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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**

## Saturday, June 10

**Groton School:** ACT Test in Aberdeen

**Jr. Legion:** at Northville Tourney

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

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

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

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

**First Presbyterian:** Bible Study at 9 a.m., Worship at 10 a.m.

**Jr. Legion:** at Northville Tourney

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**Senior Menu:** Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, cauliflower, apricots, whole wheat bread.

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

**Groton School:** School board meeting, 7 p.m.

**T-Ball:** Black team practice at 6 p.m., Gold team at Doland, 5 p.m.

**Legion:** hosts Mellette for 2 games, 6 p.m.

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

**U8 Red:** at Doland for 2 games, 6 p.m.

**Softball:** Mellette in Groton (U10 at 6 p.m., U12/14 DH at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.)

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

## Harry Implement

"Family Owned & Operated Since 1935!"



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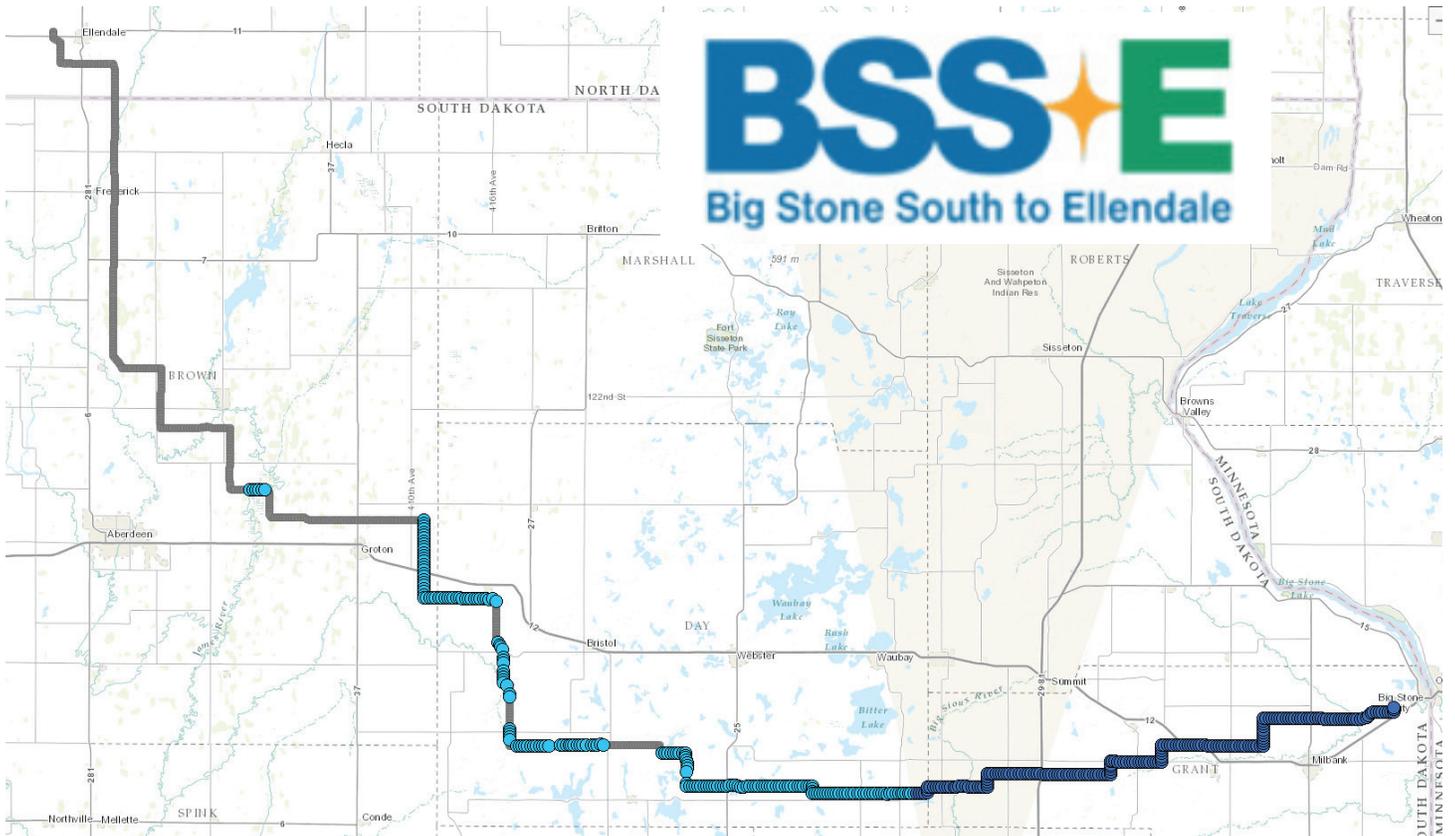
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## Helicopters to begin stringing conductor

Next week they will begin using helicopters to string conductor (transmission line) nine miles west of Big Stone City, South Dakota. The helicopters will work their way west toward Aberdeen then northwest toward Ellendale, North Dakota. The stringing is expected to be completed by October 2018.

Meanwhile they encourage motorists who notice the helicopter work to:

- Focus on the road.
- Maintain a safe speed.
- Refrain from taking photos.
- Stay a safe distance from crews.



**BSS+E Public Facing Map**

Strung Complete

- Structure Strung Complete

Set Complete

- Structure Set Complete

Foundation Complete

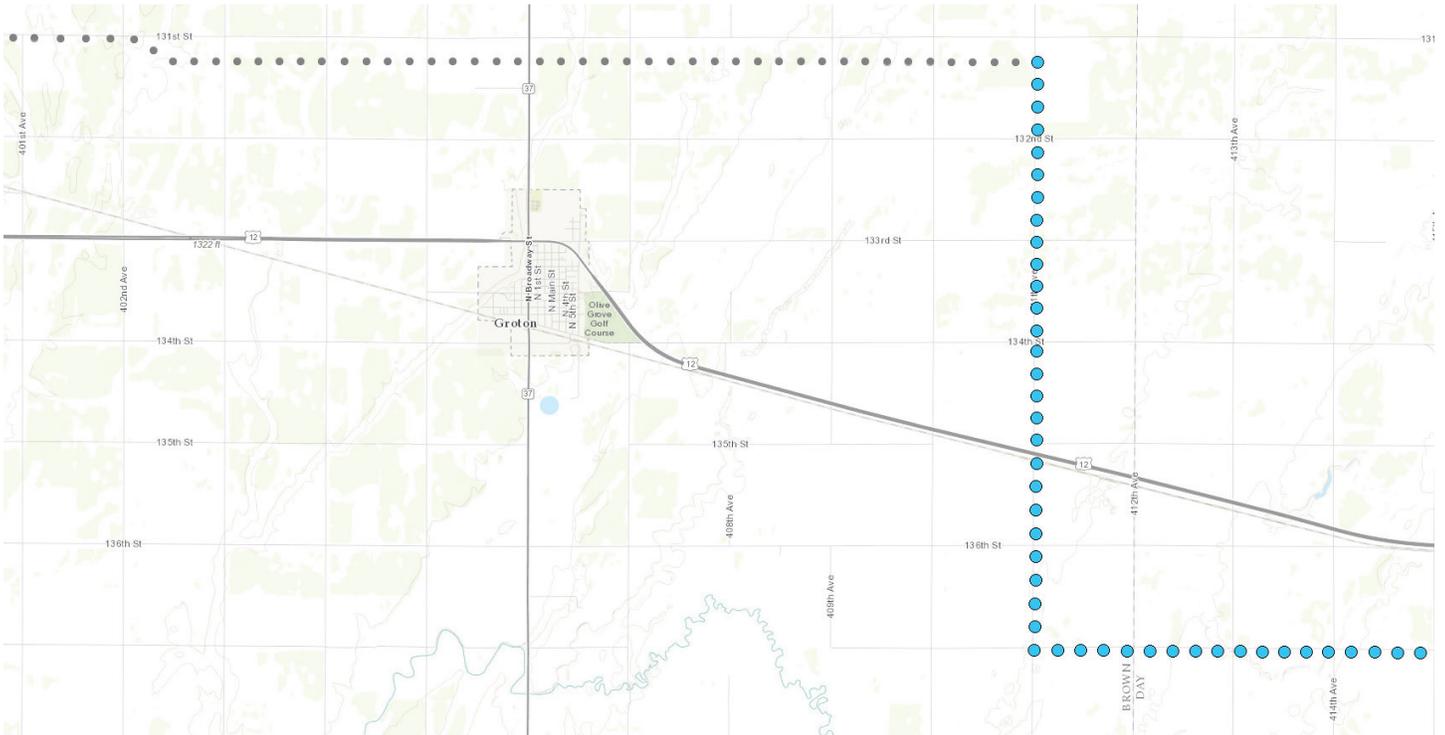
- Foundation Complete

Structures

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Here is where the transmission line will be installed east and north of Groton.

SDSU  
Extension



**ANNIE'S PROJECT**  
EMPOWERING WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE

**Management Education for  
Today's Farm and Ranch Women**

## Aberdeen

June 19, 26

July 3, 10, 17, and 24

5:30 pm - 8:45 pm

SDSU Extension Aberdeen Regional Center  
13 2nd Ave SE

**Register by:**  
**June 17, 2017**  
**at**

[www.iGrow.org/events](http://www.iGrow.org/events)  
Registration: \$150 per person

**If interested contact:**  
Shannon Sand  
SDSU Extension Livestock  
Business Management Field  
Specialist  
605-626-2870  
[shannon.sand@sdstate.edu](mailto:shannon.sand@sdstate.edu)

South Dakota State University, South Dakota counties, and USDA cooperating. South Dakota State University adheres to AA/EEO guidelines in offering educational programs and services.



## Bikes for Sale

**Men's Bikes**  
**Women's Bikes**  
**Children's Bikes**  
**Some are free!**

Call Eddy Opp at 290-5546.

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## New Dignity specialty license plate available July 1

Pierre, S.D. – Beginning July 1, South Dakota residents may apply for the new Dignity license plate. The plates will be available for motor vehicles and motorcycles.

Qualifying South Dakotans may apply for Dignity plates at their local county treasurer's office or online at <https://mysdcars.sd.gov> during their renewal period. The plates will be available for the cost of \$10 plus a \$5 mailing fee.

The Dignity plates were designed with the help of the sculpture's creator, Dale Lamphere. The sculpture represents the courage, perseverance and wisdom of the Lakota and Dakota culture in South Dakota and can be found in Chamberlain, S.D.

"The Dignity license plate will be an on-demand plate and available to anyone with a South Dakota driver's license," Motor Vehicle Division Director Lisa Weyer said. "Working with Dale Lamphere, we were able to produce a very appealing license plate honoring the Dignity Sculpture."

For a tutorial on how to order this plate online, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GOZEWUzjqZ0>.



Dignity is a sculpture on a bluff overlooking the Missouri River near Chamberlain, South Dakota. The 50-foot high stainless steel statue, by South Dakota artist laureate Dale Lamphere, depicts an Indigenous woman in Plains-style dress receiving a star quilt. According to Lamphere, the sculpture honors the culture of the Lakota and Dakota peoples who are indigenous to South Dakota.

Norm and Eunabel McKie of Rapid City, South Dakota announced their gift of Dignity to the State of South Dakota in 2014, in honor of the 125th anniversary of South Dakota statehood. It was erected in September 2016 at a site near Interstate 90, where it overlooks the Missouri River from atop a bluff.

The statue measures 50 feet long, 16 feet high and 32 feet wide. The star quilt held by the woman has more than 100 blue diamond shapes that move with the wind, and described by the artist as moving "like an Aspen leaf".

Three Native American women from Rapid City, SD were used as models for Lamphere's sculpture. The artist began by first drawing the form and then sculpting a one-eighth-scale model. The sculpture was created in an isolated area near the Cheyenne River, east of Rapid City, SD, and later moved to the installation site.

Beginning July 1 2017 South Dakota residents will be able to purchase auto license plates bearing the likeness of "Dignity". The plates were designed with the help of the statue's artist, Dale Lamphere.

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## Name of Club: Lazy Farmers

Date of Meeting: June 4th, 2017

Place of Meeting: Northern Electric

Host/Hostess: Vicci Stange

Pledge Leaders: U.S.: Kody Lehr 4-H: Lexi Gustafson

Demonstrations Given: Kayla Lehr- How to make a scarf; Kody Lehr- How to make a pillow; Kayla Lehr- "Smart Shopping"; Alicia Davis- "Her trip to the landfill";

Special Club Activities or Events: Make sure you mow James Cemetery on your assigned week. The schedule was handed out.

Other Business Discussed: -We will clean the fairgrounds August 10th

-Bopeep Bingo tickets are due at the August meeting

-Threshing bee is September 9th at 8:30

-Newshound has important information to look at

Date & Place of Next Meeting: July 9th at 5:00 at Northern Electric

Club Reporter: Lexi Gustafson

Happy Friday! Came across this article and thought I'd share - Rep. Kristi Noem

### **Under Trump: 90% cut in new regs, costs slashed to just 0.12% of Obama's**

It's incredible really. Since Inauguration Day, President Trump has approved just 15 major rules, compared to 93 during that time under the Obama administration.

While he's dramatically slowed the creation of new regulations, we've worked together to roll back old ones. Together, we've repealed or delayed more than 90 Obama-era rules and regulations, including WOTUS and expensive greenhouse gas rules.

One of the ways we've pulled back is through the Congressional Review Act. While the legislative tool has been used successfully only once before, we've used it 14 times this year, saving \$3.7 billion in regulatory costs and 4.2 million hours of paperwork.

We still need to make changes to permanently protect the American people from overreaching regulations (click to learn more about the REINS Act, which would help on this front). But our progress so far is still notable.

In short, enough is enough when it comes to a one-size-fits-all, government-knows-best regulatory approach. Fortunately, I'm optimistic we're finally moving in the right direction.

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



## Being a Dad Means You're Part of a Team

No one ever said that being a dad was easy. I don't think it's supposed to be either. From my perspective, being a father to Brittany and Larissa is probably both the toughest and most rewarding job I've ever had. And it's been worth every single minute, which now looking back, they all seem to have flown past me and Kimberley over the years.

The only thing more important to me than being a father is that I'm the best one I can be – that I show up, listen, and love my kids unconditionally. I learned a lot about what it takes to be great dad by watching my own father. In fact, it's safe to say that I wouldn't be the man and father I am today without his wisdom, strength, and tenacity to always put his family first.

He was a busy guy, just like everyone else in Murdo who worked hard to raise a family and make ends meet. But he was never too busy to spend time with us kids. He was always up for throwing a ball back and forth in our yard, taking us fishing, and attending our afterschool sporting events. He even put a basketball hoop up in the backyard. Sure, it was a dirt court, but there was a light above the hoop, which meant we could shoot baskets well after the sun went down.

Sports was kind of a metaphor for how we lived our lives. Dad and mom were the coaches, and my siblings and I were all on the team. My parents instilled in us the importance of being a part of that team and that you should always have your teammates' backs. I remember my dad, in particular, was always willing to have those tough down-by-five, get-your-head-in-the-game-type chats with us, but no matter the outcome, he was always proud of what we'd achieved. He still is today.

When I became a "coach" to Brittany and Larissa and my dad took a seat in the bleachers, I relied on many of his parenting techniques. Throughout our journey, Kimberly, Brittany, Larissa, and I have had a lot of good days together – and a few tough ones every now and then. But looking back, I only hope that I've made my girls half as proud of me as I am of the women they've become.

Now that Brittany and Larissa are both mothers, I've retired myself to the bleachers with my dad. We're still part of the game, don't get me wrong. But rather than holding a clipboard and whistle, we'll be snacking on popcorn as we cheer and support our team, which with God's blessing has continued to grow over the years.

With Father's Day right around the corner, I want to wish the happiest of Father's Days to my dad Harold, my sons-in-law Luke and Scott, and all of the other dads across South Dakota who, as President Reagan once said, "serve as models and guides for their sons and daughters and help to pass on to the next generation the heritage of our civilization."

