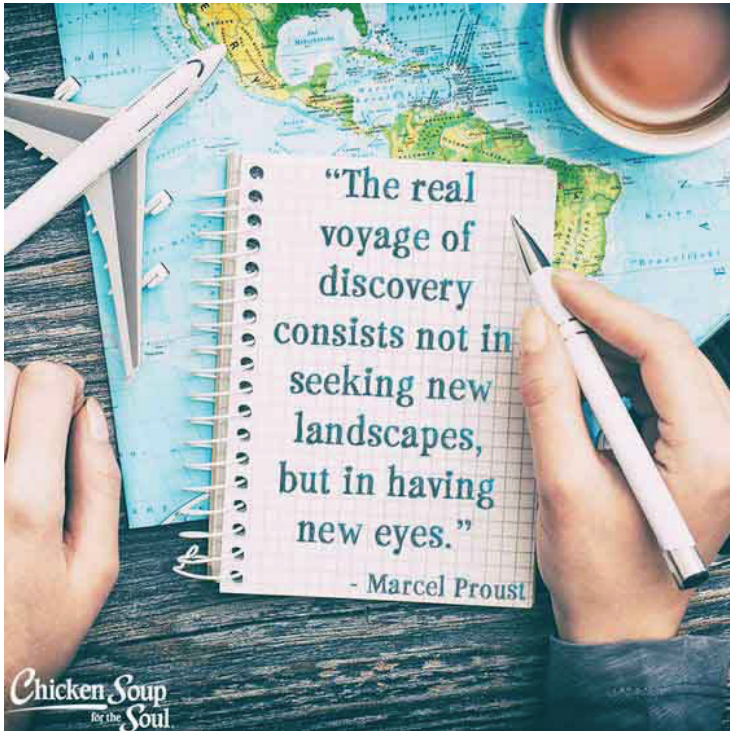


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Groton City Council Meeting Agenda

November 20, 2017 – 7:00pm

Groton Community Center

1. Minutes
2. Bills
3. October Finance Report
4. Gravel bids for 2018 to be open December 4, 2017
5. Safe Routes to School Remainder: \$6,512.50
6. Six Month Probation Period End Dec. 5 – Hope
7. Per Karyn Babcock – City Employee Christmas Party
8. Fees & Price List Revision
9. First Reading Ordinance # 715 Utility Amendment
10. Group Health Insurance Coverage for 2018
11. First Reading of Ordinance # 716 Salaries for 2018
12. Executive session - Personnel 1-25-2 (3)

Women's Basketball Sweeps from Al Kaly Shrine Classic, Defeating Westminster 79-56

Pueblo, Colo. – A 23 point victory over Westminster (Utah), led the Northern State University women's basketball team to a weekend sweep from Massari Arena. The Wolves improve to 4-1 overall, heading into the NSIC opener.

Northern was out to a quick start in the first half, holding the Griffons to just four points in the first and 15 in the second, while scoring 37 of their own. The Wolves out-scored the Griffons in each of the four quarters despite only a one point margin in the fourth. As a team, NSU shot 49.1 percent from the floor, 50.0 percent from the arc, and 76.9 percent from the foul line. They added 22 points in the paint, 22 points off the bench, 15 points off turnovers, and 13 points off 11 offensive boards.

The Wolves grabbed 31 defensive rebounds, out-rebounding the Griffons 42-26 in the win. They forced 16 turnovers, tallied 15 assists, and added four steals. A total of four Wolves scored in double figures, with ten players tallying at least one basket.

Miranda Ristau led the team with her first double-double of the season, notching 19 points and 13 rebounds. The senior shot 72.7 percent from the floor and knocked down 3-of-4 from the foul line, while adding two assists and two blocks.

Jill Conrad and Brianna Kusler were second on the team with 13 points each. Conrad tallied three rebounds and three assists, while shooting 50.0 percent from the floor. Kusler added one assist of her own, and drained 4-of-7 from field goal range. Jessi Marti was the final Wolf in double figures with ten points in the game. The sophomore tallied four rebounds and shot 75.0 percent from the floor and 66.7 percent from the arc.

Brynn Flakus led the team off the bench for the second straight game, notching nine points and five rebounds. The senior shot 50.0 percent from the floor and added two assists, two steals, and one block. Gabby Laimer and Anika Fredrick followed with five and four points respectively. Laimer added four rebounds and recorded one of the team's seven made 3-pointers.

Haley Froelich, Sara Tvedt, and Alexis Tappe notched two points each for the Wolves, rounding out the team total. Tappe led the team with four assists and two blocks, while adding three rebounds. Froelich and Tvedt notched three rebounds each, while Marti added four of her own.

The Northern State Wolves will open conference play following the holiday weekend as they travel to Minot State and U-Mary. Tip-off is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Friday versus the Beavers and 4 p.m. on Saturday against the Marauders.

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Wolves Notch Season Best Times in Final Home Meet of 2017-18

Aberdeen, S.D. – In their final home meet of the 2017-18 season, the Northern State University swim team fell to Augustana 166-96 from the Aberdeen YMCA. The Wolves drop to 2-12 overall and 1-4 in the NSIC following the loss.

The Wolves opened the afternoon as the runner-up in the 400 medley relay. The team of Edda Skoric, Ashley Dunn, Karlie Brown, and Lexie Malimanek finished with a time of 4:13.09.

Kalina Emaus tallied a second place in the 100 yard free, the first individual event of the afternoon, hitting the wall at 11:12.83. The junior went on to win the 200 fly with a time of 2:15.93. She was followed Jordan Metz in third overall in the 1000 free with a time of 11:57.02.

Josie Gillund led the Wolves in the 200 free, finishing second with a time of 2:01.63. Gillund added her second runner-up finish of the evening in the 10 free, hitting the wall at 55.98. Kady Harris added a second place finish in the 100 breast, hitting the wall at 1:10.57. Harris also notched a runner-up finish in the 50 free, with a time of 26.39.

Edda Skoric notched her first win of the night in the 100 back, hitting the wall at 59.80 for nine team points. She was the only swimmer to finish under a minute. The sophomore went on to win the 200 back, with a time of 2:11.57. She defeated the next closest opponent by over three seconds. Malimanek followed in third with a time of 2:22.46. Skoric finished off the meet, taking second in the 500 free with a time of 5:17.32.

Karlie Brown led the team in the 100 fly, coming in second with a time of 1:02.42. She followed that with a fourth place finish in the 400 IM just one race later, hitting the wall at 4:56.34. Camille Kawasaki tallied personal records for the Wolves in the 200 breast and 100 fly. She hit the wall in fourth in the 200 breast with a time of 2:41.57, and notched a time of 1:04.31 in the 100 fly.

The Wolves concluded the meet, finishing second in the 200 free relay with solid splits all around. The team of Harris, Maida Walters, Gentry Musgrove, and Gillund hit the wall at 1:42.82.

The Wolves return to action December 1-3 from the Rochester Invite in Rochester, Minnesota, with prelims and finals each day.

Senior Duo Crowned All-Americans from NCAA Cross Country Championships

Evansville, Ind. – In the final cross country race of their Northern State careers, the senior duo of Sasha Hovind and Dakotah Bullen raced to All-American finishes, as the Wolves went 2-for-2 from the NCAA Championships. Hovind finished tenth overall, while Bullen came in 34th from the Angel Mounds course in Evansville, Indiana.

The tenth place finish for Hovind is the top placing of her career from the NCAA Championships, finishing with a time of 21:08.7. The senior earned the ninth All-American honor of her career, and third in cross country as the top NSIC finisher in the race. She was under a minute off the national champion, Kurgat, who broke away from the pack early in the race.

“My main goal going into the race was to first and foremost be an All-American,” explained Hovind. “I have accomplished it in the past and knew I had what it took to do it again. Ultimately, I wanted to be in the top-10. I am pretty sure I made coach nervous because he told me I needed to get out hard and to not get trapped but try as I might, I was definitely was back in the pack. I knew this would happen though and just told myself to relax and throw some surges throughout to get to where I wanted to be. I slowly worked my way up and fought hard both physically and mentally to get that top-10 [finish] I had dreamed of. I loved every second of it and was so honored and happy to have Dakotah toe the line with me. All the sweeter that our final race together we both were able to take home All-American honors.”

Bullen nabbed the first All-American honor of her career in cross country working her way into the top-40 in the event with a time of 21:39.4. The senior moved up 22 places from her finish in 2015, after sitting 56th overall. She also landed in the top-10 in the NSIC as the seventh finisher from the league.

“My game plan was to go out strong and hold on,” noted Bullen. “But mostly to just go out and have fun and enjoy it. When the gun went off I didn’t get out quite as quickly as I had hoped, but it gave me a great opportunity to pass a lot of girls and build momentum throughout the race. I enjoyed every minute of it and couldn’t be happier.”

The pair concludes their NSU cross country careers with a combined four All-American honors and numerous race wins, including three back-to-back-to-back titles for Bullen from the Herb Blakely Invite and the NSIC Championship for Hovind in 2014.

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138 Thanksgivings Ago

Linda and I are thankful for many things this year. We are thankful for our children and grandchildren, for the friends old and new we've made across the state, and for the opportunity to serve as governor and first lady.

I am also thankful for a Yankton dinner table conversation that took place 138 Thanksgivings ago. John Andrews recounted the story in a South Dakota Magazine article released prior to South Dakota's 125th anniversary of statehood.

