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## FOR SALE

**MARCY MWM900 Home Gym for sale. Asking \$100. Contact Brian at 397-7180.**

**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**



## Sunday, June 4

**St. John's Lutheran:** Worship with communion, 9 a.m.

**Emmanuel Lutheran:** Worship at 9 a.m.

**United Methodist Church:** Conde worship with communion, 9 a.m.; coffee fellowship time, 10 a.m., Groton worship with communion, 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 a.m., Worship at 10 a.m.

**Heaven Bound Ministries:** No Worship. (Paul at Emmanuel in Groton)

**Legion:** at Milbank Tourney

**Jr. Teener:** hosts Clark, 2 p.m., 2 games

**U10:** at Aberdeen Tourney (vs. Bismarck at 9:30 a.m.. Tourney is a pool play so there will be another game at 1:30 p.m. or 3:30 p.m.)

**U12:** at Aberdeen Tourney (vs. Huron at 9 a.m. and Watertown at 1 p.m.)

## Monday, June 5

**Senior Menu:** Beef stew, buttermilk biscuits, Waldorf salad, rainbow sherbet.

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

**Groton School:** State girls golf at West Central (Hartford)

**Jr. Legion:** hosts Claremont, 6 p.m., 2 games

**U8 Blue & Red:** hosts Britton at 6 p.m. for 2 games

**Softball:** at Webster (U8 at 7 p.m., U10 at 6 p.m. and 7:15 p.m., U12 at 6 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. - the 7:15 p.m. games are with Milbank at Webster)

**City Council:** Meet at 7 p.m. at the Groton Community Center

**Olive Grove:** Kid's lessons, 9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. to 11 a.m.

## Tuesday, June 6

**Senior Menu:** BBQ Chicken breast, baked potato with sour cream, green beans, cake, whole wheat bread.

**Groton School:** State girls golf at West Central (Hartford)

**T-Ball:** Both practice at 5 p.m.

**Jr. Teener:** at Webster for 2 games, 6 p.m.

**U10:** hosts Borge for 2 games, 6 p.m., Nelson Field.

**U8 Red:** hosts Borge for 2 games, 6 p.m., Falk Field

**Olive Grove:** Ladies Night, 6 p.m.

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## Jr. Teeners beat Sisseton

Alex Morris had a good game win Groton's Junior Teener win over Sisseton on June 1, 16-1. Morris was the winning pitcher with four hits, six strike-outs and one walk. At the plate, Morris had a home run, a double and a single. Also getting hits were Chandler Larson, Lucas Simon and Taylor Zak with a single each. Kaden Kurtz was the catcher.

Groton won the second game, 15-3. Chandler Larson was the winning pitcher with six walks, two hits and six strike-outs. Alex Morris was the catcher. Getting hits were Larson with two singles and getting one single each were Evin Nehls, Lane Krueger and Adrian Knutson.

## GROTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

June 5, 2017 - 7pm  
Groton Community Center

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Financial Report
- 3) Bills
- 4) Hire Finance Officer – Oath of Office
- 5) Department Reports – Herron, Zerr, Lambertz
- 6) Equipment Needs
- 7) Building Needs
- 8) Capitol Improvement Needs
- 9) Cemetery Veterans Circle Re-platting Request – Glenn Cooper
- 10) Park Playground Equipment - Painting
- 11) Police Joint Powers Agreement with Brown County
- 12) Heartland Power District Annual Conference–July 11, 2017-Madison golf course
- 13) Authorize Fin Officer to Training Sessions
  - 1) Debt/Credit Workshop Pierre June 29
  - 2) Budget Training – Pierre or Sioux Falls – July 13 or July 27
- 14) Brown County Budget Request
- 15) Water Rate Study
- 16) Cleanup Results

## Hall Of Honor Has Been Relocated

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Hall of Honor, which has been redesigned and relocated to the first floor of the Capitol building, was dedicated during a ceremony today in the west hall of the annex in the Capitol.

The Hall of Honor is a display which recognizes South Dakota veterans who have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for their conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty.

“We felt the display should be accessible to all veterans and more visible to the citizens of South Dakota. Second floor of the Soldiers and Sailors Building, where the display was previously located, is not accessible to people with limited mobility,” said Bureau of Administration Commissioner Scott Bollinger.

The Hall of Honor had been on display in the Soldiers and Sailors building since 1994 when it was repurposed from a museum into the office space which houses The Department of Military and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The public is invited to visit the Capitol to view the display.

For more information, please contact Leah Svendsen at 605.773.3688.



**By Richard P. Holm M.D.**

## **It's Not Nice to Mess with Normal Flora**

An elderly hospitalized pneumonia patient was getting better after three days on powerful antibiotics when bloody diarrhea, cramping, and fever began and his overall condition started to deteriorate. His stool test was positive for *C. difficile* and he got better on a different type of antibiotic.

This happened because the abundance of microscopic organisms which normally lived, grew, and replicated within his body were weakened or destroyed by the pneumonia antibiotics, resulting in the loss of an important balance of nature within our bodies.

It sounds like a sci-fi movie, but this is NOT fiction. Scientists have discovered large numbers of micro-communities around and within every living plant and animal. Surprisingly many of these 'invaders' are necessary and helpful to the host, although some have no known benefit and some are harmful. These microscopic organisms include bacteria, fungi, viruses, and parasites and are called the 'normal flora' or 'microbiota' (like oat-uh).

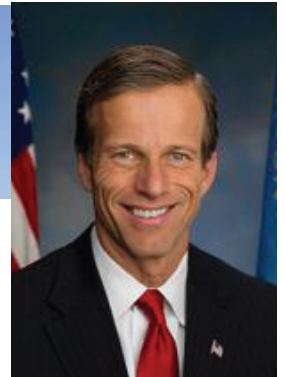
Helpful non-human examples of microbiota include bacteria that fix nitrogen on alfalfa, fertilizing plant and surrounding soil; or organisms living in the rumen of cattle that make grass turn into absorbable nutritious food. There are about 10X as many non-human microbial cells in our body as human cells, and they exist almost everywhere, including mammary glands, skin cells, lungs, mouth, and eyes. The area where most microbiota reside, however, is within the gut or gastro-intestinal (GI) tract.

From the first minute after birth, the baby's gut is exposed to a microorganism-rich world following their travel through the vaginal canal, followed by exposure to skin and milk flora while suckling at mama's breasts. Over the next year, the baby's microbiota develops and helps the infant break down dietary fiber and fat while simultaneously serving as a barrier to invasive organisms. It also helps synthesize vitamins, metabolize harmful toxins, reduce inflammation, enhance immune activity, and produce hormones.

When human flora encounters radical changes, often resulting from non-specific destruction by antibiotics, inflammatory and autoimmune disorders may occur; antibiotics can cause overgrowth of invasive bacteria, the most common of which is called *Clostridium difficile*, or *C. dif*. This type of invasive overgrowth was responsible for about a half million infections in 2011, with 29,000 of those dying within the first month.

Take home message: avoid antibiotics unless necessary. It's not nice to mess with normal flora.

**John Thune**  
U.S. SENATOR - SOUTH DAKOTA



## The Indian Health Service Must Be Held Accountable

The Indian Health Service (IHS) is broken. It has been for a long time. And while it might shock some people to know that the federal agency whose sole mission is to raise the “physical, mental, social, and spiritual health” of Native Americans is so fundamentally flawed, it will, unfortunately, come as no surprise to the tribal members throughout South Dakota who depend on it for their health care needs. The IHS is in such dire straits that even a nominal improvement in health care delivery would be far less than what Native American men, women, and children deserve.

While there are many hard-working people who do good work for the IHS, too many systemic challenges remain. The status quo is unacceptable, and it has to change. Words are important, but we are far beyond the time for Congress to take meaningful action to correct these problems. I intend to be part of the solution.

Last year, I introduced comprehensive legislation that would reform the IHS and hold its leaders more accountable to Congress and the communities they serve. I drafted the bill with a colleague from a neighboring state who heard stories similar to the ones tribal members had shared with me. One story in particular stuck with me – a young mother who was in labor at an IHS facility was relegated to giving birth on a bathroom floor without a single medical professional there to help her. It was because of heartbreaking stories like this one that we put pen to paper on our IHS Accountability Act. Enough was enough.

After the i’s were dotted and the t’s were crossed, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (SCIA) traveled to South Dakota to hear directly, again, from the tribal members whose lives would be affected by our bill. SCIA field hearings aren’t common, so I knew we had a unique opportunity to gather feedback that the committee likely wouldn’t otherwise receive. I’m still thankful that the committee gave South Dakotans such a strong platform to share their stories.

This year, with a new Congress upon us, we’ve teamed up with more senators and representatives to introduce an improved version of our bill. The Restoring Accountability in the IHS Act would accomplish several core goals I’ve sought to implement, including giving the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services secretary greater flexibility to terminate poorly performing employees, streamlining the hiring process so IHS can get additional dedicated and talented medical professionals on the job faster, and creating and expanding incentives so those folks stay on the job longer.

None of this would be possible, though, without continued consultation with tribal leaders and members. Their feedback is critical. They know these issues better than anyone, especially D.C. bureaucrats who are disconnected from the day-to-day life in tribal communities throughout the Great Plains. Together we can accomplish the goal of bringing accountability back to the IHS, and I look forward to finally making it happen.

KRISTI NOEM  
REPRESENTATIVE FROM SOUTH DAKOTA



## Reforming the Indian Health Service

For years, federal reports have documented shocking cases of mismanagement and poorly delivered care within the Indian Health Service – more often referred to as the IHS. The agency was left to make improvements on its own, but even with consistent funding increases, it produced an unacceptable level of care.

Babies have been born on bathroom floors and with no doctor present. Surgical equipment has been washed by hand. Staff have interacted with patients even though their certifications have lapsed. Even now, years after many of these problems were identified, some IHS hospitals in South Dakota continue to run afoul of basic care standards, with one facility facing the loss of critical financial support just over a month ago because of the poor levels of care being delivered. Nowhere in the world is this kind of care acceptable – especially not in our backyards.

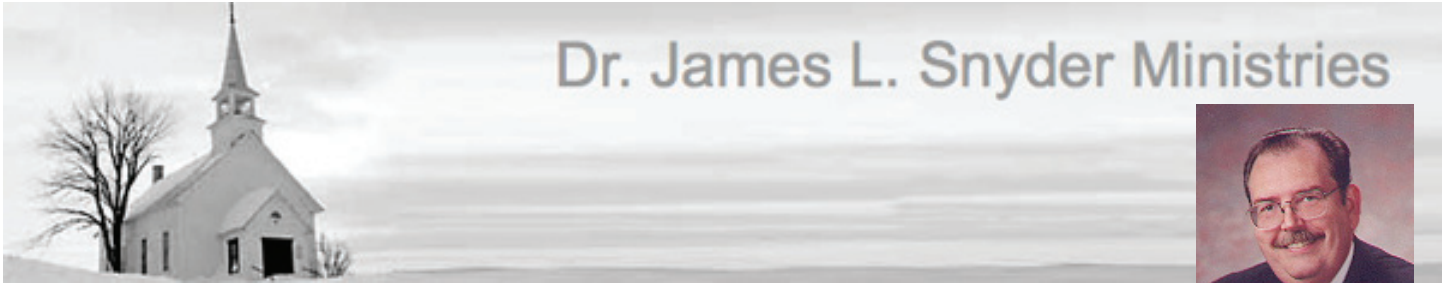
This May, I introduced the Restoring Accountability in the IHS Act, which fundamentally changes how the IHS operates. At its core, this legislation is about putting patient care first.

In many cases, improving care begins with recruiting better medical staff and hospital leadership. Most IHS facilities in South Dakota are located in remote areas and the incentives to move there – let alone relocate one's family there – haven't been adequate. My legislation provides stronger incentives for new hires, including relocation reimbursements when employees move to high-need areas and an expanded student loan repayment program. The bill also works to take advantage of volunteer labor, removing some of the barriers that currently inhibit medical professionals from volunteering at an IHS hospital or clinic. And when it comes to firing employees who fail to support the patients they're there to serve, we give the IHS greater authority to do so.

Beyond hiring and firing, the Restoring Accountability in the IHS Act aims to improve patient care through greater oversight. That means new standards for timeliness of care, restrictions on bonuses, and reporting requirements to help identify staffing needs, measure patient care, and detect any misuse of funds.

