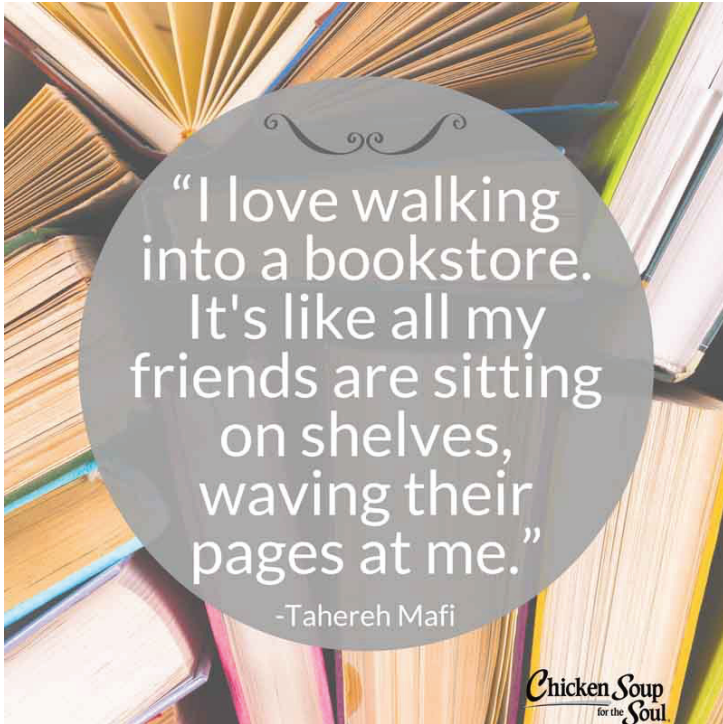


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"I love walking into a bookstore. It's like all my friends are sitting on shelves, waving their pages at me."

-Tahereh Mafi

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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.

Sunday, May 20

2 p.m.: Graduation

Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave. It takes cardboard, papers and aluminum cans.

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Groton City Council Meeting Agenda
May 21, 2018 – 7:00pm
Groton Community Center

1. Liquor License Hearing Retail (on-off sale) Malt Beverage – Dollar General Store #17565
2. Topper Tastad President of the Groton Community Historical Society
 - a. Rescind the motion to demolish the City Jail
 - b. Electric equipment in the park
 - c. Handicapped bathrooms in the park
 - d. Street Striping
3. Summer Fest July 22nd
4. Pumpkin Fest October 6th
5. Pool Updates
6. Pool Shelter
7. Minutes
8. Bills
9. Finance Report
10. Council committee appointments
11. Public Comments - pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1
(Public Comments will offer the opportunity for anyone not listed on the agenda to speak to the council. Speaking time will be limited to 3 minutes. No action will be taken on questions or items not on the agenda.)
12. Executive session personnel & legal 1-25-2 (1) & (3)
13. Hire seasonal employment
14. Adjournment

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JH Band received two superiors and a superior plus rating at contest

Back Row: Trista Keith, Landon Kokales, Ethan Pigors, Michael Aalseth, Ethan Clark, Jacob Lewandowski, Brooke Gengerke, Cole Bisbee, Jackson Cogley

3rd Row: Danny Feist, Kaleb Antonsen, Caleb Hanten, Cole Simon, Travis Townsend, Andrew Marzahn

2nd Row: Kennedy Anderson, Hannah Gustafson, Ava Kramer, Tina Zoellner, Kansas Kroll, Cassaundra Schultz, Kamryn Flihs, Cadance Tullis, Rease Jandel, Megan Flihs, Stella Meier, Julianna Kosel

Front: Carter Barse, Nicole Figueroa, Ellie Weismantel, Sierra Ehresmann, Shaylee Peterson, Jack Dinger. (Courtesy Photo)



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Dugout work continues at Falk and Nelson fields

The old wooden dugouts for Falk Field and Nelson Field at the Groton Baseball Complex are being replaced with new concrete block dugouts. The Groton Baseball/Softball Foundation has been aggressively updating the complex over the past few years. The latest is the new dugouts. According to Matt Locke of the Groton Baseball/Softball Foundation, money has come in from many sources to help make this a reality. Steve Giedt, also of the Groton Baseball/Softball Foundation, said that the estimated cost of each dugout is \$8,000. With the two fields, that adds up to \$32,000. Locke said that the Falk Family has donated \$8,000 towards the project. In addition, there is the \$10,000 Fields for Kids Ball Field Renovation Grant with the City of Groton matching it with \$10,000. The fundraisers sponsored by the Groton Baseball/Softball Foundation will also help with the cost of the project. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Storm Damage from May 17th Storm

On May 17th, 2018 storms initially formed along a boundary across parts of north central South Dakota. The slow moving storms trained along this boundary and produced significant flooding, large hail and gusty winds. Anywhere from 4 to 9 inches of rain has been estimated along a line extending from Selby, SD to Long Lake, SD. Many roads were over topped with water and barricades were setup. Several reports of basement flooding were noted.

Additional wind producing storms developed over western South Dakota and moved along the I-90/Pierre area. Wind gusts ranging from 60 to 80 mph were reported. Damage included a semi truck tipped over, sheet metal blown off roofs and significant tree damage.

The heavy rain also aided in the failure of the Hiddenwood Dam at Hiddenwood State Park about 4 miles northeast of Selby, SD during the early morning hours of May 18th, 2018. Water from that break resulted in significant overland flooding and many county and secondary roads went under water.

Moon Walk Promotes Wildfire Awareness Month

Rapid City, SD, May 15, 2018 – Join the Black Hills National Forest at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 26, for a moonlit hike and to learn about the history of fire in the Black Hills and the importance of fire in a ponderosa pine ecosystem.

Participants in the scheduled Moon Walk event will walk approximately 1 mile roundtrip over uneven terrain in the central Black Hills in a recent prescribed fire area.

A variety of biologists and specialists employed on the Mystic Ranger District on the Black Hills National Forest will discuss how their resource is represented in the planning process prior to a prescribed burn. "A wildlife biologist, botanist and assistant fire management officer will discuss how bringing fire into this ponderosa pine ecosystem can be used as a tool to manage their particular resource area," said Stephen Keegan, Moon Walk Coordinator.

Speaker Chris Stover, Assistant Fire Management Officer on the Mystic Ranger District, will also discuss the history of fire in the Black Hills. "Fire plays a critical role in the health of the ponderosa pine ecosystem. Prescribed fire allows for the re-introduction of fire under chosen environmental conditions," said Stover. "Prescribed fire can benefit soil, plants, water quality, wildlife habitat, and at the same time create a safer environment for firefighters working to control wildfires in the heat of the summer."

To reach the Moon Walk, travel west from Rockerville on US Highway 16 intersection for approximately 2.5 miles to Silver Mountain Road. Turn north (right) on Silver Mountain Road and travel approximately .1 miles to Boulder Hill Road. Turn north (left) onto Boulder Hill Road and travel approximately 1.3 miles to the parking area. Signs will be posted at major intersections to guide visitors to the parking area once you leave Highway 16.

The drive from Rapid City, SD should take approximately 30 minutes. Signs will be placed at major intersections to guide visitors to the site. Participants should arrive early to facilitate parking.

Visitors should bring flashlights, water, and bug repellent and dress for unexpected weather and hiking on uneven terrain. Long pants and sturdy footwear (hiking boots or athletic shoes) are recommended for your comfort and safety.

The program may be canceled unexpectedly for unforeseen reasons such as lightning, high fire danger forecasts and other reasons beyond control. The program will not be canceled due to rain unless lightning is spotted.

For more information about the program and summer schedule go to www.fs.usda.gov/blackhills or call the Black Hills National Forest at (605) 343-1567.

May is Wildland Fire Awareness Month. To learn more about this and to see other events, please visit: www.sdwildfireawareness.com.

For more information on the Black Hills National Forest visit <http://www.fs.usda.gov/blackhills>.



President Orders Flags At Half-Staff For Santa Fe Victims

PIERRE, S.D. – President Donald Trump has called for flags at half-staff out of respect for the victims whose lives were taken by the violence perpetrated in Santa Fe, Texas, today.

In accordance with the President's order, Gov. Dennis Daugaard asks that flags across the state be lowered immediately and remain at half-staff until sunset on Tuesday, May 22.

Illinois Civil War Hero made Memorial Day Official by Tom Emery

Memorial Day celebrations began to spring up on local levels just after the Civil War. But a Civil War hero from Illinois was the first to make it official.

Maj. Gen. John A. Logan, one of the great volunteer officers of the war, is credited by many as the first to declare Memorial Day an official holiday. Logan declared an official holiday as commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, the foremost Civil War veterans' organization, in 1868.

Though Logan was the first to establish a national remembrance, there is considerable debate on the site of the actual first Memorial Day commemoration. "There's a lot of controversy on that," said Michael Jones, director of the Gen. John A. Logan Museum in Murphysboro, Ill. "There was a Memorial Day celebration in Woodlawn Cemetery in nearby Carbondale in which Logan was the keynote speaker, and I believe that played a role."

The Carbondale celebration, on April 29, 1866, is thought by many to be the nation's first community-wide observance. Some 212 area veterans participated in the event.

However, Jones notes a discrepancy on the inspiration for Logan's action even within his own family. In her autobiography *Reminiscences of a Soldier's Wife*, Logan's wife Mary cites her own experience at a cemetery in Petersburg, Va. in 1868.

"Mrs. Logan saw the withered flowers and flags that had been placed in honor of the Confederates buried there," remarked Jones. "She described this to her husband and said he should do something similar, which she says was the basis for his national declaration. She never mentions the Carbondale event."

Whatever the reason, Logan was moved to take Memorial Day a step further. On May 5, 1868, he issued General Order No. 11, designating May 30 for "the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion."

Logan's order stated that "no form or ceremony is prescribed," but that individuals and communities were left to their own "fitting services and testimonials...cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead."

In the first year of Logan's declaration, an estimated 183 cemeteries hosted observances for Memorial Day, more commonly known as Decoration Day. A crowd of some 5,000, including keynote speaker and future President James A. Garfield, attended the first Memorial Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery that May 30. The following year, the remembrance was marked in over 336 communities in thirty-one states.

While the original order clearly applied to Northern soldiers, informal commemorations in the South became some of the earliest Memorial Day observances. Recent scholarly research also reveals a mass celebration, mostly of African-Americans, in Charleston, S.C. on May 1, 1865.

There, a parade of some 10,000, including black Union infantry units, marched to a local horse track

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that had been converted to a prison for Union soldiers. Black workmen had re-buried at least 257 Union dead from a mass grave, inspiring the large gathering that included hymns, reading of scripture, and placing of flowers.

In 1864, women in Boalsburg, Pa. decorated the graves of their local dead soldiers, some whom had died at Gettysburg. On April 25, 1866, just days before the Carbondale celebration, a group of ladies in Columbus, Miss. placed flowers on the graves of Confederates who died at the battle of Shiloh. Noticing some nearby Union graves that had been neglected due to lingering animosities, they also laid some flowers to honor those soldiers.

On May 5, 1866, the town of Waterloo, N.Y. began an annual community event to commemorate war dead. A century later, President Lyndon Johnson and Congress declared Waterloo as the "birthplace" of Memorial Day.

In 1967, Congress officially named May 30 as Memorial Day, though many elderly Americans still refer to the holiday by its traditional name, Decoration Day. Four years later, the Uniform Monday Holiday Act switched the holiday to the final Monday in May. Though Memorial Day has become a three-day weekend and the kickoff to summer for many, thousands of communities from coast to coast still

Jones sees parallels in today's Memorial Day celebrations and the deeper meaning of Logan's General Order No. 11. "I think Logan's primary purpose was his fear, which is shared by many of us," remarked Jones, "that all of the veterans would be forgotten. He wanted to ensure that we will still honor the men who died to keep the republic."

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South Dakota State Fleet Used 2 Million Gallons of Ethanol in Flex-Fuel Vehicles

Pierre, S.D. – The South Dakota state vehicle fleet burned nearly 2 million gallons of ethanol-blended fuels in its flex-fuel vehicles during the last year, according to the South Dakota Bureau of Administration. From mid-May 2017 through mid-May 2018, its fleet of more than 2,500 flex-fuel vehicles utilized 1.91 million gallons of E-10, E-30 and E-85 fuels during the year.

"We have been increasing the number of flex-fuel vehicles we purchase each year," said Bureau of Administration Commissioner Scott Bollinger. "As older vehicles wear out, we look to replace them with flex-fuel models."

Ethanol is available at 95 different state fueling sites across South Dakota. The Division of Fleet and Travel Management has installed E-30 pumps at three of the state's largest fueling sites in Sioux Falls, Pierre and Brookings. Recent decreases in ethanol prices have made E-30 a viable cost-savings option.

Of South Dakota's entire state fleet, which includes hundreds of vehicles that burn diesel and other fuels, 65 percent regularly use an ethanol-blended fuel.

"South Dakota is a national leader when it comes to utilizing ethanol in its state vehicle fleet," Bollinger noted. "Ethanol helps our agriculture community, burns cleaner and is saving us money."

Farm bill fails to pass House; rural America wins, for now

LYONS, NEBRASKA – Today, the House of Representatives failed to pass H.R. 2, its draft of the Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018, commonly known as the farm bill. Representatives voted 198 in favor and 213 against.

Center for Rural Affairs Executive Director Brian Depew said this is a win for rural America.

“The bill’s proposals were a giant step in the wrong direction,” he said.

The draft included eliminating the Conservation Stewardship Program and cut funds for working lands conservation by nearly \$5 billion over 10 years.

“The bill also proposed a troubling set of rollbacks to common-sense limitations on subsidy payments, and created loopholes for the largest operations to access unlimited subsidy payments,” Depew said.

Finally, the bill aimed to slash funding for programs that spark rural economic development including the Value-Added Producer Grant Program, the National Organic Certification Cost-Share Program, and the Rural Microentrepreneur Program.

“These programs facilitate the development of rural businesses, and their loss would have been sorely felt in rural America,” Depew said.

The House Agriculture Committee passed its draft of the bill on April 18. This week, lawmakers considered 106 amendments and discussed the bill on the House floor.

“Thankfully, these proposals will not be moving forward,” Depew said. “America needs a bipartisan farm bill that supports rural communities.”

The current farm bill expires Sept. 30, 2018.

Colestock places at Sisseton Golf Meet

Peyton Colestock placed ninth at the Sisseton Girls Golf Invitational held Friday. She shot a 54 in the front nine and a 48 in the back nine for a total score of 102. Also playing was Portia Kettering with a 59 in both sets and a final score of 118.

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Today in Weather History

May 19, 1982: With the ground in the Black Hills already saturated from heavy rains the previous week, developing thunderstorms were not a welcome sight. The thunderstorms produced additional heavy rains including 3.58 inches at Spearfish, 3.32 inches at Cheyenne Crossing, and 0.82 of an inch in twelve minutes at Hot Springs. With Flash Flood Warnings in effect for much of the area water came out of the banks of many streams causing widespread damage in the Hills. A diversion Dam broke at Spearfish causing a mudslide to cover some roads. In Deadwood, the main water line broke leaving the city temporarily without water. Homes were evacuated at Nisland, Hot Springs, and Bridger. Damage throughout the Black Hills included washed out bridges, flooded basements, several breached dams, and roads completely washed away.

1780 - The infamous "dark day" in New England tradition. At noon it was nearly as dark as night. Chickens went to roost, and many persons were fearful of divine wrath. The phenomena was caused by forest fires to the west of New England. (David Ludlum)

1915: A spring storm came to an end after producing widespread snow. Total snowfall from the storm included: 17.6 inches in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, 8 inches at Cheyenne, Wyoming, 7 inches at Chadron and 3.9 inches in North Platte, Nebraska.

1955 - Lake Maloya NM received 11.28 inches of rain in 24 hours to establish a state record. (The Weather Channel)

1975 - Thunderstorms produced golf ball size hail and wind gusts to 110 mph in Minnesota, between Fridley and Hugo. Fifty persons were injured. The hail and high winds destroyed fifty mobile homes, and a dozen aircraft, and also destroyed a third of the Brighton Elementary School. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Thunderstorms in Texas produced thirteen inches of rain northwest of Lavernia. The heavy rain, along with golf ball size hail, destroyed eighty percent of the crops in the area, while high winds toppled trees. Golf ball size hail was also reported south of Dallas and around San Antonio. Up to eight inches of rain drenched Guadalupe County. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Severe thunderstorms in southwest Texas produced hail as large as tennis balls around Midland, with the hail accumulating up to a foot deep. Showers and thunderstorms in the Middle Atlantic Coast Region produced 3.5 inches of rain near Schuylkill PA. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Thunderstorms developing ahead of a cold front spawned ten tornadoes from Illinois to Tennessee during the afternoon and night. Snow, wind and cold prevailed in the Northern Plateau Region and the Northern Rockies. Dixie, ID, was blanketed with nine inches of snow, winds gusted to 87 mph at Choteau MT, and the temperature at Crater Lake, OR, dipped to 11 degrees. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1990 - Thunderstorms deluged Hot Springs AR with thirteen inches of rain in nine hours resulting in a devastating flood. Two waves of water, four to six feet deep, swept down Central Avenue flooding stores and the famous bathhouses on Bathhouse Row. Water released from Lake Hamilton devastated the area between it and Rammel Dam. The 500 foot Carpenter Dam Bridge across Lake Catherine was completely washed away, as were cabins and mobile homes near the lake, many of which flowed right over the top of Rammel Dam. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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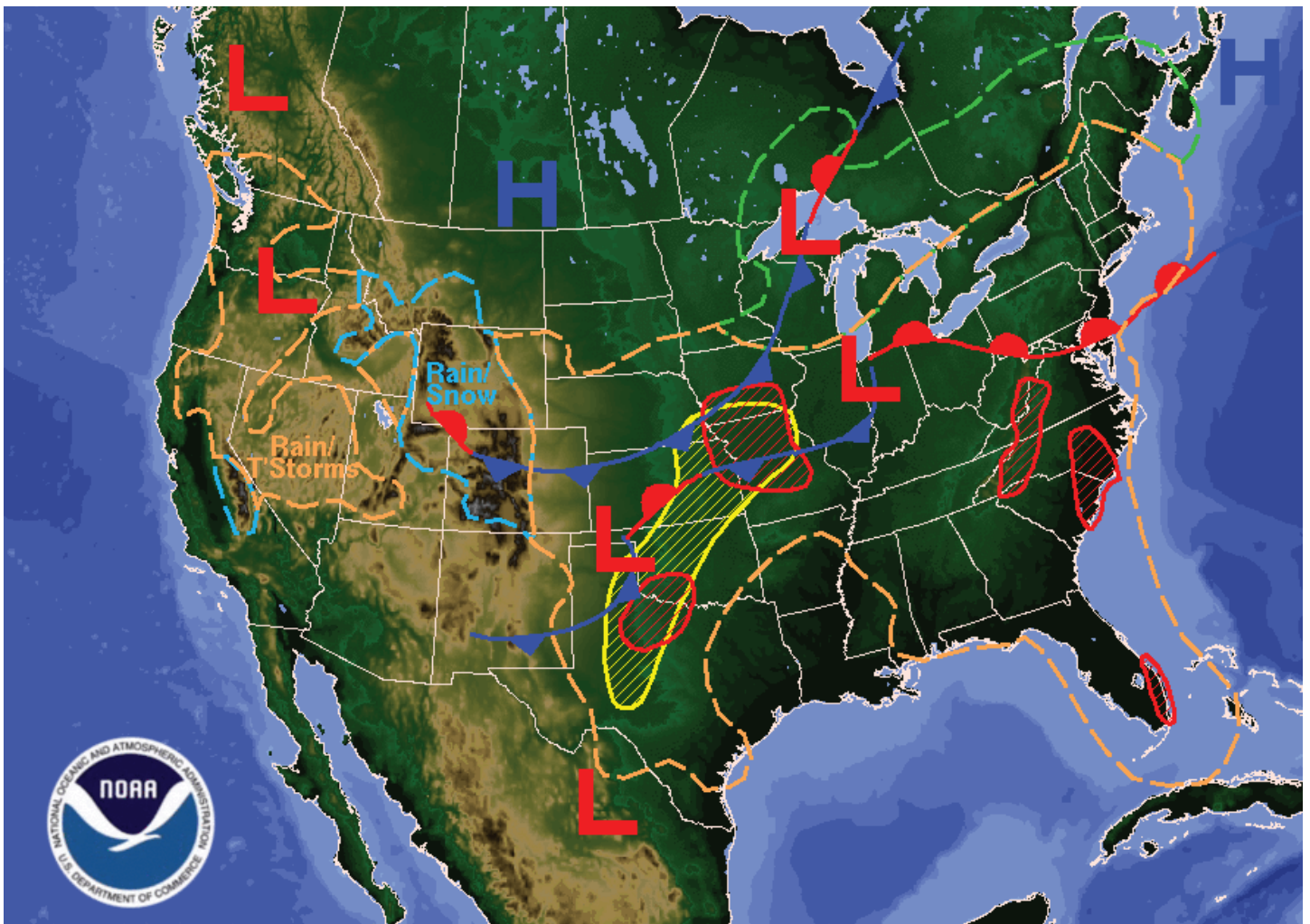
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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 71.4 F at 1:46 PM
Low Outside Temp: 47.5 F at 11:28 PM
Wind Chill:
High Gust: 30.0 Mph at 5:27 AM
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 97° in 1932
Record Low: 28° in 2002
Average High: 70°F
Average Low: 45°F
Average Precip in May: 1.96
Precip to date in May: 1.31
Average Precip to date: 5.99
Precip Year to Date: 3.99
Sunset Tonight: 9:02 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:57 a.m.



Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Sat, May 19, 2018, issued 4:44 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Tate with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

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

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LET HIM IN!

He'd been away at school for several months. When he arrived home it was one o'clock in the morning. But he was anxious to see his fiancée. After all, he drove for many hours with a box of candy and a large bouquet of flowers next to him on the front seat.

When he arrived at his fiancée's home he ran up the steps - flowers and candy tucked under his arm - and rang the doorbell. From a window in her room upstairs she shouted, "Go away. Come back in the morning. I've been asleep for hours."

Anger swept over him. First, he rammed his fist through the window in the door. Then he stuffed the candy and flowers through the broken window. Still in a rage, he started his car and drove it into the front of her house. Finally, when there was no response he left.

Our Lord is much different. He gently knocks at the door of our hearts wanting to enter into our lives. "Here I am. I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him and he with Me." While the Lord stands at the door of our heart and gently knocks, He will not force His way in nor leave in anger.

The Psalmist wrote, "Judah became His sanctuary." What a beautiful picture! Their hearts became His very own holy place. God redeems us because He wants to dwell within us, that we might become His holy place!

He wants to make our hearts His home but we must invite Him in. He will never force His way in to our lives.

Prayer: Come, Heavenly Father, and make our heart Your home and allow us to become Your Holy Place. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 114:2 Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

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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

South Dakota inmates find hope with GEDs

By DANIELLE FERGUSON, Argus Leader

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Behind the sturdy walls and clanking cells of the prison up on the hill, Jerry Jackson sat in math class.

The 47-year-old from Wichita, Kansas, is in his third year at the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls, and he's got just under a decade to go before parole eligibility.

Jackson doesn't want to put that time to waste, so he spent the last few months taking classes to receive his general equivalency diploma, or GED.

He was one of about 20 inmates at the state penitentiary to be recognized for achieving that goal. Ranging in age and sentences, the men sported red and black robes and caps donated by local high schools at the graduation celebration on May 10 in the prison's visitor room.

The dimly lit room was brighter for a moment.

A thin banner of congratulations was taped over a large mirror in the front of the room; chocolate sheet cake awaited the graduates in the back. A man in a tan inmate uniform greeted guests just buzzed through double security doors with a program featuring Futurama's Professor Farnsworth.

A podium was stationed next to Pepsi vending machines.

The rounded security mirrors reflected a cluster of smiles and hands proudly clutching GED certificates.

"I'm proud of myself," said Jackson, who dropped out of high school about 30 years ago. "This is something to change my life. I was running with the wrong crowd, drugs, drinking. I used to play football, run track. I disappointed my parents."

Codington County native Joseph Carpenter had a similar story.

Now 30 years old, he dropped out of high school after getting involved with the wrong people. He turned to drugs.

"That's why I'm in here," he said.

Carpenter at first wasn't too interested in the GED program. His time in a Florida prison made the idea a bit sour to him. His brother convinced him it was something he needed to do.

"Just getting it is something I never thought I could do," Carpenter said. "It gave me tools for the outside world."

That's why staff pushes the program, warden Darin Young said.

"If you have opportunities to improve, your self-worth goes up, and you want to do more," Young said. "Receiving a GED is not easy. Receiving one in prison is not any easier."

About 120 Department of Corrections inmates have received their GEDs statewide so far this fiscal year, the Argus Leader reported. About 170 received their certificate last year, and 140 or so the year before.

"It improves the quality of life here," Young said. "You have a more positive outlook. When they leave to go get jobs, it'll give them a running start."

The work was tough.

Jackson hadn't seen a classroom in about 30 years. The first time he typed anything was while he was in prison. Having quit the program once, he was never really confident he was going to pass the final test.

A teacher made the difference. "The teachers here are really helpful," Jackson said. "They told me I could do it and I did it."

GED instructor Dave Baumeister was a big influence for Jackson.

"Jerry (Jackson) worked really hard," Baumeister said. "He passed one test after another. He never gave up."

To be eligible for parole, an inmate has to be enrolled in the GED program. Some may participate just for that eligibility, but Baumeister said most of the students genuinely want to succeed in the class.

Jackson hopes to use his new education to get a job making braille books, maps and graphs. He's been

in the braille program since January and would like to continue that work when his sentence is up.

"When I get out of here and get a job, I can say I got a diploma," Jackson said. "I accomplished something."

Carpenter's graduation fell a few days before his first day of parole. He had a look of hope clutching his certificate, talking about his children and his aspirations to go to college.

He's ready to put the life that got him in prison behind him. He wanted one thing to be clear to those outside of the walls:

"Stay away from (methamphetamine)," he cautioned. "If you start it, you're going to end up dead or in prison."

He's looking forward to enrolling in community college. He wants to study criminal justice.

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

Kombucha business to open in Rapid City

By JIM HOLLAND, Rapid City Journal

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Keith Houdashelt hears the question a lot:

So, just what is Kombucha?

One urban dictionary definition isn't suitable for print, but another is that Kombucha is a fermented, mildly effervescent tea that Houdashelt is introducing — successfully, so far — to Rapid City and the Black Hills area.

"It's taken off here more than we could have imagined," he told the Rapid City Journal, serving up samplers of three flavors of the drink at his soon-to-be-open Lone Pine Kombucha tap room in downtown Rapid City.

In those other references, Kombucha (pronounced com-boo-cha, or simply "booch" for short), is a centuries-old fermented beverage thought to have originated in Asia or the Middle East.

A Bible passage in the Book of Ruth only fuels speculation among aficionados that a wine-vinegar Ruth may have dipped her meal of bread into may have been a fermented tea.

That tea is increasingly popular as a hip, new-age alternative drink only being seen in U.S. cities starting about 20 years ago, Houdashelt said.

Kombucha is born of brewed black or green tea, combined with white sugar, then fermented with a mass mixture of bacteria and yeast called Scoby, actually an acronym standing for "symbiotic compound of bacteria and yeast."

The Scoby is added to the sweetened tea along with a several ounces of a previous batch of already fermented tea, similar to the use of sourdough starter for making breads or pancakes.

The tea/Scoby mixture is allowed to ferment for 21-30 days in large vessels covered with cloth, then harvested.

Whole fruit, herbs or other flavorings are then infused into the mixture and allowed to ferment for another 48 hours, then sealed in a keg. The finished product serves up sparkling clear and fizzy, with a subtle tint depending on the flavoring.

A neighbor introduced Houdashelt, a house builder by trade, to homebrewed Kombucha several years ago in Bozeman, Montana, where Houdashelt and his wife, Jill, lived for more than 30 years.

The neighbor used fresh raspberries from Houdashelt's garden for that second fermentation infusion of flavoring

Houdashelt found the beverage "awesome" he said, and started perfecting his own brew for family and friends.

"It just got progressively bigger from there," Houdashelt said. "The more you brew, the more friends you have."

At those friends' urging, Houdashelt decided to begin brewing and marketing the beverage.

Houdashelt said keeping the batches relatively small helps maintain strict control over the amount of

yeast in the Soby to keep any alcohol level at less than one-half of 1 percent, about the same as name-brand fruit juices found at the grocery store, he said.

Houdashelt is in the process of opening the taproom in downtown Rapid City, as he and Jill complete a move to Rapid City, necessitated by increasing care needs of Jill's parents, who are both in their 90s.

He plans on a full opening of his taproom around Memorial Day, but in the meantime to keep the batches moving, he is supplying several locations in Rapid City and western South Dakota.

Lone Pine Kombucha can be found on tap at the Independent Ale House, Harriet & Oak, Pure Bean Coffee House and The Market at Tuscany Square in Rapid City, along with the Spearfish Brewing in Spearfish and Drifters Bar & Grille in Fort Pierre.

Of the 12-15 flavors, so far, the most popular, he said, are Ginger and Honey Lavender.

Drea Poole of Rapid City was one of several people stopping by the Seventh Street taproom during a recent soft opening.

Poole, who works for a computer software firm downtown, said her husband, a health enthusiast, and her sister, introduced her to Kombucha as a probiotic, low-sugar, low-caffeine alternative beverage.

"It's a good pick-me-up other than coffee in the middle of the afternoon," Poole said as she purchased a pair of 32-ounce refillable growlers of the Ginger and Mixed Fruit flavors. "It's got a good feel."

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

Former South Dakota deputy reunited with badge stolen in '65

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A former South Dakota lawman has his badge back more than 50 years after it was stolen.

Gene Abdallah was a Minnehaha County deputy in 1965 when a teenager swiped his badge.

On Thursday, Duke Tufty, now a 69-year-old minister in Kansas City, Missouri, returned the badge to the 82-year-old Abdallah.

The Argus Leader reports Abdallah had apprehended Tufty and another 16-year-old for underage drinking and driving and was taking them to jail when the deputy stopped for coffee. Tufty says he took the badge from Abdallah's jacket and put it in his shoe.

Tufty says he was "pretty ashamed" of what he had done.

Abdallah went on to a career as U.S. marshal, Highway Patrol superintendent and South Dakota lawmaker. He says getting his badge back was "absolutely a thrill."



Gene Abdallah, former Minnehaha Deputy Sheriff, right, looks at his badge which was returned to him by Duke Tufty during a surprise visit at Marlin's Family Restaurant in Sioux Falls, S.D. on Thursday, May 17, 2018. Tufty is now a clergyman in Kansas City. (Loren Townsley/The Argus Leader via AP)

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

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SD Lottery

By The Associated Press

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

Mega Millions

09-26-53-64-66, Mega Ball: 11, Megaplier: 2

(nine, twenty-six, fifty-three, sixty-four, sixty-six; Mega Ball: eleven; Megaplier: two)

Estimated jackpot: \$55 million

Powerball

Estimated jackpot: \$306 million

South Dakota casino owners settle disability claim for \$45K

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A federal agency has reached a settlement with the owners of a South Dakota casino for refusing to hire an applicant taking prescribed medication.

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission announced the settlement Friday with M.G. Oil Company, owner of Happy Jack's Casino in Sioux Falls.

The EEOC says M.G. Oil agreed to pay \$45,000 to settle a disability discrimination lawsuit filed by the agency in 2016.

According to the lawsuit, M.G. Oil withdrew an employment offer to a casino cashier applicant after she tested positive for a pain reliever for chronic pain.

The lawsuit also alleged the company maintained an unlawful policy requiring all employees to report prescription and nonprescription medication they are taking.

A representative of M.G. Oil did not immediately respond to requests for comment Friday.

More than 160 South Dakota city voters list Walmart address

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The more than 160 registered voters who have listed a Rapid City Walmart as their address are at the center of a debate between two candidates for county auditor.

Pennington County auditor candidate James Bialota raised the issue Wednesday, the Rapid City Journal reported .

"I am shocked that there are hundreds of illegal voters registered here in Pennington County, between the hundreds registered to vote who supposedly live at Walmart or others registering at other private businesses and homes, that they don't own, live or work at," Bialota said in a news release. "I will update the voter list and bring equality back to the election process."

There are 162 registered voters who currently list the north-side Rapid City Walmart as their address, according to records from the county auditor's office.

Bialota's opponent, Cindy Mohler, said the auditor's office doesn't have the authority under federal or state law to revoke a voter's registration for listing a Walmart address. Mohler is the county's chief deputy auditor.

"If there's nothing in the state statute that says they can't do that," Mohler said, "you're doing a disservice to those people who want to vote if you remove them from the voter rolls."

Current Auditor Julie Pearson said the practice originated from individuals who travel full-time in recreational vehicles and oftentimes stay overnight in parking lots such as Walmart, the world's largest retailer that's headquartered in Arkansas.

Many RV owners now register to vote in South Dakota through mail-forwarding companies, she said.

The winner of the June 5 Republican primary will be elected to the job because there are no other candidates.



Hiddenwood Dam Break

Courtesy of Walworth County Sheriff

Rains wipe out dam in South Dakota park, high winds tip semi

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A powerful storm system has dumped heavy rains from western to central South Dakota, washing away a dam in a state park near Selby.

Walworth County sheriff's Deputy Justin Jungwirth says the downpour wiped out the dam in Lake Hiddenwood Recreation Area early Friday. No one was camping in the park.

The earthen dam was 27 feet high and had a concrete spillway with a bridge over it. The dam was built in 1927 to create Lake Hiddenwood, one of the first artificial lakes in South Dakota. The park is closed indefinitely.

The storm also brought hail and winds gusting up to 80 mph.

The National Weather Service in Aberdeen reports more than 9 inches of rain fell near Long Lake. Golfball-sized hail pelted Eureka, which received nearly 4 inches of rain.

Winds tipped over a parked semi-truck west of Blunt on Thursday night. The driver, a 26-year-old woman from Indiana, was inside when the truck tipped. She was taken to a hospital.

Authorities ID Conde man killed in Hand County rollover

MILLER, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have identified a Conde man who died after a one-vehicle crash in Hand County.

The Highway Patrol says a sport utility vehicle driven by 26-year-old Dylan Stark rolled in the ditch off state Highway 45 Monday evening, about 2 miles north of Miller.

Stark was later pronounced dead at a hospital in Miller.

Mount Marty College adds dancing, cheering, shooting sports

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — Mount Marty College is adding dancing, cheering and shooting to its list of varsity sports.

The Yankton school's board of trustees recently approved three new varsity sports — cheerleading, a dance squad and trap shooting.

The shooting team will begin competing in the fall. The cheer and dance teams will debut in the fall of 2019.

Scholarships will be available in all three programs.

2 adults, boy hospitalized after weekend Sturgis home fire

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — Two adults and a boy injured in a weekend home fire in Sturgis are being treated at hospitals in Colorado.

The fire broke out about 5:15 a.m. Saturday. The boy and three adults were able to escape the home, but one man had to be rescued by police officers.

The Black Hills Pioneer reports the injured were identified as two adult children and a grandson of homeowners Bill and Cherie McKee.

Fire Department spokesman Lee Stroschine tells the Rapid City Journal the fire is thought to have started in the kitchen area, but the specific cause is still under investigation.

Stroschine says there were no smoke detectors in the home. Fire Chief Shawn Barrows tells the Pioneer that the boy awoke, realized he couldn't breathe, and yelled to wake the others.

Wisconsin man gets 45 years for sex crimes in South Dakota

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — A Wisconsin man has been sentenced in South Dakota to 45 years in federal prison for repeatedly sexually abusing two pre-teen girls.

The U.S. attorney's office says 26-year-old Dashawn Keys of Milwaukee committed the crimes between November 2013 and January 2016. Keys had moved to South Dakota to stay with family.

A federal jury in Aberdeen last December convicted Keys of aggravated sexual abuse of a child and abusive sexual contact of a child.

Aberdeen removing ash trees before invasive insect arrives

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — With an infestation of emerald ash borer insects almost a certainty at some point, Aberdeen is implementing a plan to remove ash trees from public rights of way.

The city's goal is to remove 5 percent of ash trees annually, starting this year. That's about 240 trees per year replaced with a different species. Residents also are urged to remove declining ash trees on private property.

The invasive insect has killed tens of millions of ash trees in at least 32 states. South Dakota's Agriculture Department this month confirmed its presence in the state for the first time, in Sioux Falls.

Pierre officials are reviewing their response plan but aren't immediately planning to remove trees. Yankton officials plan to discuss the prospect of incentive programs to help residents with removal and replacement expenses.

Propane tanks fuel fire at welding company

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Officials say exploding propane tanks fueled a fire at a welding supply company in Sioux Falls, causing the evacuation of some neighbors.

No injuries have been reported as a result of the fire at the A-OX Welding Supply Company that broke out Thursday night on the city's west side. Residents were allowed to return to their homes after firefighters gained control of the fire.

The Argus Leader says authorities believe the fire may have started in a semi that had a full tank of diesel fuel and was loaded with propane tanks that were set to be delivered. Large plumes of smoke could be seen billowing from the business.

Sioux Falls Fire Rescue Division Chief Steve Fessler says the fire appeared to be on exterior of the business.

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

Givenchy's Clare Waight Keller designs Markle's sleek dress

By SYLVIA HUI and RAPHAEL SATTER, Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Clare Waight Keller of Givenchy is the master British designer behind the sleek silk boat-necked gown and long billowing veil worn by Meghan Markle as she walked down the nave of St. George's Chapel for her wedding to Prince Harry.

