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**Sat., Aug. 19**

**1 p.m.: Girls soccer hosts St. Thomas More**

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**Emmanuel Lutheran:** Worship at Rosewood Court.

**Pool Hours:** Open Swim, 1-4:50; Lap Swim, 5-6:30.

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

**Emmanuel Lutheran:** worship with communion at 9 a.m.; Men serve at Groton Care & Rehab at 3 p.m.

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

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

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

**Heaven Bound Ministries:** Worship at 10 a.m.

**Pool Hours:** Open Swim 1-4:50; Lap Swim 5-6:30; Open Swim 6:40-8:00.

## Official Notices

**Brown County (updated 8-15)**

**Frederick Town (Updated 8-15)**

**Groton City (updated 8-8)**

**Other Notices (updated 8-8)**

**Groton Area School (updated 8-7)**

**Frederick Area School Book (updated 7-26)**

**Westport Town Book (updated 7-26)**

**Claremont Town Official Notices Book**

**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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seed a mighty  
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grow.”**

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**Chicken Soup**  
for the **Soul**



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## Tiger gridiron starts off season with hard knocks



**Andy Rintala is strapped into the cot as he was taken off the field after suffering a broken jaw early in the first quarter.** (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

Rintala suffered a broken jaw early in the game. Senior Anthony Schinkel suffered a fractured collar bone. Sophomore Peyton Johnson took a helmet to his elbow and his condition is unknown at this time. Earlier in the week, Junior Wyatt Locke has a partial torn quad. Locke was starting at center. "We had to make the change on center on Tuesday," Wanner said. Austin Jones was put into the center spot. "Austin has never played center before."

To even further complicate matters, a new federal ruling came down changing practice times. Wanner said they used to practice 2-3 hours in the morning and 2-3 hours in the evening for the first week. Now they can only practice 2-3 hours in the morning and a one-hour walk through in the evening. Wanner said the shortened practice schedule is tough when they're trying to teach plays to newer varsity players.

Groton's roster is also light-weight compared to years past. Wanner said over the years, Groton would have eight guys well over 200 pounds. "We don't have the 260 pounder or 245 pounder on our roster," Wanner said.

"We saw this coming," Wanner said. "We could have dropped down to nine-man for two years, but we opted not too. The team will keep playing hard and keep learning. This group of kids well do exactly that."

It was only a couple of big plays that really piled up the yards for Aberdeen Roncalli, and even at that, the Cavalier's numbers were not impressive either. Roncalli had 131 yards rushing and 98 yards passing. Groton had 32 yards rushing and 10 yards passing.

Marshall Lane intercepted the ball near the endzone to end one of Roncalli's drives. Also defensively, Groton Area had five sacks with Jackson Oliver having one for a loss of 18 yards, Seric Shabazz had one for

Coach Shaun Wanner knew he was going to have a challenge this year with many new faces on the gridiron squad. His major concern for the year was staying away from injuries; however, it did not take long for the first major injury to happen in Groton's season opener with Roncalli Friday night at Doney Field.

Senior Andy



**Jackson Oliver (22) tries to gain a few yards as Peyton Johnson (58) makes a block.** (Photo

by Julianna Kosel)



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a minus three yards, Luke Thorson had one for a minus four yards, Jonathan Doeden had one for a minus six yards and Austin Jones had one for a minus 14 yards. In tackles, Brandon Keith had 12, Darien Shabazz had nine and Seric Shabazz, Jonathan Doeden and Jackson Oliver each had eight.

"We have to keep moving on," Wanner said. "They played hard and I thought I kids played well. We just had too many mistakes, but they will learn from them and improve as the season goes on."

Offensively for Groton, the Tigers had three first downs, carried the ball 31 times for 32 yards. Seric Shabazz had six carries for 28 yards and Lucas Hinman had seven for 16 yards. Marshall Lane completed two of seven passes for 10 yards with Seric Shabazz having two catches for 10 yards. Groton had nine penalties for 65 yards.

Roncalli had 12 first downs. They had 43 carries for 131 yards. Gabe Torbert had 12 carries for 51 yards, Jade Karst had seven for 38 yards and Nehemiah Becker had 10 for 28 yards. The Cavaliers completed three of 10 passes for 98 yards with Hunter Hilton having one catch for 73 yards and Grant Gunderson having two catches for 25 yards. Roncalli had six penalties for 55 yards.

Neither team had a fumble in the game.

Roncalli scored with 11:03 left in the first quarter on a 73 yards pass play from Brady Morgan to Hunter Hilton. Gavin Heier kicked the PAT and it was 7-0.

Roncalli would score with 7:45 left in the third quarter on a Morgan to Grant Gunderson 11-yard pass play. The PAT was a pass from Morgan to Hilton and it was 15-0.

The last touchdown of the game came with 6:12 left in the fourth quarter on a four yard run by Grant Gunderson. The two-point conversion failed and the final score was 21-0 in favor of Roncalli.

The game was carried live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Hanlon Brothers, James Valley Seed with Doug Jorgenson, Grain Solutions LLC with Jesse Zak, Groton Ford, Blocker Construction, Erickson Insurance Agency, Bahr Spray Foam and Construction, Allied Climate Professionals with Kevin Nehls, Olson Development, John Sieh Agency, S & S Lumber and Hardware Hank, Ken's Food Fair of Groton, the Johnson Agency, Farmers Union Insurance with JR Johnson, Northern Plains Psychological Associates with Franne Sippel, Doug Abeln Seed Company and Mike-N-Jo's Body-N-Glass.

Groton Area will travel to Kulm next Friday to take on Ellendale-Edgeley-Kulm. Wanner said they watched them play at camp this summer. "They will be good," he said. "They have a big quarterback and big linemen." He said they will be moving players around on Monday and Tuesday to make up for the injuries. "It's hard, especially when you have kids that have never played those positions before," he said.



**Roncalli's Peni Mounga Jr. tries unsuccessfully to pull the ball away from Groton Area's Seric Shabazz.** (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

KRISTI NOEM  
REPRESENTATIVE FROM SOUTH DAKOTA



## Thoughts from Dakotafest

Farming is one of the only businesses where you take out massive loans at the beginning of the year, bury that money in the ground in the form of seed and fertilizer, then hope and pray there's something to harvest in the fall. Despite the risk, it's important we grow our own food, and that understanding has made the Farm Bill a bipartisan priority for decades. But as cities grow and families get further from America's agricultural roots, it's increasingly challenging to build support.

In 2014, I had to fight members of my own party to get the Farm Bill done, and I was proud the final legislation included a strong safety net for producers and a meaningful livestock disaster program. With the 2014 Farm Bill expiring in a little over a year, we're beginning debate on what the next Farm Bill will look like, hopefully building in enough time to educate non-rural policymakers about why agriculture safety nets are necessary.

At Dakotafest this year, I had the opportunity to hear from producers about what they'd like to get out of the upcoming Farm Bill debates: what's working, what isn't, and what can be done about it.

Josh, a rancher near Wall, talked about the drought, its impact on his operation, and areas where disaster programs could be better. Many ranchers had to downsize their herds because they couldn't access good feed, given the drought. Meanwhile, in other parts of the state, farmers were forced to destroy good hay that was harvested as part of certain CRP management practices. It doesn't make sense, but that's what current policy requires.

Earlier this summer, I introduced the DRY Act, which would allow farmers to donate this hay to ranchers suffering from bad droughts or fires. It's commonsense, and I'd like to see it included in the next Farm Bill.

I also heard from Mike, whose homestead near Hecla is older than South Dakota itself. As Mike put it, he's always "two weeks from a drought and one night from a flood," so even though it's been a dry year, he had some serious concerns about the wetland determinations process.

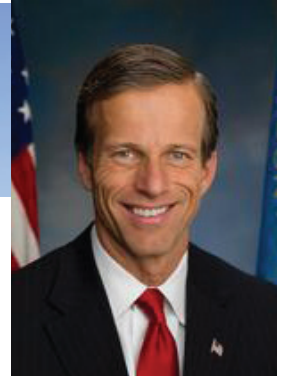
Wetlands are protected for conservation purposes. If property is determined to be a wetland, certain changes – such as laying drain tile in a field – are not allowed without a landowner losing the ability to participate in federal Farm Bill programs and crop insurance. The determinations process has a history of backlogs, and in some cases, it can take years to get everything straightened out. That doesn't work, which is why I wrote the Wetland Determinations Efficiency and Transparency Act. This legislation, which I'm hopeful will be in the next Farm Bill, aims to better ensure producers get timely determinations.

I also had a lot of discussions about various aspects of CRP. Many young farmers, for instance, are concerned that the ag economy can change significantly from year-to-year, and if CRP rates aren't updated quickly enough, they can distort local rental markets, making it difficult to access productive farmland. Earlier this month, I introduced the Fair CRP Payment Act to better ensure CRP rates accurately reflect the current cost of renting farmland.

These legislative proposals are only the beginning. We're working on a number of other bills as well, but I want to keep hearing from you about what more is needed. If I missed you at Dakotafest, catch me at another event. Call my office. Send an email. Now is the time to start setting the parameters for the next Farm Bill.

With each Farm Bill, fewer and fewer policymakers have a connection to agriculture. I like to remind them that while not everyone farms, everyone eats. Even still, it's a tough climb. But I'll keep fighting.

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



## There's Nowhere Else I'd Rather Be

Everyone has his or her happy place – a special location you would teleport to if you closed your eyes and wished hard enough, if it were only possible. Some people dream of the warm sand and a cool breeze on a beach, others prefer the bright lights and tall buildings of a big city. For me, it's easy. There's nowhere else I'd rather be, especially in the summertime, than crisscrossing the state and spending time with fellow South Dakotans.

Whether we see each other at an organized event or at the fair or in the hardware store and whether the discussion is about federal policy or which school your son or daughter is heading off to this fall, I'm always interested in catching up. Listening to folks about the issues that matter to them and their family are what help recharge my batteries and refocus my attention on the most important part of my job: you.

The last few weeks at home have been busy for me, which is exactly how I like to keep things, and fortunately, we still have plenty of summer days and nights to enjoy before the season comes to an end. I've already visited Webster, Redfield, Buffalo, Bison, Lemmon, Aberdeen, Arlington, Hayti, Milbank, Parker, Marion, and Mitchell, just to name a few. There are a plenty of stops yet to come.

One of the most humbling experiences I'm fortunate to be a part of is when I get to present South Dakota's military heroes with medals or awards that are long overdue. When I recently stopped in Webster, I had the privilege of presenting John B. Sinner, a World War II veteran, with the Bronze Star Medal. John has an amazing story. He served under General George Patton and was stationed in Belgium when the Battle of the Bulge broke out. He's a true American hero, and I was honored to be a part of his day.

Other highlights from my recent travels include discussing my farm bill proposals with the folks at Precision Soil Management in Redfield, hearing from Perkins County commissioners and residents about how they've been dealing with the drought, hosting a town hall meeting in Lemmon, stopping by the Turner

County Fair, Brown County Fair, and Sioux Empire Fair, and summer wouldn't be complete without visiting Dakotafest. These are my happy places.

There are plenty of things in the world to be disappointed about, but I'm constantly reminded of how lucky we are in South Dakota to be surrounded by determined, optimistic, and friendly people. Whenever I'm in Washington, I take that attitude with me, and I have all of you to thank for it.

It's already been a great summer. Thanks to everyone who I've been able to meet and catch up with so far, and I look forward to seeing more of you soon!

## Help Wanted

Full- or part-time for the following positions:  
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South Dakota Governor  
Dennis Daugaard



## There's Something For Everyone At The State Fair

Before the season turns and the kids are fully immersed in school activities, there's one more summer event you will want to experience. South Dakota's great get-together, the State Fair, runs from Thursday, Aug. 31, to Monday, Sept. 4, in Huron. This year marks the 132nd State Fair, and it's an event you don't want to miss.

For the last 10 years, the State Fair has charted a consistent trend of success, with year-over-year increases in virtually all areas. Since 2007, attendance has increased an incredible 40 percent, from 151,000 to more than 210,000, and with good weather, we may set another all-time record in 2017.

For a few days each year, the fairgrounds become a community unto itself. Be sure to stop at the FFA Ag Adventure Center and ask a state officer how their year of service is going. Take a walk through the exhibition halls and chat with 4-H'ers about their projects. Visit with the vendors. Stroll over for some cotton candy or go on a carnival ride. Test your skill in the arm wrestling competition, the jitterbugging contest or the pork and chili cook-offs.

You can experience a taste of the Old West at the bull riding and cowboy mounted shooting events. Sample a South Dakota beverage at the wine pavilion, or reminisce with an old friend on a trolley ride around the grounds. There really is something for everyone.

The State Fair is a celebration of agriculture and the history of the industry which dates back prior to statehood. On the morning of Thursday, Aug. 31, at 10 a.m. at the Dakotaland Stage, we will celebrate South Dakota farms and ranches that have reached their 100-, 125- and 150-year anniversaries. If you plan to be in town I hope you can join me for that and for the Salute to Veterans ceremony which follows at 10:30 a.m. at the Northwestern Energy Freedom Stage. The ceremony is a chance to honor our veterans and their families for the sacrifices they have made.

I am proud of our State Fair. It's a one-of-a-kind celebration of agriculture and community. Consider marking the dates on your calendar and making plans to come out for at least one day. I hope to see you there.



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**\*Farmers Union's  
PSA: Courtesy Merle  
Anderson (Merle is 94  
year old founder of Ace  
and legendary ethanol  
supporter... "because it is  
the right thing to do")**

## Creative Pieces Wanted for the "Fair" Cycled Art Contest

HURON, S.D. – Fairgoers can show off their creative side in the "Fair" Cycled Art Contest. Entries are currently being accepted for the "Fair" Cycled Art Contest at the 2017 South Dakota State Fair.

Creations need to be constructed out of recycled items, or items already found lying around. New resources can only account for 10 percent of the materials used. Divisions include a table top art division and a yard art division. Judging divisions include elementary school, middle school, high school and adults.

A first place prize of \$50 will be awarded in each division and second place in each division will receive \$25. The registration deadline is Aug. 24. Exhibits are due to the State Fair office by Aug. 28, unless prior arrangements have been made.

Entry forms can be obtained online at [www.sdstatefair.com](http://www.sdstatefair.com), by calling (800) 529-0900 or stopping by the SD State Fair office in Huron.

The 2017 South Dakota State Fair will run from Thursday, Aug. 31, through Monday, Sept. 4. Channel Seeds preview night will be Wednesday, Aug. 30. This year's theme is "Seriously Twisted Fun." For more information on State Fair events, contact the Fair office at 800-529-0900, visit [www.sdstatefair.com](http://www.sdstatefair.com) or find them on Facebook or Twitter.

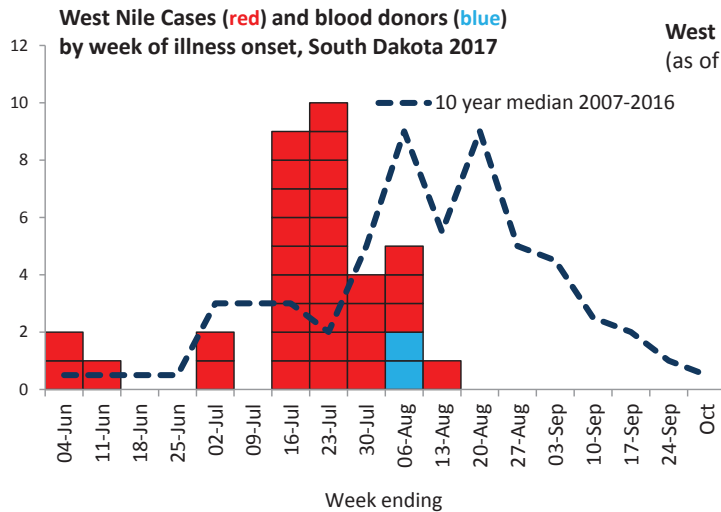
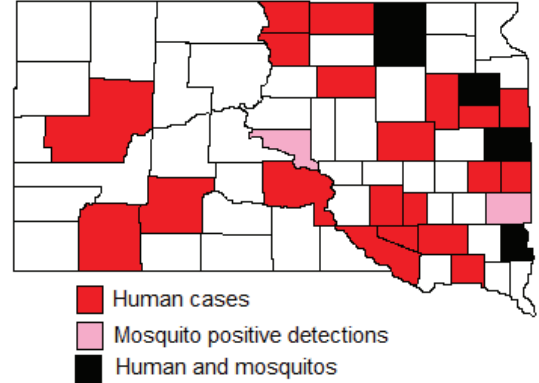
Agriculture is a major contributor to South Dakota's economy, generating \$25.6 billion in annual economic activity and employing over 115,000 South Dakotans. The South Dakota Department of Agriculture's mission is to promote, protect and preserve South Dakota agriculture for today and tomorrow. Visit SDDA online at <http://sdda.sd.gov> or find them on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.



