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Senior Menu: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, buttermilk biscuit, banana pudding with bananas.

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

United Methodist: Wednesday Coffee, 9 a.m.

Pool Hours: Open Swim 1-4:50; Lap Swim 5-5:45; Aerobics 5:45-6:30; Open Swim 6:40-8:00.

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Senior Menu: Hot pork sandwich, cucumber salad, baked beans, ice cream.

10 a.m.: Boys golf at Redfield

6 p.m.: Volleyball hosts Deuel with C/JV matches at 6 p.m.

Pool Hours: Open Swim 1-4:50; Lap Swim 5-5:45; Aerobics 5:45-6:30; Open Swim 6:40-8:00.

Official Notices

Westport Town (updated 8-21-17)

Other Notices (updated 8-21)

Brown County (updated 8-15)

Frederick Town (Updated 8-15)

Groton City (updated 8-8)

Groton Area School (updated 8-7)

Frederick Area School 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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"No great
achievement
is possible
without
persistent
hard work."

-Bertrand Russell

How will Soybeans with Dicamba Drift or Contamination Impact Yields

BROOKINGS, S.D. - During 2017 Dakotafest, the most frequently asked question Paul O. Johnson, SDSU Extension Weed Science Coordinator received from growers was: "How will soybean fields affected by dicamba drift or sprayer contamination yield?"

"It would be nice if there was a formula that could be used to determine that answer but unfortunately, that is wishful thinking," Johnson said. "Trying to predict soybean yield response to observed short-term plant injury symptoms caused by dicamba injury is nearly impossible."

However, Johnson added there are some things growers should consider which may be useful in answering the question.

First, examine the growing point of the soybean plant.

"Continued development of new leaves is a positive sign," he said. "Historically, when dicamba injury was noted on soybean before June 15, and if the growing point remained healthy, it was very likely no yield reduction would be noted."

If the growing point was damaged, Johnson said, based on historical data, a yield reduction was likely.

"Throughout most of the fields I have scouted this year, the growing point is still intact," he said. "However, many dicamba applications occurred this year after June 15. And, no credible information exists on the potential yield reduction to soybean when dicamba injury happens after June 15."

Dicamba injury can also delay soybean maturity, which can place the crop at risk if there is an early frost.

Past research conducted at SDSU, in the late 1970s, by Auch looked at the yield impact of dicamba injury to soybean.

"In many cases, soybean yield was decreased. In other situations, a yield increase was recorded from dicamba-damaged soybean," Johnson said. "However, soybean response to dicamba injury was highly rate-specific and environmentally dependent."

At harvest, Johnson encourages soybean growers to consider documenting areas of the field that appear to have low, medium, and high foliar injury symptoms.

"Today's yield monitor technology will show a possible answer to the question of yield impact," he said.

Help Wanted

Full- or part-time for the following positions: Healthcare workers for Nurse's-RN or LPN, and Nursing Assistants, Dietary Cook and assistant, and Housekeeper. (12 hour shifts/rotating weekends for nurses and C.N.A.s)

Contact Jessica Lindskov or Nellie Peterson at 605-397-2365 or apply in person.

EOE/AA/M/F/V/D-Drug Free Workplace



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605-397-2365

WorkWise at the Worksite: An Employee Financial Wellness Program

BROOKINGS, S.D. - WorkWise at the Worksite is an employee financial wellness program developed by SDSU Extension that can be tailored to fit the needs of your employees.

"Even though a steady income is a measure of financial security, many employees may still experience financial stress," said Lorna Saboe-Wounded Head, SDSU Extension Family Resource Management Field Specialist.



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PSA: Courtesy Merle
Anderson (Merle is 94
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and legendary ethanol
supporter.. "because it is
the right thing to do")**

She cites the 2016 Financial industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Investor Education Foundation's National Financial Capability Study which found that 21 percent of Americans - more than one in five - have unpaid medical debt, almost one-third or 29 percent of 18 to 34-year-olds have been late with a mortgage payment and half of study respondents reported not having an emergency fund that could cover expenses for three months.

"These statistics provide insight into personal stresses that employees may bring to the workplace, which could affect their productivity," Saboe-Wounded Head said. "Research has shown that providing financial educating in the workplace improved employees' financial well-being."

WorkWise at the Worksite

Saboe-Wounded Head developed the WorkWise at the Worksite financial wellness program for the workplace. A 2017 pilot of this program was put on in two South Dakota organizations.

"Because of the program, employees reported an increase in financial knowledge and intention to develop or revise an existing budget, start an emergency savings account, and make a plan for their tax refund," said Saboe-Wounded Head, quoting survey results.

The program includes online webinars presented to employees which covered the following topics:

- Budgeting
- Planning for irregular expenses
- Tax planning
- Predatory lending
- Credit reports and scores.

WorkWise at the Worksite programs can be presented online or face-to-face. SDSU Extension will work with worksites to ensure employees can attend a scheduled session or view recordings on their own.

The cost of the program will be determined by the number of sessions, method of programming and number of participants.

To learn more, contact Lorna Saboe-Wounded Head at Lorna.woundedhead@sdstate.edu.

You Need a Financial Counselor or Coach, Here's How to Choose One

BROOKINGS, S.D. - No matter where you are in your financial life, chances are you could benefit from financial education and support.

"Even in today's environment of instant access to information, people often have trouble knowing what information to trust and who to turn to for financial advice," said Lorna Saboe-Wounded Head, SDSU Extension Family Resource Management Field Specialist.

For individuals and families who don't know where to begin, Saboe-Wounded Head encouraged them to look for a professional accredited with the Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education® (AFCPE®).

"AFCPE® is one of the most respected organizations offering certifications in the field of financial counseling, coaching, and education," Saboe-Wounded Head said.

She explained that AFCPE® is unique because it works to ensure that individuals and families can navigate the "alphabet soup" and have access to the highest standard of financial advice, at any stage of life.

Either Accredited Financial Counselors® or Financial Fitness Coaches™ are great resources. "Both types of professionals can help you get your financial bearings, tackle an immediate financial crisis, overcome debt, grow your savings, manage student loans, build a sound financial foundation and even refer you to a different type of trusted financial professional when your needs change," she said.

She added. "By becoming an informed consumer, you can choose a financial counselor or coach who is the best possible fit for your financial situation and your life."

Whether it be an Accredited Financial Counselor® (AFC®), a Financial Fitness Coach™ (FFC™) or another reputable certified financial professional, asking questions is a necessary first step to making the best choice to meet your needs and goals.

Before selecting a financial professional, here are some important questions to ask:

What experience do you have? Ask for a brief description of financial professionals' work experience and how it relates to their current practice. Do they have strong experience helping people in a situation that is similar to your own?

Is there an oversight body requiring ongoing education and ethics? Ask about the credentials your professional holds and learn how he or she stays up to date with current changes and developments in the personal finance field.

What services do you offer? Credentials, Licenses, and areas of expertise are all factors that determine the services a financial professional can offer. Financial counselors and coaches do not sell insurance or securities products, such as mutual funds or stocks. They also do not typically offer investment advice unless registered with state or federal authorities.

What is your approach? Make sure the professional's philosophy and approach align with your needs and values. You also may consider your financial professional's personality and communication style. Standard wisdom on seeking the advice of financial professionals often overlooks the importance of personal compatibility.

What types of clients do you typically work with? Some financial professionals prefer to work with clients whose assets fall within a particular range, so it's important to make sure that the counselor or coach is

a good fit for your individual financial situation.

How much do you charge? The financial counselor or coach should be able to provide you with an estimate of possible costs based on the work to be performed.

How will I pay for your services? Financial professionals can be paid in several ways. As part of your written agreement, your financial counselor should make it clear how they will be paid for the services to be provided.

Do others stand to gain from the financial advice you give me? Ask the professional to provide you with a description of any conflicts of interest in writing.

Ask for more background. Consider requesting a referral. Also, consider asking whether the professional has ever been disciplined for any unlawful or unethical actions.

For more information or questions, contact Saboe-Wounded Head at Lorna.woundedhead@sdstate.edu.

Understanding the Acronyms of Financial Professionals

BROOKINGS, S.D. - If you've ever looked for a financial professional, you've probably encountered unfamiliar acronyms, also known as designations or credentials, following the candidates' names.

"CPA, CFP®, CFA®, ChFC®: What do these letters mean and why are they important?" asks Lorna Saboe-Wounded Head, SDSU Extension Family Resource Management Field Specialist. "Anyone can call themselves a financial counselor, coach, advisor or planner, but a credential often demonstrates a higher level of education, specialty or commitment."

She explained that in many cases, the credentialing process is like going to school for a specialized program.

"That said, all credentials are not created equal," Saboe-Wounded Head said.

A reputable certification program requires rigorous education and examination, field experience, an ongoing commitment to continuing education and abidance by a high code of ethics.

"Some programs raise this standard by demonstrating compliance with an accrediting body," she said.

For instance, in the field of financial counseling, coaching, and education, the Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education® (AFCPE®) is one of the most respected organizations offering certifications. Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education® also connects financial professionals across the continuum to ensure that individuals and families, like yours, can navigate the "alphabet soup" and have access to the highest standard of financial advice, at any stage of life.

There are many financial designations, but the following are some of the most common and cover a range of services to meet the needs of most Americans:

AFC® - An Accredited Financial Counselor® has expertise across the client's entire financial life-cycle, so they are able to counsel clients at any point in their lives. An AFC® can help individuals and families successfully navigate a financial crisis, overcome debt, modify ineffective money management behaviors, build an effective spending plan and provide a strong financial education foundation to meet both short-term needs and long-term goals.

CFA® - A Chartered Financial Analyst® provides advanced investment analysis and portfolio management. Their studies include the mastery of investment tools and analytical methods in a variety of applications for effective portfolio management and wealth planning.

CFP® - The Certified Financial Planner™ certification indicates that someone has in-depth theoretical and practical knowledge of personal financial planning, tax planning, employee benefits and retirement planning, estate planning, investment management, and insurance and risk management. The CFP®

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requires field experience and successful completion of a comprehensive exam and is regulated by an oversight body, the CFP Board.

ChFC® - A Chartered Financial Consultant® covers the fundamentals of financial planning like a CFP®, but a ChFC is an advanced planning designation that also covers real-world, practical planning applications for special circumstances, including in-depth coverage of planning for business owners, single-parent and blended families, LGBT families and special-needs situations.

CPA - A Certified Public Accountant (CPA) is an accounting professional who has passed the Uniform CPA examination, administered by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and also has met additional state certification and experience requirements. CPAs can work in any area of finance, including tax preparation, consulting, and of course, general accounting.

FFC™ - A Financial Fitness Coach™ has a strong financial knowledge base, coupled with the coaching skills and techniques that allow their client to be an active participant in creating solutions and a personalized financial plan. This certification may stand alone or be acquired as an enhanced skillset to a financial counseling or planning certification.

RICP® - A Retirement Income Certified Professional® offers focused expertise in retirement income planning, including structuring effective retirement income plans, mitigating risk to the plan and creating a sustainable stream of income to last throughout your retirement years.

If you come across an unfamiliar designation, you can search its meaning and requirements through the look-up tool offered by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA).

"When working with financial representatives, don't be afraid to ask questions about their credentials, including who issued them, what training and continuing education was required and how to verify their standing through an accrediting organization," Saboe-Wounded Head said. "A trustworthy financial professional will be glad to share more about his or her credentials."

Understand the "menu." By familiarizing yourself with the "alphabet soup" of designations, you can find the perfect advocate to help you achieve your financial goals.

If you have questions, contact Saboe-Wounded Head at Lorna.woundedhead@sdstate.edu.

SDFU Foundation \$500 Scholarship Applications Due Nov. 1

HURON, S.D. - South Dakota Farmers Union Foundation will be awarding three \$500 scholarships to young people who commit to attending a South Dakota college, university or technical school and are children of parents who are current dues-paying members of South Dakota Farmers Union.

Scholarships are available to high school seniors or freshmen currently enrolled in a post-secondary institution in South Dakota.

"South Dakota Farmers Union is all about building South Dakota's rural communities," says Doug Sombke, S.D. Farmers Union President. "We invest in rural youth from the time they are in early elementary school and old enough to attend County Day Camps."

Rachel Haigh-Blume, S.D. Farmers Union Education Director, adds, "These scholarships ensure that the young individuals focusing on rural endeavors are supported along the way. Keeping students in South Dakota is important for the legacy and sustainability of rural communities."

Deadline is Nov. 1. No late or incomplete applications will be accepted.

Applications can be found on the S.D. Farmers Union website, www.sdfu.org, at a local Farmers Union cooperative, or through a local Farmers Union Insurance agent.

If you do not apply through the online application form, all documents should be mailed to: South Dakota Farmers Union Foundation Scholarship Committee, PO Box 1388, Huron, SD 57350-1388; and must be postmarked Nov. 1 or before.

If you have any questions, contact Haigh-Blume at Rachel@sdfu.org or 605-352-6761, ext.125.

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Coming up this week on
GDILIVE.COM
(Click on images below)

It's Volleyball Action on GDILIVE.COM



Groton Area Tigers

VS



Deuel Cardinals

Thursday, Aug. 24, 2017, 7 p.m.
Groton Area High School Arena

**Webster Scale Weekly Meeting
with the S.D. D.O.T.**

Thurs., Aug. 24, 2017, 1 p.m.
Groton Community Center

It's Football Action on GDILIVE.COM



Groton Area Tigers

VS



Ellendale/Edgley/Kulm

Friday, Aug. 25, 2017, 7 p.m.
Kulm, N.D.

Work on the new signal lights has begun and some of the lights were installed on Tuesday. Once everything is installed, there will be a time before they are turned on as they have to do calibrating. (Photo by Tina Kosel)



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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 23, 1960: Lightning and damaging winds caused damage to occur from Hand and Sanborn Counties to Marshall and Roberts Counties. A small airplane was destroyed, and windows were broken by the high winds in Miller. Also, roofs, TV antenna, utility lines, and trees were damaged in Kingsbury and Marshall Counties.

August 23, 1998: Winds gusting to 65 mph in and around Milbank, in Grant County, took the roof off a mobile home and wrapped it around a utility pole. The people inside the mobile home were uninjured. The Summit Dairy Barn had sustained significant damage. The high winds also blew a shed and a large tennis court fence down. Several trees along with many large tree branches were down all over town. Strong winds were also reported in Day and Roberts Counties. Winds of 60 mph also downed many tree branches north of Watertown.

1724: An event is known as the "Great Gust of 1724" occurred on this day. Almost all tobacco and much of the corn crops were destroyed by this violent tropical storm, which struck the Chesapeake Bay. Intense floods of rain and a huge gust of wind were seen upon the James River. Some homes were wrecked, and several vessels were driven ashore. The storm was likely followed by a second hurricane just five days later causing rain for many straight days that caused the Virginia floods of 1724.

1906 - Thunderstorms deluged Kansas City, MO, with six inches of rain during the early morning, including nearly three inches in thirty minutes. (The Kansas City Weather Almanac)

1921 - Denver, CO, was drenched with 2.20 inches of rain in one hour, a record for that location. (The Weather Channel)

1933: A hurricane made landfall near Nags Head, North Carolina and tracked up the Chesapeake Bay. The Chesapeake-Potomac hurricane moved over Norfolk, Virginia, and Washington, DC. A seven-foot tide flooded businesses in Norfolk, Virginia. Described in the American Meteorological Society's August 1933 weather review as "one of the most severe storms that have ever visited the Middle Atlantic Coast.

1970 - Dry thunderstorms ignited more than one hundred fires in the Wenatchee and Okanogan National Forests of Washington State. Hot, dry, and windy weather spread the fires, a few of which burned out of control through the end of the month. More than 100,000 acres burned. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - A cold front brought autumn-like weather to the Northern and Central Plains Region. Afternoon highs were in the 50s and 60s across parts of Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska that just two days earlier were in the 90s or above 100 degrees. Thunderstorms produced locally heavy rain in New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Thunderstorms produced hail an inch in diameter, wind gusts to 64 mph, and 2.62 inches of rain at Tucson AZ resulting in three million dollars damage. Cool weather prevailed in the northeastern U.S. Hartford CT reported a record low of 42 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)






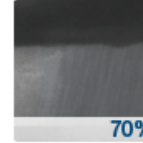

1989 - Thunderstorms produced heavy rain with flash flooding in West Virginia. Pickens, WV, reported 4.80 inches of rain in 24 hours. Evening thunderstorms in Mississippi deluged Alta Woods with 4.25 inches of rain in less than an hour. Thunderstorms also produced heavy rain in southeastern Kentucky, and flooding was reported along Big Creek and along Stinking Creek. The Stinking Creek volunteer fire department reported water levels 12 to 14 feet above bankfull. Fort Worth TX hit the 100 degree mark for the first time all year. Strong winds ushering cool air into northwest Utah gusted to 70 mph, raising clouds of dust in the salt flats. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1992: While South Florida residents were preparing for Hurricane Andrew, folks in western Montana were dealing with early season snowfall. Some snowfall amounts include 8.3" in Great Falls, 6.2" in Helena, and 5.1" in Cut Bank. This snowfall is the first significant snowfall on record in western Montana in August.

2005: Hurricane Katrina formed from Tropical Depression Twelve over the southeastern Bahamas. Katrina would become the costliest (\$81.2 billion) and one of the most deadly hurricanes (1,836 lives) in U.S. history.

