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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. (They will be coming to take the trailer today to be emptied)

## Dakota Brush

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## City limit map to be corrected

The legal description for the southwest corner of the city will be fixed with a new resolution. The southwest border will extend to Dakota Street. A pair of conflicting city limit maps was a result of legal descriptions that were not accurate.

The city public works department will begin patching streets on Wednesday. The city will be renting a roller for a month to get the streets done which includes the chip seal project.

Councilman David McGannon said that the fence at the cemetery needs attention. "It's a beautiful fence and I'm thinking it's over a hundred years old. It should be sandblasted and power coated."

McGannon also brought up the idea that the golf course could be selling water from its well. BDM would set up a tank or two for refilling of sprayers and other construction projects.

Mike Nehls came before the council to talk about his bid for the county commission. The last time that eastern Brown County had a commissioner was in 1985 when Merrill Rix was on the board.

## 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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Whitmyre for District 1 House Committee, |  
David Sigdestad Treasurer - 42449 133rd St. -  
Pierpont, SD 57468

## Water Restrictions

### Groton City Residents



Please

**No Outdoor Watering**  
**between**  
**10am and 6pm**

**Effective immediately  
& until further notice**

## Groton Job Opportunities

**C.N.A.s ~ Nurses**  
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## Proposed shelter a go

A proposed shelter for the east side of the Groton Swimming Pool was approved Monday evening at the City Council Meeting. The proposed project will cost around \$20,000 and bids will be sought for the 20x20 shelter. Money will be used from the Olson Memorial Fund, of which there is still \$30,000 left in that fund.

## 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



## Jenifer Rose Fjelstad Highest Honor

**Parents:** Clint and Tara Fjelstad

**Hometown:** Groton

**Brother:** Nathan-19

**Hobbies:** dance, singing, writing, reading, hanging out with friends

**School/community activities:** show choir, cheerleading, dance team, oral interpretation, play and one act, cross- country, band, choir, youth group, Destination Imagination, chamber choir

**Favorite high school memory:** moments on stage with the Prismatic Sensations

**Future plans:** attend Augustana University for majors in Journalism and French

**Awards:** National Honor Society, SD Regents Scholar Diploma , Principal's Student Service Award 2018, Associated School Boards Governor's Academic Excellence Recognition, Aberdeen American News Scholastic Star Gold Award, Principal's 4 year Honor Roll 2018, President's Award in Education 2018, SD ESA Senior High Youth Award , James Valley Bob Peterson Memorial Telecommunications Scholarship , Groton PAC Community Service Scholarship , SD Farmers Union Insuring a Brighter Future Scholarship , 3M National Merit Scholarship Corporation Special Scholarship , SD Opportunity Scholarship , Augustana Presidential Scholarship , Augustana Fryxell Scholarship , Augustana ProMusica Scholarship , Groton Area Hopps Dow Scholarship, Clara and Milt Harvey Scholarship , St. Paul's Church Scholarship , Macklamore-Verlarde Burger King Scholarship, Groton Lions Club Scholarship , American Legion Scholarship , John Westby Memorial Scholarship , Shawn Weismantel Kramer Memorial Scholarship , Groton Cortland and Lois Kuehnert Valedictorian Scholarship.



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## Alexis Nicole Gustafson Highest Honor

**Parents:** John and Beth Gustafson

**Hometown:** Groton

**Sisters:** Taylor-21, and Hannah-14

**Hobbies:** babysitting, hanging out with friends, watching movies, and spending time with family

**School/community activities:** volleyball, basketball manager, Luther League ,4-H , FBLA, FCCLA, silver skates, piano

**Favorite high school memory:** having awesome times with friends, doing good for sports

**Future plans:** planning on attending USD for Nursing school

**Awards:** National Honor Society, SD Regents Scholar Diploma, Principal's Student Service Award 2018, Principal's 4 year Honor Roll 2018, President's Award in Education 2018, James Valley Bob Peterson Memorial Telecommunications Scholarship, SD Opportunity Scholarship , University of SD Distinction Scholarship, Groton Area Hopps Dow Scholarship , Groton FCCLA Service Award, Emmanuel Lutheran Faith Forever Scholarship , Groton Lions Club Scholarship, Susan Deanne Weismantel Memorial Scholarship, Groton Cortland and Lois Kuehnert Financial Need Scholarship.



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## Madilyn Elizabeth Wright Highest Honor

**Parents:** Stephan and Lynn wright

**Hometown:** Houghton

**Brother:** Nathan Wright-21

**Hobbies:** dance, singing, showing cattle in 4-H

**School/community activities:** show choir, chamber choir, FFA, 4-H dance team, cheerleading, and choir

**Favorite high school memory:** going on a trip to Florida for show choir

**Future plans:** I plan to attend the University of South Dakota and getting my Master's degree in Accounting

**Awards:** South Dakota State FFA Degree, SD Girls State Representative, National Honor Society, Principal's 4 year Honor Roll 2018, Aberdeen American News Scholastic Star Silver Award, President's Award in Education 2018, University of SD Promise Scholarship, Groton FFA Alumni Scholarship, Andover Threshing Association Scholarship , Groton Cortland and Lois Kuehnert Salutorian Scholarship.