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**April Abeln had the umbrella all to herself as her son, Axel, was taking swimming lessons. April was taking a rest after a hard morning at the office. She is the city's assistant finance officer.**

## Water your Hackberry trees!



**One would thought it was fall with some of the trees losing their leaves. According to State Forester Jon Livermore, it is the Hackberry trees that are losing their leaves. He said, "This is a drought stress response paired with minor nipple galls stress. Nothing can be done with the galls but any water they can get now will reduce further damage."**

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## Northern State University releases spring 2017 dean's list

ABERDEEN, S.D. – Northern State University in Aberdeen, S.D., has released the dean's list for the spring 2017 semester.

Students who have earned at least a 3.5 grade point average for the semester are eligible for the dean's list. There are four categories:

- Full-time students with a GPA of 4.0.
- Full-time students with a GPA of 3.5-3.99.
- Part-time students with a GPA of 4.0.
- Part-time students with a GPA of 3.5-3.99.

Bath: Garrett Gunderson  
Jayleen Lier  
Claremont: Donte Blanchard  
Columbia: Sydney Hanna  
Frederick: Dane Campbell  
Hattie Zinter  
Groton: Britni Carlson  
Josephine Doeden  
Abby Gibbs  
Kiana Kokales  
Breanna Marzahn  
Jasmine Schaller  
Langford: Jordan Carson  
Bo Fries  
Stratford: Shayna Lier  
Warner: Marissa Hook

## Jr. Legion: Sisseton 12, Groton 10

Sisseton	3	4	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	- 12
Groton	0	0	6	0	0	2	0	2	0	- 10

Sisseton scored early and often and held off Groton to win the Junior Legion game played Thursday in Groton, 12-10. Sisseton scored three runs in the first, four in the second and one in the third to take a 8-0 lead. Groton rallied in the bottom of the third inning, scoring six runs, but Sisseton would tack on four more runs in the fifth. Groton added two more runs in the sixth and eighth inning. Riley Thurston was left on base as the next three batters were struck out in the bottom of the ninth.

Darien Shabazz, Austin Jones and Alex Morris each had two singles and Hunter Schaller, Caleb Furney and Peyton Johnson each had a single.

Sisseton's pitchers struck out 21 batters while Groton's pitchers struck out 13 batters.

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Work in progress at Groton Area Elementary School



View the video of the elementary school at

[GDILIVE.COM](http://GDILIVE.COM)

Walking in the front of the building



The new lunch room on the south side.

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**This is what remains of the north pod.**



**This is what the south pod looks like right now.**

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## Today in Weather History

June 10, 1998: Torrential rains of two to three inches in a short period caused flash flooding on the Crow Creek, near Gann Valley. As a result, some dams and roads were washed out.

June 10, 2004: An F1 tornado damaged 3 barns and numerous other buildings on a farm located 22 miles west of Ft. Pierre. This tornado also downed power lines and broke windows out of a home. There were no injuries reported.

June 10, 2008: A strong low-level jet impinging on a surface frontal boundary extending across southern South Dakota brought many severe thunderstorms to central and northeast South Dakota. Large hail and high winds brought some tree damage, trees down, along with some structural damage. Eighty mph winds blew down a 46 by 100 foot Quonset with tin strewn over a quarter-mile. Several trees were also uprooted in Hosmer in Edmunds County. An EF1 tornado touched down briefly and downed a power pole, snapped off a road sign, and blew a metal shed 100 yards destroying it. The tornado also broke off several large tree branches. This tornado occurred eight miles east-northeast of Eden in Marshall County.

1752: It is believed that this was the day Benjamin Franklin narrowly missed electrocution while flying a kite during a thunderstorm to determine if lightning is related to electricity.

1957 - A dust devil at North Yarmouth, ME, lifted a 600 to 1000 pound chicken shelter into the air and carried it 25 feet. It landed upright with only slight damage. It is unknown whether any eggs were scrambled. (The Weather Channel)

1958 - A woman was sucked through the window of her home in El Dorado, KS, by a powerful tornado, and was carried sixty feet away. Beside her was found a broken phonograph record entitled Stormy Weather . (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Thunderstorms produced 2 to 4 inch rains in southern Texas. Two and a half inches of rain at Juno TX caused flooding and closed a nearby highway. Flooding on the northwest side of San Antonio claimed one life as a boy was swept into a culvert. Thunderstorms in the north central U.S. produced an inch and a half of small hail at Monida Pass MT. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

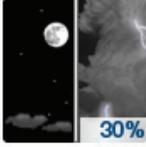
1988 - Three dozen cities, mostly in the eastern U.S., reported record low temperatures for the date, including Elkins, WV, with a reading of 33 degrees. Unseasonably hot weather continued in the Northern High Plains Region. The record high of 105 degeees at Williston, ND, was their seventh in eight days. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather through the day and night across much of the southern half of the Great Plains Region. Thunderstorms spawned 14 tornadoes, and there were 142 reports of large hail and damaging winds. Hail three inches in diameter caused three millions dollars damage at Carlsbad, NM. Hail four inches in diameter was reported at Estelline TX and Stinnett, TX. Thunderstorm winds gusted to 80 mph at Odessa TX. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1997: Flash Flooding occurred in many locations in Mississippi. Highway 80 and many other streets were flooded in and around Vicksburg. Water engulfed one person's car, but the person was rescued. This event caused \$300,000 in property damages. Over 6 inches of rain fell in Lexington in a little over 3 hours. The torrential rains caused Bear Creek to overflow and flood much of the town of Lexington. 45 businesses were affected by the flooding and 30 of these suffered major losses. As many as 300 homes had water damage. This event caused \$10 million dollars in property damages. Portions of Jones County experienced flash flooding as 3 inches of rain fell in just 1.5 hours over saturated ground.

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Today	Tonight	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday
						
Hot and Breezy	Mostly Clear then Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny then Slight Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	Hot
High: 90 °F	Low: 59 °F	High: 84 °F	Low: 60 °F	High: 87 °F	Low: 67 °F	High: 92 °F



## Unsettled Weather



### Saturday

Highs 84 to 93°,  
t-storms late  
tonight

### Sunday

Highs 79 to 87°,  
t-storms in the  
morning

### Monday

Highs 83 to 93°,  
t-storms late  
afternoon/night

Strong to Severe Thunderstorms  
Possible

National Weather Service Aberdeen, SD



Updated: 6/10/2017 5:36 AM Central

Published on: 06/10/2017 at 5:44AM

Today will feature dry conditions with breezy northwesterly winds. A system crossing the region tonight will bring a chance for showers and thunderstorms. Another system will impact the region Monday and Monday night with strong to severe storms possible.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 94.8 F at 4:20 PM**

**Heat Index: 95 at 4:20 PM**

**Low Outside Temp: 65.4 F at 6:10 AM**

**High Gust: 38.0 Mph at 4:24 PM**

**Precip: 0.00**

## Today's Info

**Record High: 100° in 1933**

**Record Low: 37° in 1936**

**Average High: 76°F**

**Average Low: 52°F**

**Average Precip in June: 1.18**

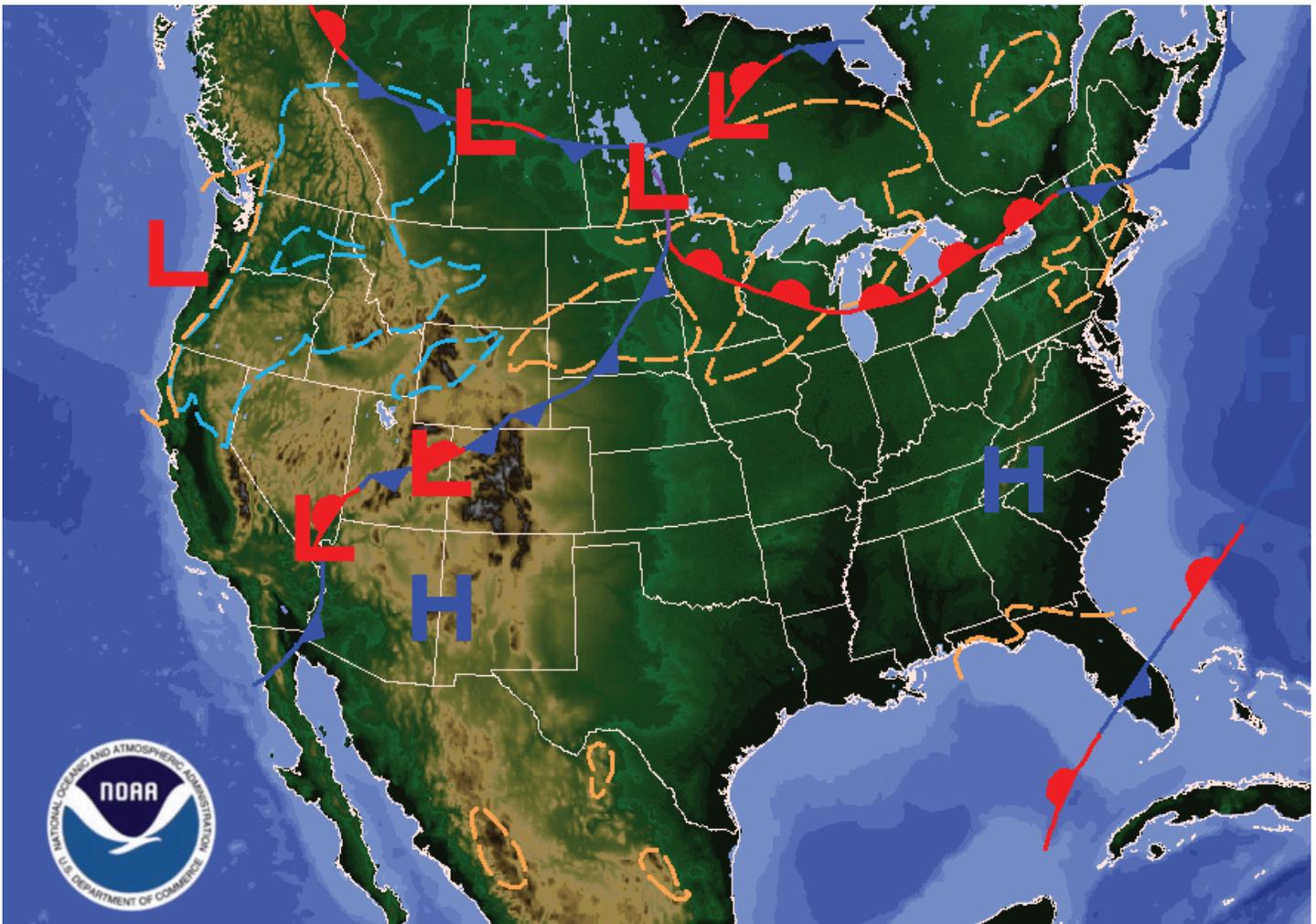
**Precip to date in June: 0.08**

**Average Precip to date: 8.32**

**Precip Year to Date: 3.27**

**Sunset Tonight: 9:21 p.m.**

**Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:44 a.m.**



### Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Sat, Jun 10, 2017, issued 4:53 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Reinhart 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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## GOD'S CURE FOR SLEEPLESSNESS

Charles Dickens is considered to be one of the world's greatest novelists and story tellers. He wrote one of the most interesting, compelling and heart-touching stories of all time: "A Christmas Carol."

However, there is an interesting story that has been told about him. Whenever he left his home to travel or spend the night with his friends, he would take his compass with him. After looking at his compass and before he retired for the night, he would always turn the head of his bed to the north. He believed that he would sleep more comfortably with his bed in that position.

David had his own routine for falling asleep. He said, "I will lie down in peace and sleep, for you O Lord, will keep me safe!" The important word in this verse of Scripture is peace. David did not say that he would lie down and sleep in peace. Rather, the peace that he experienced in his heart is what enabled him to lie down and sleep.

But where does this peace come from? For David it came from the Lord. David said that God gave him a greater joy than those who had experienced abundant harvests. The joy and gladness that David experienced in his heart came from his relationship with God.

We will never find joy, gladness or peace if we seek them for selfish reasons. But they will fill the life of a Christian if we meet with Him in prayer, seek Him in His Word and worship Him with all of our heart.

Prayer: Father, give us confidence in the promise of Your Word so that we may enjoy Your enduring peace. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 4:8 In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

## News from the Associated Press

### SD Lottery

By The Associated Press

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

#### Mega Millions

03-16-28-33-37, Mega Ball: 9, Megaplier: 5

(three, sixteen, twenty-eight, thirty-three, thirty-seven; Mega Ball: nine; Megaplier: five)

Estimated jackpot: \$90 million

#### Powerball

Estimated jackpot: \$435 million

### Omaha police chief seeks to fire 2 officers in man's death

By MARGERY A. BECK, Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Omaha's police chief is recommending the firing of two police officers involved in the death of a mentally ill man who had been beaten and shocked a dozen times by a stun gun in an altercation with officers.

Chief Todd Schmaderer said at a news conference Friday that he plans to fire two of four Omaha officers involved in the early Monday morning incident in which officers confronted Zachary Bearheels, 29, of Murdo, South Dakota.

Police say Bearheels, who has a history of mental illness, was acting erratically and fought officers' efforts to take him into custody outside an Omaha convenience store. After being shocked with a stun gun, Bearheels was taken to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Four officers — Jennifer Strudl, Makyla Mead, Scotty Payne and Ryan McClarty — have been placed on administrative leave. Schmaderer said legal policy kept him from naming which two officers he wants to fire. A mediator will accept or reject the chief's recommendation to fire the officers, who have the right to appeal if the recommendation is accepted.

Schmaderer also said police video of the incident will not be released publicly until a grand jury has had a chance to investigate the death. Nebraska law requires a grand jury investigation any time a person dies in custody or while in the process of being arrested.

But Schmaderer offered a detailed account Friday of what appeared on police video, saying Payne used a stun gun on Bearheels when he fought officers' attempts to put him in a police cruiser, and that McClarty had dragged Bearheels by his hair and hit him in the head several times, even after Bearheels was not resisting. The officers had planned to take Bearheels to a bus station so he could be reunited with family in South Dakota, Schmaderer said.

Bearheels was shocked 12 times, including times when he was not resisting, Schmaderer said.

The stun gun usage while Bearheels was handcuffed and in the back of a police cruiser "is against our policy and procedures and training and culture and the whole nine yards," Schmaderer said.

Douglas County Attorney Don Kleine is considering whether to bring criminal charges against the officers involved.

Refresher training for dealing with the mentally ill will be required for all officers, Schmaderer said.

Final autopsy results are not back, but blunt force trauma has been ruled out as Bearheels' cause of death, Schmaderer said.

## South Dakota drought could affect pheasant population

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — Continued drought-like conditions in South Dakota could dampen the high hopes many biologists had for the pheasant population earlier this spring when the nesting period began.

Emmett Lenihan, farm bill biologist at habitat organization Pheasants Forever, told the Aberdeen American News (<http://bit.ly/2s57mrB>) that the state's northeast region is currently at the end of the peak nesting period for pheasants.

"Some birds potentially start nesting in late April if the conditions are right, but from mid-May through the first 10 days of June is the big-time period," he said. "Then, after that until the end of June, you'll start coming across hens that are re-nesting."

He said he was encouraged by the number of birds he saw prior to nesting season.

"Going into the nesting season we were looking pretty good — everybody was seeing birds everywhere if there was habitat available," he said.

Pheasants' ideal nesting weather is moderate or warm temperatures with sufficient rainfall. Lenihan said rainfall is important in helping grow cool-season grasses, which are necessary for nesting cover and insect production.

Lenihan said that if lack of rain stunts grass growth, predators on the ground and in the sky can more easily find eggs and baby chicks.

"Right now we're entering the big question mark period with the weather," he said. "To survive, pheasant chicks really need two things: good cover and a food source. Right now the habitat is looking OK. We haven't hit a critical point yet, but we need to get some rain before too long, because we don't, as the weeks progress it will start having an effect on our bird numbers."

Lenihan said he's still keeping a positive outlook for hatching time.

"Things are turning around, and maybe we can keep them going in the right direction," he said. "But we sure could use some rain."