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Today	Tonight	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday
						
Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Sunny then Chance T-storms	Showers Likely	Slight Chance T-storms
High: 82 °F	Low: 55 °F	High: 79 °F	Low: 58 °F	High: 77 °F	Low: 61 °F	High: 75 °F




National Weather Service Aberdeen, SD
weather.gov/abr
8/23/2017 5:47 AM Central

Today:
Highs 77 to 89°

Chance of
showers/storms
Friday afternoon -
Saturday

Published on: 08/23/2017 at 5:52AM

Dry high pressure will slowly exit to our east today. A trough of low pressure will slowly near from Montana and Wyoming. In between these two systems, southerly wind will user in warmer air and increased moisture. Highs will range from the upper 70s to upper 80s, warmest west of the Missouri River. The next good chance of showers and thunderstorms will be Friday afternoon into Saturday, as the area of low pressure shifts over the region from the west.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 75.4 F at 5:58 PM

Low Outside Temp: 41.7 F at 7:07 AM

High Gust: 21.0 Mph at 1:04 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 106° in 2003

Record Low: 39° in 1942

Average High: 81°F

Average Low: 55°F

Average Precip in Aug: 1.80

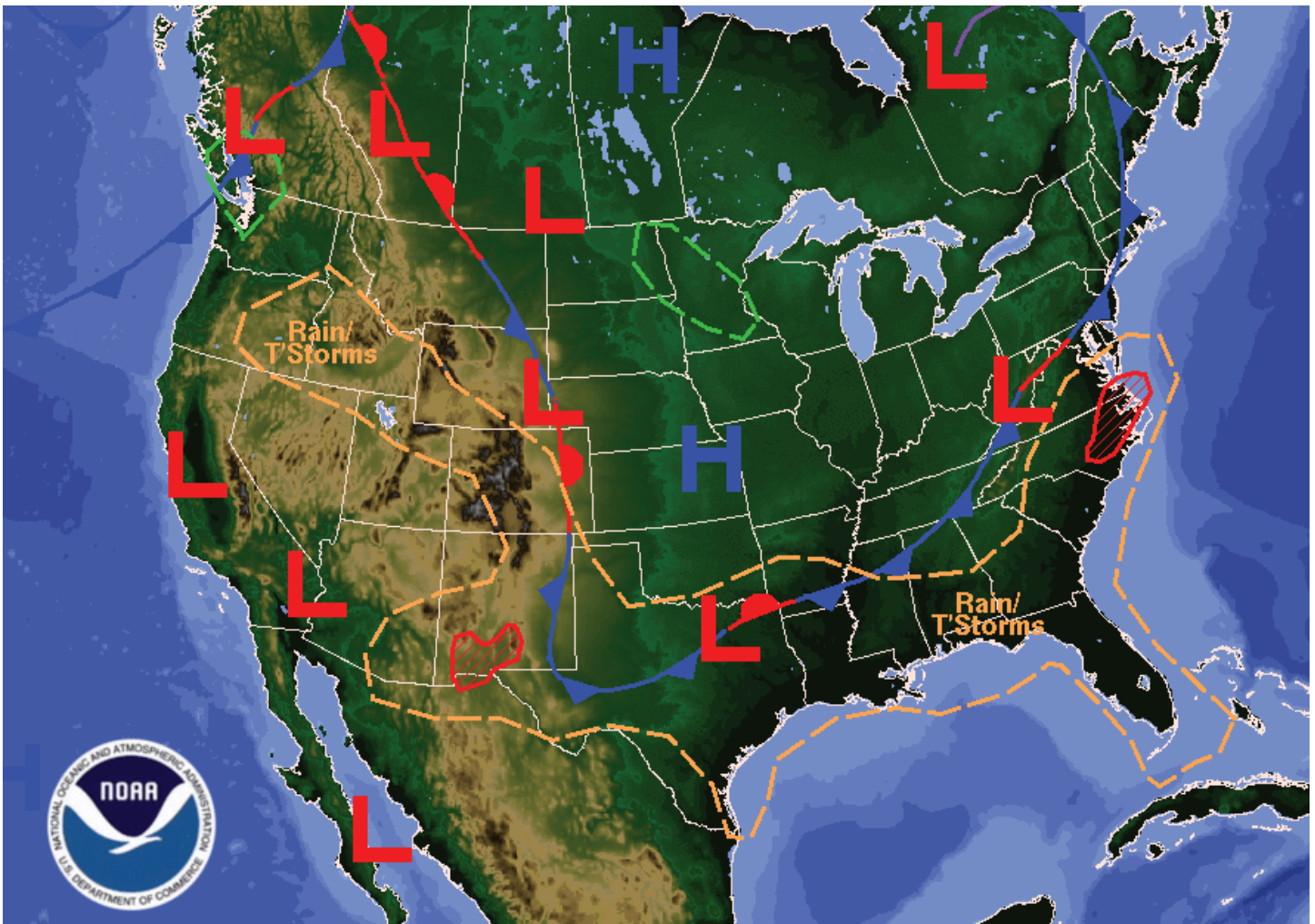
Precip to date in Aug: 1.80

Average Precip to date: 15.66

Precip Year to Date: 9.15

Sunset Tonight: 8:26 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:45 a.m.



Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Wed, Aug 23, 2017, issued 4:32 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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HOW TO LIVE LIFE WITH CONFIDENCE

The sale of self-help books has soared since the year 2006 when sales reached nine billion dollars. The 11 billion dollar industry is expected to grow by 5.5% every year. The endless pages offering advice on "how to improve one's life," however, do not seem to be making a dent in solving man's most basic problem: a sinful nature.

David offered an alternative to "self-help." He wisely encouraged us to seek "God-help."

"Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him and He will do this; He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noon day sun!" Confident living, for the Christian, really has a very simple formula: first commit and then trust.

Commit, on the one hand, means that we are "to completely and unreservedly rely in and on Him." He is not only our Savior but the Lord of our lives. Trust, on the other hand, means that we have a live and vibrant expectation that He alone is capable of leading, guiding, guarding and directing each step in our lives. We look in His Word to find His way. Committing and trusting in Him alone allows us to move from self-help to God-help.

And the result will be obvious to us and others. We will radiate the righteousness of God by living a life that reflects His beauty and holiness. There is also the "integrity" element in our lives. Whatever we do will be empowered by the Holy Spirit because of our "right-living."

Prayer: Give us courage, Father, to look only to You to be our "Helper" – to live life according to Your book. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 37:5 Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun.

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News from the Associated Press

Tuesday's Scores By The Associated Press

Volleyball

Belle Fourche def. Sturgis Brown, 25-14, 25-20, 25-15
Brandon Valley def. Sioux Falls Washington, 21-25, 25-23, 25-19, 25-13
Chester def. Flandreau, 3-0
De Smet def. Howard, 25-23, 25-21, 25-19
Florence/Henry def. Webster, 25-18, 25-11, 25-13
Harrisburg def. Yankton, 25-15, 25-15, 25-15
Huron def. Watertown, 25-23, 25-19, 25-22
Lake Preston def. James Valley Christian, 25-12, 25-23, 26-24
McCook Central/Montrose def. Bridgewater-Emery, 25-6, 25-15, 25-13
Mitchell def. Aberdeen Central, 25-15, 18-25, 16-25, 25-16, 15-9
Northwestern def. Aberdeen Roncalli, 25-9, 25-15, 25-17
Parker def. Irene-Wakonda, 25-12, 25-15, 25-19
Sioux Falls O'Gorman def. Sioux Falls Roosevelt, 25-19, 25-13, 15-25, 25-19
Sioux Valley def. Deuel, 25-13, 25-15, 25-19
Winner def. Bon Homme, 25-12, 25-18, 25-19
Hanson Tournament
First Round
Andes Central/Dakota Christian def. Ethan, 25-22, 25-22
Corsica/Stickney def. Freeman Academy/Marion, 21-25, 28-26, 25-23
Hanson def. Gayville-Volin, 25-19, 25-11
Sanborn Central/Woonsocket def. Platte-Geddes, 29-27, 25-21
Semifinal
Andes Central/Dakota Christian def. Sanborn Central/Woonsocket, 21-25, 25-19, 25-20
Hanson def. Corsica/Stickney, 25-11, 25-14

SD Lottery

By The Associated Press

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

Mega Millions

24-35-46-50-51, Mega Ball: 7, Megaplier: 4
(twenty-four, thirty-five, forty-six, fifty, fifty-one; Mega Ball: seven; Megaplier: four)
Estimated jackpot: \$25 million

Powerball

Estimated jackpot: \$650 million

Former Senate Majority Leader Roger McKellips dies

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Former Democratic state Senate Majority Leader Roger McKellips has died. McKellips' daughter, Sherran Sommervold, says he died Friday. He was 94. McKellips served as majority leader of the South Dakota Senate from 1993-94, the last time that Democrats controlled a state legislative chamber.

The Argus Leader reports McKellips was the Democratic candidate for governor in 1978. He beat Lt. Gov. Harvey Wollman in the primary before losing to Republican Bill Janklow in the general election.

McKellips served in the Legislature from 1977-78 and 1981-1994. He also held the posts of assistant minority leader and minority leader.

An online obituary says McKellips was born Jan. 26, 1923, in Alcester, South Dakota. He worked as a banker in his private life.

South Dakota high school program offers free college courses

HARRISBURG, S.D. (AP) — Students at a high school just south of Sioux Falls will soon be able to earn college credit free of charge through a new early college program.

Harrisburg High School board members unanimously approved a program Monday that will bring college courses to the campus through partnerships with South Dakota public universities, the Argus Leader reported .

South Dakota students have long been taking courses that give them both high school and college credit, but they've had to pay for those classes.

The South Dakota Board of Regents will allow the district to pay for the early college courses at the same rate as dual-credit courses, which was set at \$48 per credit. That rate is discounted from the approximately \$300 per credit for students who enroll in state universities after high school.

The program will cater to students who finish the necessary credits to complete high school ahead of their senior year or before their last semester.

"We are trying to find ways to keep them still very engaged in their education," said Linda Heerde, school board chair.

Classes will be facilities through the Sioux Falls University Center. Harrisburg also plans to work with Southeast Technical Institute to bring technical courses to students.

Superintendent Jim Holbeck plans to gauge interest from students this fall to help set the program's budget when it starts in spring 2018.

Holbeck also wants to increase internship and apprenticeship opportunities for students through partnerships with businesses, including an existing partnership with Avera Health.

"We're trying to get (students) involved with getting better exposure to what they might want to do with their vocation," he said.

School board member Mike Knudson said the new program solidifies the district's position as an innovator in the state.

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

South Dakota open primaries campaign to get \$140K boost

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A national nonprofit has pledged \$140,000 to help supporters of a constitutional amendment that would move South Dakota to an open primary system for many races, the nonprofit's spokesman said Tuesday.

New York-based Open Primaries is supporting the amendment campaign's signature-gathering efforts, spokesman Jeremy Gruber said. The proposed amendment would have the top two finishers in a primary advance to the general election regardless of party.

Backers of the amendment hope to start gathering signatures around Sept. 1, campaign chairman Joe Kirby of Sioux Falls said. They must submit nearly 28,000 valid signatures to the secretary of state by November 2017 for the amendment to appear on the 2018 ballot.

Open Primaries South Dakota Treasurer De Knudson said the group badly needed financial assistance for the "gargantuan" task of collecting signatures.

"Volunteers will be working extremely hard throughout the state to help make this happen, but it will be

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necessary to have some professional help also," Knudson said.

The proposal would apply to primaries for county offices, Legislature, governor and U.S. House and Senate. For example, in a gubernatorial race under the plan, there would be an open primary for all candidates in which the top two vote-getters would advance to the general election.

Supporters say the measure would be fairer because many elections now are effectively decided in partisan primaries closed to independent voters. In South Dakota, the Democratic primary is open to independents, while the Republican primary is closed.

"The basic pitch is that open primaries let all voters vote," Kirby said.

There are roughly 122,000 independents, 165,000 Democrats and 250,000 Republicans in South Dakota, according to secretary of state's office voter registration totals.

The 2018 push comes after a similar amendment failed at the polls last year. Kirby said supporters have listened to voters and dropped a provision that would have removed party labels from ballots.

He said he thinks the new campaign's budget will be "much smaller" than the previous attempt, saying that supporters plan to rely more on letters to the editor, town hall meetings and networking around the state rather than expensive advertising.

Open Primaries put more than \$1 million toward passing the 2016 constitutional amendment, which received 44.5 percent support. Gruber said the group hasn't committed to supporting anything beyond signature-gathering efforts for the new proposal.

"They asked us to work with them, and we're excited to do so," Gruber said.

Democratic Chairwoman Ann Tornberg said her party hasn't taken an official position on the plan, and Republican Party Chairman Dan Lederman didn't immediately return a telephone message requesting comment from The AP.

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Company behind Dakota Access oil pipeline sues Greenpeace

By **BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press**

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The company that built the disputed Dakota Access oil pipeline filed a lawsuit against Greenpeace and other groups on Tuesday, alleging that they disseminated false and misleading information about the project and interfered with its construction.

In its lawsuit, which was filed in federal court in North Dakota, Texas-based Energy Transfer Partners requests damages that could approach \$1 billion.

The company alleges that the groups' actions interfered with its business, facilitated crimes and acts of terrorism, incited violence, targeted financial institutions that backed the project and violated racketeering and defamation laws. The company seeks a trial and monetary damages, noting that disruptions to construction alone cost it at least \$300 million and requesting triple damages.

The group of defendants "is comprised of rogue environmental groups and militant individuals who employ a pattern of criminal activity and a campaign of misinformation for purposes of increasing donations and advancing their political or business agendas," the company said in a statement.

Greenpeace attorney Tom Wetterer said the lawsuit is "meritless" and part of "a pattern of harassment by corporate bullies."

The lawsuit is "not designed to seek justice, but to silence free speech through expensive, time-consuming litigation," Wetterer said.

Two other defendants, BankTrack and Earth First, did not immediately reply to requests for comment. BankTrack, based in The Netherlands, encourages commercial banks to be ecologically responsible. Florida-based Earth First advocates for both environmental and indigenous causes.

The 1,200-mile (1,930-kilometer) Dakota Access pipeline began moving North Dakota oil through South Dakota and Iowa to a distribution point in Illinois June 1, after months of delays caused by legal wrangling and on-the-ground protests by American Indian tribes and groups that feared environmental and cultural harm — a claim the company rejects. Police made 761 arrests in North Dakota between August and February.

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ETP levies numerous accusations against what it labels a vast network of co-conspiring groups and people, including Jessica Reznicek and Ruby Montoya, two Des Moines, Iowa, women who have publicly claimed to have vandalized the pipeline. Their home was raided by the FBI earlier this month.

The company alleges that members of the network used torches to cut holes in the pipeline, manufactured phony satellite coordinates of Indian cultural sites along the pipeline's path, exploited the Standing Rock Sioux, launched cyberattacks on company computer systems, damaged company equipment, threatened the lives of company executives, supported ecoterrorism and even funded a drug trafficking operation within protest camps.

"The scheme's dissemination of negative information devastated the market reputation of Energy Transfer as well as the business relationships vital to its operation and growth," the lawsuit states.

Four Sioux tribes in the Dakotas, including the Standing Rock, are continuing to fight the pipeline in federal court in Washington, D.C., hoping to convince a judge to shut it down.

Follow Blake Nicholson on Twitter at: <https://twitter.com/NicholsonBlake>

Police arrest Mitchell man in fatal stabbing

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — Police in Mitchell have arrested a 49-year-old man who authorities say stabbed and killed a man outside of an apartment complex.

Officers responded to a call early Tuesday and found the 30-year-old man on the ground bleeding from apparent stab wounds. The Daily Republic reports the man was taken to a hospital and later declared dead.

Authorities say the 49-year-old man was awakened by "screaming and someone knocking on his door." Police say the man then picked up a knife from inside his apartment and went outside to confront the other man.

The victim was stabbed about three times in the back and once in the front. The man accused of the stabbing is jailed on suspicion of first-degree manslaughter.

The name of the victim was not released.

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

Ceremony set for Sioux Falls Little League World Series team

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A welcome home celebration has been scheduled next week for the Sioux Falls team that went to the Little League World Series in Pennsylvania.

The free public event begins at 6 p.m. on Aug. 29 at the Sanford Pentagon in Sioux Falls. Players and coaches will be introduced, and a highlight reel from the tournament will be shown.

The Sioux Falls team was eliminated from the tournament on Saturday with a 4-3 loss to Walla Walla, Washington.

Sioux Falls removes city's last lead water service line

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls officials say the city's last lead water service line has been replaced with a copper line.

The city says the final lead service line was taken out of service Tuesday. Sioux Falls says it has made a concerted effort to remove all lead water service lines by the end of the summer even though Sioux Falls drinking water hasn't ever tested above allowable lead levels.

The city's Public Works Water Division took out 230 lead service lines in 2016 and 2017.

Rainfall in South Dakota helps drought-plagued producers

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Rainfall over the past week helped out farmers and ranchers in drought-plagued South Dakota.

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The weekly crop report from the federal Agriculture Department says topsoil moisture supplies are rated 48 percent adequate to surplus, and subsoil moisture supplies are 38 percent in those categories.

The spring wheat harvest is 88 percent done, ahead of the average pace. The third cutting of alfalfa hay is about one-third done, near the average.

Pasture and range conditions are rated 58 percent poor or very poor. Stock water supplies are 50 percent in those categories.

The latest U.S. Drought Monitor map shows 76 percent of South Dakota in some stage of drought.

Police: DNA of headless torso matches Swedish journalist

By JAN M. OLSEN, Associated Press

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — A headless torso found on a beach off Copenhagen has been identified as that of missing Swedish journalist Kim Wall, who is believed to have died on an amateur-built submarine earlier this month, Danish police said Wednesday.

Wall, 30, was last seen alive on Aug. 10 on Danish inventor Peter Madsen's submarine, which police believe he intentionally sank off Denmark's eastern coast the following day.

Madsen, 46, who was then arrested on preliminary manslaughter charges, denies having anything to do with Wall's disappearance. Her family says that the freelance journalist was working on a story about Madsen.

The torso was found Monday on a beach by a member of the public who was cycling on Copenhagen's southern Amager island, near where she was believed to have died. Copenhagen police said Tuesday that her head, arms and legs had "deliberately been cut off" her body.

DNA tests confirmed the torso is Wall's, Copenhagen police investigator Jens Moeller Jensen told reporters Wednesday. He said it was attached to a piece of metal "likely with the purpose to make it sink."

The body "washed ashore after having been at sea for a while," he said. He added police found marks on the torso indicating someone tried to press air out of the body so that it wouldn't float.

Dried blood belonging to Wall was also found inside the submarine, he said.

"On Aug. 12, we secured a hair brush and a toothbrush (in Sweden) to ensure her DNA. We also found blood in the submarine and there is a match," Moeller Jensen said.

The cause of the journalist's death is not yet known, police said, adding they were still looking for the rest of her body.

Madsen, who remains in police custody on suspicion of manslaughter, initially told investigators that she disembarked from the submarine to a northern Copenhagen island several hours into their trip and that he didn't know what happened to her afterward. He later told authorities "an accident occurred onboard that led to her death" and he "buried" her at sea.