The clean lines of the white dress highlighted Markle's smiling face Saturday as she sat at the altar of the chapel, holding Harry's hand as the sprawling train lay at her feet.

"It's brave to not have decorations and embellishments. What a strong fashion statement. It's modern and classic at the same time," Phillipa Lepley, a leading London bridal designer, told The Associated Press. "The overall look is very '50s and gorgeous!"

Waight Keller, the first female artistic director of French fashion house Givenchy, met Markle earlier this year, Kensington Palace said. The statement said Markle wanted a dress with an "elegant aesthetic, impeccable tailoring, and relaxed demeanor."

The dress featured no lace or embroidery, carrying a classic boat neckline, three-quarter length sleeves and an A-line skirt with a train measuring about 70 inches from the waist. Markle complemented it with a tiara, an embroidered cathedral length veil, a bracelet and a small diamond stud earrings.

"The dress is simply beautiful in its classic simplicity," said Caroline Burstein, owner of Browns Bride, a top London bridal boutique. She called it "a nod to Grace Kelly, Audrey Hepburn and every iconic wedding we have witnessed throughout the 20th and 21st century. It's perfect for her and for the occasion they are celebrating."

The veil carried floral references to all 53 countries in the Commonwealth, the group of countries that roughly corresponds to the former British Empire and is headed by Markle's new grandmother-in-law, Queen Elizabeth II. The palace said workers spent hundreds of hours sewing the delicate flower designs



Britain's Prince Harry and Meghan Markle leave after their wedding ceremony at St. George's Chapel in Windsor, near London, England, Saturday, May 19, 2018.

(Andrew Matthews/pool photo via AP)

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into the veil, meticulously washing their hands every half hour to keep the silk tulle and threads clean.

The palace said, in addition to the Commonwealth flowers, Markle also selected two other plants: Wintersweet and, in a nod to Meghan's birthplace, the California Poppy.

"There are no seams in the bodice," Lepley noted. "Incredibly clean and plain dresses such as this are very time consuming and complicated to make, because unlike a lace dress, there is no room for any errors. You can't hide any wrinkles, as the fabric has to sit perfectly."

Markle's choice was no casual affair. Televised royal weddings like this one have a massive effect on what brides everywhere want to wear and are closely watched across the fashion industry.

Princess Diana's 1981 wedding gown, with its romantic details and dramatic train, defined the 1980s fairytale bridal look. More recently, when Kate Middleton married Prince William in 2011, her long-sleeved lace gown immediately sparked a trend for more covered-up, traditional lace bridal dresses.

As with many royal occasions, every item of clothing was laden with history and meaning.

Markle's tiara was a diamond bandeau made for Queen Mary and specifically designed to accommodate the central brooch, given as a gift to the then-Princess Mary in the late 19th century and passed on to Elizabeth in 1953.

The forget-me-nots in the bridal bouquet were a nod to the late Princess Diana, Harry's mother — they were her favorite flower. The myrtle sprigs packed among them were drawn from a plant grown from myrtle used in Elizabeth's wedding bouquet in 1947. Other flowers were hand-picked by Harry himself from the garden in Kensington Palace.

The designer of Markle's dress was one of the wedding's most closely-guarded secrets, sparking months of speculation.

Waight Keller was a surprise choice — her name was not among the many designers slated to be possible contenders for what many call the dress commission of the year. Educated at the Ravensbourne College of Art in south London, Keller kicked off her career at Calvin Klein in New York designing women's ready-to-wear before moving to Ralph Lauren to work on the men's "Purple Label."

After stints at Gucci, Pringle and Chloe, she was appointed as artistic director of Givenchy haute couture and women's and men's ready-to-wear last year.

Before the wedding, the top guesses from Britain's bookmakers for Markle's wedding dress designer included Erdem, founded by Canadian-born designer Erdem Moralioglu; Ralph & Russo, the couture designers that Markle chose for her engagement dress; Alexander McQueen, the label that created Kate's wedding gown; Stella McCartney; Burberry and Oscar de la Renta.

It's likely one of them will have designed Markle's second dress for the evening reception being hosted by Prince Charles.

This story corrects the spelling of Ralph Lauren.

CIA's Haspel can tap undercover work in Russian operations

By DEB RIECHMANN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scrutiny of the 33-year spy career of new CIA director Gina Haspel has focused on her undercover role in the harsh interrogation of suspected terrorists, but she cut her teeth in intelligence operations against Russia.

She's sure to tap that latter experience as she takes over at the nation's premier intelligence agency at a time of rising tension with Moscow. President Donald Trump has characterized it as worse than during the Cold War, and it's been aggravated by investigations into Moscow's interference in the election that brought Trump to power.

The 61-year-old Haspel, confirmed by the Senate this past week as the CIA's first female director, began her career in the mid-1980s when the Soviet Union was in its twilight. Even after the communist power disintegrated, U.S. and Russian spy services held to Cold War mode. Haspel worked in the shadows to counter Kremlin efforts to infiltrate the U.S. government.

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Russia has been a priority target throughout her career. That was clear when former Sen. Evan Bayh, D-Ind., introduced Haspel at her Senate hearing: "She is a clear-eyed, hard-nosed expert on Russia," he said.

Haspel, an Air Force brat from Ashland, Kentucky, joined the CIA in January 1985 when she was 28. At the time, then-CIA Director William Casey was working to counter Soviet expansion, curtail Moscow's influence, win the Cold War, and bolster up U.S. intelligence operations.

She didn't become a reports officer, analyzing information from the field; that was the most likely career track for a woman in the CIA at that time. Instead, Haspel chose to be a case officer out in the streets, meeting assets and collecting intelligence.

Details of Haspel's career are sketchy because much of it remains classified, including places where she was posted, but the CIA has provided an overview.

Her first posting was in Africa, where she had a memorable encounter with Mother Teresa. On her return, Haspel spent time learning Russian and Turkish.

By then, the Berlin Wall had fallen and the Soviet Union was about to break apart. Frosty relations between Washington and Moscow warmed. Within a few years, President Bill Clinton was trading jokes with Russian leader Boris Yeltsin in what was dubbed the "Boris and Bill" show. But the CIA saw a continuing threat from Russian intelligence.

"The Soviet Union collapsed, but their intel services did not collapse," said former senior CIA official Dan Hoffman, who knows Haspel well and agreed to talk to The Associated Press about her career. "They were still running penetrations of the U.S. government."

The CIA also knew it had a KGB mole in its midst, but it wasn't until February 1994 that Aldrich Ames was arrested. The turncoat had disclosed the names of Russians who had been helping the CIA. Several were later executed.

The arrest of Ames and other double agents underscored the need for a strong counterintelligence capability "and that means recruiting Russians," said Hoffman, who was finishing his first tour in Moscow when Haspel was working in Russian operations. "That was what we were doing."

Haspel would go on to serve as deputy group chief of Russian operations in the CIA's Central Eurasia Division, which manages Russian spy cases around the world and efforts to target and develop potential sources, according to John Sipher, who replaced Haspel in that position.

Those involved in Russian operations at the end of the 1990s had a front row seat to a time of great transition in Russia, said retired senior CIA official Mark Kelton, who also worked with Haspel on Russia. Vladimir Putin, a KGB agent, had moved to Moscow, becoming acting president of Russia on the last day



FILE - In this May 9, 2018, file photo, Gina Haspel arrives to her confirmation hearing at the Senate Intelligence Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington. Haspel's 33-year spy career began as the Cold War was thawing, but she was in the shadows countering Russian intelligence agencies that never stopped trying to penetrate the U.S. government. It's experience she can tap as she leads the agency amid rising tensions with Moscow. (AP Photo/Alex Brandon, File)

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of 1999 when Yeltsin resigned.

"Russia is a formidable, strategic challenge now so understanding where these people came from and how they got where they are is crucially important," Kelton said. "The Russian services remain the most professional adversaries we face."

In all, Haspel has spent 17 of her 33 years in the agency overseas. Kelton said her ability to synthesize information quickly was "quite impressive" and she also ably handled the "rough school" of Russian operations.

"There wasn't a lot of wasted time on small talk," Hoffman said about Haspel's demeanor. "That's not her style. She was just right down to business — let's get the job done."

In addition to Russia, Haspel also was deeply involved in the CIA's fight against terrorism.

As station chief in an undisclosed country in Eurasia, she helped in the successful arrest of two al-Qaida associates linked to 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania that killed 158 people, including 12 Americans.

Their capture also led to the seizure of computers containing details of a terrorist plot, according to a U.S. intelligence official with knowledge of the incident. The official was not authorized to publicly discuss the case and spoke only on condition of anonymity.

After 9/11, Haspel joined the CIA's Counterterrorism Center, and it was during this time that she supervised a secret site in Thailand where suspected terrorists were subjected to harsh interrogation, including waterboarding, which simulates drowning. Her work in the program drew impassioned protests from human rights activists and other critics and made her confirmation vote the closest for any CIA director in seven decades.

One of the detainees at that site was Abd al Rahim al-Nashiri, a Saudi accused in the bombing of the U.S. Navy destroyer Cole off the coast of Yemen that killed 17 American sailors. Al-Nashiri is aware that Haspel was picked to lead the CIA, according to Dr. Sondra Crosby, who met with him this past week at the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where he's been detained since 2006.

Crosby, who has treated 20 people tortured in the fight against terrorism, including two at CIA secret sites, is happy that Haspel has pledged not to allow the CIA to engage in the use of such harsh interrogation techniques again. Still, she's wary.

"Mr. al-Nashiri is probably the most severely damaged person I've ever seen," Crosby said, adding that he continues to have chronic nightmares and recurrent flashbacks.

"I've been really struck about just how his trust in humanity has been fractured," she said. "I don't think he'll ever recover."

Prince Harry, Meghan Markle wed in Windsor as millions watch

By GREGORY KATZ, DANICA KIRKA and JILL LAWLESS, Associated Press

WINDSOR, England (AP) — Prince Harry and Meghan Markle gazed into each other's eyes and pledged their lifelong love Saturday as they married in front of hundreds of royals, celebrities and friends at St. George's Chapel and millions of TV viewers around the world.

The pretty English town of Windsor sparkled on a warm spring day as tens of thousands of people jammed its quaint roads and parks to capture their own part of the spectacular yet elegant royal wedding extravaganza.

To kick off the festivities, Queen Elizabeth II honored her red-headed, 33-year-old grandson with a new title: the Duke of Sussex, making Markle the Duchess of Sussex.

The wedding was a global event, thanks to Harry's status as a senior British royal and Markle's celebrity after starring on the U.S. television series "Suits" for seven years. Its pomp and ceremony embraced the couple's trans-Atlantic union, mixing Anglican prayers and tradition, classical music and a gospel choir with a stately horse-drawn carriage ride through Windsor in a spectacle beamed live to tens of millions.

The American actress embraced her new British role in a sleek white silk boat-necked dress designed by British designer Clare Waight Keller. Her sheer veil — down to her waist in front and billowing for what

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seemed like miles behind her — carried floral references to all 53 countries in the Commonwealth, the group of countries that roughly corresponds to the former British Empire and is headed by Markle's new grandmother-in-law, the queen.

The palace said, in addition to the Commonwealth flowers, Markle also selected two other plants on the veil: Wintersweet and, in a nod to the bride's birthplace, the California poppy.

Harry and best man Prince William wore white gloves and the frock coat uniforms of the Blues and Royals military regiment. Harry kept his full red beard intact — a style decision that had sparked British bets before the wedding.



Markle walked down the aisle alone at first, then was accompanied by Prince Charles and 10 young page boys and bridesmaids. As his father and his bride drew close to the altar, Harry said: "Thank you, Pa."

To Markle, Harry said: "You look amazing."

Markle seemed poised and confident as she delivered her vows without so much as a quiver in her voice. She smiled broadly as the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby declared them husband and wife. Harry seemed a bit nervous — but happy.

The sermon offered a particularly rousing U.S. touch, with the leader of the Episcopal Church quoting civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. on the "redemptive power of love." The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry delivered the sermon with heartfelt emotion. The musical selections also included versions of Ben. E. King's "Stand By Me" and Etta James' "Amen/This Little Light of Mine."

A host of celebrities and athletes — including Oprah Winfrey, Idris Elba, Elton John, George and Amal Clooney, Serena Williams, James Corden and David and Victoria Beckham — watched from the seats in the Gothic masterpiece at Windsor Castle.

As the newest royal couple emerged from the chapel, they kissed. The crowd roared — and just kept cheering — as Harry helped his wife fold her 5 meter (16½ foot) long train into the Ascot Landau carriage as they began their procession through the streets of Windsor.

Police said more than 100,000 people lined the route. The open-topped carriage was pulled by four Windsor Grey horses and past crowds waving flags and holding cellphones aloft. The newlyweds smiled and practiced what royals must be very good at: waving and waving and waving to the crowds.

Relatives in the ceremony included 4-year-old Prince George and 3-year-old Princess Charlotte, children of William and the Duchess of Cambridge. Other relatives at the church included Charles Spencer, the brother of Harry's late mother Princess Diana, and Harry's cousins Zara Tindall and Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie.

Also in attendance was Harry's sister-in-law's family: Parents Carole and Michael Middleton, sister Pippa Middleton and brother James Middleton. Harry's ex-girlfriend Chelsy Davy was there, as was Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York, the ex-wife of Harry's uncle Prince Andrew.

Irene Bowdry, a lawyer from California, was among those who jammed the early train to Windsor. She booked her trip to England as soon as the wedding date was announced.

"An American in the royal family, isn't that so exciting?" she said.

The weather was balmy and clear, bathing the ancient stones of Windsor Castle in a beautiful spring light.

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"Windsor is absolutely bursting with excitement," said royal historian Hugo Vickers. "There are cardboard cutouts of Meghan and Harry in every shop window."

It is a time of transition for the British monarchy, one that seems filled with hope as William and Harry — the two sons of Charles and the late Princess Diana — step ever more confidently into the limelight.

Many in the crowd, like Ana Karukin, a Brazilian nurse living in Florida, said they came to witness a moment of history.

"We've got to be here for him and for her, my Meghan, my special girl, to support them, because it's a beautiful time," she said. "I wish that Diana was here, but she's in heaven watching over them."

And it seems to be a time of joy for 92-year-old queen and her 96-year-old husband, Prince Philip, who was well enough to attend. The queen was able to see her grandson marry a woman who clearly has brought him the happiness he's often said was missing from his life after his mother's premature death.

The family tableau played out on the broadest possible stage. Dozens of broadcasters set up on the castle grounds for a visual feast. The chapel itself is a masterpiece of the late Gothic style, and Windsor Castle has been home to British sovereigns for nearly 1,000 years.

In the afternoon at the castle, the queen was hosting the first of two receptions, one with finger foods, wine and champagne. Saturday night, a second, smaller reception for 200 people was being thrown by Charles.

Harry invited buddies from his 10 years of military service — which included tours of duty in Afghanistan — and from many of the charities he supports, which have focused on helping wounded veterans or encouraging a more open discussion of mental health issues.

In honor of Harry's mother Diana, her older sister Jane Fellowes gave a reading during the wedding service.

But it was the crowds in Windsor that seemed to capture the joy of the moment. Many had camped or arrived at dawn for a good spot. They cheered and screamed as the newlyweds passed by.

Arlene Prinsloo had flown from South Africa — just to be in Windsor.

"I went to William and Kate's wedding, but this is a completely different vibe," she said. "It's much more relaxed, and I think that reflects who Harry is."

Kirka and Lawless reported from London.

For complete AP royal wedding coverage, visit <https://apnews.com/tag/Royalweddings>

It's all about the well-plumed hats for royal wedding guests

By **LEANNE ITALIE, Associated Press**

Like every good royal wedding, it was all about the hats, the dresses and the posh tails, with some fashion standouts among the guests at Windsor Castle.

Amal Clooney was undeniably regal in a mustard yellow Stella McCartney dress with cap sleeves and a long tie in back that bordered on a train as she glided into St. George's Chapel on Saturday for the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. Her actor husband, George Clooney, was at her side in subtle grey and a pale yellow stripe tie.

Granted, it's difficult for Ms. Clooney merely to blend in, but her jauntily tilted and perfectly matched wide-brim hat, displaying a dainty veil in front, brought gasps both online and in the crowd that lined the wedding route.

The royals didn't disappoint, either, led by Queen Elizabeth II in a lime silk tweed coat and Angela Kelly hat with handmade lace crystals and pearls by Lucy Price. Kate, the duchess of Cambridge, wore a primrose yellow wool silk tailored coat by the house of Alexander McQueen and large hat with a flower tucked under the brim on one side. She sat beside the groom's stepmother, Camilla, duchess of Cornwall, who also went large with a flat busy hat.

Lady Kitty Spencer, the 27-year-old niece of Princess Diana, stood out in an emerald green Dolce &

Gabana dress covered in flowers, paired with flame orange satin heels and a green fascinator designed by Philip Treacy with a teardrop veil and feather quill. She finished off the look from the fashion house she has modeled for with a diamond necklace.

The mother of the bride, Doria Ragland, watched the nuptials in an understated hat and light green suit.

Guests also included Oprah Winfrey in tiered Stella McCartney pink and a matching statement hat. Victoria Beckham, meanwhile, a close friend of the groom, blended quite nicely in dark navy, a peekaboo slit at the front of her dress that fell well below the knee, as she attended with her husband, soccer star David Beckham.

It was a very different royal wedding for Pippa Middleton, the sister of Kate Middleton. Pippa received a lot of TV time at Kate and Prince William's 2011 wedding when she fussed with the train on her sibling's dress. This time around, the now married and newly pregnant Pippa was in demure mint green, a matronly bun under her small hat.

New mom Serena Williams walked slowly inside in soft rose, a high fascinator on her head and a chunky gold necklace around her neck. Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie, cousins of the groom, went for understated hats this time, in sharp contrast to their exuberant head gear at the William and Kate's wedding.

Elsewhere among the 600 invited guests were pops of royal purple in dresses and ties with a healthy dose of spring prints. Cressida Bonas, a former girlfriend of Harry's, was in neon stripes of pink, green and yellow. Gina Torres, one of Markle's "Suits" co-stars, wore a floral and stripe print of red and white.

Another Harry ex, Chelsy Davy, went for a mini-length hemline on a navy dress rather than a more traditional hemline just above or below the knee.

Among the men, one guest attended the ceremony in formal long shorts — all the better to show off his two prosthetic legs. Another donned a top hat as the admiring crowd watching the procession to the chapel cheered the lucky guests.



Doria Ragland, mother of the bride, Britain's Prince Charles and Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall walk down the steps of St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle following the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle in Windsor, near London, England, Saturday, May 19, 2018. (Jane Barlow/pool photo via AP)

Texas students who supported Parkland endure own shooting

By **JUAN A. LOZANO, Associated Press**

SANTA FE, Texas (AP) — Only weeks ago, a dozen students from Santa Fe High School in Texas offered support for survivors of the Parkland, Florida, school shooting by participating in a nationwide walkout seeking stricter gun control.