Enough is enough. We need to move swiftly, yet deliberately, with these reforms. I've been working very closely with my counterparts in the Senate to advance the Restoring Accountability in the IHS Act through both chambers at the same time. I'm hopeful this will help streamline the process and enable us to get President Trump a bill sooner.

Lives have been lost because of what's happening. Big adjustments need to be made – and they need to be made quickly. I'm committed to this process and to working together to ensure tribal members receive the care their families need.



Dr. James L. Snyder Ministries



## And The Award Goes To...

Rare is the time when I actually am all caught up with my schedule. Whenever I think I am caught up, something happens that takes that and throws it out the window.

Such was the case this past week. I was very much happy with the fact that I was on schedule and I had everything in hand. Nothing makes me feel better.

Of course, this is mostly delusional, at least for me. If there ever was an award for being delusional, I am quite certain I would be at the top of the list. The amazing thing about being delusional is that you never think you are.

As I was wallowing in my delusion and enjoying every moment of it, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage came and said rather sharply, "Are you ready to go?"

At the moment, I had no idea what she was talking about. And so I responded, "Huh?"

I'm not sure if that is really a word or not, but it accurately described my delusional moment at that time. I had no idea what she was talking about.

"You haven't," she said, "forgotten what day it is, have you?"

I was tempted to say, "Of course not. It's Tuesday." Fortunately, I did not yield to that temptation and just responded with another, "Huh?"

With a disdainful look she said, "You would forget your head if it wasn't attached."

I wouldn't tell her, but I probably would not miss my head if I would forget it. After all, I don't wear a hat.

"Today," she said in a very serene voice, "the two grandchildren are getting awards at school."

I'm not quite sure if I forgot or if I was not listening when the instructions came my way. At this point, I was not going to let anybody know, particularly my wife.

"Oh, yes," I said getting up from my chair, "I'm all ready to go. Let's go."

She gave me one of her classic sarcastic grins and we headed for the door.

Our one granddaughter was graduating from the third grade and the other from the fifth grade. Unfortunately, one was at 8:30 in the morning and the other was at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. It would make sense to have them all at once, but what has sense to do in our world today?

I did not want to complain, after all, it is our grandchildren, but I think the planning could have been just a little bit better than that. After all, sitting in the school cafeteria listening to the award ceremony is about as exciting as it can get.

The chairs that we had to sit on were uncomfortable, which was very fortunate for me because I was not tempted to fall asleep during the ceremony. I believe that was done on purpose.

Imagine getting an award for completing the third grade!

I cannot remember any such thing when I was going to grade school. Our great award was leaving school and going home in the afternoon. It just doesn't get any better than that.

We live in a different world today where everybody gets an award for something or sometimes for nothing.

Then I remembered my cell phone in my shirt pocket. It is times like this that God had in mind when he invented this cell phone technology. I pulled out my cell phone and started checking my email.

Then I felt a sharp pain in my right ribs (thanks Eve) and I heard a voice saying, "Put that away and pay attention."

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Slowly and reluctantly, I returned my cell phone to my shirt pocket and tried to pay attention but I didn't have enough quarters. Paying attention can be very expensive when you're in situations like this.

The problem is that the grade school, particularly the third grade, had more children than my grandchildren. They were trying to give awards and recognition to all the children and I was only interested in one, my granddaughter.

I was musing on this for a while and then my companion said, "Look, there she is."

When she said that, out came her cell phone and she began taking pictures of our granddaughter walking up to the stage to get an award. I can't use my cell phone, but she's at liberty to use her cell phone. Where's the fairness in that?

Taking a hint from my wife, I reached for my cell phone only to realize that I was too late and the moment was gone. I glanced over at my wife and all I could see was the big smile on her face and her saying, "I got her picture." All I could do was return her smile and congratulate her on getting the picture.

After each of the award ceremonies my wife and I went forward and she took pictures of me and the grandchildren together which made her rather happy.

All the way home that afternoon, she was giggling and chattering very excitedly. "Her" grandchildren received some awards. According to her, these were very special awards.

I smiled and was tempted to say, "Aren't they my grandchildren too?" Why spoil the moment. She was excited and happy and it was worth my silence.

I was reminded of what Solomon said. "A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak" (Ecclesiastes 3:7).

A wise man knows when "to keep silence."

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## Today in Weather History

June 4, 1984: Heavy rains of up to seven inches caused the Bad River to rise over 23 feet in six hours at Fort Pierre. Flash flooding resulted as a dam, 17 miles west of Fort Pierre gave way and an irrigation dam near town was damaged. Some roads and bridges were covered by water. Many homes had water damage. Strong thunderstorm winds gusting up to 60 mph downed numerous branches and several signs in Faulk, Edmunds, McPherson, and Brown Counties.

June 4, 1991: Heavy rains of 2 to 5 inches caused street flooding in Harrold. Several county roads in Stanley, Sully, Hughes, and Lyman Counties were closed due to flooding. Some rainfall amounts include 1.83 inches at Oahe Dam; 1.96 inches, 12 miles SSW of Harrold; and 3.20 inches, two miles North of Onaka.

June 4, 1993: An earthquake measuring 4.1 on the Richter scale shook a portion of northeast South Dakota but caused no real damage or injuries. The epicenter of the quake was 22 miles northwest of Morris, Minnesota or 38 miles east of Sisseton and was felt in most of Roberts, Grant, and Deuel Counties. The quake was the first in the area since 1975.

1825: A severe storm of tropical origin swept up the Atlantic Coast during the first week of June 1825 with reports of significant damage from Florida to New York City. Shipping logs told of a disturbance at Santo Domingo on May 28th and Cuba on June 1st. Gales were reported at St. Augustine, Florida on the 2nd. The Norfolk and Portsmouth Herald reported "undiminished violence" from the gale force winds for 27 hours, ending on June 4th. The effect of the storm reached well inland. Washington had a cold, heavy rain all day on the 4th with high winds laying the crops in the vicinity. The wind also tore up trees by the roots in front of the State House in Philadelphia. This storm impacted the New Jersey Coast and the Long Island area as well with high winds and a two-foot storm surge. A Columbian frigate was driven ashore as were many smaller boats. The largest loss of life occurred along the Long Island shore when a schooner capsized. The entire crew of seven was lost.

1877: A tornado of estimated F4 intensity touched down just west of Mt. Carmel, Illinois and moved east-northeast, devastating the town. 20 businesses and 100 homes were damaged or destroyed. At least 16 people, and as many as 30 were killed, with 100 others injured.

1921 - A cloudburst near Pikes Peak CO killed 120 people. Pueblo CO was flooded by a twenty-five foot crest of the Arkansas River, killing 70 persons. Fourteen inches of rain was reported at Boggs Flat, where a hard surface road through nearly level country was washed out to a depth of seven feet. (The Weather Channel)

1959 - Thunderstorms in northwestern Kansas produced up to eighteen inches of hail near Salden during the early evening. Crops were completely destroyed, and total damage from the storm was about half a million dollars. Hail fell for a record eighty-five minutes. The temperature dropped from near 80 degrees prior to the storm to 38 degrees at the height of the storm. (David Ludlum)

1987 - Six days of flooding in South Texas culminated with five to six inch rains from Bexar County to Bandera County, and five to nine inches rains in Gonzalez and Wilson Counties. Total crop damage was estimated at 500 million dollars. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)








1988 - Early morning thunderstorms in southern Texas produced wind gusts to 86 mph at Port Isabel, and wind gusts to 83 mph at South Padre Island. Unseasonably hot weather prevailed from the Southern Plateau Region to the Northern High Plains. Fourteen cities reported record high temperatures for the date. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms developing over the Southern Plains Region during the afternoon hours produced severe weather into the night. Thunderstorms spawned eleven tornadoes, and there were 169 reports of large hail and damaging winds. Thunderstorm winds gusted to 80 mph at Newcastle, OK, and Wilson, OK. Softball size hail was reported at Monahans, Childress and Groesbeck TX. Monahans TX reported six million dollars damage. Five inches of rain deluged Geronimo OK. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)



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Today	Tonight	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday
						
Hot	Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny then Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	Mostly Sunny
High: 92 °F	Low: 55 °F	High: 88 °F	Low: 59 °F	High: 84 °F	Low: 57 °F	High: 82 °F

**90s** Highs today across much of the region. Sunny.

- ⇒ Highs in the 80s and 90s Monday
- ⇒ Next chance of rain late Mon. night - Tue.



National Weather Service Aberdeen, SD



Updated: 6/4/2017 4:44 AM Central

Published on: 06/04/2017 at 4:48AM

Temperatures will be nearly 20 degrees above normal today, topping out in the 90s across much of the region. A few upper 80s will be possible across far eastern South Dakota. Dry weather will persist, as temperatures rise into the 80s to low 90s Monday afternoon. The next, and really only chance of rain this week, will come late Monday night into Tuesday.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 88.4 F at 4:02 PM**

**Low Outside Temp: 55.6 F at 5:27 AM**

**High Gust: 21.0 Mph at 1:16 PM**

**Precip: 0.00**

## Today's Info

**Record High: 101° in 1933**

**Record Low: 34° in 1954**

**Average High: 74°F**

**Average Low: 51°F**

**Average Precip in June: .046**

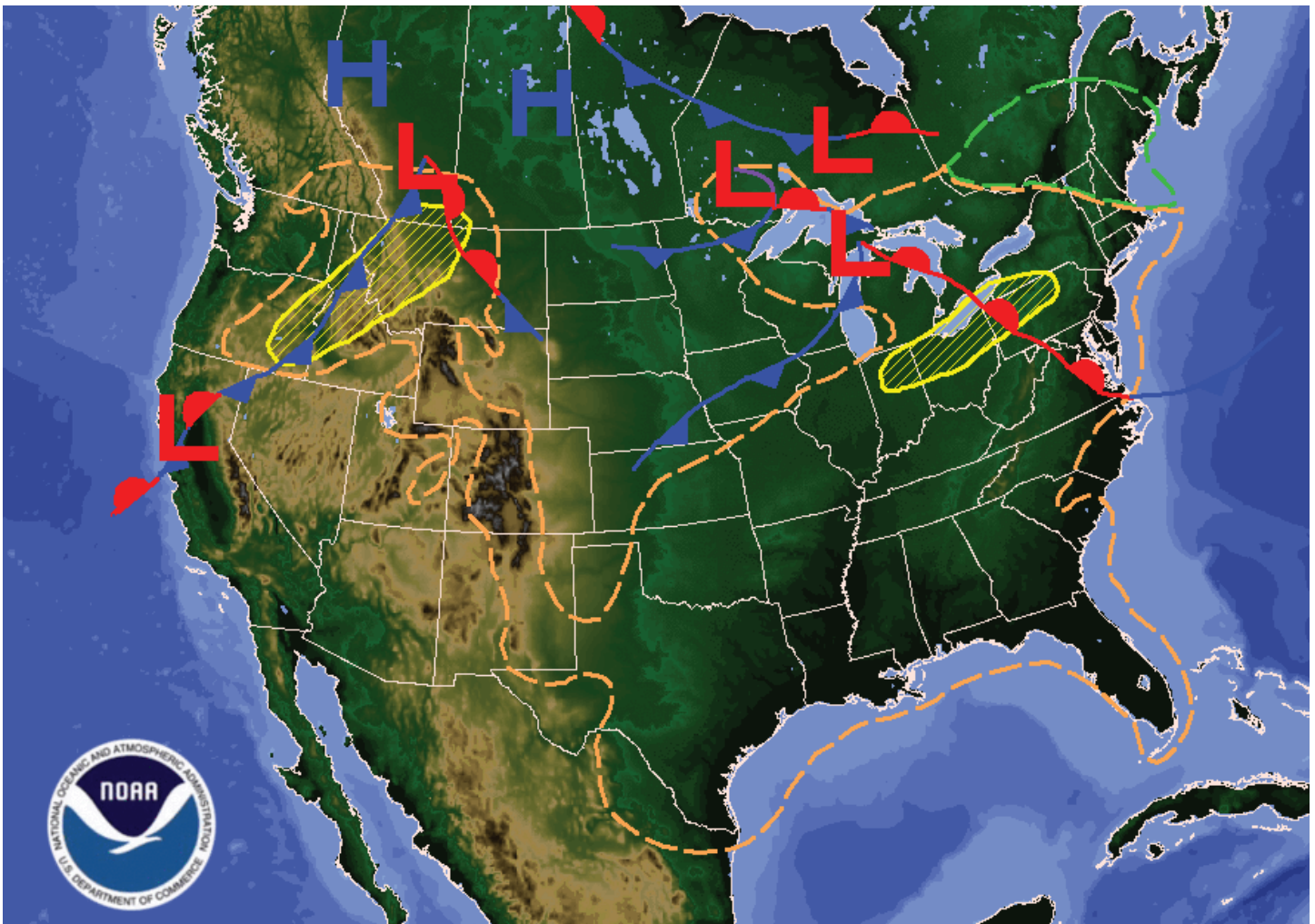
**Precip to date in June: 0.01**

**Average Precip to date: 7.60**

**Precip Year to Date: 3.20**

**Sunset Tonight: 9:17 p.m.**

**Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:46 a.m.**



### Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Sun, Jun 04, 2017, issued 4:26 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Santorelli 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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## LIFE REVEALED!