Madsen's defense lawyer said her client still maintains that he didn't kill Wall, and that the discovery of her torso doesn't mean he's guilty.

"It doesn't change my client's explanation that an accident happened," Betina Hald Engmark told Danish BT tabloid, adding "no matter what, we find it very positive that she has been found now."

The journalist's boyfriend alerted authorities Aug. 11 that the 40-ton, nearly 18-meter-long (60-foot-long) sub, named the UC3 Nautilus, hadn't returned from a test run. The Danish navy then launched a rescue operation, including a search by two of its helicopters and three of its ships. Madsen was picked up by a private boat.

The navy said the sub had been seen sailing, but then sank shortly afterward. Police believe Madsen deliberately scuttled the submarine. Authorities later found it and brought it up onto land for investigation.

Madsen made headlines when he launched the submarine on May 3, 2008.

A self-taught aerospace engineer, Madsen was one of several entrepreneurs who founded an association known as Copenhagen Suborbitals to develop and construct a manned spacecraft and submarines.

The group split in 2014, and Nautilus, described as the world's largest privately-built submarine, is currently owned by Madsen's company Rocket Madsen Space Lab.

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Wall, a Sweden-born freelance journalist, studied at the Sorbonne university in Paris, the London School of Economics and at Columbia University in New York, where she graduated with a master's degree in journalism in 2013.

She lived in New York and Beijing, her family said, and had written for The New York Times, The Guardian, the South China Morning Post and Vice Magazine, among other publications.

Her family had told The Associated Press she was working on a piece on Madsen.

They added she had worked in many dangerous places as a journalist, and it was unimaginable "something could happen ... just a few miles from the childhood home."

In an email to The Associated Press, the family said it received the confirmation of her death "with boundless sadness and dismay," adding "the tragedy has hit not only us and other families, but friends and colleagues all over the world."

Navy dismisses 7th Fleet commander after warship accidents

By KEN MORITSUGU, Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — The U.S. Navy dismissed the commander of the Asia-based 7th Fleet on Wednesday after a series of warship accidents raised questions about its operations in the Pacific.

A two-sentence statement said Adm. Scott Swift, commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, had relieved Vice Adm. Joseph Aucoin "due to a loss of confidence in his ability to command."

The move follows four Navy accidents in the Pacific since late January, including two collisions that left sailors dead and missing.

"While each of these four incidents is unique, they cannot be viewed in isolation," Swift said earlier.

He said the Navy will carry out a "deliberate re-set" of all its ships in the Pacific, focused on navigation, mechanical systems and bridge resource management. It will include training and an expert assessment of each ship.

The Navy said that Rear Adm. Phillip Sawyer, who had already been named as Aucoin's successor, would assume command immediately.

On Monday, the destroyer USS John S. McCain and an oil tanker collided off Singapore, injuring five sailors and leaving 10 others missing. Seven sailors died in June when the destroyer USS Fitzgerald collided with a container ship off Japan.

Swift, speaking Tuesday at a news conference in Singapore where the McCain is now docked, said Navy divers had found remains of some of the missing in a flooded compartment in the ship. He also said Malaysians assisting in the search had found a body, but it had not been determined if it was a McCain crew member.

The 7th Fleet said in a statement Wednesday that Navy and Marine Corps divers are continuing to search flooded compartments in the McCain in the hope of locating more of the missing sailors. The sea-based search east of Singapore "is expanding to encompass a greater area as time goes on," it said.

Singapore's government said the search area more than doubled Wednesday to about 5,500 square kilometers (2,120 square miles) with aircraft and vessels deployed by the U.S., Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and Australia.

At least three of the 10 missing sailors have been identified by relatives.

Crew member Logan Palmer is from the Decatur, Illinois, area and his mother identified him as missing, U.S. Rep. Rodney Davis said.

April Brandon in Michigan said the military informed her that her son, Ken Smith, is missing. She said Smith's father, stepmother and grandfather served in the Navy. Brandon said, "His father and I couldn't be prouder of our son."

The family of Jacob Drake of Ohio was told he was among the missing, the Columbus Dispatched reported. Megan Partlow told The Associated Press that Drake was her fiance and she'd last had contact with him Sunday in a text message.

The collision at daybreak in a busy shipping area tore a gaping hole in the McCain's left rear hull and

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flooded adjacent compartments including crew berths and machinery and communication rooms.

The cause of the collision has not been determined. The Navy previously said there was no evidence it was intentional, or that it was a result of sabotage or cyberintrusion.

The Navy last week said the Fitzgerald's captain was being relieved of his command and other sailors were being punished after poor seamanship and flaws in keeping watch were found to have contributed to its collision. An investigation into how and why the Fitzgerald collided with the other ship was not finished, but enough details were known to take those actions, the Navy said.

There were two lesser-known incidents in the first half of the year. In January, the USS Antietam guided missile cruiser ran aground near Yokosuka base, the home port of the 7th Fleet, and in May another cruiser, the USS Lake Champlain from the Navy's 3rd Fleet, had a minor collision with a South Korean fishing boat.

Aucoin assumed command of the 7th Fleet in September 2015 and was due to retire in a few weeks.

A career flight officer, he served in five fighter squadrons and flew in more than 150 combat missions, according to Navy biographies. He commanded a carrier air wing aboard the USS Kitty Hawk and a carrier strike group based in Bremerton, Washington. Prior to heading the 7th Fleet, he was deputy chief of naval operations for warfare systems.

The 7th Fleet has 50 to 70 ships and submarines, 140 aircraft and about 20,000 sailors.

Associated Press writers Lolita Baldor in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and Robert Burns in Amman, Jordan, contributed to this story.

Trump revisits his Charlottesville comments in angry speech

By JULIE BYKOWICZ, Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — President Donald Trump opened his political rally in Phoenix with calls for unity and an assertion that "our movement is about love." Then he erupted in anger.

He blamed the media for the widespread condemnation of his response to violence at a Charlottesville, Virginia, protest organized by white supremacists. And he shouted that he had "openly called for healing, unity and love" in the immediate aftermath of the tragedy and had simply been misrepresented in news coverage.

He read from his three responses to the racially charged violence — getting more animated with each one. He withdrew from his suit pocket the written statement he'd read the day a woman was killed by a man who'd plowed a car through counter-protesters, but he skipped over the trouble-causing part that he'd freelanced at the time — his observation that "many sides" were to blame.

That, as well as his reiteration days later that "both sides" were to blame for the violence that led to the death of Heather Heyer and two state troopers, led Democrats and many Republicans to denounce Trump for not unmistakably calling out white supremacists and other hate groups.

Trump also suggested he still intends to pardon former Sheriff Joe Arpaio, who is awaiting sentencing in Arizona after his conviction in federal court for disobeying court orders to stop his immigration patrols. But he left little doubt that he wanted to do it. He said he'd aimed to avoid "controversy" by not immediately granting the pardon. But Trump also said, "I'll make a prediction: I think he's going to be just fine."

Of his media criticism, the president told the crowd of thousands shoehorned into the Phoenix convention center: "You know where my heart is. I'm only doing this to show you how damned dishonest these people are."

Well after his appearance had ended, Trump sent a tweet on his Twitter account saying: "Not only does the media give a platform to hate groups, but the media turns a blind eye to the gang violence on our streets."

Trump's broadside against the media, and the "fake news" he says is out to get him, was one of several detours he took from his prepared remarks at a rally where he was introduced by Vice President Mike Pence and other speakers appealing for unity and healing.

The president unabashedly acknowledged that his own advisers had urged him to stay on message,

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and that he simply could not.

He went on to skewer both of Arizona's Republican senators, insisting that his coy refusal to mention their names showed a "very presidential" restraint. He said his aides had begged him, "Please, please Mr. President, don't mention any names. So I won't." Yet he'd clearly described Sen. John McCain as the reason Congress didn't repeal and replace the much-maligned Affordable Care Act, and he labeled Arizona Sen. Jeff Flake as "weak" on borders and crime.

As for how he would assist with the upcoming Herculean tasks facing Congress — passing tax reform, raising the debt ceiling, and agreeing on a budget — Trump offered little detail. He did threaten that if legislators force a government shutdown "we're building that wall," a reference to his campaign promise to close off the border with Mexico.

In the comfort of his most fervent fans, Trump often resurrects his free-wheeling 2016 campaign style, pinging insults at perceived enemies such as the media and meandering from topic to topic without a singular theme. This was Trump's eighth rally since taking office in January, and each event is attended by supporters screened by his campaign.

His comfort-level was apparent: As he discussed his responses to Charlottesville, he interrupted himself. "I didn't want to bore you. You understand where I'm coming from. You people understand."

Outside the rally, the divisiveness seen across the country was on display.

One man on a loudspeaker said the largely Latino protesters belong in the kitchen. A Trump opponent hoisted a sign depicting the president with horns. A day of noisy but largely peaceful protests turned unruly after his speech, as police fired pepper spray at crowds after someone apparently lobbed rocks and bottles at officers.

Trump is on a two-day trip to the west, which continues Wednesday with travel to an American Legion convention in Reno, Nevada. He began his Arizona visit Tuesday with a brief trip to the southern edge of the country, touring a Marine Corps base in Yuma that is a hub of operations for the U.S. Border Patrol.

His focus on immigration and rallying a supportive crowd offered a respite from a more uncomfortable development in his presidency.

Trump on Monday announced in an address to the nation a plan to maintain a U.S. military presence in Afghanistan, upending a campaign vow to end America's longest war. Senior U.S. officials said Trump's strategy may involve sending up to 3,900 more troops, with some deployments beginning almost immediately.

Associated Press writers Jill Colvin, Darlene Superville, Alan Fram in Washington and Josh Hoffner in Phoenix contributed to this report.

10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press

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

1. WHO TRUMP IS BLAMING FOR CHARLOTTESVILLE RESPONSE

During a rally in Phoenix, the president blames the media for the widespread condemnation of his reaction to the deadly protest organized by white supremacists.

2. NAVY 7TH FLEET COMMANDER REMOVED

The dismissal of Vice Adm. Joseph Aucoin follows four Navy accidents in the Pacific since late January, including two collisions that left sailors dead and missing.

3. WHAT TALK CLIMATE CHANGE IS SPURRING IN ARCTIC

With ice pushing farther north each year, the remote region's natural resources, shipping routes, fishing and tourism opportunities are increasingly in demand, AP finds.

4. KANSAS ELECTIONS CHIEF'S PROPOSALS RAISE CONCERNS

Kris Kobach oversees a system that threw out at least three times as many ballots as any similarly sized state did, fueling concerns about massive voter suppression, AP learns.

5. HOW ACTIVISTS GET WORD OUT IN NORTH KOREA

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Politically minded South Koreans send thousands of leaflets, DVDs and flash drives by hot-air balloon into the North hoping to bring change to the isolated country.

6. IRAN'S ROLE IN SYRIA WAR COULD PAY BIG DIVIDENDS

Tehran is getting closer to securing a land corridor to the Mediterranean, from its border, through Iraq and allies in Syria, Lebanon.

7. STUDIES: AUTOMATED SAFETY SYSTEMS PREVENTING CAR CRASHES

Innovations that prevent cars from drifting into another lane or that warn drivers of vehicles in their blind spots are living up to their potential, researchers say.

8. WALMART DIVES INTO VOICE-ACTIVATED SHOPPING

The world's largest retailer says it's working with Google to offer hundreds of thousands of items from laundry detergent to Legos for voice purchasing through Google Assistant.

9. WHAT'S IN A NAME

For ESPN broadcaster Robert Lee, it was enough to get him pulled off the announcing team for a University of Virginia football game in Charlottesville, the site of recent deadly protests.

10. NBA BLOCKBUSTER SEES POINT GUARDS CHANGE ADDRESSES

All-Star Kyrie Irving gets his wish by being traded out of Cleveland, with Boston Celtics star Isaiah Thomas poised to join LeBron James on the Cavaliers.

North Korea photos suggest new solid-fuel missile designs

By ERIC TALMADGE, Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — North Korea's state media released photos Wednesday that appear to show the designs of one or possibly two new missiles.

Concept diagrams of the missiles were seen hanging on a wall behind leader Kim Jong Un while he visited a plant that makes solid-fuel engines for the country's ballistic-missile program.

One of the photos clearly showed a diagram for a missile called "Pukguksong-3," which appears to be the latest in its Pukguksong, or Polaris, series. The other was harder to discern, though it carried a "Hwasong," or Mars, designation name.

The photos were carried in the morning edition of the Rodong Sinmun, the ruling party's newspaper, and released by the Korean Central News Agency just two days after the United States and South Korea began annual military exercises that the North claims are a rehearsal for war.

Tensions on the peninsula generally ratchet up during the maneuvers and a series of larger exercises held each spring.

The KCNA report on the visit said Kim called on workers at the plant to produce more solid-fuel rocket engines and rocket warhead tips.

Michael Duitsman, a research associate at the Center for Non-Proliferation Studies, said the first missile has not been seen before.

"The Pukguksong-3 is definitely new," he said in an email to the AP.

The missile might be designed to fly farther and to be launched from protective canisters, which allow missiles to be transported more easily and makes them more difficult to locate and destroy in advance. Solid-fuel engines add to that difficulty because they allow for quicker launches than liquid-fuel missiles. It could possibly also boost the North's submarine-launched missile capabilities.

North Korea successfully tested the submarine-launched Pukguksong-1 in August last year. It then followed up with a successful test of the land-based Pukguksong-2 in February this year. Both are believed to have intermediate ranges that could target Japan and the U.S. bases there but not the mainland United States.

The submarine and land-based technologies overlap, and developments in either can benefit both.

"It's pretty smart to use the same missile design for both an SLBM and a land-based variant, the key being the canister," said Vipin Narang, an associate professor of political science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology who focuses on nuclear proliferation. "On land it's easier to move and store, and

fire. And you need a canister-based system for ejection at sea.”

Duitsman said the quality of the pictures made it hard to immediately distinguish what the other missile was — though he said it was likely either a Hwasong-13 or Hwasong-11.

Hwasong is what North Korea calls most of its missiles, including its only ICBM — the Hwasong-14, which it tested last month. That missile is believed capable of reaching the U.S. mainland, though it probably needs another year or more of fine-tuning before it could be a serious threat.

“If it is the Hwasong-13, then there has been an enormous change to the design,” he said. “The Hwasong-13 was originally paraded in 2012 as a liquid-fueled missile.”

He cautioned that more analysis is needed.

“Changing an entire missile from liquid to solid fuel, or vice versa, is generally something you don’t do,” he said. “The design principles are very different.”

Protests turn unruly after Trump’s Phoenix speech

By JACQUES BILLEAUD and CLARICE SILBER, Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — A day of noisy but largely peaceful protests of President Donald Trump’s speech in Phoenix turned unruly as police fired pepper spray at crowds after someone apparently lobbed rocks and bottles at officers.

A haze enveloped the night sky Tuesday as protesters and police clashed outside the convention center where Trump had just wrapped up his speech. People fled the scene coughing as an officer in a helicopter bellowed through a speaker urging protesters to leave the area.

Officers responded with pepper spray to break up the crowd after people tossed rocks and bottles and dispersed gas, Phoenix police spokesman Jonathan Howard said. Four people were arrested on charges related to the protest, and one person was arrested on an unrelated warrant, Police Chief Jeri Williams said. Two officers were treated for heat exhaustion, she said.

The disturbance didn’t start until after the speech had ended. A contingent of protesters stayed behind after the clash with police had ended. Their numbers were small.

Authorities were on high alert as thousands of people lined up in the triple-digit heat to attend Trump’s first political rally since the violence in Charlottesville, Virginia. Protesters filled the streets of downtown Phoenix and engaged in shouting matches and a few minor scuffles with Trump supporters, but those events were generally peaceful.

By the time Trump took the stage, police said there had been no arrests or major incidents.

Phoenix police kept most members of the two opposing groups behind barricades and apart on separate sides of the street. Officers wearing riot gear and carrying rifles sauntered through the lane between the sides.

Local authorities were vigilant in the aftermath of the deadly protests in Virginia and the president’s comments last week about both sides having blame for violence at the white supremacist rally. Mayor Greg Stanton had unsuccessfully called on the president to not hold the rally here so soon after the trouble in Charlottesville.

“Toxic Trump,” read one protest sign held up to the president’s supporters streaming into the Phoenix Convention Center downtown. “Lock Him Up!” read another, a reference to earlier campaign chants by Trump and his backers about his election rival Hillary Clinton.

Dillon Scott of Phoenix, who voted for Clinton, said he came out to express dissatisfaction with how long Trump took to denounce racism after the Charlottesville violence.

“No one should be allowed to get away with what he gets away with, especially in political office,” Scott said.

Meanwhile, a group of protesters chanted, “Wrong side of history! Wrong side of history!”

Trump backer Randy Hutson, a retired Phoenix police officer, began standing in line more than seven hours before the speech was to start.

“He is the first president I feel in my lifetime that speaks his mind and speaks from the heart,” Hutson

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said. "He says what needs to be said."

A number of opposition signs showed drawings or photos of Trump with a small, Hitler-style mustache. Three Trump supporters taunted Latino protesters with offensive comments about immigrants and held anti-Muslim and Black Lives Matter signs.

As the line to get in the venue moved ahead, the two groups shouted at each other, and some skirmishes broke out. At one point, a Trump supporter and protester shoved each other.

John Brown, of an anti-Trump group calling itself the Redneck Revolt, wore military fatigues and had an AK-47 rifle strapped to his chest as he and a half dozen others from the group stood about 30 feet behind the barricade for protesters.

He said they were there to protect Trump opponents and stand up to fascism. "He's offensive to me in every way," Brown said.

The outdoor temperature remained over 100 degrees as the rally began.

Capt. Rob McDade, spokesman for Phoenix Fire Department, said that as of 6 p.m. they had treated 48 people for heat-related problems, most of them for dehydration. Of those, two were adult women who were taken to a hospital for further evaluation, he said.

State Democratic leaders urged people who wanted to show their opposition to the president's policies to gather at a city-designated free speech zone near the site of the rally.

The message to protesters echoed those coming from law enforcement and Stanton. Stanton said he expects protesters to be "civil, respectful and peaceful." Williams, the police chief, said First Amendment rights will be supported, but criminal conduct will be swiftly addressed.

Some of Trump's supporters were so keen to see the president that they began queuing up before dawn for the 7 p.m. rally.