**Congratulations Madilyn  
from Full Circle Ag**

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## Marshall McGregor Lane Highest Honor

**Parents:** Jim and Melodee Lane

**Hometown:** Groton

**Brothers and sister:** Logan-21, Lincoln-23, CJ-28, and Jamie-32

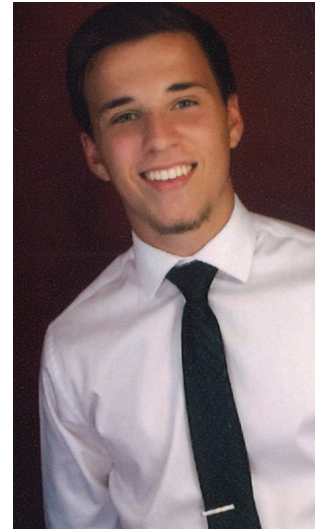
**Hobbies:** listening to music , hanging out with friends. playing video games, playing sports, and working out

**School/community activities:** show choir, football, basketball, chamber choir, student council, class officer, and school play

**Favorite high school memory:** playing in the Dome in my junior year

**Future plans:** go into National Guard and become a Nursing Anesthetist

**Awards:** Wendy's High School Heisman School Winner 2017, SD Regents Scholar Diploma, Principal's 4 year Honor Roll 2018, President's Award in Education 2018, SD Opportunity Scholarship, SDSU Blue and Yellow Scholarship, SDSU Housing Waiver, Groton Lions Club Scholarship, Montgomery GI Bill Military Tuition Benefit, Groton Cortland and Lois Kuehnert Trade/Technical/ Science or Math Scholarship.



**Jim of all Trades**  
Handyman Service  
**397-7013**



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## Madison Rose Sippel Honor

**Parents:** Monte and Sandi Sippel

**Hometown:** Groton

**Sisters:** Alyssa-20, Sarah-15

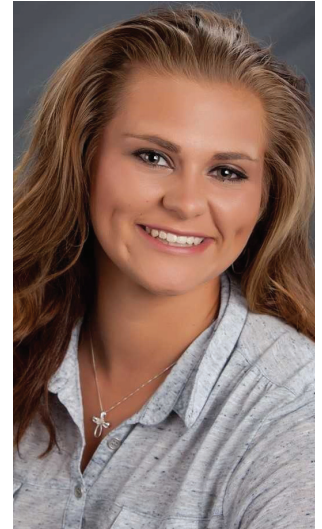
**Hobbies:** baking, napping, watching Netflix, playing games, spending time with my family

**School/Community Activities:** soccer, volleyball manager, football, cheerleading, wrestling cheerleading, track and field, FCCLA, FBLA, Carnival of Silver skates, National Honor Society

**Favorite high school memory:** getting to cheer at State football

**Future plans:** I plan on attending the University of South Dakota

**Awards:** SD Girls State Representative, National Honor Society, Wendy's High School Heisman School Winner 2017, Wendys High School Heisman State Finalist 2017, Groton CTE Curriculum Scholar, Principal's Student Service Award 2018, Principal's 4 year Honor Roll 2018, President's Award in Education 2018, University of SD Achievement Scholarship, SD Opportunity Scholarship, Emmanuel Lutheran Faith Forever Scholarship, Groton FCCLA Service Award, Groton Lions Club Scholarship, Wilfred N. and Lucille A. Heinz Memorial Scholarship, Gwendolyn O'Connor Broman Memorial Scholarship.



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(605) 397-4444

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## Gia Rose Gengerke Honor

**Parents:** Shawn and Lara Gengerke

**Hometown:** Groton

**Brother and sister:** Jasmine-15, and Ethan-14

**Hobbies:** baking, carding, reading a good book, and spending time with friends and family

**School/community activities:** volleyball, track, FBLA, FCCLA, one cause youth group, and student leadership team

**Favorite high school memory:** winning the NEC-All Conference for volleyball for the first time in school history

**Future plans:** attend Oral Roberts University and double major in Language interpretation/translation (Spanish) and International Business and ministry

**Awards:** Principal's Student Service Award 2018, Principal's 4 year Honor Roll 2018, Oral Roberts University Academic Scholarship, Oral Roberts University Quest Whole Person Scholarship, Rob Luecke Memorial Scholarship, Groton Class of 1969 Scholarship.



**Congratulations Gia  
from Full Circle Ag**

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## Anthony J. Sippel Honor

**Parents:** Marc and Franne Sippel

**Hometown:** Groton

**Sister:** Camille Sippel-22

**Hobbies:** snowmobiling, fishing, hunting, baseball, Lake days, and full sends

**School/community activities:** FFA, baseball, football, basketball

**Favorite high school memory:** reading Macbeth in Mrs. Hanten's class.

**Future plans:** attending SDSU and majoring in Ag Business one day want to come back to the family farm

**Awards:** Principal's 4 year Honor Roll 2018, Full Circle Ag Scholarship, Scottish Rite Book Grant, SD Farm Bureau scholarship, Groton Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, Ruden Family Ag Scholarship.