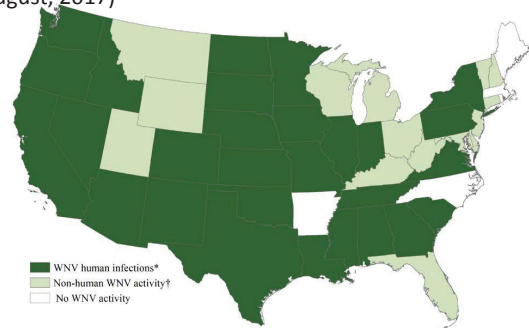


## West Nile update: South Dakota, 16 August 2017

- 32 human cases of West Nile virus disease have been reported to the SD Department of Health.
- 34% of cases have neuroinvasive disease, 66% have West Nile Fever. 49% hospitalized.
- **Counties with human WNV cases:** Aurora 1, Beadle 1, Brookings 2, Campbell 1, Charles Mix 1, Clark 1, Codington 4, Davison 1, Deuel 1, Douglas 1, Faulk 2, Hamlin 1, Hutchinson 3, Jackson 1, Lake 1, Lincoln 2, Lyman 1, McPherson 1, Meade 1, Moody 1, Oglala Lakota 1, Walworth 1, Yankton 2.
- **Viremic blood donors:** 2, both in Brown County.
- **Deaths:** 0.
- **Counties with WNV positive mosquito detections:** Brookings, Brown, Codington, Hughes, Lincoln and Minnehaha.



West Nile virus activity reported to CDC, by state, United States, 2017 (as of 16 August, 2017)



SD Department of Health phone 800-592-1861  
 SD Department of Health: <http://westnile.sd.gov>  
 SDSU WNV risk assessment: <http://mosquito.sdstate.edu>  
 CDC West Nile: [www.cdc.gov/westnile](http://www.cdc.gov/westnile)

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## Customer Appreciation Days

Aug. 22 through Aug. 24

**Specials All Week! Daily Drawings!**

Tuesday is Coffee, cookies and cheese samples

Wednesday is bring your pet in for a treat

Thursday is beef sandwiches, beans and drink  
served from noon to 7 pm.

Ritchie Waterer rep Curt Weyh available  
to speak with on Thursday

Come let us show you **OUR**  
appreciation for your business



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## Today in Weather History

August 19, 1899: An estimated F3 tornado passed 3 miles north of Clear Lake. The tornado killed a man by flying debris as five homes, and many barns were destroyed.

August 19, 1983: Between 0155 and 0330 CST, thunderstorm winds blow through Brown County. At 0155, an estimated 64 mph wind gust was observed on the southeast corner of Warner. A 60 mph wind gust was measured at the Aberdeen Airport at 0218. By 0330 an estimated wind gust of 75 mph was observed in Ordway.

August 19, 1991: A thunderstorm produced about five inches of rain, strong winds, and hail in Ridgeview, Dewey County. Three grain bins were blown over. One of the bins hit a house causing considerable damage. Wind gusts were estimated to be 60 mph. High winds continued into Sully and Hughes Counties.

1788 - A small but powerful hurricane inflicted great havoc upon forests along a narrow track from New Jersey to Maine. A similar storm track today would cause extreme disaster in the now populated area. (David Ludlum)

1890: South Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania was hit by an estimated F3 tornado. About 400 buildings were destroyed in the industrial and poorer residential section of town. The death toll was 16 and damage was estimated at \$400,000.

1896: The famous Cottage City (Oak Bluffs) waterspout occurred off Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. The vortex was 3,600 feet high, formed three times, and was well photographed.

1969 - 'Never say die' Camille let loose a cloudburst in Virginia resulting in flash floods and landslides which killed 151 persons and cause 140 million dollars damage. Massies Hill VA received 27 inches of rain. (David Ludlum)

1986 - The temperature at San Antonio, TX, soared to an all-time record high of 108 degrees. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987)








1987 - Thunderstorms moving out of southeastern Nebraska spread severe weather into eastern Kansas and western Missouri during the day. Thunderstorms in Nebraska produced hail three inches in diameter at Albion, and high winds which downed a large tent at Waterloo injuring a dozen persons. Thunderstorms in Kansas produced baseball size hail northwest of Topeka, and wind gusts to 80 mph at Fulton. Ten persons were injured in a thunderstorm at Princeton KS, and damage to crops in southern Franklin County KS was estimated at 3.5 million dollars. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Raleigh, NC, reported a record hot temperature reading of 103 degrees. Afternoon thunderstorms in Oklahoma produced wind gusts to 75 mph in southern Pittsburgh County. Thunderstorms in Indiana produced 4.50 inches of rain at Morgantown. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Early morning thunderstorms deluged southeastern Delaware with six to ten inches of rain in four to six hours, with local reports of 13 to 20 inches of rain. Twenty-six major roads were closed or damaged, and fourteen bridges were washed out. Flooding caused nearly four million dollars damage to local businesses. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

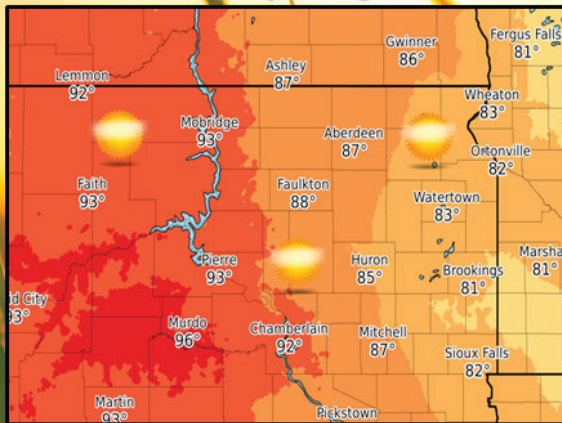
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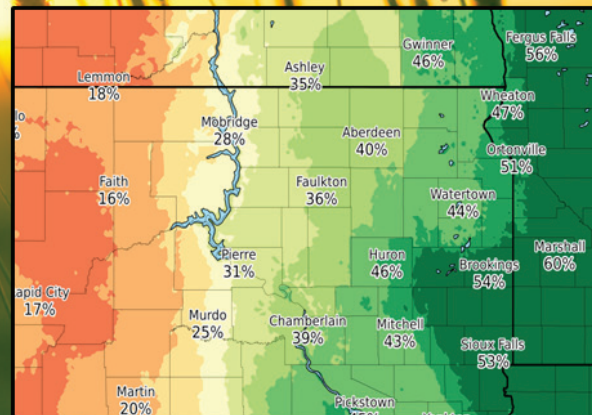
Today	Tonight	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday
						
Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Sunny	Chance T-storms	Partly Sunny then Slight Chance T-storms	Chance Showers	Sunny
High: 87 °F	Low: 62 °F	High: 79 °F	Low: 57 °F	High: 78 °F	Low: 55 °F	High: 78 °F

## Rather Warm Today – Low Humidity West!

### Today's Highs



### Lowest Humidity



National Weather Service Aberdeen, SD



Updated: 8/19/2017 5:44 AM Central

Published on: 08/19/2017 at 5:47AM

A warm air mass underneath an upper level ridge will slide east across the Dakotas today. This will bring in some rather warm temperatures, especially across central South Dakota where highs will be in the 90s. 80s can be expected further east. Low humidity will also be found across western and central South Dakota, where readings will fall into the teens and 20s. Heightened fire danger will occur across those areas.



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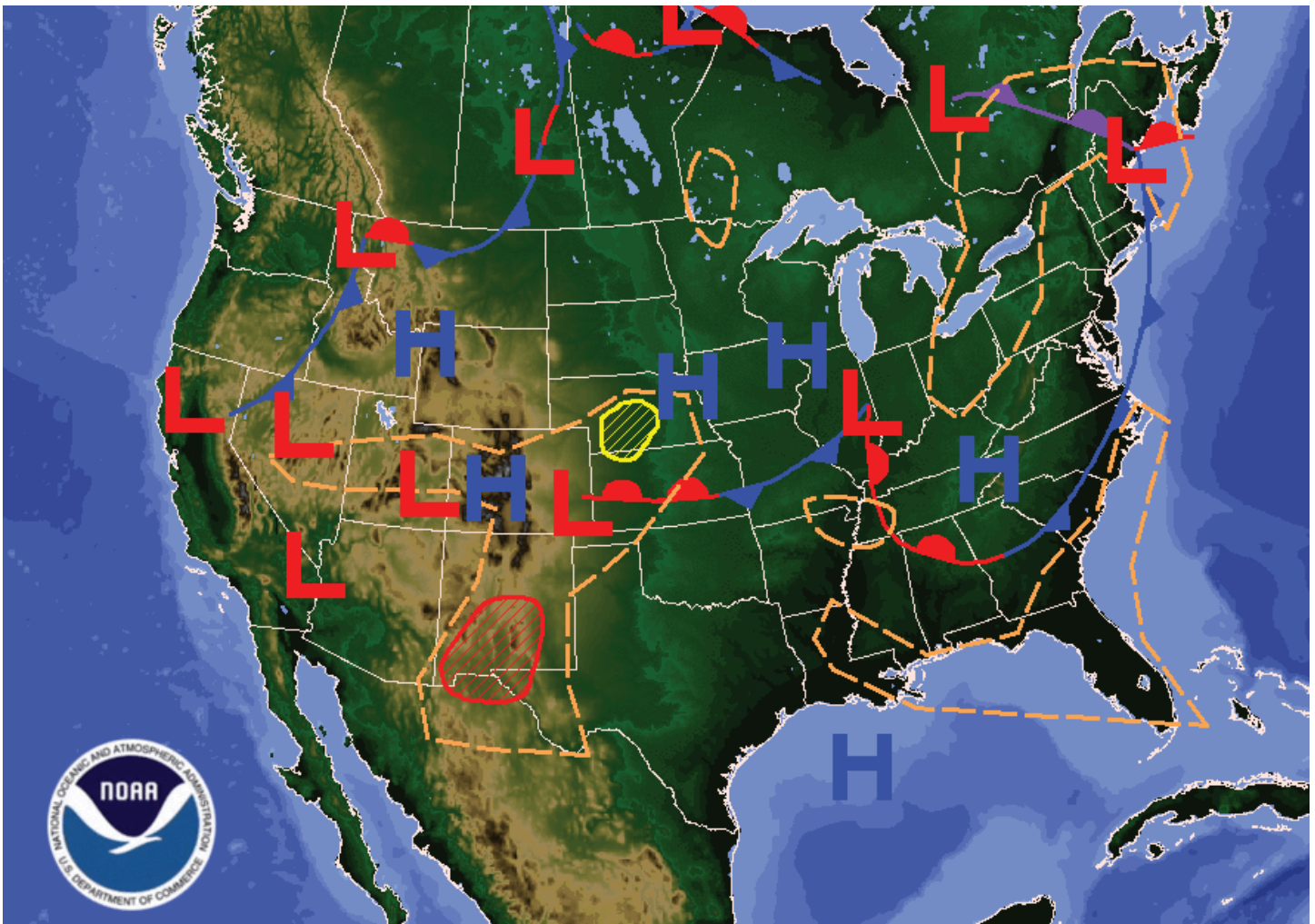
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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 75.3**  
**Low Outside Temp: 59.1**  
**High Gust: 19**  
**Precip: 0.00**

## Today's Info

**Record High: 103° in 1976**  
**Record Low: 34° in 2004**  
**Average High: 82°F**  
**Average Low: 56°F**  
**Average Precip in Aug: 1.48**  
**Precip to date in Aug: 1.80**  
**Average Precip to date: 15.34**  
**Precip Year to Date: 9.15**  
**Sunset Tonight: 8:33 p.m.**  
**Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:40 a.m.**



### Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Sat, Aug 19, 2017, issued 5:02 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Krekeler with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

- Rain
- Rain and T'Storms
- Rain and Snow
- Snow
- Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)
- Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)
- Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)
- Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)

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## UNCEASING PRAISE

Sunday evenings were always a special time in our small church in Northern Ohio. After singing a few hymns, Pastor Stanley would walk to the pulpit and ask, "Who would like to stand up tonight and thank the Lord publicly for His goodness and blessings during the last week?" We would all wait anxiously to hear what God had "been doing" since last Sunday evening. It was a time of sharing and rejoicing. We were always happy when someone was healed or helped. God got all the credit but we all rejoiced with the one who He had honored. We believed that when we asked, God would answer. And when He answered we all enjoyed the results and gave thanks together.

God heard and answered David's prayer. But the nature of his prayer or the problems he was facing are not defined. However, in his concluding remarks he writes of God being "delighted in the well-being of His servant." Well-being includes everything and anything that concerns us. Big or little, large or small. Whatever concerns us concerned God first because His goodness and grace has no limit. They exceed our imagination.

The answer to his prayer was the beginning of an important event in his life. He did not go quietly to his room and thank God by himself. No! He insisted on sharing his joy with others and said, "Come and join me. Let those who are happy with God's blessings on me rejoice with me – all day!" What a way to grow.

After we pray together, let's give praises together when God answers our prayers.

Prayer: Help us, Father, to sing and shout praises together when we see Your goodness and grace at work. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 35:28 My tongue will proclaim your righteousness, your praises all day long.



## News from the Associated Press

### **Donations raise questions over upcoming Sioux Falls TIF vote**

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The Sioux Falls City Council will vote next month on tax incentives to jump-start the transformation of a blighted block into a \$43.5 million area of apartments, office and retail space.

The Argus Leader reports that a majority of the elected officials who will be asked to sign off have accepted campaign contributions from the owners of the developer, raising questions about potential conflicts of interest.

None of the gifts to the five councilors and Mayor Mike Huether exceeded \$1,000. City rules don't require councilors to recuse themselves in votes involving campaign donors.

Tax-increment financing would produce \$4.1 million for pollution cleanup before Lloyd Cos. builds the mixed-use development on the vacant brownfield.

Lloyd Cos. is one of the city's largest and most successful developers.

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

### **City may donate South Dakota land to National Park Service**

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — A city in southeast South Dakota is considering giving a portion of city-owned land to the National Park Service to provide additional access to the Missouri National Recreational River.

The Press & Dakotan reports that the Yankton City Commission discussed a proposal Monday to draft an agreement for transferring more than 30 acres of land on the Nebraska side of the Missouri River to the park service. The land is home to two water wells for the city, an access road and a hiking trail.

Under any agreement, Yankton would still maintain the water wells located on the Nebraska side, with rights to add a third.

River Superintendent Rick Clark says that getting the land could be a huge boost to the park's ability to obtain funding for trail improvements.

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

### **South Dakota brothers win 4H award dedicated to their uncle**

**By SARA BERTSCH, The Daily Republic**

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — The "most sought-out" award at Davison County 4-H Achievement Days holds special meaning for the Jorgensen family.

The John Jorgensen Memorial Award is in its 24th year of existence at the annual 4-H competition, but in the past two summers the winner has shared the same family name.

On Nov. 6, 1991, John Jorgensen was driving a truck hauling cattle on Interstate 90 near Alexandria when another larger truck struck his vehicle from behind. John was killed in the crash.

Two years later, in 1993, John's twin brother, Jim, decided to create a memorial award in his name honoring his active involvement in Davison County 4-H. And in 2016 and 2017, Jim's two sons, Lane and Clay, won the award — and Jim couldn't be happier.

"They weren't around yet when John passed away, so they never knew him but still I think it's an honor," Jim told The Daily Republic. "It's a memorial to John and it's an honor to give that award. I've had several 4-H members over the years come up to me afterward and thank us for doing it. Several of them say this is a highlight. It combines the performance and visual appearance."

The John Jorgensen Memorial Award is in the market beef section of Achievement Days, and is a combination of the animal's rate of gain and visual appearance. Winners of this award have to show a calf that looks good, as well as is high-quality beef, and according to Lane, that's difficult to find.

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"You need a good calf to win the award," Lane said. "You could have a calf that's nice to look at and gets grand champion steer, but you can't have a calf that's easy to look at but won't gain anything."

It's a "complete award," according to Jim, and one he thinks John would be proud of. John was very active in 4-H, Jim said, being involved as a child and then volunteering for years afterward, helping area 4-Hers with their calves.

"It's just an honor to win it," Clay said of his late-uncle's award. "I know I didn't meet him, but it's still special."

Lane and Clay are the fourth-generation of farmers in the Jorgensen family, who live just north of Mount Vernon.

Both attend Mitchell High School, and Lane will be taking classes at Mitchell Technical Institute during his senior year.