"It's been on a bucket list of mine, since he became the president," said Kingman resident Diane Treon, who arrived at 4 a.m. "I wished I had attended one of his campaign rallies before he became president, and I wanted to go to the inauguration. And truthfully it was the protests that kept me away."

Treon said she wishes protesters "would be a little more peaceful instead of violently rioting, which is happening in so many places" but isn't overly worried.

Trump blames media for condemnation of comments on Virginia

By JULIE BYKOWICZ, Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — President Donald Trump blamed the media Tuesday for the widespread condemnation of his response to a Charlottesville, Virginia, protest organized by white supremacists that led to the killing of a counter-protester.

Trump opened his political rally in Phoenix with a call for unity, saying, "What happened in Charlottesville strikes at the core of America and tonight, this entire arena stands united in forceful condemnation of the thugs that perpetrated hatred and violence."

But he quickly trained his ire on the media, shouting that he "openly called for healing unity and love" in the immediate aftermath of Charlottesville and claiming the media had misrepresented him. He read from his three responses to the violence — getting more animated with each one.

Democrats and fellow Republicans had denounced Trump for placing blame for the Charlottesville violence on "both sides." Trump omitted that part of his reaction from his recap Tuesday night.

"You know where my heart is," Trump said. "I'm only doing this to show you how damned dishonest these people are."

After the rally, a day of noisy but largely peaceful protests outside the Phoenix convention center turned unruly as police fired pepper spray at crowds after someone apparently lobbed rocks and bottles at officers.

Trump spoke after Vice President Mike Pence and others called repeatedly for unity.

Housing Secretary Ben Carson and Dr. Alveda King, the niece of civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr., were among the openers. Franklin Graham, son of the evangelist Billy Graham, led the rally-goers in prayer, saying, "We're divided racially, and we're adrift morally."

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Trump teased a pardon for former sheriff Joe Arpaio, asking the crowd what they thought of him. Loud cheers erupted. The former Maricopa County sheriff is awaiting sentencing after his conviction in federal court for disobeying court orders to stop his immigration patrols.

"So was Sheriff Joe convicted for doing his job?" Trump asked. "I'll make a prediction: I think he's going to be just fine."

Earlier, White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said Trump wouldn't discuss or take action on a pardon "at any point today," even though the president had told Fox News he was considering it.

Trump said at the rally that the only reason he wouldn't pardon Arpaio from the stage was to avoid controversy for the moment.

In the comfort of his most fervent fans, Trump often resurrects his free-wheeling 2016 campaign style, pinging insults at perceived enemies such as the media and meandering from topic to topic without a clear theme. Although Trump's high-profile warm-up acts suggested the president's speech would be about unity, the president was more intent on settling scores. And the tone of the event took on a combative tone.

At one point, the president threatened to shut down the federal government unless Congress, mired in gridlock over spending bills, agrees to provide funding for the border wall he wants to have built between the United States and Mexico.

Trump told the crowd, he said he has a message for "obstructionist" Democrats. "If we have to close down our government, we're building that wall."

He skewered both of Arizona's Republican senators — but coyly refused to mention their names, describing his own restraint as "very presidential."

Instead, Trump bemoaned that the Senate was only "one vote away" from passing a health care overhaul. Sen. John McCain, who is undergoing treatment for an aggressive form of brain cancer, voted against a Republican health care bill.

Trump called another unnamed senator "weak on borders, weak on crime." Trump has lashed out at Sen. Jeff Flake, a frequent critic, using the same language in the past.

The president tweeted last week: "Great to see that Dr. Kelli Ward is running against Flake, who is WEAK on borders, crime and a non-factor in Senate. He's toxic!" Flake has been on tour promoting his book that says the Republican Party's embrace of Trump has left conservatism withering.

Ward attended Trump's rally, but did not appear onstage.

In a modest but telling swipe at Ward — and, by extension, at Trump — the Senate Leadership Fund, a political committee closely aligned with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, is spending \$10,000 on digital ads that say of her, "Not conservative, just crazy ideas."

Trump began his Arizona visit with a brief trip to the southern edge of the country.

While touring a Marine Corps base in Yuma that is a hub of operations for the U.S. Border Patrol, Trump inspected a drone and other border equipment on display in a hangar.

Trump shook his head as he was shown a series of everyday objects, such as a fire extinguisher, that had been refashioned to secretly transport drugs across the border. Afterward, he spent about 20 minutes greeting service members in the grueling, 106-degree heat, signing caps with his "Make America Great Again" campaign slogan and posing for selfies on the tarmac just steps from Air Force One.

Associated Press writers Jill Colvin, Darlene Superville, Alan Fram in Washington and Josh Hoffner in Phoenix contributed to this report.

This story corrects the ad campaign spending figure to \$10,000 instead of \$100,000.

Walmart dives into voice-activated shopping with Google

By ANNE D'INNOCENZIO, AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Walmart is diving into voice-activated shopping. But unlike online leader Amazon, it's not doing it alone.

The world's largest retailer said Wednesday it's working with Google to offer hundreds of thousands of items from laundry detergent to Legos for voice shopping through Google Assistant. The capability will be available in late September.

It's Google's biggest retail partnership — and the most personalized shopping experience it offers — as it tries to broaden the reach of its voice-powered assistant Home speaker. And it underscores Walmart's drive to compete in an area dominated by Amazon's Alexa-powered Echo device.

"Voice shopping is becoming a more important part of everyday shopping behavior," said Marc Lore, CEO of Walmart's U.S. e-commerce business.

The voice-activated devices are becoming more mainstream as they become more accessible. Even Apple has one coming out this year. Walmart has said Google's investment in natural language processing and artificial intelligence will help make voice-activated shopping even more popular.

And Lore said the personalization of the partnership means people can shout out generic items like milk, bread and cheese, and Google Assistant will know exactly the brands and the size that the user wants.

Google introduced shopping to Home in February, letting people use voice to order essentials from more than 40 retailers like Target and Costco under its Google Express program. But that was far behind the Echo, available since late 2014.

Walmart, which has more stores than any other retailer and the largest share of the U.S. grocery market, is also working hard to close the gulf online between itself and Amazon.

It has overhauled its shipping strategy and is expanding store-curb pickup for groceries ordered online. But it's also had to look beyond itself and form partnerships. Walmart announced Monday that it's expanding its grocery delivery service with ride-hailing service Uber, and it's been testing same-day delivery service with Deliv at Sam's Club in Miami.

Amazon generally has been building its network of services on its own, using its \$99-a-year Prime membership with same-day and even one-hour shipping options to develop loyalty.

It's also been drawing in customers with its Alexa-powered devices. Amazon doesn't give sales figures for Echo, but Consumer Intelligence Research Partners estimated that it's sold more than 10 million Alexa-powered Echo devices in the U.S. since late 2014. That includes the core \$179 Echo as well as the less expensive and smaller Echo Dot and the portable Amazon Tap.

To be more competitive with Amazon, Google Express is scrapping the \$95-a-year membership starting Wednesday, allowing shoppers to get free delivery within one to three days on orders as long as the purchase is above each store's minimum.

Walmart is integrating its Easy Reorder feature — which has data on both store and online purchases — into Google Express. Shoppers who want to reorder their favorites have to link their Walmart account to Google Express.

With other Google Express retailers, personalization takes time as the assistant learns shoppers' preferences, says Brian Elliott, general manager of Google Express. So the quick personalization with Walmart should make voice-activated shopping more attractive, he says.

While one of Walmart's biggest advantages over Amazon is its massive number of stores, Amazon's nearly \$14 billion offer for Whole Foods could shake up the landscape.

Walmart says it will be tapping its 4,700 U.S. stores and its fulfillment network next year to offer more kinds of customer experiences using voice shopping. For example, shoppers can tell Google Assistant they want to pick up an order in a store. Lore said the company wants to make voice shopping as easy as possible.

"That's why it makes sense for us to team up with Google. We know this means being compared side-by-side with other retailers, and we think that's the way it should be," Lore wrote in a corporate blog post.

Independent internet analyst Sucharita Mulpuru-Kodal, who was unaware of the Google deal at the time of the interview, says Walmart is going in the right direction, though it has a long way to go. She noted that partnerships with companies like Uber enable the discounter to get the business "up and running" and it will be able to learn a lot.

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US says some remains of sailors found on USS John McCain

By ANNABELLE LIANG, Associated Press

SINGAPORE (AP) — Navy divers searching a flooded compartment of the USS John S. McCain found remains of some of the 10 sailors missing in a collision between the warship and an oil tanker, the U.S. Pacific Fleet commander said Tuesday as he promised a full investigation.

Adm. Scott Swift also said at a news conference in Singapore, where the McCain is now docked, that Malaysian officials had found one body, but it had yet to be identified and it was unknown whether it was a crew member.

The collision before dawn on Monday near Singapore tore a gaping hole in the McCain's left rear hull and flooded adjacent compartments including crew berths and machinery and communication rooms. Five sailors were injured.

"The divers were able to locate some remains in those sealed compartments during their search today," Swift said, adding that it was "premature to say how many and what the status of recovery of those bodies is."

"We will continue the search and rescue operations until the probability of discovering sailors is exhausted," Swift said.

He would not say where in the destroyer the bodies were found.

It was the second major collision in two months involving the Pacific-based 7th Fleet, and the Navy has ordered a broad investigation into its performance and readiness. Seven sailors died in June when the USS Fitzgerald and a container ship collided in waters off Japan. There were two lesser-known incidents in the first half of the year. In January, the USS Antietam guided missile cruiser ran aground near Yokosuka base, the home port of the 7th Fleet, and in May another cruiser, the USS Lake Champlain from the Navy's 3rd Fleet, had a minor collision with a South Korean fishing boat.

"While each of these four incidents is unique, they cannot be viewed in isolation," Swift said.

He said the Navy would conduct an investigation "to find out if there is a common cause ... and if so, how do we solve that."

He said he had heard some reports speculating that the Navy could have been a victim of a cyberattack. "We've seen no indications of that as yet, but ... we are not taking any consideration off the table," he said.

Earlier Tuesday, the 7th Fleet said the sea search by aircraft and ships from the U.S., Singapore and Malaysian navies would continue east of Singapore where the McCain and the tanker collided.

Megan Partlow of Ohio, who said her fiance was on board the McCain, told The Associated Press in a Facebook message that they last communicated on Sunday and she was losing hope of seeing him again.

"My last text to him was 'be safe,' which is the same way we end every conversation. I'm just ready for answers," she said. The identities of the missing have not been disclosed but Partlow said her fiance's parents were in touch with the Navy's family assistance center.

April Brandon of Michigan said her son, Ken Smith, 22, is among the missing sailors. Brandon told Detroit-area TV stations that she was visited by two officers Monday at her home. Illinois U.S. Rep. Rodney Davis says the mother of McCain crew member Logan Palmer says he is missing. Davis says Palmer comes from a "patriotic family" in the Decatur, Illinois, area.

Navy Adm. John Richardson, the chief of naval operations, on Monday ordered a pause in 7th Fleet operations for the next few days to allow commanders to get together with leaders, sailors and command officials and identify any immediate steps that need to be taken to ensure safety.

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A broader U.S. Navy review will look at the 7th Fleet's performance, including personnel, navigation capabilities, maintenance, equipment, surface warfare training, munitions, certifications and how sailors move through their careers. Richardson said the review will be conducted with the help of the Navy's office of the inspector general, the safety center and private companies that make equipment used by sailors.

"Make no mistake," Swift said Tuesday, "our sailors on these ships are doing critical work at sea. And for more than 70 years, the U.S. Navy has helped guarantee the security and stability of the western Pacific. ... We owe it to the sailors that man the 7th Fleet and their families to answer the questions that flow from the uncertainty of what happened, how could it happen, and what can be done to prevent such occurrences in the future."

Swift also lauded the crew for righting the listing ship quickly as they tended to the injured. He said sailors set up watertight boundaries and shored up the ship's internal structure, and were able to begin evacuating sailors by helicopter within an hour or two of the collision.

He said it was "quite extraordinary" for the McCain to be "up and running as an operational ship almost immediately after the collision."

The McCain had been heading to Singapore on a routine port visit after conducting a sensitive freedom-of-navigation operation last week by sailing near one of China's man-made islands in the South China Sea.

China, Washington's main rival for influence in the Asia-Pacific, seized on the McCain collision to accuse the Navy of endangering maritime navigation in the region. This year's string of accidents shows the U.S. Navy "is becoming a dangerous obstacle in Asian waters," the official China Daily newspaper said in its online edition.

The McCain and the Alnic MC oil tanker collided about 4.5 nautical miles (8.3 kilometers) from Malaysia's coast at the start of a designated sea lane for ships sailing into the busy Singapore Strait.

There was no immediate explanation for the collision. Singapore, at the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula, is one of the world's busiest ports and a U.S. ally, with its naval base regularly visited by American warships.

The Singapore government said no crew were injured on the Liberian-flagged Alnic, which sustained damage to a compartment at the starboard, or right, side at the front of the ship some 7 meters (23 feet) above its waterline. The ship had a partial load of fuel oil, according to the Greek owner of the tanker, Stealth Maritime Corp. S.A., but no apparent spill.

Several safety violations were recorded for the oil tanker at its last port inspection in July, one fire safety deficiency and two safety-of-navigation problems. The official database for ports in Asia doesn't go into details and the problems apparently were not serious enough for the tanker to be detained.

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ESPN broadcaster Robert Lee taken off UVA game due to name

BRISTOL, Conn. (AP) — ESPN broadcaster Robert Lee will not work Virginia's season opener because of recent violence in Charlottesville sparked by the decision to remove a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

A spokeswoman for ESPN says Lee has been moved to Youngstown State's game at Pittsburgh on the ACC Network on Sept. 2. The network says the decision was made "as the tragic events in Charlottesville were unfolding, simply because of the coincidence of his name."

Plans to remove a statue of Lee led to a protest in Charlottesville earlier this month that attracted what is believed to be the largest group of white nationalists to come together in a decade. Violent clashes erupted between a large gathering of white nationalists and hundreds of counter protesters.

ESPN says the decision to put Lee on another game was made "collectively." It also says it's "a shame that this is even a topic of conversation."

Boston bound: Cavs trade Irving to Celtics for Thomas, more

By TOM WITHERS, AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — Kyrie Irving was tired of being teammates with LeBron James.

Now he has to figure out how to beat him.

Cleveland's All-Star guard, who asked owner Dan Gilbert to trade him earlier this summer, was dealt Tuesday night to the Boston Celtics for fellow All-Star Isaiah Thomas, forward Jae Crowder, center Ante Zizic and the Brooklyn Nets' unprotected 2018 first-round draft pick.

"It's extremely rare to trade for a 25-year-old player that's done what he's done, the offensive weapon that he is," Celtics president Danny Ainge said. "We feel like his best basketball is still ahead of him.

"We have a player that's proven to be a sure thing. We know how unpredictable the draft can be. You do pay a heavy price for a player of that age and that caliber."

Irving, whose late 3-pointer helped Cleveland win the 2016 NBA championship — and the city's first title since 1964 — is on his way to Boston, where he'll join a Celtics team that lost to the Cavs in last season's conference finals.

And as fate will have it, the Cavs will host the Celtics in their season opener on Oct. 17.

"Of course we know who our competition is, and we know who are biggest threats are each year," Ainge said. "But we feel like this is a trade that can make us better, and that's why we did it."

The blockbuster deal caps a wild summer for the Cavs, who lost their title defense in five games to Golden State in June. Since then, general manager David Griffin left, the team failed to convince Chauncey Billups to join its front office and James has played with fans' emotions with veiled postings on social media about his future.

Irving's trade demand cast a shadow over the entire organization.

But Cleveland may have salvaged its offseason.

"This trade needed to include both players and assets that we felt strongly could help us continue to compete for championships and we believe it does," said new general manager Koby Altman, who pulled off a deal that protects Cleveland's present and future.

In Thomas, they're getting a proven playmaker with a stellar reputation. The 5-foot-9 guard is one of the league's most dynamic backcourt players with an uncanny ability to get to the basket. Irving may be the only better finisher among point guards.

The 28-year-old Thomas was taken with the final selection in the 2011 draft — 59 picks after Irving was picked first overall. But he has steadily scaled his way up to elite status.

Thomas' reputation in Boston was cemented when he led the Celtics through the playoffs last season despite the death of his sister on the eve of the postseason. He also had a front tooth knocked out during the second-round series against Washington and a hip injury eventually forced the team to shut him down early in the East finals, won by the Cavaliers in five games.

"Isaiah had just an amazing season this year and entertained us all, the whole city of Boston. And everybody fell in love with him," Ainge said. "He's such an underdog because of his size and his heart and his spirit which he plays."

Thomas is eligible for free agency next summer and believes he is worthy of a maximum contract. He has been quoted saying, "They better bring out the Brinks truck."

Cleveland also is getting Crowder, a solid perimeter defender, and a first-round pick that Boston got from Brooklyn. The package could help the Cavs reload if James opts out of his contract next summer and leaves Cleveland for a second time.

The Cavs drafted Irving with the No. 1 overall pick in 2011. He struggled in his first few seasons but blossomed in recent years alongside James. However, that didn't seem to be enough for the 25-year-old, who has wanted to be the focal point on his own team.

James wished Irving well on Twitter, calling him a "special talent/guy."

"Nothing but respect and what a ride it was our 3 years together," James wrote.

Asked about trading a fan favorite who rose from the depths of the draft for a player who asked out of

a team with the NBA's best player, one year removed from a championship, Ainge said he has done his homework.

"We feel comfortable with who Kyrie is and who he can be," he said.

Minnesota showed some interest in Irving after his trade request became public, but were unwilling to part with young star Andrew Wiggins as the centerpiece of a deal. Wiggins is expected to sign a max contract extension in the coming weeks to stay with the Timberwolves.

The Phoenix Suns reportedly were not interested in parting with rookie Josh Jackson in a deal that also would have required Eric Bledsoe and the New York Knicks gave no indication that Kristaps Porzingis was ever on the table in a potential Irving trade.

Then the Celtics swooped in, landing the kind of star Ainge has long coveted. With the possibility of having to break the bank to retain Thomas next summer, Boston finally tapped into the treasure trove of assets that Ainge has assembled to get Irving, who is under contract for two more years.

