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Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

The cardboard/paper
recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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Senior Menu: Creamed chicken, buttermilk biscuit, peas, Pineapple/Mandarin orange sauce, cookie.

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

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

Groton City: City Council meeting, 7 p.m., Groton Community Center

Softball: at Sisseton (U8 at 6 p.m., U10 at 7 p.m., U12 DH, 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.)

Olive Grove: Kid's Lessons

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Senior Menu: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, diced beets, fruit cocktail cake, whole wheat bread.

Legion: State at Winner

Jr. Legion: at Clark, 6 p.m., DH

United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.

Olive Grove: Bridge, noon; Ladies League potluck meal, 6 p.m.

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Senior Menu: Turkey sub sandwich, creamy potato salad, fruited Jell-O salad, ice cream sundae.

United Methodist: Wednesday Coffee Time, 9 a.m.

Outdoor Story Time: at the Little Free Library located south of the Methodist Church, 10:30 a.m.

Olive Grove: Men's League, 6 p.m.

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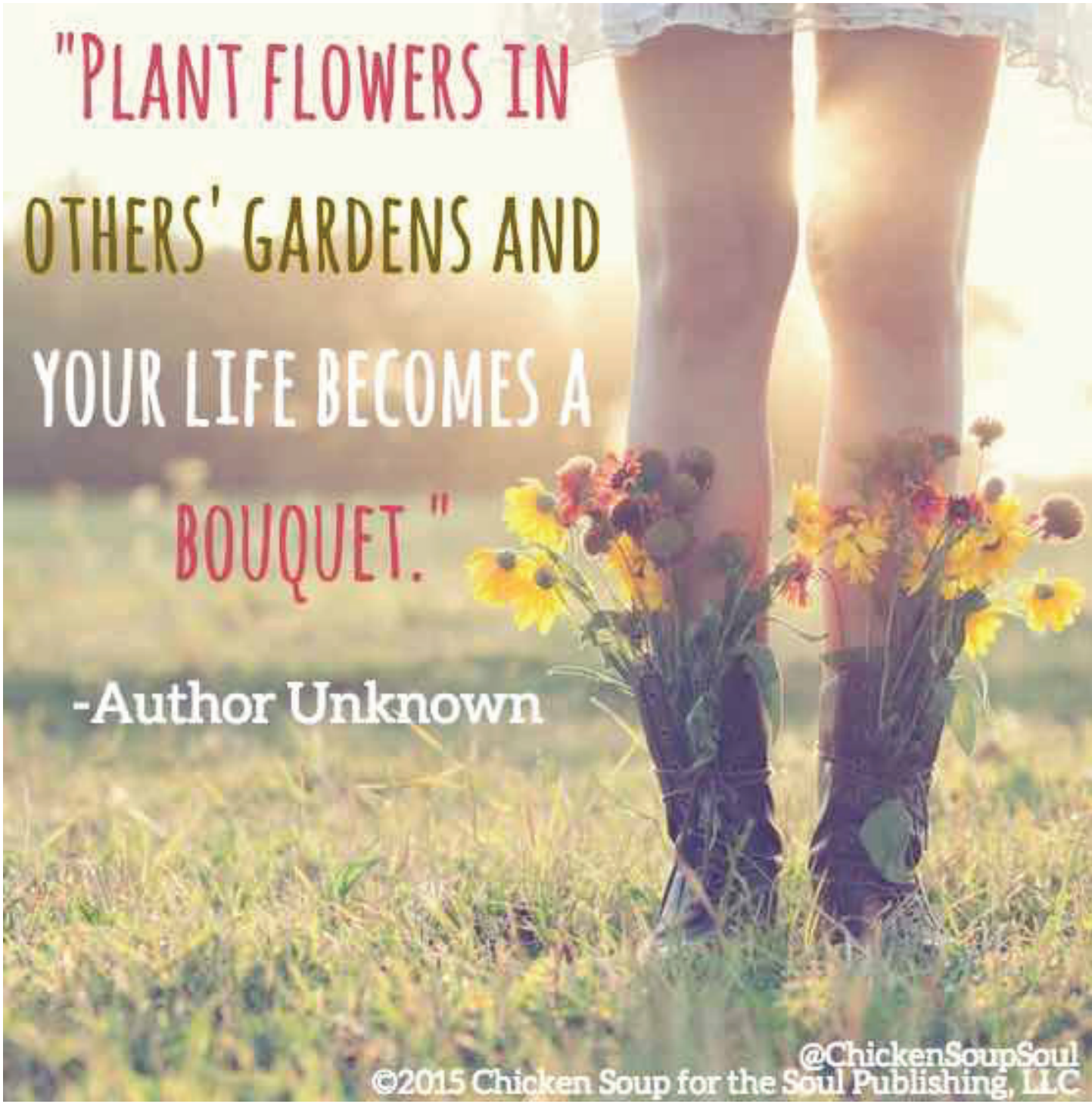
Senior Menu: Roast pork, mashed potatoes, squash, tomato spoon salad, carrot bar, whole wheat bread.

Olive Grove: Full Circle Golf Tourney



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A photograph of a person's legs from the knees down, standing in a field of tall grass. The person is wearing a light-colored, lace-trimmed skirt. They are holding two bouquets of flowers, one in each hand, which are positioned in front of their legs. The bouquets contain a mix of yellow, orange, and red flowers, including what appear to be sunflowers and daisies. The background is a soft-focus field with a bright sun low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

"PLANT FLOWERS IN
OTHERS' GARDENS AND
YOUR LIFE BECOMES A
BOUQUET."

-Author Unknown

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Groton Summer Festival first event

The first Groton Lions Club Summer Festival and Car Show was held Sunday at the City Park. It was a perfect day with temperatures in the 70s, low humidity, partly cloudy sky and a slight northerly breeze. There was a good turnout for the first event, planned to be an annual event. There were lots of vendors, vehicles on display and people at the event. Organizers were pleased with the first event. Below are some photos lifted from the GDILIVE.COM video footage.



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The following pages are some of the photos taken by Julianna Kosel.



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



No Tubes (On End-Of-Life-Dare and Hospice)

Twenty-five years ago or so, my 96-year-old Grandma refused to eat after her hip fracture surgery. Multiple strokes had lessened her mental function, but she knew enough to realize she was dying. Despite my dad and aunt's objections, the nursing home doctor put the feeding tube down her nose and then Grandma pulled it out. It went back in, then out again. The horrible truth is that some three or four weeks later she died, arms restrained, feeding tube in place.

There is no question that hydrating a sick patient who has a reasonable chance of recovery can sometimes bring them back to life. But the paradox of fluid replacement is that when a person is certainly dying, it only prolongs pain and suffering.

This point is clarified with the famous nationwide 1995 SUPPORT study which showed, time and time again, patients who had absolutely no chance of recovery were too often kept on fluids and in the ICU for many more days than appropriate, prolonging their suffering for naught. What's more, 50% of the conscious dying patients were later reported by family to be in moderate-to-severe pain at least half of the time.

Artificial hydration is defined as IV fluids or fluids given by feeding tube to someone who cannot or will not drink. Families and even some doctors struggle with the idea that not giving artificial hydration to a dying patient causes thirst and discomfort. But just the opposite is true.

During the dying process, as dehydration occurs, the body produces natural endorphins that numb the pain and bring comfort. If a person cannot drink or swallow and is not artificially hydrated, then that human being will slip away from this earth gently over an 8-10-day period, just like nature has done it for as long as humans have walked this earth. That is, until we interrupted the natural process less than a century ago with artificial fluids.

Bottom line: there is great value in providing IV fluids in saving lives that can be saved. But when a person is certainly dying, and especially with a living will that so advises, we should let go, and provide love, not fluids. I for one have clearly instructed my doctor and my family on the matter. If I do not recognize my children and cannot or will not swallow fluid, and if there is no reasonable chance of recovery, then let nature take its course. No tubes.

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ProAm Amateur Gross Results

- 74- Gabe Kjellsen
- 75- Ryan Hardy
- 77- Tyler Sperry
- 78- Luke Kraft
- 79- Darren Duvall
- 79- Brad Larson, Mark Herman.
- 80- Ian Rose
- 81- Austin Schuelke, Brad Waage, Randy Stanley, Bill Deutsch.
- 82- TJ Sperry, Drew Amacher, Andrew Frankenstein.
- 83- Gary Hagen, Samuel Toillion
- 84- Drake Patterson, Craig Dunker, Jerry Johnson, Scott Kettering, Jake Unzen, Jan Gilchrist, Craig Grupe, Tanner Waage.
- 85- Allen Heer, Jarod Fliehs, Jay Waage.
- 86- Blake Ronning, Tim Bergstrom.
- 87- Henry Renville, Justin Monson, Jason Hill, Jeremy Smith.
- 88- Larry Bohling, Tony Madsen, Justin Remily, Arden Gilbert, Lucas Pearson.
- 89- Sam Heintzman, Mike Siegler, Lorin Fliehs, Dave Carlson, Shawn Lambertz.
- 90- Jonathan Fliehs.
- 92- Brian Carrells, Jesse Zak.
- 93- Lance Frohling, Eric Mody, Roger Colestock, Tom Opsahl, Steve Dunker.
- 94- Tom Mahan, Clinton Kann.
- 95- Bob Walter
- 96- Troy Dahme
- 105- Matt Locke
- 108- Connor Hanson

ProAm Amateur Net Results

- 63- Mark Herman
- 67- Luke Kraft
- 67- Gabe Kjellsen
- 67- Bill Deutsch
- 69- Gary Hagen
- 70- Randy Stanley
- 71- Ian Rose, Ryan Hardy, Arden Gilbert.
- 72- Andrew Frankenstein, Jay Waage.
- 73- TJ Sperry, Craig Dunker, Brad Waage, Brad Larson, Tyler Sperry, Lucas Pearson.
- 74- Darren Duvall, Troy Dahme, Jake Unzen, Jan Gilchrist, Craig Grupe.
- 75- Mike Siegler, Allen Heer, Jason Hill, Austin Schuelke, Justin Remily, Shawn Lambertz.
- 76- Henry Renville, Jonathan Fliehs, Drew Amacher, Jeremy Smith, Blake Ronning, Jerry Johnson, Jarod Fliehs, Scott Kettering, Jesse Zak, Dave Carlson, Steve Dunker.
- 77- Drake Patterson, Lorin Fliehs, Justin Monson, Tony Madsen.
- 78- Lance Frohling, Larry Bohling.
- 79- Tom Opsahl, Clint Kann.
- 80- Bob Walter, Tim Bergstrom.
- 81- Sam Heintzman, Eric Moody, Tom Mahan, Brian Carrells, Tanner Waage.
- 83- Sameul Toillion, Roger Colestock.
- 86- Matt Locke
- 102- Connor Hanson.