While school takes up a majority of their time, 4-H remains a top priority, and the boys will spend the entire year gearing up for Achievement Days, grooming and preparing their calves for showing.

Each memorial winner has their name added to the large plaque located at the Davison County Fairgrounds, and Clay is now the 24th name to be added.

Amanda Nolz — now Amanda Radke — is listed twice on the plaque, earning the John Jorgensen Memorial Award in 2003 and 2004.

And it's an award she was proud to win.

"It was really always the most sought-out award I thought in our county because it was the culmination of not just how your calf looked, but how your steer performed as well," Radke said. "It was just a feather in your cap winning that because it meant you excelled in all areas of the competition."

Radke was too young to remember John, but she knows the rest of the Jorgensen family, and she and her husband help with their showing, supporting the family now as Jim did when she was younger.

"To see it all come full circle, it's awesome and they continue to sponsor this award to honor their family member but also continue to support the area 4-H kids," Radke said.

Both Jim and Radke have noticed "fewer and fewer" children becoming active in 4-H.

It may be because of the amount of work the organization demands, which could be months or even a full year of preparation, Radke said.

And they both believe it's worth the work.

"It really teaches kids a lot of responsibility and hard work. The Jorgensen award teaches kids that the beef of this steer matters," Radke said. "It reminds kids of the business of raising beef really is."

Radke has two children, ages 1 and 3, who will eventually become involved in 4-H when they are older.

It's several young families like Radke's that Jim said are showing "a lot of promise" for the upcoming years of 4-H, which Jim describes as an "outstanding program." And through it all, the John Jorgensen Memorial Award will remain.

"I guess one thing with this award is that the 4-H motto is to make the best better," Jim said. "And if this award can encourage someone in the livestock end of it to make the best better, I feel very honored and the mission is accomplished."

Information from: The Daily Republic, <http://www.mitchellrepublic.com>

## Hundreds write poetry at Poet's Table in South Dakota

By **SETH TUPPER**, Rapid City Journal

CUSTER, S.D. (AP) — When John Raeck showed up at Sylvan Lake Resort looking for work during the 1960s, he found a job — and a home.

The tall, rawboned loner, who was then in his sixth decade of life, fell in love with the forested mountains and granite formations of Custer State Park. He took off on long hikes, began writing verse, nicknamed himself The Vagabond Poet and discovered an ideal spot for solitary inspiration — a place known today as Poet's Table, where many people visit but of which few know the history.



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High up and over the granite-studded terrain east of Sylvan Lake, about 6,600 feet above sea level, Raeck found a cool and silent patch of shade under a natural recess in a rock face. Like a giant viewfinder, the darkened nook framed a far-reaching view of the southeastern Black Hills.

Eventually, Raeck apparently hauled lumber to the high-elevation alcove and built a plain and sturdy table, a pair of chairs and a couple of small benches.

Soon he was distributing calling cards that described the site as The Poets' Desk at Paradise Retreat, "Est. 1968."

His placement of the apostrophe after the "s" in "Poets" — indicating the place belonged to all poets, not just one — was a subtle invitation, and other vagabonds began to show up. He supplied a box for them to leave their poems behind.

For decades, Raeck's retreat remained a little-known but unofficially sanctioned Custer State Park attraction, as awareness of its existence spread slowly by word of mouth. The place came to be known simply as Poet's Table, and although the table and chairs have been moved a short distance from their original location, they appear as though they could be Raeck's original handiwork.

In recent years, smartphones and social media have brought more visitors to Poet's Table, the Rapid City Journal reported. With every new arrival, word of the existence and exact location of the site can spread to hundreds and even thousands more people who are eager to find the quirky and hidden gem, which is not on maps and has no signs pointing hikers to its location. The trail to Poet's Table, which branches off from a trail to Little Devils Tower, has become worn enough that it's easy to spot.

Some problems have accompanied the site's growing popularity. The rock wall at Poet's Table is now defaced by graffiti from hundreds of hands, and a bookcase beside the table is stuffed full of notebooks scrawled with writings both profound and profane. Last month, Custer State Park officials removed a makeshift shelter nearby that someone had built from logs and branches.

The state of the modern Poet's Table would probably sadden Raeck, who penned this ode to his hideaway:

"A castle that secluded lies  
Beyond the Gates of Paradise.  
A soul-restoring mountain ark  
In South Dakota's Custer Park;  
Where time and life are reconciled,  
And man-of-years is like a child."

A copy of that poem, printed on one of Raeck's calling cards, has been kept all these years by Donald "Nick" Clifford and his wife, Carolyn, of Keystone.

Nick, 96, is the last surviving member of the crew that carved Mount Rushmore. He also served in World War II and then ran a dry-cleaning business in Custer before submitting a winning bid for the concessionaire contract at Sylvan Lake. Clifford's first summer running the resort was in 1957.

Raeck, meanwhile, grew up in rural Two Rivers, Wis., and farmed with his brother, Edwin. Neither married, and Edwin died in 1960. Raeck sold their farm and worked two years for the purchaser, and then headed west. Those details are among the few that were eventually printed in Raeck's newspaper obituary.

Clifford valued older workers at Sylvan Lake because of the stability and maturity they added to his summertime staff of mostly college-age employees. When Raeck came looking for a job during the early 1960s, Clifford put him to work at the gas and service station that was then a fixture at Sylvan Lake. The Cliffords remember Raeck as honest — one of the most honest people they ever knew — and dependable, with few material wants or possessions.

Raeck continued to work at the lake into his mid-70s. One of his poems, "The Auditorium," reflected the comical tribulations of an elderly bachelor living among rambunctious youths in what was then a dormitory-style facility.

"... The inmates carouse  
Past midnight till three.  
They mess up the house,

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Leave cleaning to me.

"Their bedrooms are strewn

With clothing and brash.

But once in a noon

They clean up the trash.

"As morals go down

From year unto year,

There's hardly a clown

We haven't had here."

Raeck spent several winters in California, partly to be near a pastor who moved there from Rapid City, according to the Cliffords. But according to Carolyn Clifford, "John couldn't take California."

Raeck made that clear in a poem titled "Exodus California."

"I've seen California,

And first I was glad,

But close observation

Has left me most sad.

"I found, to my sorrow,

That here is a state

Where fond expectation

Is turned into hate.

"Her streets are deficient

In sidewalks and drains,

And quickly they're flooded

By moderate rains.

"Her mornings are hazy,

And all summer long

No sunrise inspires

The mockingbird's song.

"Her landowners worship

The god of inflation,

Expecting increase

For mere speculation.

"Her standard of living

Is highest on earth,

And people are spending

For all they are worth."

Clifford gave up his concessionaire's lease at Sylvan Lake after 1967, but Raeck continued to work there until 1976, after which he moved to Spearfish. Raeck died there in 1982 at the age of 81.

The Cliffords kept some of Raeck's poems, along with some letters he sent them and a photo of Raeck looking every bit the old bachelor-farmer in a pair of jeans and a denim jacket over a flannel shirt.

After reading recently about the unauthorized structure that was removed at Poet's Table, and about the graffiti there, the Cliffords decided to share their memories of The Vagabond Poet and his Poets' Desk at Paradise Retreat.

They figure people need to know something of the love that the father of Poet's Table had for the place.

"I would hope they would treat it with respect," Carolyn said, "and not destroy it."

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

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## SD Lottery

By The Associated Press

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

Mega Millions

01-31-34-40-75, Mega Ball: 6, Megaplier: 3

(one, thirty-one, thirty-four, forty, seventy-five; Mega Ball: six; Megaplier: three)

Estimated jackpot: \$20 million

Powerball

Estimated jackpot: \$510 million

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## Friday's Scores

By The Associated Press

PREP FOOTBALL

Aberdeen Roncalli 21, Groton Area 0

Alcester-Hudson 52, Tripp-Delmont/Armour 8

Arlington/Lake Preston 54, Dell Rapids St. Mary 26

Bennett County 16, Custer 14

Bon Homme 6, Parkston 0

Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan 40, Beresford 0

Canistota 46, Menno/Marion 8

Castlewood 36, DeSmet 20

Chester 20, Parker 14

Clark/Willow Lake 48, Florence/Henry 14

Colman-Egan 34, Elkton-Lake Benton 6

Colome 50, Centerville 0

Corsica/Stickney 50, Avon 22

Deuel 44, Dakota Hills 6

Faulkton 48, Langford 32

Gregory 48, Kimball/White Lake 16

Hamlin 14, Britton-Hecla 6

Hanson 16, Baltic 12

Hettinger/Scranton, N.D. 51, Lemmon/McIntosh 6

Hill City 60, Newell 7

Hitchcock-Tulare 44, Iroquois 0

Howard 32, Garretson 30

Ipswich/Edmunds Central 60, Tiospa Zina Tribal 6

Irene-Wakonda 46, Viborg-Hurley 6

Lower Brule 68, Crazy Horse 14

McCook Central/Montrose 43, Flandreau 6

McLaughlin 50, Standing Rock, N.D. 0

Miller/Highmore-Harrold 42, Wolsey-Wessington 14

Mobridge-Pollock 49, Redfield/Doland 8

North Border 50, Herreid/Selby Area 0



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Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 48, Estelline 16  
Red Cloud 46, Lead-Deadwood 32  
Scotland 30, Burke/South Central 12  
Sioux Falls Christian 24, Winner 6  
Sioux Valley 42, Canton 14  
Sully Buttes 34, Potter County 8  
Wall 28, New Underwood 12  
Warner 44, Northwestern 12  
Webster 51, Tri-State 0  
Woonsocket/Wessington Springs/Sanborn Central 36, Wagner 8

## Sioux Falls schools to teach students to code

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Teachers at three Sioux Falls elementary schools are preparing to teach first-graders how to write computer code and basic programming as part of a new immersion program.

Dozens of elementary school teachers are learning this week how to teach coding as part of a new computer science immersion program in partnership with Code to the Future. The company helps integrate computer science programs into schools, the Argus Leader reported .

Teachers in the two-day training are working through projects and assignments that their students will do in the coming months. Hayward Elementary teacher Christina Godshall is designing backdrops and using code to navigate a character through a digital maze.

"It's almost like Mario. ... you have to get your script, which is like your character, and get your character to move based on writing the code," Godshall said.

The programs will start this year at Hayward, Lowell Elementary and Anne Sullivan Elementary as students from kindergarten through fifth grade will have computer science integrated into their regular curriculum. Code to the Future will assign coaches to help teachers on a weekly basis throughout the school year.

District leaders hope that teaching code will prepare children for the future workforce and keep them engaged in their education.

"If I'm this engaged. ... I can only imagine how excited my kids are going to be," said Jayne Leonard, an instructional coach at Hayward.

Leonard said the excitement among teachers ensured her and other administrators that the program is the right thing for the district. She said the first days of training set the stage for why computer science immersion helps children.

"It gives us kind of a backdrop of, OK, we need to get ourselves prepared," Godshall said. "So these kids can have the best step forward and start to be successful in a technology-driven world."

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

## Man accused of cutting off woman's nipples pleads guilty

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota man accused of sitting on a woman and slicing off her nipples with a pair of scissors has pleaded guilty.

The Argus Leader reports that 45-year-old Tony Ledbetter of Sioux Falls pleaded guilty Friday to three counts of aggravated assault. Each count carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison. As part of a plea deal, the state agreed to ask for no more than 30 years.

Police say Ledbetter and his ex-girlfriend were having an argument in October about their relationship when Ledbetter punched her, slammed her head on the ground and tried to get her to stop screaming by putting pressure on her throat with his forearm. Ledbetter later grabbed a pair of scissors.

Sentencing is scheduled for Nov. 28.

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

## South Dakota ballot measure would let people vote at home

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Supporters of a proposed ballot measure that would allow South Dakota counties to switch to elections conducted entirely by mail ballot aim to put the initiative before voters next year, the sponsor said Friday.

Backers are waiting for approval to start gathering signatures to appear on the 2018 ballot. Sponsor Drey Samuelson said the vote-at-home plan would help people cast an informed vote, increase election turnout and save taxpayer money.

"We're very serious about it," said Samuelson, a co-founder of initiative group TakeItBack.Org. "We're going to get this on the ballot, and I'm confident that we'll pass it."

Under the proposal, county commissioners could vote to dispense with polling places and require primary, special and general elections to be conducted via mail ballot. Ahead of an election, officials would send each registered voter a ballot that could be returned by mail or dropped off at a designated facility in the county.

The initiative would also allow county auditors to designate precincts with fewer than 200 registered voters as mail ballot precincts without the authorization of a county board.

Samuelson said in counties that adopted the system, it would allow voters to sit at their kitchen table and talk to a spouse or do research online while voting. It would also help voters in rural counties and save money because it's expensive to set up precinct-based elections, he said.

"Single parents don't have to get baby-sitters. It makes it easier for disabled people to vote. It makes it easier for senior citizens to vote," Samuelson said. "You don't have to drive 40 miles to vote. You can just vote when the mail comes."

At least 22 states allow some elections to be conducted entirely by mail, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Backers of the ballot measure need to submit nearly 14,000 valid signatures to the secretary of state in November 2017 to get on the ballot in 2018. Samuelson said supporters hope to collect roughly 22,000.

Republican Party Chairman Dan Lederman said he hadn't seen the proposal, and Democratic Chairwoman Ann Tornberg said her party hadn't taken an official position on the plan. The South Dakota Association of County Commissioners didn't immediately return a telephone message requesting comment from The Associated Press.

## Initiative backers need you to get on the ballot; learn more

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — People hoping to get their pet causes before voters are fanning out to fairs and other gatherings in South Dakota, collecting signatures for citizens' initiatives on issues ranging from government ethics to looser marijuana laws.

Election Day 2018 is far off, but supporters need thousands of people to pledge support for their initiatives by Nov. 6 just to get on the ballot. Initiated measures need nearly 14,000 valid signatures, while constitutional amendments require almost 28,000 names.

Here's a look at some of the proposed initiatives and a few reminders for voters:

### RIGHT TO DIE

Activists pushing for South Dakota to join several states with laws allowing physician-assisted dying are gathering signatures for an initiative that would let terminally ill people get prescriptions for drugs to end their own lives. Under the plan, state-licensed physicians would be able to prescribe life-ending drugs to South Dakota patients who have diseases expected to kill them within six months.

### MARIJUANA MEASURES

New Approach South Dakota is collecting support for a pair of ballot measures that would relax South

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Dakota's cannabis laws. A medical proposal would allow use by patients who have a health practitioner's recommendation and serious conditions such as cancer, while a recreational measure is meant to allow people 21 and older to possess and use marijuana.

A writing error has called into question the recreational plan. A state interpretation of the wording found it would only legalize marijuana paraphernalia; supporters say the problem can be fixed later by the courts or the Legislature.

A separate sponsor has proposed a measure that would legalize marijuana and establish April 20 as "Cannabis Day" with free admission to state parks for residents.

## ETHICS AMENDMENT

Backers of a proposed anti-corruption constitutional amendment say they've collected more than half the signatures required to put it on the 2018 ballot. As of Aug. 12, the campaign had gathered more than 16,000 signatures, according to initiative group Represent South Dakota.

The amendment would replace a voter-imposed government ethics overhaul that South Dakota lawmakers repealed this year. It would tighten campaign finance and lobbying restrictions, create an independent ethics commission and require that laws changing the ballot question process be passed by a public vote, among other provisions.

## OUT-OF-STATE BAN

House Speaker Mark Mickelson is pushing an initiative that would ban out-of-state political contributions for ballot questions. The move comes after out-of-state donors pumped over \$10 million into campaigns for or against the state's questions during the 2016 election cycle.

A similar bill capping out-of-state contributions failed in the Legislature this year, and experts have said such measures are unlikely to survive a legal challenge.

## TOBACCO TAXES, TECH SCHOOLS

Another Mickelson-backed ballot measure would impose a \$1 tax hike on a standard pack of cigarettes to make South Dakota's four technical institutes more affordable.

The proposed ballot measure would increase taxes on different tobacco products including the \$1 hike per 20-cigarette pack. South Dakota's tax is currently \$1.53 per pack, according to the Tax Foundation, an independent tax policy nonprofit.

## REDISTRICTING

A constitutional amendment that would take control of redistricting from South Dakota legislators and give it to an independent commission has been cleared to circulate. The commission would consist of nine people with no more than three from any one political party.

## NOT QUITE READY

Measures that haven't received the secretary of state's approval for petitioning would:

- Restrict which facilities transgender students could use in South Dakota schools.
- Allow counties to switch to elections conducted entirely by mail ballot.
- Create "top two" primary elections for offices including governor and U.S. House and Senate.
- Impose a price limit on state drug purchases at the same or less than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

## AND A FEW REMINDERS

Secretary of State Shantel Krebs says voters should be sure to read a proposed initiative's entire text, not just the attorney general's explanation. She says to ask for the circulator's handout, which must include details such as the initiative's title and explanation, contact information for the sponsor and whether the circulator is paid or a volunteer.