A prominent biographer was asked to write a history of the Duke of Wellington. He was assured that he would have full access to everything that remained in his home as well as everything that had been written about him previously.

He began his task with great enthusiasm and interest. He studied where he went, what he did, his favorite places to visit, his family background and who his friends were. He searched through trunks and diaries. And although he had a fairly good understanding of the Duke, he was not satisfied with his research.

One day, while searching through a drawer, he came across his checkbook. He began to study what the Duke spent his money on and was finally able to put together a complete picture of who he was.

"May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation," the Apostle Paul wrote. "Those good things that are produced in your life by Jesus Christ – for this will bring much glory and praise to God." The fruit of our salvation is certainly reflected in how we invest the gifts that God has given us – especially our money!

Our true character, who we really are, reveals the depth and intensity of our relationship with God. If we maintain a right relationship with Him and draw our spiritual nourishment from Him, others will find Him in everything we do. They will find His fingerprint on every page of our lives.

Prayer: Lord, as the author and finisher of our salvation, we ask You to be the beginning and end of our lives. May our lives reveal our submission to Your will. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Philippians 1:11...filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

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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  
11-16-24-33-34  
(eleven, sixteen, twenty-four, thirty-three, thirty-four)  
Estimated jackpot: \$204,000

Hot Lotto  
06-19-29-34-40, Hot Ball: 15  
(six, nineteen, twenty-nine, thirty-four, forty; Hot Ball: fifteen)  
Estimated jackpot: \$7.03 million

Mega Millions  
Estimated jackpot: \$80 million

Powerball  
03-09-21-41-54, Powerball: 25, Power Play: 4  
(three, nine, twenty-one, forty-one, fifty-four; Powerball: twenty-five; Power Play: four)  
Estimated jackpot: \$337 million

### Men get combined 150 years in prison in South Dakota slaying

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Two men who pleaded guilty to stabbing a 56-year-old man to death to steal his wallet in Rapid City were sentenced to a combined 150 years in prison.

Ranon Bissonette and Hunter High Pipe, both 20, received their sentences in separate hearings Friday, the Rapid City Journal reported (<http://bit.ly/2qSbd75> ). The pair pleaded guilty to first-degree manslaughter in a deal with prosecutors, avoiding more serious charges that could have been punishable with a death sentence.

The man they killed on September 2015 was Edward Lowry, who worked in the Journal newspaper's printing plant. Authorities say Bissonette, High Pipe and a third suspect, Gabe Selwyn Heikkinen, attacked Lowry after he left a bar near work. Heikkinen died by suicide shortly before Bissonette and High Pipe were charged in May 2016.

Bissonette, who admitted to stabbing Lowry four times with a knife, received a 100-year sentence. High Pipe was sentenced to 50 years for kicking and punching Lowry and taking his wallet, which contained a couple hundred dollars. Prosecutors say the robbers used the money to buy meth, cigarettes, candies, and soda.

Bissonette cried in court Friday after seeing photos of Lowry from the crime scene.

"I don't want to live anymore," he said.

Bissonette said in court that he did not meant kill Lowry, but Seventh Circuit Court Judge Robert Gusinsky did not believe him.

"Stabbed him four times and meant not to kill him?" Gusinsky said. "Sorry, but I don't buy that. This was pure murder."

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

## Large part of small Wyoming town sells for \$500,000

ALADDIN, Wyo. (AP) — A big part of a small Wyoming town sold at auction for a price lower than expected. Aladdin is home to 15 people near the South Dakota line. Up for sale Friday were the town store, liquor license, post office, gas station, a two-bedroom home, an outbuilding and a seven-unit mobile home park.

A 17-acre (6.8-hectare) tract also was included in the package bid of \$500,000 by Maynard Rude and son Lee Rude of Piedmont, South Dakota, the Casper Star-Tribune reported (<http://bit.ly/2qMUGX9>).

Another bidder bowed out at \$490,000, leaving the Rudes with no competitors.

"We obviously didn't think it was going to go this cheap. I was thinking at least \$750,000 to \$800,000," Lee Rude said.

Owners Rick and Judy Brengle also expected a higher price.

"I thought it would probably start there instead of end there," Rick Brengle said. "It was an absolute roll of the dice."

A cafe and motel offered separately by another couple failed to sell after a few bids.

The store, considered one of the best preserved of five surviving Wyoming roadside mercantiles, was built 125 years ago when a nearby coal mine supported a town population of about 200.

The mine closed, but the store remained a popular stop for ranchers checking their mail, tourists headed to Devils Tower National Monument, and bikers rumbling to the huge annual motorcycle rally in Sturgis, South Dakota.

Pearl Jensen, 84, has greeted customers at the town store for more than 40 years and worked for the Brengles more than 30 years.

"I just feel like I've tried to put it in God's hands," Jensen said. "If I'm still going to have a job, that's fine, if not, that's fine too."

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Information from: Casper (Wyo.) Star-Tribune, <http://www.trib.com>

## South Dakota financial adviser pleads guilty to fraud

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A former Rapid City investment adviser was sentenced to federal prison for allegedly pocketing \$4.2 million in clients' money

The Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/2rUfknW>) reported that Mike Lundy pleaded guilty to wire fraud and making and filing a false tax return on May 19. He was sentenced to five years in prison.

The prosecuting attorney said the 68-year-old preyed on some friends and people he knew from church. Authorities said Lundy encouraged more than 80 investors to put money into a fake investment company from the early 2000s to 2014. He then deposited the money in his own account.

"This was just your classic Ponzi scheme," Assistant U.S. Attorney Ben Patterson said.

Lundy used some of the investors' money to pay for home remodeling, vacations and a new jeep.

Lundy was a registered investment adviser. He was a commissioned representative of Primerica, a North American financial services firm, and managed its Rapid City office.

The investigation began in 2014 when one of his clients contacted the Rapid City Police Department expressing suspicions about Lundy's investment product, Patterson said. The IRS and the FBI got involved after the scale of Lundy's fraudulent activity was discovered.

Chief Judge Jeffrey Viken also ordered Lundy to pay back the \$1.3 million he still owes victims and the money he never paid the IRS.

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

## South Dakota law school considering moving campus

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The University of South Dakota School of Law in Vermillion is researching a move to Sioux Falls.

The Argus Leader (<http://argusne.ws/2shTQP3>) reported that university president Jim Abbott said there

aren't yet definitive plans to relocate the law school or other university programs. Abbott said the decision to move will be based on what's best for students and the financial health of the school.

"We think Sioux Falls is a vital part of our future," Abbott said.

The university has had a presence in Sioux Falls for decades. In 1992 the university moved into the medical school building in central Sioux Falls which is now known as the Sanford School of Medicine. That same year, the university opened the University Center downtown as a place to serve place-bound students in the city.

Construction began earlier this month for the USD Discovery District which will house the university's biomedical engineering program. The 80-acre research park will also house private research companies.

"The largest city in any state ought to be of considerable interest to any education institution," Abbott said.

Mike Rush, executive director of the South Dakota Board of Regents, said the regents are on board with the university expanding services to Sioux Falls.

South Dakota State University and Dakota State University also offer classes in town.

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

## **UK leader: Islamic extremism must be contained after attack**

**By GREGORY KATZ, DANICA KIRKA and JILL LAWLESS, Associated Press**

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Theresa May called Sunday for tougher measures to contain Islamic extremism in Britain after an attack that killed seven people in a busy area of London and disrupted Britain's election campaign just days before a nationwide vote.

The assault began Saturday night when a van veered off the road and barreled into pedestrians on busy London Bridge. Three men fled the van with large knives and attacked people at bars and restaurants in nearby Borough Market, police and witnesses said. The attack unfolded quickly, and police said officers shot and killed the three attackers within eight minutes.

Emergency officials said 48 people were treated at London hospitals, including some with life-threatening injuries, and a number of others suffered less serious injuries.

It was the third attack in Britain in the past three months. Britain was already on edge after a suicide bombing two weeks ago at an Ariana Grande concert in Manchester, in northwest England, that killed 22 people and injured dozens of others. Grande and other stars are scheduled to perform a benefit concert for victims under tight security in Manchester Sunday night.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the Manchester bombing, but there has not yet been a claim of responsibility for the London attack, which the prime minister linked to Islamic extremism.

May, facing an election Thursday, said the recent attacks, including an earlier one outside Parliament in March, are not directly connected, but that "terrorism breeds terrorism" and attackers copy one another. She also said five credible plots have been disrupted since March.

"They are bound together by the single evil ideology of Islamist extremism that preaches hatred, sows division, and promotes sectarianism," she said. "It is an ideology that claims our W It was the third attack to hit Britain in as many months.

In March, a British convert to Islam ran down people with a vehicle on Westminster Bridge, killing four before fatally stabbing a policeman on Parliament's grounds.

Then came the May 22 Manchester concert bombing. After that attack, Britain's official terrorism threat level was raised from "severe" to "critical," meaning an attack may be imminent. Several days later it was lowered again to "severe," meaning an attack is highly likely.

May called on international communications companies to do more to block cyberspace to extremist groups who use it for recruitment and for encrypted information about plots.

She called for international agreements to regulate cyberspace and said Britain needs to become more robust at preventing the internet from being used to the advantage of extremist groups.

The British government has long sought more help from internet companies like Facebook and Google

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in the battle against extremism.

May spoke defiantly about protecting Britain's democracy — and vowed the election would go ahead as planned — after the violence turned a balmy summer night in an area packed with revelers into a scene of bloodshed and chaos, with officers running through crowded streets screaming for people to flee.

Boats on the River Thames helped evacuate the area, which is popular with tourists. It remained closed off Sunday as police urged residents and tourists to stay away.

May said the men attacked "innocent and unarmed civilians" in crowded Borough Market with blades and knives. She said they were wearing what appeared to be explosive vests, but police determined those were only meant to sow panic and fear.

Major parties suspended national campaigning Sunday out of respect for the victims, although the rightwing UK Independence Party said it would keep campaigning to show the extremists they couldn't sidetrack democracy.

May's Conservative Party had been expected to win by a wide margin but recent polls have showed the race tightening considerably. It is unclear how the unprecedented violence in the run-up to the election will impact voter sentiment.

Mayor Sadiq Khan said Londoners should remain vigilant but added: "I'm reassured we are one of the safest global cities in the world."

Khan said some of the injured were in critical condition. French and Spanish citizens were among the wounded.

Assistant Metropolitan Police Commissioner Mark Rowley said that while police believe all the attackers were killed, the investigation is expanding.

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As dawn broke over the capital, a large area on the south bank of the River Thames remained cordoned off. Police told people to avoid the area, leaving tourists and revelers struggling to get home. London Bridge and the adjacent train station, as well as nearby Borough subway station, were still closed.

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toward him telling him to turn around and run because there was an attack. As a documentary filmmaker, though, his instincts were to keep going.

The 25-year-old said that at first, "it didn't look too dangerous."

The men went into Borough Market, but then turned around and ran toward the Wheatsheaf Pub after being confronted by a police officer, he said, and suddenly a lot of police came from the other direction.

The attackers "had no clue what they were doing. They were scared. The police were scared," he said.

After one of the men was shot, Sciotto captured a photo of the suspect on the ground wearing what appeared to be canisters.

Police initially said officers were also responding to a third incident, in the Vauxhall neighborhood, but later said that turned out to be an unrelated stabbing.