On Friday, it was Parkland students who declared their solidarity with teens in Santa Fe after a 17-year-old armed with a shotgun and a pistol opened fire at the Houston-area school, killing 10 people. It was the nation's deadliest such attack since the Florida massacre that killed 17 and energized the teen-led gun-control movement.

Sophomore Kyle Harris, who took part in the walkout last month, was in first period when a fire alarm went off. Then, he heard teachers urging him to flee.

"The scariest thing is hearing a teacher who knows your name personally call you by your name and tell you to run," Harris tweeted.

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The suspected shooter, who was in custody on murder charges, also had explosive devices that were found in the school and nearby, said Gov. Greg Abbott.

Investigators offered no motive. In a probable cause affidavit, however, authorities said the suspect admitted to the shooting.

The gunman also told investigators that when he opened fire Friday morning, "he did not shoot students he did like so he could have his story told," according to the affidavit.

The governor said the assailant intended to kill himself but gave up and told police that he did not have the courage to take his own life.

The deaths were all but certain to re-ignite the debate over gun regulations, coming just three months after the Florida attack.

"It's been happening everywhere. I've always kind of felt like that eventually it was going to happen here too," Santa Fe High School student Paige Curry told Houston television station KTRK. "I don't know. I wasn't surprised. I was just scared."

Another 10 people were wounded at the school in Santa Fe, a city of about 13,000 people roughly 30 miles (48 kilometers) southeast of Houston, the governor said. The wounded included a school police officer who was the first to confront the suspect and got shot in the arm.

Hospitals reported treating a total of 14 people for injuries related to the shooting.

Zachary Muehe, a sophomore at the school of roughly 1,400 students, was in his art class when he heard three loud booms.

Muehe told The New York Times that a student he knew from football was armed with a shotgun and was wearing a shirt emblazoned with the slogan "Born to Kill."

"It was crazy watching him shoot and then pump. I remember seeing the shrapnel from the tables, whatever he hit. I remember seeing the shrapnel go past my face," he told The Times.

Michael Farina, 17, heard the fire alarm and thought it was a drill. He was holding a door open for special education students in wheelchairs when a principal came bounding down the hall, telling everyone to run. Another teacher yelled out, "It is real!"

Students were led to take cover behind a car shop across the street from the school. Some still did not feel safe and began jumping the fence behind the shop to run even farther away, Farina said.

"I debated doing that myself," he said.

The gunman yelled "Surprise" before he started shooting, according to Texas Rep. Michael McCaul, the chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee.

The suspect was identified as Dimitrios Pagourtzis, who appeared to have no prior arrests or confrontations with law enforcement. A woman who answered the phone at a number associated with the Pagourtzis family declined to speak with the AP.

Pagourtzis made his initial court appearance Friday evening by video link from the Galveston County Jail. A judge denied bond and took his application for a court-appointed attorney.



Santa Fe High School student Dakota Shrader is comforted by her mother Susan Davidson following a shooting at the school on Friday, May 18, 2018, in Santa Fe, Texas. Shrader said her friend was shot in the incident. (Stuart Villanueva/

The Galveston County Daily News via AP)

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McCaul, a former federal prosecutor, said he expects the Justice Department to pursue additional charges, possibly involving weapons of mass destruction.

Pagourtzis played on the junior varsity football team and was a member of a dance squad with a local Greek Orthodox church. Acquaintances described him as quiet and unassuming, an avid video game player who routinely wore a black trench coat and black boots to class.

The suspect obtained the shotgun and a .38-caliber handgun from his father, who owned them legally, Abbott said. It was not clear whether the father knew his son had taken them.

Investigators were determining whether the shotgun's shortened barrel was legal, Texas Sen. John Cornyn said.

The assailant's homemade explosives included pipe bombs, at least one Molotov cocktail and pressure-cooker bombs similar to those used in the Boston Marathon attack, authorities said.

While cable news channels carried hours of live coverage, survivors of the Feb. 14 Florida attack took to social media to express grief and outrage.

"My heart is so heavy for the students of Santa Fe High School. It's an all too familiar feeling no one should have to experience. I am so sorry this epidemic touched your town — Parkland will stand with you now and forever," Marjory Stoneman Douglas student Jaclyn Corin said in a tweet.

She also directed her frustration at President Donald Trump, writing "Our children are being MURDERED and you're treating this like a game. This is the 22nd school shooting just this year. DO SOMETHING."

In Texas, senior Logan Roberds said he was near the school's art room when he heard the fire alarm and left the building with other students. Once outside, Roberds said, he heard two loud bangs. He initially thought somebody was loudly hitting a trash can. Then came three more bangs.

"That's when the teachers told us to run," he said.

At that point, Roberds said, he told himself, "Oh my God, this is not fake. This is actually happening."

Roberds said he doesn't think additional gun-control measures are needed, citing the need for defense against intruders.

"What are you going to do if some guy comes in your house and points a gun at you? You can't do nothing with a knife," he said.

Friday's assault was the deadliest in Texas since a man with a semi-automatic rifle attacked a rural church late last year, killing more than two dozen people.

There were few prior clues about Pagourtzis' behavior, unlike the shootings in Parkland and the church in Sutherland Springs, Abbott said, but the teen wrote in journals of wanting to carry out such an attack and then to end his own life.

"This young man planned on doing this for some time. He advertised his intentions but somehow slipped through the cracks," Cornyn said.

In the aftermath of the Florida assault, survivors pulled all-nighters, petitioned city councils and state lawmakers, and organized protests in a grass-roots movement. Within weeks, state lawmakers adopted changes, including new weapons restrictions.

In late March, the teens spearheaded one of the largest student protest marches since Vietnam in Washington and inspired hundreds of other marches from California to Japan.

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Follow AP's coverage of the Santa Fe High School shooting here: <https://apnews.com/tag/Schoolshootings> .

Teen laid out Texas attack plans in journals, officials say

By MICHAEL BIESECKER, JEFF HORWITZ and JUAN A. LOZANO, Associated Press

SANTA FE, Texas (AP) — The Texas student charged in the shooting at Santa Fe High School described planning the attack in private journals, including a plan to kill himself, posted an image on Facebook of a "Born to Kill" shirt and used his father's shotgun and pistol in the rampage that left 10 dead and 10 wounded, authorities said Friday.

A motive wasn't immediately clear, but Gov. Greg Abbott said Dimitrios Pagourtzis, 17, wrote about planning the attack in journals on his computer and in his cellphone that police obtained. That was inconsistent with the portrait painted by his friends — a reserved young man, an athlete who had discussed wanting to own guns but didn't talk of killing people.

It may have been what Pagourtzis hoped would happen, as according to an affidavit filed Friday when he was charged with capital murder, he told investigators that he didn't shoot students he liked "so he could have his story told."

"Not only did he want to commit the shooting but he wanted to commit suicide after the shooting," Abbott said, adding that Pagourtzis told authorities he "didn't have the courage" to take his own life.

Pagourtzis was held without bond in the Galveston County jail on the capital murder charges, said the county sheriff, Henry Trocheset. Abbott said the two guns used in the attack were owned legally by his father. It was not clear whether the father knew his son had taken them.

The governor also said explosive devices including a Molotov cocktail had been found in the suspected shooter's home and a vehicle as well as around the school and nearby.

Abbott said at a news conference that "unlike Parkland, unlike Sutherland Springs, there were not those types of warning signs." He was referring to the Feb. 14 school shooting in Florida and one in November inside a church in a town near San Antonio. Abbott said the early investigation showed no prior criminal history for Pagourtzis — no arrests and no confrontations with law enforcement.

That same Facebook profile that included pictures of the "Born to Kill" shirt — which one classmate told The New York Times that Pagourtzis was wearing Friday — described Pagourtzis as planning to enter the U.S. Marine Corps next year. But the Marine Corps told The Associated Press it has reviewed its records and found no one by that name as either a recruit or a person in their delayed entry pool.

A woman who answered the phone at a number associated with the Pagourtzis family declined to speak with the AP.

"Please don't call us. Give us our time right now, thank you," she said.

Classmates described Pagourtzis as quiet, an avid video game player who routinely wore a black trench coat and black boots to class. He had played football on the school's junior varsity squad and danced as part of a church group. Those who know him expressed shock he might be involved in the killings.

Branden Auzston, 17, a junior at Santa Fe High School, said he was sitting in his history class watching a movie when he heard the fire alarm. At that moment, he thought it was just a fire drill, so he and his girlfriend, Daisy Sullivan, walked outside the building with other students. But Auzston said he thought it was odd the school was having another fire drill after having had one about two weeks ago.

"We go outside like normal. We're told to get in the grass," he said.

Auzston said once he was outside, he heard two bangs but thought it was either a door slamming or the lid of a dumpster slamming down.

Then he heard three more bangs, and panic set in.

"Then I see Mr. Vaughn run hysterically and screaming, 'Just run.' At that point you have 500 students just running off to get as far off as possible."

Daniel Vaughn is a history teacher at the high school.

Tristen Patterson, a 16-year-old junior at Santa Fe, considered Pagourtzis a friend. He said Pagourtzis was into video games that simulated war, and that he sometimes talked about guns — firearms that he liked or wanted to get. "But he never talked about killing people or anything like that," Patterson said.

He said Pagourtzis didn't show signs of being bullied but also rarely talked about himself. In one of their

classes, Pagourtzis would sometimes enter the room "acting a little bit down or sad. A little bit sluggish," Patterson said.

"But he never talked about why," he said.

Father Stelios Sitaras of Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Galveston, Texas, said he met Pagourtzis when the young man danced with a group as part of an annual festival in October. He said the Pagourtzises are members of a nearby parish.

Sitaras said he had never heard of the teen being in any sort of trouble.

"He is a quiet boy," the priest said. "You would never think he would do anything like this."

Michael Farina, 17, said he grew up with Pagourtzis and would play video games with him. He said Pagourtzis knew a lot about guns and remembered him asking which one he should get when he was older.

"I'm kind of dumbfounded. We didn't get any warning," Farina said.

He said a black trench coat and black boots was Pagourtzis's regular outfit to school. "I guess you could say it was his kind of style," Farina said. He said he wasn't someone who got into trouble and described him as a "run of the mill" student.

Biesecker and Horwitz reported from Washington. Associated Press writers Eric Tucker in Washington, Paul J. Weber in Austin, Texas, and John Mone in Santa Fe, Texas, contributed.

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FILE - In this March 29, 2014 file photo, Aziza al-Yousef drives a car on a highway in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, as part of a campaign to defy Saudi Arabia's ban on women driving. Saudi authorities have detained at least six activists, including three of the country's most prominent women's rights campaigners, just weeks before the kingdom is set to lift a ban on women driving, people familiar with the arrests said Friday, May 18, 2018. (AP Photo/Hasan Jamali, File)

Hawaii officials airlift 4 residents after lava crosses road

By CALEB JONES, Associated Press

PAHOA, Hawaii (AP) — Fast-moving lava crossed a road and isolated about 40 homes Friday in a rural subdivision below Hawaii's Kilauea volcano, forcing at least four people to be evacuated by county and National Guard helicopters.

Hawaii County Civil Defense said police, firefighters and National Guard troops were securing the area of the Big Island and stopping people from entering.

The homes were isolated in the area east of Leilani Estates and Lanipuna Gardens — two neighborhoods where lava has destroyed 40 structures, including 26 homes, over the past two weeks.

Officials were assessing how many people were still in the newly threatened area. They were advising people to shelter in place and await further instructions.

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County officials have been encouraging residents in the district to prepare for potential evacuations.

Edwin Montoya, who lives with his daughter on her farm near the site where lava crossed the road and cut off access, said he was at the property earlier in the day to get valuables.

"I think I'm lucky because we went there this morning and we got all the batteries out, and all the solar panels out, about \$4,000 worth of equipment," he said. "They have to evacuate the people that are trapped up there right now in the same place that we were taking pictures this morning."

He said no one was on his property, but his neighbor had someone on his land.

"I know that the farm right next to my farm . he's got somebody there taking care of the premises, I know he's trapped," Montoya said.

Montoya said the fissure that poured lava across the road opened and grew quickly.

"It was just a little crack in the ground, with a little lava coming out," he said. "Now it's a big crater that opened up where the small little crack in the ground was."

Experts are uncertain about when the volcano will calm down.

The Big Island volcano had an explosive eruption at its summit Thursday, sending ash and rocks thousands of feet into the sky. No one was injured and there were no reports of damaged property.

Scientists said the eruption was the most powerful in recent days, though it probably lasted only a few minutes.

It came two weeks after the volcano began sending lava flows into neighborhoods 25 miles (40 kilometers) to the east of the summit.

A new lava vent — the 22nd such fissure — was reported Friday by county civil defense officials.

Several open fissure vents are still producing lava splatter and flow in evacuated areas. Gas is also pouring from the vents, cloaking homes and trees in smoke.

The fresher, hotter magma will allow faster lava flows that can potentially cover more area, said Janet Babb, a geologist with the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory.

Much of the lava that has emerged so far may have been underground for decades, perhaps since a 1955 eruption.

Meanwhile, more explosive eruptions from the summit are possible.

"We have no way of knowing whether this is really the beginning or toward the end of this eruption," said Tom Shea, a volcanologist at the University of Hawaii. "We're kind of all right now in this world of uncertainty."

It's nearly impossible to determine when a volcano will stop erupting, "because the processes driving that fall below the surface and we can't see them," said volcanologist Janine Krippner of Concord University in West Virginia.

U.S. government scientists, however, are trying to pin down those signals "so we have a little better warning," said Wendy Stovall, a volcanologist with the observatory.

Thus far, Krippner noted, authorities have been able to forecast volcanic activity early enough to usher people to safety.



Lava crosses the road near Pohoiki Road, Friday, May 18, 2018, near Pahoa, Hawaii. Several open fissure vents are still producing lava splatter and flow in evacuated areas. Gas is also pouring from the vents, cloaking homes and trees in smoke. (AP

Photo/Marco Garcia)

The greatest ongoing hazard stems from the lava flows and the hot, toxic gases spewing from open fissure vents close to homes and critical infrastructure, said Charles Mandeville of the U.S. Geological Survey's volcano hazards program.

Authorities have been measuring gases, including sulfur dioxide, rising in little puffs from open vents.

The area affected by lava and ash is small compared to the Big Island, which is about 4,000 square miles. Most of the Big Island and the rest of the state's island chain is unaffected by the volcanic activity on Kilauea.

State and local officials have been reminding tourists that flights in and out of the Big Island and the rest of the of the state have not been impacted. Even on the Big Island, most tourist activities are still available and businesses are open.

Associated Press journalists Jae Hong and Marco Garcia in Pahoehoe, Sophia Yan, Jennifer Kelleher and Audrey McAvoy in Honolulu, Becky Bohrer in Juneau, Alaska, Seth Borenstein in Washington, D.C., and Alina Hartounian in Phoenix contributed to this report.

Police: 1 dead, 1 hurt in shooting after Georgia graduation

JONESBORO, Ga. (AP) — One person was killed and another wounded when an argument led to a shooting outside a high school graduation ceremony Friday night in metro Atlanta, police said.

The incident happened as people headed to their cars, Clayton County schools' safety chief Thomas Trawick said. He said he couldn't provide details about the injuries and had no information about any suspects.

The shooting followed a ceremony for graduates of the Perry Learning Center, which prepares students for careers as an alternative to traditional high schools. It happened on the campus of Mount Zion High School, which provided overflow parking for people attending the ceremony at the Clayton County Schools Performing Arts Center in Jonesboro, about 20 miles (32 kilometers) south of Atlanta.

Trawick said his initial reaction "wasn't pleasant," given news of a fatal shooting earlier in the day in Texas.

"The last thing you want to do is have a situation at a graduation that results in anyone being injured, and definitely not being shot," he said.

A police presence remained at the scene late Friday night. Three cars were being towed away; Scott Stubbs of Clayton County police said they'd be part of the investigation. But he and other officers on the scene said they couldn't release any further information.



Law enforcement officers talk as a car is towed away in the Mt. Zion High School parking lot as part of an investigation into a shooting Friday, May 18, 2018, in Jonesboro, Ga. The lot was being used as an overflow lot for the Perry Learning Center Graduation when the incident occurred. One person was killed and another wounded when an argument led to a shooting outside a high school graduation ceremony Friday night in metro Atlanta, police said.

(AP Photo/John Amis)

Trump plans aggressive role in midterms, but is he welcome?

By STEVE PEOPLES and KEN THOMAS, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — He is the Republican Party's most powerful political weapon. Yet as the GOP fights to defend its delicate House and Senate majorities, President Donald Trump is not welcome everywhere.

Some Republican candidates fear that the unscripted and relatively unpopular president could do more harm than good should he campaign on their behalf. Leading party strategists want Trump to focus his time and energy on a handful of Senate contests in deep-red states where Democratic incumbents are particularly vulnerable. In swing states — especially across America's suburbs, where the House majority will be decided — some would prefer that he stay away.

"I would like the president to do his job and I'll do mine," Dan David, a Republican congressional hopeful fighting to preserve a GOP-held seat in suburban Philadelphia, said when asked if he'd like Trump to visit his district.

"I win or lose on my team's merits," David said. "I think that the president has a very, very full plate with foreign affairs and special prosecutor investigations."

This aversion to Trump is something the White House needs to take into account as it decides how best to deploy the president in the months leading up to the November midterm elections. But it's unclear how much Trump will heed strategists' guidance, or candidates' wishes, as he picks his targets.

The current White House strategy calls for Trump to focus on fundraising and campaigning in states key to control of the Senate, including Indiana, Montana, Tennessee, North Dakota, Missouri, West Virginia and Pennsylvania, according to a person familiar with the president's strategy who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal planning.

Vice President Mike Pence will be heavily involved in the Senate effort and also in House races, especially in rural areas that are more difficult for the president to reach.

Closer to Election Day, Trump is expected to shift his attention to rallies designed to bolster get-out-the-vote efforts.

Next on Trump's schedule: a trip to Tennessee later this month for a Nashville rally and a fundraiser in support of Rep. Marsha Blackburn's Senate campaign.

The White House's political team has a close relationship with most of the top Republican Senate campaigns, regularly sharing details on policy announcements and messaging. But Trump's travel decisions, so far at least, have been decided by the White House with little input from the Republican candidates on the ground.

Friends and foes alike acknowledge that in some parts of the country Trump can be extraordinarily effective by energizing his supporters. In others, his efforts have the potential to backfire by motivating Democrats or repelling skeptical independents and suburban Republicans.

"It's a matter of picking your locations very strategically," said Republican pollster Chris Wilson, who is



President Donald Trump speaks in the East Room of the White House in Washington, Friday, May 18, 2018, during a Prison Reform Summit. (AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

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involved in several midterm contests.

"Going to Florida, anywhere in the Central Time Zone would be a fantastic place for him to campaign," Wilson said, referring to a narrow slice of the state along the Panhandle. "I'd love to have Donald Trump in east Texas, parts of south Texas where he's still popular. Other parts of south Texas maybe not."