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## Alexandra Gaile Stange

### Honor

**Parents:** Doug and Vicci Stange

**Hometown:** Groton

**Brother:** Jamesen- 16

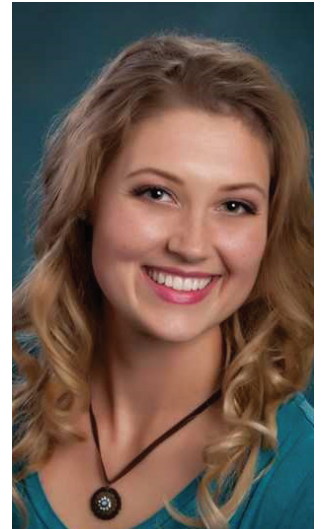
**Hobbies:** playing piano and guitar, horse back riding, baking, spending time with friends and family

**School/community activities:** 4-H FFA, FBLA, FCCLA, track, SDHSRA, student council, senior class president, football student manager

**Favorite high school memory:** homecoming and going to the Dome in 2017

**Future plans:** attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for a degree in business

**Awards:** Prudential Spirit of Community School Winner Award 2017, National Honor Society, President's Volunteer Service Award 2017, SD Regents Scholar Diploma , Principal's Student Service Award 2018, Principal's 4 year Honor Roll 2018, University of Nebraska Lincoln Ruth Leverson Scholarship, Statford Theatre Scholarship , Brown County 4H Leaders Association Scholarship, Lazy Farmers 4H Club Scholarship, Groton Irvin and Janice Fliehs Family Scholarship, Groton Don Bartz Scholarship.





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## Brandyn Lee Anderson

**Parents:** Todd and Kara Anderson

**Hometown:** Groton

**Brother and sister:** Brook Anderson-23, and Heather Phillips

**Hobbies:** hunting, fishing, hanging with friends

**School/community activities:** Groton Area, football and wrestling

**Favorite high school memory:** placing 3rd at State Wrestling or going to the championships in football

**Future plans:** attend Lake Area for Ag business

**Award:** Brian Sundstrom Wrestling Memorial Scholarship



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## Jessica Lynn Bjerke

**Parents:** Kathy and Jerry Bjerke

**Brothers and sisters:** cameron Brea, Becca, Tori, Madisen and Jordan

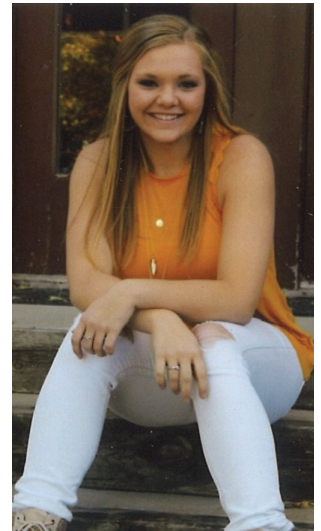
**Hobbies:** painting, hanging with friends and family, watching Netflix , going to the lake and taking naps

**School/community activities:** volleyball, basketball, cheer, track, FBLA, FCCLA and a member of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

**Favorite high school memory:** making it to the Sweet 16 two years in a row in volleyball

**Future plans:** attend Black Hills State University in Spearfish ,SD for Business

**Awards:** Lee Schlagel Memorial Scholarship, Groton Lions Club Scholarship, Groton Darlene Raap Memorial Scholarship.



## Groton Chiropractic Clinic

Carol McFarland-Kutter, D.C.

1205 N 1st St., Groton 397-8204



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## Emma Edith Donley

**Parents:** Don Joann Donely

**Hometown:** Groton

**Brothers and Sisters:** John, Kit, Sondra, Jacob, Tama, and Jenn

**Hobbies:** photography, dance, Art

**School/community activities:** band/marching band, color guard, 4-H

**Favorite high school memory:** graduating

**Future plans:** college in Rexburg, Idaho for Criminal Psychology

**Awards:** National Honor Society, Renee McKiver Memorial Scholarship, Brown County 4H Leaders Association Scholarship, Roger Hendrickson Memorial Scholarship, Groton Edna Bugner Memorial Scholarship.



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The advertisement features a yellow excavator on the left and a yellow front loader on the right, both working on a gravel site.

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## Erika Dawn Herr

**Parents:** LaRon and Jolene Herr

**Hometown:** Bristol

**Brother and sister:** Sheldon Herr-21, and Alexa Herr-15

**Hobbies:** Drive-movie theaters, going out with friends, watching Netflix, going out to eat with friends, love to drive, drawing, favorite college North Dakota State University, working out

**School/Community Activities:** piano, track stats, soccer, certified Nursing Assistant at Bristol Sundial Manor, was a member and officer of Groton FCCLA Chapter, Independent 4-H member of Day County

**Favorite high school memory:** Senior homecoming 2018. Our principal let us do a barbecue after we got our float done and we had hamburgers, chips, water, Gatorade, and desserts. The entire Senior class pulled together and it turned out to be a great day.

**Future plans:** I plan on attending North Dakota State University and getting my Bachelor's degree in Nursing. I would like to be in Fargo a couple years after I graduate, and then then come home to be closer to family.

**Awards:** Jerald W. Peterson Memorial Scholarship, Brenda Harms Memorial Scholarship, Anthony O'Brokaw Memorial Scholarship, Groton Lions Club Scholarship, Groton Darlene Raap Memorial Scholarship.



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## HOW THE WORK RULES WORK FOR YOU

**By: Patty Hoffman**

**Social Security Public Affairs Specialist**

Retirement doesn't have the same meaning for everyone. Some people plan to retire and never work again. Some people plan for second careers in occupations that wouldn't have adequately supported their families, but they do the work for pure enjoyment. Some people, whether by design or desire, choose to work part-time or seasonally to supplement their retirement income.

Retirees (or survivors) who choose to receive Social Security benefits before they reach full retirement age (FRA) and continue to work have an earnings limit. In 2017, the annual earnings limit was \$16,920 for those under FRA the entire calendar year. In 2018, it is \$17,040. If you earn over the limit, we deduct \$1 from your Social Security monthly benefit payment for every \$2 you earn above the annual limit.

