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**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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**Kevin Nehls, Mike Nehls and Jordan Nehls were once again, winners of the Wolves on the Water fishing tournament held Saturday in Mobridge.** (Photo from Mike Nehls Facebook Page)

## Robert Whitmyre

Democrat for District 1  
House of Representatives



I would like to be a new voice in Pierre to work for our rural areas, the needs and rights of our citizens, and improve the opportunities for our young people that want to make South Dakota their home.

**I ask for your vote in the June 5th primary.**

- Lifelong Day County Ag Producer
- 30 Years in Manufacturing Industry
- WEB Water Board of Directors
- National Farmers Union Policy Committee
- Odin Lodge Sons of Norway President
- Webster High School Graduate
- BS in Mechanical Engineering from SDSU

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## Groton Job Opportunities

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## Summary of Severe Storms and Dust Storm

Conditions were favorable for severe thunderstorms during the afternoon of June 1st, 2018, as a warm and very unstable air mass over South Dakota interacted with a cold front. An area of low pressure in northwest South Dakota that morning moved northeast into central North Dakota, dragging a cold front east across South Dakota. Thunderstorms developed ahead of the front and to the west of the Missouri River, producing strong winds and very large hail. There were several reports of hail larger than golf balls around Timber Lake and between 1-1.5" hail in eastern Corson County. As the storms moved east, additional smaller reports of hail were reported in Walworth County, along with a brief tornado near Glenham.

Leading up to the event, conditions were warm and generally dry in the James River Valley during May. Those conditions combined with strong winds from decaying thunderstorms in south central South Dakota to produce a dust storm. South winds of 50 to 80 mph kicked up a significant amount of dirt/dust as the winds moved north, leading to visibilities being reduced to below ¼ mile in many locations. The reduced visibilities caused a few traffic incidents and the winds knocked down trees, tree branches, and powerlines.

## James Valley Telecommunications 62nd Annual Meeting

Thursday, June 7th @Groton HS Arena

11:30am - 12:30pm Registration & Lunch

12:30pm Business Meeting

*JVT's office will be closed 11am - 2pm.*

Grand Prize \$500 Credit - must be present to win!

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*80th Birthday . . .*



**Joan Kjellsen**

Joan will be celebrating her 80th Birthday on Tuesday, June 12, 2018. Her family requests a card shower in her honor.

Greetings may be sent to:

Joan Kjellsen  
208 Hillview Rd  
Sisseton, SD 57262

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## Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

Last week we started the preseason roster breakdown, beginning with the quarterbacks. This week we move on to the running backs and fullbacks.

In 2017, the Minnesota Vikings were seventh in the NFL with 122.3 rushing yards per game. While that stat may lead some to believe the Vikings had a good run game last year, the reality is the Vikings were decent at best on the ground. Perhaps the biggest stat to measure the rushing game is yards per carry, and the Vikings finished 22nd in the league with 3.9 ypc.

The Vikings are hoping Dalvin Cook will be able to come back from a knee injury that derailed a promising start to his rookie season. Before his injury in week 4, Cook was averaging 96 rushing yards per game and an astonishing 4.8 yards per carry. Cook has been seen at the team's Organized Team Activities (OTAs) and appears ready to resume carrying the football for the Vikings. Mike Zimmer certainly believes he will be ready for the start of the season and was quoted as saying "I think he'll probably get some work (at OTAs) and then should be ready to roll for training camp." That's great news for all Vikings fans!

Latavius Murray was signed by the Vikings in free agency last year to be the lead back, but he ended up playing second fiddle to Cook in the first four weeks. This offseason, the Vikings and Murray agreed to restructure his contract, lowering his cap hit so that he could stay on the team as the primary backup. Latavius ended up leading the team in carries (216) and rushing yards (842) last season, while also catching 15 passes for an additional 103 yards through the air. Personally, I have mixed feeling on Murray. He is a big running back (6'3", 230 pounds) yet he falls down at the slightest touch. However, he is a reliable backup and didn't lose a single fumble all season.

The Vikings' top two running back spots are essentially locked down by Cook and Murray, which leaves the final spot up for grabs. Currently, the Vikings have four running backs gunning for that final spot, but that could change before the season if the Vikings decide to bring in another RB after NFL rosters are cut down from 90 to 53 players. As it stands now, however, the four players vying for the spot are:

Mike Boone, undrafted rookie from Cincinnati. He is a workout warrior but failed to put it all together on the field in college. Boone is a long shot to make the final roster or even the practice squad.

Mack Brown, entering his fourth season in the NFL. He has been able to stick around the NFL because he is a grinder who won't win many races but does his job well and is always willing to compete. He is a strong candidate for the third RB spot.

Johnny Stanton, undrafted rookie from Nevada-Las Vegas. He played quarterback in college, but the Vikings are giving him a shot at running back in the NFL because of his athletic profile. He is a practice squad candidate if the team sees some traits they would like to try and develop. Almost no shot at the final 53-man roster.

Roc Thomas, undrafted rookie from Jacksonville State. He is a former five-star recruit coming out of high school and signed with Auburn before transferring to Jacksonville State to get more playing time. Thomas is an explosive athlete who can be a homerun threat every time he touches the ball. If he learns to be a little more patient, he can have a long and productive NFL career. He is my dark horse candidate to be the team's third string running back, but he should certainly get a look at the team's practice squad if he fails to make the final 53.

The Vikings elected not to bring in competition for C.J. Ham at fullback this year. Ham is entering his second year in the NFL after being an undrafted rookie from Augustana. The Vikings used a fullback on 18.28% of the snaps in 2017 (according to Pro Football Reference), but that usage figures to drop significantly in 2018 under new offensive coordinator John DeFilippo. Last year the Eagles didn't even have a fullback on the roster, so it will be interesting to see if the Vikings elect to keep Ham around or if they will cut him to make room for another position.

Have any questions or comments? Reach out to me on Twitter (@JordanWrightNFL). Don't miss next week's article, where we will cover the wide receiver position. Skol!

## THREE COMMON WAYS YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENT CAN GROW AFTER RETIREMENT

**By: Patty Hoffman**  
**Social Security Public Affairs Specialist**

You made the choice and now you are happily retired. You filed online for your Social Security benefits. They arrive each month in the correct amount exactly as expected. But, did you ever wonder if your Social Security check could increase?

Once you begin receiving benefits, there are three common ways benefit checks can increase: a cost of living adjustment (COLA); additional work; or an adjustment at full retirement age if you received reduced benefits and exceeded the earnings limit.

The COLA is the most commonly known increase for Social Security payments. We annually announce a COLA, and there's usually an increase in the Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefit amount people receive each month. By law, federal benefit rates increase when the cost of living rises, as measured by the Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index (CPI-W). More than 66 million Americans saw a 2.0 percent increase in their Social Security and SSI benefits in 2018. For more information on the 2018 COLA, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/cola](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/cola).

Social Security uses your highest thirty-five years of earnings to figure your benefit amount when you sign up for benefits. If you work after you begin receiving benefits, your additional earnings may increase your payment. If you had fewer than 35 years of earnings when we figured your benefit, you will replace a zero earnings year with new earnings. If you had 35 years or more, we will check to see if your new year of earnings is higher than the lowest of the 35 years (after considering indexing). We check additional earnings each year you work while receiving Social Security. If an increase is due, we send a notice and pay a one-time check for the increase and your continuing payment will be higher.

Maybe you chose to receive reduced Social Security retirement benefits while continuing to work. You made the choice to take benefits early, but at a reduced rate. If you exceeded the allowable earnings limit and had some of your benefits withheld, we will adjust your benefit once you reach full retirement age. We will refigure your payment to credit you for any months you did not receive payments. Your monthly benefit will increase based on the crediting months you receive. You can find additional information about working and your benefit at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10077.pdf](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10077.pdf).

Retirement just got more interesting since you learned about potential increases to monthly payments. Social Security has been securing your today and tomorrow for more than 80 years with information and tools to help you achieve a successful retirement.

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## Today in Weather History

June 4, 1984: Heavy rains of up to seven inches caused the Bad River to rise over 23 feet in six hours at Fort Pierre. Flash flooding resulted as a dam, 17 miles west of Fort Pierre gave way, and an irrigation dam near town was damaged. Water covered some roads and bridges. Many homes had water damage. Strong thunderstorm winds gusting up to 60 mph downed numerous branches and several signs in Faulk, Edmunds, McPherson, and Brown Counties.

June 4, 1991: Heavy rains of 2 to 5 inches caused street flooding in Harrold. Several county roads in Stanley, Sully, Hughes, and Lyman Counties were closed due to flooding. Some rainfall amounts include 1.83 inches at Oahe Dam; 1.96 inches, 12 miles SSW of Harrold; and 3.20 inches, two miles North of Onaka.

June 4, 1993: An earthquake measuring 4.1 on the Richter scale shook a portion of northeast South Dakota but caused no real damage or injuries. The epicenter of the quake was 22 miles northwest of Morris, Minnesota or 38 miles east of Sisseton and was felt in most of Roberts, Grant, and Deuel Counties. The quake was the first in the area since 1975.

1825: A severe storm of tropical origin swept up the Atlantic Coast during the first week of June 1825 with reports of significant damage from Florida to New York City. Shipping logs told of a disturbance at Santo Domingo on May 28th and Cuba on June 1st. Gales were reported at St. Augustine, Florida on the 2nd. The Norfolk and Portsmouth Herald reported "undiminished violence" from the gale force winds for 27 hours, ending on June 4th. The effect of the storm reached well inland. Washington had cold, heavy rain all day on the 4th with high winds laying the crops in the vicinity. The wind also tore up trees by the roots in front of the State House in Philadelphia. This storm impacted the New Jersey Coast and the Long Island area as well with high winds and a two-foot storm surge. A Columbian frigate was driven ashore as were many smaller boats. The largest loss of life occurred along the Long Island shore when a schooner capsized. The entire crew of seven was lost.

1860 - Iowa's Commanche Tornado , with wind speeds estimated in excess of 300 mph, was unquestionably one of the worst experienced by early settlers, with nearly a million dollars damage. (The Weather Channel)

1877: A tornado of estimated F4 intensity touched down just west of Mt. Carmel, Illinois and moved east-northeast, devastating the town. 20 businesses and 100 homes were damaged or destroyed. At least 16 people and as many as 30 were killed, with 100 others injured.

1982 - A four day storm began over New England which produced up to 14 inches of rain in southern Connecticut breaching twenty-three dams and breaking two others. Damage was estimated at more than 276 million dollars. (David Ludlum)




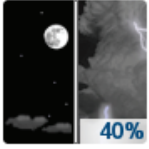



1987 - Early morning thunderstorms in south Texas produced 6.5 inches of rain at Hockheim, and five inches at Hallettsville, in just a few hours. Afternoon thunderstorms in Virginia deluged northern Halifax County with 5.5 inches of rain in two hours. Thunderstorms produced wind gusts to 76 mph at Dusty WA, and wind gusts to 88 mph at Swanquarter NC. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - A dozen cities in the eastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date, including Atlantic City NJ with a reading of 40 degrees. Fifteen cities in the north central U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date, including Glasgow MT and Havre MT with readings of 102 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather from the Southern Plains Region and the Lower Mississippi Valley to the Southern Atlantic Coast Region during the day and into the night. Just four tornadoes were reported, but there were 87 reports of large hail and damaging winds. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
						
Hot	Mostly Clear	Hot	Mostly Clear then Chance T-storms	Slight Chance T-storms then Mostly Sunny	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny then Slight Chance Showers
High: 91 °F	Low: 60 °F	High: 97 °F	Low: 65 °F	High: 85 °F	Low: 56 °F	High: 83 °F

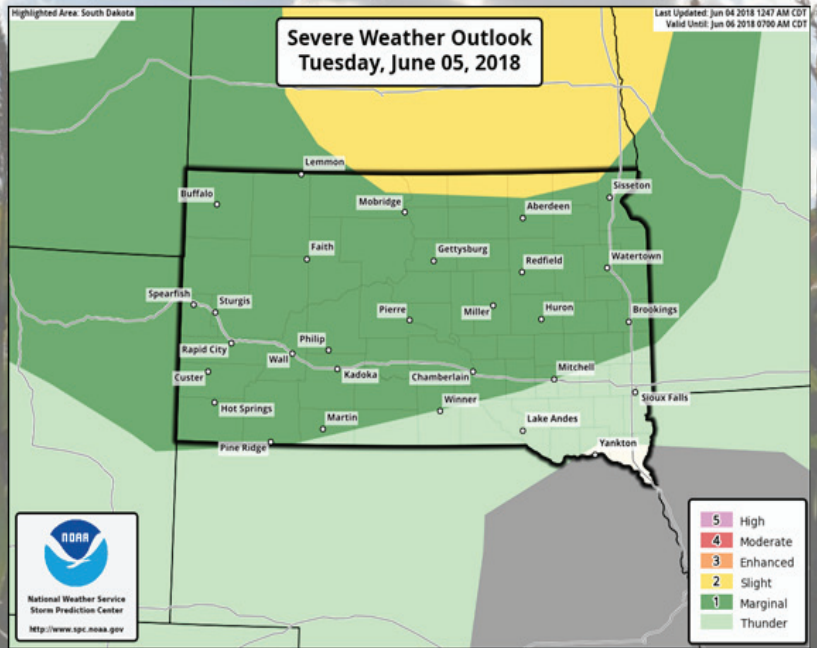
## Heat and Storms This Week

### Today

Sunny, south breezes, highs in the mid 80s to low 90s

### Tuesday

T-storms are possible Tuesday evening and overnight. The best chance for severe weather in the yellow shading. Highs in the low to upper 90s



National Weather Service Aberdeen, SD

Updated: 6/4/2018 5:08 AM Central

Published on: 06/04/2018 at 5:18AM

Sunny and warm weather today, turning hot Tuesday with highs in the 90s. Storm chances return Tuesday evening as an area of low pressure moves into the region, and it's possible they may become strong to severe. Additional storm chances exist on and off throughout the work-week.