Florida Gov. Rick Scott, now running for the Senate, has appeared to be distancing himself from the president.

When he announced his candidacy last month, Scott would not say whether he wanted Trump to campaign on his behalf. A campaign spokesman declined to answer the same question this week.

In Missouri, Republican Senate candidate Josh Hawley has managed Trump's early visits cautiously. He did not attend the president's appearance last year, joining him this spring only at a private fundraising event.

Still, Hawley campaign manager Kyle Plotkin made clear the campaign would welcome more attention from the White House.

"We would love to have the president come back to the state," Plotkin said. "The president's agenda is popular, and people in Missouri want to see Trump and Republicans in charge."

It's much the same in Indiana, where Trump campaigned this month alongside Republican Senate nominee Mike Braun. The president insulted incumbent Democrat Sen. Joe Donnelly, calling him "Sleepin' Joe."

While the nickname confused some Republicans in the state, Missouri Republican strategist Cam Savage said the president injected a welcome dose of energy into the election.

"Air Force One makes a lot of noise when it lands," Savage said. "There isn't anything in American public life that comes close to that. If you're a candidate and you want attention, there's no better way."

Other presidents also have faced questions about their midterm strategy.

President Barack Obama was shunned by many Democrats in the 2014 midterm elections as he struggled with relatively low approval ratings. He focused his efforts on fundraising for his party and rallying black voters.

It was almost worse for President George W. Bush in the 2006 midterm elections. Eager to help his party in the weeks leading up to Election Day, Bush was relegated to appearing in Republican strongholds like Georgia and Texas in the campaign's final days.

Trump's approval ratings have ticked up in recent months, but they remain slightly below those of Bush and Obama at the same time.

There is another cause for caution with Trump: his unpredictability.

As he has proven throughout his brief political career, the president is one unscripted comment away from creating a headache for those he's trying to help. There's fear that his name-calling and aggressive anti-immigrant rhetoric will turn off Hispanic voters, moderate Republicans and suburban women in key areas.

The results from Trump's early midterm efforts have been positive, said Steven Law, who heads the Senate Leadership Fund, a super PAC that expects to spend tens of millions of dollars helping Senate Republicans this year.

"Can't use him everywhere. There are risks in certain places," Law said. "But it just feels to me that you have a White House that is clearly cognizant of how to best deploy him, and he seems to be aware of that as well."

He added, "One of the concerns is whether he'll stick to script."

Thomas reported in Washington. Associated Press writer Jonathan Lemire in New York contributed to this report.

Smith's third-period goal lifts Vegas to 3-2 win over Jets

By W.G. RAMIREZ, Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The Vegas Golden Knights were a 500-to-1 long shot to win the Stanley Cup before the NHL season began in October. Their surprisingly successful inaugural season is still rolling along, and they're one win from a berth to the Stanley Cup final.

Reilly Smith scored on a breakaway late in the third period to lead Vegas to a 3-2 victory over the Winnipeg Jets in Game 4 of the Western Conference final Friday night.

Vegas can clinch the conference title and advance to the Stanley Cup final when the series resumes Sunday in Winnipeg.

"The last one is always the toughest to get," Golden Knights goalie Marc-Andre Fleury said.

William Karlsson and Tomas Nosek also scored for Vegas, and Fleury, ninth all-time in postseason wins, turned in another spectacular performance by making 36 saves to earn his 73rd career playoff victory. The 14-year veteran goalie, left exposed by the Pittsburgh Penguins for Vegas to select him in the expansion draft, continues to have a career-best postseason as he aims for a third straight Stanley Cup title.

"I think we've got to keep the same mindset," said Fleury, who has a 1.72 goals against average and .945 save percentage in the playoffs. "Just take it one game at time and not think too far ahead and be ready to play that next game, because they're going to be coming hard."

It's something the Jets have already been doing, even in their three losses in the series.

Asked how his team has been able to survive Winnipeg's tenacious attack, Smith replied: "He's sitting right next to me," referring to Fleury at the postgame news conference.

But with the game tied at 2, it was Smith who made the big play after racing down the left side of the rink and beating Winnipeg's Connor Hellebuyck above his blocker to put the Golden Knights ahead with 6:58 left.

Hellebuyck made 27 saves, but lost for the third consecutive game despite telling reporters after Game 3 that he liked his game better than Fleury's. Patrik Laine and Tyler Myers scored for Winnipeg, which is on the brink of elimination.

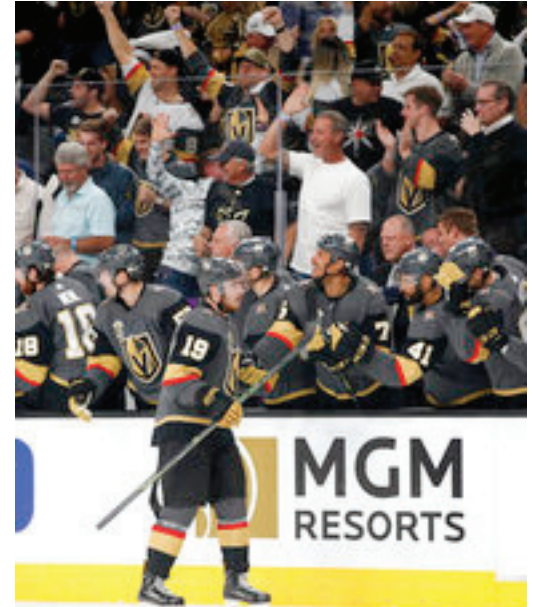
"I know we can win a game, we're a good enough team," Winnipeg coach Paul Maurice said. "We've battled. We've gone into some pretty heavy environments and won a game that we needed to win. So it's just one game."

The Jets took over where they left off in the third period of Game 3 by outskating the Golden Knights in the first period of Game 4, but Karlsson's power-play goal was the difference. Off the draw, Smith found Jonathan Marchessault, who fed Karlsson for the one-timer that gave Vegas a 1-0 lead.

In a case of *deja vu* from Game 3, when Vegas responded 12 seconds after giving up a 1-0 lead, Winnipeg and the Golden Knights traded goals 43 seconds apart midway through the second period.

First, it was Laine's one-timer on the power play that even Fleury wasn't catching up to and it tied the game at the 9:29 mark. Then, it was Hellebuyck failing to secure a shot by Pierre-Edouard Bellemare, who raced to the puck and fed Nosek, who punched in his first career playoff goal to put Vegas up 2-1.

"It's a good way to be, when they get one, the next guy's up and ready to go," said Golden Knights forward James Neal, who is looking to make it to the Stanley Cup final for a second consecutive year after



Vegas Golden Knights right wing Reilly Smith celebrates after scoring against the Winnipeg Jets during the third period of Game 4 of the NHL hockey Western Conference finals Friday, May 18, 2018, in Las Vegas. (AP Photo/John

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getting there with Nashville last season. "It's always hard when you get one and the other team scores right away, it kind of takes the wind right back out of you. For us being at home, it just energizes the building. As soon as it sucks the wind out, boom, huge goal, and we're back.

"That was a great goal by Nose."

The Jets outshot the Golden Knights 12-2 by the midway point of the third period - including Myers' tying goal - keeping Fleury busy. But the three-time Cup champion was finished allowing anything in his net.

"We win that game nine times out of 10 - tonight was that one," Winnipeg's Blake Wheeler said. "Their goalie made some extraordinary saves, he's a good player. You've got to sometimes take your hat off to a good player."

NOTES: The Golden Knights and Jets joined a record 18,697 in attendance in a moment of silence for those affected by the shootings at Santa Fe High School in Texas on Friday. ... Jets forward Mark Scheifele, who registered his 10th and 11th road goals in Game 3 to set a single-year NHL postseason record, had his six-game goal streak as a visitor end.

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Game 5 is at Winnipeg on Sunday.

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Trump: Justice Department planted spy in 2016 campaign

By ANNE FLAHERTY, CATHERINE LUCEY and JONATHAN LEMIRE, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump accused the Justice Department of trying to frame him by planting a spy in his 2016 campaign — an allegation his own lawyer said might not be true.

Promoting a theory that is circulating in conservative circles, Trump quoted Fox Business anchor David Asman and tweeted Friday: "Apparently the DOJ put a Spy in the Trump Campaign. This has never been done before and by any means necessary, they are out to frame Donald Trump for crimes he didn't commit."

But Trump lawyer Rudy Giuliani cast some doubt on that.

On whether there was an "informant" in the 2016 presidential campaign, Giuliani told CNN, "I don't know for sure, nor does the president, if there really was one," though he said they have long been told there was "some kind of infiltration."

Earlier this month, the National Review raised the question of a possible FBI spy in Trump's campaign. The article cites work by Republican Rep. Devin Nunes, an ardent Trump supporter and head of the House intelligence committee, who has demanded information on an FBI source in the Russia investigation.

Virginia Sen. Mark Warner, the top Democrat on the Senate intelligence committee, objected Friday to such demands, emphasizing "the critical importance of protecting sources and methods."

"It would be at best irresponsible, and at worst potentially illegal, for members of Congress to use their



President Donald Trump walks into the East Room of the White House in Washington, Friday, May 18, 2018, for a Prison Reform Summit. (AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

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positions to learn the identity of an FBI source for the purpose of undermining the ongoing investigation into Russian interference in our election," Warner wrote in a statement. "Anyone who is entrusted with our nation's highest secrets should act with the gravity and seriousness of purpose that knowledge deserves."

The New York Times reported separately this past week that at least one government informant met several times with Carter Page and George Papadopoulos, both former foreign policy advisers for Trump's Republican campaign. The Times reported Friday that the informant talked to Page and Papadopoulos because they had suspicious contacts linked to Russia. The newspaper attributed the information to current and former FBI officials.

Also Friday, Giuliani said special counsel Robert Mueller has narrowed his possible interview subject areas from five to two as negotiations continue over whether the president will sit down and answer questions in the Russia investigation.

Mueller is investigating possible coordination between Russia and Trump's 2016 campaign.

Giuliani said Trump's legal team doesn't expect him to be asked about his personal attorney, Michael Cohen, who faces a separate criminal investigation in New York. But Giuliani did not provide many additional details, saying that some questions are still "subject to negotiation."

As the Russia probe moves into its second year, many Trump allies, including some Republicans on Capitol Hill, have increasingly pushed for ways to paint Mueller and his investigators as political actors, not above-the-fray lawmen, in an effort to discredit his findings or justify his possible dismissal.

A number of Trump outside advisers — including former chief strategist Stephen Bannon — have stepped up their attacks on the Department of Justice, calling for it to release more documents to the White House while saying a confidential source has worked against Trump.

Working from his Capitol Hill town house, Bannon has consulted with Trump-friendly congressmen, including Nunes and Rep. Mark Meadows, to rally support among Republicans and push Trump to act more aggressively, according to two people familiar with the discussions but not authorized to discuss them privately.

Bannon, who had a falling out with the president last year, often passes his thoughts to the White House via the congressmen or Trump advisers, including former campaign manager Corey Lewandowski and ex-deputy campaign manager David Bossie, according to the people. He has long pushed for a more antagonistic approach to the probe, dismissing talk from former Trump lawyer Ty Cobb and others who he feels minimized the threat the special counsel posed.

In a series of late night calls to allies, including Meadows and Fox News anchor Sean Hannity, Trump has blasted the reports of an informant as evidence that the so-called deep state of career government officials has been working against him. He has frequently fumed about the Russia probe even while in White House meetings this past week about other topics, according to a White House official.

Talk of the reported FBI source has rocketed through the conservative media — Hannity discussed it on his show Wednesday — and was a centerpiece of Giuliani's attacks on the probe Friday.

"I want to know because I believe, if there was an embedded person, that person cleared us because the FBI cleared us. I wonder what the heck is the legitimacy of the Mueller investigation in the first place," Giuliani told CNN.

AP writer Jonathan Lemire contributed to this report.

Airliner with 110 aboard crashes in Cuba, 3 said to survive

By **ANDREA RODRIGUEZ** and **MICHAEL WEISSENSTEIN**, Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — A 39-year-old airliner with 110 people aboard crashed and burned in a cassava field just after taking off from the Havana airport Friday, leaving three survivors in Cuba's worst aviation disaster in three decades, officials said.

The Boeing 737 went down just after noon a short distance from the end of the runway at Jose Marti International Airport while on a short-hop flight to the eastern city of Holguin. Firefighters rushed to ex-

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tinguish the flames that engulfed the field of debris left where Cubana Flight 972 hit the ground.

"There is a high number of people who appear to have died," Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canel said from the scene. "Things have been organized, the fire has been put out, and the remains are being identified."

Relatives of those aboard were ushered into a private area at the terminal to await word on their loved ones.

"My daughter is 24, my God, she's only 24!" cried Beatriz Pantoja, whose daughter Leticia was on the plane.

State TV said the jet veered sharply to the right after takeoff, and Diaz-Canel said a special commission had been formed to investigate the cause of the crash.

"The only thing we heard, when we were checking in, an explosion, the lights went out in the airport and we looked out and saw black smoke rising and they told us a plane had crashed," Argentine tourist Brian Horanbuena told The Associated Press at the airport.

Skies were overcast and rainy at the airport at the time of the incident, with winds reportedly around 4 mph (6 kph).

Authorities said there were 104 passengers and six crew members on the flight operated by the Cuban state airline. Mexican authorities said the Boeing 737-201 was built in 1979 and rented by Cubana from Aerolineas Damojh, a small charter company that also goes by the name Global Air.

A statement from the country's Transportation Department identified the pilot and co-pilot as Capt. Jorge Luis Nunez Santos and first officer Miguel Angel Arreola Ramirez. It said the flight attendants were Maria Daniela Rios, Abigail Hernandez Garcia and Beatriz Limon. Global Air said maintenance worker Marco Antonio Lopez Perez was also aboard.

Outside the company's Mexico City offices, former Global Air flight attendant Ana Marlen Covarrubias said she had worked for the company for over seven years and knows nearly all the crew members.

"I don't have the words. I'm very sad. We're in mourning," a she said in tears. "It was something really, really, really terrible; a tragedy for us."

In addition to the Mexican crew, Cuban Communist Party newspaper Granma reported that the passengers were mostly Cubans plus five foreigners from countries it did not identify. Argentina's Foreign Ministry said two of its citizens had died in the crash.

In November 2010 a Global Air flight originating in Mexico City made an emergency landing in Puerto Vallarta because its front landing gear did not deploy. The fire was quickly extinguished, and none of the 104 people aboard were injured. That plane was a 737 first put into service in 1975.

Mexican aviation authorities said a team of experts would fly to Cuba on Saturday to take part in the investigation.

Cubana has had a generally good safety record but is notorious for delays and cancellations and has taken many of its planes out of service because of maintenance problems in recent months, prompting it to hire charter aircraft from other companies.



Rescue teams search through the wreckage site of a Boeing 737 that plummeted into a cassava field with more than 100 passengers on board, in Havana, Cuba, Friday, May 18, 2018. The Cuban airliner crashed just after takeoff from Havana's international airport in Havana, Cuba.

(AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa)

Four crash survivors were taken to a Havana hospital, and three remained alive as of mid-afternoon, hospital director Martinez Blanco told Cuban state TV.

State media reports stopped short of openly declaring the rest on board were dead, but there was no word of other survivors by Friday evening.

Cuban First Vice President Salvador Valdes Mesa had met with Cubana officials on Thursday to discuss improvements to its service. The airline blames its spotty record on a lack of parts and airplanes because of the U.S. trade embargo against the communist-run country.

It was Cuba's third major aviation accident since 2010.

Last year a Cuban military plane crashed into a hillside in the western province of Artemisa, killing eight soldiers. In 2010, an AeroCaribbean flight from Santiago to Havana went down in bad weather, killing all 68 people aboard, including 28 foreigners, in what was the country's worst air disaster in more than two decades.

The last deadly accident involving a Cubana-operated plane was in 1989, when a charter flight from Havana to Milan, Italy, crashed shortly after takeoff, killing all 126 people on board and at least two dozen on the ground.

Cubana's director general, Capt. Hermes Hernandez Dumas, told state media last month that the airline's domestic flights had carried 11,700 more passengers than planned between January and April.

He said 64 percent of flights took off on time, up from 59 percent the previous year.

Associated Press writer Amy Guthrie contributed to this report from Mexico City.



Police prepare to load confiscated items into a truck in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Friday, May 18, 2018. Malaysian police confiscated a few hundred designer handbags and dozens of suitcases containing cash, jewelry and other valuables as part of a corruption and money-laundering investigation into former Prime Minister Najib Razak. (AP Photo)

Trump thrusts abortion fight into crucial midterm elections

BY RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR and JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration acted Friday to bar taxpayer-funded family planning clinics from referring women for abortions, energizing its conservative political base ahead of crucial midterm elections while setting the stage for new legal battles.

The Health and Human Services Department sent its proposal to rewrite the rules to the White House, setting in motion a regulatory process that could take months. Scant on details, an administration overview of the plan said it would echo a Reagan-era rule by banning abortion referrals by federally funded clinics and forbidding them from locating in facilities that also provide abortions.

Planned Parenthood, a principal provider of family planning, abortion services and basic preventive care for women, said the plan appears designed to target the organization. "The end result would make it impossible for women to come to Planned Parenthood, who are counting on us every day," said executive vice president Dawn Laguens.

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But presidential counselor Kellyanne Conway told Fox News that the administration is simply recognizing "that abortion is not family planning. This is family planning money."

The policy was derided as a "gag rule" by abortion rights supporters, a point challenged by the administration, which said counseling about abortion would be OK, but not referrals. It's likely to trigger lawsuits from opponents, and certain to galvanize activists on both sides of the abortion debate going into November's congressional elections.

The policy "would ensure that taxpayers do not indirectly fund abortions," White House press secretary Sarah Sanders said in a statement.

Social and religious conservatives have remained steadfastly loyal to President Donald Trump despite issues like his reimbursements to attorney Michael Cohen, who paid hush money to a porn star alleging an affair, and Trump's past boasts of sexually aggressive behavior. Trump has not wavered from advancing the agenda of the religious right.

Tuesday night, Trump is scheduled to speak at the Susan B. Anthony List's "campaign for life" gala. The group works to elect candidates who want to reduce and ultimately end abortion. It says it spent more than \$18 million in the 2016 election cycle to defeat Hillary Rodham Clinton and promote a "pro-life Senate."

The original Reagan-era family planning rule barred clinics from discussing abortion with women. It never went into effect as written, although the Supreme Court ruled it was an appropriate use of executive power. The policy was rescinded under President Bill Clinton, and a new rule took effect requiring "nondirective" counseling to include a full range of options for women.

The Trump administration said its proposal will roll back the Clinton requirement that abortion be discussed as an option along with prenatal care and adoption.

Known as Title X, the family-planning program serves about 4 million women a year through clinics, costing taxpayers about \$260 million.