Krebs, whose website has more ballot measure information, also reminded voters that once they sign a petition, it can be difficult to get their signature removed.

## **Dakota State University to make cybersecurity announcement**

MADISON, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota public university known for cybersecurity education is set to make a “major announcement” at a technology building unveiling on its Madison campus.

The Dakota State University event is set for Sunday, when officials including Gov. Dennis Daugaard and U.S. Sen. Mike Rounds will attend the celebration for the new Beacom Institute of Technology.

The Argus Leader reports that deep-pocketed donors T. Denny Sanford and Miles Beacom are also expected to attend. Rounds’ office says the event will include a special announcement about a “ground-breaking” cybersecurity initiative at the university.

A Dakota State spokeswoman said she couldn’t offer any additional details. The South Dakota Board of Regents has a Sunday meeting scheduled at Dakota State to discuss construction at the university.

## **State House speaker to drop donor disclosure ballot measure**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota’s House speaker says he doesn’t plan to pursue an initiative that would have forced nonprofit advocacy groups to reveal top donors if they make big contributions to ballot question campaigns.

Republican Mark Mickelson said this week that he plans to pull the proposal.

It would have required disclosure of the 50 largest contributors to such groups, including labor organizations, business leagues and social welfare organizations, if they give \$25,000 or more in a year to a ballot measure committee.

Mickelson has said it would be helpful for voters to know who is behind different ballot measures. Critics argued that residents have the right to support causes without fear of harassment.

Mickelson is sponsoring two other initiatives that would ban out-of-state contributions for ballot questions and raise tobacco taxes to improve tech school affordability.

## **Court rejects argument that lawyer fees violate free speech**

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — An appeals court rejected a Bismarck lawyer’s argument that mandatory fees to the North Dakota Bar Association violate his free speech rights because the money has gone to political activity he doesn’t support.

WDAY-TV reports the 8th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals issued its ruling this week disagreeing with arguments raised by the Phoenix-based Goldwater Institute, a conservative think tank that filed the suit on behalf of the lawyer.

The institute argues attorneys should be given the choice to opt in to political spending by the association. The institute says 18 other states provide that option.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of a self-employed attorney who objected to a \$50,000 contribution to a political action committee that opposed a bill regarding shared parenting time and responsibility in 2014.

Information from: WDAY-TV, <http://wday.com>

## **Thousands march through Boston week after Virginia bloodshed**

**By STEVE LeBLANC, Associated Press**

BOSTON (AP) — Thousands of leftist counterprotesters marched peaceably through downtown Boston on Saturday, chanting anti-Nazi slogans and waving signs condemning white nationalism ahead of a rally being staged by conservative activists a week after a Virginia demonstration turned deadly.

Police Commissioner William Evans said Friday that 500 officers — some in uniform, others undercover

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— were deployed to keep the two groups apart Saturday. Boston's Democratic mayor, Marty Walsh, and Massachusetts' Republican governor, Charlie Baker, both warned that extremist unrest wouldn't be tolerated in this city famed as the cradle of American liberty.

Organizers of the midday event, billed as a "Free Speech Rally," have publicly distanced themselves from the neo-Nazis, white supremacists and others who fomented violence in Charlottesville on Aug. 12. A woman was killed at that Unite the Right rally, and scores of others were injured, when a car plowed into counterdemonstrators.

But opponents feared that white nationalists might show up in Boston anyway, raising the specter of ugly confrontations in the first potentially large and racially charged gathering in a major U.S. city since Charlottesville.

Events are planned around the country, in cities including Atlanta, Dallas and New Orleans.

Walsh greeted counterprotesters Saturday morning outside Reggie Lewis Center in the city's Roxbury neighborhood. Counterprotesters from Black Lives Matter and other groups denouncing racism and anti-Semitism marching from there to the Common, and another group plans to rally on the steps of the Statehouse overlooking the sprawling park.

Some counterprotesters dressed entirely in black and wore bandannas over their faces. They chanted anti-Nazi and anti-fascism slogans, and waved signs that said: "Love your neighbor," "Resist fascism" and "Hate never made U.S. great."

Boston police estimated the size of the crowd participating in the march to the Common at about 15,000.

The permit issued for the rally on Boston Common came with severe restrictions, including a ban on backpacks, sticks and anything that could be used as a weapon. The permit is for 100 people, though an organizer has said he expected up to 1,000 people to attend.

The Boston Free Speech Coalition, which organized the event, said it has nothing to do with white nationalism or racism and its group is not affiliated with the Charlottesville rally organizers in any way.

"We are strictly about free speech," the group said on its Facebook page. "... we will not be offering our platform to racism or bigotry. We denounce the politics of supremacy and violence."

But the mayor pointed out that some of those invited to speak "spew hate." Kyle Chapman, who described himself on Facebook as a "proud American nationalist," said he will attend.

Black Lives Matter said Friday that members from around the U.S. planned to march Saturday in Boston.

Walsh said the city would do whatever is necessary to head off violence initiated by either side. "If anyone gets out of control — at all — it will be shut down," he said.

"We will not tolerate any misbehavior, violence or vandalism whatsoever," said Evans, Boston's top cop.

Dating to 1634, Boston Common is the nation's oldest city park. The leafy downtown park is popular with locals and tourists and has been the scene of numerous rallies and protests for centuries.

## Trump to skip Kennedy Center arts awards

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE, Associated Press

BRIDGEWATER, N.J. (AP) — In a break with tradition, President Donald Trump and the first lady have decided not to participate in events honoring recipients of this year's Kennedy Center Honors arts awards to "allow the honorees to celebrate without any political distraction," the White House announced Saturday.

The Kennedy Center said it respected Trump's decision and that the show will go on.

Past presidents and first ladies have hosted a White House reception in the hours before the Kennedy Center gala, which they would then watch from seats high above the stage.

The decision came a day after the entire membership of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities resigned to protest Trump's comments about last weekend's demonstrations by white supremacists in Charlottesville, Virginia. The president blamed "many sides" for the violence that left an anti-racism activist dead.

Trump has also had a long and contentious relationship with the arts world and some of the Kennedy Center honorees already had said they would not attend the White House reception hosted by him in

December.

One of the honorees, television writer and producer Norman Lear, also had questioned whether Trump would want to attend the gala, "given his indifference or worse regarding the arts and humanities."

On Thursday, dancer Carmen de Lavallade said in a statement on her website that she was honored to receive the award, but would not join Trump at the White House.

"In light of the socially divisive and morally caustic narrative that our existing leadership is choosing to engage in, and in keeping with the principles that I and so many others have fought for, I will be declining the invitation to attend the reception at the White House," she said.

The other honorees are hip-hop artist LL Cool J and singers Gloria Estefan and Lionel Richie. It's the 40th year of the awards, which honor people who have influenced American culture through the arts.

The White House said Trump and first lady Melania Trump "extend their sincerest congratulations and well wishes to all of this year's award recipients for their many accomplishments."

Kennedy Center Chairman David M. Rubenstein and President Deborah F. Rutter said in a joint statement that they respect Trump's decision.

"In choosing not to participate in this year's Honors activities, the administration has graciously signaled its respect for the Kennedy Center and ensures the Honors gala remains a deservedly special moment for the honorees. We are grateful for this gesture" they said.

The honorees will be celebrated at a Kennedy Center gala on Dec. 3, featuring performances and tributes from top entertainers. A State Department reception and awards dinner on Dec. 2 will also be held as planned.

Rubenstein and Rutter said all five honorees were expected to attend both events.

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## Northwestern prof, Oxford staffer extradited to Chicago

By SARA BURNETT, Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Two employees of elite universities charged in the fatal stabbing of a 26-year-old hair stylist were returned to Chicago early Saturday to face charges of first-degree murder in the brutal killing.

Chicago police escorted fired Northwestern University professor Wyndham Lathem, 43, and Oxford University financial officer Andrew Warren, 56, from Northern California, where they surrendered peacefully on Aug. 4 after an eight-day, nationwide manhunt. Detectives were questioning the men Saturday. They could appear in court as early as Sunday.

The men are accused of killing Trenton James Cornell-Duranleau, a Michigan native who had been living in Chicago, last month in Lathem's high-rise Chicago condo.

Chicago police have said Cornell-Duranleau suffered more than 40 stab wounds, including "mutilations," to his upper body. Authorities say the attack was so violent the blade of the knife they believe was used was broken.

They found Cornell-Duranleau's body July 27 after the building's front desk received an anonymous call that a crime had occurred on the 10th floor. He had been dead more than 12 hours. By then, authorities say Lathem and Warren had fled the city. According to autopsy results released Friday by the Cook County medical examiner's office, Cornell-Duranleau had methamphetamine in his system at the time of his death.

Police say Lathem and Cornell-Duranleau, who moved to Chicago from the Grand Rapids, Michigan, area about a year ago, had a personal relationship, though they have not described the nature of it or a motive for the attack.

It's unclear what the relationship was between Lathem, Cornell-Duranleau and Warren, who's British. He arrived in the U.S. three days before the killing, after being reported missing in Great Britain.

Lathem, a microbiologist who's been on Northwestern's faculty since 2007 but was not teaching at the time of the attack, was terminated by the university for fleeing from police when there was an arrest warrant out for him.



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Investigators said the day after the crime was committed Lathem and Warren drove about 80 miles (128 kilometers) northwest of Chicago to Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. One of the men made a \$1,000 donation to a local library in Cornell-Duranleau's name. Lake Geneva authorities said the man making the donation didn't give his name.

At another point after the killing, Lathem sent a video to friends and relatives apologizing for his involvement in the crime, which he called the "biggest mistake of my life." The video raised concern among investigators that Lathem might kill himself.

Lathem and Warren both appeared in court in California last week, where they agreed to return to Illinois to face charges.

An attorney for Lathem, Kenneth H. Wine, called him a "gentle soul" and said "what he is accused of is totally contrary to the way he has lived his entire life." Wine said Lathem intends to plead not guilty to the charges.

Warren was represented by a public defender during a brief appearance in a San Francisco court. She said he is "presumed innocent," but declined to comment further.

## Suspect arrested in killing, wounding of Fla. officers

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — A suspect in the fatal shooting of a police officer in Florida and the grave wounding of a sergeant was arrested several hours after the attack in a bar, authorities said Saturday.

Everett Miller faces a charge of first-degree murder for the killing of Officer Matthew Baxter and could face other charges for the wounding of Sgt. Sam Howard, said Kissimmee Police Chief Jeff O'Dell at a news conference Saturday. Kissimmee is located south of the theme park hub of Orlando, Florida.

During a patrol late Friday of a neighborhood with a history of drug activity, Baxter was "checking out" three people, including Miller, when the officer got into a scuffle with Miller. Howard, his sergeant, responded as backup, the police chief said.

The officers didn't have an opportunity to return fire. They weren't wearing body cameras.

Sheriff's deputies with a neighboring law enforcement agency later tracked Miller down to a bar and approached him. Miller started reaching toward his waistband when the deputies tackled and subdued him, O'Dell said.

The found a handgun and revolver on him.

"They were extremely brave and heroic actions taken by the deputies," O'Dell said.

The police chief said Miller would be taken to jail wearing the fallen officer's handcuffs.

Authorities originally said they believed there were four suspects, but the chief said Saturday that no other arrests are anticipated.

Miller, 45, was a Marine veteran and was recently involuntarily committed for a mental evaluation by the Osceola County Sheriff's Office. The early stages of the investigation shows that Miller had made threats to law enforcement on Facebook, O'Dell said.

As of Saturday morning, Howard was in "grave, critical condition" at the hospital, O'Dell said.

"It's grave. Not much hope that he will survive this," the police chief said.

Baxter, 27, had been with the Kissimmee Police Department for three years. He was married to another Kissimmee police officer and they have four children.

Howard, 36, has served with the Kissimmee Police Department for 10 years. He and his wife have one child, O'Dell said.

"They are two wonderful men, family men," O'Dell said. "They are two committed to doing it the right way."

Separately, other two officers were injured late Friday in Jacksonville, Florida, after police responded to reports of an attempted suicide at a home where three other people were thought to be in danger. One of the officers was shot in both hands and the other was shot in the stomach.

In Pennsylvania, two state troopers were shot and a suspect killed outside a small-town store south of Pittsburgh on Friday night.

President Trump tweeted early Saturday that his thoughts and prayers were with the Kissimmee Police Department. "We are with you!" he said.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott tweeted he was heartbroken by the news of Baxter's death and was praying for a quick recovery for Howard.

## Spain, France press manhunt for ringleader in dual attacks

By ALEX OLLER, JOSEPH WILSON and LORI HINNANT, Associated Press

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — Authorities in Spain and France pressed the search Saturday for the supposed ringleader of an Islamic extremist cell that carried out vehicle attacks in Barcelona and a seaside resort, as the investigation focused on links among the Moroccan members and the house where they plotted the carnage.

Catalan police said the manhunt was centered on Younes Abouyaaquoub, a 22-year-old Moroccan suspected of being the driver of the van that plowed into a promenade packed with pedestrians in Barcelona on Thursday, killing 13 and injuring 120.

Even with Abouyaaquoub still at large, Spanish Interior Minister Juan Ignacio Zoido declared the terrorist cell responsible for the carnage had been effectively "broken" after five members were killed by police in a shootout, four were in custody and as many as two were killed in an explosion earlier in the week. He said there was no new imminent threat of attack.

Early Saturday, police searched two buses in northwest Catalonia. Nothing was found in the searches in Girona and Garrigas, police tweeted.

Across the Pyrenees, French police carried out extra border checks on people coming from Spain — a routine beefing-up of patrols anytime a neighboring country flags a potential risk, a French security official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. No arrests were made.

Police also announced a series of controlled explosions Saturday in the town of Alcanar, south of Barcelona, where the attacks were planned in a rental house destroyed Wednesday by an apparently accidental blast. Authorities had initially written off the incident as a household gas accident, but took another look on Friday and returned on Saturday.

Police believe the Wednesday night blast prevented a far deadlier attack using explosives, forcing the extremists to use more "rudimentary" vehicles instead.

Initially, only one person was believed killed in the blast. But police said tests were underway to determine if human remains found at the house on Friday were from a second victim.

The Islamic State group initially claimed responsibility for the Barcelona attack. In a new statement Saturday, it also claimed the attack a few hours later in Cambrils, in which five extremists mowed down people along the boardwalk in the seaside resort.

One woman died and five others were injured in Cambrils before police shot and killed all five attackers. They were armed with an axe, knives and fake explosive belts. The Islamic State statement provided no information beyond what had been previously reported.

Authorities said the two attacks were related and the work of a large terrorist cell that had been plotting for a long time from the house in Alcanar, 200 kilometers (125 miles) down the coast from Barcelona.

The name of the lone suspect at large, Abouyaaquoub, figures on a police list of four main suspects sought in the attacks. All the suspects on the list hail from Ripoll, a quiet, upscale town of 10,000 about 100 kilometers north of Barcelona.

On Friday, police searched the apartment of Ripoll's imam, neighbors said. An apparent search warrant seen by The Associated Press authorized police to extract any terrorism-related "weapons, ammunition, explosives, instruments, documents or papers" found in the apartment.

The suspect list was issued throughout Spain and into France, according to a Spanish official and a French police official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the document.

The French official said Spain had flagged a rented Kangoo utility vehicle that was believed to have been rented in Spain by a suspect in Thursday's attacks that might have crossed the border.

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Also named on the list is 17-year-old Moussa Oukabir, whose brother Driss reported his documents stolen to police in Ripoll. Ripoll's mayor confirmed the documents were found in one of the vehicles used in the attacks.

The brothers were born and raised in Ripoll, where the family's first-floor apartment was searched Friday. No one was home.

Neighbors said they were shocked by the news of Moussa Oukabir's alleged involvement. One teenager, who identified himself only by his first name, Pau, said they played together when they were younger and he was "a good boy."

In addition to the five people killed in Cambrils, police said they arrested two people Friday, after the two arrests a day earlier. In custody are three Moroccans and one Spaniard, none with terrorism-related records.

"We are not talking about a group of one or two people, but rather a numerous group," regional Interior Ministry chief Joaquim Forn told Onda Cero radio.

The sheer size of the cell recalled the November 2015 attacks in Paris, in which trained Islamic State attackers struck the national stadium, a concert hall and bars and restaurants nearly simultaneously. Since then, the extremist group has steadily lost ground in its self-declared caliphate in Iraq and Syria, most recently with its defeat in Mosul.