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

## With court victory, hand of Brazil's president strengthened

By PETER PRENGAMAN and MAURICIO SAVARESE, Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Fighting to save his job, Brazilian President Michel Temer has received a huge boost from a decision by the country's top electoral court to reject allegations of illegal campaign finance and keep him in office.

The Superior Electoral Tribunal's 4-3 vote late Friday gave Temer a lifeline amid widespread calls that he resign in the face of a corruption scandal.

Last month, a recording emerged that apparently captured Temer endorsing hush money to ex-House Speaker Eduardo Cunha, a former Temer ally serving 15 years in prison for corruption and money laundering. Soon after, details of another bombshell emerged: that Temer was being investigated for taking bribes.

Temer has denied wrongdoing and vowed to stay in office.

However, the fallout from the scandals was so great that many observers expected that the electoral court judges would be swayed to remove Temer from office over unrelated campaign finance allegations. While in theory Brazilian justices are impartial, in reality they are often highly political. Indeed, two of judges who voted in Temer's favor were his appointees.

"While Temer is hard for many people to digest, he will likely remain in office," said Alexandre Barros, a political risk consultant with the Brasilia-based firm Early Warning. "Instability is bad for everybody. So many will say at this point, 'If we have to pay the price for sticking with Temer, let's do it.'"

While Temer has crossed a huge hurdle to staying in power, he is still facing threats on many fronts. The attorney general is considering pressing charges against him for allegedly receiving bribes, over the audio recording and for allegedly trying to obstruct a colossal investigation into billions of dollars in inflated contracts and kickbacks to politicians. Temer's approval rating is hovering around 9 percent and he has a

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tenuous hold on his ruling coalition.

The campaign finance case was filed shortly after the 2014 presidential election by one of the losing parties. It alleged that the ticket of President Dilma Rousseff and running mate Temer, then the vice presidential candidate, gained an unfair advantage through illegal campaign contributions. Temer took over the presidency last year after Rousseff was impeached and removed for illegally managing the federal budget.

The campaign finance allegations were bolstered in recent months by stunning testimony from plea bargains signed by current and former executives at the construction giant Odebrecht, a company at the center of a colossal investigation into billions of dollars in inflated contracts and kickbacks to politicians. The executives described tens of millions of dollars in bribes and illegal campaign contributions, including to the Rousseff-Temer ticket.

Over four days of deliberations, the judges argued about whether those plea bargains should be considered in their decision. They also clashed over the strength of the original evidence and whether punishments should be doled out when illegal campaign finance was widespread.

A guilty verdict would have annulled the 2014 victory, thus stripping Temer of the rest of his mandate. It could also have also made both Temer and Rousseff ineligible to take office for eight years. While Temer had vowed to appeal any conviction, it would have weakened his hand in a climate of corruption scandals and a public furious at politicians.

"Even the rocks know that the political environment is contaminated. Now is the time for the rescue," said Judge Luiz Fux, voting to remove Temer.

Napoleao Nunes Maia argued the court should not have an activist role.

"Electoral justice can't be used as a third round of elections without violating the electoral order," said Maia, adding that a lack of moderation would "risk annihilating the sovereign will of the people."

Claudio Couto, a political science professor at Fundacao Getulio Vargas, a Sao Paulo-based university and think tank, called the court decision "demoralizing" for ignoring evidence against Temer. Couto also said that more scandals are likely to hit the administration, which has lurched from one crisis to another over the last year.

"But for now, the trend seems to be a weak Temer administration going forward, with little chance of passing any meaningful measures," said Couto.

While Temer has survived another day, the future will be difficult.

His already very low popularity has plunged further amid the corruptions allegations. A Temer ally and former congressman, captured on video by federal police carrying a suitcase full of bribe money, was recently jailed — and any testimony he provides could further implicate Temer.

The main parties in Temer's coalition have stuck with him so far, but there are reports of worry in the ranks that being associated with his government could be detrimental to re-election campaigns next year.

Temer's strongest claim to stay in power is the argument that he can deliver major reforms to labor laws and the country's pension system. While deeply unpopular among Brazilians, many economists say they are necessary to help pull Latin America's largest nation from recession.

"Temer will argue, 'I'm the guy who is going to give the country the bitter remedy that will cure it,'" said Carlos Manhanelli, political marketing specialist and chairman of the Brazilian Association of Political Consultants.

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## **Puerto Rican parade tries to move past storm over militant**

**By COLLEEN LONG, Associated Press**

NEW YORK (AP) — New York City's Puerto Rican Day Parade will take place Sunday amid a furor over one participant, a man who spent 35 years in prison for his involvement with group responsible for bombings that killed and maimed dozens in the 1970s and 1980s.

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Corporate sponsors dropped out over the decision to grant honorary title of "National Freedom Hero" to Oscar Lopez Rivera, 74, a former member of the Armed Forces of National Liberation, or FALN, a group that wanted independence for Puerto Rico. His sentence for seditious conspiracy was commuted by former President Barack Obama, and he was released last month.

Hispanic, gay and Asian societies of the police and fire departments won't march, nor will Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

It's the latest distraction for an event that ranks among New York's great celebrations of ethnic pride, but which has been clouded by controversy over the years.

A hero to thousands whose supporters include South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Lopez Rivera said last week he was turning down the honor and would instead attend "not as an honoree but as a humble Puerto Rican and grandfather," in part because the focus was too much on him and not enough on Puerto Rico.

But the move hasn't pacified critics.

Cuomo, for one, said he still wasn't marching with a "terrorist."

The Fire Department's Hispanic society president said it didn't matter; if Lopez Rivera was marching, they wouldn't. And corporate sponsors including JetBlue, Goya and AT&T said they'd stick with their decision to drop out. Other critics have included victims of FALN bombs, including a 1975 blast that killed four people at New York's Fraunces Tavern.

Protesters on both sides have said they would turn out Sunday. The debacle ensnared Mayor Bill de Blasio, who for weeks defended his decision to march but on Monday said he had been uncomfortable with it all along.

"Sometimes to get something done, you hold your tongue in public," the mayor said this week. "I'm very happy that Mr. Lopez Rivera has declined the honor. I don't think it should have been offered to him."

Organizers and supporters of Lopez Rivera say they are mystified by the furor.

Lopez Rivera, who was called a bomb maker at his trial but was never charged with any specific bombings, has denied participating in attacks that hurt anyone.

"When I say I don't have blood on my hands, I mean that. I don't have blood on my hands," he told WABC-TV on Thursday. "Life has mattered to me."

The parade runners have been criticized in the past for feting violent nationalists, although all with less backlash than the decision to honor Lopez Rivera.

The 2000 celebration was marred by a group of around two dozen male revelers who attacked dozens of women in Central Park, dousing them with water, ripping their clothes off and groping them.

And in 2014, the state attorney general found that a marketing and fundraising firm working with the parade had misappropriated \$1 million. No one was charged criminally; a settlement was reached for \$100,000. The board was overhauled.

"We've had our share of issues, like every major event," said Lorraine Cortes-Vazquez, who became chairwoman of the nonprofit that runs the parade following the shake-up. "But the importance of the parade is not overshadowed by them."

The first parade marched in 1958, when it was barely legal to display the Puerto Rican flag on the island and the community faced mass discrimination. It has grown to a nationally televised spectacle with floats, dancers and a sea of flags on Fifth Avenue.

Robert Kennedy once marched. Jennifer Lopez and Ricky Martin attended, so did Hillary Clinton and former Mayor Michael Bloomberg. This year will feature U.S. Olympian Laurie Hernandez and salsa legend Gilberto Santa Rosa.

It has often been a venue to showcase the complicated history of the U.S. territory, currently mired in a recession for which many blame the U.S. government, partly because of the elimination of tax credits that many say led to the collapse of the island's manufacturing sector.

"There has always been a political element to this," Cortes-Vazquez said.

In that way, it is similar to the city's St. Patrick's Day Parade, which was once roiled by threatened boycotts over a decision to make an infamous Irish Republican Army supporter the grand marshal.

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The 2000 Puerto Rican Day parade was dedicated to Pedro Albizu Campos, leader of the Puerto Rican Nationalist Party, who urged islanders to start an armed struggle for independence, and who in 1950 was convicted of inciting his followers to try to kill U.S. President Harry Truman.

Another past honoree was Lolita Lebron, who was part of the group of Puerto Rican radicals who entered the U.S. Capitol with pistols in 1954 and opened fire from an upstairs spectators' gallery onto the crowded floor of the House, firing nearly 30 shots and wounding five congressmen.

In 2010, organizers bestowed telenovela star Osvaldo Rios the title "International Godfather." But the actor had served three months for beating his girlfriend. Corporate sponsors dropped out of the parade then, too, and lawmakers threatened to boycott until Rios bowed out.

## Ever wanted to live in 2 nations at once? Here's your chance

By WILSON RING, Associated Press

BEEBE PLAIN, Vt. (AP) — For sale: A 1782 fixer-upper with thick granite walls, 1950s decor, and armed 24-hour security provided by both Canada and the United States of America.

The almost 7,000-square-foot house, cut into five currently vacant apartments, is on a lot of less than a quarter-acre that, along with the building itself, straddles the border between Beebe Plain, Vermont, and Stanstead, Quebec.

Selling a home in two countries is proving to be a challenge for the couple who owns it. The structure, which has an estimated rebuild cost of about \$600,000, is on the market for \$109,000. It's structurally sound but needs lots of work. And then there's that international border.

"In the day, it was a normal and natural thing," Brian DuMoulin, who grew up in the house and was accustomed to life literally on the border at a time when no one thought twice about crossing from one country to the other. "Now it stresses everyone out."

The home, known locally as the Old Stone Store, was built by a merchant so he could sell to farmers in both Vermont and Quebec. Brian and his wife, Joan DuMoulin, inherited it about 40 years ago.

Now the couple, in their 70s, who have dual U.S. and Canadian citizenship and a home in nearby Morgan, Vermont, are hoping to sell it so they can move to Ontario to be closer to their children and grandchildren.

Beebe Plain is a community in the Vermont town of Derby, which along with Stanstead, about 60 miles (96 kilometers) northeast of Montpelier, or 75 miles (120 kilometers) southeast of Montreal, have become the cliché of security changes on the U.S.-Canadian border brought on by the 9/11 attacks on the United States.

Residential streets that used to be open were blocked by gates. The back doors of an apartment building straddling the border in Derby Line village have been locked shut. The street next to the Haskell Free Library and Opera House, deliberately built in both countries, is blocked by flower pots, although Canadians are still allowed to walk to the library's U.S. entrance without going through a border post.

The DuMoulin's house is directly across Stanstead's Rue Principale from the port of entry staffed by agents of the Canada Border Services Agency and adjacent to a U.S. Customs and Border Protection post.

Troy Rabideau, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection assistant port director for the area that includes Beebe Plain, said the agents know who live there, but keeping track can be a challenge.

"It's always a fine line," Rabideau said. "We do the best we can to keep an eye on it. We do what we have to do, security first, but we also want the support of the locals."

The DuMoulin's house has entrances from the United States and Canada. Agents have come to know the people who live in the house, currently vacant, and allow them to move back and forth freely as long as they stay in the house or the tiny front or backyard. There's a small granite border marker just outside the front door.

There is a gate hidden in a backyard hedge. DuMoulin said U.S. agents wanted to be sure the gate was wired shut. It is.

Rosemary Lalime, their real estate agent, said that between the time the house was listed around the turn of the year and the end of May when a Canadian magazine noted its odd location she showed it 10

times. In the last two weeks she's shown it six times and has six more appointments.

All but one person has come from the United States. One man called from Toronto.

"He was inquiring more about the border situation and if he bought it, what are his rights," Lalime said. "I put him in touch with the Border Patrol."

Brian DuMoulin said that usually the agents from both countries know who they are, but he told of a time when a new Canadian border agent saw him, his wife and her sister standing in front of the house, "a good 18 feet into the States." He demanded they report to the Canadian border post.

"He simply didn't know," DuMoulin said, noting it took about 45 minutes to resolve the situation after the agent called his superiors.

"That's the awkwardness," he said. "If there is an awkwardness, it's that you can't just go this way or this way, you've got to go through (the ports of entry) and then back through."

## UK prime minister's top aides resign after election fiasco

By JILL LAWLESS, Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The two top aides to British Prime Minister Theresa May resigned Saturday, shouldering some of the blame for an election that proved a disaster for the Conservative Party, a headache for Britain's exit from the European Union — and potentially a fatal blow to May's premiership.

Joint chiefs of staff Nick Timothy and Fiona Hill formed part of May's small inner circle and were blamed by many Conservatives for the party's lackluster campaign and unpopular election platform, which alienated older voters with its plan to make them pay more for long-term care.

In a resignation statement on the Conservative Home website, Timothy conceded that the campaign had failed to communicate "Theresa's positive plan for the future," and missed signs of surging support for the opposition Labour Party.

Katie Perrior, who quit as May's communications chief in April, said Timothy and Hill were "great street fighters but poor political leaders" and exercised too much power over the prime minister.

Some senior Tories had made the removal of Hill and Timothy a condition for continuing to support May, who has vowed to remain prime minister despite the Conservatives losing their overall majority in Parliament.

May's party won 318 seats, eight short of the 326 they needed for an outright majority. The main opposition Labour Party took 262.

The resignations came as May worked to fill jobs in her minority government. May's office has said that the most senior Cabinet members — including Treasury chief Philip Hammond, Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson and Home Secretary Amber Rudd — will keep their jobs, but she is expected to shuffle the lower ranks of ministers.

May announced the party would try to work with Northern Ireland's Democratic Unionist Party, an alliance that is fraught with difficulties.

May's Downing St. office said Conservative Chief Whip Gavin Williamson was in Belfast Saturday for talks with the DUP "on how best they can provide support to the government."

The DUP, whose 10 seats would allow the government to get measures through Parliament, is a socially conservative pro-British Protestant group that opposes abortion and same-sex marriage and includes both environmentalists and climate-change deniers among its senior ranks.

The DUP was founded in the 1970s by the late firebrand preacher Ian Paisley, and in the 1980s was a key player in the "Save Ulster from Sodomy" campaign, which unsuccessfully fought against the legalization of gay sex.

Ruth Davidson, the Conservative leader in Scotland, said she had asked May for assurances that there would be no attack on gay rights after a deal with the DUP.

Northern Ireland is the only part of the U.K. in which same-sex marriage is illegal.

"It's an issue very close to my heart and one that I wanted categorical assurances from the prime minister on, and I received (them)," said Davidson, who is engaged to be married to her female partner.

DUP Leader Arlene Foster recently denied the party was homophobic.

"I could not care less what people get up to in terms of their sexuality. That's not a matter for me," she said. "When it becomes a matter for me is when people try to redefine marriage."

A deal between the government and the DUP could also unsettle the precarious balance between Northern Ireland's British loyalist and Irish nationalist parties.

May's authority over her party was shattered by the election result. She called the early election with her party comfortably ahead in the polls in the hope of increasing her majority and strengthening Britain's hand in exit talks with the European Union.

Instead, the result has sown confusion and division in British ranks, just days before negotiations are due to start on June 19.

Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn, riding a wave of acclaim for his party's unexpectedly strong showing, called on May to resign.

She seems secure for the immediate future, because senior Conservatives don't want to plunge the party into a damaging leadership contest. But Britain's Saturday newspapers agreed she is just clinging on.

"May fights to remain PM," said the front page of the Daily Telegraph, while the Times of London said: "May stares into the abyss."

## Trump dodges tapes question, denies seeking Comey 'loyalty'

By JILL COLVIN and CALVIN WOODWARD, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Punching back a day after his fired FBI director's damaging testimony, President Donald Trump accused James Comey of lying to Congress and said he was "100 percent" willing to testify under oath about their conversations.

Trump cryptically refused to say whether those private exchanges were taped — a matter at the heart of the conflicting accounts of what passed between them at a time when Comey was leading an FBI investigation into Russia's interference in the presidential election and its ties to the Trump campaign.

