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Lewandowski Bridal Shower

Come and Go Bridal Shower honoring Bride to Be, Sarah Lewandowski, Saturday, June 2, 2018 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church – Groton. Lance Dennert and Sarah are registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond and Target.

Today's Events

- 10 a.m.: NEC Golf at Redfield
- 10 a.m.: NEC 7th/8th Track at Clark
- 7 p.m.: School Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 15

- 7 p.m.: All-School Play

Thursday, May 18

- 12:30 p.m.: Elementary Track and Field Day at Doney Field

Sunday, May 20

- 2 p.m.: Graduation

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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

The past two weeks, we have taken an in-depth look at the Minnesota Vikings' draft picks. Now, let's take a look around the rest of the NFC North to see how the Packers, Lions and Bears did in the draft.

Chicago Bears

The Bears had one of the best drafts in the NFL. With their first pick – the eighth overall – the team selected linebacker Roquan Smith from Georgia. Defensive coordinator Vic Fangio has improved the Bears' defense every year he's been with the team, and his squad was in the top 10 last season. Fangio's best defenses came when he was in San Francisco and had linebackers Patrick Willis and LaVorro Bowman. Roquan Smith gives him a linebacker of a similar mold.

In the second round, the team went offense with both of their picks – center James Daniels from Iowa (pick 39) and receiver Anthony Miller from Memphis (pick 51). The Bears selected quarterback Mitch Trubisky number two overall in last year's draft, so this year was dedicated to putting pieces around him. The Bears had the 29th ranked offense last season, but they now have a respectable offensive line and receiving group so that ranking figures to improve.

The Bears had a down year in 2017, but with a new head coach, a young quarterback with a year under his belt, and a solid offseason, they will undoubtedly be better. They are an under-the-radar team who will surprise a lot of people this year.

Detroit Lions

The lions had a hit or miss draft. In the first round they selected offensive lineman Frank Ragnow from Arkansas (pick 20). Ragnow is going to be a great offensive lineman according to an AFC offensive line coach I spoke with, and I was hoping he would fall to the Vikings. After a hit with their first pick, the Lions may have missed badly when they traded up to pick 43 to select running back Kerryon Johnson from Auburn. It's not that Johnson isn't a good running back, because he is, but the Lions didn't need to trade up for him and likely could have gotten him if they had stayed put.

In the third round, the Lions may have missed again when they selected safety Tracy Walker from Louisiana-Lafayette. Walker will really need to improve his instincts, because he doesn't have the speed to make up if he is late diagnosing a play. The Lions next two picks were clear winners in my book though. They took defensive tackle Da'Shawn Hand from Alabama and offensive tackle Tyrell Crosby from Oregon with the number 114 and 153 picks respectively.

The Lions had the seventh best offense and the 21st ranked defense in 2017. With a hit or miss draft and an underwhelming free agency period, it's hard to see this team improving from last year. They may not have taken a step back, per se, but in this league if you're not getting better you're moving backwards.

Green Bay Packers

After seeing Kirk Cousins sign with the Vikings, the Packers knew they were in trouble so they decided to spend their first two draft picks on cornerbacks. While I know that story isn't likely true, it's still a lot of fun to imagine. The Packers did get two good cornerbacks in Jaire Alexander from Louisville (pick 18) and Josh Jackson from Iowa (pick 45). They do have a lot of holes on the team, but the defensive backfield was certainly the most glaring. Alexander is a very good cornerback who fell a little in the draft because of a nagging knee injury which caused him to have an up-and-down 2017 season. If he's healthy he should be an instant starter. Jackson isn't the athlete Alexander is, but he is taller and knows how to use his length to his advantage. Jackson led the nation with eight interceptions and 26 pass deflections in 2017.

Staying on the defensive side of the ball for their next pick, the Packers took linebacker Oren Burks from Vanderbilt (pick 88). Burks played both linebacker and safety in college, but he will stay as an inside linebacker in Green Bay. The Packers wanted to make sure they did everything they could to replace departed Jordy Nelson, so the team drafted three wide receivers in the later rounds, hoping one of them will pan out and form a connection with Aaron Rodgers.

The Packers still have question marks all over the roster, but they will be getting Aaron Rodgers back so they will be contenders for the NFC North crown. It's amazing what having the best quarterback on the planet will do for a team!

Next week will be the final draft aftermath article, which will cover the rest of the NFL. If you have any questions or comments, reach out to me on Twitter (@JordanWrightNFL). Skol!

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South Dakota Governor
Dennis Daugaard



To The Classes Of 2018

Congratulations to the classes of 2018! To all high school, college and technical school students graduating in South Dakota, I commend you for reaching this milestone. After years of studying, taking tests and writing essays, you've finally made it. Congratulations on all you have achieved!

Most of you probably already have a good idea of what you'll be doing next – what additional education you'll seek or what career you'll pursue. Whether you've decided to stay in South Dakota or pursue a career or education elsewhere, I hope you'll ultimately consider a future here in our state. There are a number of reasons to consider living and working here.

First, the tax burden in South Dakota is low. We are among only a few states without an income tax, meaning you can keep more of the money you earn – money that can repay student debt, buy a house someday or replace that car you drove into the ground in school.

Second, not only do people keep more of the money they earn in South Dakota, but that money will buy more here than in other places. We don't spend as much money on housing, insurance, food and the other everyday needs. In fact, we have some of the lowest costs in the nation. In California, New York, Washington, D.C., or many other places, you will find costs that are 13 percent, 15 percent, even 17 percent higher than the national average. In South Dakota our costs are 12 percent lower than the national average.

Now some people will say, "South Dakota may have a low tax burden and low cost of living, but I won't get paid as much if I live there." Actually when it comes to per capita personal income, we fare pretty well. Nationally, we rank in the top half. And, if you adjust the per capita personal income to add cost of living and taxes, we rank sixth in the nation.

Beyond the financial reasons, South Dakota is a great place to live because we have a good quality of life here. Our communities are safe, our public schools are high-quality and our people are friendly. We also have clean air, clean water and beautiful scenery.

More than anything, though, there are people here who love you. You can't put a price tag on the love and support of your family and friends, here in South Dakota. At the end of your careers, and even at the end of your days on earth, the people who love you will be thousands of times more important than anything else in this world.

My hope is not that you will never venture outside of our state, but rather that you would consider a more permanent future in South Dakota. Your dreams can come true – right here at home.

The Groton HS Booster PAC Post-Prom Committee would like to thank the following businesses and organizations:

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Without your generosity, this event would not happen.

Thank You!



Kiwanis members get tour of elementary school

Roger Rix was in charge of the program for Kiwanis Club, Wednesday. Roger arranged for Brett Schwan, elementary principal; to give a tour of the elementary school upgrades. Kiwanians in the back row, left to right, are Larry Wheeting, Mike Ehreshman, Kathy Sundermeyer, Tom Mahan, club president; Roger Rix and Steve Simon. In front, left to right are Chuck Raap, Lee Schinkel, Chuck Padfield; and Brett Schwan, elementary principal, who gave a very informative and detailed guided tour.

This week's program leader is Larry Schelle, followed by Lee Schinkel.

SDDA Offers Weed-Free Forage Certification

Hay producers can add value to their product by having it certified noxious weed-free forage through the South Dakota Department of Agriculture (SDDA).

"This is a win-win situation. A farmer can get a better price for their forage and it helps prevent the spread of noxious weeds," said Ron Moehring, state weed supervisor and program specialist for the weed-free forage program.

The certification program is the first step to preventing the spread of new noxious weeds into forests and natural areas. Straw used in soil erosion reclamation projects or animal bedding must also be free of noxious weeds.

"I'm selling my hay at a higher price, \$3 to \$4 a bale more," said Travis Ismay of Vale, SD. "I didn't have to treat my fields much differently than I had been doing. I just had to have the inspector come out and certify the field before I cut the hay."

Cost of certification is \$250 for the first acre and \$2 an acre for the rest of the field that is inspected. A request for certification needs to be made to the SDDA 10 days prior to expected harvest date. The crop will be certified using the NAISMA Weed Free Forage list and the South Dakota Noxious Weed list. A field can still be certified weed free if listed weeds are present in the field, however those weeds cannot seed before harvest takes place.

"Once the inspector arrives at the field, they must walk the perimeter of the field in question, then criss-cross or zigzag through the field by coming in at one point (or side) and leaving at a different point, looking for any of the designated weeds. In addition, a buffer area on the perimeter must also be weed-free, as well as hay storage areas. A certificate of inspection is completed and sent to the producer. Once a field is certified, the producer has a designated time period to harvest the crop. If the crop isn't harvested within the time frame, the field must be re-certified to verify no seeds have formed. The producer will identify the inspected forage by a special tag available through SDDA," Moehring said.

For more information about South Dakota weed-free forage program visit <https://sdda.sd.gov/ag-services/weed-and-pest-control/weed-free-forage/> or contact Moehring at ron.moehring@state.sd.us or 605.773.3796.

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New Medicare Card Rollout

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Senior Health Information and Insurance Education (SHIINE) program would like to remind all individuals with Medicare that new Medicare cards will be mailed to them in the coming months by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

To combat identify theft, the new cards will feature a new Medicare Beneficiary Identifier number instead of a Social Security Number.

Medicare beneficiaries do not have to do anything to receive their new card, but should make sure their address is correct with the Social Security Administration (SSA) in order to receive their new card.

If you would like to update your address with the SSA, please visit www.ssa.gov or call 1-800-772-1213.

The mailings will be staggered throughout the year and are expected to begin in South Dakota in June 2018.

The transition to the new cards is expected to be complete by April 2019.

For more information on the rollout, please visit www.shiine.net or www.medicare.gov.

Primary Election Voter Registration Deadline 5pm Monday, May 21

PIERRE, SD – Secretary of State Shantel Krebs is encouraging South Dakotan's to register to vote ahead of the voter registration deadline for the June 5 Primary Election.

"As South Dakotan's we value our right to vote and appreciate the freedom we have to voice our opinions at the ballot box," noted Secretary Krebs. "In order for an unregistered South Dakotan to participate in the June 5th Primary Election, their voter registration form must be received by their County Auditor by 5 PM local time on Monday, May 21."

To register to vote, fill out a voter registration form, sign it, then mail or turn it in to your County Auditor's office. Your voter registration form must be received by the County Auditor 15 days before any election if you wish to vote in that election.

Registered South Dakota voters may view their sample ballot and polling location online via the Voter Information Portal on the Secretary of State's website.

As of May 1, 2018, there were 528,747 active registered voters in South Dakota.

The Democratic primary election is open to registered Democrats and registered Independents or those with No Party Affiliation. Republicans have a closed primary and only registered Republicans will be able to participate in that primary election. All registered voters in South Dakota including those registered as Libertarian, Constitution, Independent, No Party Affiliation and Other will be eligible for a ballot during the 2018 primary election due to Constitutional Amendment Y creating a Non-Political ballot statewide.

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Today in Weather History

May 14, 1982: Torrential rains pushed the Bad River over the banks at Fort Pierre. One house four miles outside of Fort Pierre had to sandbag. Rainfall amount of 3.83 inches was recorded in Pierre.

1923: An early morning violent estimated F5 tornado cut a 45-mile path of destruction through Howard and Mitchell counties in Texas. 23 people lost their lives and 250 sustained injuries. The path width of the tornado reached 1.5 miles at one point, and entire farms were "wiped off the face of the earth." The First Baptist Church in Colorado City, Texas became an emergency hospital for tornado victims.

