched 17 properties, including Abedi's home in south Manchester and other houses in nearby districts.

Residents were evacuated from streets in the south Manchester neighborhood of Moss Side in what police called a precaution as one search was carried out Saturday. Photos showed an army bomb-disposal unit at the property.

Another place searched was an apartment in a Manchester high-rise that British media say was rented by Abedi in the months before the attack. Mohammed El-Hudarey, a friend of the landlord, said after Abedi moved out about six weeks ago there was a strong smell of chemicals and debris including metal rods and cut-up fabric.

"We thought he must have been a drug dealer or doing witchcraft," El-Hudarey told the BBC.

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Armed police were on the streets outside London's Wembley Stadium, and security guards conducted extra bag checks, as 90,000 fans arrived for the FA Cup soccer final between Chelsea and Arsenal, one of the biggest sporting events of the year.

Before kickoff, Prince William laid a wreath in memory of the victims alongside Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham. The stadium held a minute of silence for the bombing victims.

Arsenal fan Liz Johnson said she was "sad after what happened in Manchester. But I grew up in Ireland, so bombs did go off there and life does go on."

"We will be thinking about all the people who died and were injured," she said.

Manchester slowly returned to normal, though the damaged arena and adjacent Victoria train station remained closed.

Former U.S. President Barack Obama offered his condolences to the victims and support for those wounded in the Manchester bombing during a meeting Saturday with Prince Harry at London's Kensington Palace.

Britain's health service said Saturday that 63 people wounded in the bombing remain hospitalized, 20 of them in critical condition.

Grande, meanwhile, promised to return to "the incredibly brave city of Manchester" to hold a benefit concert for the victims.

"Our response to this violence must be to come closer together, to help each other, to love more, to sing louder and to live more kindly and generously than we did before," she said. "We won't let hate win."

Associated Press writer Jill Lawless reported this story from London and AP writer Mstyslav Chernov reported in Manchester. AP writer Rob Harris in London contributed to this report.

Trump makes G-7 deal on trade, takes rain check on climate

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TAORMINA, Sicily (AP) — Seven wealthy democracies ended their summit Saturday in Italy without unanimous agreement on climate change, as the Trump administration plans to take more time to say whether the U.S. is going to remain in the Paris accord on limiting greenhouse gas emissions.

The other six nations in the Group of Seven agreed to stick with their commitment to implement the 2015 Paris deal that aims to slow down global warming.

The final G-7 statement, issued after two days of talks in the seaside town of Taormina, said the U.S. "is in the process of reviewing its policies on climate change and on the Paris agreement and thus is not in a position to join the consensus on these topics."

Trump tweeted he would decide on Paris next week. The announcement on the final day of the U.S. president's first international trip comes after he declined to commit to staying in the sweeping climate deal, resisting intense international pressure from his peers at the summit.

Italian Prime Minister Paolo Gentiloni, who chaired the meeting, said the other six "won't change our position on climate change one millimeter. The U.S. hasn't decided yet. I hope they decide in the right way."

Gentiloni said climate was "not a minor point" and that he hoped the United States would decide "soon and well" because the Paris accords "need the contribution of the United States."

French President Emmanuel Macron also chimed in on the climate issue, praising Trump's "capacity to listen." Macron said he told Trump it is "indispensable for the reputation of the United States and the interest of the Americans themselves that the United States remain committed" to the Paris climate agreement.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel was more downbeat, calling the G-7 climate talks "very difficult, if not to say, very unsatisfactory."

Trump held no news conferences during his nine-day overseas trip, allowing him to avoid questions about investigations into his campaign's ties with Russian officials. His top economic and national security advisers refused to answer questions during a press briefing Saturday.

The G-7 leaders had better luck finding agreement on the other problematic topic at the summit, trade.

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They restored a vow to fight protectionism — the use of import taxes and skewed regulations that favor domestic producers over their foreign competitors. The no-protectionism pledge had been a part of previous G-7 statements but was omitted after a meeting of the group's finance ministers' earlier this month in Bari, Italy. This time the G-7 leaders reiterated a "commitment to keep our markets open and to fight protectionism."

The Trump administration has argued that trade must be balanced and fair as well as free. His Treasury secretary, Steven Mnuchin, has said the United States reserves the right to be protectionist if trade arrangements are unfair to U.S. companies and workers.

Trump's position appeared to be addressed by new language that said the member countries would be "standing firm against all unfair trade practices."

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said the G-7 also agreed to step up pressure on North Korea, including sanctions. He told reporters it was the first time that the G-7 had recognized the North Korean threat as a priority issue.

"The threat has entered a new stage (as North Korea tests missiles and nuclear weapons) ... there is a danger it can spread like a contagious disease," Abe said.

The leaders also agreed on two other topics: closer cooperation against terrorism in the wake of the concert bombing in Manchester that killed 22 people, and on the possibility of putting more sanctions against Russia over its conflict with Ukraine if Russian behavior requires that.

Alden Meyer, the director of strategy and policy for the Union of Concerned Scientists, an advocacy group in Washington, said the discord over climate change was unusual for G-7 meetings.

"There have been differences, to be sure, in some past summits, but not a sharp open split like this," he said.

Meyer said many U.S. states, cities, and companies are moving forward on climate action while the Trump administration is "waffling" on the Paris Agreement.