In the calendar year you reach FRA, which you can check out at [www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire/ageincrease.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire/ageincrease.html), you have a higher earnings limit. Additionally, we will only count earnings for the months prior to FRA. In 2017, the limit was \$44,880. In 2018, it is \$45,360. In the year of FRA attainment, Social Security deducts \$1 in benefits for every \$3 you earn above the limit.

There is a special rule that usually only applies in your first year of receiving retirement benefits. If you earn more than the annual earnings limit, you may still receive a full Social Security payment for each month you earn less than a monthly limit. In 2018, the monthly limit is \$1,420 for those who are below FRA the entire calendar year. The 2018 monthly limit increases to \$3,780 in the year of FRA attainment.

Once you reach FRA, you no longer have an earnings limit, and we may recalculate your benefit to credit you for any months we withheld your benefits due to excess earnings. This is because your monthly benefit amount is calculated based on a reduction for each month you receive it before your FRA. So, if you originally filed for benefits 12 months before your FRA, but earned over the limit and had two months of Social Security benefits withheld, we will adjust your ongoing monthly benefit amount to reflect that you received 10 months of benefits before your FRA, and not 12.

Most people understand that if they work while receiving benefits before FRA, their benefit may be reduced. What most people do not consider in their retirement planning is that we recalculate your Social Security monthly benefit at FRA to credit you for Social Security benefit payments withheld due to earnings over the limit. Explaining the earnings limit is another way that Social Security helps secure your today and tomorrow. Understanding both the earnings limit and the possible recalculation of your ongoing Social Security benefits will provide an additional perspective on retirement for you to consider.

Patty Hoffman is the Public Affairs Specialist for ND, SD and Western MN. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 4207 Boulder Ridge Road, Ste. 100, Bismarck ND 58503 or via email at [patty.hoffman@ssa.gov](mailto:patty.hoffman@ssa.gov).



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## Today in Weather History

June 5, 1925: A severe thunderstorm that probably produced multiple numbers of small tornadoes moved northwest from Presho, in Jones County. There were large gaps of about 15 miles at times between tornadoes. One of these tornadoes passed 10 miles north of Ree Heights and ended north of Miller. Half dozen barns were destroyed west and north of Ree Heights. The strongest of the tornadoes was estimated as having F2 strength. Also on this date, a tornado moved from the southern edge of Fargo, North Dakota and on into Moorhead Minnesota. There were no injuries reported from this storm.

June 5, 1996: Hail, between a golf ball and tennis ball size, broke many windshields and dented vehicles in Watertown. Some houses in Watertown had their windows broken out because of the large hail. Golf ball sized hail also covered most of the ground at the Watertown Airport.

June 5, 1999: Winds gusting to 74 mph knocked down several trees throughout Groton. One tree took out a major transmission line and ripped the electrical service line off of a house. Power was out for parts of Groton for several hours. The high winds shattered the windows at a store on Main Street and tore a standing board on a sign loose which damaged five new vehicles at a dealership in Groton. The high winds also destroyed a small service building and the surrounding fence at the main juncture of natural gas pipelines at Groton. Winds to 70 mph brought several trees and many large tree branches down in Henry. Winds gusting to 80 mph snapped off several trees, blew a garage down, and brought power lines down in Hazel. In Watertown winds gusted to over 70 mph, blowing a portion of a roof off a house and destroyed the attached garage on another house. Near Watertown, a pole barn was destroyed, a hay bale was blown into a basement window of a house, and part of their deck was torn away. Near Florence, winds up to 80 mph tipped over and damaged a small shed, destroyed another storage shed, and also completely demolished a three stall garage.

June 5, 2008: Very heavy rains of 3 to 7 inches caused extensive flooding throughout Dewey County. Many roads, bridges, dams, culverts, along with some buildings were damaged or destroyed by the flooding. One man, west of Promise, used a boat to get back and forth from his ranch. A federal disaster declaration was issued for Dewey County and the Cheyenne River Reservation.

1976: When water began leaking from Idaho's new Teton Dam, there seemed to be no cause for alarm. On this date, warnings were frantic that the dam was about to break. As workers tried to shore up the crumbling dam, it crumbled shortly after 11 AM, sending 180 billion gallons of water pouring through Teton Canyon. 11 people lost their lives, but the toll would have been much higher if the dam had failed at night and residents had been asleep. [Click HERE](#) for more information.

1859 - Frost was reported from Iowa to New England. The temperature dipped to 25 degrees in New York State, and up to two inches of snow blanketed Ohio. The cold and snow damaged the wheat crop. (David Ludlum)

1908 - Helena MT was deluged with 3.67 inches of rain to establish their all-time 24 hour rainfall record. (4th-5th) (The Weather Channel)

1916 - A tornado struck the town of Warren AR killing 83 persons. There were 125 deaths that day in a tornado outbreak across Missouri and Arkansas. (David Ludlum)

1917 - Residents near Topeka KS reported disk-shaped hailstones six to ten inches in diameter, and two to three inches thick. The hailstorm was accompanied by a tornado. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - International Falls, MN, dipped to a record low reading of 34 degrees during the morning. Williston, ND, and Glasgow, MT, reported record warm afternoon highs of 94 degrees. Major flooding was reported along the Guadalupe River in South Texas, with the water level at Cuero reaching 18 feet above flood stage. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Twenty cities in the south central and eastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date, including Asheville NC with a reading of 40 degrees. Fifteen cities in the north central U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date. The high of 108 degrees at Glasgow MT was a record for June. (The National Weather Summary)