He asserted that nothing in Comey's testimony to the Senate pointed to collusion with Russia or obstruction of justice. "Yesterday showed no collusion, no obstruction," Trump said.

He further denied ever asking Comey for his "loyalty," contradicting Comey's detailed sworn testimony about a private dinner the two men had in the White House.

"No I didn't say that," Trump stated abruptly, taking questions Friday at a joint press conference with Romanian President Klaus Iohannis in the Rose Garden. Asked if he would make that denial under oath, he said, "100 percent."

Trump's aides have dodged questions about whether conversations relevant to the Russia investigation have been recorded, and so did the president, in a series of teases.

"Well, I'll tell you about that maybe sometime in the very near future," Trump said. Pressed on the issue, he insisted he wasn't "hinting anything," before adding, "Oh you're going to be very disappointed when you hear the answer, don't worry."

The House intelligence committee sent a letter Friday asking White House counsel Don McGahn whether any tape recordings or memos of Comey's conversations with the president exist now or had existed in the past. The committee also sent a letter to Comey asking for any notes or memos in his possession about the discussions he had with Trump before being abruptly fired last month. The committee is seeking the materials by June 23.

Comey told the Senate intelligence committee Thursday about several one-on-one interactions with the president, during which he said Trump pressed him to show "loyalty," to back off on the FBI investigation of his former national security adviser, Michael Flynn, and to disclose that Trump himself was not under investigation.

Comey said he refused on all points, told senators of the detailed memos he had written after his conversations with Trump and said he hoped those conversations were taped because he is confident of their veracity.

Standing with the president of Romania, a NATO partner, Trump at last confirmed his commitment to the

alliance's mutual defense pact, Article 5, uttering words he deliberately did not say when he spoke at NATO's gathering in Belgium last month. On Friday he said he was "committing the United States to Article 5."

He also accused Qatar, a key U.S. military partner, of funding terrorism "at a very high level," and said solving the problem in the tiny Persian Gulf nation could be "the beginning of the end of terrorism." It was a forceful endorsement of this week's move by Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates to cut off ties to Qatar, but a very different message from the one delivered just an hour before by Secretary of State Rex Tillerson. Tillerson had called on the Arab nations to immediately ease their blockade on Qatar.

Trump also saluted the United States' relationship with Romania and praised its contribution to the global fight against terror.

The president had previewed his attacks against Comey in an early-morning tweet that broke his previous day's silence on his favorite social media megaphone.

"Despite so many false statements and lies, total and complete vindication," Trump wrote. It was a stunning accusation, suggesting that the former FBI director had lied to Congress, while under oath.

He also seized on Comey's revelation that he had directed a friend to release contents of memos he'd written documenting his conversations with the president to a reporter.

"...and WOW, Comey is a leaker!" Trump wrote at 6:10 a.m. He derisively repeated the "leaker" moniker when speaking to reporters in the Rose Garden.

Trump's private attorney, Marc Kasowitz, seized on Comey's admission that he had orchestrated the public release of the information. Kasowitz is expected to file a complaint with the Justice Department inspector general next week, according to a person close to the legal team who agreed to speak before the filing on condition that the person's name is not used.

Sen. Richard Burr, the Republican chairman of the Senate intelligence committee, and Sen. Mark Warner, the top Democrat on the committee, both said Thursday they believed Comey's account of the events.

"And I think you saw today the overwhelming majority of the intel members, Democrats and Republicans, feel that Jim Comey is credible. Even folks who have been his critics don't question his integrity, his commitment to the rule of law and his intelligence," Warner said.

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## As Tillerson calls for calm, Trump calls out Qatar on terror

By JOSH LEDERMAN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump is ramping up pressure on Qatar to stop what he calls a "high level" of financial support of terrorism, even as Secretary of State Rex Tillerson tries to calm the worst diplomatic crisis in the Persian Gulf in years.

Trump's demand that there be "no more funding" by Qatar for extremists groups contradicted the message delivered Friday by Tillerson, who had urged Qatar's neighbors to ease their blockade while calling for "calm and thoughtful dialogue." Only an hour later, Tillerson sat in the front row in the Rose Garden as Trump enthusiastically embraced the move by Saudi Arabia, Egypt and others to punish Qatar.

"The nation of Qatar, unfortunately, has historically been a funder of terrorism at a very high level," Trump said, echoing an allegation the Saudi-led group has used to justify cutting diplomatic ties to the tiny gas-rich country. "We have to stop the funding of terrorism."

Despite Tillerson's plea for "no further escalation," Trump's sharp comments were likely to further embolden Saudi Arabia and the others in their bid to isolate Qatar. The State Department had said the U.S. learned only at the last minute about the Arab nations' plan to cut ties. But Trump said that he, Tillerson and military leaders had decided during Trump's trip to Saudi Arabia last month that a public rebuke was

needed.

"The time had come to call on Qatar to end its funding — they have to end that funding — and its extremist ideology in terms of funding," Trump said. Though the president said others, too, were guilty of supporting terrorism, he said he would not name them.

In a day of mixed messages and chaotic diplomacy, Tillerson emphasized the economic, humanitarian and military damage he said the blockade was inflicting. He said families were being separated, children removed from school and Qataris forced to deal with food shortages.

"We believe these are unintended consequences, especially during this Holy Month of Ramadan, but they can be addressed immediately," he said.

Tillerson also said the blockade by Qatar's neighbors was "hindering U.S. military action in the region, and the campaign against ISIS," using an acronym for the Islamic State group. But at the Pentagon, a spokesman, Navy Capt. Jeff Davis, said only long-term military planning was affected. Davis said the diplomatic rift has not interrupted or curtailed operations at al-Udeid air base, a launching pad for U.S. military efforts in Iraq, Syria and Afghanistan.

Still, the Pentagon has been developing contingency plans in case there's any interruption, defense officials said. Aircraft that fly out of Qatar - including fighter jets, drones and refueling planes - can be relocated to a number of other bases in the region including in Iraq, Turkey, Kuwait and Bahrain and off aircraft carriers, the officials said.

There was no immediate reaction from Qatar, which hosts some 10,000 U.S. troops. The Qatari Embassy in Washington did not respond to a request for comment.

The escalating crisis in the Persian Gulf erupted this week when Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Egypt and Bahrain cut ties to Qatar, accusing the country of tolerating or even encouraging support for extremist groups, including al-Qaida's Syria branch. Qatar's neighbors have also criticized Qatar for allegedly supporting groups like the Muslim Brotherhood and Hamas.

"Qatar has a history of supporting groups that span the spectrum of political expression, from activism to violence," Tillerson said. He credited Qatar's emir with making progress in curbing financial support and expelling terrorists, but added, "He must do more, and he must do it more quickly."

The spat has led to one of the worst Gulf crises in decades, with suspended flights and regional ports closed to Qatari ships. Increasing the pressure Friday, Qatar's neighbors put 12 organizations and 59 people on a terror sanctions list and described them as being associated with Qatar. The country called the allegations "baseless."

Tillerson, speaking at the State Department, said the U.S. would help support efforts to mediate the crisis, along with Kuwait — another Gulf country that has stepped up to try to broker a resolution. Urging all sides to avoid further escalation of the conflict, Tillerson said the elements were available to resolve it.

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## Oldest Trump son fires off 80-plus tweets in support of dad

By JONATHAN LEMIRE, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — President Donald Trump surprisingly refrained from tweeting during James Comey's testimony. Donald Trump Jr., not surprisingly, did not.

The president's eldest son, whose Twitter feed can at times be as inflammatory as his father's, was a one-man rapid-response team as the fired FBI director testified before a Senate panel Thursday. He delivered denunciations with the same force that made him an effective, if controversial, campaign surrogate and could signal his own political ambitions.

Donald Trump Jr. tweeted more than 80 times Thursday, defending his father and attacking Comey. Trump Jr.'s Twitter barrage was all the more striking when compared to his father's silence, which the

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president broke with a Friday morning tweet accusing Comey of lying under oath.

Trump Jr. declined to comment Friday about his tweets, leaving unanswered questions as to whether they were urged by the White House, which outsourced its Comey response to the Republican National Committee and the president's personal lawyer.

Trump Jr. has certainly been willing to go on the attack for his father before.

He crisscrossed the United States during last year's election, doing hundreds of interviews on Fox News and local conservative outlets. He attacked "Crooked Hillary," his father's derogatory nickname for opponent Hillary Clinton, and delivered a well-received speech at the Republican National Convention.

That moment sparked speculation about his political future. But while Trump Jr. told The Associated Press this spring that he would not, as had been rumored, be a candidate for governor of New York, he left the door open for a political run down the road.

"Maybe someday," Trump said then. "It's not something I'm doing now. But you never know, it's fascinating stuff."

He's done a number of Republican campaign events since then, including fundraisers in Texas and Indiana and campaigning for a congressional candidate in Montana. But Trump Jr., who along with his brother Eric is running their father's former company, has said he does not discuss the details of politics or their business with the president.

He outpaced the national Republican Party with his Twitter defense Thursday. In particular, he seized on Comey's assertion that he interpreted the president's statement that he "hoped" the FBI would drop its probe into former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn as an instruction.

"Knowing my father for 39 years when he 'orders or tells' you to do something there is no ambiguity, you will know exactly what he means," Trump Jr. wrote.

He also pointed to Comey's revelation that he had asked a friend to pass along to the press memos he had written documenting his interactions with Trump.

"Did I miss something or did Comey just say he asked a friend to leak information to the press?" asked Trump Jr. "Is this a joke?"

It was not the first time his tweets have drawn attention.

During the final months of the campaign, he posted a tweet featuring a bowl of Skittles with a warning: "If I had a bowl of skittles and I told you just three would kill you, would you take a handful?" The tweet went on: "That's our Syrian refugee problem."

The photo, a popular image on the extreme right, quickly drew condemnation and was denounced by the candy company.

A few days later, Trump Jr. linked to a news article posted on the conservative news site Breitbart that suggested Muslim men are a menace to Western women and posted a doctored image of himself, his father and several prominent Trump allies next to Pepe the Frog, a cartoon character whose image has been used by white supremacists.

This week, Donald Jr. and Eric Trump announced that their company is launching a new hotel chain inspired by their travels with their father's campaign. The Trump Organization is calling the new mid-market chain "American Idea" and said it will start with three hotels in Mississippi.

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## London Bridge attacker tried to rent larger truck

By PAISLEY DODDS, Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — British police have arrested two more suspects over the London Bridge attack, and revealed that the carnage could have been worse had the attackers succeeded in their goal of renting a truck, rather than a van, to mow down pedestrians.

The bloodthirsty gang was also shot dead before they could make their way back to the van where their petrol bombs were stored.

London's Metropolitan Police said Saturday that they arrested a 27-year-old man and a 28-year-old man

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overnight in east London on suspicion of preparing acts of terrorism. Police have seven people in custody over suspected links to the three attackers who killed eight people on and around London Bridge on June 3.

Police released details of their investigation Saturday as they appealed to the public for information, saying that showed Khuram Butt, believed to be the plot's ringleader, originally tried to rent a 7.5 ton truck. The intended truck was smaller but similar to the one used in the Nice attack last year that killed 86 people and injured hundreds in the resort town in the south of France.

After his payment was declined, Butt and his two accomplices rented a smaller van that they used to plow into crowds before they leapt from the vehicle and went on a stabbing rampage in an attack that left eight people dead and nearly 50 injured. It was the third deadly attack in Britain in three months.

After leaving the small white van, the men used 12-inch knives with bright pink blades, according to Dean Haydon, head of the Metropolitan Police's Counter-Terrorism Command.

Police also disclosed that more than a dozen petrol bombs and two blowtorches were discovered in the van, and a copy of the Quran opened at a page "describing martyrdom" was found at one of the attackers' houses.

Investigators believe three victims were killed on the bridge, including one man who was thrown into the River Thames, before the attackers left the vehicle and stabbed five people to death around London's busy Borough Market, Haydon said. Police believe Butt was driving the van.

"When I come back to Butt trying to get hold of a 7.5 ton lorry — the effect could have been even worse," he said.

Haydon said the men may have been planning even more bloodshed if they made it back to the van.

Police also found a number of office chairs, gravel and a suitcase in the van.

Detectives believe the gravel may have been placed in the vehicle to make it heavier, or as part of a cover to justify hiring it, while the chairs may have been used to convince family and friends they were moving furniture.

Butt, a 27-year-old Pakistan-born British citizen, and his two accomplices, Rachid Redouane, 30, who claimed to be Moroccan-Libyan, and Youssef Zaghba, a 22-year-old Italian national of Moroccan descent, were shot dead by armed police eight minutes after the first emergency call.

The three attackers were wearing fake suicide belts consisting of plastic water bottles wrapped in gray duct tape.

Haydon described the pink knives as "pretty unusual" and appealed for anyone with information about where they came from to contact police.

Police raided Redouane's small residence on Tuesday and said he had been renting it since April. This was the safe house where the attack was planned, police said. In the residence, police said they found an English-language copy of the Quran opened at a page describing martyrdom, pieces of cloth which appeared to match material wrapped around the petrol bombs and water bottles similar to those used in the fake suicide vests. Luggage straps, plastic retractable craft knives and rolls of duct tape were also found.

The question remains how the men met and knew one another but police said Saturday they did not suspect a wider plot.

"It looks as if it is pretty much a contained plot involving the three of them, which is supported by the forensic evidence we've got back so far," Haydon said.

Butt had been on bail after being arrested for fraud in a case in October, police said. He had also been repeatedly reported to police for violent behavior and trying to recruit young children to the Islamic State group, and appeared in a TV documentary titled "The Jihadis Next Door," where he was seen next to a group of men unfurling a black-and-white flag scrawled with Arabic script and associated with the Islamic State group.

But Haydon said "there was no evidence uncovered of any attack-planning in relation to him."

Butt had been warned by police on two occasions — once for fraud in 2008 and once in 2010 for assault. Still, he did not have any criminal convictions.

Zaghba and Redouane had no criminal convictions or such warnings in Britain.

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"From what I'm seeing, there is nothing that suggests at the moment that we got that wrong," Haydon said, referring to Butt.

## Same place as last year: Warriors up 3-1, NBA Finals go west

By BRIAN MAHONEY, AP Basketball Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — The celebrating after Game 4 was done by Cavaliers fans, not Golden State players, their families or anyone else dressed in blue and gold who came looking for a historic party.

"Cavs in 7! Cavs in 7!" Cleveland fans chanted as they walked toward the exits.

Yes, the NBA Finals are right where they were last year and could still end with the same result.

But it seems like an even more improbable task than it did last year.

The Cavaliers and Warriors, who have tangled for three consecutive Junes, headed back to the West Coast on Saturday after Cleveland's record-setting 137-116 victory. Kyrie Irving said he was aware the Warriors wanted to finish a 16-0 romp through the postseason and celebrate a title on the Cavs' court, just as they did in 2015.

But Draymond Green said Golden State is eager to end this one back in the Bay.

"We have a golden opportunity going home on Monday to close this thing out. I've won one on the road. I want to see how it feels to win at home," he said. "We have to come out with some fire and try it get done."

They couldn't do it in this same situation last year.

Golden State brought a 3-1 lead back west but then took the floor without Green, who was suspended for accumulation of flagrant foul points, and couldn't stop LeBron James or Irving. The Cavaliers won that game to start what became the biggest comeback in NBA Finals history.

Now they need the biggest ever in the NBA's postseason.

No team has erased a 3-0 deficit in any series. Then again, few had a player like James, who set an NBA Finals record with his ninth triple-double in Game 4, or Irving, who scored 40 points.

The Warriors are no longer unbeaten in the playoffs, but James said they still have the Cavaliers where they want them.

"Listen, at the end of the day, we want to just try to put ourself in position to play another game, and we did that tonight and hopefully we can do it Monday night where we can come back here," James said.

He has won a road game in 29 consecutive series, another of his many NBA postseason records, but the challenge now is far greater than what the Cavs faced last year. Golden State will be at full strength this time, and while the Warriors have finally lost a game, they haven't lost any confidence.