1990: Thunderstorms developed ahead of a cold front produced severe weather from northwest Texas to western Missouri. Severe thunderstorms spawned seventeen tornadoes including nine in Texas. Four tornadoes in Texas injured a total of nine persons. Thunderstorms in Texas also produced hail four inches in diameter at Shamrock and four and a half inches in diameter near Guthrie. Thunderstorms over northeastern Kansas produced more than seven inches of rain in Chautauqua County between 9 PM and midnight.

1896 - The mercury plunged to 10 degrees below zero at Climax, CO. It was the lowest reading of record for the U.S. during the month of May. (David Ludlum)

1898 - A severe thunderstorm, with some hailstones up to 9.5 inches in circumference, pounded a four mile wide path across Kansas City MO. South-facing windows were broken in nearly every house in central and eastern parts of the city, and several persons were injured. An even larger hailstone was thought to have been found, but it turned out to be a chunk of ice tossed out the window of a building by a prankster. (The Kansas City Weather Almanac) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Seven cities across the western U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date as unseasonably hot weather made a comeback. The record high of 103 degrees at Sacramento CA was their ninth in eleven days, and also marked a record seven days of 100 degree heat for the month. Their previous record was two days of 100 degree heat in May. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Sunny and dry weather prevailed across the nation. Temperatures warmed into the 80s and lower 90s in the Great Plains Region and the Mississippi Valley. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms developing along a stationary front produced severe weather in south central Texas and the Southern High Plains Region during the afternoon and evening hours. Thunderstorms produced softball size hail at Spearman and Hitchcock, TX. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)



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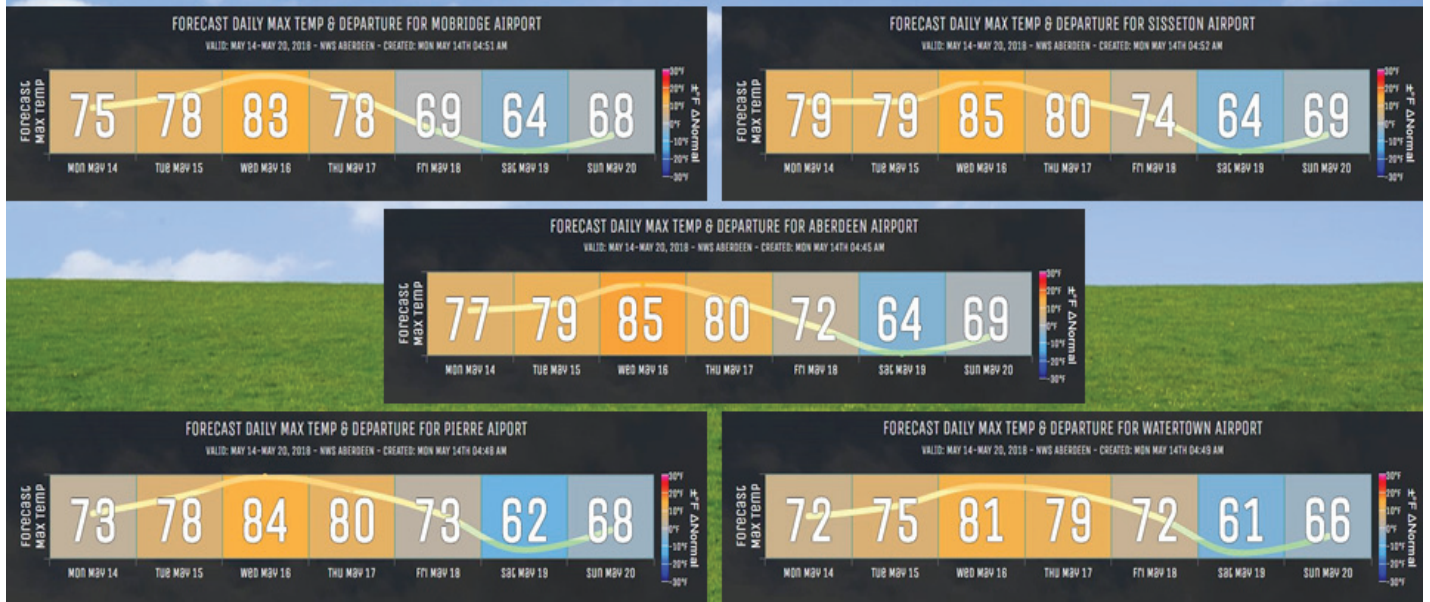
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Mon May 14	Tue May 15	Wed May 16	Thu May 17	Fri May 18	Sat May 19	Sun May 20
77°F	79°F	84°F	78°F	71°F	65°F	69°F
48°F	53°F	56°F	54°F	47°F	45°F	49°F
WSW 6 MPH Precip 10%	E 9 MPH	S 9 MPH	SSE 13 MPH Precip 20%	SE 12 MPH Precip 50%	NNE 17 MPH Precip 20%	NNE 8 MPH

**Above Normal Warm Through Thursday
Sparse Precipitation Chances Through Wednesday**



National Weather Service
Aberdeen, SD

www.weather.gov/abr

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Warmer than normal temperatures are expected through Thursday. Then, a cold front will move south across the region, rolling temperatures back to closer to normal for mid-May. The best chances for showers and thunderstorms looks to be Thursday and Friday.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 73.7 F at 5:55 PM

Low Outside Temp: 41.1 F at 5:54 AM

Wind Chill:

High Gust: 13.0 Mph at 4:30 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 94° in 1932

Record Low: 24° in 2004

Average High: 68°F

Average Low: 44°F

Average Precip in May: 1.43

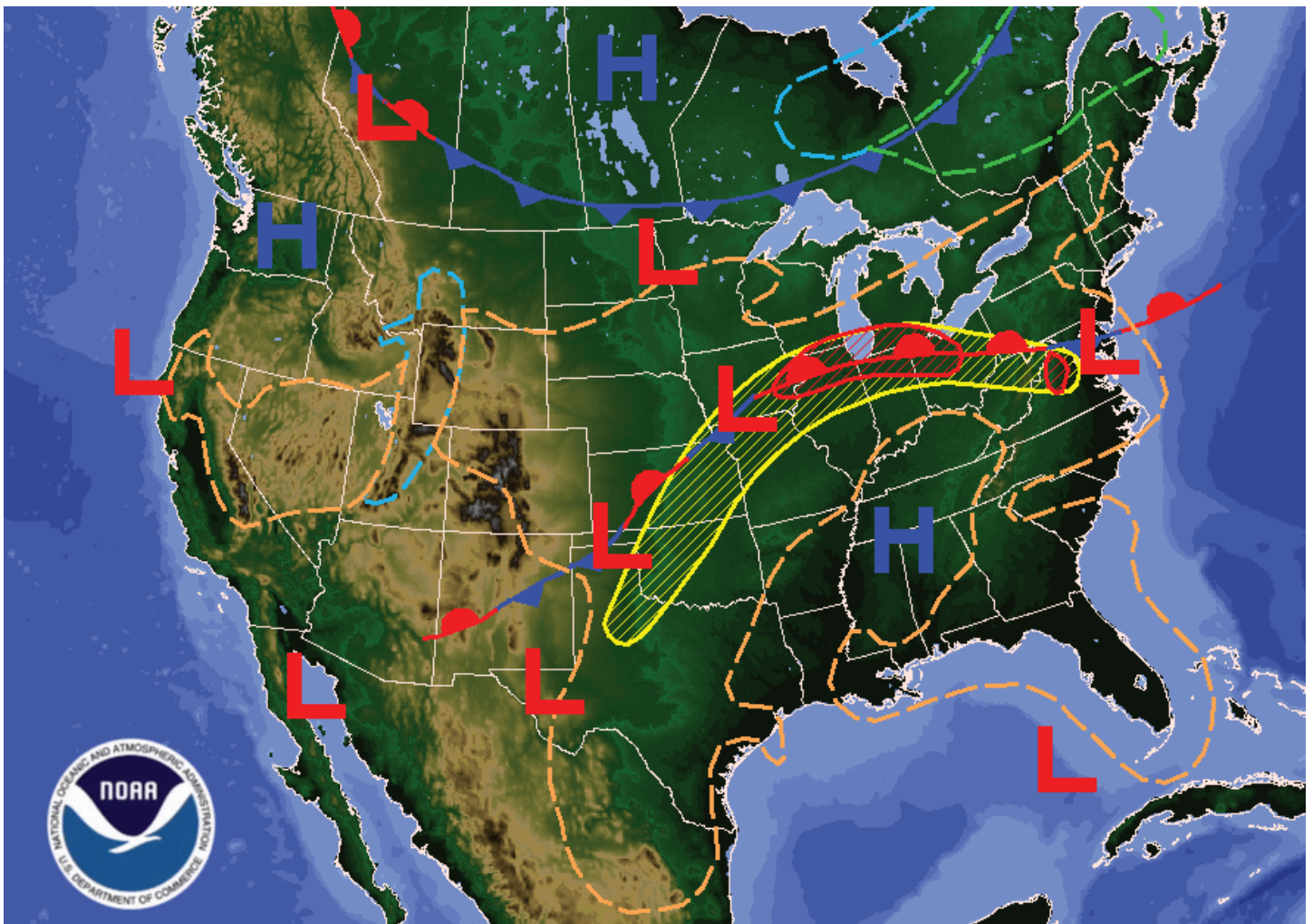
Precip to date in May: 0.72

Average Precip to date: 5.56

Precip Year to Date: 3.40

Sunset Tonight: 8:56 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:03 a.m.



Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Mon, May 14, 2018, issued 4:46 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Mcreynolds 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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DOES PRAYER HAVE LIMITS?

Reading the Psalms to discover their meaning takes time. Reading them rapidly often makes them sound repetitious or unintelligent. Take for example the words, "But You, O Sovereign Lord, deal well with me for Your name's sake; out of the goodness of Your love, deliver me."

In this brief, one sentence prayer David recognizes several critical elements of prayer. The first one is that our God is sovereign. As our "sovereign" He rules and reigns over our lives as the Ultimate Authority. He is the Guard and Guardian over anything and everything that pertains to us or may have power over us and thereby is our personal protector and provider. Whatever invades our lives is there because He allows it to be there - and if things were to be different from the way they are, they would be.

And if it is "in" our lives, it is "in" there for His "name's sake". In other words, it is consistent with His nature and character and wisdom. God knows what is best for us what is in keeping with the plan He has designed for us. So, we can be sure of His ways, knowing that what He is doing in us, with us and through us is in His best interests to shape us into the likeness of His Son, our Savior and Lord.

"Out of the goodness of Your love, deliver me" gives us the assurance that God will never abandon us but will ultimately deliver us from what we think will destroy us. Whenever we want to give up on God remember that He did not spare His Son from the cross, but was with Him and delivered Him through the pain into His presence.

Prayer: Lord, we accept all things in our lives as a gift from You as You shape us into the likeness of Christ. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 109:21 But you, Sovereign Lord, help me for your name's sake; out of the goodness of your love, deliver me.