Police tweeted a warning telling people in the area to run to safety, hide and then call police if it was safe to do so. They asked Londoners to "remain calm but be alert and vigilant."

Associated Press writers Sylvia Hui and Niko Price contributed to this report.

## Ronaldo silences Madrid critics with 3rd CL title in 4 years

By **ROB HARRIS, AP Global Soccer Writer**

CARDIFF, Wales (AP) — After another potent demonstration of Cristiano Ronaldo's enduring scoring prowess, surely no Real Madrid fan can contemplate criticizing him now.

Particularly after the world player of the year ensured Madrid pulled off one of soccer's hardest feats, becoming the first team to successfully defend their Champions League title.

The fans who irritated Ronaldo so much ahead of Saturday's final due to their whistling were silenced in emphatic style with two goals in a 4-1 victory over Juventus that gave Madrid a record-extending 12th European crown.

"People don't have words to criticize," Ronaldo said, "because the numbers don't lie."

They certainly don't after another incredible season, even at the age of 32.

"My age is just a number," Ronaldo said. "I feel like a young boy."

At the end of the 25th season of the Champions League, Ronaldo is the first player to score in three of the competition's finals. And having lifted the European Cup once with Manchester United, Ronaldo has done it three times in four seasons with Madrid.

It's the latest piece of silverware in an incredible 12 months for the forward.

It began with Ronaldo winning his first title with Portugal at the European Championship. Then came the Club World Cup with Real Madrid and the end of a five-year Spanish title drought before new highs were reached in the Champions League.

His career goal tally in club and international soccer now stands at 600.

Ronaldo's first strike at Millennium Stadium was canceled out by Mario Mandzukic's exquisite 27th-minute hook shot. It was the only high point for Juventus on a night when the Italian champion was outclassed in its quest for a first European title in 21 years.

Madrid's supremacy was clear in the second half.

After Casemiro put the Spanish champions back in front in the 61st, Ronaldo turned in the third at the near post inside three minutes, and Marco Asensio wrapped up the scoring in the 90th.

Juventus conceded more goals on the night than it had on the journey to the final, having let in only three in the previous 12 games.

"In the second half Real Madrid pushed the accelerator," Juventus coach Massimiliano Allegri said, "and we remained too static and sat back too long."

Madrid's attacking brilliance proved too hard for Juventus to contain, giving Zinedine Zidane his second Champions League title in 18 months of top-flight management.

"Zidane believes in us a lot," Ronaldo said. "He knows that we are a very good team and that is why we proved it in the second half."



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Until now, no team since AC Milan in 1989 and 1990, when the cup was only a knockout competition, had won back-to-back titles.

Madrid had a lot to thank Keylor Navas for in the opening minutes. The goalkeeper blocked a header and strike from Gonzalo Higuain, and produced a one-handed save when Miralem Pjanic picked a gap through a crowd of defenders.

One of the first things Navas' counterpart, Gianluigi Buffon, had to do was pick the ball out of his net.

It was the culmination of a counterattack of breathtaking speed launched by Luka Modric and Toni Kroos. Karim Benzema picked up possession and passed to Ronaldo. The world player of the year knocked the ball across to Dani Carvajal on the right flank before drifting into the penalty area to receive it back and beat Buffon.

But within seven minutes, Ronaldo was shaking his head and scowling after seeing an equalizer of individual brilliance.

Leonardo Bonucci's deep ball was brought down by Alex Sandro, who cut it back to Higuain in the penalty area. With his back to goal, Mandzukic received the chipped pass from Higuain and used his chest to control the ball before hooking it over his shoulder into the far top corner.

The magnificence evoked memories of another showpiece staged in the U.K. in 2002 when Zidane volleyed into the top corner in Glasgow to help Madrid beat Bayer Leverkusen.

This time, Zidane was a spectator on the Madrid sidelines, but enjoying it just as much.

His team's domination was verified after the break when Madrid went back in front - through Casemiro's strike that deflected off Sami Khedira - and this time the lead was retained.

It owed much to Madrid controlling midfield, largely thanks to Modric, who set up Ronaldo's second. The Croatian timed his cutback to perfection in the 64th to allow Ronaldo to ghost in between Leonardo Bonucci and Giorgio Chiellini and slot in at the near post.

Juve's night took a turn for the worse when Juan Cuadrado was dismissed for a second booking in the 84th. And to compound their misery, Asensio beat Buffon again as the 39-year-old goalkeeper missed out on a first European title.

"(Madrid) showed their class and the attitude needed to play in this kind of game," Buffon said after losing a third final.

More AP Champions League coverage: <http://apne.ws/2lgcPZm>

## Trump points to travel ban after reports of London attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump argued in favor of his controversial travel ban as London authorities responded to reports of a string of attacks Saturday night.

One tweet read: "We need to be smart, vigilant and tough. We need the courts to give us back our rights. We need the Travel Ban as an extra level of safety!"

At least seven died Saturday night after a van veered off the road and barreled into pedestrians on busy London Bridge. Three men fled the van with large knives and attacked people at bars and restaurants in nearby Borough Market, police and witnesses said. The attack unfolded quickly, and police said officers had shot and killed the three attackers within eight minutes.

Trump began tweeting about the incidents an hour or so after initial news reports. First, he retweeted a Drudge Report item about the attacks, then provided his own message about the travel ban.

A few minutes later Trump tweeted a message of support for Londoners: "Whatever the United States can do to help out in London and the U. K., we will be there - WE ARE WITH YOU. GOD BLESS!"

Earlier this week, the Trump administration asked the Supreme Court to immediately reinstate its ban on travelers from six mostly Muslim countries and refugees from anywhere in the world. The administration argues that the U.S. will be safer if the policy is put in place.

Lower courts have blocked the Trump policy, citing various reasons including statements Trump made during the 2016 campaign. The legal fight pits the president's authority over immigration against what

lower courts have said is a policy that purported to be about national security but was intended to target Muslims.

Trump later called Prime Minister Theresa May to offer condolences. The White House said the president "praised the heroic response of police and other first responders and offered the full support of the United States government in investigating and bringing those responsible for these heinous acts to justice."

The State Department issued a statement condemning them as "cowardly."

"The United States stands ready to provide any assistance authorities in the United Kingdom may request," State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert said.

"Our hearts are with the families and loved ones of the victims. We wish a full and quick recovery to those injured in the attacks. All Americans stand in solidarity with the people of the United Kingdom," she said.

## Philippine police say casino attacker was indebted gambler

By **TODD PITMAN, Associated Press**

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The lone suspect behind a deadly attack on a casino and shopping complex in Manila was a heavily indebted Filipino gambling addict, police said Sunday, bolstering their claim that the assault was not terrorism-related.

The man's immediate family confirmed his identity as Jessie Carlos — a married father of three and former Finance Department employee who owed more than \$80,000.

The revelations confirm that "this is not an act of terrorism," Manila police chief Oscar Albayalde told a news conference. "This incident is confined to the act of one man alone as we have always said."

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for Friday's attack on Resorts World Manila, where 37 patrons and employees died, mostly from smoke inhalation as they tried to hide in one of the casino's VIP rooms on the second floor. But authorities have rejected the militants' claim, saying there is no evidence to back it and pointing out that the assailant shot no civilians during the two-hour ordeal despite being heavily armed.

The Philippines has faced a Muslim insurgency in the country's south for decades, and Manila has been on edge since government forces began battling Islamic militants who besieged the southern city of Marawi.

On Sunday, Carlos' father told reporters that his son had no connections to terrorism. Carlos' distraught mother, Teodora, wept and asked for forgiveness.

"We're asking for your apology. We can't accept ourselves that my son became like this, he was a very kind son," she said. "He chose to end his life rather than ... kill people."

"The message of what happened to my son is people should not get hooked on gambling so their families won't get destroyed," she said.

Carlos' wife was also brought before reporters. She was so distressed, she entered in a wheelchair and kept her head, hidden by a cream-colored towel, down on a desk as she sat beside the police.

Albayalde said that Carlos had sold off property, including a vehicle, to support his gambling habit of at least several years. His family had grown so concerned, they had asked casinos in the capital to ban him from entering since April 3.

The breakthrough in efforts to identify him came when investigators traced his path to the casino from a Manila suburb where he had hailed a taxi after midnight Thursday. They found his wife there early Sunday.

She told them she had seen images of her husband on TV. "She knew it was him, but she was really afraid," Albayalde said.

In 2014, Philippine newspapers had reported that Carlos was fired from his job at the government's Finance Department "for grave misconduct and neglect of duty" because he failed to disclose that he owned a Manila house, a Toyota SUV and other business interests — an annual requirement for government officials and employees.

As a result, he was permanently banned from government employment and his retirement benefits were forfeited.

Authorities on Saturday released video footage of the attack to bolster their argument that it was a

botched robbery attempt by one man with no known link to terrorism.

The security footage showed Carlos casually exiting a taxi just after midnight and walking calmly inside the entertainment complex. Shortly afterward, he dons a black ski mask, slips on an ammunition vest and pulls an M4 carbine assault rifle out of his backpack.

What followed borders on the surreal: a slow-motion arson attack and robbery so methodical and unhurried, the gunman appears to walk much of the way — even as he exchanges fire with a security guard and flees, slightly wounded, up a stairwell.

As thousands of people flee, the gunman is seen torching gambling tables and slot machines, setting fires police believe were meant as a diversionary tactic to allow his escape.

Then, just 11 minutes after his arrival, Carlos fires through the door of a storage room filled with poker chips, hauling a huge stash away.

He was later found dead on the fifth floor of a hotel connected to the complex, the 38th fatality of the night. Police said he shot himself and set fire to the empty room he had burst into.

Associated Press writer Jim Gomez contributed to this report.

## Some major attacks in Europe in recent years

By The Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The deadly vehicle and knife attack on London Bridge and in nearby Borough Market is the latest attack in Europe in recent years. Here are some of recent major ones:

—May 22, 2017: A suicide bomber killed 22 people and injured dozens during an Ariana Grande concert at Manchester Arena in northern England.

—April 7, 2017: A man driving a hijacked beer truck struck pedestrians at a Stockholm department store, killing 4 people.

—March 22, 2017: A man drives his rented SUV into pedestrians at London's Westminster Bridge, killing four people. The attacker then stabbed a police officer to death.

—Dec. 19, 2016: A hijacked truck plows through a Christmas market in Berlin, killing 12.

—July 14, 2016: A truck driver targets Bastille Day revelers in Nice, killing 86.

—March 22, 2016: Suicide attacks on the Brussels airport and subway kill 32 and injure hundreds. The perpetrators have been closely linked to the group that carried out earlier attacks in Paris.

— Nov. 13, 2015: Islamic State-linked extremists attack the Bataclan concert hall and other sites across Paris, killing 130 people. A key suspect in the attack, 26-year-old Salah Abdeslam, is arrested in Brussels on March 18, 2016.

— Feb. 14, 2015: A gunman kills Danish filmmaker Finn Noergaard and wounds three police officers in Copenhagen. A day later the gunman, Omar El-Hussein, attacks a synagogue, killing a Jewish guard and wounding two police officers before being shot dead.

— Jan. 7-9, 2015: A gun assault on the Paris offices of the satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo and an attack on a kosher grocery store kills 17 people. Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula claims responsibility for the attack, saying it was in revenge for Charlie Hebdo's depictions of the Prophet Muhammad.

— May 24, 2014: Four people are killed at the Jewish Museum in Brussels by an intruder with a Kalashnikov. The accused is a former French fighter linked to the Islamic State group in Syria.

— May 22, 2013: Two al-Qaida-inspired extremists run down British soldier Lee Rigby in a London street, then stab and hack him to death.

— March 2012: A gunman claiming links to al-Qaida kills three Jewish schoolchildren, a rabbi and three paratroopers in Toulouse, southern France.

— July 22, 2011: Anti-Muslim extremist Anders Behring Breivik plants a bomb in Oslo then launches a shooting massacre on a youth camp on Norway's Utoya island, killing 77 people, many of them teenagers.

— Nov. 2, 2011: The offices of Charlie Hebdo in Paris are firebombed after the satirical magazine runs a cover featuring a caricature of the Prophet Muhammad. No one is injured.

— March 2, 2011: Islamic extremist Arid Uka shoots dead two U.S. airmen and injures two others at Frankfurt airport after apparently being inspired by a fake internet video purporting to show American atrocities in Afghanistan.