A few of Dakota Territory's most prominent leaders gathered around the dinner table that Thanksgiving Day in 1879 to do more than break bread. The home belonged to a local Congregational minister, Rev. Stewart Sheldon, and among his guests were territorial Gov. William Howard, U.S. Attorney Hugh Campbell, General William H.H. Beadle, Edward P. Wilcox and his brother-in-law Rev. Joseph Ward.

The conversation began around a school lands question. The men present wanted to ensure school lands would be valued and sold at a high enough price, at no less than \$10 per acre. Some residents thought the land should be sold for \$2.25 per acre to a large syndicate. This was of particular concern to General Beadle who was the superintendent of public instruction.

As they discussed the issue, the idea arose to divide Dakota Territory into northern and southern portions to protect the value of the lands, and to make the southern part of Dakota its own state. It is believed this was the conversation that sparked serious statehood efforts, as these men spent the next few years leading the movement.

Nearly 10 more years passed before South Dakota became its own state. It took three bills passed by the territorial legislature, two constitutional conventions, two votes from the people and two congressional bills. Finally, a newly-elected president with Republican majorities in Congress signed South Dakota into statehood. As Andrews noted in his article, the dinner discussion served as a catalyst of the statehood movement. As he put it, "We owe a debt of gratitude to the men who shared ideas around the Thanksgiving table and committed themselves to creating a new and better home."

Considering where our state is today, I think that's true. There's no better place to live, work and raise a family. In fact, Site Selection named South Dakota as the number one state for achieving the American dream. With our low tax burden and reasonable regulatory environment, you can make a good living in South Dakota and you can rest assured that your tax dollars are being well managed. We have balanced the budget every year since statehood and our sound financial practices are affirmed by all three credit rating agencies, which have awarded us with AAA status. We also have a high quality of life: an abundance of outdoor recreational opportunities, safe communities, good schools and post-secondary opportunities, and clean air and water.

More than anything though, our state is made up of good people. South Dakotans are friendly, humble and hardworking. Here, we still hold open doors, say hello to passing strangers and shovel our neighbors' driveways. For these things and for the individuals who made South Dakota what it is today, we have reason to be very, very thankful.

Happy Thanksgiving, South Dakota.



Blessed, Honored, and Thankful

The story of the first Thanksgiving is one you've probably heard (some version of it anyway). But I recently came across what happened a couple of years later when the second Thanksgiving was celebrated. The pilgrims had faced a tough drought that year. It hit their yields pretty hard and food became scarce. The colony's governor called for a fast to preserve resources. When the fast was finally lifted, the pilgrims gathered together and the thanksgiving feast began.

I imagine their meal was hardly the spread many of us have today, but there's something neat about the fact that this tradition of gratitude has lasted through the generations.

While we don't face a food shortage as the pilgrims did, South Dakota does understand the impact of a drought. It's made for a really rough harvest in much of the state this year and forced many families to tighten their belts a bit.

I became the general manager of our farm in the mid-1990's, so I've been through years like this. They were tough. But looking back, I know we had so much to be grateful for. We built a lot of efficiencies into our operation during those lean years (to be fair, we had to). It forced us to diversify our operation, which led me to start a hunting lodge – an experience I still appreciate today. The long days could be grueling, but there's a part of me that misses them now. We worked hard, but we worked as a family. And those memories mean the world to me.

My day-to-day life looks different today, but I still count the blessings. I get frustrated by Washington a lot, but I never take for granted the responsibility you've given me. I'm honored beyond belief to represent South Dakota. I'm grateful for the love and compassion so many have shown. I'm grateful for those who are willing to talk with me about the things we disagree on. I'm grateful for every win we achieve and to share the experiences of South Dakota with folks from across the country. I'm grateful to be able to travel the state almost every week and to spend time with people I might not have had the chance to otherwise connect with.

When you're in the thick of things, it can be hard to see the blessings that are right in front of you. I recognize that. But taking the time to acknowledge those blessings can really shift a person's perspective. My mom is a big fan of Willie Nelson, and I loved how he put it: "When I started counting my blessings, my whole life turned around."

Like many families, we take time to count our blessings at the Thanksgiving table every year. Part of me has always wondered if the pilgrims shared that tradition too. While so much has changed over the last 400-plus years, I wouldn't be surprised if the conversations around the Thanksgiving table were actually quite similar: I'm grateful for family, for a home, for freedom, for what we could harvest despite the drought.

From Bryon, Kassidy, Kennedy, Booker and I, we wish you a blessed Thanksgiving.

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Today in Weather History

November 19, 1981: A storm system moved from southeast Nebraska through Iowa on the 18th and spread rain and sleet as well as a few thunderstorms into southern Minnesota. Rain and sleet began changing over to snow during the afternoon on the 18th and continued through the 19th. The most substantial snowfall was in the Minneapolis area. The 10.4 inches of snow reported from the National Weather Service office in the Twin Cities was the heaviest snowfall recorded at the office since March 22nd, to the 23rd, 1965 when 13.6 inches fell. The storm knocked out power and phones to many in the Twin Cities metropolitan area. Damage was also done to the Humber H. Humphrey Metrodome, where the weight of the heavy snow caused the newly inflated, fabric dome collapsed and ripped.




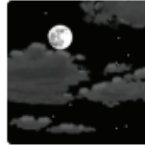



November 19, 1996: Widespread freezing rain spread a layer of ice across a large area before changing over to snow during November 19-20. Snowfall amounts were 1 to 3 inches in central South Dakota, 3 to 7 inches across north central South Dakota, 5 to 6 inches in west central Minnesota, and 4 to 12 inches across northeast South Dakota. Travel was difficult, and several schools were closed or delayed. Mail delivery was also slowed or postponed for a day or two. Several, mainly minor accidents, resulting in several minor injuries, occurred as a result of the ice and snow covered roads. Two Milbank buses slid into ditches. Strong north winds led to near-blizzard conditions across northeast South Dakota on the 20th. Some snowfall totals included; 12.0 inches in Clear Lake and near Milbank; 10.1 inches near Mellette; 9.0 inches in Browns Valley; 8.3 inches near Big Stone City; 8.0 inches in Faulkton; and 7.0 inches in Britton and Conde.

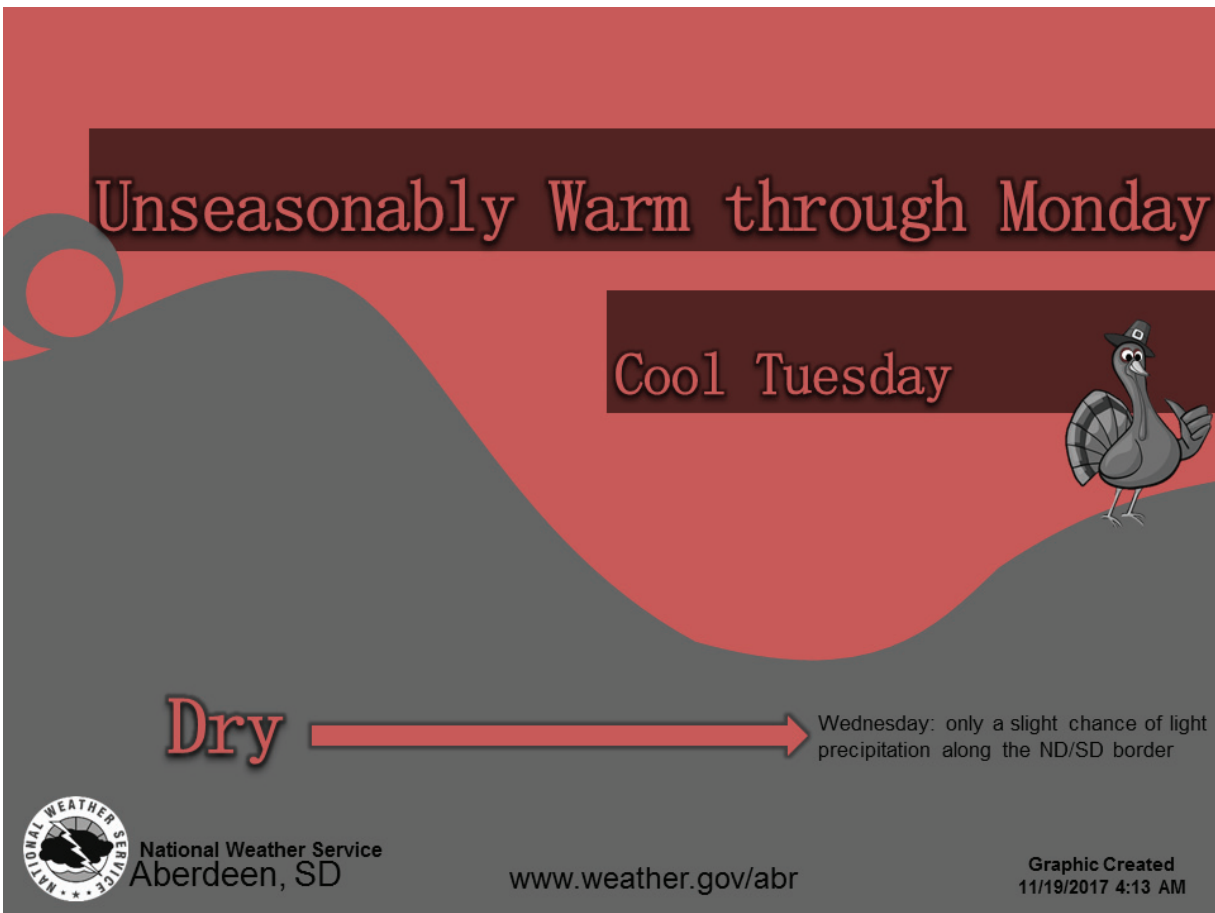
1921: The Columbia Gorge ice storm finally came to an end. In Oregon, 54 inches of snow, sleet and glaze blocked the Columbia River Highway at The Dalles. Apart from traffic on the river itself, all transportation between Walla Walla WA and Portland, OR came to a halt. Nine trains were stopped as railroads were blocked for several days.