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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)
- 1/27/2019 Carnival of Silver Skates 2pm & 6:30pm
- 4/13/2019 Easter Egg Hunt (Saturday a week before Easter Weekend)
- 5/5/2018 Spring City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday in May)
- 5/27/2018 Historic Trinity Church Pump Organ Concert.
- 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)
- 12/01/2018 Olive Grove Golf Course 2018 Holiday Party

- 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

News from the Associated Press

Aberdeen man finds comfort in making rosaries

By **KELDA J.L. PHARRIS**, Aberdeen American News

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — Francis Kallas' large farmer's hands, though a bit shaky, nimbly thread purple beads onto a white chord.

Ten finished rosaries lay on a white towel on a rolling bedside table. Kallas sits up straight in his overstuffed recliner, reading glasses on his nose, as he puts the beads and knots on his 11th. He started the batch the previous night. Each rosary takes about 20 minutes. He makes anywhere from zero to 10 a day.

"The rosary is the second-most powerful prayer," the 91-year-old said.

It follows only Mass.

The rosary is a Catholic devotion guided by a series of beads and knots that represent a sequence of prayers. The prayers include the "Hail Mary," "Our Father," "Glory Be" and "Apostle's Creed." Some people better know the "Our Father" as "The Lord's Prayer."

Somewhat oversimplified, a rosary is comprised of five decades, or groups of 10 beads. A "Hail Mary" is recited for each bead, and there are also other prayers that are part of the process.

The Aberdeen American News reports that as he works, the April 12 afternoon sun bathes half of Kallas' room at Aberdeen Health and Rehab in a warm glow. He watches a baseball game. The teams playing are inconsequential. His favorite team is whichever is on TV and his favorite pastime is making rosaries.

"I started," Kallas begins.

"Let's put it this way, my mother made rosaries. Chain rosaries. My sister in Minnesota made chain rosaries and cord rosaries. In 1995, she started my wife out making 'em. I thought what the hell; I could probably do that, too."

In the past 23 years, an estimated 65,000 cord rosaries — beads on twine or rope — have been crafted by the hands of Kallas and those of his late wife, LaVere. She strung them until arthritis made the threading too difficult.

Francis Kallas has never stopped.

The rosaries are distributed all over the world. Kallas recently received a forwarded letter of thanks from the supplier of his materials — Our Lady's Rosary Makers. The letter was from a Catholic bishop serving in Papua New Guinea. In it, the bishop noted that the rosaries are well-received. With many of the people he serves being illiterate, the rosary prayers are easy to memorize, the bishop wrote.

Kallas shrugs off any concern about what so many rosaries have cost him.

"It isn't that much. I have to buy the supplies and I have to ship them."

He says a priority mail box will hold 360 rosaries. He has a nearly full box in his room. The rosaries are bundled by color. He doesn't choose the colors, but was pleased that lately he's been sent translucent beads, compared to opaque ones.

"Beads are kind of glasslike. You can see through them, I kind of like that," Kallas said.

There's a half-full Mason jar with a rainbow of beads in it on the edge of his work area.

"Once in a while the jar gets full and I make what I call Mason specials," Kallas said, holding up a multi-colored rosary.

He laughs, remembering giving one to a grandson who wore it to school like a necklace, the kind of jewelry rosaries resemble.

Kallas is a devout Catholic and a veteran, having served from 1950 to 1952 stateside doing construction and engineering. He attended a heavy machinery school. He farmed and was a "grease monkey" — his words — in the Wetonka and Leola areas. He and his wife raised 12 children and they all attended Mass every Sunday.

"On the farm, we went to Leola, Our Lady of Perpetual (Help)," Kallas said. "Everybody went to church. I never worked much on Sundays. Feed hogs, feed cattle, that's it."

Kallas was asked by staff if he cared to be his wife's roommate at Aberdeen Health and Rehab. She'd gotten very ill and had been recuperating for more than 100 days, but wasn't healthy enough to go back to the Carlyle Apartments where the couple moved in 2005. Kallas said yes. He moved in, and they enjoyed their time together, still attending church and visiting family and friends regularly.

"She improved after I got here," Kallas said.

But LaVere Kallas, 85, died in her sleep Jan. 1. Two beds, pushed together, still outfit the room. There's a brief tinge of sadness as Francis Kallas talks about his wife, but good memories and the pride he has for her keep his spirits light and cheerful as he finishes the rosary, pulling the last string very tight. He lays it among the others.

"I never feel like I'm wasting my time when I do this," Kallas said.

He doesn't remember his first rosary, but assumes he received one at his first communion decades ago. He always keeps one close.

"Oh sure, I have one in bed," he said. "At night when I can't sleep, I pray the rosary."

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

Paul TenHaken's path to Sioux Falls City Hall

By JOE SNEVE, Argus Leader

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Most of Sioux Falls knows Paul TenHaken.

But few know the details of how the 40-year-old founder of Click Rain went from a middle-class upbringing in rural Minnesota to being a week away from becoming Sioux Falls' 27th mayor.

Born and raised about 60 miles east on Interstate 90, TenHaken called Worthington, Minnesota, home until moving to Sioux Falls 18 years ago.

It was there, in his hometown, where he says he learned the value of both hard work and a dollar, bagging groceries at Hy-Vee to pay for a rusted-out 1980 Pontiac LaMonte.

"I paid a grand in cash for it," he said. "It had bench seats, and it was rusted out. I'd polish and shine that thing. I was so proud of it because I bought it with my own money."

Though his middle-class parents had the means to buy him the car, keep his gas tank full and his insurance up-to-date, TenHaken said they made him carry the burdens of automobile ownership himself. Like any child, it took him awhile to figure out why.

"It always frustrated me because I knew my parents had the means to help me out more, but they didn't, and it instilled in me a really strong work ethic."

The Argus Leader reports that Overcoming challenges is something he learned young as well.

Though he was colorblind, he enrolled at Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa, as an art major where he got his start in the digital marketing world. To get by in his graphic design classes — a primary necessity for anyone in the marketing field — he studied the color codes in the computer programs students used at the time.

It must've worked.

After graduating in 2000 and moving to Sioux Falls, TenHaken quickly made a name for himself in the city's tech and business communities.

But before the money starting flowing in from Click Rain, which he founded as a one-man startup in 2008, TenHaken used the athletic world to help him make ends meet.

TenHaken's friend Mike Heineman was transitioning into leadership of the Skyforce, Sioux Falls' semi-professional basketball team, and he was looking for someone to be the team's mascot "Thunder."

"I followed hoops religiously," TenHaken said. "I was 22 years old, and I like to have fun. And it actually paid really well."

He's also an athlete himself. A sponsored "Ironman," TenHaken has competed in dozens of high-profile, long-distance triathlons where athletes compete in swimming, running and bicycling events. And more recently he's excelled in obstacle course events called "Spartan Races," so much so he was invited to

compete in a televised event on NBC in 2016.

While he had to step away from his business before entering the political arena, he said he plans to continue competing in sporting events while serving at City Hall, though he admits his opportunities to compete will be more limited.

"I'm signed up to do a half Ironman in Madison, Wisconsin, next month, and I think I'm going to still do it," he said. "I'm not in shape for it ... but I think there's an example you can set as a mayor with the things you do in your private time."

TenHaken said he hopes to incorporate his passion for physical wellness into city programming through the health department and the Live Well Sioux Falls initiative.

Through it all, he said his Christian values motivate him. And that's no secret as it's come up on the campaign trail, most starkly when he was criticized for declining an invitation to participate in a mayoral debate on a Sunday.

While his faith will be a part of his approach to leadership, he's said repeatedly it won't dictate his policies beyond being compassionate for people. And it won't keep him from doing the city's business on Sundays either, should the need arise, after he's sworn in May 15.

"I got beat up over that, but I get this is a 24-7 job — I realize when a sewer main breaks on Sunday morning, I can't say, 'Well, I got church this morning,'" he said. "I don't just sit on my hands on Sunday."

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

Voter registration deadline for primary election approaching

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Secretary of State Shantel Krebs is encouraging South Dakota residents to register to vote before the deadline for the June 5 primary election.

Krebs says county auditors must receive voter registration forms by 5 p.m. on May 21. Registered voters can see their sample ballots and polling locations at the Secretary of State's website.

There were nearly 529,000 active registered voters in the state at the beginning of May. Krebs says South Dakotans value their right to vote and appreciate the freedom to voice opinions at the ballot box.

Republican primary voters are set to choose their party's candidates for offices including governor and U.S. House. Democrats seeking those two offices don't face primary opponents.

South Dakota could be first state to tweak 'Marsy's Law'

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota voters enthusiastically passed "Marsy's Law" in 2016, joining several states that embraced the constitutional amendments giving crime victims such rights as being notified of developments in their cases. Now voters are being asked to support changes to the amendment to help police and prosecutors cut down on unforeseen bureaucratic problems it has created.

The proposed changes — which the Marsy's Law campaign supports — would require victims to opt in to many of their rights and specifically allow authorities to share information with the public to help solve crimes. The changes will go before South Dakota voters during the state's June 5 primary election, months before voters in at least five other states decide whether to adopt their own versions of Marsy's Law.

Kelli Peterson, a victim and witness assistant in the Minnehaha County State's Attorney's Office, used to spend her workdays focused almost exclusively on helping victims of violent crime navigate the criminal justice system. Since the state's Marsy's Law took effect, though, she's had to spend more time calling and mailing victims, including businesses, to let them know about court proceedings in their cases, even for petty theft or trespassing. For example, she says she spent nearly an entire day last year trying to notify an out-of-state bank that someone had been arrested for trespassing in a Sioux Falls home it owned. She ended up sending a letter but never heard back.

"It means that we get to spend less time with our really high-risk ... victims," Peterson said.

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Five states — California, Ohio, Illinois, North Dakota and South Dakota — have a Marsy's Law on their books. South Dakota would be the first to alter its law, though Montana voters passed a Marsy's Law in 2016 that the state Supreme Court later overturned, citing flaws in how it was written.

They're named after Marsalee "Marsy" Nicholas, a California college student who was stalked and killed in 1983 by an ex-boyfriend. Her brother, billionaire Henry Nicholas, has bankrolled the ballot measures. Voters are set to decide on Marsy's Law measures in November in Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Nevada and Oklahoma.

After it passed in South Dakota, at least three large counties hired new people to work with victims. Privacy provisions in the amendment have curtailed the information that some law enforcement agencies release to the public to help solve crimes, and officials say prosecutors' offices must now track down and notify a broader swath of victims about their cases.

House Speaker Mark Mickelson initially proposed getting rid of the amendment but instead reached a deal with the Marsy's Law campaign during this year's legislative session. The group is contributing financial support to promote the passage of the proposed changes to the law.

"People voted for it the first time, and we're fixing some of the unintended consequences," Mickelson said. "It strengthens victims' rights. If you were for it before, you're for it again, and if you had some concerns about it before, it's better now."

Minnehaha County Sheriff Mike Milstead said the amended measure would specifically allow authorities to publicly release the locations or business names where crimes occur, which his office has generally stopped doing since Marsy's Law took effect.

"Every armed robbery where a business name was not able to be put out, it impacted," Milstead said. "If we're not able to say that it was this business, and people remember that they saw someone come out of that business, it's made it more difficult to get tips and solve that crime."

Pennington County State's Attorney Mark Vargo, whose office added four employees at an annual cost of more than \$200,000 because of Marsy's Law, supports the changes. He said he thinks they'll help as fewer people opt in to the measure's coverage.

Supporters of the new amendment are educating voters through grassroots work and digital and direct mail advertising, with the potential for television and radio, said Ryan Erwin, a strategy consultant for the Marsy's Law for All campaign.