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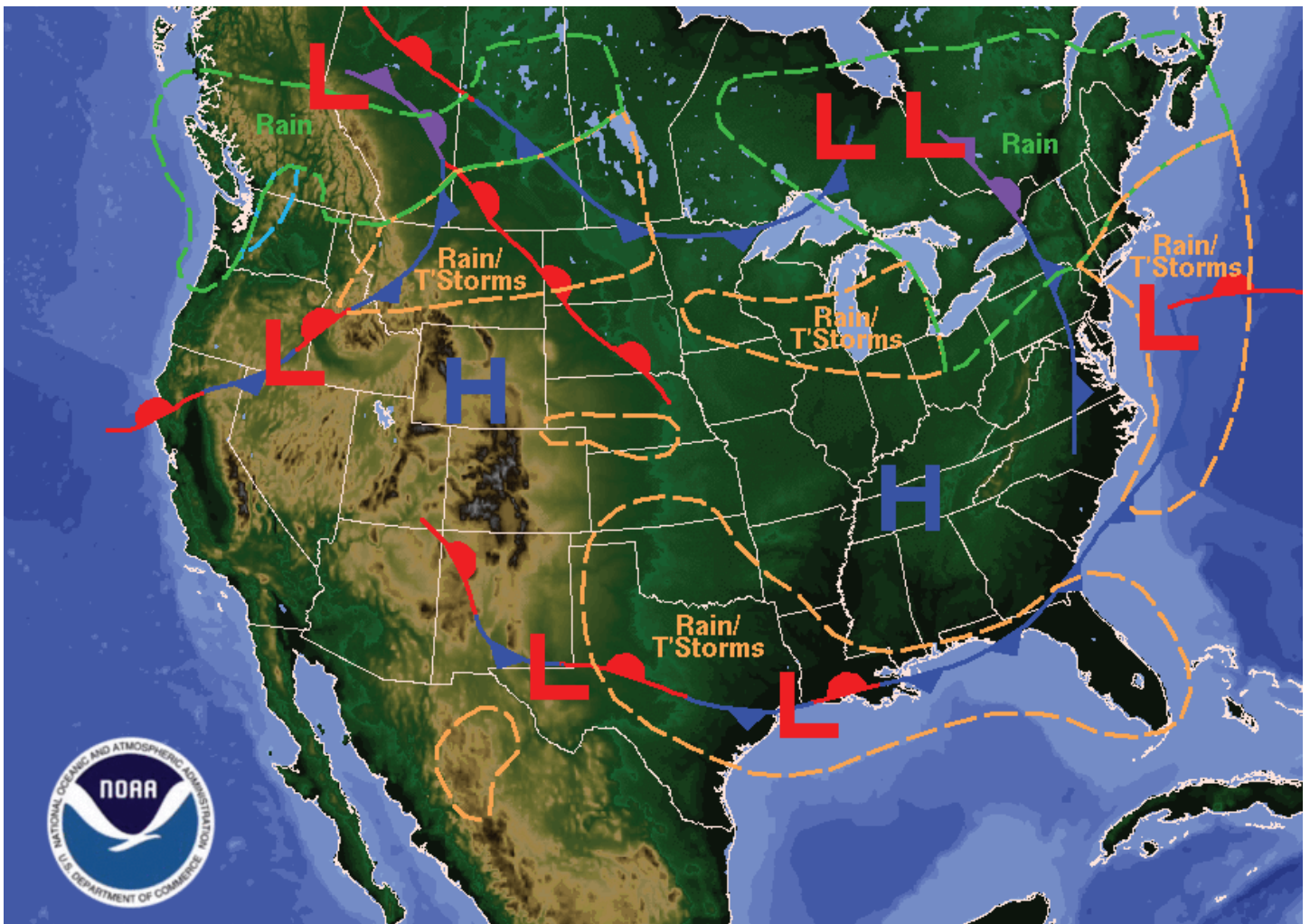
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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 77.9 F at 5:42 PM**  
**Low Outside Temp: 47.0 F at 6:31 AM**  
**Wind Chill:**  
**High Gust: 28.0 Mph at 10:13 AM**  
**Precip: 0.00**

## Today's Info

**Record High: 101° in 1933**  
**Record Low: 34° in 1954**  
**Average High: 74°F**  
**Average Low: 51°F**  
**Average Precip in June: 0.46**  
**Precip to date in June: 0.04**  
**Average Precip to date: 7.60**  
**Precip Year to Date: 4.34**  
**Sunset Tonight: 9:17 p.m.**  
**Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:46 a.m.**



### Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Mon, Jun 04, 2018, issued 4:41 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McReynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

**Rain**  
**Rain and T'Storms**  
**Rain and Snow**  
**Snow**

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



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## STRENGTH FOR THE JOURNEY



There are "woods" and there are "woulds." And there is a great difference between the two of them. We know that "forests" are made of "trees" that we call "woods." And there are many Christians who have "woulds" in their lives.

Every now and then we hear some say, "I know that what I am doing is wrong - but I'm going to do it anyway. I would do the right thing but there is some thing inside me that is stronger than me and it makes me do these evil things. I would do the Lord's will, but there is some thing deep within me that continues to make me a slave to sin and I would give it up but have not been able to."

That's being lost "in the woulds." But the Psalmist decided that he would not be lost in the "woulds." Rather, he confidently cried out from the depths of his heart and said, "The Lord is my strength and my defense; He has become my salvation!"

We are never sufficient in ourselves to be or do all that God would have us to. We have proven this time and time again: we often intend to do what was right only to realize that our best and most earnest efforts were not enough. We needed someone Who was above us and beyond us but willingly and lovingly lived within us.

Jesus said, "Without Me you can do nothing." But Paul gave us the solution to our lack of strength and the resource that is available to enable us to do God's will: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!"

If we would do right and live right, He must be Lord.

Prayer: Often, Lord, we would do what is right only to fail. Strengthen us with Your Spirit to honor You always. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 118:14 The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.

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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)
- 5/4/2019 Spring City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday in May)
- 5/27/2019 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

### Lakota language immersion expanding in Rapid City

By CHRISTOPHER VONDRACEK, Rapid City Journal

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The children speak in Lakota. Their teacher, Savannah Greseth, walks the aisles of seated second graders, counting to 15 with them. “Wa?zí, nú?pa, yámni.” Only when she prepares a short video does a child speak up in English.

“Can I turn off the lights?” asked a student.

“Há?” or “yes,” Greseth responded. The student scampers up to hit the lights, and the video starts. Children softly pat hands on the carpet and sing along with the teacher on the screen, who sings T?awápaha Olówa? or the “Lakota Flag Song.”

“T?u?kásilayapi, t?awápaha ki?há?”

So opens the Lakota immersion class at General Beadle Elementary School in Rapid City, the Rapid City Journal reported. The class is a year old. Next year, Greseth will move to full-time with her own classroom. But there’s nothing new about speaking and singing in Lakota.

“This language predates Rapid City,” Greseth said.

Around a poster of Charlie Brown pasted on the hallway space of the converted classroom, flags of the nine Sioux nations in South Dakota line the wall. Sometimes the kids point up to tell Greseth which tribe their family comes from. The class comprises Native American and non-Native students.

“They get a sense of pride that they get to share their background knowledge,” said Greseth. “Some kids have said ‘Lakota’ is their favorite class.”

Most don’t come from Lakota-speaking homes.

“Some will come in knowing a word or two.”

After the movie, the white boards come out, and Greseth sounds out letters.

“Yah-Yameni,” Greseth said.

The children scribble “Ys” on the boards and hold them up for approval.

Next, the children move to BINGO or WAGMU. Greseth made the cards herself.

“It just has the right amount of letters and,” she claps her hands, indicating syllabic stress, “bin-GO and wag-MU.”

“Same amount of squares. Nothing too special.”

Students can enroll in Lakota language at many colleges from the University of South Dakota to Sitting Bull College. On Pine Ridge, students learn Lakota, too. The Lakota classes offered in public schools in Rapid City include an elective at North Middle School and a language class at Central High School. But when Sarah Pierce took over last summer as the city’s director for Title VI, which funds education programs for Native American students, she wanted to implement language programming more regularly at the elementary level.

“I knew all about her expertise in this and asked if she’d be willing,” Pierce said.

Both Pierce and Greseth are enrolled Oglala Lakota. Pierce grew up near Rockyford and took Lakota at Red Cloud Indian School (where she met Greseth), but she envies the instruction students at General Beadle receive from Greseth.

“They’re learning the foundation of the language,” Pierce whispers, while the student sound out letters with their teacher, who uses non-verbal cues such as opening her eyes wide when a student’s answer surprises her.

Greseth loves language. She received degrees at Sisseton Wahpeton College and Black Hills State University and a Lakota Language certificate from Oglala Lakota College. At Central High School in Rapid, she also took French and Spanish. But her interest of Lakota — she’s learned from teachers and elders at language programs from Pine Ridge to Standing Rock — began at age 6.

“My u?cí, or my grandma, she speaks some (Lakota), but she went to the boarding school so not a whole

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lot," Greseth said.

Boarding schools, as part of assimilation, forbade and punished children speaking in their native language. Today, Lakota is considered "critically endangered." The Lakota Language Consortium in 2016 reported that 2,000 first-language speakers were alive, down two-thirds from a decade earlier.

But at General Beadle, and many schools, efforts are underway to preserve the language. It's more than just learning the diacritics and glottal stops (which creates a popping sound), but values.

"We learn the values of wówachi?t?a?ka, or patience and tolerance, and wócha?tet'i?ze, or courage, and what that looks like from a Lakota lens.

Seventy percent of General Beadle Elementary's students are Native American, many Lakota. But learning Lakota is not only culture-building, it's also good training. Studies suggest bilingual students have more brain activity, can more easily make friends, and land better jobs.

"Lakota is a world language," Greseth said. "And it should be valued as such."

Lakota has no official orthography, so Greseth uses what she calls "user-friendly" spellings from the Lakota Language Consortium. Materials come packaged with games on the iPad, flash cards, and laminated posters of animals with names highlighted.

This summer, preparing to teach Lakota full-time in the fall (she currently spends half her day in the Jobs for Graduates program at North Middle School), Greseth plans to deepen her curriculum with traditional Lakota stories. She said her own children are even learning, slowly.

"Wasté! Wagmú wa? luhá!" she said, congratulating a student whose WAGMU card filled up.

The other students sit four to a table and reverently wait the next sound.

"Gnugnúska," Greseth said.

"That's grasshopper," Pierce said.

Students who have the "g" sound quickly place markers over the letter.

At the end of class, high school seniors arrive in their graduation gowns to high-five students for the annual graduation walk, trotting past the sign Greseth had posted on the wall of her makeshift classroom: "Ta?yá? Yahípi."

"It means 'welcome,'" Greseth said. "Literally it said, 'It's good that you're all here.'"

This story has been changed to correct the spelling of several Lakota words throughout. It also corrects paragraph 14 to note that Greseth made the game cards herself, instead of inventing the game.