1930: A rare, estimated F4 tornado struck the town of Bethany, Oklahoma. Between 9:30 am and 9:58 am CST, it moved north-northeast from 3 miles west of the Oklahoma City limits, and hit the eastern part of Bethany. About 110 homes and 700 other buildings, or about a fourth of the town, were damaged or destroyed. Near the end of the damage path, 3.5 miles northeast of Wiley Post Airfield, the tornado hit the Camel Creek School. Buildings blew apart just as the students were falling to the floor and looking for shelter, and five students and a teacher were killed. A total of 23 people were killed and another 150 injured, with 77 being seriously injured. Damage estimates were listed at \$500,000.

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Today	Tonight	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday
						
Sunny	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Slight Chance Snow then Partly Sunny
High: 49 °F	Low: 23 °F	High: 54 °F	Low: 16 °F	High: 28 °F	Low: 12 °F	High: 35 °F



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Expect unseasonably warm temperatures through Monday, with 50s and even a few 60s possible Monday afternoon. It will be cool Tuesday, behind a cold front. Tuesday morning wind chills will be in the single digits. While Wednesday could bring a slight chance of light precipitation along the North Dakota and South Dakota border, mostly dry weather should continue through Friday.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 30.5

Low Outside Temp: 12.4

High Gust: 26

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 75° in 1908

Record Low: -11° in 1914

Average High: 37°F

Average Low: 17°F

Average Precip in Nov: .50

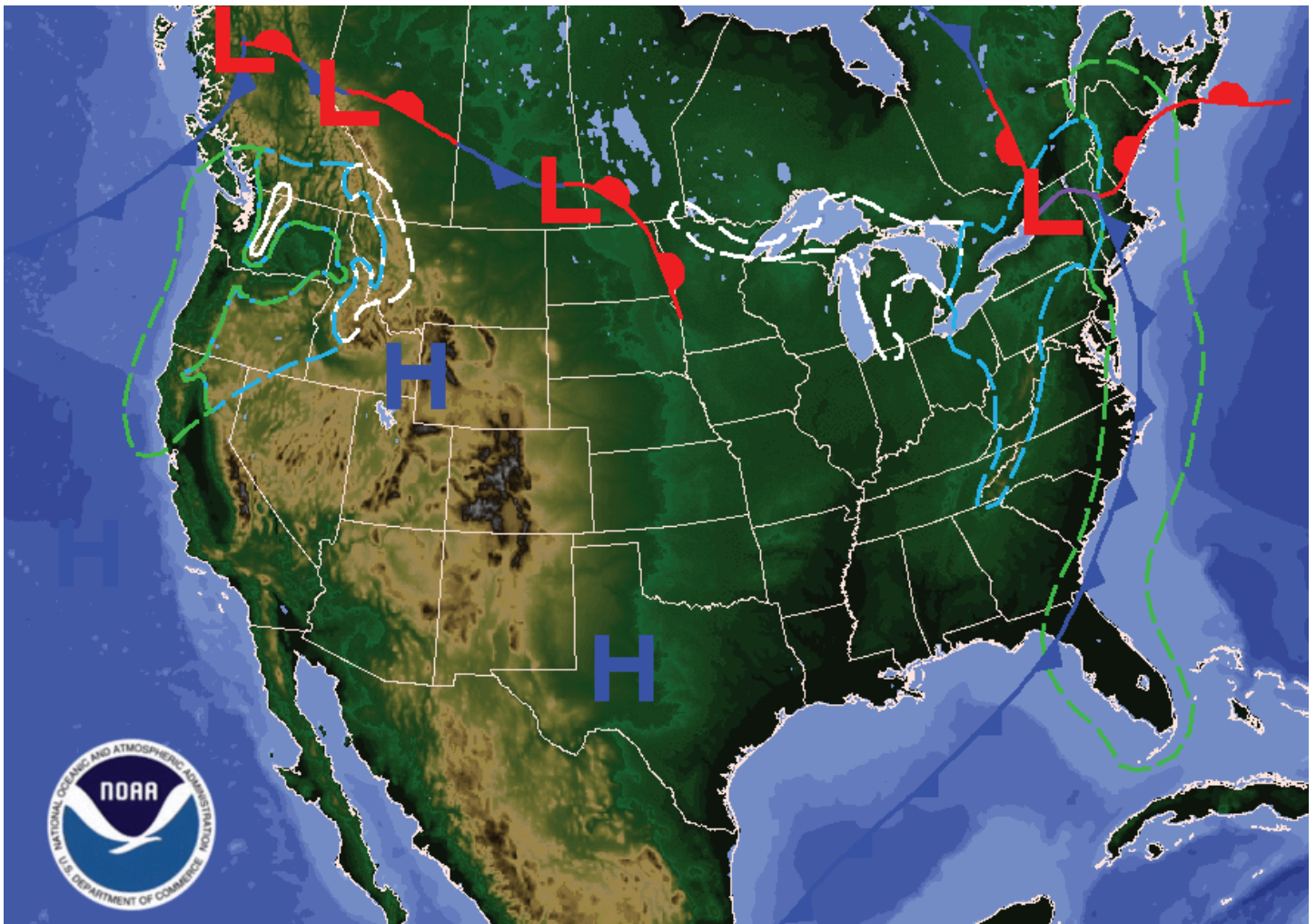
Precip to date in Nov: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 20.97

Precip Year to Date: 13.47

Sunset Tonight: 4:59 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:39 a.m.



Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Sun, Nov 19, 2017, issued 3:46 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Santorelli with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

Rain

Rain and T'Storms

Rain and Snow

Snow

Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)

Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)

Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)

Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)

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THE END!

Christianity is not a religion. Religion is man seeking a god. But in Christianity it is exactly the opposite: it is God seeking man through Jesus Christ. Scripture informs us that God "sent His Son" into the world to seek and to save us that we might have a relationship with Him. It is a relationship that is certain, constant and continual.

It begins with a grip. A visitor to the Alps decided to go mountain climbing with a famous guide. As they ascended the mountain all went well until they came to a dangerous crevice. His guide held out his hand but the visitor was reluctant and hesitated. "Grab my hand," shouted the guide. "That hand has never lost anyone." So it is with God. "I am always with you," said the Psalmist, "You hold me by my right hand."

It continues with a Guide. God has a plan for each of us. He knows our possibilities and our limitations. Only He can guide us in the right path because He created us to be God-guided in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. We often fall short of what God intended us to be and become but if we are willing he will lead us carefully and safely through life. The Psalmist wisely wrote, "You guide me with Your counsel."

It ends in glory – not a grave. What a blessed hope! He extends His sure-handed grip to keep us from falling. And with our hand in His, He guides us every day of our lives. Finally we end up living eternally with Him in heaven. All because our Father loves us with an everlasting love.

Prayer: We thank You, Father, for the assurance of Your presence and power in our lives – today and every day. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 73:23, 24 Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory.

2018 Groton SD Community Events

- Groton Lion's Club Bingo- Wednesday Nights 6:30pm at the Groton Legion (Year Round)
- 11/18/2017-3/31/2018 Groton Lion's Club Wheel of Meat- Saturday Nights 7pm at the Groton Legion (Fall/Winter Months)
- 1/28/2018 Carnival of Silver Skates 2pm & 6:30pm
- 3/24/2018 Easter Egg Hunt (Saturday a week before Easter Weekend)
- 5/5/2018 Spring City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday in May)
- 5/28/2018 Groton American Legion Post #39 Memorial Day Program at the Cemetery, Lunch to follow at the American Legion (Memorial Day)
- 6/14/2018 Transit Fundraiser (Middle Thursday in June)
- 6/15/2018 SDSU Golf at Olive Grove
- 6/16/2018 Triathlon (Saturday before Father's Day)
- 7/4/2018 Firecracker Golf Tourney (4th of July)
- 7/22/2018 Summer Fest (4th Sunday in July)
- 9/8/2018 Fall City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday after Labor Day)
- 10/6/2018 Pumpkin Fest (Saturday before Columbus Day)
- 10/12/2018 Band Festival (2nd Friday in October)
- 10/31/2018 Trunk or Treat (Halloween)
- 11/10/2018 Groton American Legion Post #39 Turkey Shoot (Saturday closest to Veteran's Day)

- Best Ball Golf Tourney
- SDSU Golf Tourney
- Sunflower Golf Tourney
- Santa Claus Day
- Fireman's Stag
- Tour of Homes
- Crazy Dayz/Open Houses
- School Events

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News from the Associated Press

SD Lottery

By The Associated Press

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

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$106 million

Powerball

17-28-31-32-39, Powerball: 26, Power Play: 3

(seventeen, twenty-eight, thirty-one, thirty-two, thirty-nine; Powerball: twenty-six; Power Play: three)

Estimated jackpot: \$119 million

Hagedorn leads South Dakota to 84-55 win over Grambling

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Tyler Hagedorn had 15 points to help lead South Dakota to an 84-55 win over Grambling on Saturday night.

South Dakota (3-1) started fast and never looked back, going up 24-9 midway of the first period on the way to a 41-27 halftime advantage.