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Team Scores

3 Best Ball Points - Net Score (used for placing), Player with their score, team score
79- Jan Gilchrist 74, Dave Carlson 76, Mark Herman 63, Pro Jonathan Ledger 70, 192
70- Lucas Pearson 73, Drew Amacher 76, Craig Grupe 74, Pro Tyler Pitlik 70, 201
70- Tom Opsahl 79, Gary Hagen 69, Justin Monson 77, Pro Brad Marek 67, 200
70- Luke Kraft 67, Justin Remily 75, Allen Heer 75, Pro Nic Noya 68, 200.
68- Lance Frohling 78, TJ Sperry 73, Ryan Hardy 71, Pro Luke Schlicher 68, 202.
67- Randy Stanley 70, Bob Walter 80, Mike Siegler 75, Pro Kyle Karazissis 68, 203
67- Troy Dahme 74, Clinton Kann 79, Bill Deutsch 67, Pro Logan McCracken 73. 203
66- Ian Rose, Andrew Frankenstei 79, Jesse Zak 67, Pro Craig Howard 73, 204.
65- Connor Hanson 102, Gabe Kjellsen 67, Sam Heintzman 81, Pro Austin Truslow 65, 208.
65- Jake Unzen 74, Jarod Flihs 76, Shawn Lambertz 75, David Fink 66. 206.
64- Lorin Flihs 77, Arden Gilbert 71, Jonathan Flihs 76, Pro Alex Romo 69, 206.
64- Brad Larson 73, Tyler Sperry 73, Blake Ronning 68, Pro Tyler Maranville 68, 206.
61- Larry Frohling 78, Henry Renville 76, Darren Duvall 74, Pro Mikey McGinn 70, 210.
61- Jay Waage 72, Tanner Waage 81, Tony Madsen 77, Pro Tim Ailes 66, 209.
60- Drake Patterson 77, Jerry Johnson 76, Austin Schuelke 75, Pro Justin Matthews 69, 210.
57- Jason Hill 75, Brian Carrells 81, Eric Moody 81, Pro David Kostyal 74, 214.
55- Tom Mahan 81, Tim Bergstrom 80, Steve Dunker 76, Pro Dominic DeCarlo 72, 215.
54- Scott Kettering 76, Matt Locke 86, Jeremy Smith 76, Pro Andrew Farrand 76, 216.
52- Brad Waage 73, Roger Colestock 83, Craig Dunker 73, Pro Samuel Toillion 83, 218.
45- Pro John Tidenberg 65, Pro Brian Beach 70, 135.

ProAm Gross Professional Results

65- Austin Truslow
65- John Tidenberg
66- David Fink, Tim Ailes
67- Brad Marek
68- Nic Noya, Luke Schlicher, Tyler Maranville, Kyle Karazissis.
69- Justin Matthews, Alex Romo
70- Jonathan Ledger, Mikey McGinn, Tyler Pitlik, Brian Beach.
72- Dominic DeCarlo
73- Logan McCracken, Craig Howard
74- David Kostyal
76- Andrew Farrand
83- Samuel Toillion

John Tidenberg of North Canton, Ohio (right) and Austen Truslow (left) of New Symrna Beach, Fla., were tied for first and had to play a sudden death playoff to determine the winner. Turslow won the sudden death and was the Pro-Am winner in Groton. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



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The winning team of the ProAm Golf tournament held at the Olive Grove Golf Course on July 20 was Jan Gilchrist and Mark Herman, and those not pictured are Dave Carlson and Pro Jonathan Ledger. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The third place team pictured above are Justin monson, Gary Hagen, Pro Brad Marek of San Francisco, Calif., and Tom Opsahl. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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The second place team pictured above are Craig Grupe, Pro Tyler Pitlik of Illinois, Drew Amacher and Lucas Pearson. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Several golfers followed the two pros as they played for sudden death to determine the winner. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Weekly Vikings Roundup By Jordan Wright

As you read this, the Minnesota Vikings are returning to Mankato, ready to begin training camp. All 90 players (well, technically 89 since the Vikings still have an open roster spot as of this writing), plus coaches, trainers, and equipment managers will spend the next couple of weeks, preparing for the 2017 NFL season. The Vikings first preseason game is on August 10, when they travel to Buffalo to take on the Bills.

Before the Vikings get too deep into training camp, I wanted to take a week to cover some reader submitted questions I've received! As always, if you have any questions or comments you'd like to make, reach out to me on Facebook ([facebook.com/SkolJWright](https://www.facebook.com/SkolJWright)) or on Twitter (@SkolJWright).

The first question comes from Stephanie in Parker, SD: "Do you think the Vikings will win the NFC North?"

This is a great question, but I'm not sure if it has a clear-cut answer. As long as Aaron Rodgers is behind center in Green Bay, the NFC North goes through the Packers. However, if there is any team in the division who can give them a run for their money, it's the Vikings.

Best case scenario, the Vikings' defense plays at an elite level for an entire season and the team combines that with an above average offense. If that happens, they can - and likely will - win the division and secure a home playoff game.

Worst case scenario, the team is ravaged by injuries like they were last season, causing the team to lose a lot of close games. The likelihood of this occurring two years in a row is slim... but I'm still going to be keeping my fingers crossed. To answer your question, I think there is a fifty percent chance the Vikings win the division. But either way, I think the team makes the playoffs and does some damage once there.

The second question comes from Tony in Fargo, ND: "Who do you think the Vikings will start at quarterback this season?" This is the question I get asked the most, by family, friends, and just about anyone else I come in contact with.

Early in the offseason, I would've put money on Sam Bradford being the week 1 starter, with Teddy Bridgewater being held out the entire season. But now, after seeing videos of Teddy throwing the ball without a brace on his surgically repaired knee, I'm not ready to give up the idea of him being ready to play some meaningful football in 2017.

I still think the odds of Bradford starting week 1 are ninety percent. The Vikings would also be wise to keep Teddy on the PUP (physically unable to perform) list through week 6, so they get another year added to his rookie contract.

Whoever gets the start will have to hope the offensive line has been upgraded to at least "decent". I have faith that either Bradford or Bridgewater have what it takes to lead this team to post-season success. The pieces are in place for the Vikings this year, and I'll be cheering for whoever is under center.

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Today in Weather History

July 24, 1993: A severe thunderstorm struck southern Hyde County, including the city of Highmore, with winds more than 60 mph and heavy rains of two to four inches. Near Stephan, in far southern Hyde County, an estimated of over four inches of rain in 20 minutes caused flooding damage to a bridge. Three to nine inches of rain caused widespread flash flooding and flood damage to Day, Roberts, and southeastern Marshall Counties. Especially hard hit was an area from Webster, northeastward through the Pickerell and Buffalo Lakes area, to Sisseton. A state of emergency was declared in Sisseton. The heavy rains overwhelmed a small creek that flows through Sisseton, swelling it to three blocks wide and up to five feet deep. The rushing water carried lumber, railroad ties, propane tanks, and several vehicles. Flood damage occurred to 70 percent of all buildings in Sisseton, including 100 homes. In Webster, the excessive rain flooded all the sewer lifts that pump water out of low-lying areas in town. The sewer system then backed up into homes and businesses. The rainstorm flooded nine of the 12 main floor rooms at the Super 8 motel in Webster. Roads and bridge damage was also extensive in Roberts, Day, and Marshall Counties with about 50 roads and bridges in Day County damaged by the flooding. Areas lakes, including Pickerell, Blue Dog, Enemy Swim, and Buffalo lakes rose over two feet, inundating areas around lake homes and submerging docks. Some estimated storm total rainfall amounts include; 4.60 inches in Webster; 3.91 in Waubay; 3.90 in Britton; and 3.60 inches near Ashton.

July 24, 1997: Over 6 inches of rain fell in the Conde area in far northeast Spink County. Water was over Highway 37, and many town basements were flooded. One basement filled with 5 feet of water. Nearly 7 inches of rain was received at Lake Poinsett, and over 6 inches of rain was received in Estelline. Hidewood Creek in Hamlin County overflowed its banks. Water went into many residences homes, and some people were evacuated. A small bridge was taken out by the high water, and Highway 28 was closed for an hour.

1930: An estimated, F5 tornado tore through Montello, Veneto, and Friuli in Italy. The tornado killed 23 people along its 50 miles path.

1952: The temperature at Louisville, Georgia soared to 112 degrees to establish a state record. The temperature also hit 112 degrees in Greenville, Georgia on August 20, 1983.

2008: A tornado fluctuated between the category EF1 and the more destructive EF2 strikes Northwood and Pittsfield, as well as nine other towns in New Hampshire. It first touches down in Deerfield, then travels through Northwood, Epsom, Pittsfield, Barnstead, and Alton. From there, it rages through New Durham, Wolfeboro, Freedom, Ossipee, and Effingham. The storm destroys several homes, damaged dozens of others and kills at least one person.

1886 - Rain fell at Lawrence, KS, for the first time in four weeks. Rain fell over much of the state of Kansas that day relieving a severe drought which began in May. The very dry weather ruined crops in Kansas. (David Ludlum)

1942 - The temperature at Las Vegas, NV, hit 117 degrees to set an all-time record for that location. The record was tied on July 19, 2005.

1947 - One of the most powerful strokes of lightning ever measured yielded 345,000 amperes of electricity in Pittsburgh, PA. (The Weather Channel)

1952 - The temperature at Louisville, GA, soared to 112 degrees to establish a state record. (The Weather Channel)



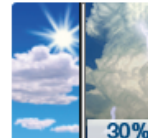




1980 - Claudette, a weak tropical storm, deluged southeastern Texas with torrential rains. The Houston suburb of Alvin received 43 inches, a 24 hour record for the U.S. (David Ludlum)

1987 - Twenty-one cities in the eastern U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date. The high of 91 degrees at Beckley, WV, was their hottest reading in 25 years of records, and marked their third straight day of record 90 degree heat. Bakersfield, CA, dipped to 60 degrees, marking their eighth straight morning of record cool weather. (The National Weather Summary)

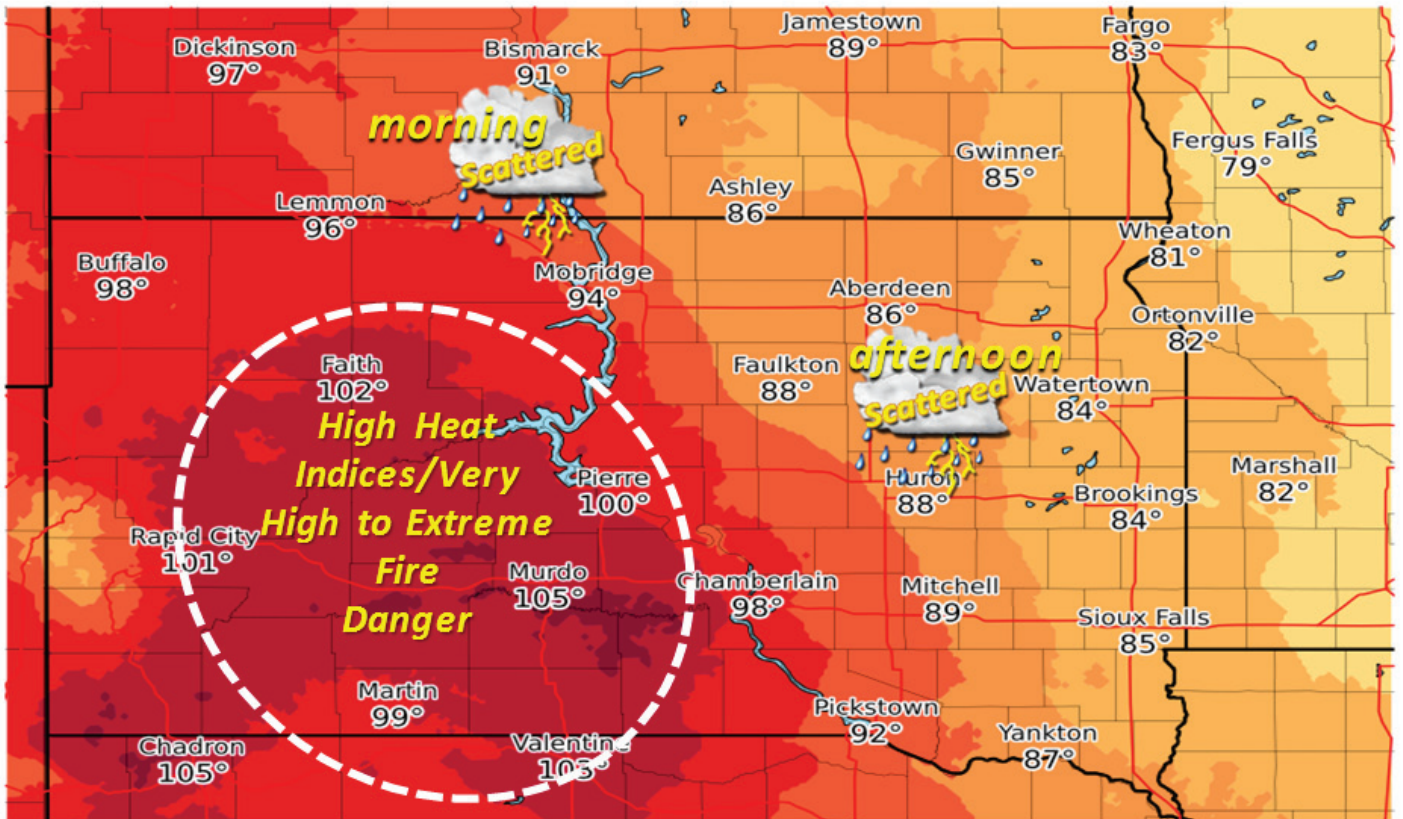
1988 - Afternoon and evening thunderstorms produced large hail and damaging winds in Oklahoma, and over Nebraska and Wisconsin. Thunderstorms produced wind gusts to 75 mph at Brainerd, NE. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
						