"This shows there is no correlation between what is happening over there with Daesh and the operational capacity of the group," said Jean-Charles Brisard, a French security analyst, using another name for the group.

Spanish authorities had not yet drawn any direct links between IS extremists and the suspects in the Spanish attacks, but the possibility that members of the Spanish group could still be at large was chilling. Those who have survived prior attacks nearly always ended their lives with new bloodshed and a hail of police bullets.

"There is the danger they will not let themselves get caught and will do something dramatic," said Alain Chouet, a former French intelligence official.

The attacks unnerved a country that hasn't seen an Islamic extremist attack since 2004, when al-Qaida-inspired bombers killed 191 people in coordinated assaults on Madrid's commuter trains. Unlike France, Britain, Sweden and Germany, Spain has largely been spared, thanks in part to a crackdown that has netted about 200 suspected jihadis in recent years.

On Saturday, Spain decided to maintain its terrorist threat alert at level 4, declaring that no new attacks were imminent. Interior Minister Juan Ignacio Zoido said the country would nevertheless reinforce security for events that draw large crowds and popular tourist sites.

Islamic extremists have targeted Europe's major tourist attractions in recent years. Rented or hijacked vehicles have formed the backbone of a strategy to attack the West and its cultural symbols. Barcelona's Las Ramblas is one of the most popular attractions in a city that swarms with foreign tourists in August.

The dead and wounded in the two attacks came from 34 countries.

AP writers Angela Charlton in Paris and Nicole Winfield in Rome contributed.

## Duke University removes statue of Confederate general

By JONATHAN DREW, Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Duke University removed a statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee early Saturday, days after it was vandalized amid a national debate about monuments to the Confederacy.

The university said it removed the carved limestone likeness early Saturday morning from Duke Chapel where it stood among 10 historical figures depicted in the entryway. Another statue of Lee was at the heart of a violent protest in Charlottesville, Virginia, that turned deadly a week ago.

University president Vincent Price said in a letter to the campus community that he consulted with faculty, staff, students and alumni about the decision to remove the statue. Officials discovered early Thursday



that the statue's face had been damaged by vandalism.

"I took this course of action to protect Duke Chapel, to ensure the vital safety of students and community members who worship there, and above all to express the deep and abiding values of our university," Price said in the letter.

Durham has been a focal point in the debate over Confederate statues after protesters tore down a bronze Confederate soldier in front of a government building downtown. Eight people have been charged with tearing down the statue during a protest on Monday.

Hundreds marched on Friday through downtown Durham in a largely peaceful demonstration against racism, leading to an impromptu rally at the site where the bronze statue was toppled.

Other monuments around the state have been vandalized since the Charlottesville protest. There have also been calls to take down a Confederate soldier statue from the campus of the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

Gov. Roy Cooper has urged the removal of Confederate monuments from public property around the state, though his goal would be difficult to achieve because of a 2015 state law restricting their removal. Duke is a private university and outside the scope of that law.

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## A look at US-S. Korea war games and how North might respond

By **KIM TONG-HYUNG, Associated Press**

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — America's annual joint military exercises with South Korea always frustrate North Korea. The war games set to begin Monday may hold more potential to provoke than ever, given President Donald Trump's "fire and fury" threats and Pyongyang's as-yet-unpursued plan to launch missiles close to Guam.

Will the allies keep it low-key, or focus on projecting strength? An examination of this year's drills and how the North might respond to them:

### THE WAR GAMES

The Ulchi Freedom Guardian drills, which will run through Aug. 31, will be the first large-scale military exercise between the allies since North Korea successfully flight-tested two intercontinental ballistic missiles in July and threatened to bracket Guam with intermediate range ballistic missile fire earlier this month.

Despite some calls to postpone or drastically modify drills to ease the hostility on the Korean Peninsula, U.S. and South Korean military officials say that the long-scheduled exercises will go ahead as planned.

The drills, which began in the 1970s and will involve 17,500 American troops and 50,000 South Korean soldiers this year, consist mainly of computer simulations aimed at honing joint-decision making and planning and improving command operations.

About 25,000 U.S. service members joined last year's UFG drills. An official from U.S. Forces Korea, who didn't want to be named citing office rules, said that the number of participating American troops can marginally change depending on how training events are designed and that the lower number this year doesn't represent an effort to downsize the drills.

The United States and South Korea also hold larger war games in the spring, called Key Resolve and Foal Eagle, which involve live-fire exercises and training with tanks, aircraft and warships.

There's media speculation that the allies might try to keep this year's drills low-key by not dispatching long-range bombers and other U.S. strategic assets to the region. But that possibility worries some, who say it would send the wrong message to both North Korea and the South, where there are fears that the North's advancing nuclear capabilities may eventually undermine a decades-long alliance with the United States.

"If anything, the joint exercises must be strengthened," Cheon Seongwhun, who served as a national security adviser to former conservative South Korean President Park Geun-hye, said in an interview.

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Impoverished North Korea hates the drills in part because it must frequently respond with its own expensive displays of military might.

During last year's drills, the North successfully test-fired for the first time a submarine-launched ballistic missile ruler Kim Jong Un then praised as the "success of all successes." Shortly after the drills, the North carried out its fifth and biggest nuclear test, which it claimed was of a "standardized" warhead that could fit on a variety of its rockets.

During this year's war games in March, North Korea launched four extended-range Scud missiles into the sea in what it described as a rehearsal for striking U.S. military bases in Japan.

## MISSILE THREATS

It's almost certain that this year's drills will trigger some kind of reaction from North Korea. The question is how strong it will be.

Some experts say North Korea is mainly focused on the bigger picture of testing its bargaining power against the United States with its new long-range missiles and likely has no interest in letting things get too tense during the drills.

If this is right, expect the usual propaganda belligerence in state media or low-level provocations like artillery and short-range missile drills. Or perhaps the North could conduct its first submarine-launched ballistic missile test since last August, which, if successful, would allow it to demonstrate serious military capability without posing an immediate direct threat to the United States.

"North Korea has already flight-tested ICBMs twice this year and will probably take a wait-and-see approach to assess the impact of stronger pressure from the United States and China and maybe even seek an opportunity for talks, rather than quickly move forward with another test," said Moon Seong Mook, a former South Korean military official and current senior analyst for the Seoul-based Korea Research Institute for National Strategy.

But others think the North might use the drills as an excuse to conduct another ICBM test or maybe even act on its threat to lob missiles into the waters near Guam.

"North Korea is probably looking at all the cards it has to maximize pressure against the United States, and the drills provide a good opportunity to do it," Cheon said.

## WORRIES ABOUT THE FUTURE

There are calls in both the United States and South Korea for the allies to pause or downsize the joint military exercises to reduce strain and potentially persuade North Korea into talks to freeze its nuclear program.

David Wright, a U.S. analyst from the Union of Concerned Scientists, said in an emailed statement that the United States should "postpone or significantly restructure" the exercises to reduce the risk of military confrontation.

"Smart military planning means ensuring that exercises do not enflame an already tense situation," Wright said.

South Korea's Kyunghyang Shinmun newspaper said in an Aug. 11 editorial that the allies could gain a bargaining chip in efforts to persuade the North into meaningful nuclear talks by halting or scaling down the joint drills.

"The U.S.-South Korean drills aren't a sacred realm," the newspaper said, referring to the time that Washington and Seoul agreed to cancel their large-scale Team Spirit drills in the early 1990s to induce the North to join denuclearization talks.

These arguments might not win over South Korean conservatives whose main fear is that a fully functional ICBM in Pyongyang would eventually force the United States to consider a peace treaty with the North and also the removal of the tens of thousands of American soldiers stationed in South Korea.

While expressing a desire to reach out to the North, South Korea's liberal President Moon Jae-in has also ordered his military officials to schedule talks with the United States to increase the warhead limits on South Korean missiles, and his prime minister said recently that the country should also consider acquiring

nuclear-powered submarines to better cope with North Korean threats.

Some conservatives want more strength, however, and are calling for the United States to bring back the tactical nuclear weapons that were withdrawn from the South in the 1990s.

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## Trump dumps Bannon, who returns to conservative website

By JONATHAN LEMIRE and JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Steve Bannon, the blunt-spoken and divisive strategist who rose from Donald Trump's conservative campaign to a top White House post, was pushed out by the president Friday, capping a turbulent seven months marked by the departure of much of Trump's original senior staff.

A favorite in the farther-right portions of the Republican Party, Bannon had pressed Trump to follow through on some of his most contentious campaign promises, including his travel ban for some foreigners and his decision to pull out of the Paris climate change agreement. He returned as executive chairman to Breitbart News, which he led before joining Trump's campaign, and presided at its Friday evening editorial meeting, the news site announced.

Trump now has forced out his hard-line national security adviser, his chief of staff, his press secretary (whose last day will be Aug. 31) and two communications directors — in addition to the FBI director he inherited from President Barack Obama.

Bannon's departure is especially significant since he was viewed by many as Trump's connection to his base of most-committed voters and the protector of the disruptive, conservative agenda that propelled the celebrity businessman to the White House.

"It's a tough pill to swallow if Steve is gone because you have a Republican West Wing that's filled with generals and Democrats," former campaign strategist Sam Nunberg said shortly before the news of Bannon's departure broke. "It would feel like the twilight zone."

From Breitbart, there was a dramatic one-word warning.

"#WAR," tweeted Joel B. Pollak, a senior editor at large at the news site.

Indeed, Bannon's nationalistic, outsider conservatism served as a guiding force for Trump's rise to office. He injected a dark populism into the campaign and sharpened its attacks on Democrat Hillary Clinton, encouraging Trump's instinct to fight and counter-punch at every turn. When the release of a 2005 tape, in which Trump can be heard boasting about groping women, threatened to capsize the Republican's campaign, Bannon attempted to turn the tables by gathering a group of women who had accused Bill Clinton of sexual assault and trying to ambush the Democratic nominee at a general election debate.

Without him, Trump's agenda is left in the hands of more moderate advisers, including his son-in-law, his oldest daughter and his economic adviser, whom Bannon has slammed as "globalist."

But Bannon was also accused by many of his critics of leaking to reporters in a bid for self-promotion, and egging on Trump's most damaging impulses.

Trump spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said Bannon and chief of staff John Kelly, only recently installed himself, had agreed that Friday would be Bannon's last day.

"We are grateful for his service and wish him the best," she said in the only statement from the White House.

A combative and unorthodox Republican, Bannon was a contentious presence in a White House divided by warring staff loyalties. He repeatedly clashed with other top advisers, most notably Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner. His puppet-master image also drew the ire of the president, who at times bristled at the perception that Bannon was the mastermind of his winning campaign and the force behind White House policies.

One person close to Bannon said he had offered his resignation to Trump on Aug. 7. It was to go into effect a week later, the one-year anniversary of when he officially joined Trump's presidential campaign. But the departure was delayed after the violence in Charlottesville, Virginia, said the person, who spoke only on condition of anonymity to discuss private conversations.



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In fact, Bannon had been on shaky ground for weeks, and his job appeared in jeopardy when Kelly announced that he'd be embarking on a personnel review of West Wing staff.

Though Bannon had adopted a lower profile in recent weeks, he again became a flashpoint following criticism from the right of national security adviser H.R. McMaster, which some blamed on him, and Trump's refusal to blame white nationalists for the violence in Charlottesville.

Earlier this week, The American Prospect posted an interview in which Bannon contradicted Trump by saying there was no military solution to the threat posed by North Korea and its nuclear ambitions. Just last week, Trump pledged to answer North Korean aggression with "fire and fury."

Bannon also talked about purging his rivals from the Defense and State departments, as though he were in charge.

In recent remarks, the president downplayed Bannon's role in his campaign and passed up an opportunity to express confidence in him publicly.

"He's a good person. He actually gets very unfair press in that regard," Trump said earlier this week. "But we'll see what happens with Mr. Bannon."

Trump had recently signaled to confidants that he was going to dismiss Bannon but had not settled on a timeframe, according to another person who had discussed the matter with the president but was not authorized to speak publicly about private discussions and insisted on anonymity. Still, Bannon had been telling people as recently as this week that he believed his job was safe and he would leave only if fired.

Several sources said Bannon had been hinting for weeks that he might soon return to the helm of Breitbart News. At one point he casually discussed the matter as though it was a certainty, according to a Bannon associate who demanded anonymity to share private conversations.

Bannon told Bloomberg politics in an interview that he would continue to fight the same fights, just from outside the White House.

"If there's any confusion out there, let me clear it up: I'm leaving the White House and going to war for Trump against his opponents — on Capitol Hill, in the media, and in corporate America," Bannon told the outlet.

Still, Bannon told allies he intended to hold the administration accountable if it falters on campaign promises.

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## Charlottesville exposes new threat for college campuses

By **COLLIN BINKLEY** and **MICHAEL KUNZELMAN**, Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — On college campuses, white supremacists and other far-right extremist groups see fertile ground to spread their messages and recruit followers. But for many colleges, last weekend's deadly attack at a rally near the University of Virginia exposed a new threat.

The rally in Charlottesville left universities across the U.S. bracing for more clashes between extremists and the protesters who oppose them. It also left schools in an increasingly tight bind as they try to ensure campus safety in the face of recruiting efforts by white nationalist and neo-Nazi groups that have escalated beyond campus flyers and online messages, and to balance that with freedom of speech.

"People are getting more and more willing to go to the streets," said Sue Riseling, a former police chief at the University of Wisconsin-Madison who is executive director of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators. "It seems like what might have been a little in the shadows has come into full sun, and now it's out there and exposed for everyone to see."

On the eve of Saturday's rally, young white men wearing khakis and white polo shirts marched through the University of Virginia's campus, holding torches as they chanted racist and anti-Semitic slogans. The next morning, many donned helmets and shields and clashed with counter-protesters before a car drove into the crowd, killing a 32-year-old woman and injuring 19 others.

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Far-right groups have promised that more rallies will follow. On Monday, Texas A&M University canceled plans for a "White Lives Matter" rally in September. Two days later, the University of Florida denied a request for white nationalist Richard Spencer to rent space on campus for a September event. Spencer and his supporters are promising court challenges.

As colleges wonder which campus will be next, Riseling's group is organizing a series of training events in October to help campus police prepare.

"If you're sitting on a campus where this hasn't happened, consider this your wake-up call that it might," she said.

Last school year, racist flyers popped up on college campuses at a rate that experts called unprecedented. The Anti-Defamation League counted 161 white supremacist "flying incidents" on 110 college campuses between September and June. Oren Segal, director of the group's Center on Extremism, said the culprits can't be dismissed as harmless trolls.

"You might have a few that don't take it seriously. But those that do, those are the ones we're concerned about," Segal said.

Matthew Heimbach, the 26-year-old leader of the white nationalist Traditionalist Worker Party, admits that dropping leaflets on campuses is a cheap way to generate media coverage.

"A dollar worth of paper, if it triggers the right person, can become \$100,000 in media attention," he said.

As a student at Towson University in Maryland, Heimbach made headlines for forming a "White Student Union" — a group the school refused to formally recognize — and for scrawling messages like "white pride" in chalk on campus sidewalks. His college years are behind him, but Heimbach still views colleges as promising venues to expand his group's ranks. College students are running four of his group's chapters, he said.

"The entire dynamic has changed," Heimbach said. "I used to be the youngest person at white nationalist meetings by 20 or 30 years."

The Foundation for the Marketplace of Ideas, a self-described "alt-right" nonprofit educational group, says it's offering legal assistance to students caught hanging up posters or flyers containing "hate facts." The "alt-right" is a fringe movement loosely mixing white nationalism, anti-Semitism and anti-immigration populism.

One of the foundation's attorneys, Jason Van Dyke, said he represented a student at Southern Methodist University who was accused last year of posting flyers on campus that said, "Why White Women Shouldn't Date Black Men." The student wasn't suspended or expelled, Van Dyke added.

"Just because speech makes someone uncomfortable or offends somebody does not make it a violation of the student code of conduct," he said.

Scores of schools publicly denounced the violence in Virginia this week, including some that learned they enroll students who attended the "Unite the Right" rally.

The University of Nevada, Reno, said it stands against bigotry and racism but concluded there's "no constitutional or legal reason" to expel Peter Cvjetanovic, a 20-year-old student and school employee who attended the rally, as an online petition demanded.

Other schools, including Washington State University, condemned the rally but didn't specifically address their students who attended it.

Campus leaders say they walk a fine line when trying to combat messages from hate groups. Many strive to protect speech even if it's offensive but also recognize hate speech can make students feel unsafe. Some schools have sought to counter extremist messages with town halls and events promoting diversity. Others try to avoid drawing attention to hate speech.