"This is a group of people that haven't always seen eye-to-eye on everything, and really do now," Erwin said. "I know there's a genuine desire to get this passed to help law enforcement and continue to protect victims' rights."

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Deadwood officials to revamp downtown area

DEADWOOD, S.D. (AP) — Officials in a western South Dakota city are crafting a master plan for their busiest downtown street, a project that hasn't been done in three decades.

The Deadwood City Commission recently approved a request for qualifications for the Main Street Master Plan. The plan has a May 23 deadline for submissions, the Black Hills Pioneer reported.

"We're going on 30 years since our last major renovation," said Kevin Kuchenbecker, the city's historic preservation officer administering the plan. "Since then, there have been changes to (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements, aging infrastructure, aging street lights, the concept of beautification and public gathering spaces — all needs to fit together as we look at the next 30 years."

The project will relate to urban planning, special event management, safety and security, among others while working within a National Historic Landmark District.

"We're not only going to be looking at aesthetics, but infrastructure," Kuchenbecker said. "Events downtown require safety measures be taken and there has been talk of bollards and bump-outs, community gathering spaces. There are issues dealing with sidewalks and ADA compliance. This will be a thorough look downtown, building front to building front."

Kuchenbecker said planned costs and timeframe are still largely unknown, saying officials will "determine priorities and budget necessities, whether it's bonded funds, potential grants or other types of funding."

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

Rapid City officials propose secondary housing regulations

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Rapid City officials seek to regulate secondary housing units, such as an attic or a pool house equipped with cooking, sleeping and sanitation facilities.

Many "accessory dwelling units" already exist throughout Rapid City, though they're technically illegal per city code in residential areas.

Community Development Director Ken Young unveiled draft policy Wednesday to go before Rapid City Council in July, the Rapid City Journal reported. It seeks to regulate accessory dwelling units and mitigate any adverse risks, Young said.

The policy change could increase Rapid City's affordable housing stock and offer an additional income source for property owners.

Families could also use the units to give elderly family members privacy and independence, while staying close in case of emergencies.

The policy wouldn't allow accessory dwelling units to be used for short-term rentals, such as Airbnb. The proposed regulations require the property owner to reside on the property full-time and to rent the unit for at least 28 days at a time.

The proposed ordinance changes also regulate unit height and location.

Rapid City officials hope to have the ordinance amendments considered by the Planning Commission and the Legal and Finance Committee before it goes to the City Council in July.

City spokesman Darrell Shoemaker said officials won't be enforcing codes prohibiting accessory dwelling units in residential areas while the ordinance amendments are considered.

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

European spy chiefs warn of hybrid threats from Russia, IS

By FRANK JORDANS, Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — European intelligence chiefs warned Monday that Russia is actively seeking to undermine their democracies by disinformation, cyberattacks and more traditional means of espionage.

The heads of Britain and Germany's domestic intelligence agencies, as well as the European Union and NATO's top security officials, pinpointed Moscow as the prime source of hybrid threats to Europe, citing attempts to manipulate elections, steal sensitive data and spark a coup in Montenegro. They also cited the nerve agent attack against a former Russian spy in Britain this year that Britain has blamed on Russia.

"Our respect for Russia's people (...) cannot and must not stop us from calling out and pushing back on the Kremlin's flagrant breaches of international rules," the head of Britain's MI5 spy agency, Andrew Parker, told an intelligence gathering in Berlin.

Parker said the March 4 attack on Sergei Skripal and his daughter in Salisbury was swiftly followed by Russian attempts to divert blame. That resulted in at least 30 alternative theories about the attack being spread by Russian authorities and media.

"Whatever nonsense they conjure up, the case is clear," said Parker.

He later told reporters that since allied governments were first briefed on Russia's involvement in the attack by the British government, "the case, if anything, has got stronger since then."

Germany's domestic intelligence chief, Hans-Georg Maassen, said his agency, known as BfV, blames Russian authorities for orchestrating a persistent cyberattack aimed at stealing sensitive data so it can be used in future intelligence campaigns, such as what happened with the Democratic National Committee emails leaked during the 2016 U.S. presidential election campaign.

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Maassen said authorities are particularly concerned about the possible funding of extremist groups aiming to divide European societies, and he called for greater awareness of hybrid attacks to counter such threats.

Sir Julian King, the EU's security commissioner, warned that social media had "turbocharged" state actors' ability to spread disinformation, citing the recent revelations about Cambridge Analytica's gathering of personal data from Facebook users to help manipulate elections.

King warned of future threats posed by sophisticated fake videos that are undiscernible from real footage, calling it an example of a "deadly weapon of mass disinformation" that societies need to find ways of becoming resilient to.

He also said the European Commission is working with social media companies such as Facebook and Twitter to better inform users about why they are seeing certain posts and who is paying for them, to help protect against disinformation campaigns by groups or governments outside the country.

NATO's assistant secretary general for intelligence and security, Arndt Freytag von Loringhoven, said the price of launching hybrid attacks needs to increase, citing the expulsion of 150 undeclared spies by Britain and its allies in the wake of the Salisbury attack.

Intelligence chiefs also noted the continued threat posed by Islamist extremism and the need to cooperate closely among European agencies, despite Britain's departure from the EU next year.

Parker, whose speech in Berlin was the first by a serving MI5 director outside Britain, said security agencies had thwarted 12 terrorist plots in the U.K. since Parliament was attacked in March 2017.

"We remain unwaveringly and absolutely committed to working together with European partners," he said, calling for security cooperation to be enshrined in future treaties between Britain and the EU.

Asked about whether disinformation played a role in Britain's Brexit referendum two years ago, Parker said: "I'm not aware of any information that suggests that the outcome was determined by any sort of interference."

He declined to say whether MI5 had registered any attempts at influencing the outcome.

Maassen, his German counterpart, said the Brexit referendum likely prompted spy chief in some countries "to nearly laugh their heads off" because it suited their interests.

On the question of foreign funding for political parties in Germany — an issue that has been repeatedly raised in connection with the rise of the far-right Alternative for Germany party — Maassen said: "There is no information I can give to you."

Greg Katz in London contributed to this report.

Police: Indonesia suicide bombings work of 2 families

By NINIEK KARMINI, Associated Press

SURABAYA, Indonesia (AP) — An Indonesian family brought its 8-year-old daughter to a suicide bomb attack it launched Monday on the police headquarters in the country's second-largest city, authorities said, a day after members of another family conducted coordinated suicide bombings on three city churches that killed 12 people.

National police chief Tito Karnavian said the girl, who was with two of the attackers on a motorcycle, survived being thrown by the blast at Surabaya's police headquarters. The attack killed the four perpetrators. Six civilians and four officers were wounded.

The attack came just hours after police said the family that carried out the church bombings included girls aged 9 and 12.

The flurry of bombings raised concerns that previously beaten-down militant networks in the world's most populous Muslim-majority nation have been reinvigorated by the return of some of the estimated 1,100 Indonesians who went to fight with the Islamic State group in Syria. Experts have warned for several years that when those fighters return, they could pose a significant threat.

IS claimed responsibility for the church bombings in a statement carried by its Aamaq news agency. Karnavian, however, said earlier police comments that the family had spent time in Syria were incorrect.

He said the church bombers and the police headquarters attackers were friends, as were another family

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whose homemade bombs exploded in their apartment Sunday night.

The use of children in the attacks has been particularly horrifying to people.

"This is terrifying," said Taufik Andrie, executive director of an institute that runs programs to help paroled militants reject extremism and rejoin society. "This is showing how extremist ideology can entrap children. Children have no choice. They can't comprehend the decisions involved."

All told, 25 people have died since Sunday including a total of 13 militants and their children.

Indonesian President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo condemned the attacks as "barbaric" and vowed that authorities would root out and destroy Islamic militant networks. The top security minister, Wiranto, who uses one name, said the government will attempt to hasten passage of an updated anti-terrorism law that has languished in parliament.

A security camera video of the attack on Surabaya's police headquarters showed at least one explosion after the four attackers rode two motorcycles up to a security checkpoint. The motorcycles, which moved closely together, pulled up alongside a car and four officers manning opposite sides of the checkpoint.

Two men, apparently civilians, were walking into the area just meters (yards) from the motorcycles at the moment of the explosion, which a split second later was followed by a second possible blast.

Indonesia's deadliest terrorist attack occurred in 2002, when bombs exploded on the tourist island of Bali, killing 202 people in one night, mostly foreigners. Jemaah Islamiyah, the al-Qaida affiliated network responsible for the Bali attacks, was obliterated by a sustained crackdown on militants by Indonesia's counterterrorism police with U.S. and Australian support. Its leaders were killed in police raids and hundreds of militants were arrested.

Karnavian said the father of the family that carried out the church bombings was head of the Surabaya cell of Jemaah Anshorut Daulah, an Indonesian militant network affiliated with IS that has been implicated in attacks in Indonesia in the past year. All six members of the family were killed.

The IS statement claiming responsibility for the attacks didn't mention anything about families or children taking part and said there were only three attackers. The group also claimed responsibility for a hostage-taking ordeal last week by imprisoned Islamic militants at a detention center near Jakarta in which six officers were killed.

Separately on Sunday, three members of another family were killed when homemade bombs exploded at an apartment in Sidoarjo, a town bordering Surabaya, police said.

The church attacks occurred within minutes of each other, according to Surabaya police spokesman Frans Barung Mangera.

Karnavian said the father drove a bomb-laden car into the city's Pentecostal church. The mother, with her two daughters, attacked the Christian Church of Diponegoro, he said. Based on their remains, Karnavian said the mother and daughters were all wearing explosives around their waists.

The sons aged 16 and 18 rode a motorcycle onto the grounds of the Santa Maria Church and detonated their explosives there, he said.

Deadly Gaza protests cloud US Embassy opening in Jerusalem

By **FARES AKRAM** and **ILAN BEN ZION**, Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Thousands of Palestinian protesters converged along the border with Israel on Monday, drawing Israeli fire that killed at least 16 people in the bloodiest day of weeks of demonstrations and casting a cloud over Israel's festive inauguration of the new U.S. Embassy in contested Jerusalem.

With their anger fueled by the embassy opening, protesters set tires on fire, sending thick plumes of black smoke into the air at several spots along the border, while the Israeli military said protesters assaulted the border fence. By midafternoon, at least 16 Palestinians, including a 14-year-old boy, were killed while over 500 were wounded by Israeli fire, Palestinian health officials said.

In the West Bank, several thousand people gathered in the center of Ramallah, while hundreds marched to the Qalandiya crossing on the outskirts of Jerusalem, where protesters threw stones at Israeli troops.

The protest in Gaza was to be the biggest yet in a weeklong campaign against a decade-old blockade

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of the territory. The march was also directed at the inauguration of the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem later Monday. The relocation of the embassy from Tel Aviv, a key campaign promise of President Donald Trump, has infuriated the Palestinians, who seek east Jerusalem as a future capital.

"A great day for Israel," Trump tweeted early Monday.

Monday marked the biggest showdown in recent weeks between Israel's military and Gaza's Hamas rulers along the volatile border.

It is the culmination of a campaign, led by the Islamic militant Hamas and fueled by despair among Gaza's 2 million people, to break the decade-old border blockade of the territory by Israel and Egypt. Since weekly border marches began in late March, 58 Palestinian protesters have been killed and more than 2,300 wounded by Israeli army fire.