The Coyotes scored 13 unanswered points early in the final half to go ahead 56-31 and cruised to the win.

Hagedorn hit 5 of 7 field goal attempts and made all four free throws offered. Carlton Hurst was 5 of 6 from the floor for 10 points and Tyler Peterson also had 10, with three assists and three steals. Nick Fuller had a perfect night, making 4 of 4 field goal attempts and sinking his only free throw attempt for nine points.

The Coyotes hit 55 Percent (28-51) of their field goals while limiting Grambling to 18-of-55 shooting. Bobby Jackson led Grambling (0-3) with nine points.

Saturday's Scores

By The Associated Press

Volleyball

State Tournament Class A

Seventh Place: Miller def. Parker, 17-25, 25-17, 25-21, 23-25, 16-14

Fifth Place: McCook Central/Montrose def. Sioux Valley, 27-25, 25-17, 15-25, 25-22

Third Place: Madison def. Belle Fourche, 25-23, 25-17, 25-23

Championship: SF Christian defeated Dakota Valley, (25-13, 19-25, 19-25, 25-15, 15-13).

State Tournament Class AA

Seventh Place: Mitchell def. Sioux Falls O'Gorman, 27-25, 25-19, 25-21

Fifth Place: Huron def. Aberdeen Central, 26-24, 25-18, 25-17

Third Place: Sioux Falls Washington def. Watertown, 25-18, 21-25, 18-25, 25-23, 15-6

Championship: Harrisburg defeated RC Stevens, (25-17, 21-25, 25-23, 25-15)

State Tournament Class B

Seventh Place: Deubrook def. Faith, 25-22, 25-14, 21-25, 25-16

Fifth Place: Hanson def. Burke/South Central, 25-19, 25-14, 17-25, 27-25

Third Place: Herreid/Selby Area def. Chester, 23-25, 25-21, 26-24, 27-25

Championship: Northwestern def. Warner, 25-17, 23-25, 25-20, 28-26

South Dakota State fends off South Dakota 31-28

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Taryn Christion threw for 299 yards and three touchdowns and South Dakota State held off upset-minded South Dakota 31-28 on Saturday.

The Jackrabbits (9-2, 6-2 Missouri Valley Football Conference) have won a series-record nine straight against their in-state rivals and lead all-time 54-51-7. The Coyotes (7-4, 4-4) haven't beaten South Dakota State at home since 1997.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Jackrabbits used a Chase Vinatieri 45-yard field goal and Christion's 11-yard TD pass to Jake Wieneke to forge a 10-0 lead at 11:54 in the second.

Michael Fredrick put the Coyotes on the scoreboard with a 49-yard run and a 17-yarder, sandwiched around a Christion-to-Wieneke 69-yard scoring strike, and South Dakota trailed 17-14 at the half.

South Dakota went back out in front 21-17 on a 10-yard TD pass from Chris Streveler to Dakarai Allen with 3:54 left in the third quarter, but Mikey Daniel's 1-yard plunge with 22 seconds left in the quarter capped a 10-play, 65-yard drive and the Jackrabbits led 24-21 heading into the final quarter.

South Dakota State added a Christion-to-Cade Johnson 17-yard scoring strike to go up 31-21 with 4:52 left to play. Allen's second TD catch of the game, this one from 3 yards out, capped the scoring for South Dakota with 2:14 remaining.

Dallas Goedert hauled in 11 passes for 117 yards for the Jackrabbits, who finished second — behind North Dakota State — in the conference and are assured a spot in the FCS playoffs.

Streveler finished with 286 yards passing and two scores for the Coyotes. Michael Frederick ran for 123 yards and two scores on 15 carries, while Kai Henry had 17 totes for 109 yards. South Dakota outgained SDSU 583-386.

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

County spends \$1,500 per year replacing bullet-ridden signs

DEADWOOD, S.D. (AP) — Hunters who use road signs to site their rifles are costing a western South Dakota county about \$1,500 per year, officials said.

Lawrence County officials say that 20 to 30 signs need to be replaced each year at a cost of \$45 to \$50 each because hunters shoot them, making them hard to read, the Black Hills Pioneer reported.

"It's kind of a judgment call," said Norm Burleson of the Lawrence County Highway Department. "There's one out at Crooked Oaks I replaced three weeks ago and it's already shot up again. Two years ago, it was the same thing. I can replace a sign and go back a week later and it's peppered with bullet holes."

It's against the law to tamper with road signs and is punishable by up to a year in jail and a \$2,000 fine, said Lawrence County Chief Deputy Paul Hansen.

Information from: Black Hills Pioneer, <http://www.bhpioneer.com>

Renovations on schedule for 2018 archery world championships

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — Construction is nearly complete on a large addition to a South Dakota event center that will host the 2018 World Archery Indoor Championships.

Most of the work has been done on the 24,000-square-foot addition to the National Field Archery Association's archery center in Yankton, and it should be ready well before the Feb. 12-20 event, the Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan reported .

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Zimbabwe ruling party fires Mugabe as chief; now impeachment

By CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA and FARAI MUTSAKA, Associated Press

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) — Clinging to his now virtually powerless post, longtime Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe was fired as ruling party chief to cheers Sunday, and was set to discuss his expected exit with the army commander who put the world's oldest head of state under house arrest days ago.

A day after huge crowds rallied peacefully in the capital, Harare, for the 93-year-old Mugabe to go, members of the ruling party's Central Committee stood, cheered and sang as Mugabe was recalled. Meeting chair Obert Mpofu referred to him as "outgoing president."

The meeting also replaced Mugabe as party chief with the vice president whose firing nearly two weeks ago led the military to step in, and recalled "forever" the unpopular first lady as head of the women's league, party member Chris Mutsvangwa confirmed.

That former vice president, Emmerson Mnangagwa, is expected to lead a new government after his formal election as ruling party chief next month. Without the military's intervention, first lady Grace Mugabe likely would have replaced him as vice president and been in a position to succeed her husband.

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Impeaching the president is the next step when Parliament resumes Tuesday, and lawmakers will “definitely” put the process in motion, the main opposition’s parliamentary chief whip told The Associated Press.

Innocent Gonese with the MDC-T party said they had been in discussions with the ruling ZANU-PF party to act jointly.

“If Mugabe is not gone by Tuesday, then as sure as the sun rises from the east, impeachment process will kick in,” Gonese said.

Mugabe’s talks with army commander Constantino Chiwenga are the second round of negotiations on an exit as the military tries to avoid accusations of a coup.

Zimbabwean officials have not revealed details of the talks, but the military appears to favor a voluntary resignation by Mugabe to maintain a veneer of legality in the political transition. Mugabe, in turn, could be using whatever leverage he has left to try to preserve his legacy as one of Africa’s liberation leaders or even protect himself and his family from possible prosecution.

Mutsvangwa, head of the country’s liberation war veterans, said he was concerned that the military could end up opening fire to protect Mugabe from protesters. He vowed to “bring back the crowd” if the president didn’t step aside.

“We would expect that Mugabe would not have the prospect of the military shooting at people, trying to defend him,” Mutsvangwa said. “The choice is his.”

The negotiations come ahead of a key ruling party congress next month, as well as scheduled elections next year.

Sunday’s talks do not appear to include the South African government delegation that took part in the first round. South Africa’s president on Saturday said talks are in “early days.” The southern African regional bloc will hold a four-country summit in Angola on Tuesday to discuss the Zimbabwe situation.

Mugabe finds himself increasingly isolated under house arrest in his lavish Blue Roof mansion, deserted by most of his allies, with others arrested.

On Saturday, most of Harare’s population of 1.6 million poured into the streets in an anti-Mugabe demonstration that just days ago would have brought a police crackdown.

They clambered onto tanks moving slowly through the crowds, took selfies with soldiers and surged in the thousands toward the State House building where Mugabe held official functions, a symbol of the rule of the man who took power after independence from white minority rule in 1980.

The euphoria came after years of watching the once-prosperous African nation fall into decay, with a collapsing economy, repression of free speech, disputed elections and international sanctions.

Even as concerns remained about who next would be in charge and what freedoms might be available if the military lingers in power — or if Mnangagwa succeeds his longtime ally Mugabe as leader — people reveled in the rare chance to express themselves freely.

Let us have this moment, Zimbabweans said. If the next leader becomes trouble, they vowed to return to the streets again.

Trump campaign created own rules on sexual harassment

By **NANCY BENAC** and **CALVIN WOODWARD**, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — “You can do anything,” Donald Trump once boasted, speaking of groping and kissing unsuspecting women.

Maybe he could, but not everyone can.

The candidate who openly bragged about grabbing women’s private parts — but denied he really did so — was elected president months before the cascading sexual harassment allegations that have been toppling the careers of powerful men in Hollywood, business, the media and politics. He won even though more than a dozen women accused him of sexual misconduct, and roughly half of all voters said they were bothered by his treatment of women, according to exit polls.

Now, as one prominent figure after another takes a dive, the question remains: Why not Trump?

“A lot of people who voted for him recognized that he was what he was, but wanted a change and so

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they were willing to go along," theorizes Jessica Leeds, one of the first women to step forward and accuse Trump of groping her, decades ago on an airplane.

The charges leveled against him emerged in the supercharged thick of the 2016 campaign, when there was so much noise and chaos that they were just another episode for gobsmacked voters to try to absorb — or tune out. "When you have a Mount Everest of allegations, any particular allegation is very hard to get traction on," says political psychologist Stanley Renshon.

And Trump's unconventional candidacy created an entirely different set of rules.