After flyers promoting white supremacy were posted at Purdue University last school year, Purdue President Mitch Daniels refused to dwell on the incident.

"This is a transparent effort to bait people into overreacting, thereby giving a minuscule fringe group attention it does not deserve, and that we decline to do," Daniels said in a statement at the time.

Cameron Padgett, a 23-year-old senior at Georgia State University, only dabbled in campus activism before he decided to organize a speaking engagement for Spencer this year. Padgett sued — successfully — for Spencer to speak at Auburn University in April after the school tried to cancel the event.

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"My motivation from the beginning was just free speech," he said.

Padgett calls himself an "identitarian" — not a white nationalist — and insists "advocating for the interests of white people" doesn't make him a racist. Padgett said he hasn't faced harassment for working with Spencer and doesn't fear any.

"There are a lot of people who just sit behind keyboards," he said. "But what are we doing this for if no one wants to show their face?"

As a freshman at Boston University last year, Nicholas Fuentes looked for other students who shared his far-right views but mostly found political kinship online. The 19-year-old started his own YouTube show and spreads his views through social media. But when he heard about the "Unite the Right" rally in Virginia, he jumped at a chance to network in the real world.

"It was going from online to actually physically assembling somewhere," he said. "We shake hands, we look people in the eye. We actually have some solidarity in the movement."

Less than an hour after a car plowed into a crowd of counter-protesters, Fuentes posted a defiant Facebook post promising that a "tidal wave of white identity is coming."

After receiving online death threats following the rally, Fuentes has withdrawn from Boston University and hopes to head south to Auburn University in Alabama.

"I'm ready to return to my base, return to my roots," he said, "to rally the troops and see what I can do down there."

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## Soothing the nation? Trump struggles like no other president

By JULIE BYKOWICZ, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — For Susan Bro, mother of the woman killed at a rally organized by white supremacists, the president of the United States can offer no healing words.

She says the White House repeatedly tried to reach out to her on Wednesday, the day of Heather Heyer's funeral. But she's since watched President Donald Trump lay blame for the Charlottesville violence on "both sides."

"You can't wash this one away by shaking my hand and saying 'I'm sorry,'" she said in a television interview on Friday.

In moments like this, of national crisis or tragedy, presidents typically shed their political skin, at least briefly. They use the broad appeal of the presidency to unite and soothe, urging citizens to remember their humanity, their common bonds as Americans.

George W. Bush famously climbed atop a pile of rubble in New York City to speak through a bullhorn after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Barack Obama sang "Amazing Grace" during the eulogy for a black pastor killed in a racially motivated shooting in Charleston, South Carolina.

Like no other president in recent history, Trump has struggled with this part of his duties.

He talks about politics at odd moments — reminding Boy Scouts and Coast Guard graduates alike that he won the election and the media are out to get him — and has continued speaking to his core supporters with less effort to appeal to the rest of the country. The harsh language that turned off those who voted against him last year hasn't abated during his seven months in the White House, part of the reason his approval rating is locked in the 30s.

Trump's words on Charlottesville "caused racists to rejoice, minorities to weep, and the vast heart of America to mourn," the 2012 GOP presidential nominee Mitt Romney wrote on Facebook on Friday.

With CEOs fleeing after Trump's comments, he disbanded White House business councils. The entire membership of the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities resigned. On Friday, numerous

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charities were following the Cleveland Clinic in pulling business from his private Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida. And some Republican lawmakers who had hoped to work with Trump lambasted him — Sen. Bob Corker of Tennessee said Thursday the president has not shown he knows “the character of the nation.”

Separately, billionaire investor Carl Icahn informed Trump in a letter Friday that he was stepping down from his informal role advising the White House on its deregulation efforts. Icahn said his decision was based on conflict of interest concerns.

With many in his party and his White House reeling after the Charlottesville crisis, the president traveled from his Bedminster, New Jersey, golf club to Camp David for a national security meeting on Friday. For a second day, Trump had no public appearances planned.

Once again, Trump left it to his Twitter feed to show his mindset: On Thursday, he defended Confederate monuments and offered support to allies in Spain after terror attacks. Then he appeared to revive a grisly, debunked tale about a U.S. general’s brutal killing of Muslims. His Friday messages included the need for strong national security and retweets from a conservative talk show host who reassured him that supporters weren’t deserting him.

Trump has expressed no regrets about his Tuesday news conference that enraged many Americans and prompted Bro’s comments on Friday. Senior strategist Steve Bannon was one of the few to publicly support Trump’s comments as politically savvy. A divisive figure who shares Trump’s “America first” instincts, Bannon lost his job on Friday.

The White House isn’t saying whether Trump plans to travel to Charlottesville at any point.

Some in his Cabinet have tried to step into what are normally presidential shoes. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said Friday that racism is “evil” and that “hate is not an American value.”

An early example in his presidency showed how divisive he is — and why even in the most somber moments it can be difficult for him to effectively reach out.

He and his daughter Ivanka Trump quietly traveled Feb. 1 to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware for the return of the remains of a U.S. Navy SEAL killed during a raid in Yemen, William “Ryan” Owens. But the grieving family members had mixed feelings.

“I told them I didn’t want to make a scene about it, but my conscience wouldn’t let me talk to him,” the sailor’s father, Bill Owens, later told The Miami Herald.

But at the end of the month, Ryan Owens’ widow, Carryn, attended Trump’s address to Congress and wept as the president thanked her and said, “Ryan’s legacy is etched into eternity.”

Trump has shown his softer side at times. He explained that he had ordered a missile strike in Syria in part because of the images — “innocent babies, little babies” — he’d seen of the aftermath of a chemical attack that the U.S. concluded was the work of Syrian President Bashar Assad.

On Memorial Day at Arlington National Cemetery, Trump tenderly listened as a 6-year-old dressed in a tiny replica of a Marine uniform talked about his father, who’d died in a training accident when the boy was a baby.

And Trump has befriended Jamiel Shaw, whose namesake son was murdered by a man in the country illegally.

As president-elect, Trump traveled to Ohio State University 10 days after a man plowed his car into a crowd of people and then began stabbing some of them. The violence left about 13 people injured, and a campus police officer fatally shot the attacker.

Trump met privately with the officer and some of the victims. One of them, Marc Coons, who didn’t vote for Trump, was apprehensive about going — worried Trump might focus on the attacker, a Somali refugee.

“He didn’t say anything mean, and I give him credit for that,” the 30-year-old said. Coons was slashed near one of his shoulders but has recovered. One moment that sticks with him happened as he posed for a photo with Trump. He said the would-be president asked him whether he’d been “carred or knifed.”

“It struck me as a bit insensitive,” Coons said. “I just ignored it.”

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Associated Press news researcher Monika Mathur contributed to this report.



## Family: California man celebrating marriage killed in Spain

By JOCELYN GECKER, Associated Press

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. (AP) — California resident Jared Tucker and his new bride had just sent joyful pictures from their first trip to Europe, a vacation they'd saved for to celebrate their 1-year anniversary. The last pictures arrived a day before tragedy struck.

Tucker's family in Northern California learned Friday that he was among those killed in a deadly truck attack a day earlier in Barcelona, Spain, becoming the only known American fatality among 14 victims.

Tucker's father, Dan Tucker, stood outside his home in the San Francisco Bay Area town of Walnut Creek, scrolling through pictures on his phone in disbelief. One showed Jared frolicking in the ocean at a Barcelona beach, his arms raised above his head. Another shows Jared in sunglasses pretending to ride a statue of a lion.

"That's him just having a ball," his father said, choking up as he looked at the pictures. "Everybody is just shocked. What are the chances? That one person in the whole United States is the victim of terrorists and it's Jared."

Jared, 42, worked with his father in a family business remodeling swimming pools. He had "a magnetic personality and people loved him," his dad said. He liked to fish, play golf and other sports and he was deeply in love with his wife, Heidi-Nunes-Tucker, 40, a schoolteacher, his father said.

Betty Needham, who works at one of the companies Daniel Tucker owns, said she's known the younger Tucker for years.

"Once you meet him, you'd never forget him. He's always got a smile on his face. He's got a big smile and a big heart," she said. "It's a big loss here for us. He's leaving a big hole here."

Jared's sister, Tina Luke, told The Associated Press that Tucker and his wife had married a year ago and were celebrating their anniversary after having saved up for the trip.

They spent about four days in Paris and were to have stayed in Barcelona another four days with plans to return home on Saturday, his father said.

Nunes-Tucker told NBC News that the couple was having drinks at a patio in Barcelona on Thursday when her husband said he was going to the bathroom.

"Next thing I know, there's screaming, yelling," she said. "I got pushed inside the souvenir kiosk and stayed there hiding while everybody kept running by screaming."

Nunes-Tucker was notified by the U.S. Consulate which first showed her pictures of the victims and then took her to see his body, Tucker's father said.

The couple lived in Lafayette, the town next to his parents, where friends gathered outside the home. A neighbor, Diana Gray, described them as a "very happy, loving" couple.

Jared's father said he had been through a broken marriage and tough times but he was so happy lately.

"I've not seen him happier than he's been this last year," his father said softly. "The last week has probably been some of the happiest time of his life. That's the only consoling part — that he probably died happy," Dan Tucker said.

The State Department confirmed earlier Friday that at least one American was killed and one injured in the attacks in Barcelona and Cambrils, Spain.

In remarks to State Department staff on Friday, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson confirmed the death and expressed condolences to the victim's family. He said diplomats from the U.S. consulate in Barcelona are working with local authorities to identify victims and provide assistance to other Americans in need.

Jared Tucker leaves behind three daughters, his sister said in a message posted on a fundraising website.

"Pray for Jared and his family, pray for Barcelona, but most importantly pray that we can someday rid ourselves of the hate that takes our loved ones before their time," she wrote.

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Associated Press writer Amanda Lee Myers in Los Angeles also contributed to this report.

## Icahn steps down as unofficial Trump adviser

By JOSH BOAK, AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump has lost another informal adviser from the business world: billionaire investor Carl Icahn, who gave the White House guidance on its deregulation efforts.

Icahn said in a letter to Trump released Friday that he is stepping down to prevent “partisan bickering” about his unofficial role that Democrats suggested could benefit him financially. Trump lost a pair of business advisory councils on Wednesday over his inability to condemn the role white supremacists played in violence last weekend in Charlottesville, Virginia.

But Icahn — who made his name and fortune as a corporate raider in the 1980s — indicated that his resignation was due to criticism regarding the appearance of possible ethical conflicts.

“I never had access to nonpublic information or profited from my position, nor do I believe that my role presented conflicts of interest,” Icahn wrote.

He added that, out of an abundance of caution, he had limited his input to broad matters of policy about the oil-refining industry. Icahn controls a sizable stake in refiner CVR Energy. As an unofficial adviser, Icahn wasn’t required to submit financial records to the Office of Government Ethics to address any conflicts of interest.

Icahn also said he was stepping down because he didn’t want to cloud the work of Neomi Rao, who as head of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs is the administration’s point person on regulations.

On the campaign trail, Trump praised Icahn as the kind of tenacious dealmaker that he would bring into his administration.

At an August 2015 event in South Carolina, Trump called Icahn “one of the best” and indicated that he might be in charge of negotiating U.S. trade deals.

“If I put Carl in charge of Japan, ‘Carl, handle Japan trade deals,’” Trump said. “It’s over, just walk away, let him run the — oh, forget it. They even know that they don’t have a chance. OK? It’s over.”

## California tightens rules on popular pesticide for farmers

By SCOTT SMITH, Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — California is tightening the strictest rules in the nation on a pesticide that is popular with farmers over new health concerns, officials said Friday.

Farmers use chlorpyrifos (klor-PHIR-e-fos) to kill pests that attack a wide variety of crops like grapes, almonds and cotton grown in California, the nation’s agricultural leader, as well as across the country.

State officials are taking steps to put it on a list of chemicals known to be harmful to humans and to also increase the distance from schools and homes in which farmers can apply.

The moves run contrary to a decision by Scott Pruitt, the administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, to end his agency’s effort to ban the pesticide sold by Dow Chemical after federal scientists concluded it can interfere with the brain development of fetuses and infants.

Pruitt told Congress in June his decision was based on “meaningful data and meaningful science.” Pruitt’s staff has thus far declined to provide details of what information Pruitt reviewed before making his decision.

California officials say that researchers are learning more about how the pesticide harms the developing brains of unborn babies and young children. Farmers apply it to 60 different crops, and it is most heavily used in San Joaquin Valley farming communities.

“New information in the scientific community leads us to believe the level of risk it poses is greater than previously known,” California EPA Secretary Matthew Rodriguez said in a statement. “The actions we are taking today reflect our commitment to the health and safety of all Californians, and the environment.”

California already prohibits farmers from applying the pesticide within 150 feet (45 meters) of a school or home, but officials say that could be increased to 450 feet (135 meters).

A draft of the new rules was released Friday, and after a public comment period officials could begin to enforce them in September — with more regulations expected in late 2018. Methods of applying the pesticide from helicopters and airplanes may also be restricted.

Bob Blakely, vice president of California Citrus Mutual, said the use of chlorpyrifos is declining, but it remains an important resource for farmers. It is the only way to kill some pests, like ants, and is safe when used properly, he said.

"It's a tool we need to have in the tool box and the ability to use it in the unique situation where it fits," said Blakely, adding that he is still reviewing the new rules.

David Sousa, a spokesman for pesticide manufacturer Dow AgroSciences, called California regulators' new rules "overly conservative."

Environmental and farmworker advocates, however, say the rules don't go far enough. They called for an outright ban.

Paul Towers of the advocacy group Pesticide Action Network said that state officials need to more aggressively protect poor Latino farming communities.

"California officials have chosen to ignore the mountain of evidence and delay critical actions to protect California communities," he said. Officials are "failing to protect our most vulnerable populations, particularly pregnant women and children."

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Associated Press reporter Michael Biesecker contributed to this report from Washington, D.C.

## Barcelona's victims include US man celebrating anniversary

By JOHN LEICESTER, Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — The dead and injured in Barcelona were a snapshot of the world — men, women and children from nearly three dozen nations — testifying to the huge global appeal of the sun-kissed city.

Families, friends and government officials from Paris to Sydney, San Francisco to Berlin scrambled Friday to discover whether their loved ones and citizens were among those mowed down by suspected Islamic extremists who zig-zagged down Barcelona's always crowded Las Ramblas promenade in a van, killing 13 people and injuring 120 others.

A related attack early Friday morning in the popular Spanish seaside town of Cambrils, south of Barcelona, took the death toll to 14. Here is a look at some of the victims:

Jared Tucker, 42, USA

Jared Tucker has been confirmed as among those killed in a deadly truck attack in Barcelona, Spain, his family said Friday.

Jared Tucker's sister, Tina Luke, told The Associated Press that Tucker, 42, and his wife Heidi Nunes-Tucker were celebrating their first wedding anniversary with a visit to Barcelona.

Nunes-Tucker told NBC News that the couple were having drinks at a patio when her husband said he was going to the bathroom.

"Next thing I know, there's screaming, yelling," she said. "I got pushed inside the souvenir kiosk and stayed there hiding while everybody kept running by screaming."

Jared Tucker worked with his father at a family-owned pool business in the Bay Area since he was 16, Dan Tucker said.

In remarks to State Department staff on Friday, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson confirmed the death and expressed condolences to the victim's family.

Jared Tucker leaves behind three daughters, his sister said in a message posted on a fundraising website.

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Pepita Codina, 75, Spain

Pepita Codina's death was confirmed on Twitter and Instagram by Xavier Vilamala, the mayor of Hipolit de Voldrega, the town of 3,000 people where she was from near Barcelona.

Vilamala said on Twitter he was "very sad and distressed" by the news.

Local media reported that Codina's daughter, Elisabet, was injured in the attack, but is currently out of danger at Hospital del Marin Barcelona.

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Ana Maria Suarez, Spain

The Spanish Royal family sent condolences to Suarez's family in its Twitter account after Ana Maria died in the attack in the resort town of Cambrils.

According to local media, the woman was originally from the city of Zaragoza, and was on vacation with her family. Her husband and one of her sisters are injured in a hospital.

Francisco Lopez Rodriguez, Spain

One of his nieces, Raquel Baron Lopez, said on her Twitter account that Rodriguez, 60, died immediately when he was struck by the van.

"We are a broken family" Lopez posted on Twitter on Friday night.

The mayor of Lanteira, the southern town in Spain where Rodriguez was born, confirmed his death, as well as a delegate of the Spanish government in Granada who spoke with Spanish radio Cadena Ser.

While his age is not clear, relatives have told local media that Rodriguez was a 57-year-old machine operator who was strolling with his family along Las Ramblas when the attack occurred. His wife, badly injured in the attack, worked at a meat shop in Rubi, a nearby town where they both lived.