## South Dakota travel agent retires after 53 years

By VICTORIA LUSK, Aberdeen American News

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — After more than five decades of booking trips, a local travel agent has put down her pen.

When Pat Olsen started in the travel industry 53 years ago, it was a much different time.

In the 1960s, everything was hand-written, and airline flights, as well as their prices, were published in 4-inch thick books, which means they were set for at least a year.

The 1964 Central High School graduate would establish herself in the industry by attending an airline school in Minneapolis before working as a reservation agent in New York City.

But she wanted to be a teacher, which meant moving back to Aberdeen and attending Northern State University.

It was then that life intervened a bit, she said. At the end of the first year, she saw that then-Aberdak Travel was hiring a travel agent.

"It was funny I got hired," she said. "I mean, he knew I had experience with travel. But (the owner) said, 'I don't know if I should hire her. She'll probably just get married and have kids.'"

That would be inappropriate in this day and age, Olsen, 72, told the Aberdeen American News .

Still, she took the job and her callused fingers would pen ticket after ticket. She'd flip through hundreds of pages to help plan her client's travel. She'd see repeat customers year after year — one to this day.

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And she would get married and have two children.

The first big change was when the travel business got its first computer system in 1980, Olsen said.

"I no longer had to write tickets, so the computer was really great," she said. "But once we got the internet, things changed dramatically. The internet has never been real convenient for me. I'm not real fond of it."

That's when she became more of a destination planner as opposed to ticket writer, she said.

Industrywide, the internet would drastically decrease the number of travel agencies. Airlines could make daily changes to prices and flight times. And people decided they could book travel without an agent, Olsen said.

But those who valued the service continued to use it, and that's why Aberdak, now Travel Leaders, survived, Olsen said.

"Definitely (because of) the service. If things go wrong, who are you going to call? The internet?" she said.

A travel agent handles everything from missed or delayed flights to problems with reservations and more. That kind of service is one thing the internet will never beat, she said.

Olsen has never been terribly fond of flying, but that doesn't stop her from traveling. She and her husband Mike have been on a few great cruises, her family has seen Disneyland, and there's a family member's cabin with some great fishing spots in Canada.

That's one of the places she plans to spend her days after retiring. Other stops are likely to be the golf course, other good lakes and with her friends at the senior center. And Olsen said she wants to take up pickleball, which is similar to tennis but uses paddles and a Wiffle ball.

"It just feels like it was the right time," she said.

Mike Olsen retired a few years ago.

"He's been ready for me to retire, too," Pat Olsen said.

## Yankton works on road signs with federal grant

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — Road signs throughout southeast South Dakota county are getting a facelift thanks to a \$372,000 federal grant.

Clark Engineering of Sioux Falls is replacing or adding nearly 13,000 signs in Yankton County, the Yankton Press and Dakotan reported .

"We replaced everything (the county) had that was standard and added in a lot of signs," said Colin Kelley of the engineering firm. "Gravel roads are the place you see it the most. Where there may be a turn or curve, they've added in large chevrons to direct people around the curve. .. Gravel roads have a lot more signs to keep them safe."

The project involves the South Dakota Department of Transportation, Yankton County Planning and Zoning, and the Yankton County Highway Department.

Kelley says the changes will help make sure all of the county's road signage is up to federal standards and keeps the roadways safe.

"Safety was the biggest issue we looked at for sure," Kelley said. "With the new standards, they wanted everything to be as safe as we could possibly get it without impeding traffic."

The first phase of the project began in March and concluded Friday. That phase involves work on signs west of Highway 81. Workers will focus on the signs in the eastern half of the county starting in July with a Nov. 1 deadline.

Residents who notice a sign placed in error should contact the county Planning and Zoning office, said director Pat Garrity.

"We will research it and see if it needs to be changed or corrected," Garrity said. "We can get it within the grant funding because they're still here."

## Unfinished mansion continues to be eyesore for South Dakota

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls officials say there are few options to make the owner of a seemingly abandoned mansion finish the project.

The mansion in the upscale Prairie Hills neighborhood has sat unfinished with exposed walls, deteriorating shingles and graffiti, the Argus Leader reported .

The city has sent several letters and at least two demolition notices to owner Vitaliy Strizheus, said Matt Tobias, Sioux Falls Code Enforcement manager.

Strizheus got another building permit for the project in the fall, but officials have seen no additional work on the property, Tobias said.

The city can't take action until the permit expires in June, Tobias said. Then the city can issue letters requesting the owner share his plans for the property. If Strizheus doesn't respond in a timely manner, the city could issue a notice of demolition, he said.

"We don't really want to do it but at the same point we're ready to file legal action," he said. "In our world, June 9 is that key deadline."

The Prairie Hills property will be monitored for code infractions and Strizheus will be held to the same standards as other residents in the neighborhood, Tobias said.

The city's options are limited following a similar case in 2014 involving a Sioux Falls resident who'd been renovating his home for more than a decade. Judge Joni Cutler ruled that governments can't dictate the pace of construction.

Strizheus first started building the mansion in 2013. Personal issues halted the project, but he told the Argus Leader in October that he intended to resume work.

Strizheus couldn't be reached for comment.

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

## Troopers suffer minor injuries after Sioux Falls pursuit

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Authorities in Sioux Falls say two troopers suffered minor injuries while trying to arrest a suspect accused of fleeing in a stolen vehicle.

KELO-TV reports that the troopers were hurt about 2 a.m. Sunday after one of the officers intentionally rammed the suspect vehicle and the suspect took off on foot. One trooper was injured trying to tackle the suspect. Another trooper was bitten by a police dog that was released at the scene.

Two patrol vehicles were damaged in the pursuit.

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Information from: KELO-TV, <http://www.keloland.com>

Augustana cruises to NCAA Division II baseball championship

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Augustana baseball coach Tim Huber summed up his team's run to a national title as "pretty darn cool."

The Vikings capped off the NCAA Division II World Series Saturday with a 3-2 win over Columbus State for the Sioux Falls school's first national title. Augustana was undefeated in the double-elimination tournament.

Augustana pitcher Jacob Blank struck out 12 batters and limited Columbus State to four hits, all of them in the same inning. J.T. Mix, the No. 9 batter in the order, provided the game-winning RBI in the sixth inning.

Augustana's Tyler Mitzel was named the tournament's most valuable player.

The Vikings finished with a 52-9 record. Huber tells the Argus Leader that it was an "unbelievable team effort" with different players leading the way in the playoffs.

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## At Trump-Kim summit, don't expect NKorea to foot the bill

By ERIC TALMADGE, Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — When North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and President Donald Trump hold their summit at an exclusive venue in Singapore, one of the priciest destinations in Asia, they will no doubt run up quite a bill. And if past precedent is any indication, expect Pyongyang to pay as little of it as possible.

Speculation over how North Korea will handle the costs for Kim's June 12 meeting with Trump has taken off after a Washington Post report cited two anonymous U.S. officials suggesting the Trump administration has been "seeking a discreet way" to help pay Kim's hotel bill.

The report suggested host nation Singapore might take care of it.

But what exactly needs to be paid for isn't yet clear.

Sure there are the costs of summit venue and the hotels, with one reported option, the Fullerton, coming with a \$6,000-a-night price tag for its presidential suite. But that would hardly break the North Korean bank.

While Kim could decide to stay the night, or maybe even two, he might also be in a hurry to get back home, in which case the North wouldn't need a room so much as a base camp. North Korea has an embassy in Singapore, but that likely wouldn't be good enough to meet the logistical and security demands of a full-on summit.

The North may want to send a large delegation to accompany Kim and provide its own security. If there are any feelers going out about cost-sharing, that's a likely topic. But it would be more of a sweetener than a necessity.

Whatever the venue, it's debatable why an outside party would need to pay.

North Korea's government, which is no stranger to hosting lavish events like military parades and party congresses of its own, has ample funds to cover important meetings for Kim.

While highly speculative — Kim is even more averse to divulging details about his personal wealth than Trump — the North Korean leader is believed by some foreign experts to be worth well over \$1 billion and have access to billions dollars more thanks to the full backing of his country.

But as history has shown, summits with the Kim family don't come cheap.

Seoul reportedly spent somewhere in the range of \$5 million to cover the costs of costs of President Moon Jae-in's first summit with Kim in April — a day-long affair that was held in publicly owned buildings on the South Korean side of the Demilitarized Zone.

And though this falls in a category all of its own, former South Korean President Kim Dae-jung's administration secretly paid \$500 million to just to get Kim Jong Un's father to agree to the first-ever North-South Korea summit in 2000.

The South Korean president won that year's Nobel Peace Prize, before the payment was made public. One of his aides was convicted and went to prison.

Hosting North Koreans at sports events can also have extra costs attached.

South Korea paid \$2.5 million to cover the costs of more than 400 North Koreans, only 22 of whom were athletes, at the Pyeongchang Games in February.

The Olympics were the first big step of Kim's ongoing diplomatic campaign, which he announced with great fanfare in January. But they weren't the first time Seoul had shelled out in the name of Korean unity.

For the Asian Games in Busan in 2002, it gave about \$1.3 million, then \$836,000 for a Universiade in 2003 and another \$385,000 for the Asian Games in 2014.

U.S. State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert has denied the U.S. would pay for North Korea in Singapore and said Washington wasn't asking anyone else to, either.

In keeping with normal practice, Singapore, as the host nation, will have to put out for general security and various other expenses.

Singapore announced Monday that it was declaring part of its city center a "special event area" from June 10 to 14 for the summit. The designation will allow for greater security in the area, which is near the U.S. Embassy as well as several hotels, including the Shangri-La.

The Shangri-La has been mentioned as a possible venue for the talks due to its experience as the site

of an annual security conference that draws defense officials from around the globe.

Singapore's Defense Minister Ng Eng Hen on Saturday confirmed the country would foot some costs, while steering clear of the details of whether Pyongyang or Washington had made any specific requests.

"We want to contribute in our small way so that this summit can occur," he told reporters.

The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons has also offered to chip in a share of the million dollars it was awarded for winning the Nobel Peace Prize last year.

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## Giuliani: Trump could pardon himself, but why?

By JONATHAN LEMIRE, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — As the White House sharpened its legal and political defenses against the special counsel Russia probe, an attorney for President Donald Trump's legal team made it clear that it would combat any effort to force the president to testify in front of a grand jury.

Rudy Giuliani on Sunday underscored one of the main arguments in a newly unveiled letter sent by Trump's lawyers to special counsel Robert Mueller back in January: that a president can't be given a grand jury subpoena as part of the investigation into foreign meddling in the 2016 election.

But Giuliani, in a series of television interviews, broke with one of their bolder arguments in the letter that a president could not have committed obstruction of justice because he has ultimate authority over any federal investigation. He also played down the possibility that Trump could pardon himself, suggesting he might have that authority but would be unwise to use it.

"Pardoning himself would be unthinkable and probably lead to immediate impeachment," Giuliani told NBC's "Meet the Press." "And he has no need to do it, he's done nothing wrong."

Yet the former New York City mayor, who was not on the legal team when the letter was written, added that Trump "probably does" have the power to pardon himself, an assertion challenged by legal scholars. He says the president's legal team hasn't discussed that option, which many observers believe could plunge the nation into a constitutional crisis.

"I think the political ramifications would be tough," Giuliani told ABC's "This Week." "Pardoning other people is one thing, pardoning yourself is tough."

Trump has issued two unrelated pardons in recent days and discussed others, a move that has been interpreted as a possible signal to allies ensnared in the Russia probe.

The letter is dated Jan. 29 and addressed to Mueller from John Dowd, a Trump lawyer who has since resigned from the legal team. Mueller has requested an interview with the president to determine whether he had criminal intent to obstruct the investigation into his associates' possible links to Russia's election interference.

Giuliani said Sunday that a decision about an interview would not be made until after Trump's summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un on June 12 in Singapore, and he cast doubt that it would occur at all.

"I mean, we're leaning toward not," Giuliani told ABC. "But look, if they can convince us that it will be brief, it would be to the point, there were five or six points they have to clarify, and with that, we can get this — this long nightmare for the — for the American public over."

In addition to the legal battles, Trump's team and allies have waged a public relations campaign against Mueller and the Justice Department to discredit the investigation and soften the impact of the special counsel's potential findings. Giuliani said last week that the special counsel probe may be an "entirely illegitimate investigation" and need to be curtailed because, in his estimation, it was based on inappropriately obtained information from an informant and Comey's memos.

In reality, the FBI began a counterintelligence investigation in July 2016 to determine if Trump campaign associates were coordinating with Russia to tip the election. The investigation was opened after the hacking of Democratic emails that intelligence officials later formally attributed to Russia.