"When you have home court ideally you take care of business at home and get a split on the road. So we're in a great spot, and now we have to capitalize," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said. "But last year is last year, this year is this year. I'm pretty sure Draymond won't get suspended for Game 5. Maybe he will. I don't know. But we'll go back and tee it up again."

As great as James, Irving and the Cavs' shooters were when they scored 86 points in the first half and made 24 3-pointers, Golden State still showed signs of getting into the game even on off nights for Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson. They don't figure to shoot as poorly again at home, nor should the Cavaliers expect to have a 39-point advantage from behind the arc.

"I can't foresee them coming to Oracle and hitting 24 3s," Green said.

James said after Game 3 that it takes an A-plus-plus game to beat the Warriors, and the Cavs delivered one Friday. But they have to do it four straight times to keep the crown that they brought home from California last June.

The Warriors carried their collapse with them throughout this season, and they will surely hear more 3-1 chatter over the next two days as some pressure shifts to them while the series moves to their home.

But they didn't have Green then and they have Kevin Durant now, two reasons why the Warriors believe they will finish the job this time.

The unbeaten talk is gone. A chance for a championship remains in their grasp. "Sixteen and one sounds pretty damn good anyway," Thompson said. "Forget about that undefeated talk or whatever. It's time to put on a show for our fans in Oakland and the rest of the Bay. Try to close out at Oracle."

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## Marches against Islamic law to be held in many US cities

By **ANDREW SELSKY and JEFF KAROUB, Associated Press**

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Marches against Islamic law were planned Saturday in more than two dozen cities across the United States, but scholars and others say the protesters are stoking unfounded fears and promoting a distorted and prejudiced view of the religion.

The group organizing the rallies, ACT for America, claims Shariah "is incompatible with Western democracy and the freedoms it affords."

But most Muslims don't want to replace U.S. law with Islamic law, known as Shariah, and only "radical extremist groups" would call for that, said Liyakat Takim, a professor of Islamic studies at McMaster University in the Canadian city of Hamilton, Ontario.

Shariah, Takim said, refers to guidelines or principles — how Muslims should live. "Fiqh" refers to jurisprudence, or specific laws. The values embedded in Shariah do not change and are shared among Muslims, he said, while fiqh is open to interpretation and change, and in fact differs among Islamic sects and communities.

"In the public domain, Muslims are not required or expected to impose their laws on the country in which they live as the minority," Takim said, adding there has never been an understanding "that the same laws would be applicable at all times in all places."

"The Quran allows slavery, so does the Old Testament. That doesn't mean we allow it today, too," he said. "Laws are amenable to change."

The marches come amid a rise in reports of anti-Muslim incidents in the U.S., including arson attacks and vandalism at mosques, harassment of women wearing Muslim head coverings and bullying of Muslim schoolchildren.

But while there is little likelihood that Shariah would ever supplant U.S. law, some states have already moved to insulate themselves against the possibility.

Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Louisiana, Kansas, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Tennessee have enacted laws prohibiting the use of foreign law in state courts, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

In Idaho a Republican lawmaker earlier this year introduced a measure aimed at preventing Shariah from being applied, though an Idaho judge has never based a ruling on Islamic law.

Two far-right groups, the Oath Keepers and the Three Percenters, are to provide security at some of the anti-Shariah demonstrations, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center, which monitors hate groups.

ACT for America has chapters around the country and says it is focused on fighting terrorism and promoting national security. It says it condemns bias against religious groups and is "proud to stand shoulder to shoulder with peaceful Western Muslims as well as peaceful Muslims worldwide."

On Saturday counter-demonstrations were planned by opponents who called the events anti-Muslim. Rep. Debbie Dingell, a Michigan Democrat who says her district has the largest population of Muslims in the U.S., said the marchers "will be total failures on Saturday because we will be united against them."

Freedom of speech has already become a contentious issue surrounding the marches, apparently the first simultaneous anti-Shariah rallies held across the U.S.

A march had been planned for Portland, but an organizer moved it to Seattle after Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler called on the federal government to deny a permit. Wheeler said the rally would exacerbate tensions after two men were stabbed to death in May on a commuter train while protecting two teenage

girls from a man casting anti-Muslim slurs.

The organizer said "inflammatory comments" by Wheeler put participants at risk of violence. The American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon scolded Wheeler, saying trying to deny a permit without imminent threat of violence amounted to unconstitutional government censorship.

Seattle was one of the cities where a counter-march was planned. Aneelah Afzali, who heads a Seattle-area group that works against discrimination and hate crimes, said she will also be putting up an "ask a Muslim booth" so people can ask questions directly about Islam, and dispel any misconceptions.

"We want to counter (the anti-Shariah march) and keep it as positive as possible, and educate people about what Islam teaches," Afzali said in a phone interview.

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## Bill Cosby on the stand? Experts say it would be a huge risk

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NORRISTOWN, Pa. (AP) — Entertainer Bill Cosby didn't answer when asked the question so many want to know, but his spokesman dangled the possibility.

Cosby might testify at his sexual assault trial. Spokesman Andrew Wyatt told reporters on Friday that Cosby's team was still evaluating whether to have him take the witness stand.

Legal experts, however, say putting the 79-year-old on the stand would be an enormous risk as he fights charges he drugged and violated Andrea Constand at his suburban Philadelphia home in 2004. Cosby has said the encounter was consensual.

Prosecutors would be able to grill the Cosby on the lurid details of his decade-old deposition testimony that jurors heard Friday, including admissions that he obtained quaaludes to give to women he wanted sex with.

Having Cosby testify also could spoil his lawyers' successful efforts to prevent jurors from hearing about the more than 60 other women who say he assaulted them since the 1960s.

"He is potentially opening the door to a whole lot of cross-examination that they fought really hard to keep out," said Duquesne University law professor Wes Oliver.

Prosecutors rested their case Friday after five brisk days of testimony from 12 witnesses. They saved Cosby's damaging deposition testimony until practically the very end. The defense starts its case on Monday.

Cosby didn't respond Friday when asked by The Associated Press if he would take the stand to defend himself against the charges that could put him in prison for the rest of his life. His lawyers also declined to disclose their strategy or say who will testify when they begin presenting their case.

Prosecutors were limited to calling just two accusers to the stand: Constand and another woman who says Cosby assaulted her in similar fashion at a Los Angeles hotel bungalow in 1996.

But if Cosby testifies, prosecutors could be permitted to call other accusers to rebut Cosby's testimony, said lawyer Joseph Amendola. His client, convicted child sex abuser Jerry Sandusky, had wanted to testify at his 2012 trial, but that would have allowed prosecutors to have his adopted son testify about alleged abuse during rebuttal testimony.

Testifying under oath in 2005, Cosby said he obtained several prescriptions for quaaludes in the 1970s and offered the now-banned sedatives to others, "the same as a person would say, 'Have a drink,'" according to the deposition read to the jury.

"When you got the quaaludes, was it in your mind that you were going to use these quaaludes for young women that you wanted to have sex with?" the comic and "The Cosby Show" star once known as America's Dad was asked.

"Yes," he said.

In the deposition, which became public nearly two years ago, Cosby said he gave Constand three half-

tablets of the cold and allergy medicine Benadryl.

Prosecutors have suggested he gave her something stronger — perhaps quaaludes, which were banned in the U.S. in 1982.

Cosby gave the deposition as part of a lawsuit filed by Constand, the former director of women's basketball operations at his alma mater, Temple University. He later settled for an undisclosed sum. His testimony was sealed for years until portions were released by a judge in 2015 at the request of the AP.

The release of the sensational testimony spurred Pennsylvania prosecutors to reopen their investigation and arrest Cosby a decade after the district attorney who originally investigated Constand's complaint decided the case was too weak to bring charges.

About five dozen women have come forward to say Cosby sexually violated them, but the statute of limitations for prosecution had run out in nearly every case. Constand is the only woman whose allegations have resulted in criminal charges.

If Cosby testifies and prosecutors are then allowed to ask about those other women, said Oliver, the Duquesne University law professor, it would drastically tilt what, in the eyes of the jury, amounts to a "he said, she said" case.

"The more shes there are, the worse it is for the defendant," he said. "It would be very bad for him for the jury to even begin to think about the other women."

Cosby's wife, Camille, has yet to be seen in court. Wyatt said the TV star told her stay away so that she wouldn't have to endure the "media circus."

The AP does not typically identify people who say they are victims of sexual assault unless they grant permission, which Constand has done.

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For more on Cosby, including trial updates, historical photos, videos and an audio series exploring the case, visit: [www.apnews.com/tag/CosbyonTrial](http://www.apnews.com/tag/CosbyonTrial)

## Trump punches back, accuses Comey of lying to Congress

By JILL COLVIN and CALVIN WOODWARD, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Punching back a day after his fired FBI director's damaging testimony, President Donald Trump on Friday accused James Comey of lying to Congress and said he was "100 percent" willing to testify under oath about their conversations.

Trump cryptically refused to say whether those private exchanges were taped — a matter at the heart of the conflicting accounts of what passed between them at a time when Comey was leading an FBI investigation into Russia's interference in the presidential election and its ties to the Trump campaign.

He asserted that nothing in Comey's testimony to the Senate pointed to collusion with Russia or obstruction of justice. "Yesterday showed no collusion, no obstruction," Trump said.

He further denied ever asking Comey for his "loyalty," contradicting Comey's detailed sworn testimony about a private dinner the two men had in the White House.

"No I didn't say that," Trump stated abruptly, taking questions at a joint press conference with Romanian President Klaus Iohannis in the Rose Garden. Asked if he would make that denial under oath, he said, "100 percent."

Trump's aides have dodged questions about whether conversations relevant to the Russia investigation have been recorded, and so did the president, in series of teases.

"Well, I'll tell you about that maybe sometime in the very near future," Trump said. Pressed on the issue, he insisted he wasn't "hinting anything," before adding, "Oh you're going to be very disappointed when you hear the answer, don't worry."

The House intelligence committee sent a letter Friday asking White House counsel Don McGahn whether any tape recordings or memos of Comey's conversations with the president exist now or had existed in the past. The committee also sent a letter to Comey asking for any notes or memos in his possession about the discussions he had with Trump before being abruptly fired last month. The committee is seek-

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ing the materials by June 23.

Comey told the Senate intelligence committee Thursday about several one-on-one interactions with the president, during which he said Trump pressed him to show "loyalty," to back off on the FBI investigation of his former national security adviser, Michael Flynn, and to disclose that Trump himself was not under investigation.

Comey said he refused on all points, told senators of the detailed memos he had written after his conversations with Trump and said he hoped those conversations were taped because he is confident of their veracity.

Standing with the president of Romania, a NATO partner, Trump at last confirmed his commitment to the alliance's mutual defense pact, Article 5, uttering words he deliberately did not say when he spoke at NATO's gathering in Belgium last month. On Friday he said he was "committing the United States to Article 5."

He also accused Qatar, a key U.S. military partner, of funding terrorism "at a very high level," and said solving the problem in the tiny Persian Gulf nation could be "the beginning of the end of terrorism." It was a forceful endorsement of this week's move by Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates to cut off ties to Qatar, but a very different message from the one delivered just an hour before by Secretary of State Rex Tillerson. Tillerson had called on the Arab nations to immediately ease their blockade on Qatar.

Trump also saluted the United States' relationship with Romania and praised its contribution to the global fight against terror.

The president had previewed his attacks against Comey in an early-morning tweet that broke his previous day's silence on his favorite social media megaphone.

"Despite so many false statements and lies, total and complete vindication," Trump wrote. It was a stunning accusation, suggesting that the former FBI director had lied to Congress, while under oath.

He also seized on Comey's revelation that he had directed a friend to release contents of memos he'd written documenting his conversations with the president to a reporter.

"...and WOW, Comey is a leaker!" Trump wrote at 6:10 a.m. He derisively repeated the "leaker" moniker when speaking to reporters in the Rose Garden.

Trump's private attorney, Marc Kasowitz, seized on Comey's admission that he had orchestrated the public release of the information. Kasowitz is expected to file a complaint with the Justice Department inspector general next week, according to a person close to the legal team who agreed to speak before the filing on condition that the person's name is not used.

Richard Burr, the Republican chairman of the Senate intelligence committee, and Sen. Mark Warner, the top Democrat on the committee, both said Thursday they believed Comey's account of the events.

"And I think you saw today the overwhelming majority of the intel members, Democrats and Republicans, feel that Jim Comey is credible. Even folks who have been his critics don't question his integrity, his commitment to the rule of law and his intelligence," Warner said.

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## **GOP shrugs off Comey revelations, sticks with Trump**

**By ERICA WERNER, AP Congressional Correspondent**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI chief he fired called the president a liar, but the response from many Republicans was a collective shrug. The GOP still needs Donald Trump if it has any hope of accomplishing its legislative agenda and winning elections, and it's going to take more than James Comey's testimony to shake them.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell on Friday boasted of the GOP's accomplishments under Trump

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thus far, and promised more to come, making no mention of Comey in a speech. A group of House conservatives discussed taxes and the budget, with no reference to Comey or the federal investigations into Russia's election meddling and possible collusion with the Trump campaign.

Elsewhere, there were few outward signs of concern from the top Republican officials, donors and business leaders who gathered largely behind closed doors in Park City, Utah, for a conference hosted by former presidential candidate Mitt Romney.

"The people in this room, who give money to the Republican Party and who are focused on helping get Republicans elected, they do it because they believe in an agenda," Spencer Zwick, House Speaker Paul Ryan's fundraising chief, said in an interview. As for the Comey testimony, "there's nothing we can do about it," Zwick said.

It all underscored what's become a hardening dynamic of the Trump presidency: Republicans on Capitol Hill and off are mostly sticking with the president despite the mounting scandals and seemingly endless crises that surround him.

Though some are privately concerned, and frustration is regularly voiced about the president's undisciplined administration and the distractions he creates, Republicans have scant incentive to abandon him now. Trump's signature remains key to the still-nascent GOP agenda, and he has the ability to appoint judges to lifetime appointments, a thrilling prospect for conservatives.

And, despite Trump's low approval ratings nationally, his core base of supporters remains firmly behind him. Those voters will be key to the GOP's success in next year's midterms when Republicans will be defending a fragile majority in the House and looking to pick up seats in the Senate, thanks to a favorable map that has a large group of Democratic incumbents up for re-election in states that voted for Trump.

"I think the last 24, 48 hours were all good for the president, confirmed he was telling the truth all along, that he wasn't under investigation," GOP Rep. Jim Jordan of Ohio said Friday, referring to Comey's confirmation that he had informed Trump that the president wasn't being personally investigated.

Comey also bluntly accused the Trump White House of lying, asserted that Trump asked him to back off an investigation into former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn, and contended that Trump fired him in an effort to change the course of the Russia investigation. But Republicans chose to ignore those things and focus on the aspects of Comey's testimony on Thursday that were favorable to Trump. Trump himself, appearing alongside the president of Romania on Friday, attacked Comey and said some of his testimony wasn't true.

"I think he was exonerated," GOP Rep. Mark Meadows of North Carolina, who chairs the conservative House Freedom Caucus, said Friday of Trump. "He said that he wasn't under investigation and indeed that was verified."

Ryan and other Republicans explained away Trump's interactions with Comey as the understandable blunders of a Washington neophyte.

"It's no secret to anybody that this president is not experienced in the ways of Washington, of how these investigations work," said GOP Sen. John Cornyn of Texas, who sits on the intelligence committee. "When you have the FBI director telling you three times you're not the subject of an investigation and you ask him, 'would you please announce that publicly' and he refuses, I can understand why the president would be frustrated by that."

Outraged Democrats argued that Comey had laid out all the elements of an obstruction of justice case, even as Democratic leaders tried to tamp down calls for impeachment coming from some liberals, including some members of Congress. Chances that Republicans themselves would initiate or even consider impeachment proceedings were zero, and that will change only if the Justice Department special counsel on the case, Robert Mueller, delivers a verdict they cannot ignore whenever his investigation concludes.