"Trump is immune to the laws of political physics because it's not his job to be a politician, it's his job to burn down the system," says Eric Dezenhall, a crisis management expert in Washington.

Now Alabama Senate candidate Roy Moore, accused of assaulting teenage girls when he was in his 30s, is waving that same alternative rulebook.

Long a bane to establishment Republicans, Moore is thumbing his nose at calls by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and other GOP members of Congress to drop out of the campaign, and accusing them of trying to "steal" the race from his loyal insurgents.

As for Trump, the president who rarely sits out a feeding frenzy is selectively aiming his Twitter guns at those under scrutiny.

He quickly unloaded on Democrat Al Franken after the Minnesota senator was accused Thursday of forcibly kissing and groping a Fox TV sports correspondent, now a Los Angeles radio anchor, during a 2006 USO tour.

Yet Trump has been largely mum as Washington Republicans try to figure out what to do about Moore. McConnell and company have zero interest in welcoming an accused child molester to their ranks nor in seeing their slim 52-48 Senate majority grow even thinner should Moore lose to Democrat Doug Jones in a special election Dec. 12.

Trump did support moves by the national Republican Party to cut off money for Moore. But he hasn't said whether he still backs Moore's candidacy.

Spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders, pressed repeatedly on the matter this week, would say only that Trump "thinks that the people of Alabama should make the decision on who their next senator should be."

As for the allegations against Moore, Sanders said Trump finds them "very troubling."

As for Franken, presidential adviser Kellyanne Conway told Fox News that Trump had merely "weighed in as he does on the news of the day" when jabbing at the senator.

But Trump's broadsides at Franken served as an open invitation for critics to revisit his own history of alleged sexual misconduct.

Leeds, for her part, called the president "the walking definition of hypocrisy."

Look no further than the bipartisan howl that greeted Ivanka Trump's statement this week about Moore for a demonstration of the perilous crosscurrents around Trump on the issue.

"There's a special place in hell for people who prey on children," Trump's daughter told the AP, adding that she had "no reason to doubt the victims' accounts." She did not call for Moore to leave the race.

Liberals and conservatives both pounced. Those on the left noted she had waited a week to chime in and had never given similar credence to the claims of her father's accusers. Some on the right faulted her for buying into unproven accusations.

Liberal movie director Rob Reiner tweeted: "Ivanka believes Roy Moore's accusers. But the more than 12 women who accuse her father of sexual abuse are all liars. The difference is? ..."

The sexual assault drama is playing out as a painful sequel for Leeds and other women who came forward during the 2016 presidential campaign to accuse Trump of harassment and more — only to see him elected president anyway.

"My pain is everyday," Jill Harth, a former business associate who claimed Trump put his hands under her dress during a business dinner in 1992, tweeted in October. "No one gets it unless it happens to them. NO one!"

It's the same for those who accused former President Bill Clinton of sexual misconduct, their charges once written off as "bimbo eruptions."

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"I am now 73...it never goes away," nurse Juanita Broaddrick, who accused Clinton of raping her in 1978, tweeted Friday.

Allegations of womanizing, extramarital affairs and abuse dogged Clinton over the course of his political life, culminating in his 1998 impeachment — and acquittal — over his affair with White House intern Monica Lewinsky. He also agreed to an \$850,000 settlement with Arkansas state worker Paula Jones, who had accused him of exposing himself and making indecent propositions when he was governor. The settlement included no apology or admission of guilt.

Leading feminists and Democratic-leaning groups stayed loyal to him throughout — though some are rethinking that stance now.

Even in the current charged environment, when every new allegation can produce screaming headlines, Trump may well be able to go his own way — and take a hands-off approach to Moore.

"Trump's base likes him when he's gratuitously ornery: Insulting war heroes, Gold Star families and the disabled have all been good for him, so what does he gain by strongly opining on Moore?" asks Dezenhall. "Nothing that I can see, so as a guideline, he doesn't need to do all that much."

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Lebanon's PM Hariri says he will be in Beirut within days

By **BASSEM MROUE** and **PHILIPPE SOTTO**, Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Lebanon's Prime Minister Saad Hariri said he will return home in the coming days from where he will declare a political stance for the first time since making a strange resignation announcement from Saudi Arabia that unleashed fears of a crisis in Lebanon.

Hariri and his family met Saturday with French President Emmanuel Macron, who invited the Lebanese leader to Paris to dispel fears that he was being held in Saudi Arabia against his will. Macron is seeking to calm tensions and avert a proxy conflict between Saudi-backed and Iranian-backed camps in Lebanon.

Hariri's appearance in Paris — looking relaxed and posing with his wife and older son on the steps of the Elysee Palace with the French presidential couple in front of a large crowd of journalists — contrasted with his limited-access, carefully choreographed appearances from Saudi Arabia.

Hariri told Lebanese President Michel Aoun on Saturday that he will take part in Independence Day celebrations in Beirut on Wednesday, according to Macron's office.

After his meeting with Macron, Hariri told reporters: "God willing, I will attend Independence Day in Lebanon and will declare my political stance from Lebanon and after meeting President Michel Aoun."

"As you know I have resigned and we will talk about this matter in Lebanon," Hariri said after thanking Macron, who he added "expressed pure friendship toward me that I will never forget."

The Independence Day ceremony is usually headed by the president, prime minister and parliament speaker, and Hariri's presence could help calm uncertainties that have escalated since his strange and surprising resignation announcement on Nov. 4 from Saudi Arabia.

However, Hariri's political status is murky. Lebanon's president refused to accept Hariri's resignation, accusing the Saudis of holding him against his will.

A high official in Macron's office said Hariri's place is first in Beirut, "which is the only place where he can hand his resignation to the Lebanese head of state."

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity in accordance with French presidential policy, found it normal that Hariri would keep any announcement about his political stance for his fellow citizens.

Before leaving Riyadh, Hariri dismissed as "rumors" reports about his alleged detention in the kingdom.

In his Nov. 4 televised resignation announcement, Hariri had cited Iran and Hezbollah for meddling in Arab countries, particularly Saudi Arabia. He also said he was afraid for his life.

President Donald Trump on Saturday spoke with Macron about the situation in Lebanon and Syria, and both leaders agreed on the need to work with allies to counter Hezbollah and Iran's "destabilizing activities in the region," the White House said.

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Saudi Arabia on Saturday asked its citizens for the second time in less than two weeks to leave Lebanon "as soon as possible" given the "circumstances" there. That raised fears of more punitive actions to come.

The French presidential official said it is essential that Lebanon be protected from "negative" foreign influences because the country needs stability and a strong state. The official didn't name any specific nations but said Lebanon should be protected from the "dangers that regional crises can pose to it."

The Arab League is due to hold a meeting on Sunday in Cairo at Saudi Arabia's urging where the Lebanon crisis and Iran's role in the region are expected to be discussed.

Just before leaving Saudi Arabia, Hariri met with the Saudi Crown Prince and other senior officials, according to a member of Hariri's political party and two Lebanese television stations.

Hariri landed before dawn Saturday at an airport used for private jets in Le Bourget north of Paris, and came in a convoy to his Paris residence in a high-end neighborhood, where police stood guard. Hariri frequently stays in France thanks to decades-old family ties here.

Hariri held private talks with Macron and then they were joined by Hariri's wife Lara al-Azm and elder son Hussam and Macron's wife Brigitte for lunch.

Hariri's two younger son and daughter, Abdul-Aziz and Loulwa, remained in Saudi Arabia because they have school on Sunday, said Okab Saqr, a member of Hariri's parliamentary bloc.

The official with the French presidency said France is not worried that Hariri left two of his children in Saudi Arabia.

"We have no reason to be concerned about this," the French official said, answering questions about whether, as some have suggested, Saudi Arabia could use the children's whereabouts to maintain pressure on Hariri.

Hariri's exact next steps after his planned visit to Lebanon are unclear. A French official said Saturday that France is offering Hariri the necessary support during this time of political turmoil in his country. The official was not authorized to be publicly named.

Macron said he received Hariri "with the honors due a prime minister," even though he has announced his resignation, since Lebanon hasn't yet recognized it.

While Macron insists that he's not offering "exile," Hariri's return could be complicated by Lebanon's internal tensions.

During a phone call on Saturday morning, Macron and Aoun spoke about a return of Hariri to Lebanon that could help make Lebanese institutions "function normally again," the French presidential official said.

It's part of a broader Macron strategy to reassert French influence in the region, while the United States under President Donald Trump is increasingly seen as unpredictable or disengaged. Macron's office says France's strategy is to talk to all powers in the region and not to appear as choosing a camp.

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Palestinians vow to suspend talks if US closes PLO mission

By JOSH LEDERMAN and MATTHEW LEE, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Palestinians threatened on Saturday to suspend all communication with the United States if the Trump administration follows through with plans to close their diplomatic office in Washington. The potential rupture in relations threatens to undermine President Donald Trump's bid for Mideast peace — a mission he has handed his son-in-law, Jared Kushner.

Senior Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said the U.S. decision was "very unfortunate and unacceptable," and accused Washington of bowing to pressure from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government "at a time when we are trying to cooperate to achieve the ultimate deal."

In a video statement on social media, Erekat said: "We will put on hold all our communications with this American administration."

There was no immediate reaction from the Trump administration. Netanyahu's office said the closure

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was "a matter of U.S. law."

U.S. officials had insisted before Erekat's statement that the move wasn't aimed at increasing leverage over the Palestinians, but merely the unavoidable consequence of U.S. law.