Trump's team has requested a briefing about the informant, but Giuliani said Sunday that the president



would not order the Justice Department to comply because it would negatively affect public opinion. But he continued to cast doubt on the special counsel's eventual findings, suggesting that Trump has already offered explanations for the matters being investigated and that the special counsel was biased against the president.

"For every one of these things he did, we can write out five reasons why he did it," Giuliani said. "If four of them are completely innocent and one of them is your assumption that it's a guilty motive, which (Trump) would deny, you can't possibly prosecute him."

Trump's legal team has long pushed the special counsel to narrow the scope of its interview. Giuliani also suggested that Trump's lawyers had been incorrect when they denied that the president was involved with the letter that offered an explanation for Donald Trump Jr.'s 2016 Trump Tower meeting with Russians who offered damaging information on Democrat Hillary Clinton.

"This is the reason you don't let the president testify," Giuliani told ABC. "Our recollection keeps changing, or we're not even asked a question and somebody makes an assumption."

If Trump does not consent to an interview, Mueller will have to decide whether to go forward with a historic grand jury subpoena. His team raised the possibility in March of subpoenaing the president, but it is not clear if it is still under active consideration.

A court battle is likely if Trump's team argues that the president can't be forced to answer questions or be charged with obstruction of justice. President Bill Clinton was charged with obstruction in 1998 by the House of Representatives as part of his impeachment trial. And one of the articles of impeachment prepared against President Richard Nixon in 1974 was for obstruction.

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## **APNewsBreak: Skimping can't save seniors from upped med cost**

**By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Medicare recipients filled fewer prescriptions for pricey brand-name drugs — but spent more on such meds anyway, says a government report due out Monday. It blames rising manufacturer prices for squeezing older people and taxpayers.

The Health and Human Services inspector general's office says it found a 17 percent drop in the overall number of prescriptions for brand-name medications under Medicare's "Part D" drug program over a recent five-year period.

But beneficiaries' share of costs for branded drugs went in the opposite direction. From 2011 to 2015, their annual costs rose by 40 percent, from \$161 in 2011 to \$225 on average. Data for 2011-2015 were the most recent available for the analysis.

"Increases in unit prices for brand-name drugs resulted in Medicare and its beneficiaries paying more for these drugs," said the report. Rising Medicare payments for brand-name drugs "will continue to affect Part D and its beneficiaries for years to come."

A copy of the report was provided to The Associated Press.

Although new drugs priced at \$100,000 a year or more grab headlines, the report emphasized that the most persistent problem for Medicare beneficiaries is the high cost of maintenance medications for common chronic conditions like diabetes. Total out-of-pocket costs for patients were highest for brand-name insulin, cholesterol drugs and asthma inhalers.

The affordability of maintenance medications "directly impacts Medicare beneficiaries and their ability to access the prescription drugs they need to stay healthy," Ann Maxwell, assistant inspector general, said in an interview. "This has an immediate direct impact on their quality of life and their health."

The data driving the report predate the Trump administration, but its conclusions dovetail with how officials view the problem. HHS Secretary Alex Azar says two of the main issues for the U.S. are high list prices for drugs and high out-of-pocket costs, especially for Medicare beneficiaries.

The administration has proposed a long list of measures to increase competition, shed light on pharma-

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ceutical pricing and straighten out industry and government practices seen as artificially raising costs. But drug pricing is cryptic and complex; it remains unclear how long the administration will take to put plans in place, and how dramatic an impact that would have.

President Donald Trump seems to be itching for something more immediate. He recently hinted that major drug companies will soon announce "voluntary massive drops in prices." No details were forthcoming.

About 43 million Medicare beneficiaries have prescription coverage under a Part D plan, according to the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation, with premiums that vary widely, averaging \$41 a month this year. The benefit is subsidized by taxpayers and administered through private insurers, which are supposed to act as negotiators for beneficiaries and Medicare.

Initially the program was credited for encouraging a frugal shift to generic drugs, but in recent years spending has accelerated. Polls regularly find that the public is alarmed about the cost of prescription drugs, and that voters regardless of political affiliation want government action.

Among other findings from the report:

— Drugmakers raised prices more rapidly for the most commonly used brand-name medications, with the highest demand among Medicare patients. Average costs for the 200 drugs with the most prescriptions in 2015 rose at nearly double the rate of increase for branded drugs as a whole.

—The share of Medicare enrollees spending \$2,000 a year or more of their own money for brand-name drugs nearly doubled over the five years studied, reaching 7.3 percent in 2015.

—Total program spending for brand-name drugs increased by 77 percent from 2011 to 2015, from \$58 billion to \$102 billion. That statistic is a measure of taxpayers' growing exposure.

—Rebates paid by manufacturers didn't seem to make a huge dent in costs. After accounting for rebates, Medicare reimbursement for branded drugs still increased by 62 percent. That was the case even though total rebates more than doubled, from \$9 billion in 2011 to \$23 billion in 2015.

Drugmakers often pay rebates to middlemen called pharmacy benefit managers, or to insurers. The payments are tied to expected sales of a drug and other factors. Insurers say they use the money to keep monthly premiums in check. But the Trump administration wants some of the rebates to be paid back directly to patients when they purchase medications.

The pharmaceutical industry says its prices reflect the challenges of developing new drugs and shepherding them through government approval, a years-long process that involves research, experimentation and extensive testing.

## Immigration fight, tension on tariffs await Congress' return

By LISA MASCARO, AP Congressional Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — This was supposed to be the quiet time on Capitol Hill, but Congress returns to work Monday facing a showdown in the House over immigration while Senate Republicans are trying to stop an all-out trade war after President Donald Trump's decision to impose import tariffs on close U.S. allies.

Tensions are running particularly high as Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is threatening to cancel the traditional August recess as he fights Democratic opposition to GOP priorities in a show of busy-work before the midterm election.

It's shaping up to be far from the typical summer slowdown when legislating usually makes way for campaigning.

"Another summer, another heavy work load," tweeted Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, as he pushed to confirm nominations. "NOW is the time to vote on Fridays (even wknds!)." The Senate often is not in session on Fridays.

Congress faces a few should-do items in the weeks ahead. Topping the agenda is passage of the annual defense bill, which includes pay raises for the troops. It has already cleared the House. The Senate could begin consideration of its defense bill this week. But the Senate version carries a warning to Trump with a trade provision to block any White House plan to lift penalties on the China-based telecommunications company ZTE, which faces trade law violations over selling sensitive technologies to U.S. adversaries.

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Trump's moves on trade are expected to consume conversations among Senate Republicans this week. They're worried about a wider trade war spiking prices for home-state businesses and consumers if Trump imposes steel and aluminum tariffs, as planned, on imports from Canada, Mexico and the European Union.

Republicans will be making the case to the administration that the tariffs could dampen the economic gains from the GOP tax cuts and sour the mood among voters as lawmakers are campaigning to protect the Republican majority in Congress.

Some Republicans are also hoping Trump simply changes his mind and doesn't follow through with it. But aides said others may be signing on to a bill from Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, that would subject all trade actions by the executive branch, including tariffs, to congressional approval. Rep. Will Hurd, R-Texas, said he would support a similar move in the House. "Congress has shared our responsibility when it comes to trade with the executive branch over the last couple of decades, and I think that's something that we need to re-evaluate," he told CBS' "Face the Nation."

Meanwhile, House Republicans face a self-imposed deadline Thursday for resolving an immigration stand-off between GOP centrists who are forcing a vote on legislation to protect young immigrants who were brought to the country illegally as children and conservatives who want stricter immigration enforcement with money for Trump's border wall.

The centrists want to provide a way for the young immigrants to become permanent residents, which can lead to citizenship. Conservatives are opposed to creating a new pathway to staying in the U.S. permanently, equating it with granting amnesty to lawbreakers.

Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., are trying to craft a Republican-led bill as a compromise between the factions, but it's difficult.

House leaders plan a two-hour private meeting of GOP lawmakers Thursday morning to hash out whether talks among the party's factions have produced an immigration compromise that can win broad support. Underscoring the sensitivity of the session, staff is to be excluded.

They're trying to prevent the moderates from joining with Democrats to pass the "Dreamer" protections, which polls suggest are popular, but which would be a setback for GOP leaders and expose the majority to complaints from the conservative base.

Without a deal, the moderates say they'll push ahead with enough signatures on a so-called discharge petition to force the vote over the leadership's objections.

Hurd said moderates have the votes already, but are "engaged in conversations to figure out ... is there another path. I don't believe that there is."

Rep. Carlos Curbelo, R-Fla., said in an interview last week that he saw a 50-50 chance of those talks succeeding. He warned that if they didn't bear fruit, he and his supporters "fully expect" to continue pushing their petition.

Curbelo said the young immigrants must "be guaranteed a future in our country, meaning they cannot be exposed to deportation." He said, "They must have permanent status immediately and they must have the option of a bridge into the legal immigration system," meaning a pathway to citizenship.

The moderates' effort has won the backing of GOP Sen. John McCain, fighting brain cancer back home in Arizona, who tweeted on Saturday: "Congress can't ignore this critical issue — and the many lives it impacts — any longer."

Starting Monday in the Senate, McConnell has teed up votes on three nominees to serve as federal district court judges, including the first Hispanic lawyer whom Trump nominated for the bench, Fernando Rodriguez Jr. of Texas.

The selections are expected to receive bipartisan support, though more contentious votes are expected in coming weeks. Republicans have made it a top priority to get Trump's nominees on the bench, to the alarm of Democrats, who say Republicans are working to stack the federal judiciary with young ideologues who will shape it for decades to come.

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## **Suicide bombing targets gathering of clerics in Kabul; 7 die**

**By RAHIM FAIEZ and AMIR SHAH, Associated Press**

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A suicide bombing targeted a gathering of Afghanistan's top clerics on Monday in Kabul, killing at least seven people and wounding nine, the police said. Shortly before the attack struck, the clerics had issued a fatwa against suicide bombings and urged peace talks to end the Afghan war.

Ghafor Aziz, police chief of Kabul's 5th District, said the bomber detonated his explosives near the entrance of a compound where the religious body, known as the Afghan Ulema Council, was meeting under the traditional tent of the Loya Jirga, the council of elders.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack.

Initially, four people were reported killed but the police very soon raised the death toll to seven and said that nine people were wounded. It was not immediately clear how many of the clerics were among those killed.

Aziz added that had the attacker penetrated deeper, the casualty numbers could have been significantly higher.

Najib Danish, spokesman for the Interior Ministry, said the seven fatalities included one policeman. Two policemen were among those wounded in the bombing, he added.

Around 2,000 members of the council had gathered for the meeting at the tent erected in the Afghan capital's 5th District. The explosion struck as the council was ending and the participants were about to leave, Aziz said.

Shortly before the attack, the clerics had issued an Islamic ruling, or a fatwa, declaring that suicide attacks are "haram" — forbidden under Islamic law.

The council appealed on both the Afghan government forces and the Taliban and other militants to halt the fighting and agree on a cease-fire. It also called for peace negotiations between the two sides. It was the first time the council has issued such an appeal.

Less than an hour before the attack happened, Ghofranullah Murad, a member of the council, read out a written statement from the gathering saying that innocent Afghan men, women and children are the true victims of the 17-year-long war.

"The ongoing war in Afghanistan is illegal and has no root in Sharia (Islamic) law," the statement said. "It is illegal according to Islamic laws and it does nothing but shed the blood of Muslims."

"We the religious Ulema call on the Taliban to respond positively to the peace offer of the Afghan government in order to prevent further bloodshed in the country," it added.

The fatwa also said that killing people by any means — such as bombs and suicide attacks — as well as violent acts, including robbery and kidnapping, count as sins in Islam.

The Taliban in April announced the start of their annual spring offensive but in recent years, the insurgent group and also the Islamic State affiliate in the country carry out near-daily attacks through all the seasons. The Taliban have managed to seize control of several districts across the country and regularly target Kabul, the capital.

Both militant groups seek to establish strict Islamic rule in the country. Their relentless assaults underscore the struggles that Afghan forces have faced since the United States and NATO concluded their combat mission in Afghanistan at the end of 2014.

Though the U.S. formally ended the combat mission, thousands of American troops remain in Afghanistan in a counterterrorism and supporting role. The Trump administration has sent additional troops to try to change the course of America's longest war.

## Guatemala volcanic eruption sends lava into homes, kills 25

By SONIA PEREZ D., Associated Press

EL RODEO, Guatemala (AP) — A fiery volcanic eruption in south-central Guatemala sent lava flowing into rural communities, killing at least 25 as rescuers struggled to reach people where homes and roads were charred and blanketed with ash.