20%	20%	30%	50%	20%		
Partly Sunny then Isolated T-storms	Slight Chance T-storms then Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny then Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	Slight Chance T-storms	Mostly Clear	Sunny
High: 86 °F	Low: 69 °F	High: 91 °F	Low: 64 °F	High: 83 °F	Low: 58 °F	High: 84 °F

Afternoon Highs Valid: July 24, 2017



National Weather Service
Aberdeen SD
07/24/2017 04:05 AM CDT

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Published on: 07/24/2017 at 4:40AM

It will be another warm to hot day across the region, with isolated to scattered showers/thunderstorms making their way east over the state. An isolated severe storm is possible this afternoon and evening. Heat indices will reach 100F or more mainly west river this afternoon. Fire danger will also reach very high to extreme across areas mainly west of the Missouri River.

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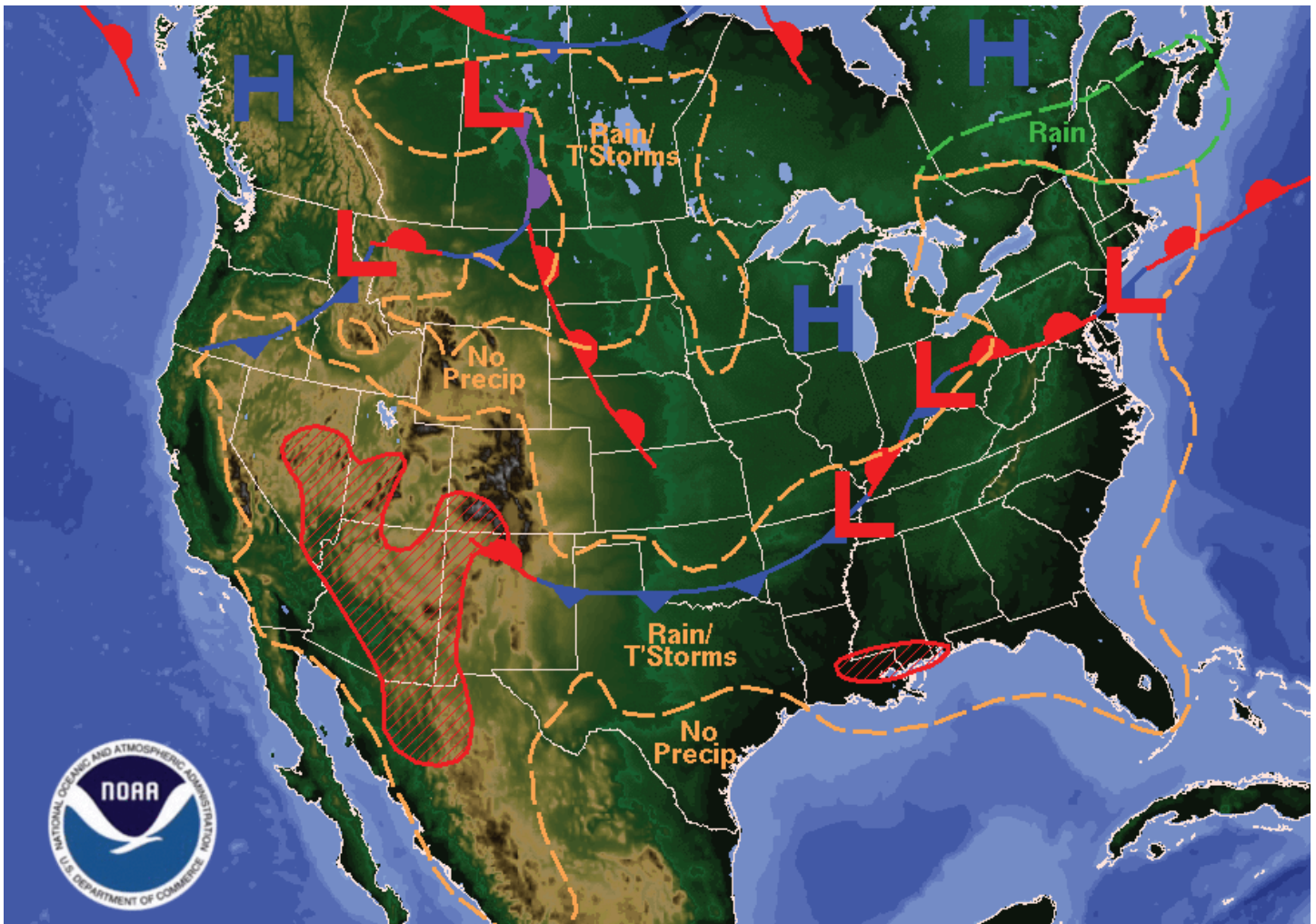
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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 79.1
Heat Index:
Low Outside Temp: 56.4
High Gust: 10
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 108° in 1931
Record Low: 46° in 1905
Average High: 84°F
Average Low: 60°F
Average Precip in July: 2.43
Precip to date in July: 1.27
Average Precip to date: 13.27
Precip Year to Date: 7.04
Sunset Tonight: 9:10 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:10 a.m.



Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Mon, Jul 24, 2017, issued 4:50 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds 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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Preparing Service Members for Post-Military Careers

In Congress, my colleagues and I have not only been working around-the-clock to repeal and replace Obamacare, we have also been doing important work in our committees to cut red tape, advance pro-growth policies that will create jobs and provide essential oversight of government programs so we can improve them. This has been particularly true in the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, where we've already had an accountability bill signed into law as well as an extension of the Veterans Choice Act, which includes a provision of a bill I introduced which essentially makes the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) the primary payer under Veterans Choice Program and protects many veterans from paying higher health care costs.

Most recently, a number of us who serve on the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee introduced comprehensive legislation to enhance and improve veterans' education benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill. Under our proposal, when returning veterans are able to access the educational benefits included in the Post-9/11 GI Bill, they will be better equipped to pursue a successful career in a competitive job market. We want every veteran to prosper as they transition into civilian life, and getting a great education is the first step toward a lucrative and rewarding career.

I'm pleased that our reform bill includes three bipartisan pieces of legislation that I introduced earlier this year, including a bill to add all Purple Heart recipients to the list of eligible veterans who can access full Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits. Purple Heart recipients have made incredible sacrifices, and deserve to have full Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits, regardless of the amount of time they served on active duty. The reform bill also includes my provision that would allow survivors of deceased service members, who had Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits transferred to them, to reallocate the benefits to another designated survivor. We know that when an individual decides to serve his or her country, their entire family makes sacrifices too. While they can never be fully repaid for their sacrifices, we're hopeful that this change will make their lives a bit easier.

The third bill, the Veterans TEST Accessibility Act, included in the reform package specifically addresses veterans' education opportunities. Under current law, veterans are required to use a full month of their Post-9/11 GI Bill eligibility to be reimbursed for licensing, certification and national tests, such as those required to be an athletic trainer, fire fighter or medical technician. The bill I introduced would address this issue by reimbursing veterans for the cost of an approved test and pro-rating the affected month of eligibility to be used for future educational expenses, such as tuition. Many high-demand jobs, including those in the science, technology and engineering fields, require tests and certifications. This provision would make the reimbursement process fairer for veterans so they can get the credentials they need to compete for good jobs.

Our veterans have made incredible sacrifices for our country, and they should be able to fully use the benefits they've been promised when they enter civilian life. The name of the bill we introduced in the Senate is the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017, named for the Army Air Service veteran who drafted the original GI bill, the purpose of which was to improve the transition into civilian life for returning veterans. I'm hopeful our bill will do the same. We expect it to pass out of committee in the next week, and I look forward to seeing it pass the Senate and be signed into law by President Trump soon.

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THE BOOK!

Sir Walter Scott was a prominent novelist and poet whose writings were well known, respected and read throughout the world. As he approached death he called for his son-in-law and said, "Bring me the Book!"

Knowing that he had a massive library, he was thoroughly puzzled by the request and had no idea what the title of "the Book" might be. Realizing that there were more than 20,000 volumes in Scott's library, he asked, "What book?"

"Need you ask?" replied the literary genius. "There is only one Book, the Bible!" Sir Walter Scott, author of many books and owner of thousands of books, spoke wisely. He knew personally the Author of the Book of books, the message it contained and its importance.

In this psalm the writer declares convincingly that "The instructions of the Lord are perfect, reviving the soul." Perfect because it contains God's message of love, forgiveness and redemption and in it we find everything that is necessary for our salvation.

The author also wants us to know that it can be trusted – that its contents are reliable and dependable. So, he adds that "the decrees – or teachings – of the Lord can be trusted...to revive the soul." Only God's Word can bring joy to our hearts, guidance for our journey, light for our path, wisdom for our decisions and eternal life through Christ.

Prayer: Gracious Lord, we stand in awe before You, rejoicing in Your Word and the hope we have in You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

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News from the  Associated Press

Punishing drought takes toll on crops across Northern Plains

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — A punishing drought that stretches across much of the U.S. Northern Plains could cause farmers to lose 64 million bushels of wheat production this year, according to federal officials.

That dire projection comes as northeast Montana experiences the worst drought in the country, with similar dry conditions in neighboring North Dakota and South Dakota. The federal government has declared numerous counties in the three-state region to be disaster areas and authorized haying and grazing on land meant for conservation to help alleviate the conditions.

Federal agriculture officials have labeled as poor or very poor more than half of Montana's 2017 crops of spring wheat, lentils and durum. Combined, the three crops were valued at more than \$600 million in 2016.

A scant 1.2 inches of rain have been recorded since April 1 in the small town of Nashua on the edge of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation.

Ranchers also will lose in this drought, said Ed Hinton, an auctioneer who drives down from Scobey for the weekly sale at the Glasgow Stockyards. Ranchers turn up every Thursday to sell off an animal or two, usually a heifer who didn't get pregnant, or a belligerent steer not worth the trouble, or the hay now selling for \$180 a ton.

There's nothing like crop insurance for livestock. In times of drought, the U.S. Department of Agriculture opens up grasslands previously off limits for conservation. After that, there's low interest loans.

The Thursday sale the week before the Fourth of July brought a thousand cattle to the stockyards, Hinton said, at a time of year when a few hundred cattle at a sale is respectable

Information from: The Billings Gazette, <http://www.billingsgazette.com>

Daktronics to build scoreboard for Little Caesars Arena

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota-based Daktronics says it is manufacturing and installing the world's largest seamless centerhung scoreboard at the forthcoming Little Caesars Arena in Detroit.