— July 7, 2005: 52 commuters are killed in London when four al Qaida-inspired suicide bombers blow themselves up on three subway trains and a bus.

— March 11, 2004: Bombs on four Madrid commuter trains in the morning rush hour kill 191 people.

## SpaceX launches 1st recycled supply ship

By **MARCIA DUNN, AP Aerospace Writer**

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — SpaceX launched its first recycled cargo ship to the International Space Station on Saturday, yet another milestone in its bid to drive down flight costs.

After a two-day delay caused by thunderstorms, the unmanned Falcon rocket blasted off carrying a Dragon capsule that made a station delivery nearly three years ago. When this refurbished Dragon reaches the orbiting lab on Monday, it will be the first returning craft since NASA's now-retired shuttles.

The first-stage booster flown Saturday afternoon was brand new, and as is now the custom, returned to Cape Canaveral following liftoff for a successful vertical touchdown. "The Falcon has landed," SpaceX Mission Control declared from company headquarters in Hawthorne, California, and a cheer went up.

The plan is to launch the booster again, instead of junking it in the ocean as so many other rocket makers do. Just two months ago, SpaceX launched its first recycled booster on a satellite mission. Another flight featuring a reused booster is coming up later this month.

This Dragon capsule, meanwhile, came back for take two following a few modifications and much testing. Shortly before liftoff, a SpaceX vice president, Hans Koenigsmann, called the Dragon reflight "a pretty big deal."

It's all part of the company's quest, he said, to lower the cost of access to space through reusability.

"Overall a great day," Koenigsmann later told reporters.

"Another wonderful launch," added NASA's Ven Feng, a station manager.

SpaceX chief Elon Musk tweeted early Sunday morning: "It's starting to feel kinda normal to reuse rockets. Good. That's how it is for cars & airplanes and how it should be for rockets."

The Dragon soaring Saturday has the same hull and most of the same parts from its 2014 flight. SpaceX installed a new heat shield and parachutes, among a few other things, for the trip back to Earth at flight's end. The Dragon is the only supply ship capable of surviving re-entry; all the others burn up in the atmosphere. NASA's other supplier, Orbital ATK, will see its cargo carrier depart the 250-mile-high complex on Sunday, six weeks after arriving.

Besides the usual supplies, SpaceX's latest 6,000-pound shipment includes mice and flies for research, a new kind of roll-up solar panel and a neutron star detector.

For now, SpaceX said savings are minimal because of all the inspections and tests performed on the already flown parts. NASA's space station program manager, Kirk Shireman, told reporters earlier in the week that SpaceX did a thorough job recertifying the Dragon and that the risk is not substantially more than if this were a capsule straight off the factory floor. He said the entire industry is interested in "this whole notion of reuse," first realized with the space shuttles.

It was the 100th launch from NASA's hallowed Launch Complex 39A at Kennedy Space Center, the departure point for the Apollo moon shots as well as dozens of shuttle missions, including the last one in 2011. SpaceX now leases the pad from NASA; the company's first launch from there was in February.

SpaceX has been hauling station supplies for NASA for five years, both up and down. This is the company's 11th mission under a NASA contract. The company's next step is to deliver astronauts using modified Dragons. That could occur as early as next year.

Until SpaceX and Boeing start transporting crews, astronauts will continue to ride Russian rockets. On Friday, a Russian and Frenchman returned from the space station in their Soyuz capsule, leaving two Americans and a Russian behind. The station was zooming over Oman in the Persian Gulf when the Falcon

took flight.

Online:

SpaceX: <http://www.spacex.com/>

NASA: [https://www.nasa.gov/mission\\_pages/station/main/index.html](https://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/station/main/index.html)

## **Terror attack on London Bridge leaves 6 dead; police shoot 3**

**By DANICA KIRKA and JILL LAWLESS, Associated Press**

LONDON (AP) — Terror struck at the heart of London on Saturday night as attackers killed six people in a series of vehicle and knife attacks before police shot them dead.

The assault began when a van veered off the road and barreled into pedestrians on London Bridge. Three men fled the van with large knives and attacked people at bars and restaurants in nearby Borough Market, police and witnesses said. More than 30 victims were treated at London hospitals and a number of other patients were treated for less serious injuries.

The violence turned a summery night in an area packed with revelers into a scene of panic and chaos, with officers running through crowded streets screaming for people to flee. Lifeboats on the River Thames helped evacuate the area.

The Metropolitan Police force declared the attacks "terrorist incidents." Assistant Commissioner Mark Rowley said that while they believe all the attackers were killed, the investigation continued.

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Multiple witnesses reported a vehicle veering off the road and hitting as many as six pedestrians.

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Police tweeted a warning telling people in the area to run to safety, hide and then call police if it is safe to do so. They asked Londoners to "remain calm but be alert and vigilant."

Prime Minister Theresa May confirmed the attack "is being treated as a potential act of terrorism" and said her thoughts were with "those who are caught up in these dreadful events." May's office said she would chair a meeting of the government's COBRA emergency committee on Sunday.

As thousands of people flooded from the area of the attacks — many unable to get home with nearby subway stations shut — locals were quick to offer assistance.

The Royal Oak pub, near the area of the attacks, opened its doors to people evacuated from hotels. At least one taxi company offered free rides to people stranded in the area. Phaldip Singh, who describes himself as an entrepreneur and youth activist, tweeted that Sikh temples were open to provide food and shelter for those affected.

It was the third attack to hit Britain in as many months.

In March, a British convert to Islam ran down people with a vehicle on Westminster Bridge, killing four, then stabbed a policeman to death outside Parliament.

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A charity concert for victims of the Manchester attack, featuring Grande and other stars, is due to be held in the northwest English city on Sunday.

Grande, who visited victims of the Manchester attack in the hospital on Friday, found herself confronted with another terror attack.

She tweeted: "Praying for London."

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Associated Press writer Niko Price contributed to this report.

## Trump argues for travel ban after attacks hit London

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump argued in favor of his controversial travel ban as London authorities responded to reports of a string of attacks Saturday night.

One tweet read: "We need to be smart, vigilant and tough. We need the courts to give us back our rights. We need the Travel Ban as an extra level of safety!"

London authorities were investigating reports that a vehicle had hit pedestrians on London Bridge. Two other incidents also were reported, stabbings at nearby Borough Market and another incident in the Vauxhall area of the city.

Trump began tweeting about the incidents an hour or so after initial news reports. First, he retweeted a Drudge Report item about the attacks, then provided his own message about the travel ban.

A few minutes later Trump tweeted a message of support for Londoners: "Whatever the United States can do to help out in London and the U. K., we will be there - WE ARE WITH YOU. GOD BLESS!"

Earlier this week, the Trump administration asked the Supreme Court to immediately reinstate its ban on travelers from six mostly Muslim countries and refugees from anywhere in the world. The administration

argues that the U.S. will be safer if the policy is put in place.

Lower courts have blocked the Trump policy, citing various reasons including statements Trump made during the 2016 campaign. The legal fight pits the president's authority over immigration against what lower courts have said is a policy that purported to be about national security but was intended to target Muslims.

Trump later called Prime Minister Theresa May to offer condolences. The White House said the president "praised the heroic response of police and other first responders and offered the full support of the United States government in investigating and bringing those responsible for these heinous acts to justice."

The State Department issued a statement condemning the attacks as "cowardly."

"The United States stands ready to provide any assistance authorities in the United Kingdom may request," State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert said.

"Our hearts are with the families and loved ones of the victims. We wish a full and quick recovery to those injured in the attacks. All Americans stand in solidarity with the people of the United Kingdom," she said.

## Source: Brother of man who dismembered boy found dead

By COLLEEN LONG, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The brother of a man who kidnapped and dismembered a lost 8-year-old boy has been found dead, his body bound, wrapped in a blanket and stuffed in a basement closet in the same Brooklyn home where detectives uncovered the gruesome remains of the boy nearly six years ago.

Detectives found Tzvi Aron's body after police were called there by family, a law enforcement official said.

Aron, 29, a bakery worker, had been last seen Tuesday. The death is being investigated as a homicide; Aron had been recently threatened but it wasn't clear why, the official said. The medical examiner will determine a cause of death. The official wasn't authorized to speak publicly about an ongoing investigation and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Tzvi's brother, Levi Aron, pleaded guilty in the kidnapping and killing of 8-year-old Leiby Kletzky in July 2011. Leiby got lost on his walk home from a religious day camp. It was the first time he was allowed to walk alone, and he was supposed to travel about seven blocks to meet his mother, but missed his turn. He ran into Levi Aron on the street, who promised to take Leiby home.

But instead, Aron brought the boy about 40 miles (64 km) upstate to Monsey, New York, where he attended a wedding before bringing him back to his home. He kept him there overnight and the following day as he went to work at a hardware store.

Meanwhile, a massive search for the boy was underway in Borough Park section of Brooklyn, home to one of the world's largest communities of Orthodox Jews outside of Israel. Thousands of volunteers from the Hasidic community had assembled to comb the streets. Aron is Orthodox but not Hasidic. The Hasidim are ultra-Orthodox Jews.

When Aron noticed flyers plastered on lampposts with the boy's photo, he says he got spooked, went home and suffocated the boy, police said. A toxicology report found Leiby had also been drugged.

Detectives found the boy's severed feet, wrapped in plastic, in a freezer at Aron's home, about 2 miles (3 km) from the boy's home. A cutting board and three bloody carving knives were found in the refrigerator. The rest of the boy's body was discovered in bags inside a red suitcase in a trash bin about a mile from the home. His legs had been cut from his torso.

Levi Aron pleaded guilty to kidnapping and killing the boy, and is serving 40 years to life in prison.

In the years since, his family remained at the home in Brooklyn, which is divided into apartments. Tzvi lived in the basement apartment; Levi had lived on the top floor. Another brother lives there. The family's mother died from cancer and a sister, Sarah, died while institutionalized with schizophrenia before Levi Aron was arrested, according to Levi Aron's psychiatric report obtained by the AP.

Tzvi Aron defended his family at the time his brother was arrested, saying they were unaware of Levi's acts.

"People who know us know we're a good family," he told the Daily News of New York at the time. Over the years they've received dozens of death threats after the horrifying killing. On Friday, police once again cordoned off the cream-colored home, in Brooklyn's Kensington neighborhood, as a crime scene. "It was spooky," neighbor Kathleen Henderson told the Daily News of New York. "Everyone keeps an eye on that house for obvious reasons. No one trusted them after that incident with the little boy."

## Security video shows methodical gunman in casino attack

By TODD PITMAN, Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Security footage shows the man responsible for one of the Philippine capital's deadliest attacks in years casually exiting a taxi just after midnight and walking calmly into a vast entertainment and gambling complex like any other visitor.

Shortly afterward, he dons a black ski mask, slips on an ammunition vest and pulls an M4 carbine assault rifle out of his backpack.

What follows borders on the surreal: a slow-motion arson attack and robbery so methodical and unhurried, the gunman appears to walk much of the way — even as he exchanges fire with a security guard and flees, slightly wounded, up a stairwell.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the early Friday rampage at the Resorts World Manila complex. At least 37 patrons and employees died, mostly from smoke inhalation as they tried to hide on the second floor, including one the casino's VIP rooms, police said. The gunman fled to an adjoining hotel and reportedly killed himself.

The video footage shown to reporters Saturday, though, bolsters the government's case that this was a botched robbery by a lone attacker with no known link to terrorism. Police said that's exactly why they wanted to release it.

In his first remarks on the assault, Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte said that the attacker was simply "crazy." He questioned what the gunman was going to do with the \$2 million horde of poker chips he had tried to haul away. He also discounted any links to the Islamic State group, saying this "is not the work of ISIS. The work of the ISIS is more cruel and brutal."

Despite some initially contradictory accounts of the chaos, what is known so far appears to back up that claim.

Although the attacker was well armed — Manila police chief Oscar Albayalde said he was carrying 90 bullets in three rifle clips — there are no confirmed reports that he shot any civilians. Instead, he fired into the ceilings, scattering panicked crowds, some of whom jumped out windows to escape what they believed to be a terror attack.

Albayalde said the security footage contained a clear motive: the gunman headed straight for a storage room that contained poker chips. He is seen shooting through several thick white doors, breaking down one of them at 12:18 a.m. Friday — only 11 minutes after his arrival. Albayalde suggested he set fires as a diversionary tactic and his next move was to try to get out.