Hamas leaders have suggested a border breach is possible Monday, while Israel has warned it would prevent protesters from breaking through the barrier at any cost.

Lt. Col. Jonathan Conricus, an Israeli military spokesman, said the army had bolstered its front-line forces along the border, but also set up additional "layers" of security in and around neighboring communities to defend Israeli civilians in case of a mass breach. He said there already had been several "significant attempts" to break through the fence.

"Even if the fence is breached, we will be able to protect Israeli civilians from attempts to massacre or kidnap or kill them," he said.

The timing of Monday's events was deeply symbolic, both to Israel and the Palestinians.

The U.S. said it chose the date to coincide with the 70th anniversary of Israel's establishment.

But it also marks the anniversary of what Palestinians call their "nakba," or catastrophe, a reference to the uprooting of hundreds of thousands who fled or were expelled from what is now Israel during the 1948 war surrounding Israel's independence.

A majority of Gaza's 2 million people are descendants of refugees, and the protests have been billed as the "Great March of Return" to long-lost homes in what is now Israel.

In one of the border areas east of Gaza City, Mohammed Hamami, a 40-year-old civil servant, joined a crowd of hundreds of protesters, along with his mother and five children.

"Today we are here to send a message to Israel and its allies that we will never give up on our land," he said.

"We will cross the border and impose new realities like the reality Trump imposed in Jerusalem," he added, referring to President Donald Trump's decision in December to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital and then move the U.S. Embassy there.

Some protesters moved to within about 150 meters (yards) of the border fence. A reporter saw two men who tried to advance further being shot in the legs by Israeli troops.

Clouds of black smoke from burning tires rose into the air. Earlier Monday, Israeli drones dropping incendiary material had pre-emptively set ablaze some of the tires collected in advance by activists.

Protesters have used the thick smoke as cover against Israeli snipers perched on high sand berms on the other side of the border. The army accuses Hamas of using the protests as cover to plan or carry out attacks.

Leaflets dropped over Gaza by army jets warned that those approaching the border "jeopardize" their lives. The warning said the army is "prepared to face all scenarios and will act against every attempt to damage the security fence or harm IDF soldiers or Israeli civilians."

In Jerusalem, top Trump administration officials attended events linked to the inauguration of the embassy later Monday.

Speaking at a celebration hosted by the Orthodox Union, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said that it was a U.S. "national security priority" to move the embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Trump's decision to go forward with a campaign promise to move the American embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem was welcomed by Israel and condemned by the Palestinians. Previous presidents had signed a waiver postponing the move, citing national security.

Israel captured east Jerusalem in the 1967 Mideast war and annexed it in a move not recognized by

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the international community. The Palestinians seek the city's eastern half as the capital of a future state.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas cut ties with the Trump administration and declared it unfit to remain in its role as the sole mediator in peace talks.

Saeb Erekat, a senior Abbas aide, blasted the Trump administration Monday, saying Trump had violated a promise to hold off on moving the embassy to give peace talks a chance and that his administration is "based on lies."

Erekat said the Trump administration has "become part of the problem, not part of the solution."

Administration officials have dismissed Palestinian criticism, portraying the embassy opening as an essential step toward an eventual Israeli-Palestinian peace deal. However, they have not said how they will move forward without the Palestinians.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu praised Trump's "bold decision" in upending decades of U.S. policy by recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital. "It's the right thing to do," a smiling Netanyahu told the jubilant crowd at a reception in Jerusalem late Sunday.

Although Trump has said his declaration does not set the final borders of the city, his recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital has been perceived by both Israel and the Palestinians as taking Israel's side in the most sensitive issue in their conflict.

Only two countries, Guatemala and Paraguay, have said they will follow suit. Most of the world maintains embassies in Tel Aviv, saying the Jerusalem issue must first be resolved.

In a reflection of the deep sensitivities, dozens of countries — including Britain, France and Germany — skipped a celebration Sunday night at the Israeli Foreign Ministry.

Monday's opening will be attended by Trump's daughter Ivanka and son-in-law Jared Kushner, who both serve as White House advisers. Kushner leads the Trump Mideast team.

Ben Zion reported from Jerusalem. Associated Press writers Mohammed Daraghmeh in Ramallah, West Bank, and Karin Laub in Amman, Jordan contributed to this report.

Trump offers US aid to penalized Chinese telecom company

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a surprising overture to China, President Donald Trump says he would help a Chinese telecommunications company get "back into business," saying too many jobs in China are at stake after the U.S. government cut off access to its American suppliers.

At issue is the Commerce Department's move last month to block the ZTE Corp., a major supplier of telecom networks and smartphones based in southern China, from importing American components for seven years. The U.S. accused ZTE of misleading American regulators after it settled charges of violating sanctions against North Korea and Iran.

The case dates to before Trump took office in January 2007 but the Commerce Department's decision came amid worsening trade tensions between the U.S. and China centered on technology-related intellectual property.

Trump's unexpected announcement Sunday came as the two countries prepared to continue trade talks in Washington this week. Given his past vows to stop the flow of U.S. jobs to China and crack down on what he says are unfair trade practices, Trump's tweet of concern about Chinese jobs was something of a backflip.

"A reversal of the ZTE decision could temporarily tamp down trade tensions by allowing the Chinese to make concessions to the U.S. without losing face," said Eswar Prasad, a professor of trade policy at Cornell University. "Trump may have recognized that backing off on ZTE clears the path for him to claim at least a partial victory in the US-China trade dispute based on the concessions the Chinese seem prepared to offer."

ZTE, which has more than 70,000 employees and has supplied networks or equipment to some of the world's biggest telecoms companies, said in early May that it had halted its main operations as a result of the department's "denial order."

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Trump, who has taken a hard line on trade and technology issues with Beijing, tweeted that he and Chinese leader Xi Jinping "are working together to give massive Chinese phone company, ZTE, a way to get back into business, fast. Too many jobs in China lost. Commerce Department has been instructed to get it done!"

Expanding on Trump's message, White House deputy press secretary Lindsay Walters said in a statement, "The President's tweet underscores the importance of a free, fair, balanced, and mutually beneficial economic, trade and investment relationship between the United States and China."

It was not exactly clear what Trump was proposing for ZTE, or whether it would involve rolling back the Commerce Department's decision. The White House deferred to the Commerce Department on any specific questions relating to ongoing regulator action.

In a later tweet, Trump suggested the U.S. and China were moving forward on the trade negotiations, but it was not clear how the ZTE case would fit into the bigger picture.

"I've never seen a president step in and reverse an agency decision like this. It's not clear, of course, if he's planning to really reverse it or think of a solution in a larger context, but it is something that is just out of the norm," said Amanda DeBusk, the chair of the international trade and government regulations practice at the firm Dechert LLP.

DeBusk, a former Commerce Department assistant secretary for export enforcement, said Trump's announcement indicates "he is looking to accomplish his objectives on trade with China on a much larger level."

The widening trade dispute between the world's two biggest economies has taken a toll on both sides. U.S. companies that export to China have seen their goods held up at China's ports amid tougher inspections. The block on ZTE was a heavy blow for the company but also hurt the U.S. companies it buys from. According to IDC data, ZTE sources more than 40 percent of its components from the U.S., creating a multibillion-dollar revenue stream for suppliers like Qualcomm and Intel.

Chinese officials raised their objections to ZTE's punishment at trade talk in Beijing earlier this month, and the American delegation agreed to report them to Trump. ZTE has asked the department to suspend the seven-year ban on doing business with U.S. technology exporters. By cutting off access to U.S. suppliers of essential components such as microchips, the ban threatens ZTE's existence, the company has said.

At the Beijing talks, the Trump administration handed China a list of hard-line demands that trade experts said could make it even more difficult to resolve the trade disputes. Both sides had been expected to dig in for a fight over their trade imbalance at this week's talks.

But Trump set a more reassuring tone in a separate tweet Sunday, saying the two economic giants were "working well together on trade, but past negotiations have been so one sided in favor of China, for so many years, that it is hard for them to make a deal that benefits both countries. But be cool, it will all work out!"

Trump is seeking to cut the chronic U.S. trade deficit by \$100 billion and gain concessions over the policies that foreign companies say force them to share technology in order to gain market access.

The U.S. imposed the penalty on Shenzhen-based ZTE after discovering that the company, which had paid a \$1.2 billion fine in the case, had failed to discipline employees involved and paid them bonuses instead.

Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross last month accused ZTE of misleading the department and warned, "This egregious behavior cannot be ignored."

California Rep. Adam Schiff, the top Democrat on the intelligence committee, criticized Trump for softening his stance on ZTE.

"Our intelligence agencies have warned that ZTE technology and phones pose a major cyber security threat. You should care more about our national security than Chinese jobs," Schiff said in a tweet directed at Trump.

Pompeo: NKorea needs US security assurances for nuke pact

By KEN THOMAS, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is offering assurances to North Korea's Kim Jong Un as it seeks to put in motion the potential for a sweeping nuclear deal ahead of President Donald Trump's upcoming

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summit with the North Korean leader.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said the U.S. will need to "provide security assurances" to Kim if they're able to forge an agreement. Pompeo met with Kim last week in North Korea, helping set the stage for Trump's historic meeting with Kim in Singapore on June 12.

Trump has set an ambitious goal for North Korea to get rid of its nuclear weapons in a permanent and verifiable way. In return, the U.S. is willing to help the impoverished nation strengthen its economy.

Pompeo was asked on "Fox News Sunday" whether the U.S. was in effect telling Kim he could stay in power if he met the U.S. demands. Pompeo said: "We will have to provide security assurances, to be sure."

The top U.S. diplomat did not elaborate, but his comment could refer to the type of assurances North Korea has sought in the past. A statement issued during international negotiations with North Korea in 2005 over its nuclear weapons development said the "United States affirmed that it has no nuclear weapons on the Korean Peninsula and has no intention to attack or invade (North Korea) with nuclear or conventional weapons."

The North has said it needs nuclear weapons to counter what it believes is a U.S. effort to strangle its economy and overthrow the Kim government.

"Make no mistake about it, America's interest here is preventing the risk that North Korea will launch a nuclear weapon into L.A. or Denver or to the very place we're sitting here this morning," Pompeo said from Washington. "That's our objective, that's the end state the president has laid out and that's the mission that he sent me on this past week, to put us on the trajectory to go achieve that."

Pressed in a separate interview on whether the U.S. would seek regime change, Pompeo said "only time will tell how these negotiations will proceed."

"The president uses language that says 'we'll see,'" Pompeo told CBS's "Face the Nation." "The American leadership under President Trump has its eyes wide open."

North Korea said Saturday that all of the tunnels at the country's northeastern nuclear test site will be destroyed by explosion in less than two weeks, ahead of Kim's summit with Trump. Observation and research facilities and ground-based guard units will also be removed, the North said. Pompeo praised it as "one step along the way."

John Bolton, the president's national security adviser, described the types of steps that North Korea would need to take as part of a denuclearization process, including the potential involvement of a processing center in Tennessee.

"The implementation of the decision means getting rid of all the nuclear weapons, dismantling them, taking them to Oak Ridge, Tennessee," Bolton said in an interview with ABC's "This Week." "It means getting rid of the uranium enrichment and plutonium reprocessing capabilities," adding the process would also need to address North Korea's ballistic missiles.

"I don't think anybody believes you're going to sign the complete ending of the nuclear program in one day. But we are also very much interested in operationalizing the commitment as quickly as possible," Bolton said.