The centerhung system at the future home of the Detroit Red Wings and Detroit Pistons will be more than 5,100 square feet. Daktronics says that the new scoreboard will allow video programming to fully wrap around the system for a "360-degree experience."

Daktronics CEO Reece Kurtenbach says that the new system will offer a great experience for viewers. Little Caesars Arena is scheduled to open in September 2017.

Sioux Falls schools to teach social and emotional skills

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The Sioux Falls School Board is expanding a program that teaches social and emotional skills to students.

Hundreds of children took part last year in the program that aims to take a proactive approach to addressing an increasing number of behavioral issues. School board members have now voted to expand the program to a seventh school, the Argus Leader (<http://argusne.ws/2uDABNx>) reported.

The program, called Tier 2, brings students into a separate classroom to work with a teacher on building social skills such as following directions or accepting "no" for an answer. Students get into the program at the recommendation of their teachers.

"It isn't a consequence to go to Tier 2," said Deb Mulenberg-Wilson, director of special services.

Tier 2 began as a pilot program in 2014 at Anne Sullivan and Terry Redlin Elementary Schools. The program expanded in 2016 to four more schools: Hayward, Garfield, Hawthorne and Cleveland Elementary Schools. Now, the program is expanding to Laura Wilder Elementary for the upcoming school year.

"I'd say it's probably no longer a pilot," Superintendent Brian Maher said.

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After this school year, the district will do a large-scale report on the program and decide whether to expand or continue it. Maher said the program doesn't necessarily have to become a district-wide program, but it will be used where it's necessary in schools.

The program costs more than \$614,000, which includes training in the Boy's Town Well-Managed Schools system for all employees in buildings using the program.

Muilenberg-Wilson thinks about another 30 students will be served at Laura Wilder.

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

South Dakota raises funds to honor former governor

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — A county commission is seeking donations for a memorial honoring a man who served as South Dakota's governor nearly a century ago.

The \$2,500 marker will memorialize William H. McMaster, who was South Dakota's 10th governor, the Yankton Daily Press and Dakotan (<http://bit.ly/2vG3lbS>) reported.

"The whole proposal came from the governor's office and Tony Venhuizen, Gov. Dennis Daugaard's chief of staff," said Bernie Hunhoff, editor at South Dakota Magazine and former state legislator. "They realized that a number of governors from South Dakota were not memorialized in their home towns."

McMaster identified as a liberal Republican and was governor from 1921-1925. During his time in office, McMaster was considered popular and worked to protect farm families by standing up to powerful railroad lobbies and big oil monopolies.

"I hope we can have the memorial erected by next summer because that is when they are going to place his statue along the Trail of Governors in Pierre," Hunhoff said. "There is a possibility that some of his descendants might come to the state for the statue unveiling. Maybe we could do something within a couple days of each other, so they could attend both events."

The Yankton County Historic Preservation Commission hopes enough donations will help fund the memorial.

"I'm confident that we can raise the money," Hunhoff said. "The Historic Preservation Commission can budget some money for it, but the people of Yankton have always been generous with these kinds of projects. I've had nothing but good feedback so far."

Information from: Yankton Press and Dakotan, <http://www.yankton.net/>

Dollar Loan Center signals expansion plan in lending filings

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A short-term lender that recently began offering loans again at two stores in South Dakota after scaling down nearly all its business in the state because of a new voter-imposed interest rate cap has signaled possible plans to expand.

Dollar Loan Center last month filed for new money lending licenses at three more locations, all stores the company operated before the interest rate cap passed, documents the state released this week to The Associated Press show. High-interest loan opponents worry the business is growing again in South Dakota.

The South Dakota Division of Banking says the company is now making short-term loans in Rapid City and Sioux Falls, but it's licensed for five stores. Whether the loans continue at all depends on a banking division investigation.

The financial regulatory office is examining whether the new loans comply with the 2016 rate cap law, which limited interest rates charged by businesses such as payday and auto title lenders to 36 percent annually. The voter initiative caused many businesses to close. Lenders predicted during the ballot measure campaign that the initiative would kill the industry in South Dakota because the rate cap would prevent them from recouping the costs of providing loans.

Dollar Loan Center declined to renew eight state licenses for 2017, leaving two remaining that weren't making new loans, according to information the division released in January.

"No short-term lender in the state of South Dakota will be able to help you with these restrictions," the company wrote in a post on its website shortly after Election Day. "The only way to fix this travesty is to voice your opinion."

The banking division said in a statement last week that Dollar Loan Center is now offering loans at a 36 percent annual interest rate and charging late fees if they're not repaid in one week. Rate-cap backers say the product violates the law and is a move to evade the limitation.

Company CEO Chuck Brennan didn't respond to telephone messages from The AP including one asking whether the new license applications signal expansion plans. The applications for locations in Aberdeen, Sioux Falls and Watertown came in June 1, shortly before the company informed the banking division June 22 that it intended to start offering new loans.

Dollar Loan Center's new "signature loans" come in \$250 increments up to \$1,000, according to the company's website, www.dontbebroke.com. Someone who borrowed \$250 would be charged a \$25 late fee each week until the loan is paid off, while a \$1,000 loan would incur a \$70 weekly late fee.

Brennan said in a statement to the Argus Leader last week that the new loan product conforms specifically to the voter-approved measure. Democratic Sen. Reynold Nesiba, who helped lead the rate cap campaign, said that he thinks it's an illegal, cynical product that's designed to fail and doesn't become profitable until the borrower defaults and gets trapped in debt.

"I worry that he's offering these products. I worry that he's back in business and expanding and continuing to prey on desperate South Dakotans," Nesiba said. "I hope the Division of Banking expedites their investigation and makes a determination whether what he's doing is legal at all."

A spokeswoman for the Department of Labor and Regulation said in a Thursday email that she couldn't provide any updates on the banking division's inquiry or a timeframe for its completion.

Trump son-in-law Kushner denies collusion with Russia

By MARY CLARE JALONICK, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senior White House adviser Jared Kushner is denying that President Donald Trump's campaign colluded with Russia, saying in a statement ahead of congressional interviews that he has "nothing to hide."

The 11-page statement provided to The Associated Press by a representative Monday details four contacts with Russians during Trump's campaign and transition. Kushner plans to deliver the statement during closed-door meetings with investigators on Senate and House committees this week.

"I did not collude, nor know of anyone else in the campaign who colluded, with any foreign government," Kushner said in the statement in which he also insists none of the contacts was improper. He also denies that Russians finance any of his business in the private sector.

In speaking to Congress, Kushner — as both the president's son-in-law and a trusted senior adviser during the



In this June 22, 2017, file photo, White House senior adviser Jared Kushner listens during the "American Leadership in Emerging Technology" event with President Donald Trump in the East Room of the White House in Washington. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci, File)

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campaign and inside the White House — becomes the first member of the president's inner circle to face questions from government officials as they probe Russian meddling in the 2016 election and possible links to the Trump campaign.

He is to meet with staff on the Senate intelligence committee Monday and lawmakers on the House intelligence committee Tuesday.

Kushner's appearance has been highly anticipated, in part because of a series of headlines in recent months about his interactions with Russians and because the reticent Kushner had until Monday not personally responded to questions about an incomplete security clearance form and his conversations with foreigners.

"I am not a person who has sought the spotlight," he said in his statement.

In it, he detailed a June 2016 meeting with a Russian-American lawyer and says it was such a "waste of time" that he asked his assistant to call him out of the gathering.

Emails released this month show that the president's son, Donald Trump Jr., accepted the meeting at Trump Tower with the idea that he would receive damaging information about Hillary Clinton. But Kushner says he hadn't seen those emails until recently shown them by his lawyers.

Kushner said in his statement that Trump Jr. invited him to the meeting. He says he arrived late and when he heard the lawyer discussing the issue of adoptions, he texted his assistant to call him out.

"No part of the meeting I attended included anything about the campaign, there was no follow up to the meeting that I am aware of, I do not recall how many people were there (or their names), and I have no knowledge of any documents being offered or accepted," Kushner's statement says.

Kushner also denies reports he discussed setting up a secret back-channel with the Russian ambassador to the U.S.

He said he did speak with the Russian ambassador, Sergey Kislyak, in December at Trump Tower. But he says that conversation was about policy in Syria.

Kushner says that when Kislyak asked if there was a secure line for him to provide information on Syria from what Kislyak called his "generals," Kushner asked if there was an existing communications channel at the embassy that could be used. Kushner says he never proposed an ongoing secret form of communication.

He also says he met with a Russian banker, Sergey Gorkov, at the request of Kislyak. But he says no specific policies were discussed.

Kushner also explained that his application form for a security clearance form was submitted prematurely due to a miscommunication with his assistant, who had erroneously believed the document was complete.

He said he mistakenly omitted all of his foreign contacts, not just his meetings with Russians, and has worked in the last six months with the FBI to correct the record.

Trump Jr. and Trump's former campaign manager Paul Manafort, who was also at the June 2016 meeting, were scheduled to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee this week. But on Friday their attorneys said they remained in negotiations with that panel. The two men are now in discussions to be privately interviewed by staff or lawmakers, though the GOP chairman of the committee, Iowa Sen. Chuck Grassley, has said they will eventually testify in public.

The president took to Twitter over the weekend to defend himself and repeat his criticism of the investigations. On Sunday, Trump tweeted: "As the phony Russian Witch Hunt continues, two groups are laughing at this excuse for a lost election taking hold, Democrats and Russians!"

Associated Press writers Chad Day and Eric Tucker contributed to this report.

Israel Embassy shooting in Jordan complicates shrine crisis

By ARON HELLER and KARIN LAUB, Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — A deadly shooting at Israel's Embassy in Jordan further complicated Israeli government efforts on Monday to find a way out of an escalating crisis over Jerusalem's most contested shrine, including mass Muslim prayer protests and Israeli-Palestinian violence.

The shooting, in which an Israeli security guard killed two Jordanians after being attacked by one of them with a screwdriver, led to a diplomatic standoff between the two countries at a time when Jordan is heavily involved in efforts to defuse the crisis over the Jerusalem holy site.

Jordan is the Muslim custodian of the shrine, which is also holy to Jews.

Jordanian officials said Monday that the guard could only leave after an investigation, according to a news site linked to Jordan's military. Israel insisted the guard has diplomatic immunity.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he spoke to the guard and assured him that Israel has experience in dealing with such a situation and would bring him home. He said

Jordan's ambassador to Israel came to the Foreign Ministry earlier Monday "to help solve the crisis."

The drama played out as President Donald Trump's Mideast envoy, Jason Greenblatt, headed to the Holy Land on Monday. It was the first sign of a high-level, on-the-ground attempt by the Trump administration to end the standoff between Israel and the Muslim world.

The holy site is known to Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary and to Jews as the Temple Mount.

The escalation began earlier this month when Arab gunmen fired from the holy site, killing two Israeli policemen. In response, Israel installed metal detectors at the site, a move that incensed the Muslim world.

The shooting at Israel's embassy in the Jordanian capital of Amman could further inflame Jordanian public opinion against Israel.

The Amman shooting took place on Sunday evening in a residential building used by the embassy staff.

Israel's Foreign Ministry said the incident began when two Jordanian workmen arrived at the building to replace furniture. It said one of the workers, later identified as a 17-year-old of Palestinian origin, attacked an Israeli security guard with a screwdriver.

The guard opened fire, killing the teen. A second Jordanian, the owner of the building who was also a physician, was hit by gunfire and later died of his wounds. The guard was lightly hurt, the ministry said.

The Jordanian news site Hala Akhbar, which is linked to the kingdom's military, quoted diplomatic and security officials as saying that Jordan refused to let the guard leave without an investigation.