To be sure, not all Republicans were so quick to dismiss Comey's testimony and the Russia investigation. The Tucson Weekly published quotes from what it said was a private talk by GOP Rep. Martha McSally of Arizona to the Arizona Bankers Association last week. McSally, who represents a closely divided district targeted by Democrats, expressed concerns that the House majority could be at risk partly because of "distractions" from Trump and his tweets.

"Any Republican member of Congress, you are going down with the ship. And we're going to hand the gavel to Pelosi in 2018," McSally said, referring to House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of California. "The path to that gavel being handed over is through my seat. And right now, it doesn't matter that it's me, it doesn't matter what I've done. I have an 'R' next to my name and right now, this environment would have me not prevail."

A litmus test comes in two weeks when voters choose a new House member in a competitive Georgia district, where a GOP loss would unnerve some two dozen incumbents like McSally.

Associated Press writers Michelle Price in Park City, Utah, and Andrew Taylor in Washington contributed to this report.

## Polanski's victim pleads to end case: 'He owes me nothing'

By BRIAN MELLEY, Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Roman Polanski's sexual assault victim made an impassioned plea Friday to end the fugitive director's four-decade legal saga, saying she felt more abused by the legal justice system than by the man who she said drugged, raped and sodomized her when she was 13.

"The trauma of the ordeal that followed was so great that, you know, the brief encounter with him that evening that was unpleasant just faded and paled," Samantha Geimer said outside a courtroom in Los Angeles Superior Court. "It just wasn't as traumatic for me as everybody would like to believe it was."

Geimer asked Judge Scott Gordon to either dismiss the case outright or sentence the Oscar winner to the six weeks he served in prison during a court-ordered evaluation before he fled the country on the eve of sentencing in 1978.

"I implore you to consider taking action to finally bring this matter to a close as an act of mercy to myself and my family," Geimer said.

She also called for an end to "a 40-year sentence which has been imposed on the victim of a crime as well as the perpetrator."

In downplaying the crime and saying she empathized with Polanski, Geimer took a position at odds with some sexual assault victims. Victims and their advocates have been outspoken recently about lenient sentences in sex abuse cases.

Gordon, who praised Geimer for her courage and elegant words, said he would take the matter under consideration.

He has consistently ruled against Polanski's repeated requests for similar outcomes and has said the director must appear in court to resolve the case.

Deputy District Attorney Michele Hanisee, who has insisted Polanski return to court to put the matter to rest, opposed Geimer's plea. Victims have a wide range of rights but cannot dictate the outcome of cases, she said.

Geimer was critical of the district attorney's office for its stance and for not investigating allegations that a former prosecutor not assigned to Polanski's case improperly influenced the original judge in the case.

"If I was standing here saying, 'Throw the book at him, I want him in jail for life,' my opinion would count," Geimer said. "When I'm standing here saying, 'I'm fine and nothing you can do to him will help me or anybody else,' suddenly it's the state not me that counts. It's a really hypocritical view."

Polanski contends he is the victim of judicial misconduct because the now-deceased judge who handled the case suggested in private remarks that he would renege on a plea agreement. It called for no more time behind bars for the director after he spent 42 days in a prison undergoing a diagnostic screening.

The hearing Friday was part of an effort by defense attorney Harland Braun to unseal testimony by the now-retired prosecutor in the case, who is believed to have testified in a closed session about backroom sentencing discussions.

Geimer, 54, had long supported Polanski's efforts to end the case that limits his movements to three European countries, but it was the first time she spoke in favor of him in court.

She said she had suffered four decades of insults and mistreatment and has been hounded by the news media.

The original judge in the case asked if she was part of a mother-daughter prostitution team, the former district attorney suggested she had been paid off and others said she was a lying gold digger and a drug-dealing Lolita who trapped Polanski.

She said does not dismiss Polanski's responsibility and does not view him as a victim, but has empathy for the way he's been treated by the legal system and feels his family has suffered.

"I'm standing here saying he's served his sentence," Geimer said after the hearing. "He owes me nothing. He owes the state of California nothing except to show up here eventually. I wish he could show up and feel he could be treated fairly, but I don't know if that will ever happen."

Polanski has been fighting for years to end the case and lift an international arrest warrant that confined him to his native France, Switzerland and Poland, where he fled the Holocaust.

The warrant prevented him from collecting his Academy Award for best director for his 2002 film "The Pianist." He was also nominated for 1974's "Chinatown" and 1979's "Tess."

Geimer said she received a letter of apology from Polanski years ago after a documentary came out on the crime and the director's life.

Polanski, now 83, had been shooting photos of the girl at Jack Nicholson's compound in the Hollywood Hills when he gave her champagne and part of a sedative pill before raping her, according to grand jury transcripts. Nicholson was not home at the time.

He pleaded guilty to unlawful sex with a minor in exchange for dropping drug, rape and sodomy charges.

Polanski agreed to pay Geimer over \$600,000 to settle a lawsuit in 1993.

The Associated Press does not typically name victims of sex abuse, but Geimer went public years ago.

She wrote a memoir titled "The Girl: A Life in the Shadow of Roman Polanski" four years ago. The cover features a photo shot by Polanski.

In Polanski's memoir, "Roman" he described the incident as a romantic one and referred to making love with the girl before being interrupted when Anjelica Huston, who had dated Nicholson, returned to the house.

Geimer said she was offended by the way Polanski described it.

This story has been corrected to show that the former prosecutor who handled Polanski's case is retired, not dead.

## Teen who took life in texting case studied suicide methods

TAUNTON, Mass. (AP) — The Massachusetts teenager prosecutors say was coaxed by text messages from his girlfriend into killing himself had researched suicide online, a defense witness testified Friday.

Steven Verronneau, a forensic investigator with MWV Multi-Media Forensics, said he had analyzed the computers and phones owned by Conrad Roy III as well as Michelle Carter, who's charged in Roy's July 2014 death.

Carter, now 20, was 17 when the 18-year-old Roy died of carbon monoxide poisoning in his pickup truck in a store parking lot in Fairhaven. She is charged with involuntary manslaughter.

Roy googled "suicide by cop," visited a website that explained "Easy, quick and painless ways to commit suicide," and researched which medications would kill him in his sleep, Verronneau said in Taunton juvenile court.

On cross-examination by prosecutor Katie Rayburn, Verronneau acknowledged that he also found family photos on Roy's devices in which he could be perceived as happy. He also said Carter had likely deleted some messages from her phone she had sent to Roy.

The defense also called a police officer from Roy's hometown to the stand.

Mattapoisett Patrolman Justin King said he found Roy with a swollen and cut face once while responding

to an assault report.

Both witnesses appeared to back assertions by Carter's attorney, Joseph Cataldo, that Roy had long contemplated suicide and was depressed partly because of physical and verbal abuse from family members.

The defense started calling witnesses after Judge Lawrence Moniz denied Cataldo's motion for a directed verdict of not guilty, a standard legal procedure. The prosecution has rested.

The case is being heard without a jury in juvenile court because of Carter's age at the time of Roy's death. She was charged as a juvenile offender, which could subject her to adult punishment if convicted.

In an unrelated Utah case, an 18-year-old man faces a murder charge for allegedly using cellphone video to record the death of a 16-year-old girl found hanged from a tree. Police say Tyerell Joe Przybycien bought the rope his friend used last weekend, made no attempt to help her, and recorded her death. Assisted suicide is illegal in Utah. He has been charged with first-degree murder.

The Carter trial is scheduled to resume Monday.

## Minnesota officer says motorist had hand on gun when shot

By STEVE KARNOWSKI, Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — A Minnesota police officer charged in the death of a black motorist testified Friday that he was "scared to death" and fired because the man was pulling out his gun and ignoring commands to stop.

Officer Jeronimo Yanez, facing a manslaughter charge in the death of Philando Castile, said he could clearly see the gun that Castile had just told the officer he was carrying.

"I was scared to death. I thought I was going to die. My family's faces popped up in my mind, my wife and baby girl," the 29-year-old Yanez said, his voice choked with emotion.

Closing arguments were expected Monday.

Prosecutors say Yanez's actions were unreasonable. Yanez had pulled the 32-year-old cafeteria worker over because of a faulty brake light. Castile had a permit for his gun, and prosecutors have sought to portray him as being cooperative when he volunteered to Yanez, "Sir, I have to tell you, I do have a fire-arm on me."

The shooting last July drew widespread attention in part because Castile's girlfriend — who was a passenger in the car along with her then-4-year-old daughter — streamed the aftermath on Facebook.

A central question at trial has been what Yanez saw before firing seven times, barely a minute after he approached the car and just seconds after Castile said he had a gun. Squad car video recorded him telling a supervisor after the shooting that he did not know where the gun was, although it also recorded him saying he told Castile to take his hand off it. Witnesses testified that the gun was in a pocket of Castile's shorts when paramedics removed him from his vehicle.

Asked to explain the recording, Yanez said: "What I meant by that was I didn't know where the gun was up until I saw it in his right thigh area."

Prosecutor Rick Dusterhoft asked Yanez about a statement to investigators that he saw the barrel of the gun before he fired. Dusterhoft said that was significant because it would have meant Castile had the gun all the way out of his pocket when he was shot.

Yanez said he meant to tell investigators that he saw the top of the slide, on the back part of the gun, rather than the barrel. Elliot Erdman, a fellow officer who described Yanez as a close friend, testified that Yanez told him about the misstatement the day after the shooting.

He recounted Yanez as saying: "Crap, I told them barrel. I meant the slide."

Prosecutors have argued that Yanez could have taken lesser steps when Castile told him he was carrying a gun, such as asking to see Castile's hands or asking where the gun was. After Castile told the officer he had the gun, Yanez told Castile, "OK, don't reach for it then," and, "Don't pull it out."

On the squad car video, Castile can be heard saying, "I'm not pulling it out," as Yanez opened fire. Castile's last words were, "I wasn't reaching for it."

Yanez said he felt he had no choice but to shoot. Castile "had total disregard for my commands," he said. "Did I want to shoot Mr. Castile at all? Those were not my intentions," he said, taking off his glasses at one point and wiping his eyes with a handkerchief.

Yanez said he pulled Castile's car over because the driver gave him a "deer in the headlights" look when he drove past. The officer said he was on alert for a pair of suspects in a convenience store robbery and thought Castile resembled one of the suspects.

Earlier Friday, a use-of-force expert, Emanuel Kapelsohn, testified for the defense that Yanez was justified to shoot if he believed he saw a gun or that Castile was pulling one.

Prosecutor Jeff Paulsen, on cross-examination, asserted that "the ultimate question" in the case was whether Yanez saw a gun. Kapelsohn disagreed, saying the central question to him was whether Yanez "reasonably believed that Castile was pulling out a firearm."

Paulsen also displayed autopsy photos that showed a graze wound to Castile's trigger finger. Paulsen noted the absence of a bullet hole in Castile's shorts or bullet damage to his gun — evidence, the prosecutor said, that showed he wasn't reaching for the gun when shot.

Kapelsohn said it was possible Castile didn't have his hand in or near his pocket at that point.

Defense attorneys argue that Castile was stoned at the time of the traffic stop and it influenced his response to the officer.

## Wounded May soldiers on as election shock complicates Brexit

By JILL LAWLESS and DANICA KIRKA, Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — In a political drama both brutal and surreal, British Prime Minister Theresa May tried Friday to carry on with the business of governing as usual, while her Conservative Party reeled from losing its parliamentary majority and her opponents demanded she resign.

An election that May called to strengthen her hand as Britain leaves the European Union ended with her political authority obliterated, her days in office likely numbered and the path to Brexit more muddled than ever.

Meanwhile the supposed loser, Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn, savored a surprisingly strong result and basked in the adulation of an energized, youthful base.

British newspapers summed it up in a word: Mayhem.

The Conservatives built their election campaign around May's ostensible strengths as a "strong and stable" leader, and the outcome is a personal slap in the face. But May soldiered on Friday, re-appointing senior ministers to her Cabinet and holding talks with a small Northern Irish party about shoring up her minority government.

"I obviously wanted a different result last night," a grim-faced May acknowledged, promising she would "reflect on what happened."

With results in from all 650 House of Commons seats after Thursday's vote, May's bruised Conservatives had 318 — short of the 326 they needed for an outright majority and well down from the 330 seats they had before May's roll of the electoral dice.

Labour had 262, up from 229, and the Scottish National Party 35, a loss of about 20 seats that complicates the party's plans to push for independence.

The final result was announced almost 24 hours after polls closed. After three recounts, Labour took the wealthy London constituency of Kensington from the Conservatives by just 20 votes.

Speaking outside 10 Downing St., May scarcely acknowledged the election's disastrous outcome, promising to form "a government that can provide certainty."

She said the government would start Brexit negotiations with the EU as scheduled in 10 days' time.

"This government will guide the country through the crucial Brexit talks ... and deliver on the will of the British people by taking the United Kingdom out of the European Union," she said after visiting Buckingham Palace to inform Queen Elizabeth II that she would try to form a new government.

This is the first time since the 1990s that Britain has a minority government, in which the governing

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party cannot get measures through Parliament without outside support. May said she was in talks with the Democratic Unionists — a socially conservative, pro-British Protestant party in Northern Ireland — on an agreement to “work together in the interests of the whole United Kingdom.”

Cutting a deal with the DUP, which won 10 seats, may not be straightforward. The party’s opposition to abortion and same-sex marriage places it at odds with modernizing Conservatives. Scottish Conservative leader Ruth Davidson — a rising star in the party — tweeted a link to a speech she made in support of gay marriage, drawing on her own experiences as a lesbian Christian.

May’s snap election call was the second time that a Conservative gamble on the issue of Britain’s relations with Europe backfired. Her predecessor, David Cameron, first asked British voters to decide in 2016 whether to leave the EU. When voters stunned him and Europe by voting to leave, he resigned, leaving May to deal with the mess.

The latest election shock is “yet another own goal” that will make “already complex negotiations even more complicated,” said the European Parliament’s top Brexit official, Guy Verhofstadt.

Tim Bale, professor of politics at Queen Mary University of London, said it’s not even clear whether May will now lead those negotiations.

“She might start off doing that but the Conservatives might well replace her mid-stream,” he said. “That’s going to make it difficult for the EU 27 because they’re going to want to know who they’re talking to and what their policy is.”

In the Conservative Party, recriminations were immediate and stinging. Many analysts said it was unlikely May could remain leader for long now that her authority has been eroded. Steven Fielding, a professor of politics at the University of Nottingham, called her “a zombie prime minister.”

“Honestly, it feels almost like she is almost not aware of what has happened in the last 24 hours,” Conservative lawmaker Heidi Allen told LBC radio. Allen said she couldn’t see May hanging on for “more than six months.”

The election’s biggest winner was Corbyn, who confounded expectations that his left-wing views made him electorally toxic. A buoyant Corbyn piled on pressure for May to resign, saying people have had enough of austerity politics and cuts in public spending.

“The arguments the Conservative Party put forward in this election have lost, and we need to change,” he said.

Initially blind-sided by May’s snap election call, and written off by many pollsters, Labour surged in the final weeks of the campaign. It drew strong support from young people with the promise to abolish tuition fees, the hope of better jobs and a chance to own property.

“The young have a bad deal,” said Ben Page, chief executive of pollster Ipsos MORI. “They didn’t want to leave the EU. It appears clear they were determined this time to make a difference and vote.”

Page said Corbyn, a lifelong left-wing activist who has spent decades speaking to crowds, was underestimated as a campaigner. While he was demonized by conservative newspapers, on Facebook Corbyn was trending.

Voter turnout in the election was up from 66 percent in 2015 to almost 69 percent, and half a million more young people registered to vote than before the last election.

“I felt passionate about voting to make sure Theresa May knew that young people like me would never support her or a Conservative government,” said 23-year-old student Janet Walsh, who voted Labour. “I blame her party for destroying Britain by pushing for Brexit and austerity, two things that will ultimately be bad for my generation. This was the first time I voted.”

From the start, an election called by May when polls gave her a commanding lead did not go to plan. She was criticized for a lackluster campaigning style and for a plan to force elderly people to pay more for their care, a proposal her opponents dubbed the “dementia tax.”