The death toll rose late Sunday with 18 bodies found in the community of San Miguel Los Lotes, disaster agency spokesman David de Leon said, adding to the seven victims previously confirmed elsewhere earlier in the day.

At least 20 people were injured, and authorities have said they feared the death toll could rise with an undetermined number of people unaccounted for.

The Volcan de Fuego, or "Volcano of Fire," exploded in a hail of ash and molten rock shortly before noon, blanketing nearby villages in heavy ash. Lava began flowing down the mountain's flank and across homes and roads around 4 p.m.

Eddy Sanchez, director of the country's seismology and volcanology institute, said the flows reached temperatures of about 1,300 degrees Fahrenheit (700 Celsius).

Dramatic video showed a fast-moving lahar, or flow of pyroclastic material and slurry, slamming into and partly destroying a bridge on a highway between Sacatepequez and Escuintla.

Sacatepequez television published images of a charred landscape where the lava came into contact with homes. Three bodies lay partially buried in ash-colored debris from the volcano, which lies about 27 miles (44 kilometers) west of Guatemala City.

Other videos from local media showed residents walking barefoot and covered in muddy residue.

"Not everyone was able to get out. I think they ended up buried," Consuelo Hernandez, a resident of the village of El Rodeo, told the newspaper *Diario de Centroamerica*.

"Where we saw the lava fall, we ran to a hillside" to escape, she added.

Homes were still burning in El Rodeo late Sunday, and a charred stench hung over the town.

Hundreds of rescue workers, including firefighters, police and soldiers, worked to help any survivors and recover any more bodies amid the still-smoking lava.

Firefighters said they had seen some people who were trapped, but roads were cut by pyroclastic flows and they had been unable to reach them.

Amid darkness and rain, the rescue effort was suspended until early Monday morning, municipal firefighters' spokesman Cecilio Chacaj said.

Among the fatalities were four people, including a disaster agency official, killed when lava set a house on fire in El Rodeo village, National Disaster Coordinator Sergio Cabanas said. Two children were burned to death as they watched the volcano's second eruption this year from a bridge, he added.

Another victim was found in the streets of El Rodeo by volunteer firefighters and died in an ambulance.

At an ad-hoc morgue in the town of Alotenango, at least three bodies lay covered with blue sheets.

Guatemala's disaster agency said 3,100 people had evacuated nearby communities, and ash fall from the eruption was affecting an area with about 1.7 million of the country's 15 million or so people. Shelters were opened for those forced to flee.

"Currently the volcano continues to erupt and there exists a high potential for (pyroclastic) avalanches of debris," the disaster agency said late Sunday via Twitter, quoting Sanchez, the director of the seismology and volcanology institute.

Guatemalan President Jimmy Morales said he would issue a declaration of a state of emergency to be approved by Congress and urged people to heed warnings from emergency officials.

Ash fell on the Guatemala City area as well as the departments of Sacatepequez, Chimaltenango and Escuintla. Streets and houses were covered in the colonial town of Antigua, a popular tourist destination.

Aviation authorities closed the capital's international airport because of the danger posed to planes by the ash.

One of Central America's most active volcanos, the conical Volcan de Fuego reaches an altitude of 12,346

feet (3,763 meters) above sea level at its peak.

## Many breast cancer patients can skip chemo, big study finds

By **MARILYNN MARCHIONE, AP Chief Medical Writer**

CHICAGO (AP) — Most women with the most common form of early-stage breast cancer can safely skip chemotherapy without hurting their chances of beating the disease, doctors are reporting from a landmark study that used genetic testing to gauge each patient's risk.

The study is the largest ever done of breast cancer treatment, and the results are expected to spare up to 70,000 patients a year in the United States and many more elsewhere the ordeal and expense of these drugs.

"The impact is tremendous," said the study leader, Dr. Joseph Sparano of Montefiore Medical Center in New York. Most women in this situation don't need treatment beyond surgery and hormone therapy, he said.

The study was funded by the National Cancer Institute, some foundations and proceeds from the U.S. breast cancer postage stamp. Results were discussed Sunday at an American Society of Clinical Oncology conference in Chicago and published by the New England Journal of Medicine. Some study leaders consult for breast cancer drugmakers or for the company that makes the gene test.

### MOVING AWAY FROM CHEMO

Cancer care has been evolving away from chemotherapy — older drugs with harsh side effects — in favor of gene-targeting therapies, hormone blockers and immune system treatments. When chemo is used now, it's sometimes for shorter periods or lower doses than it once was.

For example, another study at the conference found that Merck's immunotherapy drug Keytruda worked better than chemo as initial treatment for most people with the most common type of lung cancer, and with far fewer side effects.

The breast cancer study focused on cases where chemo's value increasingly is in doubt: women with early-stage disease that has not spread to lymph nodes, is hormone-positive (meaning its growth is fueled by estrogen or progesterone) and is not the type that the drug Herceptin targets.

The usual treatment is surgery followed by years of a hormone-blocking drug. But many women also are urged to have chemo to help kill any stray cancer cells. Doctors know that most don't need it, but evidence is thin on who can forgo it.

The study gave 10,273 patients a test called Oncotype DX, which uses a biopsy sample to measure the activity of genes involved in cell growth and response to hormone therapy, to estimate the risk that a cancer will recur.

### WHAT THE STUDY FOUND

About 17 percent of women had high-risk scores and were advised to have chemo. The 16 percent with low-risk scores now know they can skip chemo, based on earlier results from this study.

The new results are on the 67 percent of women at intermediate risk. All had surgery and hormone therapy, and half also got chemo.

After nine years, 94 percent of both groups were still alive, and about 84 percent were alive without signs of cancer, so adding chemo made no difference.

Certain women 50 or younger did benefit from chemo; slightly fewer cases of cancer spreading far beyond the breast occurred among some of them given chemo, depending on their risk scores on the gene test.

### WILL PEOPLE TRUST THE RESULTS?

All women like those in the study should get gene testing to guide their care, said Dr. Richard Schilsky, chief medical officer of the oncology society. Oncotype DX costs around \$4,000, which Medicare and many insurers cover. Similar tests including one called MammaPrint also are widely used.

Testing solved a big problem of figuring out who needs chemo, said Dr. Harold Burstein of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. Many women think "if I don't get chemotherapy I'm going to die, and if I get chemo I'm going to be cured," but the results show there's a sliding scale of benefit and sometimes

none, he said.

Dr. Lisa Carey, a breast specialist at the University of North Carolina's Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, said she would be very comfortable advising patients to skip chemo if they were like those in the study who did not benefit from it.

Dr. Jennifer Litton at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, agreed, but said: "Risk to one person is not the same thing as risk to another. There are some people who say, 'I don't care what you say, I'm never going to do chemo,'" and won't even have the gene test, she said. Others want chemo for even the smallest chance of benefit.

Adine Usher, 78, who lives in Hartsdale, New York, joined the study 10 years ago at Montefiore and was randomly assigned to the group given chemo.

"I was a little relieved. I sort of viewed chemo as extra insurance," she said. The treatments "weren't pleasant," she concedes. Her hair fell out, she developed an infection and was hospitalized for a low white blood count, "but it was over fairly quickly and I'm really glad I had it."

If doctors had recommended she skip chemo based on the gene test, "I would have accepted that," she said. "I'm a firm believer in medical research."

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## Fallon to Parkland students: 'Don't let anything stop you'

By TERRY SPENCER, Associated Press

SUNRISE, Fla. (AP) — Graduating seniors at the Florida high school where a gunman killed 17 people in February received diplomas Sunday and heard from surprise commencement speaker Jimmy Fallon, who urged them to move forward and "don't let anything stop you."

Four families received diplomas on behalf of loved ones slain in the attack that gave rise to a campaign by teens for gun control. Principal Ty Thompson underscored the honors for the dead students in a tweet.

"Remember those not with us, and celebrate all the successes the Class of 2018 has brought to the community and the world!" Thompson tweeted.

The "Tonight Show" host offered similar praise, saying, "You are not just the future — you are the present. Keep changing the world. Keep making us proud."

In a video of his address, Fallon joked that the students "won't be classmates any more. You'll be adults who will Facebook search each other at 2 in the morning for the next 10 years."

Turning more serious, he said: "First thing is this: When something feels hard, remember that it gets better. Choose to move forward. Don't let anything stop you." He thanked them for their bravery and activism.

Graduate Shannon Recor said afterward that Fallon "made us laugh and cry" with his speech.

"He brought a positive energy — I'm glad he came," Recor said.

The private ceremony for the nearly 800 members of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School class of 2018 was held at the BB&T Center, where the National Hockey League's Florida Panthers play. It was moved to the arena to accommodate the expected large crowd. Reporters were not permitted inside the arena.

Fourteen students and three staff members died in the Feb. 14 attack in Parkland. Former student Nikolas Cruz is charged with their deaths and the wounding of 17 other people. Attorneys for the 19-year-old have said he will plead guilty in exchange for a sentence of life without parole. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

The school presented diplomas to the families of Nicholas Dworet, Joaquin Oliver, Meadow Pollack and Carmen Schentrup.

Graduate Chris Grady said their families received standing ovations when they walked on stage, with

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Oliver's mom wearing a T-shirt that read, "This should be my son."

He said graduates Emma Gonzalez and David Hogg, who have become prominent in the "March for Our Lives" gun control movement, got a mixed response as their names were announced. Gonzalez got cheers, he said, while Hogg got a mixture of cheers and boos.

"I felt bad for him, Grady said. Otherwise, he said, "it was a normal graduation" other than Fallon's speech — "That was cool."

Pollack's brother, boyfriend and cousins were to accept her diploma. Her brother, Hunter Pollack, aired his feelings on Twitter.

"Today is the day my sister has been waiting for. Graduation where she would've been getting her diploma and be on her way to attend college. This is a sad day, as I will be walking stage to get her diploma for her," he said.

Her father, Andrew Pollack, said he was too emotionally spent to attend the ceremony. He has been an outspoken critic of school and law enforcement officials, saying they failed to protect his daughter and the others, but that's not why he's staying away.

"It has nothing to do with them," Pollack told The Associated Press by phone Sunday. "I've just been dead inside since Feb. 14."

Instead, he was headed to central Florida, where this week he will address the armed guards one district has hired for its schools.

April Schentrup, mother of Carmen Schentrup, posted a photo of her daughter wearing her graduation gown and cap, the Sun Sentinel reported .

"For me, it is too painful to celebrate w/o Carmen," she said in an online post. "But I am proud of Carmen's friends & classmates on their accomplishments. They've overcome so much. I know they will continue to make positive changes."

As families arrived for the ceremony, gunshots from a nearby public shooting range could be heard echoing over the parking lot.

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Associated Press Writer Curt Anderson in St. Petersburg, Florida, contributed to this story.

## Business economists worry about possible recession in 2020

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER, AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A group of top business economists believes the major tax cuts President Donald Trump pushed through Congress will give a significant boost to economic growth this year and next year. But they worry that by 2020, the country could be entering a new recession.

The National Association for Business Economics says in its latest quarterly outlook that its panel of 45 economists expects the economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, to expand 2.8 percent this year. That is down slightly from the panel's March forecast, which put GDP growth this year at 2.9 percent.

The NABE economists are "slightly less optimistic about the U.S. economy in 2018 than they were three months ago," says NABE vice president Kevin Swift, chief economist at the American Chemistry Council.

Part of the drop-off in optimism reflects growing worries about what Trump's get-tough approach on trade might do to U.S. growth prospects.

Three-fourths of the NABE panel believes that current trade policies will have a negative impact on the economy. Trump last week imposed penalty tariffs on steel and aluminum imports from major U.S. trading partners — the European Union, Canada and Mexico — and he has threatened tariffs on up to \$200 billion in Chinese imports, moves that could trigger a global trade war as the targeted nations pledge to retaliate.

The NABE forecasting panel was upbeat on the near-term impacts of the \$1.5 trillion tax cut that Congress passed in December. The median expectation is that the cuts in individual and corporate taxes will boost growth by 0.4 percentage points this year and 0.3 percentage points next year.

The forecasters said the economy should grow 2.7 percent in 2019 after their projected 2.8 percent GDP growth this year. Both projections would be up from 2.3 percent growth in 2017 and the 2.1 percent



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average annual gains the country has seen since the Great Recession ended in 2009.