Although abortion is politically divisive, the U.S. abortion rate has dropped significantly, from about 29 per 1,000 women of reproductive age in 1980 to about 15 in 2014. Better contraception, fewer unintended pregnancies and state restrictions may have played a role, according to a recent scientific report .

Abortion remains legal, but federal family planning funds cannot be used to pay for the procedure. Planned Parenthood clinics now qualify for Title X family planning grants, but they keep that money separate from funds that pay for abortions.

Abortion opponents say a taxpayer-funded program should have no connection to abortion. Doctors'



FILE - In this Jan. 19, 2018 file photo, President Donald Trump speaks to participants of the annual March for Life event, in the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington. The Trump administration will resurrect a Reagan-era rule that would ban federally-funded family planning clinics from discussing abortion with women, or sharing space with abortion providers, a senior White House official said Thursday, May 17, 2018. The Department of Health and Human Services will be announcing its proposal Friday, the official said on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to confirm the plans before the announcement.

(AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta, File)

groups and abortion rights supporters say a ban on counseling women trespasses on the doctor-patient relationship.

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists said the administration action amounts to an "egregious intrusion" in the doctor-patient relationship and could force doctors to omit "essential, medically accurate information" from counseling sessions with patients.

Planned Parenthood's Laguens hinted at legal action, saying, "we will not stand by while our basic health care and rights are stripped away."

Jessica Marcella of the National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association, which represents clinics, said requiring physical separation from abortion facilities is impractical and would disrupt services for women.

"I cannot imagine a scenario in which public health groups would allow this effort to go unchallenged," Marcella said.

But abortion opponents said Trump is merely reaffirming the core mission of the family planning program.

"The new regulations will draw a bright line between abortion centers and family planning programs, just as ... federal law requires and the Supreme Court has upheld," said Tony Perkins, president of the Family Research Council, a key voice for religious conservatives.

Kristan Hawkins of Students for Life of America said, "Abortion is not health care or birth control and many women want natural health care choices, rather than hormone-induced changes."

Abortion opponents allege the federal family planning program in effect cross-subsidizes abortions provided by Planned Parenthood, whose clinics are also major recipients of grants for family planning and basic preventive care. Hawkins' group is circulating a petition to urge lawmakers to support the Trump administration's proposal.

Abortion opponents say the administration plan is not a "gag rule." It "will not prohibit counseling for clients about abortion ... but neither will it include the current mandate that (clinics) must counsel and refer for abortion," said the administration's own summary.

Associated Press writer David Crary in New York contributed to this report.

Police: Fitness buff tried ambush attack at Trump resort

By JENNIFER KAY and FREIDA FRISARO, Associated Press

DORAL, Fla. (AP) — A fitness buff carrying an American flag and shouting about President Donald Trump stormed the hotel lobby of Trump's Miami-area golf resort early Friday and opened fire at a chandelier. He then waited for police to arrive, and exchanged gunfire with officers who shot him in the legs and arrested him.

The motive for the shooting at Trump National Doral Golf Club around 1:30 a.m. was not immediately clear, but Miami-Dade Police Director Juan Perez said the man pointed his gun at several people and shouted "anti-Trump" rhetoric before waiting for police to confront him.

"We don't know what his intentions were in the long term, but we know what he was doing at the time — he was trying to engage our police officers in some kind of ambush-type attack," Perez said.

In plotting the ambush, Perez added, "He did succeed, and he did lose."

One responding officer broke a wrist, but no resort employees or guests were hurt.

Trump was not at the suburban golf resort at the time.

Perez identified the suspect as 42-year-old Jonathan Oddi, who lives in a condo building about a mile (2 kilometers) away. He said Oddi took a flag from a flagpole at the resort and draped it over the counter in the lobby, where he pointed his gun at several people but only fired into the ceiling and light fixtures overhead until police officers arrived.

Oddi was expected to face various criminal charges. Video footage showed the conscious suspect being wheeled into a hospital on a gurney, and Miami-Dade Police spokesman Alvaro Zabaleta said Oddi remained hospitalized in good condition Friday afternoon.

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Oddi's attorney, Rae Shearn, said her client was a fitness instructor. She said it was too early to say anything more. "I am conducting my own investigation and have no statement in regards to what occurred or what didn't occur or what may have precipitated that event," she said by phone.

Neighbors and patrons of a nearby gym said they often saw Oddi lifting weights, but rarely interacted with the beefy man beyond casual greetings.

"He was always in the gym," said Lina Diaz, who lives on the same floor as Oddi. "He seemed like a normal guy, nothing aggressive or weird."

Oddi's neighbors woke up Friday morning to police tape blocking a driveway to their building, and officers and media gathered at its entrances.

"You never know who is living next door to you. It is sad and shocking," Diaz said.

Oddi worked as a dancer and entertainer, owns a small dog, and was born in South Africa and grew up in Argentina, one friend, Luis David Gonzalez, told the Miami Herald and the Sun Sentinel newspapers.

Gonzalez, who said he worked out with Oddi every day, was bringing coffee and eggs to Oddi on Friday morning when he heard the news.

"I'm surprised and confused," Gonzalez said in a Herald interview. "I knew him 10 years. He's a good person. I've very surprised he did this."

Court records in Miami-Dade and Broward counties show a slew of misdemeanor traffic infractions for Oddi, but no felony arrests.

Eric Trump, the president's son and executive vice president of the Trump organization, tweeted early Friday, "A huge thank you to the incredible men and women" of the departments, adding that "every day they keep our community safe."

The Secret Service issued a statement saying its agents were at the scene and working closely with other agencies.

"No Secret Service protectees or security operations were impacted as a result of the shooting," it said.

The large Trump-owned golf facility in the growing suburb was surrounded by a heavy police presence, its entrances blocked with yellow police tape and by patrol vehicles throughout the day.

No resort employees or guests were injured, said Doral Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez.

The Trump National Doral, which includes an expansive clubhouse, is among the largest hotels in the Miami suburb sandwiched between Miami International Airport and the Florida Everglades. Its website describes it as an 800-acre resort with 643 total guest rooms and four golf courses. The Trump organization purchased the resort in 2012.

In June 2016, the PGA Tour announced that the prestigious World Golf Championship hosted at the club since 2007 would relocate to Mexico. The announcement infuriated then-candidate Trump, who called the move to Mexico a "sad day for Miami, the United States and the game of golf."



Police respond to The Trump National Doral resort after reports of a shooting inside the resort Friday, May 18, 2018 in Doral, Fla. A man shouting about Donald Trump entered the president's south Florida golf course early Friday, draped a flag over a lobby counter and exchanged fire with police before being arrested, police said. One officer received an unspecified injury, officials said. (AP Photo/Freida Frisaro)

PGA Tour Commissioner Tim Finchem said the move had nothing to do with politics, only finances. Cadillac did not renew its title sponsorship of the event, and no other sponsor wanting to be at Doral was found, Finchem said.

Associated Press writer Jeff Martin in Atlanta contributed to this story.

Conservative revolt over immigration sinks House farm bill

By **ANDREW TAYLOR** and **LISA MASCARO**, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republican leaders suffered an embarrassing setback Friday when conservatives scuttled an ambitious farm bill, part of a high-stakes power play as they once again exert their oversized sway in the House.

In this case, conservatives in the House Freedom Caucus wanted to slow the momentum of bipartisan immigration legislation to help young “Dreamers.” Republican moderates are gaining ground with their immigration effort and conservatives don’t like the deals taking shape. By withholding their votes on the farm bill, they flexed their political muscle to doom both.

Not even a tweet from President Donald Trump supporting the farm bill could save it from the chaos Friday. It was defeated, 213-198. Some 30 Republicans joined with every chamber Democrat in opposition.

The vote was a blow to GOP leaders, exposing the power struggle underway as leaders jockey to replace Speaker Paul Ryan, who is not seeking re-election. It disrupts GOP efforts to portray party unity ahead of the mid-term election and to rack up legislative wins to motivate voters to the polls to keep their majority.

Trump is “disappointed in the result of today’s vote” and “hopes the House can resolve any remaining issues,” said Deputy Press Secretary Lindsay Walters.

The outcome also shelves for now the big, five-year farm bill, a top GOP priority because it combines stricter work and job training requirements for food stamp recipients — long pushed by Ryan as part of his safety net cuts — with a renewal of farm subsidies popular in GOP-leaning farm country.

Rep. Tom Cole, R-Okla., a veteran campaign strategist, said it’s a “mistake” for conservatives to play the farm and immigration bills against each other. “You don’t hold one thing hostage for something that’s totally different,” he said.

Conservatives, though, have gained clout in the House by withholding their block of some 30 votes to exert their sway on legislation. That strategy is only expected to escalate as they jockey for promotions



Rep. Dave Brat, R-Va., a member of the conservative House Freedom Caucus, smiles before the vote on the House farm bill which failed to pass, at the Capitol in Washington, Friday, May 18, 2018. The Freedom Caucus opposed the measure, seeking leverage to obtain a vote on a hard-line immigration plan. Last week’s display of anarchy among House Republicans on immigration underscores how problematic and risky the issue is for a GOP that badly needs unity heading into November elections that will decide control of Congress. (AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

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up the leadership ladder once Ryan retires.

Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, a leader of the House Freedom Caucus who has expressed an interest in running for House speaker, said some conservatives had concerns over the farm bill, largely because of its spending, but "my main focus was making sure we do immigration policy right."

Democrats are strongly opposed to the farm bill, saying the stricter work and job training rules are poorly designed and would drive 2 million people off food stamps. They took a victory lap after the vote.

Minority Whip Steny Hoyer, D-Md. said the dysfunction under the Republican majority in Congress is another reason why voters in November "are going to give us their jobs."

The farm bill's rejection scrambled the prospects for what had seemed to be an agreement over the immigration standoff.

House Republicans, including Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., worked into the night trying to negotiate a resolution and some thought they had reached a deal. It would have allowed rival immigration bills to proceed to the floor by late June.

One bill from hard-liners would reduce legal immigration and open the door to Trump's border wall with Mexico. A second, being negotiated with the White House, GOP leaders and Democrats, would be aimed at bolstering border security and helping young "Dreamer" immigrants — those who were brought to the U.S. illegally as children — to remain permanently in the U.S.

The accord was aimed at heading off a drive by moderates who are just five Republican signatures short on a petition to force votes on a bipartisan immigration bill Democrats would likely support.

The deputy whip, Rep. Patrick McHenry, R-N.C., said it was only when he arrived on the floor Friday that he realized the farm bill would come up short. He said the conservative flank is "trying to extract something" more on immigration.

But Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., the head of the Freedom Caucus, told reporters there was "no deal" on immigration. He downplayed the setback on the farm bill, saying "it's not a fatal blow. It's just a reorganizing."

The scramble will likely drive more Republicans to sign on to the renegade effort to push the compromise immigration bill to a floor vote over the objection of party leaders.

Conservatives defended their move, saying they are standing for voters who want Trump's border wall and other stricter immigration measures and want assurances that GOP leaders would not help an overly moderate immigration bill clear the House. Said Rep. Scott Perry, R-Pa., a Freedom Caucus member, "The farm bill was just a casualty, unfortunately."

But Republican Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart of Florida, who supports both the farm bill and the immigration effort, said the conservatives once again played into the hands of House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, joining Democrats in dooming the GOP bill.

"Nancy Pelosi and her allies just won a big victory," he said.

As for the farm bill's fate, the debacle appears to make it even more likely that Congress will simply extend the current farm bill when it expires in September.

In the Senate, Agriculture Committee Chairman Pat Roberts, R-Kan., is promising a competing bill later this month. He's signaling that its changes to food stamps would be far more modest than the House measure.

___ Associated Press writers Matthew Daly and Alan Fram in Washington contributed to this report.

Gaza border protests resume as UN calls for inquiry

By ASHRAF SWEILAM and FARES AKRAM, Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Palestinians resumed their fiery protests at Gaza's border with Israel on Friday as a U.N. human rights body criticized Israel for the "disproportionate and indiscriminate use of force" that killed at least 59 Palestinians earlier this week. Israel condemned the resolution by the U.N. Human Rights Council as biased.

Friday's Gaza protests — the eighth in as many weeks — drew Israeli gunfire and tear gas, with at least

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23 people wounded, the Gaza Health Ministry said.

Egypt, meanwhile, said it has opened its Rafah border crossing with Gaza for the entire Muslim holy month of Ramadan in an apparent effort to ease the crisis in the impoverished, densely populated territory.

Organizers of the protests say they are meant in large part to break the blockade imposed by Israel and Egypt and to pressure Israel to ease its restrictions. Since the demonstrations began March 30, more than 110 Palestinians have been killed and more than 2,500 wounded by live fire, according to the Health Ministry. Palestinian officials say most of the casualties have been unarmed protesters. One Israeli soldier has been wounded.

The weekly protests peaked Monday

when about 40,000 Gazans descended on the border. As in previous demonstrations, the protesters burned tires and hurled firebombs and stones toward Israeli troops, and tried to attack the border fence. Israeli snipers opened fire in response, killing 59 Palestinians and wounding hundreds in the deadliest day of cross-border violence in Gaza since a 2014 war between Israel and Hamas.

Friday's protests began later than in recent weeks and drew a smaller turnout, apparently due to the Ramadan fast. Most of participants gathered in tent camps a safe distance from the border, but dozens still got close to the fence.

Earlier in the day, several injured Gaza residents with Jordanian citizenship, along with their relatives, were taken to Jordan for medical treatment at the request of the king of Jordan, the Israeli military said. The military did not say when they were wounded.

In Geneva, the U.N. Human Rights Council voted to set up a commission of inquiry to look into the Israeli actions.

Meeting in a special session, the council voted 29-2 with 14 abstentions to back a resolution that also condemned "the disproportionate and indiscriminate use of force by the Israeli occupying forces against Palestinian civilians."

The "independent, international commission of inquiry" mandated by the council will be asked to produce a final report in March 2019.

U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad al-Hussein backed calls for an international inquiry and questioned Israel's assertion that its security forces tried to minimize casualties.

"There is little evidence of any attempt to minimize casualties on Monday," he said.

Some demonstrators threw firebombs, used slingshots, flew burning kites into Israel to set fields ablaze and tried to use wire-cutters on the border fences, but "these actions alone do not appear to constitute the imminent threat to life or deadly injury which could justify the use of lethal force," said Zeid, a Jordanian prince.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu denounced the resolution, which was put forward by countries including Pakistan, as "nothing new under the sun."

"An organization that calls itself the Human Rights Council once again proves that it is hypocritical and biased and that its purpose is to harm Israel and support terror. But mostly it has proven that it is irrel-



A teargas canister fired by Israeli troops falls over Palestinian protesters at the Gaza Strip's border with Israel, Friday, May 18, 2018. (AP Photo/Khalil Hamra)

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evant," Netanyahu said.

"Israel completely rejects the resolution that was adopted by an automatic anti-Israel majority whose results were known from the start," he said. "Israel will continue to defend its citizens and soldiers as it has the right to defend itself."

Israeli ambassador Aviva Raz Schechter said "the unfortunate outcome of Monday's riots can only be attributed to Hamas' cynical exploitation of its own population in a violent campaign against Israel."

U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley said in a statement that "the U.N.'s so-called Human Rights Council has decided to launch an investigation into a democratic country's legitimate defense of its own border against terrorist attacks. It is another shameful day for human rights."

In an apparent attempt to ease the crisis, Egyptian President Abdel-Fatah el-Sissi announced the opening of the Rafah crossing on Thursday night for what would be the longest uninterrupted period since 2013. He wrote on his official Twitter account that it would "alleviate the burdens of the brothers in the Gaza Strip."

Egypt and Israel have imposed a blockade on the Gaza Strip since 2007, heavily restricting movement in and out of the densely populated and impoverished territory.

Over the years, Egypt has opened the crossing for a few days every two to three months, the only way for most Gazans to reach the outside world.

Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh said the opening was the result of talks Sunday in Cairo with Egyptian officials.

"We are witnessing the outcome through steps Egypt has taken, and we hope they continue, develop and increase," he said at a Friday prayer sermon in Gaza City. But he added that the weekly Hamas-led protests will continue.

The crossing has been open since May 12, so el-Sissi's announcement was technically an extension. Egyptian authorities said 510 people crossed Wednesday, with most going from Gaza to Egypt. On Thursday, 541 people passed into Gaza along with dozens of trucks carrying cement, steel, power engines and medical and food aid from the Red Crescent, the officials said.

Last month, Hamas' Interior Ministry said more than 20,000 people were on waiting lists to exit. An average of 500 travelers a day moved through the border this week, mostly leaving.

The Rafah crossing has only been open sporadically since the 2013 ouster of Egypt's Islamist President Mohammed Morsi, a high-ranking member of Hamas' parent group, The Muslim Brotherhood. While Egypt has been struggling with an Islamic insurgency for decades, militant attacks increased after Morsi's ouster, leading Egyptian authorities to tighten movement to and from Gaza.

Travel through Rafah has mostly been restricted to humanitarian cases, with priority given to medical patients, students admitted to outside universities and Palestinians with residency permits in third countries about to expire. Palestinian-Egyptians and dual nationals are also eligible to apply.

Travelers moved slowly toward the border Friday. A bus arrived about every hour with people whose names appeared on lists provided by Hamas officials.

Hamas forcibly wrested control of Gaza in 2007 after winning legislative elections, triggering the Israeli-Egyptian blockade that has severely restricted the movement of most of Gaza's 2 million inhabitants.

After more than a decade of Hamas rule, conditions for most inhabitants are dire. Unemployment is over 40 percent, tap water is undrinkable and Gazans receive only a few hours of electricity a day. Hospitals face constant shortages from the blockade, and parts of the territory are still waiting to be rebuilt after a 2014 war with Israel.

The measures were meant to create a buffer zone as part of Egypt's efforts to purge northeastern Sinai of Islamic militants following the 2014 bombings by an Islamic State group affiliate that killed dozens of soldiers.

Egypt imposed a state of emergency and curfew in northeastern Sinai, including Rafah, which means travelers arriving at the crossing after 7 p.m. must wait until the next morning to leave.

Sweilam contributed from Cairo. Associated Press writer Samy Magdy in Cairo contributed.

After fumbling Ebola in 2014, Congo is key test for UN

By MARIA CHENG, AP Medical Writer

LONDON (AP) — Nearly four years after the World Health Organization was accused of bungling its response to the biggest Ebola outbreak in history, the U.N. agency appears to be moving swiftly to contain a flare-up in Congo, in what some experts see as a critical test of its credibility.

“The difference between WHO’s response in 2014 and now is like night and day,” said Suerie Moon, of the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Switzerland, who was part of an independent panel that assessed WHO’s performance back then.

Fourteen cases of Ebola have been confirmed in Congo since the outbreak was reported last week, including one death. More than 40 suspected or probable cases — including 25 deaths — are under investigation.

Health officials are trying to track down more than 500 people who have been in contact with those feared infected, a task that became more urgent this week with news that the deadly virus had spread to Mbandaka, a city of more than 1 million.