Then, attacks in Manchester and London killed a total of 30 people and twice brought the campaign to a halt. They sent a wave of anxiety through Britain and forced May to defend the government’s record on fighting terrorism.

It’s unclear what role the attacks and their aftermath played in the election result. But the uncertain

outcome is more evidence that after the populist surges that produced Brexit and President Donald Trump — and the centrist fightbacks led by Germany's Angela Merkel and France's Emmanuel Macron — politics remains volatile and unpredictable.

For many British voters, the feeling after the country's third major vote in as many years was weariness. "We're in another mess again, and probably we're going to have to have another election, and it's all such a waste of time at the end of the day," said 85-year-old Londoner Patricia Nastri.

Associated Press writers Paisley Dodds, Sylvia Hui, Gregory Katz, Jo Kearney, Sophie Berman and Niko Price in London and John Leicester in Paris contributed to this story

## Prosecutors rest their case at Bill Cosby's trial

By **MARYCLAIRE DALE** and **MICHAEL R. SISK**, Associated Press

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (AP) — Prosecutors wrapped up their case against Bill Cosby on Friday, saving until practically the very end the comedian's damaging, decade-old testimony about giving quaaludes to women he wanted to have sex with.

The prosecution called 12 witnesses over five brisk days of testimony in the sexual assault case that could send the 79-year-old TV star to prison for the rest of his life. The defense will begin presenting its side on Monday.

Testifying under oath in 2005, Cosby said he obtained several prescriptions for quaaludes in the 1970s and offered the now-banned sedatives to others, "the same as a person would say, 'Have a drink,'" according to the deposition read to the jury.

"When you got the quaaludes, was it in your mind that you were going to use these quaaludes for young women that you wanted to have sex with?" the comic once known as America's Dad was asked.

"Yes," he said.

Cosby is on trial on charges he drugged and sexually violated former Temple University women's basketball team employee Andrea Constand, now 44, at his suburban Philadelphia home in 2004. He has said it was consensual.

In the deposition, which became public nearly two years ago, Cosby said he gave Constand three half-tablets of the cold and allergy medicine Benadryl. Prosecutors have suggested he gave her something stronger — perhaps quaaludes, a highly popular party drug in the 1970s that was banned in the U.S. in 1982.

Prosecutors evidently saved the quaalude testimony until the end for maximum effect. Defense lawyer Brian McMonagle, clearly wanting to move past Cosby's talk about giving drugs to women, asked no questions about it on cross-examination.

The final prosecution witness, toxicologist Dr. Timothy Rohrig, testified that wooziness and other effects Constand described could have been caused by Benadryl or quaaludes.

Cosby smiled as he walked out of court at the end of the day, raising his wooden cane to salute well-wishers who yelled, "We love you, Bill Cosby!" and "Hey, hey, hey!," the catchphrase from his "Fat Albert" TV show. He then waved from the back of an SUV.

The comedian gave the deposition as part of a lawsuit filed by Constand and later settled for an undisclosed sum. His testimony was sealed for years until portions were released by a judge in 2015 at the request of The Associated Press.

The release of the sensational testimony spurred Pennsylvania prosecutors to reopen their investigation and arrest Cosby a decade after the district attorney who originally investigated Constand's complaint decided the case was too weak to bring charges.

For the jury, the deposition could be the closest it comes to hearing from Cosby himself, since he said recently that he did not intend to take the stand.

In his testimony, Cosby said he apologized to Constand's mother over the telephone for the sexual encounter with her daughter because he was afraid she thought of him as "a dirty old man."

"I apologized to this woman. But my apology was, my God, I'm in trouble with these people because this is an old man and their young daughter and the mother sees this," he said.

Cosby also recounted offering to pay for graduate school for Constand. She turned him down.

Hoping to blunt one of Cosby's main lines of defense, prosecutors put on the stand a psychologist who testified that victims of celebrities are often afraid to come forward because of the possible backlash. Constand did not go to police until a year after the alleged assault.

"If it's a well-known person, the victim takes on a lot of responsibility for that person's reputation, especially if that person is well-liked or beloved," Veronique Valliere testified.

Cosby's lawyers asked for a mistrial, complaining that Valliere was offering observations about Cosby even though she was only allowed to testify generally about victim behavior. The judge rejected the request.

In a barrage that all but destroyed Cosby's good-guy reputation, some 60 women have come forward to say he sexually violated them, but the statute of limitations for prosecution had run out in nearly every case. Constand is the only woman whose allegations have resulted in criminal charges against the "Cosby Show" star.

During a break Friday, Cosby's spokesman dangled the possibility the comic might testify after all. Cosby and his lawyer wouldn't comment on that, and the defense has not disclosed its strategy or the witnesses it intends to call during its portion of the case.

Testifying would carry enormous risk for Cosby, exposing him to cross-examination about some of the lurid things in his deposition.

Cosby's wife, Camille, has yet to be seen in court. Cosby spokesman Andrew Wyatt said the TV star told her stay away so that she wouldn't have to endure the "media circus."

The AP does not typically identify people who say they are victims of sexual assault unless they grant permission, which Constand has done.

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For more on Cosby, including trial updates, historical photos, videos and an audio series exploring the case, visit: [www.apnews.com/tag/CosbyonTrial](http://www.apnews.com/tag/CosbyonTrial)

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This story has been corrected to show that 12 prosecution witnesses, not 13, took the stand.

## Doctor pleads no contest to killing Yale physician

By DAVE COLLINS, Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — A doctor charged with killing a Yale University physician over a workplace dispute pleaded no contest Friday to lesser charges and agreed to serve 32 years in prison.

Lishan Wang, a Chinese citizen from Beijing, was charged with murder for the 2010 killing of Dr. Vajinder Toor and with attempted murder for shooting at Toor's pregnant wife, who wasn't hurt, outside the couple's home in Branford.

Wang, 51, pleaded to reduced charges of manslaughter, attempted assault and gun crimes during a hearing in New Haven Superior Court. Sentencing is set for Sept. 22.

The pleas ended seven years of legal battles over Wang's competency and his wish to represent himself. Wang has been under a judge's order to be forcibly medicated against his will for mental illness so he can remain competent to stand trial — an issue that went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"It's a fair resolution of a very complex case," said Wang's public defender, Thomas Ullmann. "The competency issue poses some real dilemmas in terms of defense strategy and how the state approaches the case."

If the case had gone to trial, an insanity defense was likely, Ullmann said.

Wang said little in court Friday, only answering questions from a judge on whether he understood the plea deal and its ramifications. He will remain under the forced medication order and confined at the state's maximum-security psychiatric hospital until sentencing.

Authorities said the shooting appeared to stem from a 2008 workplace dispute Wang had with Toor and

other doctors when they worked together at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center in New York City. Wang was fired from the medical center that year after a series of confrontations with Toor and other colleagues.

Toor was a postdoctoral fellow at the Yale School of Medicine who was working with the infectious disease section of Yale-New Haven Hospital.

On Monday, Judge Thomas O'Keefe Jr. ruled Wang competent to stand trial but rejected his request to act as his own lawyer. The judge also continued his previous order to medicate Wang against his will. Wang's lawyers have said he has delusional disorder and paranoia.

O'Keefe ruled Wang incompetent in 2015 and ordered the forced medication to see if he could become competent to stand trial. Wang previously insisted he was competent and didn't need medication. He represented himself in the case for several years.

Wang's public defenders appealed the forced medication order, saying it violated his constitutional rights to a fair trial and mental and physical bodily integrity. But the state Supreme Court upheld the ruling, and the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear the case.

## Anti-Shariah rallies planned across US worry Muslim leaders

By ANDREW SELSKY, Associated Press

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Inside a mosque in the college town of Eugene, a half-dozen men prostrated themselves on a carpet while another man led the midday prayers. Over his melodic recitation came a tapping sound as a locksmith installed higher-grade locks on the front door.

The worshippers at the Eugene Islamic Center are worried about their security. A man recently appeared outside the mosque and threatened to kill Muslims.

Barely two weeks later, an assailant stabbed two men to death and wounded a third on a commuter train in Portland, 110 miles (180 kilometers) to the north. The victims were trying to protect two teenage girls, one of whom was wearing a hijab, as the man shouted anti-Islamic slurs.

Looking ahead, Muslim leaders and others are concerned about anti-Shariah, or Islamic law, marches planned for Saturday in Seattle and about two-dozen other U.S. cities, saying the marches are really anti-Muslim. They consider the Portland and Eugene incidents, and other recent anti-Muslim crimes in America, part of an alarming trend that came to the forefront in last year's presidential election with far-right activists portraying Islam — and all Muslims — as a threat.

"Our Muslim community is feeling a tremendous amount of stress and pressure," said former Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn, who plans to attend a counter-rally Saturday. "It's important for local leaders to express solidarity and make clear we stand against bigotry, against racism and with our Muslim neighbors in the state and beyond."

The group organizing the rallies, ACT for America, has chapters around the country and says it is focused on fighting terrorism and promoting national security. It says it condemns bias against religious groups and is "proud to stand shoulder to shoulder with peaceful Western Muslims as well as peaceful Muslims worldwide."

Yet many Muslims and others say the group promotes a distorted and prejudiced view of Islam.

ACT for America activists portray Shariah as largely incompatible with American democracy and often warn of a stealth effort to replace U.S. law with Islamic law. Muslims call the claims ludicrous and say Islamic law plays a role similar to Jewish law, as a guide to religious life rooted in the Quran.

Aneelah Afzali, who heads a Seattle-area group that works against discrimination and hate crimes, said she will be putting up an "ask a Muslim booth" near Seattle's anti-Shariah rally, "so people can ask questions directly about Islam, and we can counter conspiracy theories, accusations and lies that come from that hate rally."

She said she has noticed increased hostility toward Muslims, evidenced by the destruction of a granite sign in front of the mosque she attends in Redmond, Washington, by someone apparently wielding a sledgehammer. A temporary sign was destroyed a few weeks later.

"What was so beautiful was the outpouring of community support," she said, explaining that many com-

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munity and business leaders showed up for a ceremony and left their handprints in the concrete base that holds the new sign.

The marches come amid a rise in reports of anti-Muslim incidents in the U.S., including arson attacks and vandalism at mosques, harassment of women wearing Muslim head coverings and bullying of Muslim schoolchildren.

Two far-right groups, the Oath Keepers and the Three Percenters, are to provide security at some of the rallies, apparently the first simultaneous anti-Shariah rallies in the U.S. Members of a third group also confirmed they'll attend, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center, which monitors hate groups.

"With the recruitment of anti-government groups and the Proud Boys, the potential for violence increases," the center said.

The Seattle rally originally was planned for Portland, but an organizer canceled it after Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler called on the federal government to deny a permit, with Wheeler saying the rally would exacerbate tensions after the stabbings. The organizer said "inflammatory comments" by Wheeler put participants at risk of violence.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon said trying to deny a permit without concrete evidence of an imminent threat of violence amounted to unconstitutional government censorship.

Muslim leaders hear echoes of the views of groups like ACT for America in President Donald Trump's temporary ban on entry into the U.S. from six Muslim-majority countries — a measure currently blocked by federal courts — and in his claims of dangers posed by immigrants and Muslim refugees. Trump has said his policies are critical for protecting national security.

Those who attend the Eugene Islamic Center, in an off-white building in a lower-income neighborhood, are still coming to grips with the May 10 threat from a man who was arrested the next day while carrying a knife.

Mosque member Drew Williams said the man claimed to have killed Muslims while serving in the military in Iraq and told witnesses, "I have no problem killing you." The man was charged with intimidation, menacing and harassment.

"Many people are worried and saddened and very shocked, but we still hope to be able to practice and to be part of the Eugene community," Williams said as the locksmith worked next to him.

Besides installing stronger locks, the mosque is raising funds to erect a fence around the building and possibly hire a security guard for Friday prayers, when the number of worshippers peaks.

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This story has been corrected to show the mosque that was damaged was in Redmond, Washington, not Everett.

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AP Religion Writer Rachel Zoll in New York contributed to this report.

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## **Glenn Headly, star of 'Dirty Rotten Scoundrels,' dead at 62**

NEW YORK (AP) — Glenn Headly, an early member of the acclaimed Steppenwolf Theatre Company who went on to star in films and on TV, died Thursday night, according to her agent. She was 62. No cause of death or location was immediately available.

Headly was known from her performances in "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels," co-starring alongside Michael Caine and Steve Martin; in "Mr. Holland's Opus" with Richard Dreyfuss; and in Warren Beatty's "Dick Tracy." On TV, she was in the miniseries "Lonesome Dove" and had recurring roles on "ER" and "Monk." She played the daughter of Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer in the 2001 live telecast of the play "On Golden Pond."

In 2015, Headly co-starred with Jason Alexander on Broadway in the Larry David comedy "Fish in the Dark." On Friday, Alexander tweeted a remembrance of his "sweet friend" as "a beautiful light taken too

soon.”

Steve Martin tweeted, “Our household mourns the sudden loss of beloved friend, actress and comic genius, Glenna Headly.”

Last summer, she was seen in HBO’s drama miniseries “The Night Of.” She had been in production for the upcoming Hulu sitcom “Future Man,” from Seth Rogen.

In 1979 Headly was recruited by Chicago’s budding Steppenwolf Theatre, joining such fellow up-and-comers as Gary Sinise, Terry Kinney and John Malkovich, who would become her first husband. They divorced in 1988.

Headly is survived by husband Byron McCulloch, a musician and metal worker whom she married in 1993, and their son.

## Canvassers charged in fake, fraudulent voter registrations

By RICK CALLAHAN, Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Twelve employees of a Democrat-linked group focused on mobilizing black voters in Indiana are accused of submitting fake or fraudulent voter registration applications ahead of last year’s general election in order to meet quotas, according to charging documents filed Friday.

Prosecutors allege that 11 temporary workers employed by the Indiana Voter Registration Project created and submitted an unknown number of falsified applications. According to a probable cause affidavit, a supervisor for those canvassers, Holiday Burke, was also charged, as was the group.

Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry said State Police found no evidence of voter fraud or voter suppression and that the charges against the workers arose from “a very bad, ill-advised business practice” of setting canvassers what appears to be a daily quota.

The Indiana Voter Registration Project’s effort to register primarily black voters was overseen by Patriot Majority USA, which has ties to the Democratic Party, including Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid and former President Bill Clinton.

Patriot Majority has denied any wrongdoing. Spokesman Bill Buck on Friday declined to comment.

State Police began investigating the group in August after a clerk in Hendricks County near Indianapolis flagged about a dozen registration forms that had missing or suspicious information. That investigation expanded to 56 counties where Patriot Majority said it had collected about 45,000 voter registration applications before last November’s election.

All 12 defendants face one count each of procuring or submitting voter registration applications known to be false, fictitious or fraudulent. Eleven of them face one perjury count each, while the 12th — their supervisor — faces one count of counterfeiting.

If convicted on all the charges each defendant faces up to 2 ½ years in prison.

The Indiana Voter Registration Project faces the same charges as the supervisor. If convicted, the group could face a fine of \$10,000.

During the campaign, then-Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump and his running mate, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, raised the possibility of a “rigged” election. They offered no proof. Patriot Majority meanwhile asked the U.S. Department of Justice’s Civil Rights division to determine whether the police investigation was an attempt to suppress black voters.

In October, Curry, a Democrat, urged all sides to tone down the rhetoric.

The investigation found workers had submitted bogus applications on behalf of nonexistent residents, submitted new applications for people who were already registered, and at least one application was submitted on behalf of a minor, he said.

A search warrant unsealed on Nov. 14 says some workers admitted to falsifying registrations, saying they faced the possibility of losing their temporary job if they didn’t register at least 10 new voters a day.

The probable cause affidavit says supervisors told canvassers “to obtain their quota by any means necessary.” Canvassers were paid \$10 an hour and worked five-hour shifts.

“By giving someone a financial motive to (meet a quota) is what caused these canvassers to cut corners

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and do things that not only undermined the goal of having legitimate registered voters but led to a situation where we allege it bled over into criminal conduct," Curry said.

Patriot Majority President Craig Varoga said last year that canvassers weren't paid according to a quota system and had been instructed that it is illegal to provide false information on voter registration forms.