However, the Trump administration is projecting a bigger boost, forecasting that the GDP will grow by 3 percent or better over the next decade as the economy gains momentum from the positive impacts of the president's economic program of lower taxes, deregulation and tougher trade policies aimed at reducing U.S. trade deficits.

But many private analysts are more pessimistic, noting that underlying factors such as the retirement of the baby boomers and weak productivity gains will continue to depress long-term growth prospects. The private forecasters believe the positive effects from the Trump tax cuts will quickly fade after the first two years.

Asked when the next recession might begin, two-thirds of the NABE economists saw one starting by the end of 2020, with 18 percent even more pessimistic, expecting the next downturn to begin by the end of 2019.

The current recovery, which began in mid-2009, is currently the second longest expansion in U.S. history and will become the longest if it lasts past June 2019.

## China says trade deals are off if US raises tariffs

By **JOE McDONALD** and **PAUL WISEMAN**, AP Business Writers

BEIJING (AP) — China has balked at stepping up its purchases of American products, raising the odds of a trade war, if President Donald Trump follows through on his threat to tax billions of dollars' worth of Chinese imports.

The warning from Beijing came after delegations led by U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross and China's top economic official, Vice Premier Liu He, wrapped up talks on Beijing's pledge to narrow its trade surplus. White House advisers were insisting on fundamental changes in ties between the world's two biggest economic powers.

At the outset of the event Ross said the two sides had discussed specific American exports China might purchase, but the talks ended with no joint statement and neither side released details.

"Both sides appear to have hardened their negotiating stances and are waiting for the other side to blink," said Eswar Prasad, professor of trade policy at Cornell University. "Despite the potential negative repercussions for both economies, the risk of a full-blown China-U.S. trade war, with tariffs and other trade sanctions being imposed by both sides, has risen significantly."

Asked specifically on Fox's "Sunday Morning Futures" if the U.S. is willing to throw away its relationship with China by proceeding with threatened tariff hikes, Peter Navarro, director of the White House National Trade Council, pointed in part to an unfair relationship involving a multi-billion dollar trade deficit, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis' warning of China's activities in the South China Sea and the threat of China stealing U.S. intellectual property.

"That's a relationship with China that structurally has to change," he said. "We would love to have a peaceful, friendly relationship with China. But we're also standing firm that the president is the leader on this."

The United States has threatened to impose tariffs on up to \$50 billion of Chinese products in a dispute over Beijing's aggressive tactics to challenge U.S. technological dominance; Trump has asked U.S. Trade Rep. Robert Lighthizer to look for another \$100 billion in Chinese products to tax. China has targeted \$50 billion in U.S. products for possible retaliation.

Tensions temporarily eased on May 19 after China promised to "significantly increase" its purchases of U.S. farm, energy and other products. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said then that the U.S. tariffs were suspended and the trade war was "on hold." The purchases are meant to reduce America's massive trade deficit in goods and services with China, which last year came to \$337 billion, according to the U.S. Commerce Department.

After the apparent cease-fire, global financial markets rallied in relief.

But Trump upended the truce last Tuesday by renewing his threat to impose 25 percent tariffs on \$50 billion in Chinese high-tech goods. The tariffs are meant to pressure Beijing for allegedly stealing trade

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secrets and forcing foreign companies to hand over technology in exchange for access to the Chinese market. Navarro later called Mnuchin's conciliatory comments "an unfortunate soundbite."

Ross nonetheless journeyed to Beijing Friday to work out details of the vague agreement Mnuchin had earlier cobbled together with the Chinese vice premier. China balked at making concessions unless the U.S. lifted the tariff threat.

"If the United States introduces trade sanctions including a tariff increase, all the economic and trade achievements negotiated by the two parties will not take effect," said a Chinese government statement, carried by the official Xinhua News Agency.

The negotiating process should be "based on the premise" of not fighting a "trade war," the statement said.

The dispute with China comes at the same time Trump has riled some of America's closest allies with the imposition of tariffs on steel and aluminum imports.

After a three-day meeting of finance ministers from the G7 industrial nations that ended Saturday in Canada, Canadian Finance Minister Bill Morneau issued a summary saying the other six members want Trump to hear their message of "concern and disappointment" over the U.S. trade actions.

Allies including Canada and the European Union are threatening retaliatory tariffs.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau told NBC's Meet the Press on Sunday that the reciprocal tariffs would hurt both U.S. and Canadian workers and consumers. He also pushed back against the argument that Canadian steel poses a U.S. security threat.

"The idea that we are somehow a national security threat to the United States is quite frankly insulting and unacceptable," he said.

Bruno Le Maire, France's finance and economy minister, also called the U.S. tariffs unjustified.

"We regret that our common work together at the level of the G7 has been put at risk by the decisions taken by the American administration on trade and on tariffs," he said.

Trade analysts had warned Ross's hand might be weakened if the Trump administration alienated allies who share complaints about Chinese technology policy and a flood of low-priced steel, aluminum and other exports.

Wiseman reported from Washington. Associated Press Writer Matt O'Brien in Providence, Rhode Island, contributed to this story.

## Officer wounds self during pursuit near San Diego marathon

By JULIE WATSON, Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A San Diego police officer accidentally shot himself in the leg Sunday while pursuing a hit-and-run suspect who pointed a weapon at officers and was eventually arrested on the roof of a parking structure near the finish line of an annual marathon, authorities said.

Officers fired at the woman but missed after she brandished the weapon at the parking facility at the edge of a downtown plaza shared by City Hall, police Chief David Nisleit told reporters.

The suspect, identified by police as 58-year-old Mona Eleese Williams, threw the weapon from the top of the structure to the street below before being taken into custody, Nisleit said. It was unclear what type of weapon it was, but investigators were looking into whether it was a pellet gun that resembles the real thing, the chief said.

She was booked on a charge of felony resisting arrest, police said. It was not immediately known if Williams had an attorney who could comment on her behalf.

Police said they initially suspected the woman might have been linked to a kidnapping investigation in Chula Vista, but later Sunday a department spokesman said the two incidents appeared to be unrelated.

In announcing the woman's arrest, police said the scene was secure and there was no threat to the area near the San Diego Rock 'n' Roll Marathon, which brought thousands of people downtown along with a heavy police presence. Organizers said there were 27,000 registered runners in the marathon and

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half-marathon.

Runner Fabian Tabares, 49, finished the race for the second year in a row and then heard the news that an armed suspect was arrested only two blocks from the route.

"I'm surprised to hear that but since I'm slow, luckily I was not affected," he said, adding that it was a well-organized event and felt safe. "I'll be back next year to do it again."

The incident began shortly before 11 a.m. as a call about a hit-and-run, officials said. A number of streets were closed after police chased the woman driving a white sedan into the parking structure.

The chief said the wounded officer's gun accidentally discharged and he was struck once in the lower leg. He was expected to fully recover. Officers fired at least two shots at the woman after she pointed the weapon at them, Nisleit said.

Initially, police received calls of an "active shooter" and said that the woman had fired her weapon, but Nisleit did not confirm that during a press briefing.

The race was halted for about 10 minutes and rerouted, marathon officials said.

Marathoner Beth Grew, 40, of Yuma, Arizona, said she had no idea the race was delayed. "Oh my God. That's so scary," she said after finishing and learning about the shooting.

Leilani Sandan and her 7-year-old son were playing music from "Les Miserables" on their way to see the musical at the San Diego Civic Theater when they were suddenly passed by more than a dozen police cars, sirens blaring. The shooting had just occurred in the parking garage they were headed to the nearby theater.

"It was crazy," Sandan said as she stood with hundreds of other ticketholders behind police tape. "It was like police, police, police, siren, siren, siren."

They were later escorted into the theater with the others, who shuffled past the yellow police tape.

Sara Wehr, 31, also was headed to the show with her family.

"It is a little nerve wracking that this just happened not long ago," said Wehr as she lined up next to the flashing police cars. "We're safe, right?"

The 26.2-mile (42.2-kilometer) marathon course weaves its way through the city and also includes a half-marathon and a 5K run.

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## US expects fallout from Snowden leaks for years to come

By DEB RIECHMANN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Whistleblower or traitor, leaker or public hero?

National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden blew the lid off U.S. government surveillance methods five years ago, but intelligence chiefs complain that revelations from the trove of classified documents he disclosed are still trickling out.

That includes recent reporting on a mass surveillance program run by close U.S. ally Japan and on how the NSA targeted bitcoin users to gather intelligence to combat narcotics and money laundering. The Intercept, an investigative publication with access to Snowden documents, published stories on both subjects.

The top U.S. counterintelligence official said journalists have released only about 1 percent taken by the 34-year-old American, now living in exile in Russia, "so we don't see this issue ending anytime soon."

"This past year, we had more international, Snowden-related documents and breaches than ever," Bill Evanina, who directs the National Counterintelligence and Security Center, said at a recent conference. "Since 2013, when Snowden left, there have been thousands of articles around the world with really sensitive stuff that's been leaked."

On June 5, 2013, The Guardian in Britain published the first story based on Snowden's disclosures. It revealed that a secret court order was allowing the U.S. government to get Verizon to share the phone records of millions of Americans. Later stories, including those in The Washington Post, disclosed other

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snooping and how U.S. and British spy agencies had accessed information from cables carrying the world's telephone and internet traffic.

Snowden's defenders maintain that the U.S. government has for years exaggerated the damage his disclosures caused. Glenn Greenwald, an Intercept co-founder and former journalist at The Guardian, said there are "thousands upon thousands of documents" that journalists have chosen not to publish because they would harm peoples' reputation or privacy rights or because it would expose "legitimate surveillance programs."

"It's been almost five years since newspapers around the world began reporting on the Snowden archive and the NSA has offered all kinds of shrill and reckless rhetoric about the 'damage' it has caused, but never any evidence of a single case of a life being endangered let alone harmed," Greenwald said.

U.S. intelligence officials say they are still counting the cost of his disclosures that went beyond actual intelligence collected to how it was collected. Evanina said intelligence agencies are finishing their seventh classified assessment of the damage.

Joel Melstad, a spokesman for the counterintelligence center, said five U.S. intelligence agencies contributed to the latest damage assessment, which itself is highly classified. Melstad said damage has been observed or verified in five categories of information the U.S. government keeps classified to protect national security.

According to Melstad, Snowden-disclosed documents have put U.S. personnel or facilities at risk around the world, damaged intelligence collection efforts, exposed tools used to amass intelligence, destabilized U.S. partnerships abroad and exposed U.S. intelligence operations, capabilities and priorities.

"With each additional disclosure, the damage is compounded — providing more detail to what our adversaries have already learned," Melstad said.

Steven Aftergood, a declassification expert at the Federation of American Scientists, said he thinks intelligence agencies are continuing to do Snowden damage assessments because the disclosures' relevance to foreign targets might take time to recognize and understand. He said the way that intelligence targets adapt based on information revealed and the impact on how the U.S. collects intelligence could continue for years. But he said that any damage that Snowden caused to U.S. intelligence partners abroad would have been felt immediately after the disclosures began in 2013.

Moscow has resisted U.S. pressure to extradite Snowden, who faces U.S. charges that could land him in prison for up to 30 years. From exile, Snowden often does online public speaking and has been active in developing tools that reporters can use, especially in authoritarian countries, to detect whether they are under surveillance.

Snowden supporters say that the government is exaggerating when it claims he took more than 1 million documents and that far fewer have actually been disclosed.

"I think the number of NSA documents that have been published is in the hundreds and not the thousands," said Snowden's lawyer, Ben Wizner. He said the government has never produced any public evidence that the released materials have caused "genuine harm" to U.S. national security.

"The mainstream view among intelligence professionals is that every day and every year that has gone by has lessened the value and importance of the Snowden archives," Wizner said. "The idea that information that was current in 2013 — and a lot of it was much older than that — might still alert somebody to anything in 2018 seems like a stretch."

Greenwald said the journalists were handed some 9,000 to 10,000 secret documents under the condition that they avoid disclosing any information that could harm innocent people, and that they give the NSA a chance to argue against the release of certain classified materials.

"We've honored his request with each document we've released," Greenwald said. "In most cases, we've rejected the NSA's arguments as unsubstantiated, but always gave them the opportunity for input, and will continue to do so."

He said that in 2016, The Intercept announced a program to disclose Snowden documents in bulk and open the collection to journalists and other experts around the world. Greenwald said that since then, hundreds of documents have been disclosed at a time after careful reviews.

## Giuliani plays down idea of Trump self-pardon

By JONATHAN LEMIRE, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — An attorney for President Donald Trump stressed Sunday that the president's legal team would contest any effort to force the president to testify in front of a grand jury during the special counsel's Russia probe but downplayed the idea that Trump could pardon himself.