The website quoted the officials as saying that Jordan might take "diplomatic measures" if Israel refuses



Zakaria al-Jawadah, right, the father of Mohammed Mohammed al-Jawawdeh, a 17-year-old Jordanian, who was killed on Sunday evening by an Israeli security guard who said he was attacked by him with a screwdriver, holds back his tears at a funeral tent in Amman, Jordan, Monday, July 24, 2017. The deadly shooting, that killed two Jordanians at a residential building used by Israeli embassy staff in Jordan, has further complicated Israeli government efforts to find a way out of an escalating crisis over the Holy Land's most contested shrine. (AP Photo/Raad Adeleh)

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to meet the demand.

Israel's Foreign Ministry did not refer to Jordanian demands, but said the guard enjoys diplomatic immunity under international conventions.

An Israeli government official said talks were under way whether to evacuate the embassy staff, given the tensions in Jordan.

He said either all or none of the staff would be evacuated, and that the security guard would not be left behind. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the diplomatic efforts underway to defuse the situation.

The father of the slain teen on Monday called for an investigation and said he would not bury his son until he was shown security camera footage of the incident.

Zakariah al-Jawawdeh told The Associated Press that his son Mohammed is a "son of Jordan who was shot on Jordanian soil" and he deserved justice.

He described Mohammed as apolitical, saying his son spent long hours working in the family furniture store and had no time to watch the news.

Israel's security Cabinet met from late Sunday until the early hours of Monday to discuss the crisis at the shrine and the embassy shooting, and was to convene again Monday afternoon.

Netanyahu said Israel is in regular contact "with security and government officials on all levels in Amman to bring as speedy a resolution as possible to this event."

Israel and Jordan signed a peace deal in 1994, but the agreement remains deeply unpopular in the kingdom where many residents are of Palestinian origin. Jordan and Israel have close security ties, but frequently clash over Israeli policies at the Jerusalem shrine.

Jordan's ruling Hashemite dynasty, said to trace its ancestry to the Prophet Muhammad, draws much of its legitimacy from its role as protector of the shrine.

Meanwhile, the security Cabinet reached no decision after a six-hour meeting on how to defuse the crisis over the Jerusalem shrine, Israeli media said. The ministers were reportedly reviewing the initial decision on installing the metal detectors and weighing possible alternatives.

Israel has said the metal detectors were a needed security measure to prevent future attacks. However, the government is facing growing domestic criticism, with some commentators saying it did not fully weigh all the repercussions of introducing new measures at the most volatile spot of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Muslim religious leaders have alleged that Israel is trying to expand its control at the site under the guise of security — a claim Israel denies. The tensions have led to mass prayer protests and deadly Israeli-Palestinian violence.

Ikrema Sabri, a senior Muslim cleric, said Monday that Jerusalem's police chief, Yoram Halevi, met a day earlier with a lawyer representing the Muslim leadership to discuss solutions to the crisis.

Sabri said newly installed security cameras, described in media reports as a possible alternative to the metal detectors, were discussed.

He said the lawyer was to brief the Muslim leadership later Monday on Israel's responses.

In another sign of the tense atmosphere, a Palestinian assailant stabbed an Arab citizen of Israel in the neck in central Israel, apparently mistaking him for a Jew, police said. The assailant was detained.

The 37-acre walled compound is the third holiest site of Islam, after Mecca and Medina in Saudi Arabia. It is also the holiest site of Judaism, revered as the place where biblical Temples once stood.

Laub reported from Jericho, West Bank. Associated Press Writer Mohammed Daraghmeh in Ramallah, West Bank, and Omar Akour in Amman, Jordan, contributed to this report.

10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press

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

1. TRUMP SON-IN-LAW DENIES COLLUDING WITH RUSSIA

Jared Kushner denies colluding with Russia and says he has "nothing to hide" in statement ahead of interviews this week with congressional investigators.

2. 'WE'RE LOOKING AT A HUMAN-TRAFFICKING CRIME'

The suspect is due in court after nine people are found dead, and the death toll could rise after dozens were pulled from a sweltering tractor-trailer found parked outside a Walmart in San Antonio.

3. TALIBAN CLAIM SUICIDE BOMBING IN KABUL THAT KILLS 24

The attack took place in a western section of the capital where several prominent politicians reside and at rush hour, ensnaring workers and students, an official says.

4. WHAT NORTH KOREANS ARE FINDING AFTER 6 DECADES

They continue to dig up thousands of U.S. bombs, mortars and pieces of live ammunition leading one bomb-squad member to say the cleanup will take longer than a century to complete.

5. EX-MEMBERS: BRAZILIANS FUNNELED AS 'SLAVES' BY US CHURCH

North Carolina-based Word of Faith Fellowship forced the South Americans to work in jobs like babysitting and construction for little or no pay while subjecting them to physical or verbal assaults, AP finds.

6. HOW HEALTH CARE BILL WILL LOOK A MYSTERY

Sen. John Thune, R-N.D., says lawmakers will move forward with a key vote this week on a GOP health bill, but it's uncertain whether the legislation will seek to replace "Obamacare" or repeal it.

7. HOW EARLY TREATMENT IS VIEWED AS A 'CURE' FOR HIV

A South African girl born with the AIDS virus has kept her infection suppressed for 8 1/2 years after stopping anti-HIV medicines.

8. BLACK WOMEN PICKING UP FIREARMS FOR SELF-DEFENSE

Some say they want to protect their homes, families and themselves, while others cite a worry about today's political climate inspiring violence.

9. POLITICALLY AMBITIOUS PUPS AND KITTIES NEED NOT APPLY

The job of first pet — an enviable White House gig with luxurious live-in privileges and guaranteed positive press coverage — is not currently available.

10. SPIETH MATCHES NICKLAUS WITH 3RD MAJOR BEFORE AGE 24

The Texan's remarkable bogey from the driving range on the 13th hole at the British Open gives him the third leg of the career Grand Slam.



Eldia Contreras wipes away a tear as she takes part in a vigil at San Fernando Cathedral for victims who died as a result of being transported in a tractor-trailer Sunday, July 23, 2017, in San Antonio. Several people died after being crammed into a sweltering tractor-trailer found parked outside a Walmart in the midsummer Texas heat, authorities said Sunday in what they described as an immigrant-smuggling attempt gone wrong. (AP Photo/Eric Gay)

Suspect due in court Monday after 9 die in sweltering truck

By ERIC GAY and WILL WEISSERT, Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Nine people are dead and the death toll could rise after emergency crews pulled dozens of people from a sweltering tractor-trailer found parked outside a Walmart in the midsummer Texas heat, victims of what officials said was an immigrant-smuggling attempt gone wrong.

The driver was arrested, and nearly 20 others taken from the rig were hospitalized in dire condition, many with extreme dehydration and heatstroke, officials said Sunday.

"We're looking at a human-trafficking crime," said San Antonio Police Chief William McManus, calling it "a horrific tragedy."

One U.S. official said Sunday evening that 17 of those rescued were

being treated for injuries that were considered life-threatening. The official spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the information has not been publicly released.

Authorities were called to the San Antonio parking lot late Saturday or early Sunday and found eight people dead inside the truck. A ninth victim died at the hospital, said Liz Johnson, spokeswoman for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The victims "were very hot to the touch. So these people were in this trailer without any signs of any type of water," San Antonio Fire Chief Charles Hood said.

Authorities would not say whether the trailer was locked when they arrived, but they said it had no working air conditioning.

It was just the latest smuggling-by-truck operation to end in tragedy. In one of the worst cases on record in the U.S., 19 immigrants locked inside a stifling rig died in Victoria, Texas, in 2003.

Based on initial interviews with survivors of the San Antonio tragedy, more than 100 people may have been packed into the back of the 18-wheeler at one point in its journey, ICE acting Director Thomas Homan said. Officials said 39 people were inside when rescuers arrived, and the rest were believed to have escaped or hitched rides to their next destination.

Four of the survivors appeared to be between 10 and 17 years old, Homan said. Investigators gave no details on where the rig began its journey or where it was headed.

But Homan said it was unlikely the truck was used to carry the immigrants across the border into the United States. He said people from Latin America who rely on smuggling networks typically cross the border on foot and are then picked up by a driver.

"Even though they have the driver in custody, I can guarantee you there's going to be many more people we're looking for to prosecute," Homan said.

Mexican Consul General in San Antonio Reyna Torres said Mexican nationals were among the survivors and those who died on the rig.

The Mexican government also released a statement Sunday night expressing its condolences to the relatives of those who died and called for an "exhaustive investigation"

A Guatemalan official said two natives of Central American country were among those hospitalized.



San Antonio police officers investigate the scene where eight people were found dead in a tractor-trailer loaded with at least 30 others outside a Walmart store in stifling summer heat in what police are calling a horrific human trafficking case, Sunday, July 23, 2017, in San Antonio. (AP

Photo/Eric Gay)

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Consul Cristy Andrino in McAllen said the two told her they had crossed into the U.S. on foot and were later picked up by the rig.

Guatemala was seeking to obtain witness status for the two survivors so they wouldn't be deported, Andrino said.

Federal prosecutors said James Mathew Bradley Jr., 60, of Clearwater, Florida, was taken into custody and would be charged on Monday in federal court. The local U.S. Attorney's Office wouldn't say whether Bradley was the alleged driver of the truck who was arrested. It was not immediately known whether Bradley had an attorney who could speak on his behalf.

The U.S. Homeland Security Department stepped in to take the lead in the investigation from San Antonio police. Department Secretary John Kelly said the incident demonstrates the brutality of smuggling organizations that "have no regard for human life and seek only profits."

The truck had an Iowa license plate and was registered to Pyle Transportation Inc. of Schaller, Iowa. A company official did not immediately respond to a phone message seeking comment.

San Antonio is about a 150-mile (240-kilometer) drive from the Mexican border. The temperature in San Antonio reached 101 degrees (38 Celsius) on Saturday and didn't dip below 90 degrees (32 C) until after 10 p.m.

The tragedy came to light after a person from the truck approached a Walmart employee and asked for water late Saturday night or early Sunday morning, said McManus, the local police chief.

The employee gave the person water and then called police, who found the dead and the desperate inside the rig. Some of those in the truck ran into the woods, McManus said.

Investigators checked store surveillance video, which showed vehicles arriving and picking up people from the truck, authorities said. Walmart released a brief statement Sunday saying it was doing what it could to help investigators.

On Sunday evening, about 100 people gathered at a San Antonio church for a vigil to mourn those killed.

Immigrants' rights activists and church officials held up handmade signs reading "Who here is not an immigrant" and "No human is legal."

Those gathered held a moment of silence, then gave speeches blaming federal and Texas authorities' embrace of harsher immigration policies for contributing to the deaths.

Jonathan Ryan, executive director of a nonprofit called Raices, said it's "an unfortunate example" of what happens when such policies are enacted.

A new law approved by the Texas Legislature lets police inquire about peoples' immigration status during routine interactions like traffic stops.

Bob Libal is executive director of Grassroots Leadership, an Austin-based nonprofit that supports more liberal immigration policies.

"These tragedies are compounded when it's incredibly dangerous and incredibly expensive and we push migration into the hands of illicit actors," Libal told The AP in a phone interview. "Everyone's thoughts today should be not in politicizing it but in making sure that everyone who survived this ordeal is treated with respect and get the protection they need."

A group of immigration lawyers and advocates sued Homeland Security Secretary Kelly and other U.S. officials this month alleging that guards on the U.S. border with Mexico have illegally turned away asylum-seekers.

In the May 2003 case, the immigrants were being taken from South Texas to Houston. Prosecutors said the driver heard them begging and screaming for their lives but refused to free them. The driver was sentenced to nearly 34 years in prison.