Cutting off ties would carry great risks for the Palestinians. It could antagonize an administration they already suspect is biased toward Israel and cut put millions of dollars of critical U.S. aid in jeopardy.

However, unresponsive Palestinians would deal an embarrassing blow to the Trump administration ahead of an expected peace initiative and potentially prevent it from getting off the ground. Their stance could also complicate U.S. efforts to promote a regionwide approach by bringing together Israel with Saudi Arabia and other moderate Arab allies in a joint effort against Iran. Arab countries might be reluctant to get too close to Israel in the absence of serious progress on the Palestinian issue.

The administration announced late Friday that the Palestinians had run afoul of a legal provision that says the Palestine Liberation Organization cannot operate a Washington office if the Palestinians try to get the International Criminal Court to prosecute Israelis for crimes against Palestinians.

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson determined that the Palestinians crossed that line in September, when Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas called on the court to investigate and prosecute Israelis, according to State Department officials. They weren't authorized to publicly discuss the situation and spoke on condition of anonymity.

It wasn't clear when the office would close or whether the Palestinians would have to clear out of the building entirely or just close it to the public. Riad Malki, the Palestinian foreign minister, said he was told by the Americans that U.S. and State Department legal teams would meet Monday to decide how the new situation would affect the office, the functioning of diplomats and contacts with the Palestinians.

"We will wait to hear back from them," Malki said. After that, the Palestinians will decide how to react.

Under the law, Trump now has 90 days to consider whether the Palestinians are in "direct and meaningful negotiations with Israel." If Trump determines they are, then the mission can reopen, officials said.

PLO official Hanan Ashrawi said the U.S. was "disqualifying itself as a peace broker in the region" by refusing to extend a waiver from the law.

"Conditioning the renewal of the waiver on the Palestinians' sticking to 'direct and meaningful negotiations with Israel' is actually superfluous since negotiations are nonexistent, and the current U.S. administration has yet to present any kind of peace initiative," she said in a statement.

The U.S. said it wasn't cutting off relations with the Palestinians and remained focused on a comprehensive peace agreement between Israelis and Palestinians. One of the U.S. officials said in an email that "this measure should in no way be seen as a signal that the U.S. is backing off those efforts."

The Palestinians quickly dismissed that argument, with Malki telling Palestine Radio that the Palestinian leadership "will not accept any extortion or pressure." Erekat contended the move was the result of "the pressure being exerted on this administration by the Netanyahu government."

In response, the Israeli prime minister's office said, "We respect the decision and look forward to continuing to work with the U.S. to advance peace and security in the region."

The Israelis and Palestinians are not engaged in active, direct negotiations. But Trump's team, led by Kushner in his role as senior White House adviser, is working to broker a deal aimed at settling the intractable conflict.

The Palestinians, publicly supportive of the U.S. effort, are nonetheless skeptical because Trump's close ties to Israel suggest whatever deal he proposes might be unfavorable to them. The threat of losing their office in the American capital could become one more pressure point as the Trump administration tries to persuade the Palestinians to come to the table.

The PLO is the group that formally represents all Palestinians. Although the U.S. does not recognize Palestinian statehood, the PLO maintains a "general delegation" office in Washington that facilitates Palestinian officials' interactions with the U.S. government.

The United States allowed the PLO to open a mission in Washington in 1994. That required President Bill Clinton to waive a law that said the Palestinians couldn't have an office. In 2011, under the Obama administration, the U.S. started letting the Palestinians fly their flag over the office, an upgrade to the

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status of their mission that the Palestinians hailed as historic.

Israel opposes any Palestinian membership in U.N.-related organizations until a peace deal has been reached.

The Trump administration has not disclosed details about its effort to achieve an agreement that ostensibly would grant the Palestinians an independent state in exchange for an end to its conflict with the Israelis. Kushner and other top Trump aides have been shuttling to the region to meet with Palestinians, Israelis and officials from Arab nations.

The requirement about the mission closing stems from a little-noticed provision in U.S. law that says the U.S. cannot allow the Palestinians to have a Washington office if they back the international court's move to investigate or prosecute Israeli nationals for alleged crimes against Palestinians.

Abbas said at the United Nations in September that the Palestinians had "called on the International Criminal Court to open an investigation and to prosecute Israeli officials for their involvement in settlement activities and aggressions against our people."

The U.S. president can let the Palestinians keep the office despite the violation, only if certifying to Congress "that the Palestinians have entered into direct and meaningful negotiations with Israel." The provision doesn't explicitly define what would constitute direct or meaningful negotiations.

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US general says illegal nuclear launch order can be refused

By **ROB GILLIES, Associated Press**

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia (AP) — The top officer at U.S. Strategic Command said Saturday an order from President Donald Trump or any of his successors to launch nuclear weapons can be refused if that order is determined to be illegal.

Air Force Gen. John Hyten, commander of Strategic Command, told a panel at the Halifax International Security Forum on Saturday that he and Trump have had conversations about such a scenario and that he would tell Trump he couldn't carry out an illegal strike.

"If it's illegal, guess what's going to happen. I'm going to say, 'Mr President, that's illegal.' And guess what he's going to do? He's going to say, 'What would be legal?'" Hyten said.

"And we'll come up with options with a mix of capabilities to respond to whatever the situation is, and that's the way it works."

In the event that Trump decided to launch a nuclear attack, Hyten would provide him with strike options that are legal.

The command would control nuclear forces in a war.

The comments come as the threat of nuclear attack from North Korea remains a serious concern and Trump's critics question his temperament. Trump's taunting tweets aimed at Pyongyang have sparked concerns primarily among congressional Democrats that he may be inciting a war with North Korea.

During testimony before the Foreign Relations Committee earlier this month, retired Gen. Robert Kehler who served as the head of Strategic Command from January 2011 to November 2013, also said the U.S. armed forces are obligated to follow legal orders, not illegal ones.

Hyten said he's talked it over with Trump.

"I think some people think we're stupid. We're not stupid people. We think about these things a lot. When you have this responsibility how do you not think about it?" he said.

He said he would not obey an illegal order.

"You could go to jail for the rest of your life," he said.

AC/DC founding member Malcolm Young dead at 64

By MARK KENNEDY, AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Malcolm Young, the rhythm guitarist and guiding force behind the bawdy hard rock band AC/DC who helped create such head-banging anthems as “Highway to Hell,” “Hells Bells” and “Back in Black,” has died. He was 64.

AC/DC announced the death Saturday on their official Facebook page and website. A representative for the band confirmed that the posts were true. The posts did not say when or where Young died, but said the performer had been suffering from dementia. He was diagnosed in 2014.

“It is with deepest sorrow that we inform you of the death of Malcolm Young, beloved husband, father, grandfather and brother. Malcolm had been suffering from Dementia for several years and passed away peacefully with his family by his bedside,” one of the posts read.

The family put out a statement posted on the band’s website calling Young a “visionary who inspired many.”

While Young’s younger brother, Angus, the group’s school-uniform-wearing lead guitarist, was the public face of the band, Malcolm Young was its key writer and leader, the member the rest of the band watched for onstage changes and cutoffs.

AC/DC were remarkably consistent for over 40 years with its mix of driving hard rock, lusty lyrics and bluesy shuffles, selling over 200 million albums, surviving the loss of its first singer and creating one of the greatest rock records ever in “Back in Black,” the world’s second best-selling album behind Michael Jackson’s “Thriller.”

The group was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland in 2003. Greg Harris, the president & CEO, issued a statement Saturday that said, “We salute you, Malcom Young. Your blistering guitar shook generations and united us with sonic anthems that will ring forever.”

Several musicians also paid their respects to Young on social media, writing about his influence and impact in music.

“It is a sad day in rock and roll. Malcolm Young was my friend and the heart and soul of AC/DC. I had some of the best times of my life with him on our 1984 European tour,” Eddie Van Halen tweeted on Saturday. “He will be missed and my deepest condolences to his family, bandmates and friends.”

“The driving engine of AC/DC has died. A tragic end for a sometimes unsung icon. One of the true greats. RIP,” Paul Stanley, of Kiss, wrote on Twitter

Scott Ian, of Anthrax, posted a photo of his Malcolm Young tattoo and said “what he means to me is unquantifiable.”

Mike Portnoy, co-founder of Dream Theater, called him “one of the great rhythm guitar players of all time.”

The Glasgow-born Young brothers — who moved to Sydney, Australia, with their parents, sister and five older brothers in 1963 — formed the band in 1973. They were inspired to choose the high-energy name AC/DC from the back of a sewing machine owned by their sister, Margaret.

Angus experimented with several different stage costumes at first — including a gorilla suit and a Zorro outfit — but the school uniform was a natural, since he was only 16 at the time.

The Youngs went through several drummers and bass guitarists, finally settling on Phil Rudd on drums in 1974 and Englishman Cliff Williams on bass three years later. Their original singer was fired after a few months when they discovered Bon Scott, who was originally hired as the band’s driver.

By 1980, the band was on a roll, known for its high energy performances and predictably hard-charging songs. Their album “Highway To Hell” was certified gold in America and made it into the top 25 Billboard album charts, and the single “Touch Too Much” became their first UK Top 30 hit. But on Feb. 18, 1980, everything changed — Scott died of asphyxiation after choking on his own vomit after an all-night drinking binge.

The band decided to keep going and hired English vocalist Brian Johnson at the helm. The newly reconfigured group channeled their grief into songwriting and put out 1980’s “Back In Black,” with the songs

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"You Shook Me All Night Long," "Rock and Roll Ain't Noise Pollution" and "Hells Bells." The cover of the album was black, in honor of Scott's death.