Bolton said in an interview with CNN's "State of the Union" that North Korea should not "look for economic aid from us. I think what the prospect for North Korea is to become a normal nation, to behave and interact with the rest of the world the way South Korea does."

"The prospect for North Korea is unbelievably strong if they'll commit to denuclearization. That's what the president is going to say," he said.

Pompeo said private-sector Americans could help rebuild North Korea's energy grid and develop the country's infrastructure. He described the possibility of American agriculture being used to "support North Korea so they can eat meat and have healthy lives."

South Korea has said Kim has shown an interest in dealing away his nuclear weapons in return for economic benefits. But it remains unclear if Kim would ever fully relinquish the weapons he probably views as his only guarantee of survival.

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Noisy Hawaiian volcano lava fissure prompts more evacuations

By CALEB JONES, Associated Press

PAHOA, Hawaii (AP) — A new fissure in Hawaii's Puna District sent gases and lava exploding into the air, spurring officials to call for more evacuations as residents waited for a possible major eruption at Kilauea volcano's summit.

Hawaii County Civil Defense issued an emergency cellphone alert after the fissure was discovered early Sunday morning. The agency said one "unidentified structure" was destroyed by the new vent, bringing the total number of homes and other buildings lost to the lava to nearly 40.

Residents in the immediate area were told to evacuate, and two nearby community centers were serving as shelters for people and pets.

Lava spread across hundreds of yards of private land and loud explosions rocked the neighborhood not far from Leilani Estates subdivision, where more than a dozen other active vents have opened in the past week.

Nearby resident Richard Schott, 34, sat near a police checkpoint and watched as the eruption churned just over a ridgeline and behind some trees.

"I've actually seen rocks fly over the tree line and I can feel it in my body," Schott said. "It's like a nuclear reaction or something."

The new opening was still showing signs of activity Sunday afternoon. The fissure measures about 1,000 feet (300 meters) long, officials said.

The U.S. Geological Survey's Hawaiian Volcano Observatory said new fissures, ground deformation and abundant volcanic gases indicate eruptions on the eastern flank of Kilauea are likely to continue.

"The appearance of the fissures in the past couple of days does not change the overall picture or concern," USGS scientist Steve Brantley said.

Christian and Maritza Ricks, who moved to the area from California in April, stopped on the side of the road to watch and listen to the latest eruption.

"I guess it's just part of living on the island," Ricks said.

He said he wasn't really afraid of the destruction happening around him. "In a way it's kind of exciting to see what's going on and be this close to it."

Most of the lava outbreaks have occurred in and around the Leilani Estates neighborhood, where molten rock has burst through the ground, destroying more than two dozen homes and resulting in evacuation orders for nearly 2,000 people.

The U.S. Geological Survey has reported nearly 20 active fissures. One that opened Saturday night was spattering, but no flow had formed.

The Hawaiian Volcano Observatory reported the fissures opened just east of the Puna Geothermal Venture energy conversion plant, where steam and hot liquid are brought up through underground wells and the steam feeds a turbine generator to produce electricity. Plant workers last week as a precaution removed 50,000 gallons (189,265 liters) of a flammable gas stored at the site.

Geologists warn that Kilauea's summit could have an explosive steam eruption that would hurl huge rocks and ash miles into the sky.

Shiite cleric Sadr leads in Iraq's initial election results

By PHILIP ISSA, Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — The political coalition of influential Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr took an early lead in Iraq's national elections in partial returns announced late Sunday by the Iraqi electoral commission.

An alliance of candidates linked to Iraq's powerful Shiite paramilitary groups was in second. The alliance is headed by Hadi al-Amiri, a former minister of transport with close ties to Iran who became a senior

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commander of paramilitary fighters in the fight against the Islamic State extremist group.

Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi performed poorly across majority Shiite provinces that should have been his base of support.

The announcement came just over 24 hours after polls closed across the country amid record low voter turnout. It included full returns from only 10 of the country's 19 provinces, including the provinces of Baghdad and Basra.

Members of the national election commission read out vote tallies for each candidate list in each of the 10 provinces on national TV. By the end of the announcement, al-Sadr's list had the highest popular vote, followed by al-Amiri's.

Seats in parliament will be allocated proportionately to coalitions once all votes are counted. The commission gave no indication on when further results would be announced.

Celebrations erupted in Baghdad's Sadr City, an impoverished quarter that is home to some 3 million people and is named after the cleric's late father, Ayatollah Mohammad Sadq al-Sadr. The younger al-Sadr campaigned on a cross-sectarian platform of fighting corruption and investing in services and struck a surprising alliance with the Communist Party in the capital.

The strong showing could be a testament to al-Sadr's loyal base of followers he maintains who cast their ballots despite a general mood of apathy that kept many Iraqis away from the polls. Al-Sadr commanded fighters in the war against the IS group and headed a powerful militia that fought U.S. forces in Iraq prior to 2011, but his 2018 campaign focused on social issues and eliminating government corruption.

Al-Abadi sought to retain his post as prime minister after overseeing the military defeat of the IS movement, but faced stiff competition from his predecessor, Nouri al-Maliki, as well as al-Sadr and the Fatah alliance of candidates with paramilitary ties.

Many of the candidates on Fatah were militia commanders before they cut their official ties with the force in order to seek office.

Fatah's strong result will be seen as a victory for Iran as it seeks to protect its interests in the Iraq, including the militias it finances and has sometimes directed to fight alongside its forces in Syria. Al-Sadr is a staunch foe of Iranian and American influence in Iraqi politics.

The elections held Saturday were the first since Iraq declared victory over Islamic State fighters and the fourth since the 2003 U.S.-led toppling of Saddam Hussein. Officials said turnout was only 44 percent, the lowest ever since Saddam's ouster.

Any political party or alliance must gain a majority of Iraq's 329 seats in parliament to be able to choose a prime minister and form a government. Dozens of alliances ran for office in these elections and months of negotiations are expected before any one alliance can pull together the 165 required seats.

Until a new prime minister is chosen, al-Abadi will remain in office, retaining all his power.

Political power in Iraq is traditionally divided along sectarian lines among the offices of prime minister, president and parliament speaker. Since the first elections following the 2003 U.S.-led toppling of Saddam Hussein, the Shiite majority has held the position of prime minister, while the Kurds have held the presidency and the Sunnis have held the post of parliament speaker.

The constitution sets a quota for female representation, stating that no less than one-fourth of parliament members must be women. Nearly 2,600 women are running for office this year.

Associated Press writer Qassim Abdul-Zahra contributed to this report.

French police question parents, friend of Paris attacker

By ELAINE GANLEY, Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Investigators are following the trail of a 20-year-old Frenchman born in Chechnya who rampaged through a festive Paris neighborhood slashing passers-by with a knife, raising anew the specter of terrorism in France after less than two months of calm.

Using a knife, the man identified as Khamzat Azimov killed one person and wounded four others in a

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festive area near Paris' old opera house. Police shot him to death as he charged them, witnesses said. Less than 24 hours later, investigators were questioning three people — his parents and a friend.

The Islamic State group quickly claimed responsibility for the Saturday night attack via its Amaq news agency, saying Azimov was their "soldier" acting in response to the group's calls for supporters to target members of the U.S.-led anti-IS military coalition, a stock response. France's military has been active in the coalition since 2014.

On Sunday, Amaq released a posthumous video said to show the attacker calling on Muslims in Europe to "take action in the land of disbelievers" if they can't travel to the crumbling caliphate in Iraq and Syria, which has been pounded by coalition forces. The man said French citizens should pressure their government "if you want it (attacks) to end."

SITE Intelligence Group, which monitors jihadi propaganda, obtained the video, which could not be independently authenticated. The young man's face is covered, except for his eyes, with a black bandanna and the hood of his coat. The video was made outside amid trees and falling rain. French authorities had no comment.

Police detained Azimov's parents in the northern 18th district of Paris and held a friend from Strasbourg in that city on the border with Germany in eastern France, French officials said. The friend was detained Sunday afternoon.

A security official said investigators searched the Paris residence of the parents. The official wasn't authorized to speak about the investigation and insisted on not being quoted by name.

French media reported that the family had lived in Strasbourg, and it wasn't clear if the suspect moved to Paris with his parents.

Counterterrorism investigators want to know if the assailant had help or co-conspirators. The attacker killed a 29-year-old man and wounded four other people, one from Luxembourg, before police fatally shot him.

The suspect was on a police watch list for radicalism, a judicial official not authorized to speak publicly about the case told The Associated Press. But he had a clean criminal record and did not know his victims, Interior Ministry spokesman Frederic de Lanouvelle said.

Witnesses reported hearing the man shouting "Allahu akbar," the Arabic phrase for "God is great," during the attack that happened at about 9 p.m. in a lively area near the Opera Garnier.

The assailant obtained French nationality in 2010, the Interior Ministry spokesman said. He was born in November 1997 in the largely Muslim Russian republic of Chechnya, where extremism has long simmered. Chechens have been among the numerous foreign fighters in Syria and Iraq, some joining the Islamic State cause early in the fighting.

Chechnya's president weighed in after the rampage, perhaps striking a nerve by insisting Sunday that France bears responsibility for the knifings. He said Azimov held a Russian passport only until he was 14 years old.

"I consider it necessary to state that all responsibility for the fact that Khamzat Azimov went on the road of crime lies completely with the authorities of France," Chechen President Ramzan Kadyrov said. "He was only born in Chechnya, and his growing up, the formation of his personality, his views and persuasions occurred in French society."

France has counted the most foreign fighters in Syria and Iraq of all European nations, many — but not all — of North African origin.

At home, IS sympathizers have killed more than 200 people in France in recent years — 130 in an attack on revelers in 2015. The last attack occurred in March near the touristic southern town of Carcassonne where an extremist with a gun killed three people, two in a supermarket, including an officer who exchanged himself for a hostage.

Like the Carcassonne killer, the Paris assailant was listed in a nationwide database of thousands of people suspected of links to radicalism, according to the judicial official. Extremists behind multiple attacks in France in recent years have turned out to be on the watch list.

The attacker targeted five people and then fled, according to Paris police and a witness. When police officers arrived minutes later, he threatened them and was shot dead. Several witnesses said the attacker

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ran directly toward police.

Bar patrons and opera-goers described surprise, confusion and panic as the drama unfolded, with people crawling under restaurant tables, and ordered to stay inside while the police operation was underway in the 2nd arrondissement, or district, on Paris' Right Bank.

"I was working in the restaurant and suddenly I heard a woman screaming ... he came and attacked her," recalled Jonathan, a witness working nearby who wouldn't provide his last name. "That's when the panic started. Everyone started screaming and trying to reach our restaurant. ... The attacker just kept walking around with his knife in his bloodied hands."

A 23-year-old Brazilian tourist from Washington told AP that she and her aunt saw the fatally wounded victim on the ground and watched the ambulance arrive and rescue workers try to revive him.

"They kept doing CPR for what seemed to be a really long time and, in the end, he passed, and they put the sheet over him," Carolina Melo said. She said she and her aunt had been in their hotel, went out to investigate the noisy confusion nearby but retreated after hearing several gunshots. The scene "was kind of a mess," she said.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said the United States would lend a hand in the investigation.

"The French authorities with all the intelligence help the United States can provide will do our best to unpack this in the coming hours," Pompeo said on "Fox News Sunday."

However, one man who works in the neighborhood where the rampage occurred saw a grim pattern.