"These criminal organizations, they're all about making money. They have no regard for human life," Homan said.

The Border Patrol has reported at least four truck seizures this month in and around Laredo, Texas. On July 7, agents found 72 people crammed into a truck with no means of escape, the agency said. They were from Mexico, Ecuador, Guatemala and El Salvador.

Authorities in Mexico have also made a number of such discoveries over the years.

Last December, they found 110 migrants trapped and suffocating inside a truck after it crashed while speeding in the state of Veracruz. Most were from Central America, and 48 were minors. Some were injured in the crash.

Last October, also in Veracruz state, four migrants suffocated in a truck carrying 55 people.

Associated Press writers Mike Graczyk in Houston, Elliot Spagat in San Diego, Peter Orsi in Mexico City and Frank Bajak in Houston contributed to this report.

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Taliban suicide car bombing in Kabul kills 24 people

By AMIR SHAH, Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A suicide bomber rammed his car packed with explosives into a bus carrying government employees in the Afghan capital early on Monday, killing 24 people and wounding 42 others, Kabul's police chief spokesman said. The Taliban claimed responsibility for the assault.

The attack took place in a western Kabul neighborhood where several prominent politicians reside and at rush hour, as residents were heading to work and students were on their way to a nearby private high school, said Basir Mujahed, the spokesman.

"The bomber attacked at one of the busiest times of the day," the spokesman said. "There were traffic jams with people going to work and to the university and schools. Many of the shops had just opened."

The bus was completely destroyed, along with three other cars and several shops in the area, he said, adding children were among the wounded.

In a statement the Interior Ministry called the attack "a criminal act against humanity."

The police spokesman said the minibus was carrying employees of the mines and petroleum ministry.

The Taliban, in a statement to the media, said they were behind the bombing and that the attack was carried out by an insurgent only identified as Ahmad.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid, said the target of the bombing was the intelligence services and their employees. He claimed the bus was filled with employees of the intelligence services and that Taliban insurgents spent the last two months shadowing the intelligence services employees before carrying out the attack.

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani condemned the bombing.



Men look at the remains of their properties at the site of a suicide attack in Kabul, Afghanistan, Monday, July 24, 2017. A suicide car bomb killed dozens of people as well as the bomber early Monday morning in a western neighborhood of Afghanistan's capital where several prominent politicians reside, a government official said. (AP Photos/Massoud Hossaini)

"Once again, these terrorist are attacking civilians and targeting government staff," Ghani said in a statement.

Monday's attack was the second against employees of the mines and petroleum ministry. Last year, a bus carrying the ministry's employees was also targeted in an attack that killed several people.

The western Kabul neighborhood where the attack occurred is home to many prominent political leaders, such as Hazara leader Mohammad Mohaqiq.

Several attacks have occurred in the neighborhood, including the suicide attack last month that killed prominent Shiite Muslim cleric Ramazan Hussainzada, who was also a senior leader of the ethnic Hazara community.

Eyewitnesses to Monday's attack said shattered glass from nearby buildings was scattered all over the street.

"The sound was very strong, the ground shook," said Mohammed Nader, who owns a convenience store in the neighborhood.

The Taliban have stepped up their attacks against both Afghan forces and civilians since U.S. and other NATO-led foreign combat troops pulled out of the country at the end of 2014, leaving only an advisory and training contingent of international forces. In addition, American troops in Afghanistan have a counterterrorism role.

The insurgents have also steadily expanded their reach across the country, staging offensives targeting entire towns and expanding their footprint.

The Afghan military and security forces, with 195,000 soldiers and more than 150,000 policemen, have struggled to contain insurgency on their own.

Girl's HIV infection seems under control without AIDS drugs

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE, AP Chief Medical Writer

A South African girl born with the AIDS virus has kept her infection suppressed for more than eight years after stopping anti-HIV medicines — more evidence that early treatment can occasionally cause a long remission that, if it lasts, would be a form of cure.

Her case was revealed Monday at an AIDS conference in Paris, where researchers also gave encouraging results from tests of shots every month or two instead of daily pills to treat HIV.

"That's very promising" to help people stay on treatment, the U.S.'s top AIDS scientist, Dr. Anthony Fauci, said of the prospects for long-acting drugs.

Current treatments keep HIV under control but must be taken lifelong. Only one person is thought to be cured — the so-called Berlin patient, a man who had a bone marrow transplant in 2007 from a donor with natural resistance to HIV.

But transplants are risky and impractical to try to cure the millions already infected. So some researchers have been aiming for the next best thing — long-term remission, when the immune system can control HIV without drugs even if signs of the virus remain.

Aggressive treatment soon after infection might enable that in some cases, and the South African girl is the third child who achieved a long remission after that approach.

She was in a study sponsored by the agency Fauci heads, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, that previously found that early versus delayed treatment helped babies survive.

The girl, who researchers did not identify, started on HIV drugs when she was 2 months old and stopped 40 weeks later. Tests when she was 9 1/2 years old found signs of virus in a small number of immune system cells, but none capable of reproducing. The girl does not have a gene mutation that gives natural resistance to HIV infection, Fauci said, so her remission seems likely due to the early treatment.

The previous cases:

—A French teen who was born with HIV and is now around 20 has had her infection under control despite no HIV medicines since she was roughly 6 years old.

—A Mississippi baby born with HIV in 2010 suppressed her infection for 27 months after stopping treat-

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ment before it reappeared in her blood. She was able to get the virus under control again after treatment resumed.

At least a dozen adults also have had remissions lasting for years after stopping HIV medicines.

A study underway now is testing whether treating HIV-infected newborns within two days of birth can control the virus later after treatment stops. It started in 2014 in South America, Haiti, Africa and the United States, and some of the earliest participants might be able to try stopping treatment later this year.

Treatment might get easier if two large studies underway now confirm results reported Monday from a study testing a long-acting combo of two HIV drugs — Janssen's rilpivirine and ViiV Healthcare's cabotegravir.

Cabotegravir is experimental; rilpivirine is sold now as Edurant and used in combination with other drugs for treating certain types of HIV patients.

After initial treatment to get their virus under control, about 300 study participants were given either daily

combination therapy pills or a shot every four or eight weeks of the long-acting drug duo to maintain control.

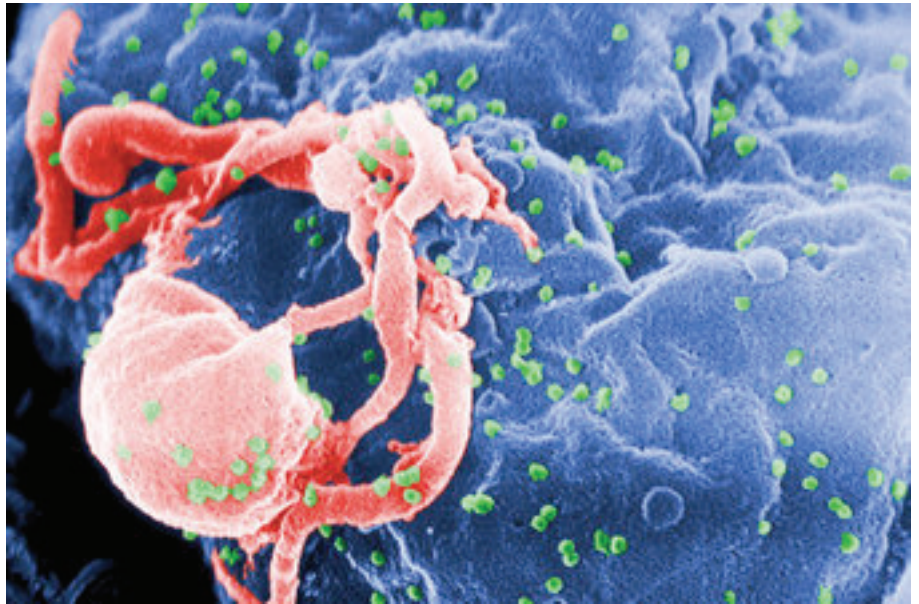
After nearly two years, 94 percent on eight-week shots, 87 percent on four-week shots and 84 percent on daily pills had their infections suppressed, with similar rates of side effects.

"The results were good regardless of whether people came monthly or every two months for their treatment. This has important policy implications," said Dr. Linda-Gail Bekker, deputy director of the Desmond Tutu HIV Centre at the University of Cape Town in South Africa, and a co-leader of the conference.

The study was sponsored by the drugmakers. Results were published in the British medical journal *Lancet*.

Two large studies aimed at winning approval to sell the treatment are testing the monthly shots. Janssen said in a statement that good results from eight-week shots warrant reconsidering the longer approach.

If it works, "this will have a huge impact on how we manage that very important group of people who are not able to access and take drugs on a day-to-day basis," such as those with mental health or drug abuse problems, said Dr. Steven Deeks, an AIDS specialist at the University of California, San Francisco.



This undated photo provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows a scanning electron micrograph of multiple round bumps of the HIV-1 virus on a cell surface. In a report released on Monday, July 24, 2017, researchers said a South African girl born with the AIDS virus has kept her infection suppressed for 8 1/2 years after stopping anti-HIV medicines _ more evidence that early treatment can occasionally cause a long remission that, if it lasts, would be a form of cure. (Cynthia Goldsmith/Centers

for Disease Control and Prevention via AP)

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AP PHOTOS: American black women feel it's time to get a gun

By LISA MARIE PANE, Associated Press

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga. (AP) — A minister posing with a church manual in one hand and a 9 mm handgun in the other. A tax analyst cradling her AR-15 semi-automatic. A flight attendant taking aim, her blue fingernail polish glowing alongside the Glock 40. A banker in a black summer dress checking the chamber.

They are among the American black women now picking up firearms and learning how to shoot. Most say they want to protect their homes, families and themselves.

"What's going to happen if something goes bump in the night?" says Laura Manning, a 50-year-old payroll specialist wearing a pink ruffled blouse. "I need to protect myself."

But some point to worries about today's political climate inspiring violence.

Markysha Carter, a 40-year-old marketing specialist for a bank, wants to make sure she stays safe should she ever be stopped by a police officer.

"As a black person in America, this is a major problem," she says. "You hope and pray you're following all the rules and that officer stopping you is following all the rules and doesn't have an agenda."

Dana R. Mitchell, a 47-year-old minister, says she has seen too many news reports of violence and wants to be prepared.

"I don't want this sweet face to fool you," Mitchell says.



In this July 10, 2017, photo, Dana R. Mitchell, a 47-year-old minister at Destiny World Church outside of Atlanta, poses with a King James version of the minister's manual and a 9mm handgun. She's among the ranks of the nation's black women who own a firearm. Mitchell said she had been in a household with firearms. "I wasn't a stranger to them but I always had that fear." That changed after she was invited her to the range with some other women, she kept seeing news reports of violence and a friend had her purse stolen while pumping gas. "I woke up one day watching TV and I said, you have to get over this," she said. She's now more aware of her surroundings and is learning how to prepare herself in case she becomes a potential victim. "I don't want this sweet face to fool you." (AP Photo/Lisa Marie Pane)

GOP health bill still a mystery before planned vote

By HOPE YEN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate will move forward with a key vote this week on a Republican health bill but it's not yet known whether the legislation will seek to replace President Barack Obama's health care law or simply repeal it.

Sen. John Thune of South Dakota, the third-ranking Republican, said Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell will make a decision soon on which bill to bring up for a vote, depending on ongoing discussions with GOP senators. Thune sought to cast this week's initial vote as important but mostly procedural, allowing senators to begin debate and propose amendments. But he acknowledged that senators should

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be able to know beforehand what bill they will be considering.