Irving got his wish to get away from James, but he's not free of him yet.

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Suspect says imam planned to blow himself up in Barcelona

By ARITZ PARRA, Associated Press

MADRID (AP) — An extremist cell was preparing bombs for an imam who planned to blow himself up at a Barcelona monument, a key suspect in the attacks that killed 15 people in northeastern Spain told a judge Tuesday, according to a judicial official.

The suspect, Mohamed Houli Chemlal, was one of four men taken before Spain's National Court in Madrid to testify about the Islamic cell that attacked pedestrians in Barcelona and the nearby seaside town of Cambrils last week.

National Court Judge Fernando Andreu questioned the four about the vehicle attacks as well as the fatal explosion at a bomb-making workshop that police said scuttled the group's plot to carry out a more deadly attack at unspecified Barcelona monuments. After the session, the judge ordered two of the surviving suspects held without bail, another detained for 72 more hours and one freed with restrictions.

A Spanish judicial official said Houli Chemlal, 21, and suspect Driss Oukabir, 28, identified imam Abdelbaki Es Satty as the ideological leader of the 12-man cell.

Oukabir and the other two surviving suspects who testified, Mohamed Aalla and Sahal El Karib, denied being part of the cell, said the court official, who was not authorized to discuss the case and insisted on speaking anonymously.

The cell's other eight members are dead. Police shot five during an attack Friday and one more Monday after a manhunt. Es Satty and another accidentally blew themselves up while preparing explosives in a house in the coastal town of Alcanar, south of Barcelona.

Es Satty preached in a mosque in the northeastern town of Ripoll, home to most of the 12 pointed to by police as suspected members of the cell. Police identified his remains amid the rubble of the Aug. 16 explosion that destroyed the house in Alcanar.

Police found in the house over 100 tanks of butane gas and materials to make TATP, an explosive frequently used in attacks by Islamic State militants. The group has claimed responsibility for both attacks on pedestrians — one Thursday by a van that mowed down people on Barcelona's famed Las Ramblas promenade and another early Friday in Cambrils. The attacks and a bloody getaway in which a man was stabbed to death left 15 dead and over 120 wounded.

Houli Chemlal, the only survivor of the Alcanar blast, told the court Tuesday that he is alive because he was on the ground floor of the house washing dishes after dinner. He testified from a wheelchair without lifting his eyes up from the ground, according to the court official. He has been hospitalized under guard since his arrest Thursday.

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The second suspect interrogated, Oukabir, testified he rented the vans used in the attacks on pedestrians but said he thought they were going to be used for a house move. His brother Moussa was one of the five radicals shot dead Friday by police in Cambrils.

According to another person who attended Tuesday's interrogation, Oukabir told the prosecutor that his first version of events — telling police his documents were stolen by his brother — was something he had done out of fear. The person spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the hearing.

The third suspect, Aalla, said an Audi A3 used in last week's attack in Cambrils was registered under his name but used by another sibling, the judicial official said. Police say one of Aalla's younger brothers died in Cambrils and another one is believed to be the second casualty in the Alcanar house blast where the imam died.

The last surviving suspect, El Karib, the owner of a cybercafe in Ripoll, told the judge that he was only trying to make a profit when he bought at least two plane tickets for two alleged members of the cell.

Police later Tuesday raided the cybercafe in Ripoll as well as a house in Vilafranca del Penedes, searching for more evidence.

After the questioning, the judge said there was enough evidence to hold Houli Chemlal and Oukabir on preliminary charges of causing homicides and injuries of a terrorist nature and of belonging to a terrorism organization. Houli Chemlal also has an additional charge of dealing with explosives.

However, the judge ruled the evidence was "not solid enough" to keep holding Aalla, who was freed on condition he appear in court weekly, relinquish his passport and not leave Spain.

El Karib will remain in custody for at least 72 more hours while police inquiries continue, the judge said.

The lone fugitive from the initial attack, 22-year-old Younes Abouyaaqoub, was shot to death Monday west of Barcelona after a big, dayslong manhunt. Police say he flashed what turned out to be a fake suicide belt at two officers who confronted him in a vineyard.

Police said they had "scientific evidence" that Abouyaaqoub drove the van that barreled through Barcelona's crowded Las Ramblas promenade and that he hijacked a car and fatally stabbed its driver while making his getaway.

Abouyaaqoub's brother and friends made up the rest of the 12-man extremist cell, police say.

Chemlal was born in Melilla, one of Spain's two North African coastal enclaves that have borders with Morocco. Spanish media say the other 11 suspects are all reportedly Moroccans who lived in Spain.

This story has been corrected to show that 13 people were killed in the Barcelona van attack and to correct the spelling of one suspect's surname to Chemlal and another suspect's name to Sahal El Karib.

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Tillerson says US could punish Pakistan if no cooperation

By LOLITA C. BALDOR and MATTHEW PENNINGTON, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's plan to end America's longest war and eliminate Afghanistan's rising extremist threat involves sending up to 3,900 additional U.S. troops, senior officials said Tuesday. The first deployments could take place within days.

In a national address Monday night, Trump reversed his past calls for a speedy exit and recommitted the United States to the 16-year-old conflict, saying U.S. troops must "fight to win." He warned against repeating what he said were mistakes in Iraq, where an American military withdrawal led to a vacuum that the Islamic State group quickly filled.

Trump would not confirm how many more service members he plans to send to Afghanistan, which may be the public's most pressing question about his strategy. In interviews with television networks Tuesday, Vice President Mike Pence similarly wouldn't give any clear answer, but he cited Pentagon plans from June calling for 3,900 more troops.

"The troop levels are significant, and we'll listen to our military commanders about that," Pence said.

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Although the Pentagon's plans are based on 3,900 additional troops, the exact number will vary as conditions change, senior U.S. officials said. Those officials weren't authorized to speak publicly on the figures and demanded anonymity.

They said the Pentagon has told Trump it needs the increase, on top of the roughly 8,400 Americans now in the country, to accomplish Trump's objectives. Those goals, he said Monday night, include "obliterating ISIS, crushing al-Qaida, preventing the Taliban from taking over Afghanistan and stopping mass terror attacks against America before they emerge."

Speaking to reporters in Iraq, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis declined to confirm a precise number Tuesday, saying he was waiting for more input from Gen. Joseph Dunford, America's top military official. Mattis said he will "reorganize" some U.S. troops in Afghanistan to reflect the new strategy.

Meanwhile, the top U.S. commander for the Middle East said he expects the first reinforcements to arrive "pretty quickly," within days or weeks.

"What's most important for us now is to get some capabilities in to have an impact on the current fighting season," Gen. Joseph Votel, who spent last weekend in Afghanistan, told reporters traveling with him to Saudi Arabia on Tuesday.

Most of the new forces will train and advise Afghan forces to improve their combat abilities, or provide security for American adviser teams in the field, Votel said. U.S. counterterror forces will make up a smaller portion, as will other support forces and medical personnel.

About 460 of the total troops will help the U.S. train more Afghan special commandos in more locations, said U.S. Maj. Gen. James Linder, commander of U.S. and NATO special operations forces in Afghanistan.

Before he was a presidential candidate, Trump argued for a quick withdrawal from Afghanistan and called the war a massive waste of U.S. "blood and treasure." On Monday, he suggested an open-ended commitment rather than a "time-based" approach.

"Conditions on the ground — not arbitrary timetables — will guide our strategy from now on," Trump said.

At its peak involvement in 2010-2011, the U.S. had roughly 100,000 troops in Afghanistan. President Barack Obama then started bringing them home, drawing criticism for the public timetables he provided for his planned drawdown and ultimate withdrawal of forces.

Trump was among those who argued that Obama was aiding the enemy by telegraphing U.S. intentions. On Monday, Trump said he wouldn't discuss troop numbers, military tactics or timetables. "America's enemies must never know our plans or believe they can wait us out," he said.

However, the American public may insist on knowing how many of its citizens are waging a war overseas.

The administration invariably will have to provide updates to Congress, which pays the military's bills, and to key U.S. allies, whose troop contributions it seeks.

Obama, too, had reversed himself on withdrawing from Afghanistan as security worsened. Taliban militants have made gains, and the fractious Afghan government currently controls about half the country.

Afghanistan's U.S.-backed government welcomed Trump's strategy, with President Ashraf Ghani saying it will help stabilize the region.

Allies responded positively, too.

Germany, which contributes 950 troops in northern Afghanistan, approved the U.S. readiness for a "long-term commitment" and agreed the military's continued deployment should be "linked to the conditions on the ground."

Trump offered few specifics of how his strategy would be implemented. He didn't say how the U.S. would get Pakistan to crack down on militant sanctuaries on its soil — long a point of contention that has led Washington to restrict aid to the country.

Insisting that the U.S. was intent on "killing terrorists" rather than "nation building," Trump gave little indication of how the U.S. would use other instruments of American power to end the conflict.

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said that after an effective military effort, a political settlement including some Taliban might be possible, echoing language of the Obama years. He said the U.S. would support peace talks with the Taliban "without preconditions."

On Pakistan, Tillerson said Tuesday that the U.S. could consider sanctions or cutting off Pakistan's status

as a major non-NATO ally if it doesn't crack down on the Taliban and other extremist groups.

U.S. lawmakers reflected the division among Americans about whether to press on with the Afghan conflict or pull back.

Republican John McCain of Arizona, the Senate Armed Services Committee chairman who'd criticized Trump for delays in presenting a plan, said Trump was "now moving us well beyond the prior administration's failed strategy of merely postponing defeat."

Maryland's Ben Cardin, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's top Democrat, said he failed to see how another "surge" of forces in Afghanistan would turn the tide on the insurgency. He expressed concern that Trump was ceding significant responsibility to his defense secretary.

Baldor reported from Muscat, Oman, and Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Associated Press writers Robert Burns in Baghdad, Kathy Gannon in Islamabad, Pakistan, and Josh Lederman in Washington contributed to this report.

Commuter train crashes into parked train, injuring dozens

By ANTHONY IZAGUIRRE, Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A one-car commuter train crashed into a parked train at a suburban Philadelphia terminal early Tuesday, buckling the floors of both cars and injuring more than 30 passengers, authorities said.

None of the injuries was considered life-threatening, said Heather Redfern, a spokeswoman for the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority.

"Some were considered walking wounded," she said.

The train operator, who was treated at a hospital and released midday, submitted samples for drug and alcohol tests, said Ruben Payan, lead investigator for the National Transportation Safety Board. He said the NTSB also had asked to interview the operator Wednesday, along with the operator of a train on adjacent tracks and transit supervisors.

The Norristown High Speed train crashed into the unoccupied train car at the 69th Street Terminal in Upper Darby around 12:15 a.m., tossing passengers from their seats.

"I heard the train going real fast ... like, super-fast," passenger Raymond Woodard told WPVI-TV Woodard. "And I looked up, and I saw that we're at 69th Street and said, 'Why are we going so fast?' And then we just hit the train. Boom! I fell out of my chair, glass from the window shattered, I hit my head. Everybody was on the floor."

Neither train car derailed, and Payan said damage overall did not appear to be major. But he said investigators wouldn't know for sure until the two cars could be inspected in a shop.

He said it could take up to a year to produce a final report on the cause and safety recommendations.

"We haven't ruled anything out right now," Payan said, adding that video recovered from both cars will be reviewed.

The transit agency had put the number of injured at 42. But the NTSB said the total number of injured was 33 — 32 passengers and the train operator.

In February, four people were injured in a crash near the 69th Street Terminal involving three out-of-service commuter trains. At the time, SEPTA said one train rear-ended another on a loop where trains turn around to get back into service. Cars from that accident derailed and hit a third train on nearby tracks.

Missouri governor halts man's execution after DNA questions

By JIM SALTER, Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens on Tuesday halted the scheduled execution of condemned inmate Marcellus Williams after DNA testing raised questions about whether he actually killed.

Just hours before Williams was to be put to death, the Republican governor said in an email that he

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was issuing a stay of execution. Williams was convicted of fatally stabbing former St. Louis Post-Dispatch reporter Lisha Gayle during a 1998 burglary at her suburban St. Louis home. Williams was to be executed Tuesday evening.

Greitens' decision comes after Williams' attorneys cited DNA evidence found on the murder weapon that matched another unknown person, but not Williams. But St. Louis County prosecutor Bob McCulloch said there was ample other evidence to convict Williams, and that there's "zero possibility" he's innocent.

"A sentence of death is the ultimate, permanent punishment," Greitens said in his statement. "To carry out the death penalty, the people of Missouri must have confidence in the judgment of guilt."

Greitens said he will appoint a five-member board of inquiry made up of retired judges with subpoena power. The board will make a recommendation to the governor concerning whether the 48-year-old Williams should be executed. No timetable has been set.

Williams' attorney, Kent Gipson, who had asked Greitens for clemency, said the stay of execution was "the appropriate thing to do." He believes large-scale opposition to the execution was a factor in the governor's decision.

"The people have spoken," Gipson said. "This online petition had a quarter of a million signatures. The case has generated a lot of outrage all over the country and the world."

Gipson also had appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court about concerns over DNA testing of the knife in December using techniques that were not available when the killing occurred. He also cited previous DNA testing of hairs from Gayle's shirt and fingernails that excluded Williams and said footprints at the scene did not match Williams.

But McCulloch said in an interview Tuesday that the DNA tests "were inconclusive" and "can neither include or exclude" Williams as the killer.

"He is the one who committed this murder," McCulloch said. "He made his decision 20 years ago to stay in that house. He heard Lisha Gayle walk down the stairs, and all he had to do was leave. He didn't. And now he has to live with that decision — die with that decision."

After Greitens halted the execution, McCulloch released a statement saying courts have repeatedly upheld Williams' conviction and sentence, and that he's confident the inquiry board and governor "will reach the same conclusion."

Outside Greitens' office in Jefferson City, execution protesters broke into a dance to celebrate the stay. Some wrote a thank-you note to the governor on the spot.

"We are glad that you had the courage as a leader to exercise your power to promote truth and justice," the note read.

Zeke Johnson, senior director of programs at Amnesty International USA, said Williams' case is further evidence the death penalty should be abolished.

"No human being should pay the ultimate price for a cruel and inhumane system so capable of error," Johnson said in a statement.

Death penalty supporters say there's no evidence that an innocent person has been executed in the U.S. But the Center on Wrongful Convictions at Northwestern University School of Law in Chicago cites at least 39 executions carried out despite what it calls "compelling evidence of innocence or serious doubt about guilt."

Robert Dunham, executive director of the Washington-based Death Penalty Information Center, called Greitens' decision "an important step in ensuring that Missouri does not execute an innocent man." He said executing Williams without further inquiry "would have been intolerable and indefensible."

At the heart of the prosecution's case against Williams was testimony from his former girlfriend and a former cellmate.

In a court filing last week, Assistant Attorney General Michael Spillane wrote that Williams took a bus to the St. Louis suburb of University City, Missouri, on Aug. 11, 1998, looking for a house to break into and chose Gayle's.

Spillane said Williams broke out a window pane to get inside, where he heard water running in the shower. Spillane said Williams went downstairs and found a large butcher knife. When Gayle came downstairs, she

was stabbed 43 times. Her purse and her husband's laptop were stolen.

Spillane said Williams stole a jacket to conceal blood on his shirt. Williams' girlfriend at the time, Laura Asaro, later asked him why he would wear a jacket on such a hot day. According to prosecutors, the girlfriend said she later saw the laptop in the car and that Williams sold it a day or two later.

The state also cites testimony from Henry Cole, who shared a cell with Williams for three months in 1999 while Williams was jailed in St. Louis on unrelated charges. Cole told prosecutors that Williams confessed to the killing and offered details about it.

But Gipson said the girlfriend and Cole were both convicted felons who were out for a \$10,000 reward.

Gayle, 42, was a reporter at the Post-Dispatch from 1981 to 1992. She left journalism to do social work.

In addition to the murder conviction, Williams is serving consecutive terms of life in prison for robbery, and 30 years each for burglary and weapons crimes.

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A 'Trump Doctrine'? Clues in his new Afghanistan plan

By JOSH LEDERMAN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Never tip your hand to the enemy. No timelines for military operations. No free pass for a neighbor who tolerates extremists or enables U.S. foes.

In President Donald Trump's new Afghanistan strategy, elements of a broader approach to America's most pressing national security concerns begin to emerge, consistent with his efforts in Iraq, Syria and elsewhere. Though details are limited, the plan draws on organizing principles that are also woven throughout his plans for defeating the Islamic State group and containing the threats posed by North Korea and Iran.

Trump's advisers say his Afghan strategy reflects a consistent world view, both in terms of America's overseas objectives and the tactics to achieve them. But it's too soon to say whether he is being driven by a well-formed doctrine or merely coining catchphrases on the fly.

"We are not nation-building again. We are killing terrorists," Trump said in his Monday night speech. He was striving to differentiate his plan from failed approaches of the past.

As a candidate and then as president, Trump has eluded those who have tried to identify core beliefs that can reliably predict how he'll approach any given issue. Critics have painted him as a foreign policy novice, focused only on somehow showing he's winning.

Trump ran on a nationalist pledge to put "America First." But he explained this week that things look different from the Oval Office. Conceding he was overriding an initial instinct to withdraw from Afghanistan, he peppered his speech with vows to empower commanders and to squeeze Pakistan for harboring the Taliban.

While Trump has cast his approach as a fundamental shift from other presidents, he's borrowed more from them than he's inclined to admit.

George W. Bush, too, sought to pressure Pakistan to crack down on the Taliban, even as he focused far more on an idea Trump is explicitly rejecting: promoting democracy around the world.

And Trump's limited approach owes something to Barack Obama, who in his second term scaled back U.S. military involvement in Afghanistan and settled on a counterterror-focused mission not dissimilar from the new American strategy.

A look at the pillars of Trump's foreign policy:

MIND YOUR BUSINESS

The days of the U.S. military trying to "construct democracies" are over, Trump declared. Instead, he said "principled realism" will guide U.S. decisions

That means there will be none of Bush's "nation-building" — no expansive goal to build up Afghanistan's institutions and ensure the education of girls once the U.S. ultimately withdraws.

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Trump's approach in Syria is similar. There, as the Islamic State is ousted from its last major strongholds and a power vacuum results, Trump's administration has said it wants to help restore electricity, water and sewage in areas freed from IS — but no more. In Iraq, the situation is somewhat easier because there's a globally backed central government.