More than 12,000 people were in the complex at the time; most were successfully evacuated. "He could have shot everybody there," Albayalde added. "He could have killed hundreds of people inside that establishment. But he did not shoot anybody ... he just burned the casino."

By nightfall Saturday, the gunman's identity was still unknown. The taxi driver who dropped him off told police said his passenger spoke fluent Tagalog and appeared normal during the ride. The gunman asked him just one thing: to change the radio channel to the news instead of music, Albayalde said.

"All indications ... point to a criminal act by an apparently emotionally disturbed individual," said presidential spokesman Ernesto Abella.

National Police Chief Ronald dela Rosa also said the attack did not appear to be terrorism, but he cautioned that authorities still know very little about the attacker.

"What if we establish the identity and there are leads that will lead toward terrorism? So our findings, our conclusion, will possibly change," he told DZMM radio.



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The Philippines has faced Muslim insurgencies for decades, though much of the violence has occurred in the troubled south. Many in Manila feared Friday's attack was linked to ongoing battles with militants aligned with the Islamic State group in the southern Philippine city of Marawi. The fighting has placed the country on edge and prompted Duterte to declare martial law across the south.

IS carried two statements claiming responsibility for the attack, but they contained discrepancies. One mentioned fighters, the other just one fighter — a person who goes by the nom de guerre "Brother Abu al-Kheir al-Arkhabili." One of the statements also said the attacker "died as a martyr" — which would not make sense if he shot himself in an evacuated hotel room at the end of the night, as the police claim. Suicide is forbidden in Islam.

Armeen Gomez, chief security officer at Resorts World, said witnesses at the scene had testified to seeing multiple assailants. But he believes their accounts were likely confused by the chaos and panic. Beyond the unidentified gunman, the only other people armed in the images released Saturday were the security forces clearing the area.

The footage shows the attacker entering an elevator with two women behind him, shortly after arrival. He pulls a mask down across his face as he walks out, and minutes later, he strolls into a part of the mall with round dining tables, bypassing the metal detector.

As a security officer runs after him, he whips a rifle out of his backpack, sending panicked throngs fleeing. This was the moment people began screaming, "ISIS! ISIS!" Gomez said.

Pushing deeper into the complex, the gunman enters the casino zone. A shocked man behind a counter ducks as the attacker fires into the air. He then begins dousing gambling tables and slot machines, igniting each with a lighter.

Luchie Arguelles, 61, was playing slots just after midnight when she saw the man enter. "(He was) all dressed in black, burly, everything was covered, you can't even see his eyes," said Arguelles, who was about 9 meters (30 feet) away. She said he was holding two small bottles.

"I said, 'He's going to burn that table, he's going to douse it,'" before she grabbed her husband's hand and started running.

In the footage's last scenes, the gunman is seen exchanging fire with one of the hotel's security officers at a stairwell doorway. Gomez said the gunman was shot in the leg, but after walking up a couple steps, the assailant walks back down to casually shut the door — almost as if he had left it open by mistake.

Later on the fifth floor, he sets part of a red hallway carpet ablaze, filling the corridor with smoke. Hotel security had already evacuated guests.

At 1:46 a.m., the gunman kicks in the door of Room 501 and goes inside. Police soon arrive, aiming the white lights on their weapons through the smoke-filled hall.

The attacker, they say, set a final fire in the room and was found dead with a gunshot wound to the mouth.

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This story has been corrected to show the security guard's name is Armeen Gomez, not Amreen Gomez, and to give the sequence of events in timeline.

## Volquez throws no-hitter, Marlins top Diamondbacks 3-0

By TIM REYNOLDS, AP Sports Writer

MIAMI (AP) — Edinson Volquez's day was nearly over after three pitches. And he strongly considered leaving the game after five innings because of sharp ankle pain.

A couple hours later, nothing was hurting.

He stuck around — and pitched the game of his life.

Volquez threw the sixth no-hitter in Marlins history, facing the minimum 27 batters on Saturday and

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beating the Arizona Diamondbacks 3-0. Tied for the major league lead in losses when the game began, he struck out 10, and the two baserunners who reached on walks were erased by double plays.

He needed 98 pitches, the last of those striking out Chris Owings to complete the masterpiece.

"When I passed the seventh, I said, 'I'm going to go for it,'" Volquez said. "And I got it."

It's the first no-hitter in the majors since Jake Arrieta did it for the Cubs on April 21, 2016, at Cincinnati, and the first time Arizona was no-hit since the Marlins' Anibal Sanchez threw one on Sept. 6, 2006.

Volquez (2-7) was nearly knocked out of the game after just one batter, when he collided with Diamondbacks leadoff man Rey Fuentes as he covered first, rolled his ankle and took a hard fall to the turf.

"I thought I broke my ankle," he kidded after the game.

Alas, that was the only hit the Diamondbacks got. Luckily for Volquez, body blows don't show up in the scorebook.

"I have faith in God," Fuentes said. "And if there was a plan for Volquez, today was his day."

The 33-year-old righty was one of the pitchers the Marlins brought in this past offseason in part to fill the void caused by the death of ace Jose Fernandez, who died in a boat crash last September.

Fernandez was very much on Volquez's mind Saturday.

So was Yordano Ventura, the Kansas City pitcher who was killed in a car crash in the Dominican Republic in January. Saturday would have been Ventura's 26th birthday. He and Volquez were not just countrymen, but close friends.

"It was special for me to dedicate the game to him," Volquez said.

Volquez's first season in Miami started about as badly as possible; the Marlins lost eight of his first nine starts and Volquez dropped his first seven decisions.

Yet on this day, he was nearly perfect.

"Just a lot of things lined up," Marlins manager Don Mattingly said. "And his stuff was really, really good."

Nick Ahmed — who broke up a no-hit bid by Milwaukee's Chase Anderson in the eighth inning one week earlier — led off the ninth for Arizona and struck out on four pitches. Pinch-hitter Daniel Descalso came up, and after falling behind 2-0 in the count, Volquez stopped for a moment, composed himself with a deep breath, and eventually got the strikeout.

That left it up to Owings, another pinch-hitter.

Strike one.

Strike two.

And then came a swing and a miss at a change-up for strike three, one that got away from catcher J.T. Realmuto for a brief moment before he fired to Justin Bour at first as the Marlins swarmed the field in celebration.

"Great mentor, great leader on the team," Realmuto said, as three workers on the field dug up the rubber for Volquez. "It's really awesome to see a guy like that get an accomplishment like this."

It was the Marlins' first no-hitter since Henderson Alvarez pitched one against Detroit on the final day of the 2013 regular season.

"It's always a special moment," Diamondbacks manager Torey Lovullo said. "Something's going right."

Bour had two hits and two RBIs for the Marlins, Giancarlo Stanton scored twice and Christian Yelich and Marcell Ozuna both had two hits. Miami gave Volquez two insurance runs in the eighth, though they were hardly needed.

Randall Delgado (1-1) gave up six hits and one run in 5 1/3 innings for Arizona.

Volquez threw a one-hitter for San Diego against Houston in 2012 — the only blemish that night coming on a fourth-inning infield single by the Astros' Matt Downs. A no-no bid for Pittsburgh in 2014 snapped on a leadoff single in the seventh by Cincinnati's Devin Mesoraco.

The Marlins' defense came up big for him in the fourth. Dee Gordon dove left to snare a grounder by Fuentes for the first out — "he saved the no-hitter right there," Volquez said — and Bour tagged out Paul Goldschmidt after a throw by shortstop JT Riddle came in high. Goldschmidt was called safe at first, and it would have been an error anyway, but the play was overruled after review anyway.

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Volquez is the epitome of a baseball journeyman. The Marlins are his seventh franchise in his 13 big league seasons, and he came into Saturday with just a 90-86 career record.

He was an All-Star in 2008, when he went 17-6 with Cincinnati. In 2015, Volquez helped Kansas City win the World Series crown and started Game 1 on the same day his father died.

"This is one of those days, you didn't know what was going to happen," Volquez said. "And today I had a no-hitter."

## TRAINER'S ROOM

Diamondbacks: Arizona rested Owings (3 for his last 22, before the appearance in the ninth) and LF Yasmany Tomas (3 for his last 25). OF Gregor Blanco (thumb) was out of the lineup for a second straight day, and the Diamondbacks said RHP Braden Shipley will start in place of RHP Taijuan Walker (blister) on Sunday.

Marlins: 3B Martin Prado (hamstring) has been taking ground balls and is continuing to work his way back, with the expectation remaining that he could return within two weeks.

## BARK AT THE PARK

Fans could bring their dogs (and many did, since barking was heard all day throughout Marlins Park by the 615 canines in attendance) to Saturday's game, part of an event designed to support the Humane Society of Greater Miami.

## MARLINS HISTORY

Besides Alvarez, Sanchez and now Volquez, the other no-hitters for the Marlins were thrown by A.J. Burnett, Kevin Brown and Al Leiter. The complete game was the first in exactly three years for Miami, ending the longest such drought in the majors; Alvarez blanked Tampa Bay 1-0 on June 3, 2014.

## UP NEXT

Shipley (0-1, 6.75) starts for Arizona against Miami's Vance Worley (0-2, 4.50) in the series finale.

## Pence backs up Trump's economic efforts during visit to Iowa

By THOMAS BEAUMONT, Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Vice President Mike Pence on Saturday reassured Iowa conservatives, some of them cool to Donald Trump, that the president will deliver on his campaign promises to boost the economy.

Speaking at the annual fundraiser of Iowa Sen. Joni Ernst, Pence told more than 1,400 Iowa Republicans that, thanks to Trump, "American businesses are growing again, they are investing in America again."

Pence promoted low unemployment and the economy's overall health, which he attributed to Trump's cancellation of regulations enacted under President Barack Obama. And, in particular, he described pulling out of the international climate agreement reached in Paris as a show of support for U.S. workers.

"President Donald Trump chose to put the forgotten men and women of America first," Pence said at the sun-drenched Central Iowa Expo in rural Boone, Iowa.

But Pence also pressured Iowa's Senate delegation not to relent on Trump's centerpiece campaign promise to replace the 2010 federal health care law, despite caution from Ernst and senior Iowa Sen. Chuck Grassley that uprooting Obama's overhaul was unlikely in the Senate.

"We've got more work to do," Pence said. "First and foremost, this summer, this Congress must come together and heed the president's leadership and we must repeal and replace Obamacare."

Pence's work to solidify Republican support in Iowa, which Trump won in November by 9 percentage points, came amid caution from the state's influential Christian conservatives who have said Trump had more to prove to them.

"I'm still waiting to see a conservative agenda put forward," Iowa Republican Kay Quirk, a retired nurse from the socially conservative northwest region of the state, said before Pence spoke. "I haven't given up hope by any means. But I'm still waiting."

Pence suggested Trump had made a good start and noted the confirmation of his nominee to the Supreme Court, Neil Gorsuch, a favorite of conservatives.

Trump also "has stood for the sanctity of human life," Pence said. Trump's latest budget proposal would prohibit any funding for certain entities that provide abortions, including Planned Parenthood. Federal law

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already prohibits money for abortion.

Pence did not mention Trump's difficulties, including investigations over whether people associated with Trump's campaign or administration colluded with the Russians to influence the 2016 elections and over the president's firing of the man investigating the matter, former FBI Director James Comey.

Mike Demastus, a pastor from Des Moines, pointed to Trump's announcement Thursday that he would keep, at least for now, the U.S. Embassy in Israel in Tel Aviv. Trump promised during the campaign last year to move the embassy to Jerusalem, the place most closely associated with the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

"When it comes to moral issues, he hasn't moved the needle one notch," Demastus said.

It's not as if there is a revolt brewing within the Iowa GOP.

Republicans control both houses of the Iowa Legislature, the governor's office, both U.S. Senate seats and three of four House seats.

And the vast majority of Iowa Republicans approve of the job Trump is doing. Surveys this year have shown Trump's job approval among Republicans around 85 percent, about the same as it is nationally.

But there's more potential meaning to that slice of Republicans who don't give Trump the nod in Iowa than in other states.

Trump finished second to Texas Sen. Ted Cruz in Iowa's leadoff presidential caucuses last year, and many of Cruz's supporters say they would back him again if he runs. A number of them, including Quirk, have scheduled a Cruz campaign reunion for this summer, and are planning to travel to Texas to volunteer for his 2018 Senate campaign.