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Today



Hot

High: 99 °F

Tonight



Severe  
Thunderstorms

Low: 66 °F

Wednesday



Mostly Sunny

High: 83 °F

Wednesday  
Night



Mostly Clear

Low: 53 °F

Thursday



Mostly Sunny  
then Slight  
Chance  
T-storms

High: 82 °F

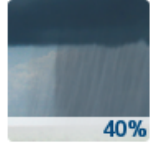
Thursday  
Night



Chance  
Showers then  
Chance  
T-storms

Low: 62 °F

Friday



Chance  
Showers

High: 85 °F

## Strong to Severe Storms Mainly Tonight

### Threat Potential



Large hail and  
damaging winds are  
possible



National Weather Service Aberdeen, SD



Updated: 6/5/2018 5:51 AM Central

Published on: 06/05/2018 at 5:55AM

An area of low pressure crossing the region will bring the potential for strong to severe storms late this afternoon through tonight. Large hail and damaging winds will be the main threats.



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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 93.0 F at 5:51 PM**

**Low Outside Temp: 52.8 F at 5:02 AM**

**Wind Chill:**

**High Gust: 28.0 Mph at 9:28 AM**

**Precip: 0.00**

## Today's Info

**Record High: 103° in 1933**

**Record Low: 37° in 1907**

**Average High: 74°F**

**Average Low: 51°F**

**Average Precip in June: 0.58**

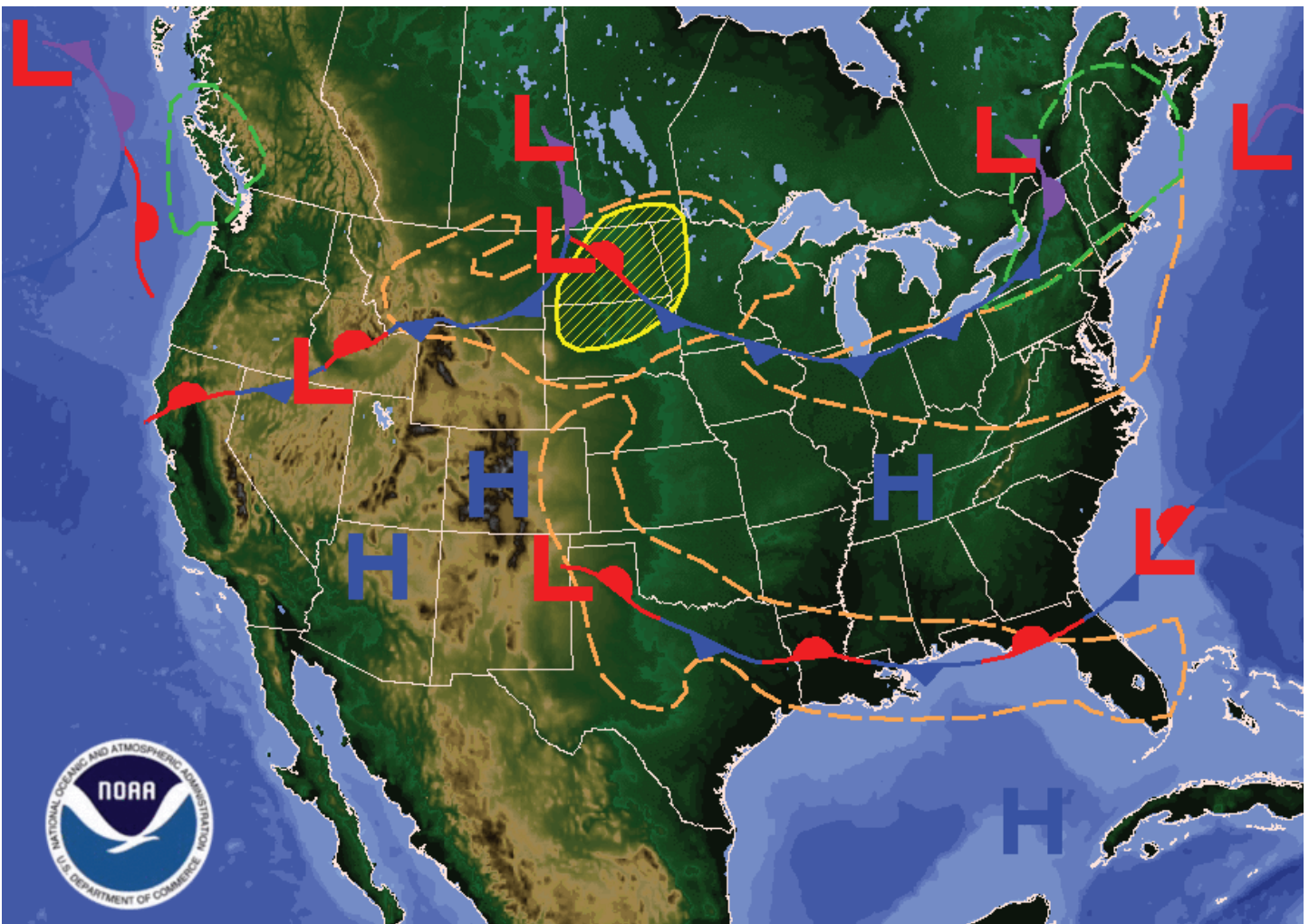
**Precip to date in June: 0.04**

**Average Precip to date: 7.72**

**Precip Year to Date: 4.34**

**Sunset Tonight: 9:18 p.m.**

**Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:46 a.m.**



### Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Tue, Jun 05, 2018, issued 4:50 AM EDT

DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center

Prepared by Santorelli with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

Rain

Rain and T'Storms

Rain and Snow

Snow

Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)

Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)

Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)

Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)



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## MAKE ME GOOD, DADDY

Recently a new diagnosis was introduced to explain the out-of-control behavior of a high school student. While under the influence of alcohol, he killed four people with his automobile. Rather than charging him with vehicular manslaughter and sentencing him to spend time in a correctional facility, he was given probation for "influenza," an entirely new mental disorder.