In Afghanistan, some questions still must be cleared up. Despite his vow of non-interference, Trump emphasized he could hold back future military and economic aid unless the Afghan government combats problems including rampant corruption.

"We're not going to tell these countries how to govern, but we're going to condition our assistance on reforms — that's an internal contradiction," said James Dobbins, a senior diplomat in the past three administrations and former special envoy for Afghanistan and Pakistan.

KEEP YOUR PLANS QUIET

Of all the critiques of Trump's plan, the loudest is that he declined to tell Americans how many more U.S. troops will be sent to Afghanistan after 16 years of fighting.

His rationale is simple: Deny the Taliban and other extremists the advantage of anticipating U.S. military moves.

However, the contours of the Pentagon's plan have been known for months. Senior officials said Tuesday up to 3,900 more troops will go, some possibly within days.

Being unpredictable to U.S. adversaries has been a consistent Trump focus. The president was similarly coy in April in the days before he attacked Syrian President Bashar Assad's forces for using chemical weapons. He has repeatedly refused to entertain questions about a potential pre-emptive attack on North Korea.

"We don't talk about that. I never do," Trump has said.

DON'T "MICROMANAGE"

Rather than centralize military decision-making in the White House, a critique often leveled at Obama, Trump has delegated much of the authority to his defense secretary and warzone commanders.

"Micromanagement from Washington, D.C., does not win battles," he said in his Afghanistan speech.

Even before he unveiled his Afghan plan, the White House announced he'd given the Pentagon final say on how many troops to send. And in April, his top commander in Afghanistan was allowed to use the "mother of all bombs," the largest non-nuclear bomb ever dropped in combat. There was no need for the White House signoff.

Trump has similarly ceded decision-making about military actions in Syria and Iraq to his commanders, along with decisions about counterterror strikes against targets in several countries.

"He clearly is much more willing to give the military latitude on tactical decision than President Obama was," said Ambassador James Jeffrey, Bush's former deputy national security adviser. "That's all in all a good thing for this kind of conflict."

CRACKDOWN ON ENABLERS

As Trump vowed to get tough on Pakistan, accusing it of giving "safe haven to agents of chaos, violence and terror," diplomatic and military officials heard echoes of his plan for North Korea.

For more than a decade, the U.S. has pressed Islamabad to snuff out Taliban sanctuaries. Many of the group's leaders reside in Pakistan, traveling freely across the Afghanistan border. Taliban wounded are treated in Pakistani hospitals.

With North Korea, it's China that must feel the weight of U.S. pressure, Trump has said. He has tried to squeeze Beijing into cutting off lifelines of economic support to North Korea to make it harder for Pyongyang to develop weapons that could harm the U.S.

LET LOCALS LEAD

In Afghanistan, as in Iraq and Syria, Trump's plan centers on training local forces to fight insurgents

rather than relying on Americans to do most of the fighting. While the same strategy was employed by Obama, Trump has claimed credit since taking office.

"The confidence that the American people and the world heard last night from our commander in chief derives from the fact that this is exactly the approach that President Trump directed in Iraq and in Syria," Vice President Mike Pence said Tuesday.

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Glam shot gets ugly: Mnuchin wife touts style, slams critic

By CATHERINE LUCEY, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — It was a glam shot that got ugly.

The wife of Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin dove headlong into a social media skirmish this week, blasting a critic of her Instagram post highlighting her high fashion choices. Calling the commenter "adorably out of touch," Louise Linton suggested she and Mnuchin contributed more to the U.S. economy and paid more in taxes than did her critic.

After a day of mounting criticism, the Scottish actress issued an apology Tuesday. But she had already assumed a starring role in the continuing story of the Trump administration's enormous wealth.

"I think spouses of political appointees are usually not fair game for critics, but with Trump, tensions are heightened," said Republican political consultant Alex Conant.

The drama began Monday when Linton posted a photo of herself getting off a government plane in Kentucky with Mnuchin. In her post, Linton mentioned several designer labels for her white ensemble, including Tom Ford and Valentino.

Commenter Jenni Miller responded from Oregon: "Glad we could pay for your little getaway. #deplorable."

Linton shot back, defending herself and Mnuchin, a former Goldman Sachs executive and hedge fund investor.

"Pretty sure the amount we sacrifice per year is a lot more than you'd be willing to sacrifice if the choice was yours," Linton wrote. She went on to call Miller's response "passive aggressive" and "nasty" before ending her retort with a suggestion that Miller "go chill out and watch the new game of thrones."

Miller told CNN she found Linton's original post "incredibly offensive," saying Linton went to a state with high poverty and "chose to brag about her outlandishly expensive clothes. It's more than tone-deaf, it's deplorable."

In her apology, Linton said: "I apologize for my post on social media yesterday as well as my response. It was inappropriate and highly insensitive."

Norm Eisen, President Barack Obama's chief ethics attorney, called Linton a "Marie Antoinette for our age." In an email, he added that in the Bush or Obama administrations, a spouse of an official who replied that way and the official "would have been counseled."

The White House referred questions about Linton to the Treasury Department, which said Mnuchin and Linton are reimbursing the government for Linton's travel and that Linton received no compensation from the fashion labels mentioned in her post.

Anita McBride, who served as chief of staff for former first lady Laura Bush, said people in high-level government jobs and their spouses must be careful about their public statements.

"Fairly or unfairly, you are held to a higher standard on how to respond and what kind of dialogue you should engage in," she said. "Don't take the bait."

In a Cabinet with plenty of wealth, Mnuchin is among the richest members. He worked for Goldman Sachs for nearly two decades and later founding a successful hedge fund. He also ran a company that invested in Hollywood movies including such blockbuster hits as Avatar. He married Linton, who has had small roles in television shows and movies, in a lavish Washington wedding in June. Trump attended the wedding and Vice President Mike Pence officiated.

Before the wedding, Linton gave an interview to "Town and Country" magazine to talk about her jewelry,

a lavish collection of diamonds and pearls.

Like the businessman president, Trump's team is packed with high rollers, including Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, National Economic Council director Gary Cohn, as well as daughter Ivanka Trump and son-in-law Jared Kushner, both senior advisers.

This isn't the first time their wealth has drawn attention. The president has chosen his lavish Florida vacation home as a place to host foreign dignitaries. During the transition, Ivanka Trump displayed a high-end bracelet on "60 Minutes." The Washington hangout of choice for staffers and hangers-on is the opulent Trump International Hotel.

Still, Trump has always promoted his image as a wealthy mogul, unlike politicians who have tried to downplay their riches. Said Conant: "It has always been part of Trump's brand and it's extended to his cabinet."

Mnuchin was visiting Kentucky on Monday for an appearance with Republican Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and a tour of Fort Knox. Treasury secretaries typically travel on commercial flights for domestic trips. The department did not answer questions about why the couple was using a government plane.

It's not the first time Linton has raised eyebrows. Last year she apologized after being criticized for a self-published memoir of a year she spent in Africa as a teen, and withdrew the book. Critics deemed the book inaccurate in its depiction of life on the continent. An excerpt was published online by The Telegraph, but taken down by the British newspaper "in light of the concerns raised by readers."

Italian boy credited with helping save brother after quake

By COLLEEN BARRY, Associated Press

MILAN (AP) — An Italian family of five was "reborn" after all three children buried in the rubble of their home by a 4.0-magnitude quake were pulled to safety Tuesday in a painstaking 16-hour rescue operation on the popular Mediterranean resort island of Ischia.

The Toscano family's happy ending brought cheers from the dozens of firefighters who worked through the night to extricate the two boys and their infant brother, trapped alone for hours after their father was rescued and their pregnant mother managed to free herself from their collapsed apartment in the hard-hit town of Casamicciola.

"I don't know how to define it if not a miracle," the boys' grandmother, Erasma De Simone, said after the family was reunited at a hospital. "We were all dead, and we are reborn."

Though relatively minor in magnitude, the quake Monday night killed two people, injured another 39 and displaced some 2,600 people in Casamicciola and the neighboring town of Lacco Ameno on the northern end of the island.

The damage in Ischia focused attention on two recurring themes in quake-prone Italy: seismically outdated old buildings and illegal new construction with shoddy materials. One woman was killed by falling masonry from a church that had suffered damage in a quake centered in Casamicciola in 1883 that killed more than 2,000 people. Another died in the same apartment complex where the family was saved.

Rescuers hailed the courage of the older boys, who spent 14 and 16 hours respectively waiting to be freed, talking with firefighters all the while, eventually receiving water and a flashlight. One official credited the older boy, 11-year-old Ciro, with helping save his 8-year-old brother, Mattias, by pushing him out of harm's way under a bed.

The boys' grandmother described Ciro as shaken by the ordeal. While Mattias was scared, he also "was sorry because he lost the money in his piggy bank, and lost his toys," she told the ANSA news agency.

When the quake struck just before 9 p.m. Monday, the boys' father, Alessandro Toscano, said he was in the kitchen while his wife, Alessia, was in the bathroom and his two older sons in their bedroom.

His wife managed to free herself through the bathroom window, Toscano told RAI state television, while he was rescued soon afterward by firefighters. But the three boys remained trapped when the upper story of the building collapsed.

In their bedroom, 11-year-old Ciro pushing Mattias under the bed.

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"The gesture surely saved them both," said Andrea Gentile of the Italian police. "Then with the handle of a broom he knocked against the rubble, making them heard by rescuers."

The baby, 7-month-old Pasquale, was in the kitchen in a playpen, and the first to be rescued around 4 a.m., seven hours after the quake struck. He cried as rescuers passed him to safety, but looked alert in his still-white onesie.

Firefighters said reaching the two older boys was more delicate, requiring them to create a hole in the collapsed ceiling without destabilizing the structure.

Mattias was extricated first, emerging seven hours after his baby brother, covered in cement dust in his underwear as he clung to firefighters. He was quickly strapped onto a stretcher and whisked into an ambulance.

Finally came Ciro, who rescuers said kept the conversation going throughout the ordeal even though one of his legs was immobilized by the rubble. At the hospital emergency room entrance, his parents awaited his arrival, his mother, who is five months pregnant, sitting in a wheel chair alongside his father, whose hand was bandaged from a fracture.

"It was a terrible night. I don't have words to explain it," Alessandro Toscano told RAI television.

Despite their ordeal, hospital officials say the three children were in remarkably good condition. The two older boys were being treated for dehydration and Ciro for a fracture to his right foot. They were expected to be discharged from the hospital Wednesday.

"For three children saved from the rubble, we have witnessed a true miracle. They are miraculously healthy," said Virginia Scafarto, director of the island's Rizzoli hospital.

The quake struck just two days shy of the one-year anniversary of a powerful 6.2-magnitude earthquake that devastated several towns in central Italy, killing more than 250.

The Ischia quake hit the resort island famed for its thermal waters during the height of the tourist season, with its population of 64,000 swelled by another 150,000. Many visitors took refuge in parks, sleeping under blankets in the aftermath while authorities began organizing ferries to bring tourists back to the mainland. By late Tuesday, some 11,000 had left for Naples.

Tourism officials said that the damage was localized to Casamicciola and Lacco Ameno, with much of the island business as usual by Tuesday. According to Ermanno Mennella of the Federablberghi hoteliers association in Ischia, just 10 of the island's 310 hotels were impacted by the quake and only three or four were closed for inspection.

Together with the nearby island of Capri, Ischia is a favorite island getaway for the European jet set and German Chancellor Angela Merkel has been known to visit at Easter.

The extent of the damage for a relatively light quake raised questions about the prevalence of illegally built structures, often with shoddy materials, on the island in the seismically active area off Naples and the active volcano Vesuvius.

Fabrizio Pistolesi, the head of Italy's national architecture advisory board, told SKY television that many buildings on the island were built before seismic codes were adopted. He also cited the high incidence of illegal construction on Ischia and generally in the Campagna region that includes both the resort island and Naples.

"We know well that in Campagna, more than 200,000 homes were illegally constructed. We are talking about homes constructed in absolute scorn of seismic norms," he told Sky TG24.

Former Naples prosecutor Aldo De Chiara said most of the recently constructed buildings on Ischia were built without necessary permits, and many with poor quality cement.

"We warned about the risk of collapses also in the case of not particularly serious temblors," De Chiara told Corriere della Sera newspaper. "Unfortunately, what we had denounced happened last night."

Analysts say Trump's warning to Pakistan could backfire

By KATHY GANNON, Associated Press

ISLAMABAD (AP) — President Donald Trump's warning to Pakistan to put an "immediate" end to harboring militants operating in Afghanistan didn't spell out the consequences of defiance or suggest a new strategy to get it to yield to longstanding U.S. demands, analysts said Tuesday.

They also said that isolating Pakistan could unsettle the U.S. relationship with Islamabad and push it closer to Russia, China and Iran, further complicating efforts to stabilize the region.

"The idea of U.S. leverage in Pakistan is deeply exaggerated," Michael Kugelman, deputy director of the U.S.-based Wilson Center's Asia Program, said in an email to The Associated Press a day after Trump's speech. "No matter the punishment, policy, or inducement, there's little reason to believe that Pakistan will change its ways.

"Pakistan has an unshakeable strategic interest in maintaining ties to militant groups like the Taliban because they help keep Pakistan's Indian enemy at bay in Afghanistan," he added.

U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said Tuesday the U.S. could consider sanctions on Pakistan or cut off its status as a major non-NATO ally if Islamabad does not crack down on the Taliban and other extremist groups. He didn't say what sanctions might be considered.

In outlining his plan for the 16-year war in Afghanistan, Trump on Monday night warned of the threat to U.S. security from militant groups operating there and in neighboring Pakistan.

"Today, 20 U.S.-designated foreign terrorist organizations are active in Afghanistan and Pakistan — the highest concentration in any region anywhere in the world," he said. "For its part, Pakistan often gives safe haven to agents of chaos, violence and terror."

The threat is compounded by the fact that both India and Pakistan are nuclear powers, he said, and their hostile relationship could spiral out of control.

"And that could happen," Trump said.

Some in Pakistan were baffled by his later statement demanding that India get more involved in Afghanistan, a scenario dreaded by Islamabad and the reason cited most often for Pakistan's support of the Taliban as a bulwark against India's influence in Afghanistan.

"Upgrading the Indian role in Afghanistan basically means perpetuating the hostilities," said Imtiaz Gul, executive director of the Islamabad-based Center for Research and Security Studies.

Pakistan's Foreign Ministry issued a statement late Tuesday saying it is committed to fighting terrorism, and it called allegations it provided safe havens to militants "a false narrative." It added that a military solution is not possible, saying "only an Afghan-led, Afghan-owned politically negotiated solution can lead to a sustainable peace in Afghanistan."

Pakistani Interior Minister Ahsan Iqbal told reporters that his country "has rendered unmatched sacrifices in the war on terror. Our war against terrorism is not because of the United States; we will continue this war."

U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan David Hale met Tuesday with Foreign Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif, according to a government statement, which also announced a meeting with Tillerson "in the next few days" in Washington. The U.S. policy toward Afghanistan and South Asia will feature prominently in their meeting, it said.

While Trump's speech was widely criticized in Pakistan by politicians of all parties, it was welcomed by Afghanistan's shared leadership of President Ashraf Ghani and Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah.

Abdullah told a news conference the U.S. strategy marks a unique opportunity to ultimately achieve peaceful objectives in the region.

"The regional aspect of this strategy is very clear. It shows that the problem was very well identified," he said, referring to Trump's singling out of Pakistan.

But security analyst Amir Rana, director of the Pakistan Institute of Peace Studies, warned that isolating Pakistan as the sole culprit could stymie efforts to stabilize the region or bring the Taliban to the negotiating table. It also could increase the influence of Russia, China and even Iran, he said.

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"All regional actors have to decide how to collaborate in Afghanistan," Rana said. "You can't single out one nation. There is not only one nation destabilizing Afghanistan."

The U.S. and Afghanistan have routinely accused Pakistan — and particularly its powerful intelligence agency, the ISI — of harboring insurgents and of waging a selective war. They say Pakistan attacks those insurgents it considers its enemy and allows those it has been known to use as proxies, either against India or Afghanistan, to flourish.

Not all Afghans welcomed Trump's speech, with some angry that he wasn't interested in nation-building, only in "killing terrorists."

Aziz Rahman, who works at a bank in Kabul, said Trump's speech will make little difference to ordinary Afghans. After 16 years of conflict and tens of thousands of U.S. and NATO troops in his homeland, Rahman said the situation has only deteriorated, with thousands of people fleeing.

"Trump's speech is good for Americans, not for the poor people of Afghanistan," Rahman said.

Waheed Muzhda, a political analyst in Kabul, expressed fear that Trump's emphasis on a military victory seemed guaranteed to prolong the war and increase casualties.

"In the future, we will witness a worsening of the war, more killing and more problems for the Afghan nation," Muzhda said. "Mr. Trump only emphasized winning the war militarily, but if a military solution to the war could have been possible, this should have been achieved with presence of 150,000 troops."

In a statement emailed to the media, Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said Trump's strategy to remain in Afghanistan will mean more deaths of U.S. troops. The insurgents are willing to fight until all NATO and U.S. troops have left, he said.

The Wilson Center's Kugelman said he didn't believe the Taliban "will exactly be shaking in their boots after this speech."

"They know that they survived, with flying colors, a U.S. troop surge that at its height exceeded 100,000 troops," he said. "So for them, the idea of a modest troop increase, coupled with tough talk about the U.S. winning, won't really faze them at all."

Tillerson, meanwhile, said the U.S. would not indefinitely conceal how many troops it will be sending to Afghanistan. Gen. Joseph Votel, the top U.S. commander for the Middle East, said the first deployments of new U.S. forces will arrive in Afghanistan "pretty quickly."

Votel estimated the deployment could take days or a few weeks

Associated Press writers Rahim Faiez and Amir Shah in Kabul, Zarar Khan in Islamabad and Josh Lederman in Washington contributed.

50 million could watch Mayweather-McGregor in the US alone

By **TIM DAHLBERG, AP Boxing Writer**

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Conor McGregor's improbable challenge of Floyd Mayweather Jr. could be seen by a staggering 50 million people in the United States as fans and the curious gather in small and large parties.

The fight Saturday night threatens the pay-per-view revenue record set by Mayweather and Manny Pacquiao two years ago and could dwarf it in viewership as people use the event as a reason to have friends and family over for a little escapism and controlled violence.