"That's a judgment that Senator McConnell will make at some point this week before the vote," Thune said, expressing his own hope it will be a repeal-and-replace measure. "But no matter which camp you're in, you can't have a debate about either unless we get on the bill. So we need a 'yes' vote."

He said the procedural vote will be held "sometime this week."

President Donald Trump has said he wants Congress to repeal and replace Obamacare, but would accept a straight-repeal of the law if senators couldn't reach agreement. In a sign of the high stakes involved, Trump exhorted senators anew Sunday night to pass health legislation. "If Republicans don't Repeal and Replace the disastrous ObamaCare, the repercussions will be far greater than any of them understand!" Trump tweeted.

The Republican-controlled House in May narrowly passed its version of a bill to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, or "Obamacare."

Senate Republicans are now considering two versions of similar legislation, one that would repeal and replace, and another that would simply repeal "Obamacare" with a two-year delay for implementation to give the Senate more time to agree on a replacement.

Both versions encountered opposition from enough GOP senators to doom the effort, but McConnell, R-Ky., is making a last-gasp attempt this week after Trump insisted that senators not leave town for the August recess without sending him some kind of health overhaul bill to sign.

In the Senate, Republicans hold a 52-48 majority. They can only afford to have one of their senators defect and still prevail on a health bill. That's because Republican Sen. John McCain is in Arizona dealing with brain cancer, while Democrats are standing united in opposition. Vice President Mike Pence would cast a tie-breaking vote.

Thune said no matter the outcome of the upcoming vote, senators would continue working to pass health legislation no matter how long it took, having promised voters they would do so.

"We are going to vote to repeal and replace Obamacare," he said, arguing that it was better if done sooner rather than later. "It's not a question of if, it's a question of when."

Still, at least two Republican senators Sunday appeared to reaffirm their intention to vote against the procedural motion if it involved the latest version of the GOP's repeal-and-replace bill.

Moderate Sen. Susan Collins of Maine said she continued to have concerns about reductions to Medicaid and criticized the Republican process, saying lawmakers were being unfairly kept in the dark. Under McConnell's plan, 22 million more people would become uninsured by 2026, many of them Medicaid recipients. She wants to hold public hearings and work with Democrats.



In this July 20, 2017, photo, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky. walks into the Senate Chamber at the Capitol in Washington. A brutal reality is settling over Capitol Hill: The Republican effort to repeal and replace "Obamacare," which has consumed the first six months of the Trump administration, may never yield results. Not only that, the GOP goal of overhauling the tax code requires passing a budget that is months overdue. (AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)

"We don't know whether we're going to be voting on the House bill, the first version of the Senate bill, the second version of the Senate bill, a new version of the Senate bill, or a 2015 bill that would have repealed the Affordable Care Act," Collins said. "I don't think that's a good approach to replacing legislation that affects millions of people."

Conservative Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky said he would only support a repeal-only bill. That version would reduce government costs but lead to 32 million additional uninsured people over a decade. At least three senators including Collins have previously expressed opposition to that plan.

"The real question is what are we moving to? What are we opening debate to? Last week, Senate leadership said it would be a clean repeal ... and I think that's a good idea," Paul said. "The other alternative is the Senate leadership bill that doesn't repeal Obamacare, is Obamacare light and is loaded with pork. ... I'm not for that."

Thune appeared on "Fox News Sunday," Collins was on CBS' "Face the Nation," and Paul spoke on CNN's "State of the Union."

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Spieth takes road less traveled to British Open

By DOUG FERGUSON, AP Golf Writer

SOUTHPORT, England (AP) — The start was not what anyone expected out of Jordan Spieth. All that mattered to him was how he finished the British Open.

And that might have been the biggest surprise of all.

The record will show that Spieth took a three-shot lead into the final round at Royal Birkdale, closed with a 1-under 69 and won by three shots over Matt Kuchar, giving him the third leg of the career Grand Slam.

"Seventeen pars and a birdie would have been fine, too," Spieth said, the silver claret jug at his side. "But there's a lot of roads to get there."

The road less traveled? This was more like blazing a new trail.

Seve Ballesteros won the 1979 British Open at Royal Lytham & St. Annes by making birdie from the parking lot. Spieth was spared at Royal Birkdale by making a bogey from the driving range when he was expecting no better than a double bogey.

Henrik Stenson finished with four birdies over the last five holes at Royal Troon last year to pull away from Phil Mickelson in

one of golf's greatest duels. Trailing for the first time all weekend, Spieth went birdie-eagle-birdie-birdie to overcome his own doubts and win his third major just four days before he turns 24.

"He's a fighter. He's shown that the whole way through his short career," Rory McIlroy said. "He can dig himself out of these holes. He's an absolute star."

Spieth headed back home to Texas with golf's oldest trophy, and the first drink to be poured must surely



Winner Jordan Spieth of the United States, right, and runner up Matt Kuchar of the United States look at the trophy after the final round of the British Open Golf Championship, at Royal Birkdale, Southport, England, Sunday July 23, 2017. (AP Photo/Dave Thompson)

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be some magic elixir.

How else to explain how he pulled this one off?

"It was certainly a show that he put on," Kuchar said.

It sure didn't look like that at the start, when Spieth made three bogeys on his opening four holes to lose his lead, regained a two-shot advantage with a birdie and an exquisite pitch for par on the tough sixth hole, and then gave it right back with a three-putt bogey on the ninth as Kuchar made birdie.

Spieth couldn't help but think to the last time he had the lead in a major. It was 15 months ago when he lost a five-shot lead on the back nine at Augusta National, and the memories still lingered.

"As you can imagine, thoughts come in from my last scenario when I was leading a major on Sunday," he said. "I was so confident and all of a sudden, the wheels have kind of come off everything. And how do we get back on track to salvage this round and just give yourself a chance at the end? It took a bogey to do so."

Lost in the birdies and eagle during that mesmerizing stretch of golf was an intelligent question in the midst of a major meltdown.

Spieth's tee shot on the 13th hole went some 75 yards right of the fairway, and he was told it bounced off a spectator's head into even more trouble. The ball eventually was found nestled in thick grass on the slope of a dune so steep that Spieth could barely take a stance, much less swing a club.

He had nowhere to go. He only had the presence to ask a rules official, "Is the range out-of-bounds?"

No, it wasn't.

That allowed Spieth to take a one-shot penalty for an unplayable lie and go back as far as he wanted on a line from the ball to the flag. That led him to the range, right in the middle of the equipment trucks. He was able to move some more to get the trucks out of his line, and then it was a matter of the shot.

He couldn't see where he was going because of the dunes. He didn't know how far — Spieth thought it was about 270 yards, caddie Michael Greller thought it was 230 yards, and the caddie persuaded him to hit a 3-iron .

It came up short of a pot bunker near the green, and Spieth pitched over it to about 7 feet.

"The putt on 13 was massive," he said.

Kuchar, who had to wait 20 minutes for the ruling, missed his 15-foot birdie putt and only led by one. Just not for long.

What followed was a sequence that takes its place in major championship lore.

Spieth hit a 6-iron that narrowly went in the cup , leaving a short birdie putt. He holed a 50-foot eagle putt on the next hole to regain the lead. And he followed that with a 30-foot birdie putt for the 16th. And when Kuchar holed a 20-footer for birdie on the 17th to stay in the game, Spieth poured in a 7-footer on top of him.

Kuchar shot 69 and didn't make a mistake until it no longer mattered. Imagine having a one-shot lead, going par-birdie-par-birdie, and being two shots behind.

"I can only control what I do, how I play," Kuchar said. "Jordan is a great champion and certainly played that way in the finishing stretch."

Next up is to see if Spieth can finish off the slam.

He joined Jack Nicklaus as the only players to get the third leg of the career Grand Slam at age 23. Spieth now goes to the PGA Championship next week in North Carolina with a chance to be the youngest to win them all.

"This is a dream come true for me," Spieth said. "Absolutely a dream come true."

That's about what it looked like over the final, wild hour. A dream.

Israel says guard at Amman embassy shot after being attacked

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's Foreign Ministry said on Monday that a security guard at the country's embassy in Jordan opened fire, killing two Jordanians, after being attacked by one of them with a screwdriver.

The incident took place on Sunday evening, at a residential building used by embassy staff.

Israeli media said Jordan has demanded to conduct an investigation and has prevented Israeli embassy staff from leaving the premises. Jordanian government officials were not immediately available for comment.

Israel's Foreign Ministry did not refer to such demands in its statement, but said the guard has diplomatic immunity, according to international conventions.

The shooting came at a time when Israel and Jordan were conducting intense contacts over an escalating crisis at a contested Jerusalem shrine that is revered by Muslims and Jews. Jordan is the Muslim custodian of the site.

Israel's security Cabinet was meeting from late Sunday until the early hours of Monday to discuss the crisis at the shrine, and was briefed during the meeting about the incidents at the embassy, the Foreign Ministry said.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu spoke by phone to Israel's ambassador in Jordan, the ministry said.

The ministry said the incident began when two Jordanian workmen arrived at the residential building to replace furniture.

It said one of the workers, identified by Israeli media as a 17-year-old, attacked an Israeli security guard with a screwdriver.

The guard opened fire, killing the teen, the media reports said. A second Jordanian, the owner of the building, was hit by gunfire and later died of his injuries. Jordanian police said the building owner was a physician.

The Israeli guard was lightly hurt, the media reports said.

The incident is bound to further inflame Jordanian public opinion against Israel and complicate efforts to defuse tensions over a contested Jerusalem shrine.

On Friday, thousands of Jordanians marched in the streets of the capital Amman to protest against Israeli policies at the shrine, known to Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary and to Jews as the Temple Mount.

The tensions over the Muslim-administered shrine erupted after Israel installed metal detectors at the gates, in response to a shooting attack from there that killed two Israeli policemen.

Muslim religious leaders have alleged that Israel is trying to expand its control at the site under the guise of security, a claim Israel denies. The tensions have led to mass prayer protests and Israeli-Palestinian violence.



Security officials park near the approach toward the Israeli embassy in Amman, Jordan, on Sunday, June 23, 2017, in the aftermath of a shooting that left a Jordanian man dead and an Israeli man wounded. A security official confirmed a Jordanian had been killed and an Israeli wounded, but would not provide further details. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the incident with the media. (AP Photo/Omar Akour)

Israel and Jordan signed a peace deal in 1994, but the agreement remains deeply unpopular in the kingdom where many residents are of Palestinian origin. Jordan and Israel have close security ties, but frequently clash over Israeli policies at the Jerusalem shrine.

Jordan's ruling Hashemite dynasty, said to trace its ancestry to Prophet Muhammad, draws much of its legitimacy from its role as protector of the shrine.

Turkish leader wades into Qatar dispute with Gulf tour

By HUSSAIN AL-QATARI and ADAM SCHRECK, Associated Press

KUWAIT CITY (AP) — Turkey's president waded into the diplomatic crisis gripping Qatar and four other Arab nations on Sunday, traveling to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait as part of a three-country Gulf tour aimed at helping break the impasse.

Recep Tayyip Erdogan is the fifth high-level visitor from outside the Gulf to try to resolve the dispute since it erupted on June 5. The top diplomats of Britain, France, Germany and the United States have all been through already, underscoring the depth of concern the crisis is causing well beyond the region.

Erdogan faces a tougher challenge in securing a breakthrough than Turkey's NATO allies because of the increasingly warm ties, including the deployment of military forces, it has built with Qatar in recent years. While members of the anti-Qatar quartet have strong trade links with Turkey, its closeness to Qatar raises suspicions of its motives for them.

Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Egypt and Bahrain cut ties and transport links with Qatar in early June, accusing it of supporting extremists. Qatar strongly denies the allegation and sees the dispute as politically motivated.