In a quarter of theaters and cafes, "It's a good life and that's probably what these people want to try to kill," said Arnaud Contival, owner of an IT company. "I think that it's the basics of terrorism ... anybody can be in any street, anywhere and they (attackers) are successful for a moment."

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'Avengers' overpowers 'Breaking In,' 'Life of the Party'

By LINDSEY BAHR, AP Film Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Avengers: Infinity War" is still ruling the box office in its third weekend in theaters, easily beating out the mom-themed fare.

The Walt Disney Studios on Sunday estimates that "Infinity War" has added \$61.8 million from North American theaters bringing its total domestic earnings to \$547.8 million. Globally the film has now grossed over \$1.6 billion— \$200 million of which was from its massive opening in China this weekend. It's now the fifth highest grossing film of all time worldwide.

The superhero blockbuster overpowered newcomers like the Melissa McCarthy comedy "Life of the Party" and the Gabrielle Union thriller "Breaking In," both of which were strategically timed to debut on Mother's Day weekend. Both films drew overwhelmingly female audiences, too.

In a distant second, "Life of the Party" earned an estimated \$18.5 million, which is a few million short of some of McCarthy's other comedy collaborations with husband Ben Falcone like "Tammy" and "The Boss." It also got similarly mixed reviews from critics. The Warner Bros. release stars McCarthy as a woman who decides to go back to college with her daughter.

The studio is "thrilled" with the results.

"It's escapist movie palace fare," said Jeff Goldstein, Warner Bros.' president of domestic distribution.

The modestly budgeted "Breaking In" took third place with \$16.5 million, over-performing most industry expectations despite lackluster reviews. The film stars Union as a mom who has to fight to save her kids from a group of home invaders.

"It's an edge-of-the-seat thriller that you may not always associate with Mother's Day, but it worked extraordinarily well," said Jim Orr, Universal's president of domestic theatrical distribution.

The Universal Pictures release is just the latest in a long string of successful collaborations with producer Will Packer, who also produced "Girl's Trip" and the "Ride Along" films.

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"We have a great partner in Will Packer and 'Breaking In' is another example of his very talented approach and our mutual success," Orr said.

Also benefiting from the Mother's Day timing was "Overboard," which earned \$10.1 million to take fourth place, down only 31 percent from its debut last weekend. And rounding out the top five was "A Quiet Place" with \$6.4 million. The John Krasinski-directed thriller has now earned \$169.6 million domestically.

"This is a typical Mother's Day weekend with a big blockbuster in the mix and some counter programming thrown in for good measure as we await the arrival of 'Deadpool 2' next week," said comScore senior media analyst Paul Dergarabedian.

Because of the massive success of "Infinity War," the box office is up 4.9 percent for the year, and a slew of blockbusters coming up are hoping to continue the success, including "Deadpool 2" and "Solo: A Star Wars Story" just one week later.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

1. "Avengers: Infinity War," \$61.8 million (\$281.3 million international).
2. "Life of the Party," \$18.5 million (\$2.9 million international).
3. "Breaking In," \$16.5 million (\$1 million international).
4. "Overboard," \$10.1 million (\$8.2 million international).
5. "A Quiet Place," \$6.4 million (\$2.8 million international).
6. "I Feel Pretty," \$3.7 million (\$3.5 million international).
7. "Rampage," \$3.4 million (\$6.4 million international).
8. "Tully," \$2.2 million.
9. "Black Panther," \$1.9 million.
10. "Blockers," \$1.1 million (\$1.2 million international).

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at international theaters (excluding the U.S. and Canada), according to comScore:

1. "Avengers: Infinity War," \$281.3 million.
2. "Overboard," \$8.2 million.
3. "Truth or Dare," \$7.4 million.
4. "Rampage," \$6.4 million.
5. "Sherlock Gnomes," \$5.6 million.
6. "Us And Them (dir. Liu)," \$4.2 million.
7. "I Feel Pretty," \$3.5 million.
8. "Wrestler," \$3.4 million.
9. "I Am Your Mom," \$3.2 million.
10. "Life of the Party," \$2.9 million.

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Israel kicks off US Embassy celebration, boosts border force

By JOSEF FEDERMAN, Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel on Sunday kicked off festivities to celebrate the opening of the new U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem, even as it bolstered its forces along the Gaza border and in the West Bank in anticipation of mass Palestinian protests of the move.

A day before the embassy's formal opening, Israel hosted a gala party at its Foreign Ministry with President Donald Trump's daughter Ivanka, her husband, Jared Kushner, and other American VIPs.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu praised Trump's "bold decision" in upending decades of U.S. policy by recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital. "It's the right thing to do," a smiling Netanyahu told the jubilant crowd.

Trump announced his decision on Jerusalem in December, triggering a joyous reaction from Netanyahu's nationalist government. The move infuriated the Palestinians, who claim Israeli-annexed east Jerusalem as their capital.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas halted ties with the Trump administration and declared it unfit to remain in its role as the sole mediator in peace talks.

The rival Hamas movement, which controls the Gaza Strip, has been staging a series of weekly demonstrations against a crippling Israeli-Egyptian blockade of the territory. Those protests are to climax Monday, with tens of thousands of people expected to gather along the Israeli border in an event timed to coincide with the U.S. Embassy move.

Hamas has signaled that large crowds, numbering perhaps in the thousands, might try to break through the border fence to realize the "right of return" to lost homes.

Both the embassy move and the protests have symbolic timing. Trump has said the opening is meant to coincide with the 70th anniversary of Israel's establishment. The Palestinian protests also mark the date as the anniversary of their "naqba," or catastrophe, when hundreds of thousands of people fled or were forced from their homes during the war surrounding the event. About two-thirds of Gaza's 2 million people are descendants of Palestinian refugees.

A mass border breach could trigger potentially lethal Israeli force. Forty-two Palestinians have been killed and over 1,800 have been wounded by Israeli fire since the weekly protests began on March 30. The U.N., European Union and rights groups have accused Israel of using excessive force against unarmed protesters.

Israel says it is protecting a sovereign border and accuses Hamas of using the unrest to plan and carry out attacks. Marchers have thrown stones and burned tires at the fence and flown flaming kites over it to try to set Israeli fields on fire.

On Friday, a Palestinian crowd attacked the main cargo crossing between Israel and Gaza, disrupting shipments of cooking fuel, gasoline and building materials, and causing millions of dollars in damage. Israeli officials said it could take weeks or months to repair the crossing.

"Unfortunately, the crossing is closed today and will remain closed until the foreseeable future due to severe damage caused by Palestinian rioters," said Lt. Col. Jonathan Conricus, a military spokesman. "It is still unclear how long it will take to fix and replace the necessary parts."

The Israeli military announced that it bolstered forces on the Gaza border with combat battalions, special units, intelligence forces and snipers. Israeli warplanes also dropped leaflets in Gaza, urging residents to stay far from the fence.

"You deserve a better government. You deserve a better future," the leaflets said. "Do not approach the security fence nor participate in the Hamas display that is putting you in risk."

A high-ranking delegation of Gaza's Hamas rulers headed Sunday to Egypt, amid diplomatic efforts aimed at containing the mass rally. But one of the Hamas participants, Khalil al-Hayya, said there were no breakthroughs and the march would go on as planned Monday.

The army said it was also reinforcing its troops in the West Bank with several combat battalions and intelligence units in case of possible unrest there as well.

Sunday's celebrations coincided with Israel's "Jerusalem Day," the 51st anniversary of what it refers to

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the city's "unification" during the 1967 Mideast war.

Israel immediately annexed east Jerusalem — home to the city's most sensitive Jewish, Muslim and Christian holy sites — in a move that has not received international recognition. The Palestinians claim east Jerusalem as the capital of a future state.

In an annual ritual, tens of thousands of Israelis marched through Jerusalem's Old City to mark the day. Revelers sang, danced and waved Israeli flags.

Earlier Sunday, Netanyahu told his Cabinet that there would be a "series of decisions" to build up Jerusalem, including its contested eastern sector. Shortly after, the government approved construction of a \$57 million cable car system that will link west Jerusalem to the Old City.

Although Trump has said his declaration does not set the final borders of the city, his recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital has been perceived by both Israel and the Palestinians as taking Israel's side in the most sensitive issue in their conflict. Only two countries, Guatemala and Paraguay, have said they will follow suit. Most of the world maintains embassies in Tel Aviv, saying the Jerusalem issue must first be resolved.

In a reflection of the deep sensitivities, dozens of countries — including Britain, France and Germany — skipped Sunday night's celebration at the Israeli Foreign Ministry.

Netanyahu, who frequently clashed with President Barack Obama, has found a welcome partner in Trump. The new administration has lined up solidly behind Netanyahu in his dealings with the Palestinians and delighted him last week when it withdrew from the international nuclear deal with Iran, Obama's top foreign policy achievement.

Addressing the crowd Sunday evening, Netanyahu said Israelis would be "eternally grateful" for Trump's decision on Jerusalem.

"Thank you, President Trump, for your bold decision. Thank you for making the alliance between Israel and the United States stronger than ever," he said.

Netanyahu said Trump's decision recognized a 3,000-year Jewish connection to Jerusalem and the "truth" that Jerusalem will be Israel's capital under any future peace deal.

"It's been the capital of our state for the past 70 years. It will remain our capital for all time," he said.

Kushner and Ivanka Trump sat in the front row near Netanyahu during the ceremony but did not speak. Netanyahu called their presence a "national and international statement" that "touches our hearts."

U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said Trump was fulfilling a key campaign promise by moving the embassy. "The United States has no greater partner than Israel," he said.

Jeremy Ben-Ami, president of J Street, a liberal pro-Israel group in the U.S., expressed concern that the embassy move would backfire.

He accused the White House of putting the interests of a small group of hard-liners ahead of the larger interest of promoting peace with the Palestinians.

"Making a move like this removes the U.S. as a credible mediator," he said.

The Palestinian ambassador to Washington sharply condemned the relocation of the U.S. Embassy in a statement Sunday.

"Tragically, the US administration has chosen to side with Israel's exclusivist claims over a city that has for centuries been sacred to all faiths," said Husam Zomlot.

Associated Press writer Josh Lederman in Washington contributed to this report.

Police: Members of a family bombed 3 Indonesian churches

By TUJI MARTUJI, Associated Press

SURABAYA, Indonesia (AP) — Coordinated suicide bombings carried out by members of the same family struck three churches in Indonesia's second-largest city Sunday, police said, as the world's most populous Muslim nation recoiled in horror at one of its worst attacks since the 2002 Bali bombings.

At least seven people died at the churches in Surabaya along with the six family members, the youngest

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of whom were girls aged 9 and 12, according to police. Another 41 people were injured.

Indonesia's president condemned the attacks as "barbaric."

National police chief Tito Karnavian said that the father detonated a car bomb, two sons aged 18 and 16 used a motorcycle for their attack, and the mother and her two daughters wore explosives.

Karnavian said the family had returned to Indonesia from Syria, where until recently the Islamic State group controlled significant territory.

IS claimed responsibility for the attacks in a statement carried by its Aamaq news agency. It didn't mention anything about families or children taking part and said there were only three attackers.

Indonesia's deadliest terrorist attack occurred in 2002, when bombs exploded on the tourist island of Bali, killing 202 people in one night, mostly foreigners. But the fact that children were involved in Sunday's attacks in Surabaya shocked and angered the country.