Bruno Gulotta, 35, Italy

A father from Legnano in northern Italy is being praised as a hero who protected his children during an attack in Barcelona.

One of his Gulotta's work colleagues, Pino Bruno, told the Italian news agency ANSA that he saved the life of his two young children — Alessandro, 6, and Aria, 7 months — by throwing himself between them and the van that mowed people down.

Bruno said he spoke to Gulotta's wife, Martina, and she told him her husband had been holding the 6-year-old's hand on the tourist-thronged avenue in Barcelona when "the van appeared suddenly."

"Everyone knelt down, instinctively, as if to protect themselves," Bruno said, adding that Gulotta put himself in front of his children and was fatally struck.

Gulotta was a sales manager for Tom's Hardware Italia, an online publication about technology. "Rest in peace, Bruno, and protect your loved ones from up high," read one tribute on the company's web site.

Luca Russo, 25, Italy

One of Italy's two victims in the Barcelona van attack is being mourned as a brilliant young engineer dragged to his death before his girlfriend's eyes.

A determined Luca Russo, 25, already had a job in electronic engineering, no easy feat in Italy, where youth unemployment runs stubbornly high.

"We were investing in him, we wanted to make him grow professionally," the Italian news agency ANSA quoted Stefano Facchinello, one of the partners in the Padua area company where Russo had worked for a year, as saying.

Facchinello praised Russo Friday as a "willing, precise and punctual young man. He made an impression on us for his rationality and determination."

Rosario Rizzuto, the rector at Padua University, where Russo studied, said the young man had "earned his degree brilliantly and got down to work."

The girlfriend, Marta Scomazzon, who was hospitalized with a fractured foot and elbow, told an aunt that "we were walking together, then the van came on top of us."

Elke Vanbockrijck, Belgium

Arnould Partoens, president of the KFC Heur Tongeren soccer team, said Vanbockrijck was at the club "nearly every day" ferrying her 10- and 14-year-old boys back and forth to training and matches. He described her as very committed.

"She was always positive," he said in a phone interview. He said the team would hold a minute of silence before every match and training session this weekend.



Partoens said the family was on vacation in Barcelona. The boys and their father, a policeman, were unhurt, he said.

"The mother was in the wrong moment and the wrong place," he said.

In a message of condolence on its Facebook page, the club said: "We deplore the death of Elke, the mother of two players from KFC Heur Tongeren. She was often at the club, and was committed to our club. We will always remember her as a happy woman, a caring mother and loving wife. Elke will be missed. Our deepest sympathy goes out to her two sons, her husband, family and loved ones."

Silvina Alejandra Pereyra, 40, Argentina and Spain

Argentina's Foreign Ministry says Pereyra, an Argentine-Spanish dual citizen who resided in Barcelona for the last 10 years, is among those who died.

It says in a statement that her death was confirmed through family members living in Bolivia after a cousin identified her body at a morgue in Barcelona.

The Argentine government expressed its deep regret over the pain caused to Pereyra's family and friends and said its diplomatic missions in Barcelona and Madrid are working to assist.

Lorne Cook in Brussels and Frances D'Emilio in Rome contributed.

## Trump studying options for new approach to Afghan war

By **ROBERT BURNS, AP National Security Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump is "studying and considering his options" for a new approach to Afghanistan and the broader South Asia region, the White House said Friday after the president huddled with his top national security aides at Camp David.

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders issued a brief statement saying Trump had been briefed extensively on a new strategy to "protect America's interests" in the region. She did not specifically mention Afghanistan.

"The president is studying and considering his options and will make an announcement to the American people, to our allies and partners, and to the world at the appropriate time," she said.

The administration has struggled for months to formulate a new approach to the war. But stepping up the fight in a way that advances peace prospects may be even more difficult, in part because the Taliban has been gaining ground and shown no interest in peace negotiations.

Trump met at the presidential retreat in nearby Maryland with Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, top intelligence agency officials and other top military and diplomatic aides. Mattis said earlier this week the administration was "very close" to finalizing a new approach.

The meeting participants did not include Steve Bannon, the Trump strategist who has clashed with other members of the national security team over how to proceed in Afghanistan. His resignation was announced at midday. Also excluded: Gen. Joseph Votel, the Central Command chief who is responsible for U.S. military operations in the greater Middle East, including Afghanistan. Votel told reporters traveling with him in the region this week that Mattis and Gen. Joseph Dunford, the Joint Chiefs chairman, represent him in the White House-led Afghanistan strategy review. Votel said he has not talked directly to Trump as part of the months-long review.

By retreating to the seclusion of Camp David in Maryland's Catoctin Mountains, Trump was taking an opportunity to regroup after a politically bruising week of criticism of his response to the deadly protests in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Solutions for Afghanistan, the longest war in American history, eluded the Obama administration and haven't come easily to Trump, who said almost nothing about the conflict during his presidential campaign. Since taking office, he has considered options ranging from walking away from the war to sending in additional troops. Abandoning Afghanistan is seen as unlikely in light of U.S. concerns about countering terrorism.

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In remarks at the State Department on Thursday, Mattis told reporters the Camp David talks "will move this toward a decision."

"We are coming very close to a decision, and I anticipate it in the very near future," he added.

Months ago the Pentagon settled on a plan to send about 3,800 additional troops to strengthen the Afghan army, which is stuck in what some call a deteriorating situation with the Taliban insurgency. Within in the White House, questions persist about the wisdom of investing further resources in the war. Even if the administration decides to add more troops, it's unclear whether they could get there quickly enough to make a difference in the current Afghan fighting season, which winds down in autumn.

The administration has said its Afghanistan strategy will be informed by a review of its approach to the broader region, including Pakistan and India. The Taliban have long used Pakistan as a sanctuary, complicating efforts to defeat the insurgency in Afghanistan and stabilize the country. The region includes other actors who pose political problems for Washington, including Iran, which has influence in western Afghanistan.

The outlook is clouded by the Afghan government's struggle to halt Taliban advances on its own. The U.S. Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction has said the Taliban hold sway in almost half the country.

Government forces also are battling an Islamic State affiliate that has carved out a foothold mostly in the east. Trump has vowed to crush IS, so its expansion in Afghanistan poses an additional challenge with no immediate solution. Just this week, a U.S. soldier was killed and nearly a dozen were wounded in combat with IS fighters.

The U.S. has about 8,400 troops in Afghanistan. Their primary roles are to train and advise Afghan forces and to hunt down and kill members of al-Qaida and other extremist groups.

Trump has expressed frustration at the prolonged fighting in Afghanistan. Earlier this summer he raised the idea of firing the top U.S. commander there, Gen. John Nicholson.

Asked this week if Trump has confidence in Nicholson, Mattis demurred. "Ask the president," he answered.

Trump is "looking at all aspects" of U.S. involvement in Afghanistan "as he must in his responsibilities as the commander in chief," Mattis said.

Nicholson was not participating in Friday's talks at Camp David.

Lawmakers in Congress also are frustrated by the war and the prolonged debate within the administration on how to break the stalemate. Last week, Republican Sen. John McCain declared that "America is adrift in Afghanistan." He proposed a war strategy that would expand the U.S. counterterrorism effort and provide greater support to Afghan security forces.

McCain said bluntly, "We are losing in Afghanistan, and time is of the essence if we intend to turn the tide."

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## State Department email restored after worldwide outage

By MATTHEW LEE, AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — State Department email service has been restored after a nearly 12-hour worldwide outage hit its entire unclassified system.

Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert said service resumed slowly shortly after midday Friday and was expected to be completely restored by late afternoon.

The outage began around 2 a.m. Friday morning and officials said it was not caused by human error and not "any external action or interference."

The department was forced to shut down its unclassified email systems in 2014 in what officials said at the time was routine maintenance. But it later emerged that the system had been compromised by hackers believed to be affiliated with Russia and that the maintenance explanation was a cover story.

## **Finnish police shoot man who stabs 8 people in Turku; 2 dead**

**By JARI TANNER, Associated Press**

HELSINKI (AP) — A man stabbed eight people Friday in Finland's western city of Turku, killing two of them, before police shot him in the thigh and detained him, police said. Authorities were looking for more potential suspects in the attack.

A suspect — who police said was "a youngish man with a foreign background" — was being treated in the city's main hospital but was in police custody. Security was being stepped up across the Nordic country, Interior Minister Paula Risikko told reporters at a news conference.

The man's identity and nationality were being investigated. Police said he is likely to have acted alone though it was not possible to completely rule out that other people were involved.

Police did not give any information on the two people killed or the conditions of those wounded in downtown Turku, 170 kilometers (106 miles) west of Helsinki, the capital.

Finland's top police chief, Seppo Kolehmainen, said it was too early to link the attack to international terrorism.

"Nothing is known about the motives ... or what precisely has happened in Turku," he said.

It was also not known if Friday's attack was linked to a decision in June by Finland's security agency to raise its threat assessment to the second level of a four-step scale. The Finnish Security Intelligence Service says the country's "stronger profile within the radical Islamist propaganda" led to the change. It said the Nordic country is now considered part of the coalition against the Islamic State group.

The Ilta-Sanomat tabloid said six people were injured in the attack, one man and five women, and that a woman with stroller had been attacked by a man with a large knife. Finnish broadcaster YLE said several people were seen lying on the ground in Puutori Square after the attack.

Witness Laura Laine told YLE she was about 20 meters (65 feet) away as the attack took place.

"We heard a young woman screaming. We saw a man on the square and a knife glittered. He was waving it in the air. I understood that he had stabbed someone," Laine was quoted as saying.

Finland's government was closely monitoring the police investigation into the attack, Prime Minister Juha Sipilä said.

Finnish President Sauli Niinistö arrived at Turku later Friday and condemned the attack as "a shocking and cowardly act."

"This attack touches us all deeply," said Niinistö, adding that the country's political leaders and security officials were doing their utmost "so that all Finns are able to feel safe."

For now, people were avoiding downtown Turku.

"Police have told us not to go to the city center, so we are in this coffee shop a few blocks away," said Vanessa Deggins, an American studying business at one of Turku's three universities, told The Associated Press. She didn't witness the attack, but heard emergency sirens going past.

"This is a safe country by American standards. I have gone home alone at 2-3 a.m. ... I feel safe," she said.

Jan M. Olsen in Copenhagen, Denmark, contributed to this report.

## **Sierra Leone death toll now up to 450 after mudslides**

**By LEKAN OYEKANMI, Associated Press**

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone (AP) — Rescue officials in Sierra Leone warned Friday that the chances of finding survivors in the debris of this week's mudslides "are getting smaller every day," as bereaved and homeless survivors faced the magnitude of all they have lost.

Burials and rescue efforts pressed on amid the threat of further disaster. Up to 450 bodies have been recovered in and around the capital, Freetown, after Monday's mudslides and flooding, according to Dr. Simeon Owiss Koroma, the government's chief consultant forensic pathologist. Some 600 others are miss-

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ing and feared dead.

At least 122 of the victims are children, and a similar number have been orphaned by the disaster, the aid group Save the Children said.

Sayo Jalloh, who lost a son, a brother and 15 other family members, has been too numb to mourn. At a camp for those made homeless in the hard-hit Regent neighborhood, she has been having trouble sleeping and pleads with her traumatized daughter to eat.

"I just keep wondering why I don't see them or even dream about them," she said of her lost relatives. "It just seems like when someone has travelled. I can't even locate the house where used to live anymore, other than to just point at the area."

Burials have begun in a cemetery that holds victims of the 2014-15 Ebola outbreak that killed thousands in the West African country.

Many people have been unable to find loved ones and victims often are too mangled and decomposed to be identified. But the government has vowed to hold burials for all.

"The death toll is climbing by the day," Elhadj As Sy, secretary-general of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, told reporters in Geneva, adding that the disaster is "way beyond the capacity of the government alone."

The threat of further mudslides continues. The government has warned residents to evacuate a mountainside where a large crack has opened. Rainfall is in the forecast for the coming days, slowing recovery efforts.

Some critics accuse the government of not learning from past disasters in a city where many poor areas are near sea level and lack good drainage. The capital is also plagued by unregulated construction on its hillsides.

The government's main focus right now is getting people away from areas still under threat, Zuliatu Cooper, the deputy minister of health and sanitation, told The Associated Press.

"The rains are still pending and there is a possibility that we will have another incident," he said.

Some parts of the capital are without clean drinking water because of damage to pipelines. Malaria is also a concern, as many of the estimated 3,000 homeless are sleeping without mosquito nets.

Jalloh and her surviving family members are among them.

"I am just imagining where we live now — on empty ground? My body is paining me," she said.

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Associated Press writers Clarence Roy-Macaulay in Freetown and Jamey Keaten in Geneva contributed.

## Tillerson condemns hate speech, says bigotry is un-American

By MATTHEW LEE, AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Rex Tillerson on Friday condemned hate speech and bigotry as un-American and antithetical to the values on which the U.S. was founded and promotes abroad. He also lamented a lack of diversity in the U.S. diplomatic corps and pledged to increase minority hiring.

In his most extensive comments on race and diversity since last weekend's violence in Charlottesville, Virginia, and the ensuing rhetorical fallout that has embroiled the country, Tillerson called racism "evil." He said freedom of speech is sacrosanct but that those who promote hate poison the public discourse and damage the country.

"Hate is not an American value," he told interns and young State Department staffers, including minorities involved in special recruiting programs. "We do not honor, nor do we promote or accept hate speech in any form and those who embrace it poison our public discourse and they damage the very country that they claim to love."

"Racism is evil," Tillerson said. "It is antithetical to America's values, it is antithetical to the American idea." He then quoted George Washington speaking to a synagogue about the dangers of discrimination and Abraham Lincoln speaking about the need to unite the nation.

Tillerson, who has been criticized by former diplomats and the foreign policy experts for maintaining a



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hiring freeze at the department that also affected minority recruiting, also pledged to diversify the overwhelmingly white and male ranks of the senior diplomatic corps.

He said it was unacceptable that only 12 percent of the senior foreign service is non-white and only one-third women. And, he stressed that the hiring freeze is only temporary and would be lifted with minority recruitment programs remaining in place and being bolstered.

"As the arm of the U.S. government representing America around the world, the U.S. State Department should be a clear display of America's values and our people, not just in our mission but in the composition of our work force," he said. "We have a great diversity gap in the State Department. We need a State Department that reflects the American people, reflects who we are. The State Department must redouble our efforts to increase diversity at the highest ranks of the department."

To that end, he said the department would expand minority recruiting and that he was requiring that at least one minority candidate be considered for every open ambassadorship.

## **Pentagon chief to visit Ukraine amid tensions with Russia**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon says Defense Secretary Jim Mattis will visit Ukraine next week to reassure government leaders that the U.S. does not accept Russia's annexation of Ukraine's Crimea region.

The visit comes as the Trump administration considers plans to give Ukraine lethal weaponry, a plan endorsed by the Pentagon and the State Department.

A Pentagon statement Friday said Mattis will reassure Ukraine that the U.S. is "firmly committed to the goal of restoring Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity."

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson visited Ukraine in July.

The Obama administration had rejected arming the Ukrainian army, arguing that it could worsen the violence that began in 2014.

Mattis will visit Kiev on the last stop of a weeklong trip that also will include stops in Jordan and Turkey.

## **Red Sox owner wants to rename Yawkey Way for David Ortiz**

**By JIMMY GOLEN, AP Sports Writer**

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Red Sox will ask the city to rename Yawkey Way, the street alongside Fenway Park, to change what owner John Henry called a haunting reminder of the ballclub's history of racial intolerance.

Henry told the Boston Herald on Thursday that he welcomes changing the name of the street that honors his predecessor Tom Yawkey, an inductee in the baseball Hall of Fame. It's also the mailing address for the ballpark and team offices.

Under Yawkey, who owned the club from 1933-76, the Red Sox were the last team in the major leagues to cross the color barrier in 1959. The team chose not to sign black players, including Jackie Robinson and Willie Mays.

"It's a continuation of John's strong feelings about tolerance and inclusion and making sure that everyone in Boston and New England feels welcome at Fenway Park," Red Sox president Sam Kennedy told The Associated Press. "This is just the beginning of a process that will involve the community."

Henry did not immediately respond to a message from the AP seeking comment.

Kennedy said a change would require a discussion among the property owners along Yawkey Way. In addition to the Red Sox, that would mean the owner of a large souvenir stand across the street from Fenway Park, as well as a hamburger restaurant on the corner, he said. (The owners of the souvenir shop told the Herald they would not be opposed to a name change.)

"The different property owners would need to get together and discuss this," Kennedy said. "You need a consensus to petition the city."