WHO’s chief flew to the outbreak’s epicenter last week, dozens of staffers have been sent to the country, and thousands of doses of an experimental vaccine have arrived, with more on the way.

On Friday — 10 days after WHO announced the outbreak — the agency’s expert group convened to decide whether to declare the crisis an international emergency. It decided the situation does not yet merit such a declaration.

“I think there is a clear connection between the heavy criticism WHO received in 2014 and the current response, where they look to be reacting very quickly,” Moon said.

In March 2014, WHO announced the discovery of Ebola in West Africa’s Guinea by posting a two-sentence update on its website. Over the next few months, the number of victims spiked, cases spilled across borders and international aid workers became infected.

Despite calls to declare the raging epidemic a global emergency, WHO resisted: Not until 1,000 people had died did it convene its expert committee to even consider the possibility. Ultimately, more than 11,000 people died in West Africa.

WHO’s sluggish response was widely criticized and resulted in an overhaul of its emergencies department, among other attempted fixes.

An Associated Press investigation found the health agency delayed declaring the outbreak to be a global emergency for months, partly out of fear such an announcement would anger the African countries involved or hurt their economies.

The AP also found WHO’s response to be inadequate and chaotic, with organizers relying on expired chlorine, experts arguing over the color of body bags, and poor coordination that resulted in an Ebola



In this photo taken Monday, May 14, 2018, members of a Red Cross team don protective clothing before heading out to look for suspected victims of Ebola, in Mbandaka, Congo. Congo’s Ebola outbreak has spread to Mbandaka, a crossroads city of more than 1 million people, in a troubling turn that marks one of the few times the vast, impoverished country has encountered the lethal virus in an urban area. (Karsten Voigt/International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies via AP)

clinic being built only after the epidemic had peaked.

This time, the fact that WHO's director-general, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, met with political leaders in Africa last week shows a heightened awareness of the seriousness of the crisis, Moon said.

Tedros, who goes by his first name, was elected last year, succeeding China's Dr. Margaret Chan, who was in charge during the West African outbreak.

"It's too early to say whether WHO's handling of this crisis means all of the right changes have been made at WHO," Moon said, "but it does feel significantly different to 2014."

Still, others pointed out that the West Africa Ebola outbreak isn't entirely comparable to the current situation in the Congo.

When the lethal hemorrhagic fever broke out in Guinea, it was in a region with porous borders that had no experience with the disease.

In comparison, Congo has had more Ebola outbreaks than any other country in the world, and although the virus made it to a big city this week, most of the cases appear to be in a remote area accessible largely by dirt roads.

"This is a much easier situation than what the world confronted in 2014," said Ashish Jha, director of the Harvard Global Health Institute. "The real test will come when you have an outbreak across multiple countries, where disease surveillance poor and there are numerous logistical difficulties."

Jha said it is too early to tell if WHO's response has been a success.

"There's been a lot of excitement about how great WHO is doing, but I think the celebrations should wait until we can see how this outbreak is really unfolding," Jha said.

There have been rumors that Ebola cases went undetected for months before WHO's announcement, which could mean the virus has had much longer to spread. That could reduce the chances of bringing a quick end to the outbreak.

Dr. Jeremy Farrar, director of the Wellcome Trust, a British charity, applauded WHO's director-general for putting epidemics and health security high on his agenda.

"We all know the history and lessons from 2013-2016," Farrar said in an email. "So far in this epidemic, (WHO) has done all the right things."

Moon said it is too early to be optimistic and warned that the world will be watching the organization very carefully.

"This will be viewed as a key test for them," she said. "After what happened in 2014, I don't think anyone is breathing easy right now."

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Former Playboy centerfold apparently jumps to death with son **By COLLEEN LONG and JENNIFER PELTZ, Associated Press**

NEW YORK (AP) — A former Playboy centerfold involved in a custody battle apparently jumped with her 7-year-old son to their deaths from the 25th floor of a Manhattan hotel, law enforcement officials said Friday.

Stephanie Adams and her son Vincent fell 23 floors and were found on a second-floor balcony at about 8:15 a.m. Friday in the rear courtyard of the Gotham Hotel.

They had checked into the hotel's penthouse suite at about 6 p.m. Thursday, officials said, just hours after she told the New York Post that her husband and his lawyer were blocking her from taking her son away on vacation.

"All I want to do is take my son and get away from this nightmare for a few days," the Post quoted Adams as saying. "But they won't let me."

The law enforcement officials said the 46-year-old Adams, who first posed for Playboy in 1992, was involved in a custody dispute over Vincent with her estranged husband, a Manhattan chiropractor named Charles Nicolai. They said police had been called to their home several times in the past few months. The officials were not authorized to speak publicly and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

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Nicolai's lawyer did not immediately respond to an inquiry about the case. A receptionist who answered the phone at Nicolai's office said he would not comment and was unreachable.

Adams and Nicolai had been in "a very tough custody case," said Raoul Felder, a divorce lawyer who represented her for a time. The standoff was contentious enough that the former couple handed off their son to each other at a police precinct, an arrangement that's unusual but not unheard of, Felder said.

Felder said he had been friends with Adams for 20 years but stopped representing her in the divorce case a couple of months ago. Recently, she had been hoping to go to Europe to be with a boyfriend there, and that had become an issue in the case, he said.

Still, "she was never depressed while I knew her. She had certain problems, but depression wasn't one of them," Felder said.

Felder recalled her as "sweet and ultra-polite" — she always called him "Mr. Felder" despite their long friendship. She would sometimes stop by his office to say hello, bringing her son, who loved to play with a Superman statue in the office, Felder recalled.

And she routinely sent him birthday cards, until his birthday passed this month without one.

She also stayed in touch with Sanford Rubenstein, an attorney who represented her in a 2006 lawsuit against the police department, a taxi company and a cab driver.

Her suit said that the driver falsely told police she had a gun and that police then assaulted her. Officers forced her to the ground, although they could see she didn't have a gun in her hand and there was nowhere she could have concealed one in her clothes, according to a judge's decision. A jury awarded her \$1.2 million in city money, but the judge later reduced it to \$373,000.

Rubenstein said he knew she'd been dealing lately with a custody clash but would never have foreseen a suicide.

"She was a vibrant woman, she had strong opinions, and she loved her kid," he said. "She loved that child. It's unexplainable."

Adams was Playboy's "Miss November" centerfold in 1992. She appeared again in Playboy in 2003, and she had also worked with Elite Model Management. The New York Post profiled Adams in 2013, saying that she had by then written more than 25 self-help books, ran an online beauty products company called Goddessy Organics, and managed the finances in her husband's office.

"The stereotypes are sexist and unfair," Adams told the Post in the 2013 profile. "Just because I look a certain way and have expensive tastes, it doesn't mean I'm shallow. Style and looks don't mean lack of brains, sweetheart!"

Adams was also facing a lawsuit brought by a massage therapist who said she'd been fired from Nicolai's chiropractic office because Adams was jealous. Adams denied the claims. Court papers filed Friday show



FILE - In this Sept. 22, 2006, file photo, former Playboy playmate Stephanie Adams speaks at an interview in New York about her lawsuit against the New York City Police Department. Law enforcement officials say Adams, who was involved in a custody battle, apparently jumped with her 7-year-old son Vincent from the penthouse at the Gotham Hotel in midtown Manhattan. They were found on a second-floor balcony by workers at about 8:15 a.m. Friday, May 18, 2018. (AP Photo/Tina Fineberg, File)

the massage therapist agreed this week to end the claims against Nicolai. Lawyers for Adams and Nicolai in that case declined to comment. The massage therapist's lawyer didn't immediately return a call.

The Gotham Hotel is on 46th street, about four blocks from Grand Central Terminal.

American bishop brings human rights focus to royal wedding

By DAVID RISING, Associated Press

He's the son of an American civil rights activist and the descendant of African slaves. He condemned last year's white supremacist rally in Charlottesville as fascist and he has outspokenly stood up for gay rights.

The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry also plans to join a march on the White House next week that rejects U.S. President Donald Trump's "America first" stance as "theological heresy."

The 65-year-old leader of the Episcopal Church was hand-picked by Prince Harry and Meghan Markle to deliver a sermon at their wedding Saturday even though the couple had not met him at the time.

The bride and groom haven't said why they chose Curry, but he's known as an engaging, impassioned speaker who preaches openness and tolerance. He can be relaxed and jocular at the pulpit, peppering his sermons with jokes and personal anecdotes, but also fiery as he delivers more serious messages.

Curry, who has two grown daughters with his wife Sharon, was born in Chicago and raised in Buffalo, New York. His father, the late Rev. Kenneth Curry, was rector of an important African-American parish there and an outspoken civil rights activist.

In 2015, Curry became the first black presiding bishop of the predominantly white Episcopal Church, an offshoot of the Church of England in the United States that has been the spiritual home of many of the American founding fathers and U.S. presidents.

His appointment came just after the church decided to bless same-sex marriages, and in his sermons and writings has frequently compared the black civil rights movement to the LGBT struggle for equality.

The Episcopal Church's stance on gay marriage has caused friction with the greater Anglican Communion and the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, who will be officiating as the latest royal couple make their marriage vows.

Despite those differences, Welby tweeted that he was "thrilled" Curry had been asked to deliver a sermon during the royal wedding, calling Curry a "brilliant pastor, stunning preacher and someone with a great gift for sharing the good news of Jesus Christ."

Curry's stances have also brought him into open conflict with several Trump administration policies, including its move to end the Obama-era immigration program that shielded hundreds of thousands of young immigrants from deportation, known as the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA.

In a September statement, Curry emphasized the Episcopal Church's support for the immigration pro-



The Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, left, and American bishop Michael Curry pose for the media ahead of the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle on Saturday at St George's Chapel, Windsor, England, Friday, May 18, 2018. (Steve Parsons/Pool Photo via AP)

gram and the youth affected, saying "our Christian values are at stake; humane and loving care for the stranger, the alien and the foreigner is considered a sacred duty and moral value for those who would follow the way of God."

Earlier last year, Curry denounced Trump's plan to ban transgender people from serving in the U.S. military saying it was "a violation of the fundamental ideal of equality in America." He has also thrown his support behind the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation's protest against a planned oil pipeline backed by the Trump administration.

On May 24, Curry plans to join other Christian leaders in a march on the White House to draw attention to a joint declaration that sets out a number of concerns. It says that "we are living through perilous and polarizing times as a nation, with a dangerous crisis of moral and political leadership at the highest levels of our government and in our churches."

In rejecting Trump's "America first" policy, the declaration says "while we share a patriotic love for our country, we reject xenophobic or ethnic nationalism that places one nation over others."

It also adds: "Global poverty, environmental damage, violent conflict, weapons of mass destruction and deadly diseases in some places ultimately affect all places, and we need wise political leadership to deal with each of these."

Broadcast networks go for milk-and-cookies comfort this fall

By LYNN ELBER, AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — If provocative, psyche-jangling shows like "The Handmaid's Tale" are your taste, head directly to streaming or cable. But if you're feeling the urge for milk-and-cookies comfort, broadcast television wants to help.

The upcoming TV season will bring more sitcom nostalgia in the "Roseanne" and "Will & Grace" mode. More heartwarming dramas taking a circle-of-life page from "This Is Us." More crime and medical dramas in which the good guys always win, and in just an hour (minus commercial time).

As once-mighty broadcast ratings continue to be shredded by media alternatives, the networks are going where viewers are pointing them.

That means family-friendly shows in the reality genre as well as scripted: Say "awwww" for "Dancing With the Stars: Juniors," a kiddie version of the original. While networks have tried before to compete with the daring fare of the likes of HBO, FX, Hulu or Netflix, the 2018-19 season won't see much of that.

It's "good news for broadcast" that households gather to watch its shows, ABC Entertainment President Channing Dungey said this week. Amen, said CBS Corp. CEO Leslie Moonves, who lauded broadcasting



This image released by ABC shows Roseanne Barr, left, and John Goodman in a scene from the comedy series "Roseanne." Expect "Roseanne" to cool it on politics and concentrate on family stories when it returns for the second season of its revival next year. ABC Entertainment chief Channing Dungey noted that as the first season went on, the focus shifted from politics to family. She said that direction will continue next season. (Adam Rose/ABC via AP)

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as the “big tent” that brings America together.

Here are details on some upcoming series and the trends behind them.

ROOM FOR POLITICS? YES AND NO

Roseanne Barr’s support for President Donald Trump was a conspicuous part of her character when “Roseanne” returned, but politics are a poor fit with broadcasting’s wide-net approach. To that end, ABC and NBC are tamping down anticipation that “Roseanne” or “Last Man Standing,” another show with an openly partisan star in Tim Allen, will be soapboxes.

“Tim’s personal politics really aren’t a big feature of the show, and I think that if you were to talk to Tim and our (producers), they would say Mike Baxter is a centrist,” Gary Newman, chairman of Fox Television Group, said of Allen’s character. As for “Roseanne,” the show is headed “away from politics and more focused on family,” said Dungey.

There’s a likely dissenter: “Murphy Brown,” back on CBS with Candice Bergen in the lead role of a TV journalist. In promotions, CBS recalls how the original series took on thorny political and social issues, including abortion, suggesting it would again. Talking up the show to advertisers, Bergen cracked a Fox News Channel joke.

And don’t count out Barr’s show. “The press has misrepresented what ABC President said about our new season,” she tweeted.

ROOM FOR KUMBAYA? DEFINITELY.

The success of “This Is Us” served as a reminder that there’s more to life than comic book heroes and crimebusters — there’s the real world, as in love, marriage, child-rearing and struggle. That’s prompted a deep emotional response from the TV industry: Trend!

CBS’ “God Friended Me” stars Brandon Micheal Hall as a radio host who espouses atheism. Then, just as the title says, he gets a social media friend request from God that turns him into an “agent of change,” as the network put it. Think “Touched by an Angel” with a dash of “This Is Us.”

ABC’s “A Million Little Things” is about a group of friends who get a “wake-up call” to embrace life after one pal dies. Along the way, ABC said, “they discover that friends may be the one thing to save them from themselves.” Think “The Big Chill” with a hint of “This Is Us.”

NBC, home of “This Is Us,” won’t be left out. Newcomer “The Village” is “a heartwarming ensemble drama set in a Brooklyn apartment building where the residents have built a bonded family of friends and neighbors.” Think “Friends,” presumably minus the laughs, and “This Is Us.”

LIGHTS, MULTI-CAMERA, ACTION

Everything old is new again, including sitcoms and how they’re produced. The multiple-camera, aka “multi-cam,” format that became popular in the 1950s with “I Love Lucy” has been steadily overtaken by comedies shot more like films and without a studio audience.

But sitcom revivals — complete with their original casts and original multi-cam approach — has given new life to the format, heartily reaffirming laugh tracks included.

Fox jumped on the bandwagon with newcomer “The Cool Kids” and second-chance “Last Man Standing,” the Tim Allen show dropped last year by ABC. They’ll be paired on Friday night in hopes of drawing viewers who watched Fox’s new Thursday NFL games, a Fox executive suggested.

It didn’t seem like the smart move to air “highly serialized comedies” that might keep new viewers from dipping in and out, said Dana Walden, CEO of Fox Television Group. Interpretation: multi-cam shows have more jokes and less character nuance than, say, “Modern Family.”

Even NBC, which network Entertainment Chairman Robert Greenblatt labeled a “more single-cam” network, is launching multi-cam sitcom “Abby’s.” The new twist: It’s taped outside.

Creative progress!

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Chile's bishops resign en masse over sex abuse cover-up

By NICOLE WINFIELD, Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (AP) — In the biggest shake-up yet in the Catholic Church's long-running sex abuse scandal, every active Chilean bishop offered to resign Friday over what Pope Francis said was their "grave negligence" in investigating abuse and protecting children.

The bishops announced at the end of an emergency Vatican summit that all 31 active bishops in Rome had signed a document offering to resign.

Francis can accept the resignations, reject them or delay a decision, and the bishops remain in place until he acts. But the symbolic significance of an entire national bishops' conference resigning en masse because they covered-up for pedophiles marked a historic moment in the decades-long saga.

"We want to ask forgiveness for the pain we caused victims, the pope, the people of God and our country for the grave errors and omissions that we committed," the bishops said in a statement.

They thanked victims for their "perseverance and courage," for having continued to denounce crimes and cover-up by the church despite "the incomprehension and attacks from the same church community."

It marked the first known time that an entire national bishops conference had offered to step down over a scandal, and laid bare the devastation the abuse crisis has caused the Catholic Church in Chile and beyond.

"They didn't know how to protect the weakest, exposed them to abuse and then impeded justice," said Jose Andres Murillo, one of those abused and one of the main whistleblowers in the case. "For this, they deserve only to go."

Calls for mass resignations had mounted after details emerged of the contents of a 2,300-page Vatican report into the Chilean scandal leaked early Friday. Francis had cited the report in footnotes of a 10-page document that he handed over to each Chilean bishop at the start of the summit.

In those footnotes, Francis accused the bishops of destroying evidence of sex crimes, pressuring church investigators to minimize abuse accusations and showing "grave negligence" in protecting children from pedophile priests.

"No one can exempt himself and place the problem on the shoulders of the others," Francis wrote in the document, which was published by Chilean T13 television and confirmed as accurate Friday by the Vatican.

In a statement in response, the Chilean bishops said the contents of the document were "absolutely deplorable" and showed an "unacceptable abuse of power and conscience," as well as sexual abuse.

"We want to re-establish justice and contribute to the reparation of the damage we caused," they said.

Francis had summoned the 34 bishops to Rome after admitting that he had made "grave errors in judgment" in the case of Bishop Juan Barros, who is accused by victims of Chilean priest, the Rev. Fernando Karadima, of witnessing and ignoring their abuse.

But the scandal grew after Francis received the report written by two Vatican sex crimes experts sent to Chile to get a handle on the problem.



Pope Francis joins his hands as he meets with Benin President Patrice Talon on the occasion of a private audience at the Vatican, Friday, May 18, 2018. (Vincenzo Pinto/Pool Photo via AP)

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The whole report hasn't been made public, but even the highlights Francis included in his footnotes were astonishing. The gravity of the accusations appeared to lay the foundation for a full-scale Vatican investigation of Chilean dioceses, seminaries and religious orders. Such an investigation was ordered up after a similar 2010 summit that Pope Benedict XVI called for Irish bishops over their dismal record dealing with abuse.

Barros and two other Karadima-trained bishops were among the 31 who offered to resign. It wasn't immediately clear if Cardinal Javier Errazuriz and two other retired bishops in Rome did as well; Victims have accused Errazuriz of covering up for Karadima.

Francis said the investigation showed there were "grave defects" in the way abuse cases were handled, with superficial investigations or no investigation at all.

In other cases, there was "grave negligence" in protecting children from pedophiles by bishops and religious superiors — a reference to the many cases of sexual abuse that have arisen in recent years within Chilean religious orders, including the Salesians, Franciscans and the Marist Brothers community.