Many were curious about the cause of this "disease" until a psychiatrist explained its source: it came from parents who gave their child everything he wanted, held him accountable for nothing and as a result he never learned right from wrong.

However, this is not the way our Heavenly Father "educates" us. One of His "children" provided us with an insightful detail into His method of child-rearing: "The Lord has chastened me severely, but He has not given me over to death."

The word "chasten" means to "punish, restrain or moderate" someone's behavior. So, when God "chastens" us, He is in fact confronting our un-Christ-like behavior and urging us to repent. We are instructed in God's Word to "let God train you, for He is doing what any loving father does for his children. For whoever heard of a son who was never corrected."

One day a father found it necessary to chastise his son. After the punishment he looked at his Dad and said, "I understand, Dad. I did wrong and you were trying to make me good. I know you love me, Dad, and I love you."

Prayer: Father, keep us focused on living as Your Son, our Savior lived and correct us swiftly when we go astray. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 118:18 The Lord has chastened me severely, But He has not given me over to death.

## 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

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## News from the Associated Press

### **Man found dead following standoff identified**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Rapid City police have identified a man found dead after barricading himself in an eastside apartment building.

The body of 41-year-old Gregorio Salas was found last Thursday several hours after police were called. Neighbors said the man had been acting strangely and had made threats to hurt himself and others.

Police negotiators tried to talk Salas out of the apartment. Neighbors were evacuated while the standoff continued.

### **Blue wave? California tops list as midterm matchups form**

**By STEVE PEOPLES and MICHAEL BLOOD, Associated Press**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — For years sidelined on the national political fringe, California has lurched to the center of the fight for control of Congress.

No state will be more consequential in the success or failure of a prospective blue wave this fall. But before then, Democrats must avoid self-inflicted wounds in Tuesday's so-called jungle primaries that feature a swarm of ambitious candidates who could cannibalize their own party's chances. At the same time, Republicans face the embarrassing prospect of failing to nominate any candidates in marquee races for the U.S. Senate and governor.

California tops a list of eight states holding primary contests on Tuesday. Democrats and Republicans from Montana to Alabama and Mississippi to New Jersey will pick their nominees up and down the ballot to face off this November for the inaugural midterm elections of Donald Trump's presidency.

With the possibility of a Democratic wave on the horizon, Tuesday's contests will test voter enthusiasm, candidate quality and Trump's influence as the 2018 political battlefield begins to settle.

"I look forward (to) watching the Democrats continue to nominate far-left progressives who are running to go to Congress to impeach the president and raise middle-class taxes," said Corry Bliss, whose Congressional Leadership Fund will spend tens of millions of dollars to defend the House Republican majority this fall.

On the other side, Democratic strategists expect to see new evidence of an anti-Trump backlash, particularly in suburban districts across New Jersey and California, where many voters have soured on the Republican president.

"The California suburbs are the center of gravity for voters rejecting Republicans in the era of Trump," said Democratic strategist Jesse Ferguson. "When you combine the Democratic energy with the suburban independent voters who want nothing to do with a Trump Republican, you create a toxic combination for a Republican member of Congress trying to get re-elected."

Democrats must wrestle at least 23 seats from Republican hands to seize control of the House for the second half of Trump's first term.

There is no more fertile terrain than California, which features seven Republican seats in districts won by Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton in 2016. No other state features more than three such seats.

Yet California's top-two primary system — often referred to as a jungle primary — complicates things.

Under the system, all candidates appear on a single ballot, yet only the top two vote-getters regardless of party advance to a November runoff. In a crowded and competitive race — and there are many — it's possible that two candidates from the same party advance to the runoff in some districts, leaving the other party with no candidate on the November ballot.

That's a nightmare scenario for Democrats in particular, who claim momentum in some suburban districts but feature packed fields in many cases.

National Democrats have spent more than \$7 million trying to avoid that fate in districts opened by



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Republican Ed Royce and Darrell Issa's retirements and in the district where Republican Rep. Dana Rohrabacher is facing challenges from the left and the right. That's money that Democrats would have preferred to save for this fall.

For Republicans, a California shutout is most likely in the governor's race.

Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom and former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa are considered the top Democratic hopefuls, while Republicans view business executive John Cox as their best hope. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, even at 84 years old, is expected to win the Democratic nomination easily.

There is another kind of drama playing out in other states.

In New Jersey, Sen. Bob Mendez is expected to become the Democratic Party's nominee for a third term despite being tainted by a hung jury in his recent federal bribery trial. Republicans hope to use the fallout to tar other Democrats in the state, including those fighting to defeat vulnerable GOP incumbents in suburban districts.

In Montana, Republicans will pick a candidate to take on Democratic Sen. Jon Tester, who is among the most vulnerable Democratic senators in the nation. The GOP struggled to recruit top-tier candidates, leaving the most likely nominees as State Auditor Matt Rosendale or retired judge Russ Fagg.