Rudy Giuliani, in a series of television interviews, emphasized one of the main arguments in a newly unveiled letter sent by Trump's lawyers to special counsel Robert Mueller back in January: that a president can't be given a grand jury subpoena as part of the investigation into foreign meddling in the 2016 election.

But he distanced himself from one of their bolder arguments in the letter, which was first reported Saturday by The New York Times, that a president could not have committed obstruction of justice because he has authority to "if he wished, terminate the inquiry, or even exercise his power to pardon."

"Pardoning himself would be unthinkable and probably lead to immediate impeachment," Giuliani told NBC's "Meet the Press." "And he has no need to do it, he's done nothing wrong."

The former New York City mayor, who was not on the legal team when the letter was written, added that Trump "probably does" have the power to pardon himself, an assertion challenged by legal scholars, but says the president's legal team hasn't discussed that option, which many observers believe could plunge the nation into a constitutional crisis.

"I think the political ramifications would be tough," Giuliani told ABC's "This Week." "Pardoning other people is one thing, pardoning yourself is tough."

Trump has issued two unrelated pardons in recent days and discussed others, a move that has been interpreted as a possible signal to allies ensnared in the Russia probe.

The letter is dated Jan. 29 and addressed to Mueller from John Dowd, a Trump lawyer who has since resigned from the legal team. Mueller has requested an interview with the president to determine whether he had criminal intent to obstruct the investigation into his associates' possible links to Russia's election interference.

Giuliani said Sunday that a decision about an interview would not be made until after Trump's summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un on June 12 in Singapore, and he cast doubt that it would occur at all.

"I mean, we're leaning toward not," Giuliani told ABC. "But look, if they can convince us that it will be brief, it would be to the point, there were five or six points they have to clarify, and with that, we can get this — this long nightmare for the — for the American public over."

Trump's legal team has long pushed the special counsel to narrow the scope of its interview. Giuliani also suggested that Trump's lawyers had been incorrect when they denied that the president was involved with the letter that offered an explanation for Donald Trump Jr.'s 2016 Trump Tower meeting with Russians who offered damaging information on Democrat Hillary Clinton.

"This is the reason you don't let the president testify," Giuliani told ABC. "Our recollection keeps changing, or we're not even asked a question and somebody makes an assumption."

If Trump does not consent to an interview, Mueller will have to decide whether to go forward with a historic grand jury subpoena. His team raised the possibility in March of subpoenaing the president, but it is not clear if it is still under active consideration.

A court battle is likely if Trump's team argues that the president can't be forced to answer questions or be charged with obstruction of justice. President Bill Clinton was charged with obstruction in 1998 by the House of Representatives as part of his impeachment trial. And one of the articles of impeachment prepared against President Richard Nixon in 1974 was for obstruction.

Giuliani suggested Sunday that, despite the president's broad powers, a theoretical charge of obstruction may be possible in some cases. Topics of Mueller's obstruction investigation include the firings of FBI director James Comey and former national security adviser Michael Flynn, as well as Trump's reaction to Attorney General Jeff Sessions' recusal from the Russia investigation.

In addition to the legal battles, Trump's team and allies have waged a public relations campaign against Mueller and the Justice Department to discredit the investigation and soften the impact of the special counsel's potential findings. Giuliani said last week that the special counsel probe may be an "entirely ille-

gitimate investigation" and need to be curtailed because, in his estimation, it was based on inappropriately obtained information from an informant and Comey's memos.

In reality, the FBI began a counterintelligence investigation in July 2016 to determine if Trump campaign associates were coordinating with Russia to tip the election. The investigation was opened after the hacking of Democratic emails that intelligence officials later formally attributed to Russia.

Trump's team has asked for a briefing about the informant, but Giuliani said Sunday that the president would not order the Justice Department to comply because it would negatively affect public opinion. But he continued to cast doubt on the special counsel's eventual findings, suggesting that Trump has already offered explanations for the matters being investigated and that the special counsel was biased against the president.

"For every one of these things he did, we can write out five reasons why he did it," Giuliani said. "If four of them are completely innocent and one of them is your assumption that it's a guilty motive, which (Trump) would deny, you can't possibly prosecute him."

The special counsel's office did not respond to a request for comment.

Trump, who was spending a rainy Washington weekend at Camp David, also unleashed a new attack on the Justice Department, which he has repeatedly painted as corrupt and biased against him.

"As only one of two people left who could become President, why wouldn't the FBI or Department of Justice have told me that they were secretly investigating Paul Manafort (on charges that were 10 years old and had been previously dropped) during my campaign? Should have told me!" Trump tweeted.

Manafort, who was Trump's campaign chairman, faces charges of acting as an unregistered foreign agent and money-laundering conspiracy and also two false-statement charges related to information he shared with the Justice Department about his Ukrainian political work. Trump has argued that the claims predate Manafort's involvement with his Republican campaign. The FBI has not said it told the campaign about the investigation, though the bureau did provide a routine briefing for the campaign about foreign counterintelligence threats.

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## Preliminary results put right-wing party ahead in Slovenia

By ALI ZERDIN, Associated Press

LJUBLJANA, Slovenia (AP) — A right-wing opposition party led by a former Slovenian prime minister won the most votes in Slovenia's parliamentary election Sunday, but not enough to form a government on its own, according to preliminary results.

The State Election Commission said after counting some 90 percent of the ballots that Janez Jansa's Slovenian Democratic Party received around 25 percent of the vote. The anti-establishment List of Marjan Sarec trailed in second place with over 12 percent.

The Social Democrats, the Modern Center Party of the outgoing prime minister, Miro Cerar, and the Left all received around 9 percent.

The preliminary tally means no party secured a majority in Slovenia's 90-member parliament, and the likely next step is negotiations to form a coalition government.

Slovenia was once part of the former Yugoslavia and is the native home of U.S. first lady Melania Trump. Bordering Austria, Croatia, Hungary, Italy and a slice of the Adriatic Sea, the country joined the European Union in 2004 and has used the euro as its official currency since 2007.

Jansa, who served as prime minister during 2004-2008 and 2012-2013, said at a press conference that his party is ready for postelection talks with other parliamentary parties.

"The SDS is open for cooperation," Jansa, using the Slovenian acronym for the party and adding that

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“times ahead will require cooperation.”

But postelection negotiations could keep Jansa away from another term in office, since other groups suggested they were unwilling to form a ruling alliance with him.

Jansa is an ally of Hungary’s anti-immigration prime minister, Viktor Orban. His election prowess with Slovenia’s 1.7 million voters mirrors the growth of right-wing populism in central and eastern Europe following a large influx of migrants from the Mideast and Africa.

A government led by Jansa would shift Slovenia to the right and add an anti-immigrant voice to the European Union. Some 500,000 migrants passed through Slovenia, a country with a population of 2 million, during 2015.

Runner-up Sarec reiterated Sunday that a coalition with Jansa was not an option and said he hoped his party would lead a future coalition government.

Sarec is a former satirical comedian who gave up acting to enter politics and become mayor of the northwestern town of Kamnik. He also ran for president last year.

Cerar, the outgoing prime minister, said the results showed his party remains “an important player in the Slovenian political arena.”

“We’re going ahead together for a modern and free-thinking Slovenia, so it’s better for everyone,” he added.

Cerar has been credited with boosting the country’s economy after a downturn. Sunday’s election was held a few weeks earlier than scheduled due to his sudden resignation in March over a failed railway project.

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## **A dream of uniting UK soccer fans swerves to the far right**

**By JILL LAWLESS, Associated Press**

LONDON (AP) — John Meighan had a dream.

A property manager and fan of the soccer team Tottenham Hotspur, he envisioned a group bringing together working-class people who felt excluded from political influence — to stand up in opposition, not to Muslims or Islam, but to extremism. They would be people like himself, fans with a passion for their teams and, in many cases, a fondness for a fight. He would cajole them to set aside team rivalries, put down their fists and march through London as an expression of anger and defiance against zealotry.

At the first demonstration of Meighan’s Football Lads Alliance, 10,000 people marched to protest several bloody weeks in which Islamic extremists had attacked British cities with vehicles, knives and a bomb — the deadliest assaults on the nation in more than a decade.

The FLA drew little notice. But several months later, a second Football Lads march swelled to 50,000 demonstrators, and Tommy Robinson was among them. A seasoned anti-Muslim street agitator and far-right media star, he filmed himself praising the group as standing “against Islam.”

“I think we’re seeing the birth today of a huge organization in the U.K.,” Robinson predicted.

And so Meighan’s dream began to lose its luster. His group — formed during a particularly fractured time in British politics and society — soon was yanked into the orbit of the far-right. Its members-only Facebook page grew to 65,000 members, some of whom shared anti-Muslim, anti-Semitic and racist cartoons and posts attacking Barack Obama, Nelson Mandela and London’s Muslim mayor, Sadiq Khan.

The FLA emerged during an unstable time, not long after Britain’s 2016 vote to leave the European Union, which was fueled by concerns about immigration and a sense Britain had lost control of its borders. The group’s aims, supposedly directed against extremism, dovetailed with the ideas of the country’s growing far-right culture — a potent mix of nationalism, anti-Muslim prejudice and conspiracy theories that thrives online.

The far right was energized by the brutal attacks that hit Britain in the spring of 2017. In March, a Muslim convert mowed down pedestrians on Westminster Bridge before stabbing a police officer to death outside Parliament. In May, a Libyan-British suicide bomber attacked crowds leaving an Ariana Grande concert in

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Manchester, killing 22 people, many of them teenage girls. Two weeks later, three young men inspired by the Islamic State group killed eight people by driving a rented van into pedestrians crossing London Bridge and then attacking passers-by with knives.

That bloodshed had been the final straw for Meighan, a soft-spoken, red-haired man who likes to wear Lacoste sweaters, button-down shirts, tartan scarves and tweed caps — uniform of the clothes-conscious brand of football fan known as a “casual.”

He once ran with Tottenham’s hooligan “firm” and was banned for a stretch from stadiums across Britain. Now, he is a 33-year-old father of three with anxiety about the world around him.

“My daughters, after London Bridge, decided they didn’t want to go to a concert because they were too scared,” he told The Associated Press.

Within three weeks of forming, the Football Lads Alliance had 30,000 Facebook members. Thousands pledged to march from St. Paul’s Cathedral to London Bridge, three weeks after the attack there.

As Meighan watched the crowds of fans from rival teams gather on that overcast Sunday in June, he was apprehensive — not so much about extremists or left-wing counter-protesters but about the assembled football hooligans, from firms with deep and bitter rivalries, such as Tottenham and Arsenal, or Manchester United and Manchester City.

“Some of these individuals were probably at war with one another and over the years, fought one another,” Meighan said. “I thought, I’m walking into the lion’s den here.”

But his worries were unfounded. The mood was calm and determined as the thousands of football supporters walked the narrow streets of London’s financial district to lay wreaths in team colors on London Bridge.

The group had barred flag-waving, chanting and pre-march drinking — for many, essential parts of football fandom. “We didn’t want to be stereotyped,” Meighan said.

He saw the peaceful march as a vindication, proof that often-maligned football fans could have a voice — could do something, “rather than beating the crap out of one another.”

At first, the FLA claimed to be “inclusive and acceptable to all colors, creeds, faiths and religions,” and laid out deliberately broad goals. Its website spoke of “making a safer environment and community for all of our children and grandchildren,” and its proposals sounded modest — tougher police action, better intelligence, curbs on hate preachers, more controls on terrorism suspects.

Meighan said racists were “moderated out” of its Facebook group.

Hope Not Hate, a group that monitors the far right, said the FLA initially “made a genuine attempt to ensure that it was not a racist group and tried to focus on Islamist extremists, rather than Islam in general.”

But clouds were gathering. Mingling with the football fans for the group’s second London march in October were alt-right bloggers and far-right activists eager to push it in a more extreme direction.

The most influential was Robinson, a 35-year-old former tanning shop owner whose real name is Stephen Lennon. Robinson, who has convictions for assault, football hooliganism and fraud, has lent Britain’s far right an energy and media savvy that it often has lacked. He is the former leader of the English Defence League, which became notorious for protests in Muslim neighborhoods and outside mosques that often turned violent.

These days, he is a self-described “journalist, activist and public figure” whose YouTube channel has accumulated more than 6 million views. Recent videos purport to show him fighting migrants in Italy and being attacked by masked men outside a London McDonalds.

When he shows up at demonstrations, fans sing his name: “Oh, Tommy, Tommy!”