Emerging national Republican figures also have been accepting invitations to meet Iowa party activists.

Arkansas Sen. Tom Cotton headlined a county GOP dinner in conservative western Iowa last month, though he firmly dismissed the idea that he was making plans to run in 2020.

Nebraska Sen. Ben Sasse, a frequent and vocal critic of Trump, plans to headline a central Iowa county Republican dinner in July.

Pence would seem to be the right validator for Trump in Iowa. Ninety percent of Iowa Republicans approved of the job Pence was doing in a February Des Moines Register Iowa Poll, 6 percentage points ahead of Trump.

In November, Trump's campaign dispatched Pence to the state less than a week before the election. Then Indiana's governor and popular among social conservatives, he told Iowa Republicans during that eleventh-hour visit, "It's time to come home."

## Southern rocker Gregg Allman laid to rest near Highway 41

By JEFF MARTIN, Associated Press

MACON, Ga. (AP) — Southern rocker Gregg Allman was laid to rest Saturday near his older brother Duane in the same cemetery where they used to write songs among the tombstones, not far from US Highway 41.

Thousands of fans lined the streets of Macon to honor Allman, who was carried into Rose Hill Cemetery as a bagpiper played a somber tune. Family and friends, including musicians who played in The Allman Brothers Band over the years, gathered next to his grave and on a nearby hillside shaded by huge oak trees. Towards the end, a freight train rolled in and stopped alongside the cemetery, reminding some mourners of Allman's lyrics to "Melissa."

Along the funeral route, many shared memories of concerts, and some blared the band's songs from their cars and trucks. One carried a sign saying "You made our soul shine. We'll miss you brother Gregg."

"I wouldn't have missed this if I lived in China," said Kelli Jo Hickman, who drove in from Murphy, N.C. She said her mom, Dixie, introduced her to the band in the 1970s, and she's listened to their music ever since.

The funeral service was private, with room for only about 100 people inside the small chapel. Allman's ex-wife Cher and his band mates, including the drummer Jaimoe and guitarist Dickey Betts, who wrote and sang "Ramblin Man," also attended.

Some slipped into the chapel through a back entrance. Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter had said he would attend, honoring the keyboardist who drew large crowds to campaign events during his 1976

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presidential race.

Allman, who blazed a trail for many Southern rock groups, died May 27 at the age of 69 at his home near Savannah, Georgia, said Michael Lehman, the rock star's manager. He blamed liver cancer.

With Gregg at the organ and Duane playing guitar, the band began its rise to fame in the central Georgia city 90 miles south of Atlanta about five decades ago. They used to write songs while hanging out in the cemetery, Alan Paul wrote in "One Way Out: The Inside History of the Allman Brothers Band."

"He's somebody who has been in my life first as an artist and later as a real person since I was about 8 years old, and so it's shocking to think of the world without him," said Paul, 50, who interviewed Allman many times for his book.

Born in Nashville, Tennessee, Allman 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 heart of The Allman Brothers Band before Duane died in a motorcycle crash in 1971, just as they were reaching stardom.

In his 2012 memoir, "My Cross to Bear," Allman said he finally felt "brand new" in the 1990s after years of overindulging in women, drugs and alcohol. But hepatitis C had ruined his liver, and after getting a transplant, it was music that helped him recover. Allman felt that being on the road playing music for his fans was "essential medicine for his soul," according to a statement from the Big House, the Macon museum dedicated to the band.

Lehman said he spoke with Allman the night before he died.

"He said the last few days he was just, you know, tired," Lehman said.

The night before he passed away, Allman was able to listen to some of the tracks being produced for his final record, "Southern Blood," Lehman said. The album is scheduled to be released in the fall.

"He was looking forward to sharing it with the world and that dream is going to be realized," Lehman said. "I told him that his legacy is going to be protected, and the gift that he gave to the music world will continue to live on forever."

## Bill Maher apologizes for using racial slur during HBO show

By ANTHONY McCARTNEY, AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bill Maher apologized Saturday for using a racial slur to describe himself as a house slave during a live segment for his HBO talk show.

Maher's comment during his discussion with Sen. Ben Sasse, R-Nebraska, was quickly and broadly criticized after it aired on the comedian's "Real Time with Bill Maher" show Friday night.

HBO said the remark was "completely inexcusable and tasteless" and the segment would not be re-aired.

"Friday nights are always my worst night of sleep because I'm up reflecting on the things I should or shouldn't have said on my live show," Maher said in a statement Saturday. "Last night was a particularly long night as I regret the word I used in the banter of a live moment. The word was offensive and I regret saying it and am very sorry."

During Maher's discussion with Sasse, the senator joked that he would like to have Maher visit Nebraska and work in the fields. The comedian responded by using a slur in a joke that he was a house slave.

The comedian immediately waved off audience groans. "It's a joke," he said on the show.

Activists including the Rev. Al Sharpton quickly criticized Maher, and it remained a top-ranked topic on Twitter on Saturday.

"Just because Bill Maher is a liberal and our friend, you don't give him a pass," Sharpton said on his radio show Saturday. "It's wrong and we're calling him out on it. You cannot allow folk to act like there's anything funny in that context about using that word."

Sasse wrote on Twitter on Saturday morning that he wished he'd challenged Maher for his use of the slur immediately.

"I'm a 1st Amendment absolutist. Comedians get latitude to cross hard lines," Sasse wrote in a series of posts. "But free speech comes with a responsibility to speak up when folks use that word. Me just cringing last night wasn't good enough. Here's what I wish I'd been quick enough to say in the moment: 'Hold

up, why would you think it's OK to use that word?"

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## Trump to push for overhauling roads, bridges, air traffic

By KEN THOMAS and JOSH BOAK, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump is launching a major push for a \$1 trillion overhaul of the nation's roads and bridges, a key item on his agenda that's been stymied in Congress and overshadowed by White House controversies.

Trump plans a series of events this coming week to highlight his effort to modernize American infrastructure — the highway, waterway, electrical and airway systems on which the nation operates. His campaign for public and private funding for the projects is expected to run from the White House, where he'll speak about upgrading air traffic control, to Ohio on inland waterways and through meetings with mayors, governors and Transportation Department officials.

The Trump administration has struggled to gain traction on many of its economic policies. Job growth has slowed in recent months instead of accelerating as the president predicted. Trump has said he has tax legislation moving through Congress but his effort has been stalled and no bill has been written. His budget plan released during his foreign trip included math errors that enabled the White House to falsely claim that its tax plan would deliver both faster growth and a balanced budget.

Trump's agenda has been overshadowed by ongoing probes into whether Trump campaign officials or associates colluded with Russian officials to influence the 2016 election, as well as scrutiny over Trump's firing of FBI Director James Comey — who is scheduled to testify on Capitol Hill on Thursday.

And other policies on the agenda, such as health care and taxes, come first on a fast-closing legislative calendar.

But modernizing the nation's infrastructure remains a challenge with broad public support.

Trump's push to revamp deteriorating roads, bridges, airports and railways aims to unlock economic growth and succeed in an area where his predecessor, former President Barack Obama, was repeatedly thwarted by a Republican-led Congress.

"It doesn't matter who you are, whether you are farmer in the Midwest, or a mother driving your kids to and from school, or a worker or a college kid flying back and forth to school, you're affected by infrastructure," said White House economic adviser Gary Cohn in a conference call with reporters.

Cohn said the nation was "falling behind and the falling behind is affecting economic growth in the United States. The president wants to fix the problems and he doesn't want to push these liabilities into the future."

Trump on Monday is set to outline his legislative principles for overhauling the air traffic control system, using a White House address to propose separating air traffic control operations from the Federal Aviation Administration, a key priority for U.S. airlines.

The president plans to travel to Ohio on Wednesday to address ways of improving levees, dams and locks along inland waterways that are crucial to agricultural exports. His visit is expected to include a speech expected to touch on partnering with states and local governments.

Cohn said governors and mayors are scheduled meet with Trump at the White House on Thursday for a listening session focused on the efficient use of tax dollars for infrastructure projects.

On Friday, Trump will visit the Transportation Department to discuss regulatory changes related to roads and railways. Trump has noted that the approval process for permits frequently can drag on for a decade and has pressed to shorten the length of the review process.

Trump's focus on infrastructure follows the government's monthly jobs report, which showed hiring slowing down in May. The economy has added an average of 121,000 jobs over the past three months, down from

a monthly average of nearly 187,000 last year despite Trump's promotion of his economic prescriptions. On infrastructure, the administration has pointed to plans for a package of tax breaks meant to help spur \$1 trillion in new spending on roads, bridges and other construction during the next decade. It also would drastically shorten project approval times. According to Trump's budget proposal, the funding would come from \$200 billion in tax breaks over nine years that would then — in theory — leverage \$1 trillion worth of construction.

A senior White House official has said the infrastructure plan might also incentivize local governments to sell their existing infrastructure to private firms.

But Democrats have warned that the Trump budget reduces infrastructure spending elsewhere, including cuts to Amtrak subsidies, the elimination of an infrastructure investment program started under Obama and a more than \$90 billion drop-off in congressional support for the Highway Trust Fund over 10 years.

Democrats have also been critical of Trump's interest in forging public-private partnerships instead of more traditional spending on infrastructure projects. At the same time, many conservative Republicans have been wary of the idea of a massive government investment.

And with Republicans in control of Congress, Democrats have shown little appetite for working with the president as he faces inquiries into Russia and takes a combative approach overall, from Comey's firing to the withdrawal from the Paris climate agreement.

"If the obstructionists want to get together with me, let's make them non-obstructionists," Trump said Thursday, discussing his plans to exit the Paris climate pact. "We will all sit down and we will get back into the deal. And we'll make it good, and we won't be closing up our factories, and we won't be losing our jobs."

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## **Cosby accuser calm and focused as trial nears, friends say**

**By MARYCLAIRE DALE, Associated Press**

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (AP) — When Andrea Constand takes the stand in the coming days to break her decade-long silence about Bill Cosby, jurors will hear from a free spirit who devotes her life to family, her French poodle, and her work treating cancer patients and others as a massage therapist.

Constand will be the star witness when the comedian dubbed America's Dad goes on trial Monday in suburban Philadelphia on charges he drugged and sexually assaulted her. Cosby, 79, could get 10 years in prison if convicted.

When they last met, in 2004, Constand was wrapping up a life in basketball that had taken her from the Toronto suburbs to a national title with the University of Arizona to a pro league in Europe and finally a job on the coaching staff at Temple University in Philadelphia, Cosby's alma mater.

Constand, now 44, has never spoken publicly about the TV star under the terms of a confidential settlement they negotiated in 2006. And her deposition from that lawsuit remains sealed. Yet friends say she is ready to face Cosby and the crush of media in the courtroom.

"Andrea is not focused on the outcome. She is not emotional. She's the opposite. She is so centered and focused. She does yoga, she meditates," said Donna Motsinger, 75, a fellow Cosby accuser who has become close to Constand since the Canadian woman reached out to her two years ago. "She lives a beautiful life."

Constand, an athletic six-footer with colorful arm tattoos and a wild mane of brown curly hair, is the only Cosby accuser whose complaint has led to criminal charges. About 60 women have accused him of similar conduct, most of them coming forward in Constand's wake.

"She's the only one who found the fortitude to press charges against him within the statute of limitations. I think that's not a coincidence. She's so strong and courageous," said Lili Bernard, who said Cosby

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sexually assaulted her before giving her a one-time role on "The Cosby Show" in 1992, the eighth and final season of the top-ranked sitcom.

Constand has visited Motsinger during trips to the Southwest, an area she loves from her college days in Arizona. They hike, talk about their spiritual journeys and share the occasional margarita. One thing they don't talk about is Cosby, the older woman said. Constand also visited Bernard in Los Angeles last year, where they happened upon his star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame while taking in the sights. They kept walking, Bernard said.

Cosby, Temple's most famous booster and trustee, first spied Constand from across the school gym in 2002. He had a friend introduce them. When she mentioned having back pain, he led her into the locker room to engage in a back-to-back, two-person stretch.

They became friendly over the next two years, discussing sports, health tips and Constand's career. Cosby, according to his deposition in her lawsuit, once invited her to a dinner with local college presidents and also took her to Foxwoods Resort Casino in Connecticut to talk career options with an executive.