Democrats have aimed their most aggressive attacks at Rosendale, seizing on his background in Maryland and questions about his experience as a rancher.

Governor's races will also take shape Tuesday in Alabama, Iowa, South Dakota and New Mexico, where Republicans in most cases are fighting to demonstrate their loyalty to Trump and Democrats are toeing the line, particularly in more conservative states.

That's certainly the case for vulnerable Alabama Rep. Martha Roby, a Republican who faces a difficult primary challenge after becoming the first to withdraw her endorsement of Trump in 2016. She made the decision after the release of a 2005 "Access Hollywood" tape in which Trump bragged about grabbing women's genitals. Roby's top challenger is the man she beat to win the seat in 2010, former Democratic Rep. Bobby Bright, who switched parties to try to even the score.

Tuesday's drama extends into South Dakota, where Rep. Kristi Noem's bid to become the state GOP's first female nominee for governor has opened the state's only House seat. The race has drawn considerable attention from outside the state.

It may be a while before all of Tuesday's contests are decided, particularly in California.

The state allows absentee ballots to be mailed through primary election day, meaning it'll likely be days before the final votes are counted.

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Associated Press writer Bill Barrow in Atlanta contributed to this report.

## **Things to Know: 8 states cast midterm primary votes Tuesday**

**By BILL BARROW, Associated Press**

Eight states are casting midterm primary ballots Tuesday, with implications for control of the House and Senate and for several governor's races.

Primaries are being held in Alabama, California, Iowa, Mississippi, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico and South Dakota.

Some of the highlights:

### **CALIFORNIA JUNGLE**

There are no party primaries in California, with voters instead choosing among all candidates on one ballot, with the top two vote-getters advancing to November regardless of party.

That has repercussions for both major parties, but Democrats in particular have concerns that they could get shut out of a handful of Southern California races, costing them prime pickup opportunities to retake the House majority this fall.

The national party has spent millions of dollars trying to avoid that fate in seats opened by Republican Ed Royce and Darrell Issa's retirements and in the district where Republican Rep. Dana Rohrabacher is

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facing challenges from the left and the right.

Those three seats are among seven California House districts where President Donald Trump trailed Hillary Clinton in 2016. There are 25 such districts nationwide. Democrats must win at least 23 new seats to reclaim a majority.

For the GOP, the shutout is most likely in the governor's race. Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom and former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa are considered the top Democratic hopefuls. Republicans view business executive John Cox as their best shot to make November a traditional two-party matchup.

## BE PATIENT

For all the focus on various California scenarios, it's almost certain that the results won't be settled Tuesday night. That's because the state allows absentee ballots to be mailed through the primary election day. It could be days before all those are counted — with runoff spots hanging in the balance.

## SENATORS IN THE SHADOWS

Senate contests are mostly getting overlooked Tuesday, but vulnerable Democratic incumbent Jon Tester of Montana will learn who he'll have to contend with this fall. The most likely nominees are State Auditor Matt Rosendale and retired judge Russ Fagg, both with long records in public posts. Rosendale has GOP establishment support. Either promises to take aim at Tester as a foe to Trump.

Tester is one of 10 Democratic senators running for re-election this year in states Trump won.

In New Jersey, Democratic Sen. Bob Menendez appears a shoo-in to become his party's nominee, but he must fend off a primary challenger to make it official. This comes months after federal criminal corruption charges against him were dropped and he was rebuked by the Senate ethics panel. Republicans hope to use the fallout to tar other Democrats in the state, including several trying to flip GOP House seats.

Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California isn't believed to be threatened for re-election, but the 84-year-old is being tested from the left by state Senate leader Kevin de Leon. It will be worth watching what her final totals are coming out of the primary and heading into a potential two-Democrat match in November.

## ANOTHER TRUMP TEST

Republican Rep. Martha Roby of Alabama was the first federal elected official to rescind her endorsement of Donald Trump after disclosure of a 2005 "Access Hollywood" tape of him bragging about grabbing women's genitals without permission. Roby declared that she'd vote for someone else — and the Trump loyalists in her district haven't forgotten, putting her at risk of a runoff. Her top challenger is the man she beat to win the seat in 2010. Former Democratic Rep. Bobby Bright switched parties to try to even the score.

## SOUTH DAKOTA FIREWORKS

Politics in the Dakotas doesn't always make national headlines, but there are plenty of fireworks in South Dakota. Attorney General Marty Jackley and U.S. Rep Kristi Noem are in a fierce battle for the GOP gubernatorial nomination. Noem would be the state GOP's first female nominee for governor.

Noem's bid for the statehouse corner office has opened South Dakota's at-large House seat, with a three-way race that's drawn considerable out-of-state spending. Dusty Johnson, a former Public Utilities commissioner, is considered the favorite. But Secretary of State Shantel Krebs is pushing from the right, having campaigned recently with firebrand Rep. Steve King of Iowa. A third candidate, state Sen. Neal Tapio, has called for an end to the Native American reservation system in the United States.

## OTHER GOVERNOR'S RACES TAKE SHAPE

Alabama has a rare primary experience: competitive gubernatorial primaries on both sides of the aisle. Republican Gov. Kay Ivey is aiming for her first outright term, having assumed the office when Robert Bentley resigned amid a sex scandal involving an aide. But she'll have to dispatch several GOP challengers

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first. Democrats will choose between Tuscaloosa Mayor Walt Maddox and former state Supreme Court Chief Justice Sue Bell Cobb. Either would be a big underdog in November.