The search warrant indicates that Patriot Majority submitted several hundred voter registration applications that included false, incomplete or fraudulent information. The warrant's contents allowed State Police to raid the Indianapolis offices of Patriot Majority USA in October.

Curry said it's unclear how many problematic applications were submitted, but that it was "a relatively small number."

## NOT REAL NEWS: A look at what didn't happen this week

By The Associated Press

A roundup of some of the most popular, but completely untrue, headlines of the week. None of these stories are legit, even though they were shared widely on social media. The Associated Press checked these out; here are the real facts:

**NOT REAL: Spicer: "POTUS Didn't Misspell 'Covfefe' - As Head Of State, He Has The Legal Power To Decide How English Is Spelled"**

**THE FACTS:** The story shared widely by uspoln.com correctly quotes the White House press secretary as saying President Donald Trump "and a small group of people" knew the meaning of a word widely believed to be a typo in a tweet. The satire site then attributed several other quotes to Spicer that he did not say, including assertions that Trump was legally permitted to decide how English words are spelled, as "one of the perks of being president."

**NOT REAL: NEW YORK MOSQUE BURNS FLAG: SHOULD THEY BE PUNISHED?**

**THE FACTS:** The story shared by numerous websites claims Muslims criticized Trump during a flag burning in late May outside a New York City mosque. Some versions include an AP photo of a crowd of people burning a U.S. flag. The photo was taken in 2012 in Bangladesh, where Muslims protested the release of a film they felt was anti-Islam. Another photo depicting the supposed leader of the mosque is actually a picture of British Muslim activist Anjem Choudary.

**NOT REAL: RED ALERT: People Are Injecting HIV Blood Into BANANAS**

**THE FACTS:** Numerous false stories of Walmart bananas being tainted with HIV blood have circulated online in recent weeks, some with attached photos of bananas with reddish streaks. Walmart spokeswoman Molly Blakeman tells the AP the retail giant doesn't know of any illnesses such as HIV linked to bananas purchased there. Walmart says the red streaks seen in some bananas come from a naturally occurring, harmless bacterial growth known as mokillo .

**NOT REAL: Indiana Woman Gives Birth To 11 Baby Boys WITHOUT C-Section Delivery**

**THE FACTS:** The story posted by a website named Universe of Nature claimed what would have been an extraordinary birth took place at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. Hospital spokeswoman Whitney Ertel tells the AP the hospital has never delivered 11 babies during a single birth, and doesn't employ a doctor named in the story on its labor and delivery team. Similar false stories have been circulating online for several years, including one about a woman in India delivering 11 babies at once.

**NOT REAL: MASSIVE BUMBLE BEE RECALL AFTER 2 EMPLOYEES ADMIT COOKING A MAN AND MIXING HIM WITH A BATCH OF TUNA**

**THE FACTS:** A worker was in fact killed when he got trapped in a massive pressure cooker at a Bumble Bee facility in California in October 2012; two workers pleaded guilty to charges related to the death and the seafood giant paid \$6 million to settle charges. The death didn't cause any recalls of the tuna, however, despite claims in stories shared recently by numerous websites.

This new weekly fixture is part of The Associated Press' ongoing efforts to fact-check claims in suspected false news stories.

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## Journal criticized for not consulting black scholars on race

By ERRIN HAINES WHACK, Associated Press

A leading journal of political philosophy took up the Black Lives Matter movement in its June issue without a single contribution from a black academic, triggering an outcry from African-American scholars.

Many black scholars said they felt insulted and ignored, and some took to social media to express their indignation. Two wrote open letters to the Journal of Political Philosophy.

The journal's editors were apologetic for what they conceded was an "especially grave oversight" and vowed to increase diversity on its editorial board and in its pages.

The episode highlights what some intellectuals say is a lack of diverse voices in the influential research journals where getting a paper accepted is often vital to getting ahead in the publish-or-perish world of academia.

The omission left many wondering: Do black minds matter?

"This is not an abstract philosophical question. There are real goods at stake when we talk about which voices count," said Yale University philosopher Chris Lebron, who recently wrote a book on Black Lives Matter and wrote one of the letters to the journal.

The journal is a peer-reviewed academic quarterly that explores topics such as sociology, history, economics and race. It devoted part of its latest issue to a "symposium" on Black Lives Matter, inviting three white scholars to contribute articles on racial bias, law enforcement and the right to personal security.

UCLA political scientist Melvin Rogers, one of the black scholars who raised objections with the journal, called the lack of black voices "especially egregious" in this case.

"You have a major social movement that comes about because of police violence and a failure of the state to respond effectively," Rogers said. "You put together a symposium ... and construct it in such a way that replicates the very problem the movement is trying to respond to. The signal this sends to scholars of color that care about this is that they, too, are invisible."

The journal editors responded: "We accept the point eloquently and forcefully made by our colleagues that this is an especially grave oversight in light of the specific focus of Black Lives Matter on the extent to which African-Americans have been erased and marginalized from public life."

In April, the American Historical Review apologized after allowing a professor with views seen as supporting white supremacy to review a book on school segregation.

Rogers said he sees a dearth of minority scholars in major journals. But he added that because of the common practice of blind peer review — where articles considered for publication are submitted and critiqued anonymously, something that was not done in this case — there is no clear way to know whether bias is to blame.

Some scholars suggested that journals are reflecting and compounding a larger problem in academia: the small number of black scholars. Two percent of faculty members at the nation's top institutions are black, according to Ivory A. Toldson, editor of the Journal of Negro Education.

Toldson said black scholars also must contend with the long-held belief among some whites that blacks cannot write about race with objectivity.

"We're taught that you're supposed to separate yourself subjectively from the matter you're researching to prevent bias," he said. But that belief "can really become a tool of oppression itself. What sense does it make for someone to tell us that we're less qualified to speak to matters that we have a personal connection with?"

Megan Ming Francis, a black political scientist at the University of Washington, said she has been asked

to do peer reviews, especially in her area of expertise — black social movements during the lynching era. She complained that black scholarship is sometimes seen as less rigorous.

On topics such as black history or politics, Francis said, “we have to make our case a bit more than others.”

Toldson said the journal incident has exposed “a huge racial blind spot” that goes beyond one publication.

“It’s pervasive throughout the academy,” said Toldson, a psychology professor at Howard University. Journal editors “are gatekeepers. They can make or break someone’s career. And they’re making decisions they don’t want to admit are loaded with racial biases.”

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## Chelsea Manning talks leaks, transition after prison release

NEW YORK (AP) — Chelsea Manning believed she had a “responsibility to the public” and didn’t think she was risking national security when she leaked a trove of classified documents, the soldier said in her first interview since being released from a military prison last month.

The 29-year-old formerly known as Bradley Manning said in a pre-taped interview broadcast Friday on ABC’s “Good Morning America” that she was prompted to give the 700,000 military and State Department documents to WikiLeaks because of the human toll of the “death, destruction and mayhem” she saw as an Army intelligence analyst in Iraq. She told ABC that she has “accepted responsibility” for her actions.

“No one told me to do this. No one directed me to do this. This is me. It’s on me,” she said.

Manning was released from a military prison in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, on May 17 after serving seven years of a 35-year sentence, which was commuted by former President Barack Obama in his final days in office. Obama said in January he felt justice had been served. She hasn’t spoken to Obama since her release, but emotionally thanked him in the interview for giving her “another chance.”

Manning also touched on her struggles dealing with her gender transition while in prison. She says she tried to kill herself twice behind bars and fought for the hormone treatments she says keep her alive.

Manning remains in the Army, but is off duty while she appeals her court-martial conviction.

This story has been updated to correct the date of Manning’s release. She was released on May 17, not May 18.

## A look at what a hung Parliament means for Britain

LONDON (AP) — Britain’s general election has ended with no party winning an outright majority, bringing the second so-called hung Parliament in the last three elections.

Here are a few questions over what it means and its implications for the country.

QUESTION: WHAT IS A HUNG PARLIAMENT?

Answer: It’s an unusual situation in which no political party wins more than half of the 650 seats in the House of Commons — 326 is the ostensible mark for a majority, but since the seven Sinn Fein MPs in Northern Ireland aren’t expected to take up their seats in the London chamber, the threshold is more like 323. Without a majority, the government cannot be assured of passing legislation and often has to rely on the support of other parties.

Q: WHAT HAPPENS NEXT? WHO FORMS THE GOVERNMENT?

A: Prime Minister Theresa May has gone to Queen Elizabeth II to get permission to form a government with the help of the smaller Democratic Unionist Party. She didn’t specify how her Conservative Party would “work together” with the Northern-Ireland-based party. As the leader of the largest single party in the House of Commons, May got the first chance to put together a government and present a formal program, known as the Queen’s Speech. Instead of a formal coalition, May could seek to govern through a so-called “confidence and supply” arrangement with the DUP, in which the Northern Irish party agrees to support

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the minority Conservative government on vital matters, such as the budget, in return for concessions.

Q: WHAT DOES THE DUP POTENTIALLY PROVIDE?

A: Votes. With all but one seat counted, the DUP won 10 seats in the House of Commons and the Conservatives 318 — enough to form a working majority, albeit a very small one. While the parties are closely aligned on some issues, they differ on matters as pensions and the details of Britain's exit from the European Union. May will likely have to make compromises to win the DUP's backing.

Q: WHAT HAPPENS IF THE PRIME MINISTER CAN'T FORM A GOVERNMENT?

A: If May fails to get a deal with the DUP that will allow her to govern, then the queen, following advice, could ask the main opposition Labour Party to try to form a government. Given the election arithmetic, Labour would struggle to get the numbers to form a coalition government. Based on current seat projections, Labour and its potential allies fall short of the 326 required to form a majority. However, Labour could govern as a minority government, too, even though it came second in the election in terms of seats, should other parties give it the leeway in key votes.

Q: WHAT HAPPENS IF NO PARTY IS ABLE TO FORM A GOVERNMENT?

A: New elections will be called.

Q: HOW COMMON ARE HUNG PARLIAMENTS?

A: There have been six hung Parliaments since 1900. No party won a majority in elections in 1909, 1929, 1974 and 2010.

In 2010, the Conservatives formed a coalition government with the Liberal Democrats, the first formal coalition since Winston Churchill's government during World War II. In 1974, a minority Labour government was in charge for eight months because the Conservatives were willing to abstain on key votes. In the other four instances minority governments were able to survive as a result of agreements with other parties.

## Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Saturday, June 10, the 161st day of 2017. There are 204 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On June 10, 1967, war in the Mideast ended as Israel and Syria accepted a United Nations-mediated cease-fire; during the six days of conflict with Syria, Egypt, Jordan and Iraq, Israeli forces captured the Sinai Peninsula, the Gaza Strip, the West Bank, East Jerusalem and the Golan Heights. Academy Award-winning actor Spencer Tracy died in Beverly Hills, California, at age 67.

On this date:

In 1692, the first execution resulting from the Salem witch trials in Massachusetts took place as Bridget Bishop was hanged.

In 1892, the Republican national convention in Minneapolis nominated President Benjamin Harrison for re-election and Whitelaw Reid for vice president. (Harrison, however, lost the election to former President Grover Cleveland.)

In 1907, eleven men in five cars set out on a race from "Peking to Paris." (Prince Scipione Borghese (ship-ee-OH'-nay bohr-GAY'-seh) of Italy was the first to arrive in the French capital two months later.)

In 1922, singer-actress Judy Garland was born Frances Ethel Gumm in Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

In 1935, Alcoholics Anonymous was founded in Akron, Ohio, by Dr. Robert Holbrook Smith and William Griffith Wilson.

In 1942, during World War II, German forces massacred 173 male residents of Lidice (LIH'-dyiht-zeh), Czechoslovakia, in retaliation for the killing of Nazi official Reinhard Heydrich.

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In 1944, German forces massacred 642 residents of the French village of Oradour-sur-Glane.

In 1957, in Canadian elections, John Diefenbaker (DEE'-fehn-BAY'-kur) led the Progressive Conservatives to an upset victory over the Liberal party of Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent (LOO'-ee sant law-RAHNT').

In 1977, James Earl Ray, the convicted assassin of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., escaped from Brushy Mountain State Prison in Tennessee with six others; he was recaptured June 13.

In 1982, Steven Spielberg's sci-fi fantasy "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" had its world premiere in Los Angeles.

In 1991, 11-year-old Jaycee Dugard of South Lake Tahoe, California, was abducted by Phillip and Nancy Garrido; Jaycee was held by the couple for 18 years before she was found by authorities.

In 2002, organized crime figure John Gotti died at a prison hospital in Springfield, Missouri, at age 61. A partial solar eclipse cast a shadow over parts of eastern Asia, the Pacific Ocean and North America.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush was enthusiastically welcomed to Albania as the first U.S. president to visit the former communist nation. The crews of Atlantis and the international space station greeted each other after the space shuttle arrived at the orbiting outpost. In the French Open final, Rafael Nadal defeated Roger Federer, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. Suzann Pettersen shot a 5-under 67 for a one-shot victory over Karrie Webb at the LPGA Championship. "Spring Awakening" was named best musical at the Tony Awards; "The Coast of Utopia," best play. HBO aired the final episode of "The Sopranos," featuring an abrupt blackout ending that left forever dangling the fate of mob boss Tony Soprano.

Five years ago: Parts of northern Colorado and southern New Mexico battled wildfires that were spreading rapidly through mountainous forest land, forcing hundreds of evacuations. Shanshan Feng won the LPGA Championship to become the first Chinese player to win an LPGA Tour title and a major event, closing with a 5-under 67 for a two-stroke victory at Locust Hill Country Club in Pittsford, New York. The bittersweet "Once" won eight Tony Awards, including best musical; "Clybourne Park" won best play.

One year ago: Muhammad Ali was laid to rest in his hometown of Louisville, Kentucky, after an all-day send-off. "Mr. Hockey" Gordie Howe, who set scoring records that stood for decades, died in Sylvania, Ohio, at 88. Singer Christina Grimmie, 22, a finalist on NBC's "The Voice," was shot to death during a meet-and-greet after giving a concert in Orlando, Florida, by an apparently obsessed fan who then killed himself. Actor Michael Jace was sentenced in Los Angeles to 40 years to life in prison for fatally shooting his wife, April.

Today's Birthdays: Britain's Prince Philip is 96. Attorney F. Lee Bailey is 84. Actress Alexandra Stewart is 78. Singer Shirley Alston Reeves (The Shirelles) is 76. Actor Jurgen Prochnow is 76. Media commentator Jeff Greenfield is 74. Football Hall of Famer Dan Fouts is 66. Country singer-songwriter Thom Schuyler is 65. Former Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., is 64. Actor Andrew Stevens is 62. Singer Barrington Henderson is 61. Former New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer is 58. Rock musician Kim Deal is 56. Singer Maxi Priest is 56. Actress Gina Gershon is 55. Actress Jeanne Tripplehorn is 54. Rock musician Jimmy Chamberlin is 53. Actor Ben Daniels is 53. Actress Kate Flannery is 53. Model-actress Elizabeth Hurley is 52. Rock musician Joey Santiago is 52. Actor Doug McKeon is 51. Rock musician Emma Anderson is 50. Country musician Brian Hofeldt (The Derailers) is 50. Rapper The D.O.C. is 49. Rock singer Mike Doughty is 47. Rhythm-and-blues singer JoJo is 46. Former Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal is 46. Rhythm-and-blues singer Faith Evans is 44. Actor Hugh Dancy is 42. Rhythm-and-blues singer Lemisha Grinstead (702) is 39. Actor DJ Qualls is 39. Actor Shane West is 39. Country singer Lee Brice is 38. Singer Hoku is 36. Actress Leelee Sobieski is 35. Olympic gold medal figure skater Tara Lipinski is 35. Americana musician Bridget Kearney (Lake Street Drive) is 32. Model-actress Kate Upton is 25. Sasha Obama is 16.

Thought for Today: "I am firm. You are obstinate. He is a pig-headed fool." — Katharine Whitehorn, British newspaper columnist.