"President Trump should join these leaders in protecting Americans from the mounting impacts of climate change and reaping the economic benefits of the clean energy revolution, rather than trying to shore up the flagging fortunes of the polluting coal and oil industries," Meyer said.

The G-7 is an informal gathering that meets every year under a rotating chairmanship. Its decisions are not binding as an international treaty would be, simply representing the leaders' political commitment to carry through on their collective decisions. The member countries are: Canada, France, Italy, Japan, Germany, the United States and the UK. The European Union also attends.

Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Sunday, May 28, the 148th day of 2017. There are 217 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 28, 1977, 165 people were killed when fire raced through the Beverly Hills Supper Club in Southgate, Kentucky. (Investigators cited faulty electrical wiring, fire safety code violations and overcrowding as reasons for the disaster.)

On this date:

In 1533, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas Cranmer, declared the marriage of England's King Henry VIII to Anne Boleyn valid.

In 1892, the Sierra Club was organized in San Francisco.

In 1912, the Senate Commerce Committee issued its report on the Titanic disaster that cited a "state of absolute unpreparedness," improperly tested safety equipment and an "indifference to danger" as some of the causes of an "unnecessary tragedy."

In 1929, the first all-color talking picture, "On with the Show!" produced by Warner Bros., opened in New York.

In 1934, the Dionne quintuplets — Annette, Cecile, Emilie, Marie and Yvonne — were born to Elzire Di-

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onne at the family farm in Ontario, Canada.

In 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt pushed a button in Washington signaling that vehicular traffic could begin crossing the just-opened Golden Gate Bridge in California. Neville Chamberlain became prime minister of Britain. In Nazi Germany, Volkswagen was founded by the German Labour Front for the purpose of creating a "people's car."

In 1940, during World War II, the Belgian army surrendered to invading German forces.

In 1945, the novel "Brideshead Revisited" by Evelyn Waugh was published in London by Chapman & Hall.

In 1957, National League owners gave permission for the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Giants baseball teams to move to Los Angeles and San Francisco.

In 1961, Amnesty International had its beginnings with the publication of an article in the British newspaper The Observer, "The Forgotten Prisoners."

In 1987, to the embarrassment of Soviet officials, Mathias Rust (mah-TEE'-uhs rust), a young West German pilot, landed a private plane in Moscow's Red Square without authorization. (Rust was freed by the Soviets the following year.)

In 1998, comic actor Phil Hartman of "Saturday Night Live" and "NewsRadio" fame was shot to death at his home in Encino, California, by his wife, Brynn, who then killed herself.

Ten years ago: The United States and Iran broke a 27-year diplomatic freeze with a four-hour meeting in Baghdad about Iraqi security. President George W. Bush, during a Memorial Day visit to Arlington National Cemetery, honored U.S. troops who had fought and died for freedom and expressed his steely resolve to succeed in the war in Iraq. Miss Japan Rita Mori was crowned Miss Universe 2007 at the pageant in Mexico City.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama paid tribute on Memorial Day to the men and women who died defending America; speaking at the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, Obama pointed to Vietnam veterans as an under-appreciated and sometimes maligned group of war heroes. Nineteen people, including 13 children, were killed in a mall fire in Doha, Qatar.

One year ago: A 3-year-old boy fell into a gorilla enclosure at the Cincinnati Zoo; he was rescued by a team that shot to death a 400-pound gorilla named Harambe after the rescuers concluded that the boy's life was at stake, a decision which led to mourning and criticism around the globe. New Orleans Pelicans guard Bryce Dejean-Jones was shot to death by an apartment resident after kicking down the door of what he mistakenly thought was his girlfriend's flat in Dallas. Mexican soccer star Alan Pulido was abducted by armed men after leaving a party near Ciudad Victoria; he managed to escape his kidnappers a day later.

Today's Birthdays: Rockabilly singer-musician Sonny Burgess is 88. Actress Carroll Baker is 86. Producer-director Irwin Winkler is 86. Actor John Karlen is 84. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Jerry West is 79. Former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani is 73. Singer Gladys Knight is 73. Actress-director Sondra Locke is 73. Singer Billy Vera is 73. Actor Jean-Pierre Leaud is 73. Singer John Fogerty is 72. Country musician Jerry Douglas (Alison Krauss and Union Station) is 61. Actor Louis Mustillo is 59. U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford, R-S.C., is 57. Actor Brandon Cruz (TV: "The Courtship of Eddie's Father") is 55. Country singer Phil Vassar is 53. Actress Christa Miller is 53. Singer-musician Chris Ballew (Presidents of the USA) is 52. Rapper Chubb Rock is 49. Singer Kylie Minogue (KY'-lee mihn-OHG') is 49. Actor Justin Kirk is 48. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., is 46. Olympic gold medal figure skater Ekaterina Gordeeva is 46. Television personality Elisabeth Hasselbeck is 40. Actor Jake Johnson is 39. Actor Jesse Bradford is 38. Actress Monica Keena is 38. Actress Alexa Davalos is 35. Actress Megalyn Echikunwoke (eh-cheek-uh-WALK'-ay) is 35. Pop singer Colbie Caillat (kal-LAY') is 32. Actress Carey Mulligan is 32. Actor Joseph Cross is 31.

Thought for Today: "Intelligence rules the world, ignorance carries the burden." — Marcus Garvey, Jamaican black nationalist (1887-1940).