"It's a cultural event that crosses all demographics and all social and economic factors," said Mark Taffet, who formerly ran pay-per-view for HBO. "People are getting together to have a great time and we surely need an excuse to have a great time."

Taffet said that while an average of 5-6 people normally watches a pay-per-view, he wouldn't be surprised if the fight averages 10 people a household. If it sells 5 million pay-per-views as widely anticipated, the fight could be watched by nearly one in six Americans.

The fight will also be seen by millions more worldwide, with promoters claiming it will be available either online or on a TV screen to more than 1 billion homes in 200 different countries.

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"If you are in Manhattan or you are on a desert island somewhere, if you have Wi-Fi, you can buy this fight," promoter Dana White said.

Each pay-per-view sale means more money in the wallets of both fighters. Though estimates vary widely, Mayweather is expected to make some \$200 million, while McGregor will likely pocket at least \$100 million.

Though ticket sales have been slow in Las Vegas — largely because of astronomical prices — the fight is shaping up as must-see TV at a price of \$99.95. People are expected to buy the fight in record numbers, with many sharing the cost of the telecast with friends and family they invite over.

Taffet said people will treat it much like a Super Bowl by getting together in larger numbers than usual.

"I think this is first and foremost a television event," said Taffet, who oversaw 190 pay-per-views in his career at HBO. "The success of this fight in the financial record books of history will be made on pay-per-view. And I believe it's going to deliver."

Industry observers say it's hard to judge how many homes will buy a pay-per-view until the day of the fight many times, as people often buy late. But the anecdotal evidence — primarily the chatter on social media — indicates a good likelihood of it smashing the 4.6 million record of pay-per-view sales set by the Mayweather-Pacquiao fight.

That's largely because the matchup will likely cross over from being just a sporting event to a party night.

"We have definitely seen massive general market interest in addition to the sports fan," said Stephen Espinoza, who heads sports for Showtime, which will televise the fight. "These general market viewers are often not part of the audience for even the biggest combat sports event. So the ceiling is pretty high."

Espinoza said the very nature of the fight — a matchup between a UFC star who has never boxed as a pro against one of the greatest fighters of his time — will drive the pay-per-view sales.

"We believe this is an unprecedented event, quite frankly no one knows what to expect," he said. "The element of these two outspoken personalities in one unprecedented event is compelling."

An early indication of interest in the fight is the massive betting both in Nevada and in other places where it is legal. Bookmakers say it will be the biggest bet fight ever, with an overwhelming number of the early tickets on McGregor to pull an upset.

Still, there are plenty of tickets left in the arena itself, where prices originally ranged from \$2,500 in the upper sections to \$10,000 at ringside. Ticket prices have been dropping in the resale market — with some available for less than \$1,300 on Tuesday — and are expected to decline more in the days before the fight.

Rose Bowl stars Darnold, Barkley lead AP All-America team

By RALPH D. RUSSO, AP College Football Writer

Southern California quarterback Sam Darnold and Penn State running back Saquon Barkley put on a show at the Rose Bowl last season and established themselves as two of the biggest stars in college football coming into 2017.

The two Heisman Trophy contenders highlight the first preseason All-America team in the history of The Associated Press.

Darnold passed for 453 yards and five touchdowns in USC's 52-49 victory over the Nittany Lions. The sophomore comes into this season leading No. 4 USC on a nine-game winning streak.

"Obviously there are some grand expectations for him, but he's welcomed those," USC coach Clay Helton said. "That's part of being a USC quarterback. That's why you come to USC. You're the face of the program and you're the leader of the program."

Barkley ran for 194 yards and scored three touchdowns against USC.

"He's one of the rare guys that if you were building a Frankenstein running back, he'd pretty much have a check mark in pretty much in every box," Penn State coach James Franklin said. "I guess that's what makes him special and that's what makes him different."

The AP All-America team is the longest-running annual honor roll of the nation's top college football players, dating to 1925, and is usually released after the season.

Darnold was voted to the first team by a panel of 51 Top 25 voters, edging out Heisman winner Lamar

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Jackson, who is the second-team quarterback on the lists released Tuesday.

Joining Darnold and Barkley in the backfield is LSU running back Derrius Guice, who spent the last two seasons as back up to former All-America Leonard Fournette.

The first-team defense is led by two players who were postseason All-Americans in 2016: Houston defensive tackle Ed Oliver, who made it to the first team as a freshman last season, and Alabama defensive back Minkah Fitzpatrick. Florida State placed two defensive backs on the first-team with cornerback Tavarus McFadden and safety Derwin James, who missed most of last year with a knee injury.

ALL-AMERICA NOTES

Conference breakdown for the first team:

ACC — 7 players.

SEC — 5.

Big Ten — 4.

Pac-12 — 4.

Big 12 — 3.

American — 1.

Independent — 1.

COMEBACK

Washington linebacker Azeem Victor is another preseason All-American coming back from an injury. Like James, Victor blew out his knee, though his injury came in November in Washington's only regular-season loss against USC. Victor seemed to be on his way to an All-America season last year. He was leading the Huskies with 68 tackles when he went down.

REPEATERS

— Washington State guard Cody O'Connell was the only offensive player selected to the first team who was also a 2016 All-American.

— Utah punter Mitch Wishnowsky, who was second in the nation last season with a 47.7-yard average, was selected to the first team after being an All-American last year.

FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE

Quarterback — Sam Darnold, sophomore, Southern California.

Running backs — Saquon Barkley, junior, Penn State; Derrius Guice, junior, LSU.

Tackles — Orlando Brown, junior, Oklahoma; Connor Williams, junior, Texas.

Guards — Quenton Nelson, senior, Notre Dame; Cody O'Connell, senior, Washington State.

Center — Billy Price, senior, Ohio State.

Tight end — Mike Gesicki, junior, Penn State.

Wide receivers — James Washington, senior, Oklahoma State; Christian Kirk, junior, Texas A&M.

All-purpose player — Quadree Henderson, junior, Pittsburgh.

Kicker — Daniel Carlson, senior, Auburn.

DEFENSE

Ends — Harold Landry, senior, Boston College; Bradley Chubb, senior, North Carolina State.

Tackles — Ed Oliver, sophomore, Houston; Dexter Lawrence, sophomore, Clemson.

Linebackers — Arden Key, junior, LSU; Josey Jewell, senior, Iowa; Azeem Victor, senior, Washington.

Cornerbacks — Tavarus McFadden, junior, Florida State; Jaire Alexander, junior, Louisville.

Safeties — Derwin James, junior, Florida State; Minkah Fitzpatrick, junior, Alabama.

Punter — Mitch Wishnowsky, junior, Utah.

SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE

Quarterback — Lamar Jackson, junior, Louisville.

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Running backs — Nick Chubb, senior, Georgia; Bo Scarbrough, junior, Alabama.
Tackles — Mike McGlinchey, senior, Notre Dame; Jonah Williams, sophomore, Alabama.
Guards — Will Hernandez, senior, UTEP; Braden Smith, senior, Auburn.
Center — Frank Ragnow, senior, Arkansas.
Tight end — Troy Fumagalli, senior, Wisconsin.
Wide receivers — Calvin Ridley, junior, Alabama; Courtland Sutton, junior, SMU.
All-purpose player — Jaylen Samuels, senior, North Carolina State.
Kicker — Eddy Pineiro, sophomore, Florida.

DEFENSE

Ends — Tyquan Lewis, senior, Ohio State; Rashan Gary, sophomore, Michigan.
Tackles — Christian Wilkins, junior, Clemson; Vita Vea, junior, Washington.
Linebackers — Micah Kiser, senior, Virginia; Tegray Scales, senior, Indiana; Cameron Smith, junior, Southern California.
Cornerbacks — Duke Dawson, senior, Florida; Iman Marshall, junior, Southern California.
Safeties — Quin Blanding, senior, Virginia; Godwin Igwebuike, senior, Northwestern.
Punter — JK Scott, senior, Alabama.

AP Sports Writer Greg Beacham contributed to this story.

More AP college football: <http://collegefootball.ap.org> and https://twitter.com/AP_Top25

Cosby's retrial delayed as new legal team joins case

By **MICHAEL R. SISAK**, Associated Press

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (AP) — Bill Cosby's retrial on sexual assault charges will be delayed until next year as his new legal team gets up to speed on the case, which pits the 80-year-old comedian against a woman who says he drugged and molested her more than a decade ago.

Judge Steven O'Neill on Tuesday granted a defense request to postpone the retrial, which had been scheduled to start in November, saying there's no way that Cosby's lawyers would be ready by then.

"To ask someone to review the voluminous record over 18 months — now 20 months in this case — simply cannot be done," O'Neill said from the bench.

Cosby's new lawyers made their first court appearance on behalf of "The Cosby Show" star, who's charged with knocking out accuser Andrea Constand with pills and sexually assaulting her at his home near Philadelphia in 2004. He says Constand, a former executive with Temple University's women's basketball program, consented to their sexual encounter.

His first trial ended without a verdict after the jury deadlocked, setting the stage for a retrial.

The judge on Tuesday asked Cosby's lawyers to consider a start date sometime between March 15 and April 1. He said he'll issue a firm date once they get back to him.

"Hopefully they'll get up to speed quickly so we can bring this case to justice. It's a case that deserves a verdict and we intend to get there," District Attorney Kevin Steele told reporters outside court.

The jury for the retrial will likely come from the Philadelphia suburbs. Signaling an early change in strategy, Cosby's new lawyers said they would be willing to pick a local jury, and Steele's office said it wouldn't object.

Cosby's former defense team insisted on picking a jury from a different county, partly because the case was a campaign issue in the 2015 race for Montgomery County district attorney. The jury in Cosby's first trial came from the Pittsburgh area and spent two weeks in June sequestered 300 miles (483 kilometers) from home.

The attorneys who represented Cosby at that trial, Brian McMonagle and Angela Agrusa, had asked to be let off the case. O'Neill approved the request Tuesday, praising them for their "extraordinary advocacy."

As they left the courtroom, the departing lawyers shook hands with Cosby and his new legal team,

which includes Tom Mesereau, the high-profile attorney who won an acquittal in Michael Jackson's child molestation case. Mesereau told TMZ last month that the case against Cosby was "weak" and that retrying him was "a waste of time."

Other lawyers on the retooled legal team are former federal prosecutor Kathleen Bliss and Sam Silver, who represented now-imprisoned former U.S. Rep. Chaka Fattah in a corruption case.

None of the defense lawyers commented as they left court Tuesday.

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

Detention of famous director upsets Russia's artistic world

By VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV and NATALIYA VASILYEVA, Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — In a move that sent a shockwave through Russia's art community, investigators on Tuesday detained a prominent theater director famous for his biting satire of Russian officialdom on charges of embezzling \$1.1 million.

Kirill Serebrennikov, 47, who has won international acclaim for his productions spanning from drama to opera to movies, has denied the accusations.

The detention of Serebrennikov, whose productions mocking official lies, corruption and growing social conservatism have been hits for years, marks the first time since Soviet times when a theater director faced official reprisals.

Top members of Russia's cultural elite have strongly defended Serebrennikov, denouncing his detention as an act of intimidation.

The Investigative Committee, Russia's top investigative agency, accused Serebrennikov of staging a scheme to embezzle 68 million rubles (about \$1.1 million) in government funds allocated for his productions in 2011-2014. He rejects the charges.

Serebrennikov's lawyer, Dmitry Kharitonov, said he was detained in St. Petersburg where he was shooting a movie about a Soviet-era rock star and escorted to the Investigative Committee's headquarters in Moscow.

After interrogation, Serebrennikov was taken to jail pending a court hearing Wednesday on whether to keep him in custody.

The director was briefly detained and questioned in May, but the investigators then stopped short of pressing charges. The theater's accountant and one senior manager have remained in custody and another manager is under house arrest pending the probe.

Russia media have reported that the accountant and several others had testified against Serebrennikov.

Serebrennikov's productions have topped Moscow's theater scene for years. In September, he was to direct an opera production in Stuttgart, Germany. His movie "The Student" won the Francois Chalais prize at the Cannes film festival last year.

While Serebrennikov had personal contacts with some members of the Russian government and his theater received lavish state funding, he also faced frequent attacks by hardline politicians and conservative activists who wanted to revoke the state subsidies for his productions.

In July, Moscow's famed Bolshoi Theater canceled a much-anticipated ballet directed by Serebrennikov just three days before the opening night, a development that made many in Moscow's art scene speak of a return to censorship.

The Bolshoi denied reports that the show about dancer Rudolf Nureyev had been scrapped because of its frank description of his gay relationships — which is taboo under a strict Russian law banning gay propaganda.

Members of Russian art community, liberal politicians and activists on Tuesday strongly pushed for Serebrennikov's release. Some drew parallels with the arrest of Vsevolod Meyerhold, an iconic Russian theater director executed by NKVD secret police during Soviet dictator Josef Stalin's purges.

"The director's detention is clearly excessive," Alexei Kudrin, a former finance minister known for his

liberal views, said on Twitter.

Mikhail Shvydkoi, President Vladimir Putin's envoy for international cultural cooperation, criticized the investigators for what he described as a "demonstration of force," according to the Interfax news agency.

Earlier this year, prominent members of the Russian artistic community defended Serebrennikov in an appeal to Putin. Shortly after that appeal, the Kommersant newspaper quoted Putin dismissing investigators as "fools" in May during a private conversation with Yevgeny Mironov, a prominent actor and director who spoke in Serebrennikov's defense.

"The Investigative Committee has tried to prove they aren't fools," activist Olga Romanova commented Tuesday.

Pentagon chief, in Baghdad, says militants are 'on the run'

By ROBERT BURNS, AP National Security Writer

BAGHDAD (AP) — U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said Tuesday he is confident that U.S.-backed Iraqi forces will finish off the Islamic State militants clinging to strongholds that are shrinking in size and number.

"ISIS is on the run," Mattis told reporters after meeting with Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi and other Iraqi government leaders. "They have been shown to be unable to stand up to our team in combat."

Mattis spoke alongside Lt. Gen. Stephen Townsend, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, who is due to finish his tour of duty here in early September.

"The fighting is tough," Townsend said, "but the momentum is with our partners."

Earlier, Mattis described the extremists as being trapped in a military vise that will squeeze them on both sides of the Syria-Iraq border.

Mattis had arrived in the Iraqi capital hours after President Donald Trump outlined a fresh approach to the stalemated war in Afghanistan. Trump also has pledged to take a more aggressive, effective approach against IS in Iraq and Syria, but he has yet to announce a strategy for that conflict that differs greatly from his predecessor's.

The Pentagon chief told reporters before he left neighboring Jordan that the Middle Euphrates River Valley — roughly from the western Iraqi city of al-Qaim to the eastern Syrian city of Der el-Zour — will be liberated in time, as IS takes hit from both ends of the valley that bisects Iraq and Syria.

"You see, ISIS is now caught in-between converging forces," he said, using an alternative acronym for the militant group that burst into western and northern Iraq in 2014 from Syria and held sway for more than two years. "So ISIS's days are certainly numbered, but it's not over yet and it's not going to be over any time soon."

Mattis referred to this area as "ISIS's last stand."

Unlike the war in Afghanistan, Iraq offers a more positive narrative for the White House, at least for now.

Having enabled Iraqi government forces to reclaim the Islamic State's prized possession of Mosul in July, the U.S. military effort is showing tangible progress and the Pentagon can credibly assert that momentum is on Iraq's side.

The ranking U.S. Air Force officer in Iraq, Brig. Gen. Andrew A. Croft, said that over the past few months, IS has lost much of its ability to command and control its forces.

"It's less coordinated than it was before," he said. "It appears more fractured — flimsy is the word I would use."

It seems likely that in coming months Trump may be in position to declare a victory of sorts in Iraq as IS fighters are marginalized and they lose their claim to be running a "caliphate" inside Iraq's borders. Syria, on the other hand, is a murkier problem, even as IS loses ground there against U.S.-supported local fighters and Russian-backed Syrian government forces.

The U.S. role in Iraq parallels Afghanistan in some ways, starting with the basic tenet of enabling local government forces to fight rather than having U.S. troops do the fighting for them. That is unlikely to change in either country.

Although the Taliban is the main opposition force in Afghanistan, an IS affiliate has emerged there, too.

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In both countries, U.S. airpower is playing an important role in support of local forces, and the Pentagon is trying to facilitate the development of potent local air forces.

In Iraq, the political outlook is clouded by the same sectarian and ethnic divisions among Sunni, Shiite and Kurdish factions that have repeatedly undercut, and sometimes reversed, security gains following the toppling of Saddam Hussein's government in 2003.

An immediate worry is a Kurdish independence referendum to be held Sept. 25. If that's successful, it could upset a delicate political balance in Iraq and enflame tensions with Turkey, whose own Kurdish population has fought an insurgency against the central government for decades. McGurk reiterated U.S. opposition to holding the Iraqi Kurdish referendum.

With Iraqi troops on Tuesday reaching the first urban areas of the IS-held northern town of Tal Afar on the third day of an operation, Mattis has refused to predict victory. He said generals and senior officials should "just go silent" when troops are entering battle.

As NKorea vows response, US dismisses calls to pause drills

By LEE JIN-MAN and HYUNG-JIN KIM, Associated Press

OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea (AP) — As North Korea vowed "merciless retaliation" against U.S.-South Korean military drills that it claims are an invasion rehearsal, senior U.S. military commanders on Tuesday dismissed calls to pause or downsize exercises they called crucial to countering a clear threat from Pyongyang.

The heated North Korean rhetoric, along with occasional weapons tests, is standard fare during the spring and summer war games by allies Seoul and Washington, but always uneasy ties between the Koreans are worse than normal this year following weeks of tit-for-tat threats between President Donald Trump and Pyongyang in the wake of the North's two intercontinental ballistic missile tests last month.

There have been calls in both the United States and South Korea to postpone or modify the drills in an attempt to ease hostility on the Korean Peninsula following North Korea's threat to lob missiles toward the U.S. territory of Guam. But a visiting group of senior U.S. military commanders, including Adm. Harry Harris, the commander of U.S. forces in the Pacific, said the drills are critical for the allies to maintain readiness against an aggressive North Korea.

"A strong diplomatic effort backed by a strong military effort is key because credible combat power should be in support of diplomacy and not the other way around," Harris said during a news conference at the Osan Air Base in South Korea.