The band continued with a studio or live album every few years, blending their huge guitar riffs with rebellious and often sophomoric lyrics — song titles include "Big Balls," "Beating Around the Bush," "Let Me Put My Love Into You" and "Stiff Upper Lip." AC/DC won only a single Grammy Award, for best hard rock performance in 2009 for "War Machine."

Rolling Stone said in 1980 that "the AC/DC sound is nothing more and nothing less than aggressively catchy song hooks brutalized by a revved-up boogie rhythm, Malcolm's jackhammer riffing, Angus' guitar histrionics and Johnson's bloodcurdling bawl."

In the book "The Youngs: The Brothers Who Built AC/DC" by Jesse Fink, Angus Young said the formula worked. "We've got the basic thing kids want," he said. "They want to rock and that's it. They want to be part of the band as a mass. When you hit a guitar chord, a lot of the kids in the audience are hitting it with you. They're so much into the band they're going through all the motions with you. If you can get the mass to react as a whole, then that's the ideal thing. That's what a lot of bands lack, and why the critics are wrong."

AC/DC's infectious, driving sound stretched further than rock arenas. The song "Shoot to Thrill" was heard in the film "The Avengers," "Back in Black" made it into "The Muppets," "Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap" was played in "Bridesmaids" and their songs were included in the "Iron Man" franchise. On TV, the band's music was heard in everything from "Top Gear," the "Hawaii Five-0" reboot, "Glee," "CSI: Miami" and "The Voice."

Though the band championed good-natured hell-raising, it had to weather suggestions in the 1980s that they were a threat to the moral fabric of society. There were rumors the band's name stood for Anti-Christ/Devil's Children and many were shocked when it was learned that serial murderer and rapist Richard Ramirez identified himself as a fan and left an AC/DC baseball cap behind at a crime scene.

In 2014, the band released "Rock or Bust," the first AC/DC album without Malcolm Young. Even so, he is very present on the record since the 11 songs are credited to the Young brothers (Angus said he built the album from guitar hooks the two had accumulated over the years).

Around the album's release, Angus Young told The Associated Press that Malcolm was doing fine, but that he couldn't perform anymore.

"It was progressing further, but he knew he couldn't do it," Angus Young said of his older brother's dementia. "He had continued as long as he could, still writing. But he said to me, 'Keep it going.'"

The fate of the band was also put into doubt by the retirement of Williams, legal trouble for Rudd and Johnson's hearing loss, which forced him to leave. The band enlisted Guns N' Roses frontman Axl Rose to sing on tour in 2016.

Moore critic: Alabama Senate race a battle for nation's soul

By JAY REEVES, Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — A leading figure among religious liberals says the candidacy of Republican Roy Moore for U.S. Senate is a struggle for the "soul of the nation."

The remarks Saturday by the Rev. William J. Barber come a day after a letter signed by dozens of progressive pastors in Alabama said Moore — dogged by recent allegations of inappropriate conduct toward teenage girls decades ago — is unfit to serve.

Barber, former head of the North Carolina NAACP, spoke at an anti-Moore rally at the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, that drew more than 100 people. The event was in direct contrast to a news conference Thursday during which religious conservatives expressed their commitment to Moore, who describes himself as a conservative Christian who hews to family values.

Signs carried by Moore opponents at Saturday's rally decried his opposition to gay and transgender rights. Moore was also criticized for opposing federally backed health care, assistance for the needy and more.

Barber and other speakers claimed Moore's campaign is fueled by a perversion of Christianity linked with

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white supremacy, and Moore is trying to take those forces to the Senate.

"What is happening now in Alabama matters for the soul of the nation," said Barber, of Goldsboro, North Carolina, and the force behind the "Moral Monday" protest movement that calls for greater rights for gays and minorities.

On Friday, more than 50 Alabama pastors signed a public letter stating Moore isn't fit to serve in the U.S. Senate. The letter continued to collect signatures Saturday.

The letter says Moore demonstrated "extremist values" incompatible with traditional Christianity even before recent allegations of sexual misconduct involving young women.

The pastors cite Moore's opposition to the expansion of Medicaid, which provides health care for the poor. It also accuses him of denigrating people from other countries and faiths and cites his opposition to homosexuality.

The letter was written by a group of pastors in Birmingham. It includes the signatures of ministers from mainstream and liberal denominations including Methodists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, the United Church of Christ and some moderate Baptists.

Moore still enjoys the support of conservative evangelical leaders, but he has ignored mounting calls from Washington Republicans concerned that if he stays in the race he may not only lose a seat they were sure to win but also may do significant damage to the party's brand among women nationwide as they prepare for a difficult midterm election season.

Since last week, Moore has been engulfed by accusations of sexual misconduct toward women in their teens when he was a deputy district attorney in his 30s. Several of his accusers have allowed their identities to be made public.

One said Moore molested her when she was 14. Another said Moore assaulted her when she was a 16-year-old waitress after he offered to drive her home. Five others said Moore pursued romantic relationships with them when they were between the ages of 16 and 18.

This story corrects headlines to omit reference to calls for Moore to quit race.

Deduction targeted by GOP used by tax filers in most states

By CHRISTINA A. CASSIDY and DAVID A. LIEB, Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — A popular deduction targeted in the GOP's overhaul of the tax code is used by more than a quarter of all filers in a majority of states, including many led by Republicans where some residents eventually could see their federal tax bills rise.

The exact effect in every state isn't known, in part because of differences in the Senate and House versions of the bill. But the change to the deduction for state and local taxes could alter the bottom lines for millions of taxpayers who itemize.

Residents in high-tax, Democratic-led states appear to be the hardest hit. But some filers also could be left paying more in traditional Republican states, such as Georgia and Utah where about a third of taxpayers claim the deduction.

"It's a bad deal for middle class families and for most Georgians," said Georgia state Rep. Bob Trammell, leader of the House Democrats.

He said Republicans are eliminating the state and local deduction to help pay for tax cuts for businesses and the wealthy.

How many winners and losers are in each state depends in large part on another aspect of the Republican tax overhaul that would nearly double the standard deduction — to about \$12,000 for individuals and about \$24,000 for married couples.

Republicans say that provision would be a net benefit for most tax filers.

The Tax Policy Center, run by the Urban Institute and Brookings Institution, has estimated that the number of people itemizing deductions would drop by three-quarters. Some of those taxpayers could get a larger deduction under the Republican plan, even though they no longer could claim a break for state

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and local taxes.

"Based on what I have seen, it might actually help some Georgians" to replace the state-and-local tax break with a higher standard deduction, said Georgia state Rep. Terry England, the Republican chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

Yet estimates by the Tax Policy Center and a nonpartisan congressional analysis say some taxpayers eventually will end up owing more in federal taxes under the GOP plans.

The left-leaning Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy said changes to the state and local tax deduction under the House bill would contribute to one of every five taxpayers in the hardest hit states getting a higher tax bill. While most of those states are led by Democrats, Republican-led Georgia and Utah, and the swing state of Virginia were among them.

Democratic lawmakers said that any initial tax relief felt by the middle class or working-class families will eventually disappear. In Georgia, for example, an estimated 9 percent of filers would pay higher taxes in 2018, rising to 22 percent by 2027, according to an analysis by the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy.

The state and local tax deduction is just one of many provisions targeted for change under legislation that passed the House earlier in the week and is pending in the Senate. The House version would repeal the deduction for income and sales taxes while capping the property tax deduction at \$10,000. The Senate bill would end deductions for all state and local taxes.

Most tax filers currently take the standard federal deduction of \$6,300 per individual or \$12,600 for married couples. But some reap larger tax breaks by itemizing deductions for state and local taxes, medical expenses, charitable contributions and interest paid on home mortgages.

The state and local tax break is the largest of those. About 44 million taxpayers claimed deductions totaling around \$550 billion for state and local taxes paid in 2015, according to the most recent IRS data.

The top 10 states with the highest average state and local tax deductions all voted for Democrat Hillary Clinton in last year's election. New York led the way with an average state and local tax deduction of more than \$22,000, followed by Connecticut, California, New Jersey and Massachusetts.

But when analyzed by the percentage of taxpayers claiming the deduction, several states won by Trump rank in the top third nationally. In reliably Republican Utah, 35 percent of taxpayers claimed the deduction for state and local taxes. That figure was 33 percent in Georgia and 31 percent in Wisconsin. Thirty-five states had at least one-quarter of their taxpayers claim the deduction.

Because of its widespread effect, debate over curtailing the deduction already is creeping into competitive 2018 elections.

Democratic U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin has warned that repealing the deduction could lead to a tax increase for many state residents.

The left-leaning Wisconsin Budget Project has estimated that the Senate plan overall eventually would leave nearly 300,000 Wisconsin taxpayers with higher federal income taxes. Baldwin said the plan will disproportionately benefit corporations and the wealthiest.

"That's not right and it's not fair," she said during a news conference Friday in Milwaukee.

One of her Republican challengers, state Sen. Leah Vukmir, has signed a letter encouraging the tax repeal. Republican Gov. Scott Walker, a tax overhaul supporter who is seeking re-election, has been criticized by the liberal advocacy group One Wisconsin Now. The group says repealing the deduction would have "the net effect of a massive property tax increase for Wisconsin homeowners."

Utah state Sen. Howard Stephenson is a strong supporter of repealing the state and local tax deduction, even though a comparatively high percentage of residents there claim it.

Stephenson, a Republican who is president of the Utah Taxpayers Association, said he believes the deduction generally favors high-tax states to the detriment of states with a lower tax burden, such as his own.