The quartet insisted Qatar accept a tough 13-point list of demands to end the rift, including shutting down news outlets including Al-Jazeera, cutting ties with Islamist groups such as the Muslim Brotherhood, limiting ties with Iran and expelling Turkish troops stationed in the country. Qatar refused, arguing that the demands were an effort to undermine its sovereignty.

Turkey and Qatar announced plans to open Turkey's first military base in the Persian Gulf in 2015. The base opened last year and new troops have arrived since the Gulf rift erupted, raising fears of an escalation with the countries seeking to isolate it.

Fellow Gulf country Kuwait has attempted to mediate the dispute, so far without success. Erdogan met with Kuwait's emir, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah, upon arrival in the country Sunday evening.

Erdogan began his trip earlier in the day in Saudi Arabia, the Gulf's political and economic heavyweight. During his visit to the Red Sea city of Jeddah, he held talks with King Salman and his presumed heir, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.



Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, right, walks with Emir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah, prior to their meeting in Kuwait City, Kuwait, Sunday, July, 23, 2017. Erdogan is in a two day tour in the Middle East, that already took him to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and will also visit Qatar. (Presidency Press Service/Pool Photo via AP)

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Brief statements of both meetings carried by the official Saudi Press Agency emphasized that the talks focused on ways to counter terrorism in addition to touching on bilateral and regional issues.

Qatari Emir Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani said in his first public comments on the dispute late Friday that Qatar is prepared to engage in dialogue, but that any resolution to the crisis must respect its sovereignty and that any terms cannot be dictated from outside. He also reiterated his country's commitment to fighting terrorism.

The anti-Qatar quartet has shown little sign of backing down.

UAE Minister of State for Foreign Relations Anwar al-Gargash responded to the emir's speech on Twitter saying that while dialogue is necessary, Qatar must review its policies because repeating its previous positions only "deepens the crisis."

Britain's top diplomat welcomed the Qatari leader's comments, however, and said his country will continue to work toward finding a solution.

"We hope that in turn Saudi Arabia, UAE, Egypt and Bahrain respond by taking steps towards lifting the embargo. This will allow substantive discussions on remaining differences to begin," British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson said in a statement Sunday.

Schreck reported from Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Abdullah al-Shihri in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, contributed to this report.

White House indicates Trump would sign new sanctions bill

By RICHARD LARDNER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House indicated Sunday President Donald Trump would sign a sweeping Russia sanctions measure, which the House could take up this week, that requires him to get Congress' permission before lifting or easing the economic penalties against Moscow.

Lawmakers are scheduled to consider the sanctions package as early as Tuesday, and the bill could be sent to Trump before Congress breaks for the August recess. The legislation is aimed at punishing Moscow for meddling in the presidential election and its military aggression in Ukraine and Syria.

Sarah Huckabee Sanders, the newly appointed White House press secretary, said the administration is supportive of being tough on Russia and "particularly putting these sanctions in place."

"We support where the legislation is now, and will continue to work with the House and Senate to put those tough sanctions in place on Russia until the situation in Ukraine is fully resolved," Sanders said on ABC's "This Week."

Congressional Republicans and Democrats announced Saturday that they'd settled lingering issues with the bill, which also includes stiff economic penalties against Iran and North Korea. The sanctions targeting Russia, however, have drawn the most attention due to Trump's persistent push for warmer relations with President Vladimir Putin and ongoing investigations into Russia's interference in the 2016 campaign.

"North Korea, Iran and Russia have in different ways all threatened their neighbors and actively sought to undermine American interests," according to a joint statement by California Republicans Kevin McCarthy, the House majority leader, and Ed Royce of California, the Foreign Affairs Committee chairman. The bill the House will vote, they said, "will now exclusively focus on these nations and hold them accountable for their dangerous actions."

The White House had objected to a key section of the bill that would mandate a congressional review if Trump attempts to terminate the sanctions against Moscow. Top administration officials said the provisions infringed on the president's executive authority and tied his hands as he explores avenues of cooperation between the two former Cold War foes. But Sanders said the White House was able to work with the House and Senate to "make those changes that were necessary." She didn't specify what those changes were, however. The congressional review section wasn't altered substantially and Democrats were satisfied with the results.

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Lawmakers included the review because of wariness in both parties over Trump's affinity for Putin. Rep. Eliot Engel of New York, the top ranking Democrat on the Foreign Affairs Committee, said Trump has been unwilling to respond seriously to Russia's belligerence, "leaving Congress with the urgent responsibility to hold Vladimir Putin accountable."

McCarthy had pushed to add the North Korea sanctions to the package. The House had overwhelmingly passed legislation in May to hit Pyongyang with additional economic penalties, but the Senate had yet to take up the bill.

The Senate last month passed sanctions legislation that targeted only Russia and Iran. Congressional aides said Senate Republicans may resist adding the North Korea penalties, but it remained unclear whether those concerns would derail the legislation. The aides were not authorized to speak publicly and requested anonymity to discuss internal deliberations.

Although the legislation has widespread support, the bill stalled after clearing the Senate more than five weeks ago due to constitutional questions and bickering over technical details.

The House and Senate negotiators addressed concerns voiced by American oil and natural gas companies that sanctions specific to Russia's energy sector could backfire on them to Moscow's benefit. The bill raises the threshold for when U.S. firms would be prohibited from being part of energy projects that also included Russian businesses.

McCarthy and Royce said other revisions resolved concerns that the sanctions could have unintentionally complicated the ability of America's European allies to maintain access to energy resources outside of Russia.

The congressional review requirement in the sanctions bill is styled after 2015 legislation pushed by Republicans and approved in the Senate that gave Congress a vote on whether then-President Barack Obama could lift sanctions against Iran. That measure reflected Republican complaints that Obama had overstepped the power of the presidency and needed to be checked by Congress.

According to the bill, Trump is required to send Congress a report explaining why he wants to suspend or terminate a particular set of sanctions. Lawmakers would then have 30 days to decide whether to allow the move or reject it.

The North Korea sanctions bill included in the package bill cleared the House by a 419-1 vote, and House Republicans became frustrated the Senate didn't move quickly on the measure given the vast bipartisan support it received. The measure bars ships owned by North Korea or by countries that refuse to comply



In this June 30, 2017, file photo, White House deputy press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders speaks during the daily press briefing at the White House in Washington. The White House indicated Sunday, July 23, that President Donald Trump would sign a sweeping Russia sanctions measure that requires him to get Congress' permission before lifting or easing the economic penalties against Moscow. Sanders, the newly appointed White House press secretary, said the administration is supportive of being tough on Russia and "particularly putting these sanctions in place." (AP Photo/Manuel

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with U.N. resolutions against it from operating in American waters or docking at U.S. ports. Goods produced by North Korea's forced labor would be prohibited from entering the United States.

The sanctions package imposes mandatory penalties on people involved in Iran's ballistic missile program and anyone who does business with them. The measure would apply terrorism sanctions to the country's Revolutionary Guards and enforce an arms embargo.

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Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Monday, July 24, the 205th day of 2017. There are 160 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 24, 1567, Mary, Queen of Scots was forced to abdicate by Scottish nobles in favor of her infant son James, who became King of Scotland at the age of one.

On this date:

In 1783, Latin American revolutionary Simon Bolivar (see-MOHN' boh-LEE'-vahr) was born in Caracas, Venezuela.

In 1862, Martin Van Buren, the eighth president of the United States, and the first to have been born a U.S. citizen, died at age 79 in Kinderhook, New York, the town where he was born in 1782.

In 1866, Tennessee became the first state to be readmitted to the Union after the Civil War.

In 1915, the SS Eastland, a passenger ship carrying more than 2,500 people, rolled onto its side while docked at the Clark Street Bridge on the Chicago River; an estimated 844 people died in the disaster.

In 1937, the state of Alabama dropped charges against four of the nine young black men accused of raping two white women in the "Scottsboro Case."

In 1952, President Harry S. Truman announced a settlement in a 53-day steel strike. The Gary Cooper western "High Noon" had its U.S. premiere in New York.

In 1959, during a visit to Moscow, Vice President Richard Nixon engaged in his famous "Kitchen Debate" with Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev.

In 1967, French President Charles de Gaulle stirred controversy during a visit to Montreal, Canada, when he declared, "Vive le Quebec libre!" (Long live free Quebec!)

In 1974, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled that President Richard Nixon had to turn over subpoenaed White House tape recordings to the Watergate special prosecutor.

In 1987, Hulda Crooks, a 91-year-old mountaineer from California, became the oldest woman to conquer Mount Fuji, Japan's highest peak.

In 1998, a gunman burst into the U.S. Capitol, killing two police officers before being shot and captured. (The shooter, Russell Eugene Weston Jr., is being held in a federal mental facility.)

In 2002, nine coal miners became trapped in a flooded tunnel of the Quecreek (KYOO'-kreek) Mine in western Pennsylvania; the story ended happily 77 hours later with the rescue of all nine.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush, speaking at Charleston Air Force Base in South Carolina, sought to justify the Iraq war by citing intelligence reports he said showed a link between al-Qaida's operation in Iraq and the terror group that attacked the United States on September 11, 2001. A grand jury in New Orleans refused to indict Dr. Anna Pou (poh), who was accused of murdering four seriously ill hospital patients with drug injections during the desperate aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Five Bulgarian nurses and a Palestinian doctor, sentenced to life in prison in Libya for allegedly infecting children with HIV, were released after 8½ years behind bars. The U.S. minimum wage rose 70 cents to \$5.85 an hour, the first increase in a decade.

Five years ago: In his first foreign policy speech since emerging as the likely Republican presidential nominee, Mitt Romney called for an independent investigation into claims the White House had leaked

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national security information for President Barack Obama's political gain; the White House replied that the president "has made abundantly clear that he has no tolerance for leaks." Actor Chad Everett died in Los Angeles at age 75. Actor Sherman Hemsley died in El Paso, Texas, at age 74.

One year ago: Thousands of demonstrators took to Philadelphia's sweltering streets, cheering, chanting and beating drums in the first major protests ahead of the Democratic National Convention. Ken Griffey Jr. and Mike Piazza were inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. British rider Chris Froome celebrated his third Tour de France title in four years. Hollywood "ghost singer" Marni Nixon, 86, died in New York.

Today's Birthdays: Actor John Aniston is 84. Political cartoonist Pat Oliphant is 82. Comedian Ruth Buzzi is 81. Actor Mark Goddard is 81. Actor Dan Hedaya is 77. Actor Chris Sarandon is 75. Comedian Gallagher is 71. Actor Robert Hays is 70. Former Republican national chairman Marc Racicot (RAWS'-koh) is 69. Actor Michael Richards is 68. Actress Lynda Carter is 66. Movie director Gus Van Sant is 65. Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., is 64. Country singer Pam Tillis is 60. Actor Paul Ben-Victor is 55. Basketball Hall of Famer Karl Malone is 54. Retired MLB All-Star Barry Bonds is 53. Actor Kadeem Hardison is 52. Actress-singer Kristin Chenoweth is 49. Actress Laura Leighton is 49. Actor John P. Navin Jr. is 49. Actress-singer Jennifer Lopez is 48. Basketball player-turned-actor Rick Fox is 48. Actress Jamie Denbo (TV: "Orange is the New Black") is 44. Actor Eric Szmanda is 42. Actress Rose Byrne is 38. Country singer Jerrod Niemann is 38. Actress Summer Glau is 36. Actress Elisabeth Moss is 35. Actress Anna Paquin is 35. Actress Megan Park is 31. Actress Mara Wilson is 30. Rock singer Jay McGuiness (The Wanted) is 27. Actress Emily Bett Rickards is 26. TV personality Bindi Irwin is 19.

Thought for Today: "I think all great innovations are built on rejections." — Louise Nevelson, Russian-American artist (1900-1988).