Cosby called some of their time together "romantic," describing a few occasions when he said he made advances toward her or lay next to her on his bed during the 2003 casino trip. He insists the encounter at the heart of the criminal case was consensual.

Constand's lawyer, Dolores Troiani, considers that ludicrous, since the 30-year-old Constand was dating a woman at the time.

The Associated Press does not usually identify people who say they are the victims of sexual assault, but Constand's lawyer has said her name can be used.

On the night in question, in early 2004, Cosby summoned her to his gated estate near Philadelphia to discuss her job search. In his deposition, he said he gave her three unidentified pills to ease her stress. She said she thought it was an herbal remedy. Cosby, 36 years her senior, then put his hand down her pants, according to his deposition.

She later told police she was drifting in and out of consciousness, unable to fend him off.

Constand left Temple when the basketball season ended, returning home to become a massage therapist like her father. During her training, she learned about the professional boundaries involving touch and started having nightmares, according to court documents. She told her mother in 2005 that something had happened. They went to the police.

Prosecutors in Pennsylvania at the time deemed the case too weak to prosecute.

Constand then filed the first sexual battery lawsuit against the Hollywood star, a case he settled for an undisclosed sum after giving four days of lurid testimony about his sexual conduct with Constand and other young women. He acknowledged giving some of them pills and alcohol and at least one woman quaaludes.

After that testimony became public in 2015, more women came forward and a new set of prosecutors took another look at the case and arrested Cosby.

The trial is expected to last about two weeks.

"Andrea was a basketball player. She would prepare for a championship game like no other," Motsinger said. "That's what she's done here."

## Special counsel Mueller's investigation seems to be growing

By **SADIE GURMAN, ERIC TUCKER and JEFF HORWITZ, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The special counsel investigating possible ties between President Donald Trump's campaign and Russia's government has taken over a separate criminal probe involving former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort, and may expand his inquiry to investigate the roles of the attorney general and deputy attorney general in the firing of FBI Director James Comey, The Associated Press has learned.

Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein told the AP in a separate interview that he would step aside from any oversight of special counsel Robert Mueller if he were to become a subject of Mueller's investigation.

The Justice Department's criminal investigation into Manafort predated the 2016 election and the counterintelligence probe that in July began investigating possible collusion between Moscow and associates



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of Trump. Manafort was forced to resign as Trump campaign chairman in August amid questions over his business dealings years ago in Ukraine.

The move to consolidate the matters, involving allegations of misuse of Ukrainian government funds, indicates that Mueller is assuming a broad mandate in his new role running the investigation. The expansiveness of Mueller's investigation was described to the AP. No one familiar with the matter has been willing to publicly discuss the scope of his investigation because it is just getting underway and revealing details could complicate its progress.

Rosenstein acknowledged that Mueller could expand his inquiry to include Attorney General Jeff Sessions' and Rosenstein's roles in the decision to fire Comey, who was investigating the Trump campaign. Rosenstein, who appointed Mueller as special counsel, wrote the memorandum intended to justify Trump's decision to fire Comey. Sessions met with Trump and Rosenstein to discuss Trump's decision to fire him despite Sessions' pledge not to become involved in the Russia case.

The AP asked Rosenstein specifically whether Mueller's investigation could expand to include examining Sessions' role.

"The order is pretty clear," Rosenstein responded. "It gives him authority for the investigation and anything arising out of that investigation, and so Director Mueller will be responsible in the first instance for determining what he believes falls into that mandate."

Under Justice Department rules, Mueller is required to seek permission from Rosenstein to investigate additional matters other than ones already specified in the paperwork formally appointing Mueller.

"I've talked with Director Mueller about this," Rosenstein said. "He's going to make the appropriate decisions, and if anything that I did winds up being relevant to his investigation then, as Director Mueller and I discussed, if there's a need from me to recuse, I will."

Peter Carr, a spokesman for Mueller, declined to comment on the scope of the investigation.

Mueller, who spent 12 years as FBI director and served under Republican and Democratic presidents, was appointed after Comey's firing on May 9. Comey is expected to testify for the first time before the Senate intelligence committee on Thursday.

Mueller's assignment covers the investigation into possible links or coordination between Russia and associates of the Trump campaign but also "any matters that arose or may arise directly" from the probe. It would extend to any allegations of perjury, witness intimidation or obstruction of justice uncovered during the course of the investigation.

Last month, House Democrats called for congressional investigations into whether Sessions violated his pledge to recuse himself from matters related to investigations into Trump associates. They also asked the Justice Department to investigate Sessions' role in Comey's firing and to lay out how that investigation would proceed.

A Democratic aide said Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., asked Rosenstein about the matter during a briefing before House members. Rosenstein said he would get back to Cummings, but he has yet to respond, said the aide, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the private interactions.

The Justice Department began looking at Manafort's work in Ukraine around the beginning of 2014, as Ukraine's president, Viktor Yanukovich, was toppled amid protests of alleged corruption and Russian influence. Business records obtained by the AP show Manafort's political consulting firm began working as early as 2004 for clients that variously included a political boss in Yanukovich's party, a Ukrainian oligarch and Oleg Deripaska, a Russian businessman and longtime ally of Russian president Vladimir Putin.

A special counsel, by design, is constrained by the terms of his appointment to avoid boundless and perpetually open-ended investigations. In this case, though, Mueller's mandate appears fairly broad, said Samuel Buell, a former federal prosecutor and criminal law professor at Duke University.

"That investigation that's named in the appointment is already one that has, as far as we can tell, a number of tentacles and offshoots that involves conduct over a fairly lengthy period of time involving a lot of people," Buell said.

He said he did not expect Mueller to seek Rosenstein's approval each time he wants to subpoena a new witness or pursue a new Russia-related investigative thread. The more difficult question would involve any

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allegations separate and apart from Russia, he said.

"This gives him the authority to pull on all kinds of string and see where they lead him," Buell said. "As long as you're following a string that's connected to the string of Russian influence on the election — however that may have occurred, whoever that may have involved — would seem to fall within that appointment."

Manafort's work in Ukraine continued at least through the beginning of 2014, when Yanukovich's government was ousted amid protests of widespread corruption and his rejection of a European trade deal in favor of one with Moscow. As the AP reported last year, that work included covertly directing a lobbying campaign on behalf of Ukraine's pro-Russian Party of Regions in Washington. Following the AP's reporting on emails in which Manafort deputy Rick Gates was overseeing the work, two lobbying firms involved in the project registered as foreign agents. Manafort has not done so, and a spokesman for him has declined to say if he will.

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## Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Sunday, June 4, the 155th day of 2017. There are 210 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 4, 1917, the first Pulitzer Prizes were awarded. Herbert Bayard Swope of the New York World was recognized for a series of articles, "Inside the German Empire"; the New York Tribune for an editorial on the one-year anniversary of the sinking of the Lusitania; Jean Jules Jusserand for his book "With Americans of Past and Present Days"; Laura E. Richards, Maude Howe Elliott and Florence Howe Hall for their biography about Julia Ward Howe.

On this date:

In 1783, the Montgolfier brothers first publicly demonstrated their hot-air balloon, which did not carry any passengers, over Annonay, France.

In 1812, the Louisiana Territory was renamed the Missouri Territory, to avoid confusion with the recently admitted state of Louisiana. The U.S. House of Representatives approved, 79-49, a declaration of war against Britain.

In 1937, one of the first, if not the first, shopping carts was introduced by supermarket chain owner Sylvan Goldman in Oklahoma City.

In 1939, the German ocean liner MS St. Louis, carrying more than 900 Jewish refugees from Germany, was turned away from the Florida coast by U.S. officials.

In 1940, during World War II, the Allied military evacuation of some 338,000 troops from Dunkirk, France, ended. British Prime Minister Winston Churchill declared: "We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender."

In 1942, the World War II Battle of Midway began, resulting in a decisive American victory against Japan and marking the turning point of the war in the Pacific. The wartime drama "Mrs. Miniver," an MGM production starring Greer Garson and Walter Pidgeon, premiered in New York.

In 1947, the Christmastime tale "Miracle on 34th Street," a 20th Century Fox production, opened in New York.

In 1954, French Premier Joseph Laniel and Vietnamese Premier Buu Loc signed treaties in Paris according "complete independence" to Vietnam.

In 1967, in the second air disaster to strike a British carrier in as many days, a British Midland Airways jetliner crashed in Stockport, England, killing 72 of the 84 people aboard. (A day earlier, a British charter crashed in France, killing 88.) "Mission: Impossible" won outstanding dramatic series, "The Monkees" outstanding comedy series at the 19th Primetime Emmy Awards.

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In 1977, the VHS home videocassette recorder was introduced to North America by JVC during a press conference in Chicago.

In 1986, Jonathan Jay Pollard, a former U.S. Navy intelligence analyst, pleaded guilty in Washington to conspiring to deliver information related to the national defense to Israel. (Pollard, sentenced to life in prison, was released on parole on Nov. 20, 2015.)

In 1992, the U.S. Postal Service announced the results of a nationwide vote on the Elvis Presley stamp, saying more people preferred the "younger Elvis" design.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush arrived in Prague at the start of an eight-day European trip that included a Group of Eight summit in Germany. Military judges dismissed charges against a Guantanamo detainee accused of chauffeuring Osama bin Laden and another who allegedly killed a U.S. soldier in Afghanistan. Insurgents linked to al-Qaida issued an online video in which they claimed to have killed all three U.S. soldiers captured in an ambush on May 12. (The bodies of the soldiers were later recovered.) A federal indictment accused Rep. William Jefferson, D-La., of receiving more than \$500,000 in bribes (Jefferson was later convicted of bribery and racketeering and sentenced to 13 years in prison).

Five years ago: With President Barack Obama standing off to the side, former President Bill Clinton warned during a fundraiser in New York that a Mitt Romney presidency would be "calamitous" for the nation and the world. Al-Qaida's second-in-command, Abu Yahya al-Libi (ah-BOO' yah-HEE'-ah ahl LIH'-bee), was killed in a U.S. drone strike in North Waziristan, Pakistan.

One year ago: A day after the death of Muhammad Ali, President Barack Obama said the boxing legend "shook up the world and the world is better for it," and that Ali stood with Martin Luther King Jr. and Nelson Mandela in fighting for what was right. Hillary Clinton scored a sweeping win in the U.S. Virgin Islands, picking up all seven pledged delegates at stake as she inched tantalizingly close to the Democratic nomination. Garbine Muguruza (GAHR'-been-yuh MOO'-guh-roo-sah) won her first Grand Slam title by beating defending champion Serena Williams 7-5, 6-4 at the French Open, denying the American her record-equaling 22nd major trophy.

Today's Birthdays: Sex therapist and media personality Dr. Ruth Westheimer is 89. Actor Bruce Dern is 81. Musician Roger Ball is 73. Actress-singer Michelle Phillips is 73. Jazz musician Anthony Braxton is 72. Rock musician Danny Brown (The Fixx) is 66. Actor Parker Stevenson is 65. Actor Keith David is 61. Blues singer-musician Tinsley Ellis is 60. Actress Julie Gholson is 59. Actor Eddie Velez is 59. Singer-musician El DeBarge is 56. Actress Julie White is 56. Actress Lindsay Frost is 55. Actor Sean Pertwee is 53. Tennis player Andrea Jaeger is 52. Opera singer Cecilia Bartoli is 51. Rhythm-and-blues singer Al B. Sure! is 49. Actor Scott Wolf is 49. Actor-comedian Rob Huebel is 48. Comedian Horatio Sanz is 48. Actor Noah Wyle is 46. Rock musician Stefan Lessard (The Dave Matthews Band) is 43. Actor-comedian Russell Brand is 42. Actress Angelina Jolie is 42. Actor Theo Rossi is 42. Alt-country singer Kasey Chambers is 41. Rock musician JoJo Garza (Los Lonely Boys) is 37. Country musician Dean Berner (Edens Edge) is 36. Model Bar Refaeli (ruh-FEHL'-lee) is 32. Olympic gold medal figure skater Evan Lysacek is 32. Americana singer Shakey Graves is 30. Rock musician Zac Farro is 27.

Thought for Today: "Reputation is a bubble which a man bursts when he tries to blow it for himself." — Emma Carleton, American journalist (1850-1925).