"We don't like paying for the excesses in other states," he said.

Lieb reported from Jefferson City, Missouri, and Cassidy from Atlanta.

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AP sources: Trump Tower meeting in 2016 draws more scrutiny

By DESMOND BUTLER, MARY CLARE JALONICK and ERIC TUCKER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Earlier this year, a Russian-American lobbyist and another businessman discussed over coffee in Moscow an extraordinary meeting they had attended 12 months earlier: a gathering at Trump Tower with President Donald Trump's son, his son-in-law and his then-campaign chairman.

The Moscow meeting in June, which has not been previously disclosed, is now under scrutiny by investigators who want to know why the two men met in the first place and whether there was some effort to get their stories straight about the Trump Tower meeting just weeks before it would become public, The Associated Press has learned.

Congressional investigators have questioned both men — lobbyist Rinat Akhmetshin and Ike Kaveladze, a business associate of a Moscow-based developer and former Trump business partner — and obtained their text message communications, people familiar with the investigation told the AP.

Special counsel Robert Mueller's team also has been investigating the 2016 Trump Tower meeting, which occurred weeks after Trump had clinched the Republican presidential nomination and which his son attended with the expectation of receiving damaging information about Democrat Hillary Clinton. A grand jury has already heard testimony about the meeting, which in addition to Donald Trump Jr., also included Jared Kushner, Trump's son-in-law, and his then-campaign chairman Paul Manafort.

The focus of the congressional investigators was confirmed by three people familiar with their probe, including two who demanded anonymity to discuss the sensitive inquiry.

One of those people said Akhmetshin told congressional investigators that he asked for the Moscow meeting with Kaveladze to argue that they should go public with the details of the Trump Tower meeting before they were caught up in a media maelstrom. Akhmetshin also told the investigators that Kaveladze said people in Trump's orbit were asking about Akhmetshin's background, the person said.

Akhmetshin's lawyer, Michael Tremonte, declined to comment.

Scott Balber, a lawyer for Kaveladze, confirmed that his client and Akhmetshin met over coffee and that the Trump Tower meeting a year earlier was "obviously discussed." But Balber denied his client had been contacted by associates of Trump before he took the meeting with Akhmetshin, or had been aware of plans to disclose the Trump Tower gathering to the U.S. government.

Balber said the men did not discuss strategy or how to line up their stories, and did not meet in anticipation of the Trump Tower meeting becoming public and attracting a barrage of news media attention.

He said Akhmetshin did convey during coffee the possibility that his name could come out in connection with the Trump Tower meeting and cause additional, unwanted scrutiny given that he had been linked in earlier news reports to Russian military intelligence, coverage that Akhmetshin considered unfair. Akhmetshin has denied ongoing ties with Russian intelligence, but acknowledged that he served in the Soviet military in the late 1980s as part of a counterintelligence unit.

"That was the impetus," Balber said of the men's get-together. "It had absolutely nothing to do with anticipation of the meeting coming out in the press."

The meeting in Moscow occurred during a tumultuous time for the administration. Mueller had been appointed as special counsel weeks earlier following the firing in May of FBI Director James Comey, and associates of Trump were under pressure to disclose any contacts they had with Russians during the campaign.

The June 2016 meeting at Trump Tower first became public on July 8 in a report in The New York Times.

The White House initially said the meeting, which also involved a Russian lawyer who for years has advocated against U.S. sanctions of Russia, was primarily about an adoption program, but days after the story

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was published, Trump Jr. released emails showing he took the meeting after being told he would receive damaging information on Clinton as part of a Russian government effort to aide his father's candidacy.

Mueller's investigation has included scrutiny of the White House's drafting of the initial incomplete statement.

As part of their inquiry, congressional investigators are reviewing copies of the text messages between the two men that were turned over, Balber said. He declined to say what the text messages showed. One person familiar with the messages said they reflect the logistics of the meeting during a trip by Akhmetshin to Moscow.

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Honda recalls 900,000 Odyssey minivans; 2nd row seat may tip

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Honda is recalling about 900,000 of its Odyssey minivans because the second-row seats may tip forward if not properly latched.

The recall announced Saturday covers vehicles from the 2011-17 model years. About 800,000 of the affected minivans were sold in the United States.

Honda says it has received 46 reports of minor injuries related to the issue.

It says the Odyssey's second-row seat may tip forward during moderate to heavy braking if it isn't properly latched after adjusting it side-to-side or reinstalling a removed seat.

The company is working on a way to repair the issue and says it will notify owners when one is available. It will be free. Until then, Honda has put instructions for properly latching the seat on its website for owners.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Sunday, Nov. 19, the 323rd day of 2017. There are 42 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 19, 1997, Iowa seamstress Bobbi McCaughey (mihk-KOY') gave birth to the world's first set of surviving septuplets, four boys and three girls.

On this date:

In 1794, the United States and Britain signed Jay's Treaty, which resolved some issues left over from the Revolutionary War.

In 1831, the 20th president of the United States, James Garfield, was born in Orange Township, Ohio.

In 1850, Alfred Tennyson was invested as Britain's poet laureate.

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln dedicated a national cemetery at the site of the Civil War battlefield of Gettysburg in Pennsylvania.

In 1917, Indira Gandhi, daughter of Jawaharlal Nehru and, like her father, a future prime minister of India, was born in Allahabad.

In 1924, movie producer Thomas H. Ince died after celebrating his 42nd birthday aboard the yacht of newspaper publisher William Randolph Hearst. (The exact circumstances of Ince's death remain a mystery.)

In 1942, during World War II, Russian forces launched their winter offensive against the Germans along the Don front.

In 1959, Ford Motor Co. announced it was halting production of the unpopular Edsel.

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In 1969, Apollo 12 astronauts Charles Conrad and Alan Bean made the second manned landing on the moon.

In 1977, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat became the first Arab leader to visit Israel.

In 1985, President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev met for the first time as they began their summit in Geneva.

In 2002, in a moment that drew criticism, singer Michael Jackson briefly held his youngest child, Prince Michael II (known as Blanket), over a fourth-floor balcony rail at a Berlin hotel in front of dozens of fans waiting below. (Jackson said he'd made a "terrible mistake.")

Ten years ago: The FBI reported that hate crime incidents had risen nearly 8 percent in 2006. President George W. Bush announced that Fran Townsend, the leading White House-based terrorism adviser, was stepping down. Amazon.com released its first Kindle e-book reader. Milo Radulovich, the Air Force Reserve lieutenant championed by CBS newsman Edward R. Murrow when the military threatened to decommission him during the anti-communist crackdown of the 1950s, died in Vallejo (vuh-LAY'-oh), California, at age 81. Actor Dick Wilson, who played the fussy, mustachioed grocer who told customers, "Please, don't squeeze the Charmin," died in Woodland Hills, California, at age 91.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama became the first U.S. chief executive to visit Myanmar, where he promised more American help if the Asian nation kept building its new democracy. Former U.S. Sen. Warren B. Rudman, R-N.H., who co-authored a ground-breaking budget balancing law, died in Washington at age 82.

One year ago: President-elect Donald Trump met with 2012 Republican nominee Mitt Romney at Trump's clubhouse in Bedminster, New Jersey; both were positive about their sit-down, a marked shift in tone after a year in which Romney attacked Trump as a "con man" and Trump labeled Romney a "loser." The International Space Station gained three new residents, including NASA astronaut Peggy Whitson, who at 56 was the oldest and most experienced woman to orbit the world. Pope Francis decried what he called a "virus of polarization and animosity" in the world while welcoming 17 new cardinals from six continents.

Today's Birthdays: Talk show host Larry King is 84. Former General Electric chief executive Jack Welch is 82. Talk show host Dick Cavett is 81. Broadcasting and sports mogul Ted Turner is 79. Singer Pete Moore (Smokey Robinson and the Miracles) is 78. Former Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, is 78. Former Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy G. Thompson is 76. Fashion designer Calvin Klein is 75. Sportscaster Ahmad Rashad is 68. Actor Robert Beltran is 64. Actress Kathleen Quinlan is 63. Actress Glynnis O'Connor is 62. Broadcast journalist Ann Curry is 61. Former NASA astronaut Eileen Collins is 61. Actress Allison Janney is 58. Rock musician Matt Sorum (Guns N' Roses, Velvet Revolver) is 57. Actress Meg Ryan is 56. Actress-director Jodie Foster is 55. Actress Terry Farrell is 54. TV chef Rocco DiSpirito is 51. Actor Jason Scott Lee is 51. Olympic gold medal runner Gail Devers is 51. Actress Erika Alexander is 48. Rock musician Travis McNabb is 48. Singer Tony Rich is 46. Actress Sandrine Holt is 45. Country singer Jason Albert (Heartland) is 44. Country singer Billy Currington is 44. Dancer-choreographer Savion Glover is 44. Country musician Chad Jeffers is 42. Rhythm-and-blues singer Tamika Scott (Xscape) is 42. Rhythm-and-blues singer Lil' Mo is 40. Olympic gold medal gymnast Kerri Strug is 40. Actor Reid Scott is 40. Movie director Barry Jenkins (Film: "Moonlight") is 38. Actress Katherine Kelly is 38. Neo-soul musician Brown Lollar is 35. Actor Adam Driver is 34. Country singer Cam is 33. Actress Samantha Futerman is 30. Rapper Tyga is 28.

Thought for Today: "Make haste slowly." — Caesar Augustus, Roman emperor (63 B.C.-A.D. 14).