While some guilty priests were kicked out of their orders, those same people "were then welcomed into other dioceses, in an obviously imprudent way, and given diocesan or parish jobs that gave them daily contact with minors," he said.

Francis said he was also "perplexed and ashamed" by evidence that there were "pressures exercised" on church officials tasked with investigating sex crimes "including the destruction of compromising documents."

He said the problem can be traced to the training Chilean priests receive in seminary. He said there were "grave accusations against some bishops and superiors who sent to these educational institutions priests suspected of active homosexuality."

For years, sex abuse victims have blasted the Chilean hierarchy for discrediting their claims, protecting abusers and moving them around rather than reporting them to police and then handing out light sentences when church sanctions were imposed.

Francis, though, has also been implicated in the scandal and he took responsibility for his role as well.

Francis first drew scorn from victims, ordinary Chileans and even members of his sex abuse advisory board by appointing Barros bishop of Osorno, Chile, in 2015.

The Associated Press reported earlier this year that Francis did so over the objections of other Chilean bishops who knew Barros' past was problematic and had recommended he and other Karadima-trained bishops resign and take a sabbatical.

The AP subsequently reported that Francis had received a letter in 2015 from one of Karadima's accusers detailing Barros' misdeeds. That letter undercut Francis' claim to have never heard from victims about Barros.

Francis further drew rebuke when, during a January trip to Chile, he said the accusations against Barros were "calumny" and said he was "certain" he was innocent.

After receiving the report, though, Francis did an about-face. Blaming a "lack of truthful and balanced information" for his missteps, Francis invited the three main whistleblowers to the Vatican so he could apologize in person.

Panda Beer anyone? Craft beers flow in middle-class China

By SAM McNEIL and FU TING, Associated Press

SHANGHAI (AP) — "Panda Beer," "Little General," "Flying Fist IPA," and "Mandarin Wheat" are among the offerings on tap at a craft beer exhibition this week in Shanghai dedicated to expanding the palette of Chinese consumers and promoting sales of high-end brews.

The 2018 Craft Beer of China Exhibition features breweries like Rasenburg Beer, Myth Monkey Brewing, Lazy Taps, Goose Island and Boxing Cat Brewery that are sharing tips on the latest technology and sales trends as Chinese shift from legacy brews to more experimental, refined, and expensive flavors.

From taps at the expo flowed creative mixes of flavors and traditions, a swirling cocktail of Chinese ingredients, barley, hops and spices from around the world.

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"After drinking it (craft beer), it feels much better than the domestic industry beer, and then you just can't leave it," said Yu Shiqi, a 40-year old craft beer consumer at the expo who dreams of brewing his own.

There's money to be made in China, which drinks a quarter of all beer worldwide, and small-batch brewers and giant multinationals are cashing in. Though craft beer is far from upstaging local beer behemoths like Tsingtao that dominate the \$28 billion national beer market, it is rising in popularity as small breweries open up in China's major metropolitan areas like Beijing, Shanghai and Shenzhen.

Craft beers are typically more expensive than mass-market, low-alcohol content brews like Budweiser and China's Yanjing. But as China's middle class grows, so too does its tastes for finer products.

A couple of years ago, craft beer made up only 0.3 percent of total beer consumption. It has since risen to about 5 percent, said Darren Guo, one of the exhibition's organizers, who expect to see 30 percent growth in the craft beer market every year until 2020. "Beer culture is pretty much on the beginning or starting level."

Laurel Liu, sales director of Beijing-based Jing-A brewery, says she gets calls from small towns asking how to start up a craft brewery.

"You don't even expect them to have craft beer there but now they do," Liu said. "I'm really surprised and happy to see now that craft beer in China is a thing and it's really easier to access these products now."

More money was spent on beer in China than the USA in 2017, according to beer industry research firm Drink Sector. Craft breweries were "rapidly increasing" although foreign imports continue to dominate the high-end beer sector.

The Belgian-Brazilian firm Anheuser-Busch InBev, the makers of Budweiser, has invested heavily in China, building breweries and acquiring craft breweries like Shanghai's Boxing Cat. Anheuser Busch also owns Goose Island, which is based in Chicago.

Michael Jordan, brew-master at Boxing Cat, and his staff experiment with flavors like egg tart, green tea, peppercorn, chai, kiwi, hibiscus and sweet potato.

Jordan chalks up some of the success of craft brewing in China to President Xi Jinping sharing a pint of IPA, or Indian Pale Ale, in 2015 in the UK with then-prime minister David Cameron.

"The 'Xi phenomenon' really kind of opened people's eyes to IPA," he said.



In this Thursday, May 17, 2018, photo, a woman drinks beer at the 2018 Craft Beer of China Exhibition in Shanghai. Hundreds of craft beer enthusiasts, investors and brewers are attending an exhibition in Shanghai dedicated to expanding the palette of Chinese consumers and promoting sales of high-end brews. (AP Photo/Fu Ting)

AP Explains: What's changing under new data privacy rules

By ANICK JESDANUN, AP Technology Writer

Europe's new data and privacy rules take effect a week from Friday, clarifying individual rights to the personal data collected by companies around the world for targeted advertising and other purposes.

Years in the making, the rules are prompting companies to rewrite their privacy policies and in some cases,

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apply the European Union's tougher standards even in the U.S. and other regions where privacy laws are weak. Although they take effect as Facebook faces an enormous privacy crisis, that timing is largely coincidental.

Not much will change for you, at least right away; companies will keep on collecting and analyzing personal data from your phone, the apps you use and the sites you visit. The big difference is that now, the companies will have to justify why they're collecting and using that information.

So now companies are flooding their users with notices that aim to better explain their practices and the privacy choices they offer. European Union regulators have new powers to go after companies that get too grabby or that don't tell you clearly what they're doing with your data.

Here's a look at what the rules say and what they mean for consumers in the EU and elsewhere.



FILE- In this July 1, 2013, file photo, a communication technician works at a phone and internet cable closet, at the European Council building in Brussels. New data and privacy rules take effect in Europe a week from Friday, clarifying rights that people have over how companies around the world collect and analyze personal data for targeted advertising and other tasks. (AP Photo/Yves Logghe, File)

THE BIG DEAL WITH MAY 25

That's when the EU's General Data Protection Regulation takes effect. Instead of separate rules in separate nations across Europe, there's now a single set for the entire EU.

The new rules apply to all users in the 28-nation EU, regardless of where the companies collecting, analyzing and using their data are located. So the rules will affect giants such as Facebook and Google and small U.S. businesses with just one European client alike.

WHAT DO THE NEW RULES SAY?

Companies have to use plain language to explain how they collect and use data. While companies generally aren't changing what they're doing, they are revising privacy policies to eliminate legalese. Google is embedding video (from its YouTube service, of course) to further explain the concepts.

GDPR spells out six specific ways that companies can justify the "processing," or use, of personal data. Some are obvious, such as to fulfill contractual obligations — for instance, when an insurer pays out a claim. For other uses, such as ad targeting, companies can seek your consent. Those that aren't sure they got consent properly are now going back to users.

There's also a somewhat vague category called "legitimate interests." It's a catch-all justification that companies can fall back on to keep using data, though the company must show that its needs outweigh potential impact on users' privacy, said David Martin, senior legal officer for the European consumer group BEUC.

Companies are also required to give EU users the ability to access and delete data and to object to data use under one of the claimed reasons. Firms have to clarify how long they retain data.

And the rules force companies that suffer data breaches to disclose them within 72 hours. By contrast, it took Yahoo more than two years to reveal a breach that ultimately involved three billion users.

FOR COMPANIES OUTSIDE EUROPE

Facebook, Google and their ilk may be headquartered in Silicon Valley, but they have millions of users in Europe — and so have to comply with the new rules. Violators face fines of up to 20 million euros (\$24 million) or 4 percent of annual global revenue — whichever is greater. That's an incentive for companies to take these rules seriously.

WHAT ABOUT USERS OUTSIDE THE EU?

Companies based in the EU have to offer these privacy protections to all their users, not just EU residents. Beyond that, the EU rules merely say they apply to "data subjects who are in the Union."

But it's an open question how the rules will affect visitors to Europe. Ailidh Callander of the London-based group Privacy International says many questions will be tested in courts and further rulemaking.

What's clear is that companies won't have to be as aggressive getting consent for data collection outside of Europe. (Absent regulation, companies typically assume consent unless a user says otherwise.) They can hold off seeking affirmative consent until you visit the EU, at which point you might confront a pop-up notice.

A GLOBAL DOUBLE STANDARD

Some companies are extending at least some EU-style protections to all users. But they won't face legal repercussions or fines if they fail to follow through with users outside the EU.

So unless the U.S. and other countries adopt privacy rules similar to those in the EU— something that's not likely any time soon — many companies are likely to maintain double privacy standards.

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, for instance, promised "global settings and controls" for users during his U.S. congressional testimony in April, but was otherwise vague on the subject. When asked if U.S. users would have the same rights Europeans have to object to the use of data, Zuckerberg said, "I'm not sure how we're going to implement that yet."

But segmenting EU customers from the rest of the world isn't easy, especially for smaller companies without Facebook's or Google's technical prowess. "It might seem like a smart move, but in some cases, it's more work," said Larry Ponemon, founder of the privacy research firm Ponemon Institute.

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Beijing showing signs of compromise in trade talks with US

By **PAUL WISEMAN** and **KELVIN CHAN**, AP Business Writers

WASHINGTON (AP) — China is sending conciliatory signals as U.S. and Chinese negotiators meet in Washington to try to head off a trade war between the world's two biggest economies.

Beijing has dropped an anti-dumping investigation into imported U.S. sorghum, which it had accused the United States of unfairly subsidizing. It has also given approval for a U.S. private equity firm to buy Toshiba's memory chip business.

Those gestures could suggest a thaw with the U.S. as trade talks went on for a second day Friday in Washington.

"China has come to trade," Larry Kudlow, the top White House economic adviser, told reporters. "They are meeting many of our demands. No deal yet, to be sure, and it's probably going to take a while — it's a process."

China's Commerce Ministry said Friday that it was ending its inquiry into whether the U.S. was dumping sorghum in the Chinese market at artificially low prices, saying the investigation was not in the public interest. A day earlier, Beijing had cleared the way for a group led by the U.S. private equity firm Bain Capital to buy Toshiba's computer memory chip business.

The moves signaled at least a willingness by Beijing to work toward a deal with Washington.

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"I think China is willing to make concessions," said Wang Tao, chief China economist at UBS. "The Chinese stance has been very clear — that China wants to mute any trade dispute. But of course it doesn't mean China would heed to all the demands the U.S. would place."

President Donald Trump said Friday that America's lopsided trade relationship with Beijing — the U.S. trade deficit with China last year reached \$337 billion, its largest with any other nation — is "bad for our country. And we're changing it around."

A White House official said China had offered to work to cut its trade deficit with the U.S. by \$200 billion, while stressing that any details remained unclear. But China's Foreign Ministry denied that any such offer had been made.

"It's untrue," said spokesman Lu Kang. "The relevant discussion is still underway, and it is constructive."

The Commerce Ministry said it was ending the anti-dumping probe and a parallel anti-subsidy investigation because they would have raised costs for Chinese consumers.

The U.S. is China's biggest supplier of sorghum, accounting for more than 90 percent of its total imports. China's investigation, launched in February, had come as a warning shot to American farmers, many of whom support the Trump administration yet depend heavily on trade. They feared they would lose their largest export market for the crop, which is used primarily for animal feed and liquor.

"Anti-dumping and countervailing measures against imported sorghum originating in the United States would affect the cost of living of a majority of consumers and would not be in the public interest," according to a notice posted on China's Commerce Ministry website.

The ministry said it had received many reports that the investigation would result in higher costs for the livestock industry, adding that many domestic pig farmers were facing hardship because of declining pork prices.

China's U.S. sorghum imports surged from 317,000 metric tons in 2013 to 4.76 million tons last year. Prices fell by about a third over the same period.

The ministry said any deposits for the preliminary anti-dumping tariffs of 178.6 percent, which took effect on April 18, would be returned in full.

The announcement came after Trump met at the White House with Vice Premier Liu He, the leader of China's delegation for talks with a U.S. team led by Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin.

Trump had told reporters Thursday that he had doubts about the potential for an agreement. He also raised fresh uncertainty about resolving a case involving ZTE, the Chinese tech giant that had been hit with a crippling seven-year ban on buying from U.S. suppliers, forcing it to halt major operations. Trump said ZTE "did very bad things" to the U.S. economy and would be a "small component of the overall deal."

Song Lifang, an economics professor and trade expert at Renmin University, said it's clear that haggling is underway.



FILE - This Aug. 15, 2012, file photo shows sorghum at a farm in Waukomis, Okla. As China-U.S. trade talks resume in Washington, China said Friday, May 18, 2018 it is dropping anti-dumping and anti subsidy investigations into imported U.S. sorghum, saying it is not in the public interest. (AP Photo/Sue Ogrocki, File)

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"It's time for both to present their demands, but it's also a time to exhibit their bargaining chips," said Song.

Song added that approval for the Toshiba deal, worth \$18 billion, was "an apparent sign of thaw."

The trade dispute between the United States and China put financial markets on edge and alarmed businesses in recent weeks.

Last month, the Trump administration proposed tariffs on \$50 billion of Chinese imports to protest Beijing policies that require foreign companies to hand over their technology in exchange for access to China's market. The president later ordered his trade team to seek up to an additional \$100 billion in Chinese products to tax.

The sanctions are part of a broader conflict over China's aggressive push to challenge U.S. technological dominance.

China responded by targeting \$50 billion in U.S. products, including soybeans — a shot at Trump supporters in America's heartland.

Trump said his team was working on trade deals that are "going to be great for our country. Our country has been ripped off long enough. And we are making great deals."

On Thursday, though, his top trade negotiator, Robert Lighthizer, said that after nine months of talks, the U.S., Canada and Mexico still were "nowhere close to a deal" to rewrite the North American Free Trade Agreement, a 24-year-old pact that Trump has called a job-killing disaster.

Lighthizer mentioned "gaping differences" on issues ranging from farm trade to labor standards to intellectual property protections. The impasse makes it increasingly unlikely that Trump's trade team can deliver a rewritten NAFTA in time for a congressional vote this year.

Chan reported from Hong Kong. AP Writer Ken Thomas contributed to this report. AP researchers Shan-shan Wang, Yu Bing and Liu Zheng in Beijing contributed.



Trader Edward Curran works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Friday, May 18, 2018. The Dow Jones industrial average edged up in early trading. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Saturday, May 19, the 139th day of 2018. There are 226 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 19, 1943, in his second wartime address to the U.S. Congress, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill pledged his country's full support in the fight against Japan; that evening, Churchill met with President Franklin D. Roosevelt at the White House, where the two leaders agreed on May 1, 1944 as the date for the D-Day invasion of France (the operation ended up being launched more than a month later).

On this date:

In 1536, Anne Boleyn, the second wife of England's King Henry VIII, was beheaded after being convicted of adultery.

In 1649, England was declared a republic by Parliament following the execution of King Charles I. (The

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monarchy was restored in 1660.)

In 1780, a mysterious darkness enveloped much of New England and part of Canada in the early afternoon.

In 1913, California Gov. Hiram Johnson signed the Webb-Hartley Law prohibiting "aliens ineligible to citizenship" from owning farm land, a measure targeting Asian immigrants, particularly Japanese.

In 1927, the silent movie "Wings," a World War I drama starring Clara Bow, Charles "Buddy" Rogers and Richard Arlen, had its world premiere in San Antonio, Texas, where it was filmed. ("Wings" went on to win the first Academy Award for best picture.)

In 1935, T.E. Lawrence, also known as "Lawrence of Arabia," died in Dorset, England, six days after being injured in a motorcycle crash.

In 1958, British actor Ronald Colman died in Santa Barbara, California, at age 67.

In 1962, actress Marilyn Monroe sang "Happy Birthday to You" to President John F. Kennedy during a Democratic fundraiser at New York's Madison Square Garden.

In 1973, Secretariat won the Preakness Stakes, the second of his Triple Crown victories.

In 1981, five British soldiers were killed by an Irish Republican Army landmine in County Armagh, Northern Ireland.

In 1993, the Clinton White House set off a political storm by abruptly firing the entire staff of its travel office; five of the seven staffers were later reinstated and assigned to other duties.

In 1994, former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis died in New York at age 64.

Ten years ago: Chinese stood still and sirens wailed to mourn the country's nearly 87,000 earthquake victims. Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama picked up the endorsement of Sen. Robert Byrd of West Virginia, less than a week after Hillary Rodham Clinton overwhelmingly won the state's primary. Jon Lester of the Boston Red Sox shut down Kansas City 7-0 for the first no-hitter of the season.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama, in a soaring commencement address on work, sacrifice and opportunity, told graduates of historically black Morehouse College in Atlanta to seize the power of their example as black men graduating from college and use it to improve people's lives.

One year ago: Sweden dropped a rape investigation of WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, who remained holed up in Ecuador's embassy in London to avoid arrest and possible extradition to the United States to face charges stemming from the publication of thousands of pages of classified documents. Former U.S. Rep. Anthony Weiner, D-N.Y., whose penchant for sexting strangers ended his political career, pleaded guilty in Manhattan to a sex charge, tearfully apologizing for communications with a 15-year-old girl. (Weiner received a 21-month prison sentence.) Iran's moderate President Hassan Rouhani (hah-SAHN' roh-HAH'-nee) trounced a hard-line challenger to secure re-election.

Today's Birthdays: PBS newscaster Jim Lehrer is 84. TV personality David Hartman is 83. Actor James Fox is 79. Actress Nancy Kwan is 79. Actor Peter Mayhew is 74. Rock singer-composer Pete Townshend (The Who) is 73. Concert pianist David Helfgott is 71. Rock singer-musician Dusty Hill (ZZ Top) is 69. College Football Hall of Famer and former NFL player Archie Manning is 69. Singer-actress Grace Jones is 67. Rock musician Phil Rudd is 64. Actor Steven Ford is 62. Actress Toni Lewis is 58. Rock musician Iain Harvie (Del Amitri) is 56. Actress Polly Walker is 52. Actor Jason Gray-Stanford is 48. Gospel singer Israel Houghton is 47. Rock singer Jenny Berggren (Ace of Base) is 46. Race car driver Dario Franchitti is 45. TV personality Kim Zolciak Biermann (TV: "Real Housewives of Atlanta") is 40. Country/rock singer Shooter Jennings is 39. Actor Drew Fuller is 38. Actor-comedian Michael Che (chay) (TV: "Saturday Night Live") is 35. Christian rock musician Tim McTague (Underoath) is 35. Rock musician James Richardson (MGMT) is 35. Actor Eric Lloyd is 32. Pop singer Sam Smith is 26. Actor Nolan Lyons is 17.

Thought for Today: "How slowly I have made my way in life! How much is still to be done!" — Nathaniel Hawthorne, American author (born 1804, died this date in 1864).