Vincent Brooks, commander of U.S. Forces Korea, said the allies should continue the war games until they "have reason not to." "That reason has not yet emerged," he said.

The U.S. military officials later traveled to the site of a contentious U.S. missile-defense system in South Korea later Tuesday.

North Korea's military said in a statement that it would launch an unspecified "merciless retaliation and unsparing punishment" on the United States over the Ulchi Freedom Guardian drills that began Monday for an 11-day run.

Despite the threat, an unprompted direct attack is extremely unlikely because the United States vastly outguns Pyongyang, which values the continuation of its dictatorship above all else. Impoverished North Korea hates the annual drills in part because they force it to respond with expensive military measures of its own.

The North Korean statement accused the United States of deploying unspecified "lethal" weapons for the drills that it says involve a "beheading operation" training aimed at removing absolute ruler Kim Jong Un.

"No one can vouch that these huge forces concentrated in South Korea will not go over to an actual war action now that the military tensions have reached an extreme pitch in the Korean Peninsula," the statement said. "Moreover, high-ranking bosses of the U.S. imperialist aggressor forces flew into South Korea to hold a war confab. Such huddle is increasing the gravity of the situation."

Sen. Edward Markey, a Massachusetts Democrat who visited Seoul with other lawmakers, said Tuesday

that dialogue would be the best way to defuse the North Korean nuclear standoff, though he argued that the United States and its allies must be ready to respond to potential aggression by North Korea with "overwhelming force."

"Talking with North Korea is not a concession; it is the only way to reach an agreement to denuclearize the Korean Peninsula and to reinforce that our military strength is there only to deter aggression and to defend against attack," Markey told a news conference.

Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Kono offered a different view, saying pressure, not talks, is needed to push North Korea to give up its nuclear weapons. He said Pyongyang had used dialogue in the past to buy time.

The Ulchi drills are largely computer-simulated war games held every summer, and this year's exercise involves 17,500 American troops and 50,000 South Korean soldiers. No field training like live-fire exercises or tank maneuvering is involved in the drills, in which alliance officers sit at computers to practice how they would engage in battles and hone their decision-making capabilities. The allies have said the drills are defensive in nature.

Hyung-jin Kim reported from Seoul. AP journalists Kim Tong-hyung and Chang Yong-jun in Seoul and Yuri Kageyama in Tokyo contributed to this report.

Indonesia forest threatened by development despite new rules

By STEPHEN WRIGHT and NINIEK KARMINI, Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — In a remote corner of Borneo, an Indonesian company and its Chinese partner are pushing ahead with an industrial wood plantation in a tropical forest and orangutan habitat, apparently flouting government regulations intended to prevent a repeat of disastrous fires in 2015.

Photos and drone footage taken by activists in late July show an extensive drainage canal full of water, heavy earth-moving equipment on the land and planting of seedlings despite an order in March from the Environment and Forestry Minister Siti Nurbaya to cease operations.

The exploitation of the 57,000-hectare (140,847-acre) Sungai Putri forest, which is home to as many as 1,200 critically endangered orangutans, and Chinese investment in a related wood-processing plant is supported by provincial and district officials in West Kalimantan on the giant island of Borneo. But it is in conflict with the central government's unevenly enforced moratorium on the drainage and exploitation of Indonesia's extensive peatlands, which was instituted after massive dry season fires in 2015.

The fires, which spread across 2.6 million hectares (6.4 million acres) and blanketed parts of Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia and southern Thailand in a health-damaging haze, were worsened by El Nino dry conditions but also underlined the huge risks that pulp wood and palm oil companies have taken in draining swampy peatlands for industrial plantations, making the peatlands highly combustible. The World Bank estimated the fires caused losses of \$16 billion.

A representative of local communities in Sungai Putri said villagers didn't know about the government freeze on peatland drainage when the Indonesian company, Mohairson Pawan Khatulistiwa, sought their agreement for what it called a trial plantation and digging of a canal to transport wood to a factory.

They now want the agreement, which involved \$300 of compensation for each hectare of land taken by the canal, canceled.

"At that time we did not know that canals should not be created on peatlands," said Abram, who uses one name. "So, frankly speaking, we felt lied to."

The Indonesian company is working with a Chinese wood-processing business Benshang Advanced Materials Co. which according to the website of the Ketapang district government in West Kalimantan is investing 4 trillion rupiah (\$300 million) in the area, including a factory. Employees reached by telephone at a Ketapang office shared by the two companies declined to comment.

The government's commitment to protecting and restoring peatlands has become muddied following pressure from industry and provincial governments. An April 25 letter from the governor of West Kalimantan

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province to President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo asserts that restricting use of peatlands will threaten nearly 90,000 jobs and jeopardize billions of dollars of exports.

Jokowi in July said that ministries should not issue new regulations that scare away investors, which local media reported as a rebuke to the Forestry and Environment Ministry.

Nurbaya, the forestry minister, did not respond to phone calls or questions sent by WhatsApp. In March, a statement from Nurbaya published on the ForestHints website, a semi-official mouthpiece for Forestry and Environment Ministry officials, said new canals and development of peatland is "strictly prohibited" and there would be "no compromise."

Abram said the companies have continued to work on the plantation. Earlier this month the Indonesian side visited villagers and told them not to make a fuss and also asked for a letter from the community approving of the canal, which was rejected, he said.

The chief of Ketapang district, Martin Ratan, said he welcomes investment in the region and the bank-rolling of the plantation by the Chinese company will provide 2,000 jobs.

He said communities should not cancel their agreements because they will lose out on economic opportunities.

He insisted that work on the canal, which was envisaged as 60 kilometers (37 miles) long, had stopped and the company was only planting.

"Drainage canals will not continue in the peatlands, and they plan to carry out their products with lorries, they plan to build a road for their lorries but that has not yet begun," he said.

Greenpeace has warned that drainage of the Sungai Putri peatlands will create a significant fire risk that threatens communities and the orangutan population. Palm oil plantations around Sungai Putri burned extensively in the 2015 fires, it says.

Indonesia's disaster mitigation agency said Tuesday that one third of the more than 500 fires now burning across Indonesian in the current dry season are in West Kalimantan.

"This company appears to be not only ignoring government instructions but also restarting its operations," said Greenpeace forests campaigner Ratri Kusumohartono. "If the government is serious about stopping fires it must stop this company from developing on peatland and protect this critical peatland forest."

Warming Arctic spurs battles for riches, shipping routes

By FRANK JORDANS, Associated Press

LANCASTER SOUND, Nunavut (AP) — From a distance, the northern shores of Baffin Island in the Arctic appear barren — a craggy world of snow-capped peaks and glaciers surrounded by a sea of floating ice even in the midst of summer.

Yet beneath the forbidding surface of the world's fifth largest island lies an exceptionally pure strain of iron ore, and the Baffinland mine is believed to hold enough of it to feed smelters for decades.

As climate change pushes the ice a little farther north each year, it is spurring talk of a gold rush in the remote Arctic for abundant natural resources, prized shipping routes and business opportunities in tourism and fishing. The Arctic, including the fabled Northwest Passage between the Atlantic and the Pacific, is among the last regions on earth to remain largely unexplored. In April, U.S. President Donald Trump signed an executive order to reverse Obama-era restrictions on oil drilling.

However, experts say there remain many obstacles to reaping the riches once blocked by the ice.

The Associated Press took a first-hand look at the region on a month-long, 10,000-kilometer (6,200-mile) journey aboard the Finnish icebreaker MSV Nordica, along with researchers specializing in Arctic development.

"As the world demand for raw materials is ever increasing, and (with) a realization that a large part of the unexplored deposits are in the Arctic, there is a natural shift to focus on that area," said Mads Boye Peterson, head of Denmark's Nordic Bulk Carriers Shipping.

Peterson's company sent a freighter through the Northwest Passage four years ago to show the route can be used to haul cargo in summer. However, he also noted that rising temperatures make operations

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harder because moving floes are less predictable than unbroken sheets of ice.

"On the surface it might look like a slam dunk," he said. "But it's actually a lot more complicated than just something you decide to do overnight."

The U.S. Geological Survey has estimated that up to 30 percent of the world's undiscovered gas and 13 percent of oil waiting to be found are inside the Arctic Circle. Precious minerals also slumber beneath the icy surface, along with rare earth elements, lithium and cobalt, used in batteries for electric cars and handheld devices, said Morten Smelror, director of the Geological Survey of Norway.

"The Arctic is certainly among the last frontiers with respect to undiscovered mineral resources, along with the deep oceans," said Smelror.

The geography also opens up new opportunities. Sailing through the Northwest Passage could potentially cut the distance from East Asia to Western Europe by more than 10,000 kilometers (6,200 miles), compared with the traditional route through the Panama Canal, offering huge fuel savings.

The battle for the Arctic is being fought by geologists and legions of lawyers.

Greenland has staked its claim to the Lomonosov Ridge beneath the Arctic Sea, which would greatly extend its rights to the sea bed for possible mining. Russia contests the claim. Russia boldly planted an underwater flag at the North Pole 10 years ago, and has been expanding infrastructure along its northern coast.

Canada contends the Arctic archipelago's waters are its internal waters, and has stepped up its presence in the region, including creating a new Arctic research center. The United States contests Canada's claim, which would give Ottawa the right to stop ships from freely traveling through the Northwest Passage.

Some smaller firms are pressing ahead. The Alaska-based company Quintillion is laying a fiber optic cable through the Northwest Passage to provide high-speed Internet traffic to local communities and an additional link between London and Tokyo.

The growth in adventure tourism and the lengthening summer season have also produced a surge of traffic. Last year, the cruise ship *Crystal Serenity* with 500 crew and 1,100 passengers paying at least \$22,000 each sailed through the passage. Part of the revenue goes to local communities whose hunting grounds and travel routes might be disrupted.

Some Inuit are hoping for new economic opportunities from the region's growing fishing industry.

"Money-wise it's great," said Maatiusi Manning, a 33-year-old Inuk from Baffin Island. "It's going to help a lot of families."

Climate change is even opening new avenues in agriculture. Mette Bendixen, a climate researcher at the University of Copenhagen, projects that global warming will extend the growing season by two months.

"Not many people know that potatoes, strawberries are grown in southern Greenland," he said.

Despite its promise, several challenges are holding back Arctic development.

The search for fossil fuels above North America has slowed in recent years, partly because of low oil prices and public pressure. Shell relinquished most of its federal offshore leases in Alaska's Chukchi Sea last year, after pouring billions of dollars into exploration efforts. Former Shell leases in the neighboring Beaufort Sea have been taken over by an Alaska Native-owned company.

And only 10 percent of the Northwest Passage is surveyed to the highest modern standards, meaning uncharted shallows could pose a serious risk to shipping.

Ocean currents are predicted to push polar pack ice into the passage for decades, limiting the route to sturdy vessels with experienced navigators — and keeping insurance costs high.

"Think about a high mountain pass that is closed for half the year, has no gas stations, convenience stores or repair facilities," said Andrew Kinsey, a senior marine risk consultant at insurance giant Allianz. "Is this the route that you want to use for your daily commute?"

Environmental concerns and a growing acceptance of the indigenous population's rights have held back some plans for Arctic exploration. Cargo hauls to the Baffinland iron ore mine are already restricted to August to mid-October, so as not to disrupt the Inuit's ability to cross the ice to hunt, fish or trade.

Daria Gritsenko, a public policy researcher on board the *Nordica*, also cautioned that melting permafrost poses a problem for Arctic infrastructure.

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"We need to rethink how we build things in the Arctic," said Gritsenko, who is based at the University of Helsinki. "Even if we develop a tremendous system of Arctic ports, how would the goods get there? That's the irony of climate change."

Learn more about the Arctic and read dispatches sent by a team of AP journalists as they traveled through the region's fabled Northwest Passage last month: <https://www.apnews.com/tag/NewArctic>

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Asian markets rise modestly after Wall Street's sharp gains

By **YOUKYUNG LEE, AP Business Writer**

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Most Asian markets staged modest gains on Wednesday after overnight gains on Wall Street as geopolitical risks and turmoil at the White House that have dented investor sentiment in the past few weeks abated while investors eyed the annual gathering of central bankers.

KEEPING SCORE: Japan's Nikkei 225 gained 0.5 percent to 19,472.30 and South Korea's Kospi added 0.1 percent to 2,366.86. But Shanghai Composite Index edged down 0.1 percent to 3,286.56. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 fell 0.4 percent to 5,727.90. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index was closed due to a typhoon.

ANALYST'S TAKE: "Sharp gains in U.S. stocks last night means that volatility remains elevated compared to recent months," said Ric Spooner, chief market analyst at CMC Markets. "Residual concerns about U.S. politics and the Korean situation also linger." He added that the recovery in the global stock markets may be temporary and does not imply the beginning of bull markets.

CENTRAL BANKERS: Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen and European Central Bank President Mario Draghi are among the central bankers due to speak at the symposium in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, this week. With little market-moving news on the calendar, investors will be keen on their speeches scheduled on Friday. The Federal Reserve is raising interest rates and is preparing to pare back the \$4.5 trillion it holds on its balance sheet, and investors are wondering when the European Central Bank will follow suit.

WALL STREET: U.S. stocks finished higher on Tuesday. The Standard & Poor's 500 rose 24.14 points, or 1 percent, to 2,452.51 for its fourth-biggest gain of the year. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 196.14 points, or 0.9 percent, to 21,899.89 on Tuesday, and the Nasdaq composite gained 84.35, or 1.4 percent, to 6,297.48.

OIL: Benchmark U.S. crude lost 13 cents to \$47.70 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract rose 30 cents to settle at \$47.83 per barrel on Tuesday. Brent crude, the international standard, slipped 19 cents to \$51.68 per barrel in London. It gained 21 cents to settle at \$51.87 a barrel in the previous session.

CURRENCIES: The dollar slipped to 109.44 Japanese yen from 109.57 yen. The euro rose to \$1.1764 from \$1.1762.

Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 23, the 235th day of 2017. There are 130 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 23, 1927, amid worldwide protests, Italian-born anarchists Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were executed in Boston for the murders of two men during a 1920 robbery.

On this date:

In 1305, Scottish rebel leader Sir William Wallace was executed by the English for treason.

In 1775, Britain's King George III proclaimed the American colonies to be in a state of "open and avowed rebellion."

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In 1858, "Ten Nights in a Bar-room," a play by Timothy Shay Arthur about the perils of alcohol, opened in New York.

In 1913, Copenhagen's Little Mermaid statue, inspired by the Hans Christian Andersen story, was unveiled in the harbor of the Danish capital.

In 1914, Japan declared war against Germany in World War I.

In 1926, silent film star Rudolph Valentino died in New York at age 31.

In 1939, Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union agreed to a non-aggression treaty, the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, in Moscow.

In 1947, an audience at the Hollywood Bowl heard President Harry S. Truman's daughter, Margaret, give her first public concert as a singer (she had previously performed on the radio).

In 1960, Broadway librettist Oscar Hammerstein (HAM'-ur-STYN') II, 65, died in Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

In 1973, a bank robbery-turned-hostage-taking began in Stockholm, Sweden; the four hostages ended up empathizing with their captors, a psychological condition now referred to as "Stockholm Syndrome."

In 1982, Lebanon's parliament elected Christian militia leader Bashir Gemayel president. (However, Gemayel was assassinated some three weeks later.)

In 1989, in a case that inflamed racial tensions in New York, Yusuf Hawkins, a 16-year-old black youth, was shot dead after he and his friends were confronted by a group of white youths in the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn. (Gunman Joey Fama was convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison; he will be eligible for parole in 2022.)

Ten years ago: A report by top U.S. spy analysts concluded the Iraqi government was strained by rampant violence, deep sectarian differences among its political parties and stymied leadership. Reality TV star Nicole Richie spent 82 minutes in a Los Angeles County jail to complete a four-day sentence for driving under the influence of drugs.

Five years ago: First lady Michelle Obama consoled relatives of worshippers gunned down at a Sikh temple in suburban Milwaukee. Lance Armstrong chose not to pursue arbitration in the drug case brought against him by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, setting the stage for his Tour de France titles to be stripped and his name to be all but wiped from the record books of the sport he once ruled.

One year ago: Standing amid piles of waterlogged debris, President Barack Obama promised a sustained national effort to rebuild flood-ravaged southern Louisiana "even after the TV cameras leave" on a visit aimed in part at stemming campaign-season criticism that he was slow to respond to the disaster. Prosecutors charged a Tulsa man with first-degree murder and committing a hate crime in the killing of his Lebanese Christian neighbor — a culmination of what authorities said was the man's violent feud with the family that spanned several years and included a regular barrage of racial insults and personal confrontations. Actor Steven Hill, 94, died in New York City.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Vera Miles is 87. Actress Barbara Eden is 86. Political satirist Mark Russell is 85. Pro Football Hall of Famer Sonny Jurgensen is 83. Actor Richard Sanders is 77. Ballet dancer Patricia McBride is 75. Former Surgeon General Antonia Novello is 73. Pro Football Hall of Famer Rayfield Wright is 72. Country singer Rex Allen Jr. is 70. Actor David Robb is 70. Singer Linda Thompson is 70. Actress Shelley Long is 68. Actor-singer Rick Springfield is 68. Country singer-musician Woody Paul (Riders in the Sky) is 68. Queen Noor of Jordan is 66. Actor-producer Mark Hudson is 66. Actor Skipp Sudduth is 61. Retired MLB All-Star pitcher Mike Boddicker is 60. Rock musician Dean DeLeo (Army of Anyone; Stone Temple Pilots) is 56. Country musician Ira Dean (Trick Pony) is 48. Actor Jay Mohr is 47. Actor Ray Park is 43. Actor Scott Caan is 41. Country singer Shelly Fairchild is 40. Figure skater Nicole Bobek is 40. Rock singer Julian Casablancas (The Strokes) is 39. Retired NBA player Kobe Bryant is 39. Actress Joanne Froggatt is 37. Neo-soul musician Andy Wild is 36. Actress Annie Ilonzeh is 34. Dance musician Sky Blu is 31. Actress Kimberly Matula is 29. NBA player Jeremy Lin is 29.

Thought for Today: "The chains which cramp us most are those which weigh on us least." — Anne Sophie Swetchine, Russian-French author (1782-1857).