Meighan certainly was impressed, calling Robinson “a brave man” who “talks a lot of sense” and urging members of his alliance to attend Robinson events.

On the FLA’s Facebook page, post after post began to describe Britain as under threat from uncontrolled immigration or menaced by “grooming gangs” of Muslim men sexually exploiting teenage girls across Britain — a narrative driven by trials in several British cities in which men of mostly Pakistani origin were convicted of coercing girls and women into sex.

Still, Meighan denied the FLA was a far-right group. “It’s not about Muslim people in general,” he said.



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"There are moderate Muslims. There are people I know that are good people."

But, he added: "There is part of Islam that is evil."

Like many on the far right, he also spoke as if society was poised on the brink of disintegration, saying more terrorist attacks could spur a "civil war."

Meighan, whose father is an immigrant from Ireland, lives in a multicultural London neighborhood with a large Muslim population, where traditional pubs stand near Middle Eastern restaurants and public housing estates mix with the pricey homes of wealthy professionals.

The area — and the city surrounding it — have both changed enormously in the last few decades, and not everyone is happy about it.

Meighan describes FLA supporters as "just fed up. ... People who've got children and grandchildren, who've grown up in society how it was, and how it is now, and who feel threatened by it."

For the far-right, that threat comes from Islam, which it paints as a menace to Western civilization. It's a message that spreads rapidly on social media, where diverse figures including Robinson, North American "alt-right" ideologues and the German white nationalists Generation Identity repost and reinforce one another's opinions and images.

Despite that unity of message, Britain's far right is riven by factionalism. As the FLA moved into the whirlpool of online far-right radicalism, it also began to fracture. Egos clashed, members bickered online, and some broke off to form the rival Democratic Football Lads Alliance.

Meanwhile, Meighan prepared to test the FLA's popularity outside of London with a march in Birmingham, England's second-largest city.

The crowd that gathered that day in March was much smaller than those in London — a couple of thousand people at best. The politics were sharper and harder, with speakers dwelling on the obsessions of the far right in 2018: immigration, Islam and an alleged threat to white Christian identity.

Tommy Robinson was there, muscling through the crowd with an entourage while fans leaned in to get selfies. The star speaker was Anne Marie Waters, leader of the anti-immigrant party For Britain, who said Islam was bringing "poison" into the country and that the EU, by letting in migrants, had imported "hell on Earth" to Europe.

Meighan called Waters' speech "inspirational."

"I think we potentially could have someone who's going to stand up for what's right for this country, stand up for us," he said.

Meighan had told the crowd the movement he had launched was "going viral," but he was more subdued at the end of the march. "I don't know if my heart is in it," he admitted.

A few weeks later, he shocked supporters by quitting, saying he wanted to focus on work and his family. He still posts on social media — attacks on liberals and left-wing politicians, and complaints that critics of Islam such as Robinson are being silenced.

He's far from alone. Far-right ideas are spreading, and so, say British police, is the threat of far-right violence. Britain saw a deadly van attack against Muslims in London in 2017, and detectives say four other plots were foiled in the year leading up to March.

Robinson can draw large crowds for his anti-Islam rants, and boasted recently: "We're now mainstream." In May, he was sentenced to 13 months in prison for contempt of court for livestreaming outside a trial in violation of strict British court reporting rules — a sentence that has only boosted his profile among the international far right.

The Football Lads Alliance declared it would soldier on without its founder and gathered in Manchester on May 19 to mark the anniversary of the arena bombing.

It was a decidedly depleted organization that assembled in the spring sunshine. Just a few hundred people showed up, on a day when millions of Britons were tuning into the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. To add to the indignity, police wouldn't even let the group march. The attendees stood listening to speeches, then went off to the pub.

"R.I.P. the FLA," one supporter posted on Facebook.

## 'Solo: A Star Wars Story' falls 65 percent in second weekend

By LINDSEY BAHR, AP Film Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Solo: A Star Wars Story" is losing momentum quickly at the box office, even with a relatively quiet weekend free of any new blockbuster competition. After an underwhelming launch, the space saga fell 65 percent in weekend two with \$29.3 million from North American theaters, according to studio estimates on Sunday.

"Solo" has now earned \$148.9 million domestically, which is still shy of "Rogue One's" December 2016 opening weekend of \$155.1 million and over \$135 million short of where "Rogue One" was in its second weekend.

The 65 percent drop off is one of the highest in recent "Star Wars" history, although it is less steep than the second week fall of the franchise's last film, "Star Wars: The Last Jedi," which slid 67.5 percent in weekend two this past December — but, that was also after a \$220 million debut.

Internationally, "Solo" added \$30.3 million, and globally the film has netted \$264.2 million.

Paul Dergarabedian, the senior media analyst for comScore, thinks that all the media attention given to "Solo's" less-than-impressive opening weekend numbers could have actually negatively affected its second weekend earnings.

"Box office got conflated with perceived value of the movie and that might have affected its second weekend," Dergarabedian said. "Sometimes news of the box office can impact a movie's bottom line."

He noted that in comScore's audience survey, most of the over 1,000 people polled "really liked" the movie.

"Solo's" tumble brought it even closer to "Deadpool 2," which is now in its third weekend in theaters and still managed to reel in an estimated \$23.3 million to take second place. With a domestic total of \$254.7 million and a crowded marketplace with both "Solo" and "Avengers: Infinity War" surrounding it, "Deadpool 2" is still only about \$30 million behind where the first film was in its third weekend.

Shailene Woodley's lost-at-sea drama "Adrift" fared the best of the three newcomers, which included the horror pic "Upgrade" and a Johnny Knoxville comedy "Action Point." "Adrift," from STX Entertainment, washed up in third place with \$11.5 million, while the others struggled to make a significant impact.

"Upgrade" opened in sixth place with \$4.5 million, behind both "Avengers: Infinity War" (\$10.4 million) and "Book Club" (\$6.8 million), and "Action Point," which was not screened for critics, landed in ninth place with a dismal \$2.3 million.

This weekend also saw a few smaller studio landmarks for Magnolia Pictures, whose Ruth Bader Ginsburg documentary "RBG" became its highest grossing film ever with \$7.9 million, and Pantelion Films, which scored a similar feat with "Overboard," which is now up to \$45.5 million.

Even with "Solo's" stumble, the year-to-date box office is still up 6.2 percent as June kicks into gear with some big movies on the horizon, including "Ocean's 8," "Incredibles 2" and "Jurassic World."

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

1. "Solo: A Star Wars Story," \$29.3 million (\$30.3 million international).
2. "Deadpool 2," \$23.3 million (\$41.6 million international).
3. "Adrift," \$11.5 million.
4. "Avengers: Infinity War," \$10.4 million (\$24.3 million international).
5. "Book Club," \$6.8 million (\$1.1 million international).
6. "Upgrade," \$4.5 million.
7. "Life of the Party," \$3.5 million.
8. "Breaking In," \$2.8 million (\$300,000 international).
9. "Action Point," \$2.3 million.
10. "Overboard," \$2 million (\$1.5 million international).

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

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according to comScore:

1. "Deadpool 2," \$41.6 million.
2. "Solo: A Star Wars Story," \$30.3 million.
3. "Avengers: Infinity War," \$24.3 million.
4. "Doraemon the Movie: Nobita's Treasure Island," \$23.7 million.
5. "How Long Will I Love U," \$15.8 million.
6. "Believer," \$9.2 million.
7. "Happy Little Submarine 20000 Leagues," \$8.9 million.
8. "Sherlock Gnomes," \$3.3 million.
9. "Truth or Dare," \$2.5 million.
10. "A Quiet Place," \$2.4 million.

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## Today In History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Monday, June 4, the 155th day of 2018. There are 210 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 4, 1940, during World War II, the Allied military evacuation of some 338,000 troops from Dunkirk, France, ended. British Prime Minister Winston Churchill declared: "We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender."

On this date:

In 1783, the Montgolfier brothers first publicly demonstrated their hot-air balloon, which did not carry any passengers, over Annonay, France.

In 1784, opera singer Elisabeth Thible became the first woman to make a non-tethered flight aboard a Montgolfier hot-air balloon, over Lyon, France.

In 1812, the Louisiana Territory was renamed the Missouri Territory, to avoid confusion with the recently admitted state of Louisiana. The U.S. House of Representatives approved, 79-49, a declaration of war against Britain.

In 1919, Congress approved the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing citizens the right to vote regardless of their gender, and sent it to the states for ratification.

In 1939, the German ocean liner MS St. Louis, carrying more than 900 Jewish refugees from Germany, was turned away from the Florida coast by U.S. officials.

In 1942, the World War II Battle of Midway began, resulting in a decisive American victory against Japan and marking the turning point of the war in the Pacific.

In 1943, the president of Argentina, Ramon Castillo, was overthrown in a military coup.

In 1954, French Premier Joseph Laniel and Vietnamese Premier Buu Loc signed treaties in Paris accord- ing "complete independence" to Vietnam.

In 1967, in the second air disaster to strike a British carrier in as many days, a British Midland Airways

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jetliner crashed in Stockport, England, killing 72 of the 84 people aboard. (A day earlier, a British charter crashed in France, killing 88.)

In 1972, a jury in San Jose, California, acquitted radical activist Angela Davis of murder and kidnapping for her alleged connection to a deadly Marin County courthouse shootout in 1970.

In 1986, Jonathan Jay Pollard, a former U.S. Navy intelligence analyst, pleaded guilty in Washington to conspiring to deliver information related to the national defense to Israel. (Pollard, sentenced to life in prison, was released on parole on Nov. 20, 2015.)

In 1998, a federal judge sentenced Terry Nichols to life in prison for his role in the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

Ten years ago: Barack Obama, having clinched the Democratic presidential nomination, picked Caroline Kennedy to help him choose a running mate. Travis Alexander, 30, was stabbed to death at his suburban Phoenix home by his girlfriend, Jodi Arias, who claimed self-defense but was convicted of first-degree murder. The Detroit Red Wings won the Stanley Cup for the fourth time in 11 seasons with a 3-2 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins in Game 6 of the finals.

Five years ago: Already heavily criticized for targeting conservative groups, the Internal Revenue Service suffered another blow as new details emerged in a report about senior officials enjoying luxury hotel rooms, free drinks and food at a \$4.1 million training conference. France said it confirmed that nerve gas was used "multiple times in a localized way" in Syria. Joey Covington, 67, a former Jefferson Airplane drummer who co-wrote several of the group's songs, died in a car crash in Palm Springs, California.

One year ago: Alfredo del Mazo of the governing PRI (pree) party was elected governor of the state of Mexico in a hotly disputed contest marred by charges of irregularities. Elite rock climber Alex Honnold became the first to climb alone to the top of the massive granite wall known as El Capitan in Yosemite National Park without ropes or safety gear.

Today's Birthdays: Sex therapist and media personality Dr. Ruth Westheimer is 90. Actor Bruce Dern is 82. Musician Roger Ball is 74. Actress-singer Michelle Phillips is 74. Jazz musician Anthony Braxton is 73. Rock musician Danny Brown (The Fixx) is 67. Actor Parker Stevenson is 66. Actor Keith David is 62. Blues singer-musician Tinsley Ellis is 61. Actress Julie Gholson is 60. Actor Eddie Velez is 60. Singer-musician El DeBarge is 57. Actress Julie White is 57. Actress Lindsay Frost is 56. Actor Sean Pertwee is 54. Tennis player Andrea Jaeger is 53. Opera singer Cecilia Bartoli is 52. Rhythm and blues singer Al B. Sure! is 50. Actor Scott Wolf is 50. Actor-comedian Rob Huebel is 49. Comedian Horatio Sanz is 49. Actor James Callis is 47. Actor Noah Wyle is 47. Rock musician Stefan Lessard (The Dave Matthews Band) is 44. Actor-comedian Russell Brand is 43. Actress Angelina Jolie is 43. Actor Theo Rossi is 43. Alt-country singer Kasey Chambers is 42. Rock musician JoJo Garza (Los Lonely Boys) is 38. Country musician Dean Berner (Edens Edge) is 37. Model Bar Refaeli (ruh-FEHL'-lee) is 33. Olympic gold medal figure skater Evan Lysacek is 33. Americana singer Shakey Graves is 31. Rock musician Zac Farro is 28.

Thought for Today: "As people used to be wrong about the motion of the sun, so they are still wrong about the motion of the future. The future stands still; it is we who move in infinite space." — Rainer Maria Rilke (RY'-nur mah-REE'-ah RIHL'-kuh), German poet (1875-1926).