Jemaah Islamiyah, the network responsible for the Bali attacks, was obliterated by a sustained crackdown on militants by Indonesia's counterterrorism police with U.S. and Australian support. A new threat has emerged in recent years, inspired by IS attacks abroad.

Experts on militant networks have warned for several years that the estimated 1,100 Indonesians who traveled to Syria to join IS posed a threat if they returned home.

Karnavian identified the father as Dita Futrianto and said he was head of the Surabaya cell of Jemaah Anshorut Daulah, an Indonesian militant network affiliated with IS that has been implicated in attacks in Indonesia in the past year. He identified the mother as Puji Kuswati.

The attacks occurred within minutes of each other, according to Surabaya police spokesman Frans Barung Mangera.

Karnavian said Futrianto drove a bomb-laden car into the city's Pentecostal church.

Kuswati, with her two daughters, attacked the Christian Church of Diponegoro, he said. Based on their remains, Karnavian said the mother and daughters were all wearing explosives around their waists.

The sons rode a motorcycle onto the grounds of the Santa Maria Church and detonated their explosives there.

A witness said the woman arrived at the Diponegoro church carrying two bags.

"At first officers blocked them in front of the churchyard, but the woman ignored them and forced her way inside. Suddenly, she hugged a civilian, then (the bomb) exploded," said the witness, a security guard who identified himself as Antonius.

At Santa Maria, a Catholic church, shattered glass and chunks of concrete littered the entrance, which was sealed off by armed police. Rescuers treated victims in a nearby field while officers inspected wrecked and burned motorcycles in the parking lot.

A street merchant outside the church said she was thrown several meters (yards) by the blast.

"I saw two men riding a motorbike force their way into the churchyard. One was wearing black pants and one with a backpack," said the merchant, Samsia, who uses a single name. "Soon after that, the explosion happened."

President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo visited the sites and described the attacks as "cowardly actions" that were "very barbaric and beyond the limit of humanity."

In Jakarta, Indonesia's capital, the Indonesian Church Association added its condemnation.

"We are angry," said Gormar Gultom, an official with the association, but he urged people to let the police investigation take its course.

Indonesia's two largest Muslim organizations, Nahdlatul Ulama and Muhammadiyah, also condemned the attacks.

Mangera, the Surabaya police spokesman, said police responded about 9 p.m. to an explosion in a residential building in Sidoarjo, a district bordering Surabaya.

He confirmed TV reports that three people, including a child, were inside the fifth-floor flat at the time of the blast. A bomb squad was checking the building, he said, and hundreds of people were evacuated from the neighborhood.

Separately, national police spokesman Setyo Wasisto said police fatally shot four suspected militants

and arrested two others early Sunday in West Java towns. It wasn't clear whether the shootings were connected to the church attacks.

"They have trained in order to attack police," Wasisto said, identifying the militants as members of Jamaah Anshorut Daulah.

Jakarta police placed the capital and surrounding areas on high alert, while the transportation ministry warned airports to be on guard.

The church attacks came days after police ended a hostage-taking by imprisoned Islamic militants at a detention center near Jakarta in which six officers and three inmates died. IS claimed responsibility.

Despite Indonesia's crackdown on militants since the Bali bombings, the country has faced a new threat in recent years as the rise of IS in the Middle East invigorated local networks.

Christians, many of whom are from the ethnic Chinese minority, make up about 9 percent of Indonesia's 260 million people.

Associated Press writers Niniek Karmini and Ali Kotarumalos in Jakarta, Indonesia and Stephen Wright in Bangkok contributed.

Against the odds: 3 black doctors detail journey to success

By CHEVEL JOHNSON, Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — One used to deal drugs on the streets of New Orleans. Another grew up in Chicago with two drug-addicted parents. A third survived the tough streets of New York and Washington, D.C., where he once stared down the barrel of a gun.

All three young black men became board-certified doctors.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Pierre Johnson, Maxime Madhere and Joe Semien Jr. said they knew the odds were stacked against them when they entered Xavier University of Louisiana in 1998 with hopes of becoming doctors. Black men make up a small percentage of doctors in America, and they knew getting through college and medical school wouldn't be easy.

Their early lives, college struggles, and victories are chronicled in "Pulse of Perseverance: Three Black Doctors on Their Journey to Success." They said they wrote the book to show African-American boys that athletes and entertainers aren't the only examples of black achievement and success.

Madhere, an anesthesiologist in Baton Rouge, said they're fortunate and have a responsibility to share their experiences with the next generation.

"Young boys need to know it's not a game in these streets. They need to know that we are completely marginalized as people of color when we mess up. They also need to know you don't have to rap or shoot a ball to get out of their circumstances," said Madhere.

Semien, Johnson and Madhere each set a goal early on to become a doctor. Semien, an obstetrician/gynecologist from New Orleans who practices in Lake Charles, describes in the book how he became intrigued by a sixth-grade anatomy class. Madhere discovered his love for medicine after volunteering at a hospital. Johnson said he "just knew" he wanted to heal people after dealing with his parents.

Getting there, however, wasn't easy. Four percent of doctors in the U.S. are African American, according to the Association of American Medical Colleges. The men chose Xavier, knowing that the nation's only historically black Catholic institution consistently places black students in medical school.

Johnson, an obstetrician/gynecologist working in Chicago, writes about Xavier's nurturing environment, which helped spark the trio's friendship.

Johnson said he often saw Madhere in class and around campus but noticed that he, too, was "always in the library."

"We started a conversation about how things were going and the struggles we were going through in class and ultimately decided we needed to band together ... and we saw that same energy in Joe," Johnson said.

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"We held each other accountable," Semien recalled. "When one was falling short, the other would pick him up."

Semien had to shed a street reputation that included dealing drugs and an anger problem that got him in trouble. He dropped out of Xavier at one point, joined the military, re-enrolled, dropped out again, and finally returned and met Johnson and Madhere.

Madhere describes in the book the troubled Brooklyn neighborhood where his mother lived after divorcing his father. He recalls one day when a young black man was shot in front of her apartment building.

"This was my first encounter with death. The image of this man dead on the pavement, with the police and paramedics swarming around him, was immediately burned into my 7-year-old mind. It remains there to this day," he wrote.

Johnson writes of being 3 when he and his mother frantically ran from his father "who was high out of his mind."

"We sought refuge at my paternal grandparents' house ..." he writes. "We crawled under the covers; I thought for a moment that we were safe. A few minutes later, my father came into the bedroom, dragged my mom into the hallway by her ankle, and beat her."

Both parents struggled with addiction, and Johnson wrote: "I learned as a young boy that one of my purposes in life was to help others who could not help themselves."

The three doctors decided to tell their stories in one project because they'd already proven they could work together. Johnson said he plans to push his friends to write a follow-up.

"If this book does what we hope and plan, to inspire kids everywhere and to push people to achieve success through all circumstances, definitely a second book is in the making," he said.

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Today is Monday, May 14, the 134th day of 2018. There are 231 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 14, 1948, according to the current-era calendar, the independent state of Israel was proclaimed in Tel Aviv by David Ben-Gurion, who became its first prime minister; U.S. President Harry S. Truman immediately recognized the new nation.

On this date:

In 1643, Louis XIV became King of France at age four upon the death of his father, Louis XIII.

In 1796, English physician Edward Jenner inoculated 8-year-old James Phipps against smallpox by using cowpox matter.

In 1804, the Lewis and Clark expedition to explore the Louisiana Territory as well as the Pacific Northwest left camp near present-day Hartford, Illinois.

In 1900, the Olympic games opened in Paris as part of the 1900 World's Fair.

In 1925, the Virginia Woolf novel "Mrs Dalloway" was first published in England and the United States.

In 1942, Aaron Copland's "Lincoln Portrait" was first publicly performed by the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.

In 1955, representatives from eight Communist bloc countries, including the Soviet Union, signed the Warsaw Pact in Poland. (The Pact was dissolved in 1991.)

In 1961, Freedom Riders were attacked by violent mobs in Anniston and Birmingham, Alabama.

In 1968, John Lennon and Paul McCartney held a news conference in New York to announce the creation of the Beatles' latest business venture, Apple Corps.

In 1973, the United States launched Skylab 1, its first manned space station. (Skylab 1 remained in orbit for six years before burning up during re-entry in 1979.) The National Right to Life Committee was incorporated.

In 1988, 27 people, mostly teens, were killed when their church bus collided with a pickup truck going

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the wrong direction on a highway near Carrollton, Kentucky. (Truck driver Larry Mahoney served 9 1/2 years in prison for manslaughter.)

In 1998, Frank Sinatra died at a Los Angeles hospital at age 82. The hit sitcom "Seinfeld" aired its final episode after nine seasons on NBC.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush opened a celebratory visit to Israel, which was marking the 60th anniversary of its birth. Former rival John Edwards endorsed Barack Obama for the Democratic presidential nomination during a surprise appearance at a rally in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The Interior Department declared the polar bear a threatened species because of the loss of Arctic sea ice. Justine Henin (EH'-nen), 25, became the first woman to retire from tennis while atop the WTA rankings.

Five years ago: In an op-ed appearing in The New York Times, Oscar-winning actress Angelina Jolie said she'd undergone a preventive double mastectomy after learning she carried a gene that made it extremely likely she would get breast cancer. Flamboyant huckster Billie Sol Estes died in DeCordova Bend, Texas, at age 88.

One year ago: Emmanuel Macron (eh-mahn-yoo-EHL' mah-KROHN') swept into office as France's new president, pledging to fortify the European Union, redesign French politics and glue together his divided nation. Five days after South Korea elected a president who expressed a desire to reach out to North Korea, Pyongyang sent a challenge to its rival's new leader by test-firing a ballistic missile. Actor Powers Boothe died in Los Angeles at age 68. Kara McCullough, a 25-year-old scientist working for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and representing the District of Columbia, was crowned Miss USA at the pageant in Las Vegas.

Today's Birthdays: Photo-realist artist Richard Estes is 86. Actress Dame Sian Phillips is 85. Former Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., is 76. Movie producer George Lucas is 74. Actress Meg Foster is 70. Movie director Robert Zemeckis is 67. Rock singer David Byrne is 66. Actor Tim Roth is 57. Rock singer Ian Astbury (The Cult) is 56. Rock musician C.C. (aka Cecil) DeVille is 56. Actor Danny Huston is 56. Rock musician Mike Inez (Alice In Chains) is 52. Fabrice Morvan (ex-Milli Vanilli) is 52. Rhythm-and-blues singer Raphael Saadiq is 52. Actress Cate Blanchett is 49. Singer Danny Wood (New Kids on the Block) is 49. Movie writer-director Sofia Coppola (KOH'-pah-lah) is 47. Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen is 46. Actor Gabriel Mann is 46. Singer Natalie Appleton (All Saints) is 45. Singer Shanice is 45. Actress Carla Jimenez is 44. Rock musician Henry Garza (Los Lonely Boys) is 40. Alt-country musician-singer Ketch Secor is 40. Rock singer-musician Dan Auerbach is 39. Rock musician Mike Retondo (Plain White T's) is 37. Actress Amber Tamblyn is 35. Facebook co-founder Mark Zuckerberg is 34. Actress Lina Escó is 33. NFL player Rob Gronkowski is 29. Actress Miranda Cosgrove is 25.

Thought for Today: "The cure for boredom is curiosity. There is no cure for curiosity." — Dorothy Parker, American author, humorist, poet (1893-1967).