Henry told the paper he would like to see the street renamed for David Ortiz; the city has already named an extension of the road after the former Red Sox slugger, who retired last year.

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Yawkey came into his inheritance in 1933 at the age of 30 and promptly bought into the all-white sport of major league baseball.

Then he did what he could to keep it that way.

As other teams abandoned the color barrier, the Red Sox held out, giving Robinson a tryout and scouting Mays but opting to sign neither. The club eventually signed Pumpsie Green as its first black player in 1959 — more than a decade after Robinson debuted for the Brooklyn Dodgers and after Willie O'Ree took the ice for the Boston Bruins as the first black player in the NHL.

Yawkey owned the club until his death in 1976, when his wife, Jean, took control. She died and left the ballclub in the care of a foundation that bore their name; trustee John Harrington ran the team until it was sold to Henry and his partners in 2002.

"When we got here in 2002, one of the first things (Henry) did was acknowledge the shameful past in terms of race relations and inclusion," Kennedy said.

Still, the team has struggled to accomplish its goal of making Fenway more welcoming to minorities.

In May, Orioles outfielder Adam Jones said a fan called him a racist slur ; Kennedy apologized. The same week, a fan was banned from the ballpark for life for using a variant of the N-word while speaking to another fan about the national anthem singer.

The Red Sox also distanced themselves from their flagship radio broadcaster, WEEI, where hosts doubted Jones' version of the events; former Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling also said Jones was lying.

Henry told the Herald that he had previously approached the city before about changing the name, but then-mayor Tom Menino "did not want to open what they saw as a can of worms." The Yawkey Foundation, which was funded largely by the \$700 million Henry's group paid for the team, has been a philanthropic force in Boston for the past 15 years.

"The Yawkey Foundation has done a lot of great things over the years that have nothing to do with our history," Henry told the paper.

Among the things in Boston named for Yawkey are an athletic building at Boston College and the Red Sox Most Valuable Player Award bestowed by the local chapter of the Baseball Writers Association of America.

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## NASA, PBS marking 40 years since Voyager spacecraft launches

By **MARCIA DUNN, AP Aerospace Writer**

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Forty years after blasting off, Earth's most distant ambassadors — the twin Voyager spacecraft — are carrying sounds and music of our planet ever deeper into the cosmos.

Think of them as messages in bottles meant for anyone — or anything — out there.

This Sunday marks the 40th anniversary of NASA's launch of Voyager 2, now almost 11 billion miles distant. It departed from Cape Canaveral on Aug. 20, 1977 to explore Jupiter and Saturn.

Voyager 1 followed a few weeks later and is ahead of Voyager 2. It's humanity's farthest spacecraft at 13 billion miles away and is the world's only craft to reach interstellar space, the vast mostly emptiness between star systems. Voyager 2 is expected to cross that boundary during the next few years.

Each carries a 12-inch, gold-plated copper phonograph record (there were no CDs or MP3s back then) containing messages from Earth: Beethoven's Fifth, chirping crickets, a baby's cry, a kiss, wind and rain, a thunderous moon rocket launch, African pygmy songs, Solomon Island panpipes, a Peruvian wedding song and greetings in dozens of languages. There are also more than 100 electronic images on each record showing 20th-century life, traffic jams and all.

NASA is marking the anniversary of its back-to-back Voyager launches with tweets, reminisces and still captivating photos of Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune taken by the Voyagers from 1979 through the 1980s.

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Public television is also paying tribute with a documentary, "The Farthest - Voyager in Space," airing Wednesday on PBS at 9 p.m. EDT.

The two-hour documentary describes the tense and dramatic behind-the-scenes effort that culminated in the wildly successful missions to our solar system's outer planets and beyond. More than 20 team members are interviewed, many of them long retired. There's original TV footage throughout, including a lookback at the late astronomer Carl Sagan of the 1980 PBS series "Cosmos." It also includes an interview with Sagan's son, Nick, who at 6 years old provided the English message: "Hello from the children of Planet Earth."

Planetary scientist Carolyn Porco — who joined Voyager's imaging team in 1980 — puts the mission up there with man's first moon landing.

"I consider Voyager to be the Apollo 11 of the planetary exploration program. It has that kind of iconic stature," Porco, a visiting scholar at the University of California, Berkeley, told The Associated Press on Thursday.

It was Sagan who, in large part, got a record aboard each Voyager. NASA was reluctant and did not want the records eclipsing the scientific goals. Sagan finally prevailed, but he and his fellow record promoters had less than two months to rustle everything up.

The identical records were the audio version of engraved plaques designed by Sagan and others for Pioneers 10 and 11, launched in 1972 and 1973.

The 55 greetings for the Voyager Golden Records were collected at Cornell University, where Sagan taught astronomy, and the United Nations in New York. The music production fell to science writer Timothy Ferris, a friend of Sagan living then in New York.

For the musical selections, Ferris and Sagan recruited friends along with a few professional musicians. They crammed in 90 minutes of music recorded at half-speed; otherwise it would have lasted just 45 minutes.

How to choose from an infinite number of melodies and melodious sounds representing all of Earth?

Beethoven, Bach and Mozart were easy picks. Louis Armstrong and His Hot Seven represented jazz, Blind Willie Johnson gospel blues.

For the rock 'n' roll single, the group selected Chuck Berry's 1958 hit "Johnny B. Goode." Bob Dylan was a close runner-up, and the Beatles also rated high. Elvis Presley's name came up (Presley died four days before Voyager 2's launch). In the end, Ferris thought "Johnny B. Goode" best represented the origins and creativity of rock 'n' roll.

Ferris still believes it's "a terrific record" and he has no "deep regrets" about the selections. Even the rejected tunes represented "beautiful materials."

"It's like handfuls of diamonds. If you're concerned that you didn't get the right handful or something, it's probably a neurotic problem rather than anything to do with the diamonds," Ferris told the AP earlier this week.

But he noted: "If I were going to start into regrets, I suppose not having Italian opera would be on that list."

The whole record project cost \$30,000 or \$35,000, to the best of Ferris' recollection.

NASA estimated the records would last 1 billion to 3 billion years or more — potentially outliving human civilization.

For Ferris, it's time more than distance that makes the whole idea of finders-keepers so incomprehensible.

A billion years from now, "Voyager could be captured by an advanced civilization of beings that don't exist yet ... It's literally imponderable what will happen to the Voyagers," he said.

## A midday rally fades as sporting goods stocks are penalized

By MARLEY JAY, AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks slumped in the final minutes of trading Friday and ended a rough week with more losses. Bad news from sporting goods retailers weighed on the market.

A day before, stocks had taken their biggest loss in three months. They opened lower after retailers Foot Locker and Hibbett Sports gave dour quarterly reports. The losses eased and stocks briefly turned

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higher following reports that President Donald Trump's chief strategist, Steve Bannon, left his White House post. Investors felt that makes it a bit more likely the administration can achieve at least some of its pro-business agenda.

Major stock indexes are at their lowest levels since early July as investors respond to tensions between the U.S. and North Korea, two terrorist in Spain on Thursday, and mounting challenges to the Trump agenda of tax cuts, infrastructure spending and reduced regulation. But the market hasn't had a severe reaction to all that news. The Standard & Poor's 500 index is only 2.2 percent below the record high it set earlier this month.

"There is a tremendous amount of optimism that is supporting the market even in the face of extraordinary stress," said Brad McMillan, chief investment officer at Commonwealth Financial Network. "The question is, will politics pull that down? And the answer seems to be no, because the market has learned not to pay that much attention."

The S&P 500 lost 4.46 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,425.55. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 76.22 points, or 0.3 percent, to 21,674.51. The Nasdaq composite shed 5.39 points, or 0.1 percent, to 6,216.53. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks gave up 1.15 point, or 0.1 percent, to 1,357.79. The index has fallen 6 percent since July 25.

Athletic gear retailer Foot Locker plunged to its biggest loss in almost nine years. The company said some high-priced sneakers didn't sell as well as it hoped, and there aren't a lot of exciting new shoes on the market. It doesn't expect that problem to clear up soon and it now plans to close at least 135 stores, up from 100. The stock dropped \$13.32, or 27.9 percent, to \$34.38 in heavy trading.

Hibbett Sports cut its annual forecasts and its stock fell 60 cents, or 5.2 percent, to \$10.90. It's down 71 percent this year, and Foot Locker has fallen 52 percent. Companies that make athletic goods also lost ground, and Nike sank \$2.51, or 4.4 percent, to \$54.95. Real estate companies that own shopping malls and other retail locations also fell. Simon Property Group, which declined \$3.62, or 2.3 percent, to \$153.58.

Deere tumbled after its sales in the fiscal third quarter came in lower than investors hoped. The company's profit got a large boost after the company sold some of its stake in SiteOne Landscape Supply, and analysts said they were disappointed with the company's equipment sales. The stock dropped \$6.67, or 5.4 percent, to \$117.31.

Energy companies rose as benchmark U.S. crude oil jumped \$1.42, or 3 percent, to \$48.51 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, the international standard, added \$1.69, or 3.3 percent, to \$52.72 a barrel in London.

Beauty products company Estee Lauder jumped after its fiscal fourth-quarter results surpassed Wall Street's expectations. The company also gave strong forecasts for the current fiscal year. Its stock gained \$7.60, or 7.7 percent, to \$105.92. Competitor Ulta Beauty picked up \$2.77, or 1.1 percent, to \$244.20.

Concerns about the prospects for Trump's pro-business agenda, including tax cuts and infrastructure spending, weighed on the market this week as the president and the administration were criticized for their response to last weekend's violence in Charlottesville, Virginia.

"When you see Congressmen and Senators, including people who've been close with President Trump, backing away, that means Congress is going to have a tougher road," said McMillan.

Stock indexes in Europe fell further as violence in Spain continued. On Thursday, a van plowed into pedestrians in Barcelona and killed 13 people. Later, a group of people used a car to hit tourists and locals at a seaside resort town, and one woman was killed. Spain's Ibex 35 lost 0.6 percent and the British FTSE 100 index declined 0.9 percent. France's CAC 40 fell 0.6 percent and the German DAX closed down 0.1 percent.

Bond prices finished about where they started. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note remained at 2.19 percent.

Early on, gold rose to its highest price since before the presidential election in November, but it finished down 80 cents at \$1,291.60 an ounce. Silver dipped 5 cents to \$17 an ounce. Copper remained at \$2.94 a pound.

In other energy trading, wholesale gasoline rose 4 cents to \$1.62 a gallon. Heating oil added 4 cents to \$1.62 a gallon. Natural gas lost 4 cents to \$2.89 per 1,000 cubic feet.



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The dollar fell to 109.26 yen from 109.67 yen. The euro rose to \$1.1760 from \$1.1742.

In Asia, Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 index lost 1.2 percent and the Kospi in South Korea shed 0.1 percent. Hong Kong's Hang Seng sank 1.1 percent.

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## Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Saturday, Aug. 19, the 231st day of 2017. There are 134 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 19, 1942, during World War II, about 6,000 Canadian and British soldiers launched a disastrous raid against the Germans at Dieppe, France, suffering more than 50-percent casualties.

On this date:

In A.D. 14, Caesar Augustus, Rome's first emperor, died at age 76 after a reign lasting four decades; he was succeeded by his stepson Tiberius.

In 1812, the USS Constitution defeated the British frigate HMS Guerriere off Nova Scotia during the War of 1812, earning the nickname "Old Ironsides."

In 1814, during the War of 1812, British forces landed at Benedict, Maryland, with the objective of capturing Washington D.C.

In 1918, "Yip! Yip! Yaphank," a musical revue by Irving Berlin featuring Army recruits from Camp Upton in Yaphank, New York, opened on Broadway.

In 1934, a plebiscite in Germany approved the vesting of sole executive power in Adolf Hitler.

In 1936, the first of a series of show trials orchestrated by Soviet leader Josef Stalin began in Moscow as 16 defendants faced charges of conspiring against the government (all were convicted and executed).

In 1955, torrential rains caused by Hurricane Diane resulted in severe flooding in the northeastern U.S., claiming some 200 lives.

In 1964, The Beatles opened their first full-fledged U.S. tour as they performed at San Francisco's Cow Palace.

In 1976, President Gerald R. Ford won the Republican presidential nomination at the party's convention in Kansas City.

In 1980, 301 people aboard a Saudi Arabian L-1011 died as the jetliner made a fiery emergency return to the Riyadh airport.

In 1987, a gun collector ran through Hungerford, England, 60 miles west of London, killing 16 people, including his mother, before turning his gun on himself.

In 1991, Soviet hard-liners stunned the world by announcing that President Mikhail S. Gorbachev had been removed from power. (The coup attempt collapsed two days later.)

Ten years ago: Hurricane Dean, which had already killed eight people on its destructive march across the Caribbean, pummeled Jamaica with gusting winds and torrential rains as a Category 4 storm. French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner paid an unannounced and highly symbolic visit to Baghdad — the first by a senior French official since the war started. Elvira Arellano (el-VEE'-ruh ah-ray-AH'-noh), an immigrant without legal status who'd taken refuge in a Chicago church to avoid being separated from her U.S.-born son, was deported to Mexico. (Arellano eventually made her way back to the U.S. and was paroled by immigration authorities in March 2014; her case remains under review.)

Five years ago: Missouri Congressman Todd Akin, the conservative Republican U.S. Senate candidate, said in an interview on KTVI-TV in St. Louis that it was "really rare" for women to become pregnant when they were raped. (Akin afterwards backed off his on-air comments, saying that he'd misspoken; Akin lost the November election to Democratic incumbent Claire McCaskill.) NATO said a man in an Afghan police

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uniform shot and killed an international service member, raising the death toll to 10 in such attacks in the space of just two weeks. Tony Scott, 68, director of such Hollywood hits as "Top Gun," and "Days of Thunder," jumped to his death from a suspension bridge over Los Angeles Harbor.

One year ago: The Obama administration defended its decision to make a \$400 million cash delivery to Iran contingent on the release of American prisoners, saying the payment wasn't ransom because the Islamic Republic would have soon recouped the money one way or another. Usain Bolt scored another sweep at the Rio Games, winning three gold medals in his third consecutive Olympics by turning a close 4x100 relay race against Japan and the United States into a typical, Bolt-like runaway, helping Jamaica cross the line in 37.27 seconds. Allyson Felix won an unprecedented fifth gold medal in women's track and field, running the second leg of the 4x100-meter relay team. Actor Jack Riley, 80, died in Los Angeles.

Today's Birthdays: Actor L.Q. Jones is 90. Actress Debra Paget is 84. USTA Eastern Tennis Hall of Famer Renee Richards is 83. Former MLB All-Star Bobby Richardson is 82. Actress Diana Muldaur is 79. Rock musician Ginger Baker (Cream, Blind Faith) is 78. Singer Johnny Nash is 77. Actress Jill St. John is 77. Singer Billy J. Kramer is 74. Country singer-songwriter Eddy Raven is 73. Rock singer Ian Gillan (Deep Purple) is 72. Former President Bill Clinton is 71. Actor Gerald McRaney is 70. Tipper Gore, wife of former Vice President Al Gore, is 69. Actor Jim Carter is 69. Pop singer-musician Elliot Lurie (Looking Glass) is 69. Rock musician John Deacon (Queen) is 66. Bluegrass musician Marc Pruett (Balsam Range) is 66. Actor-director Jonathan Frakes is 65. Political consultant Mary Matalin is 64. Actor Peter Gallagher is 62. Actor Adam Arkin is 61. Singer-songwriter Gary Chapman is 60. Actor Martin Donovan is 60. Pro Football Hall-of-Famer Anthony Munoz is 59. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ivan Neville is 58. Actor Eric Lutes is 55. Actor John Stamos is 54. Actress Kyra Sedgwick is 52. Actor Kevin Dillon is 52. Country singer Lee Ann Womack is 51. TV reporter Tabitha Soren is 50. Country singer-songwriter Mark McGuinn is 49. Actor Matthew Perry is 48. Country singer Clay Walker is 48. Rapper Fat Joe is 47. Olympic gold medal tennis player Mary Joe Fernandez is 46. Actress Tracie Thoms is 42. Actor Callum Blue is 40. Country singer Rissi (REE'-see) Palmer is 36. Actress Erika Christensen is 35. Actress Melissa Fumero is 35. Pop singer Missy Higgins is 34. Actor Peter Mooney is 34. Actress Tammin Sursok is 34. Country singer Karli Osborn is 33. Olympic silver medal snowboarder Lindsey Jacobellis is 32. Actor J. Evan Bonifant is 32. Rapper Romeo is 28.

Thought for Today: "Being an intellectual creates a lot of questions and no answers." — Janis Joplin, American rock singer (1943-1970).