Iowa Republican Gov. Kim Reynolds also is seeking her first full term after succeeding Republican Terry Branstad, now the U.S. ambassador to China. Democrats will be choosing between businessman Fred Hubbell and labor leader Cathy Glasson, with polls suggesting Hubbell is the favorite.

In New Mexico, both parties are picking would-be successors to outgoing Gov. Susana Martinez, the nation's first Latina governor. Among the top Democrats is Michelle Lujan Grisham, a congresswoman who'd be the second Latina state chief executive.

## **GOP governor, House races top South Dakota primary ballot**

**By JAMES NORD, Associated Press**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Republican voters picking a nominee in South Dakota's marquee primary for governor also will select a candidate Tuesday for a statewide U.S. House seat while joining other residents in weighing changes to the "Marsy's Law" victims' bill of rights in the state constitution.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. local time, with Republicans choosing in their high-profile governor primary between Attorney General Marty Jackley and U.S. Rep. Kristi Noem. Former Public Utilities commissioner Dusty Johnson, Secretary of State Shantel Krebs and state Sen. Neal Tapio are competing to be the GOP's congressional candidate.

While only registered Republicans will be able to vote in the GOP primary for governor, U.S. House and state legislative races, all voters will be able to cast ballots on Constitutional Amendment Y. It would tweak Marsy's Law to help police and prosecutors cut down on unforeseen bureaucratic problems it has created.

Democrats have legislative primaries in several districts that are open to registered Democrats, independents and voters with no party affiliation.

Noem and Jackley have fought to break out in the highly competitive governor primary, with the winner slated to be the front-runner facing well-funded Democratic state Sen. Billie Sutton in the general election. The Republican candidates have defined themselves more on experience and accomplishments than on policy differences.

Noem would be the first female governor nominee chosen by South Dakota Republicans. She has emphasized her role negotiating the 2014 farm bill and the GOP's federal tax cuts during her four terms in Congress.

Jackley has passed legislation through the Statehouse combating public corruption, fighting human trafficking and imposing tougher penalties on drug dealers since he became attorney general in 2009. He previously served as U.S. attorney for South Dakota.

In the Republican House race, Johnson is the front-runner and has an endorsement from his former boss, Gov. Dennis Daugaard. Johnson pledged not to run attack ads in the race after Krebs aired spots criticizing his use of a state airplane. Super PACs from outside South Dakota have opposed both Johnson and Krebs.

Johnson is running a well-funded campaign as a more traditional conservative, while Krebs and Tapio have aligned themselves closer to President Donald Trump. Tapio is an entrepreneur who headed Trump's South Dakota campaign.

The Republican who triumphs in the primary will go up against Democratic former judge Tim Bjorkman, Libertarian George Hendrickson and independent Ronald Wieczorek in the general election.

South Dakota would become the first state to change "Marsy's Law" of those that have enacted it if voters approve Constitutional Amendment Y, though Montana voters passed a version in 2016 that the state Supreme Court later tossed out.

The proposed changes — which the Marsy's Law campaign supports — would require victims to opt in to many of their rights and specifically allow law enforcement to share information with the public to help solve crimes.

Officials say Marsy's Law has caused unintended consequences since it passed in 2016. At least three large counties hired new people to work with victims, privacy provisions in the amendment have curtailed



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the information that some law enforcement agencies release to the public to help solve crimes, and prosecutors' offices must now track down and notify a broader swath of victims about their cases.

It's named after Marsalee "Marsy" Nicholas, a California college student who was stalked and killed in 1983 by an ex-boyfriend. The California businessman who bankrolled Marsy's Law in South Dakota in 2016 has donated \$450,000 to fund the new campaign, which hasn't faced organized opposition.

Voters across South Dakota are also set to decide 24 state legislative primaries in the election.

## **Owners file permit to demolish giant Sioux Falls house**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The owners of a disputed giant house in Sioux Falls have filed a permit to demolish the home.

The Argus Leader reports the demolition permit was filed Monday with the city of Sioux Falls.

A judge last month gave Josh and Sarah Sapienza until June 16 to remove the house. The couple had lost a court fight with their neighbors, who contended the Sapienzas' towering new home blocked out sunlight.

The judge previously ruled the house was not compliant with building standards for national historic districts. In January, the South Dakota Supreme Court ruled the owners must make the home conform to the neighborhood's historical standards.

An attorney for neighbors Pierce and Barbara McDowell says "it was a long tortuous process" for his clients.

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

## **Rapid City district to consider \$1M seat belt plan for buses**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The Rapid City school district is considering retrofitting its fleet of buses with seat belts at a cost of up to \$1 million.

A federal panel and the National Transportation Safety Board recommended last week that all buses should be equipped with lap and shoulder seat belts. The guidance comes days after a school bus collision in New Jersey that killed a student and a teacher.

Nearly 1,300 people were killed in school-transportation-related crashes between 2006 and 2015, the board said in its report.

But the Rapid City district's transportation director, Dennis Berg, told the Rapid City Journal that the school buses are already safe.

The buses' compact interior design helps with security and the closely spaced seat-backs "absorb energy" on impact, he said.

"Personally, I would put my child or grandson in a school bus before a passenger car," Berg said.

He said that equipping the nearly 100 buses with seat belts could cost between \$750,000 and \$1 million.

Berg cautioned that updating the school buses could take 16 years and lead to parent complaints.

"I am not opposed to seat belts in the school bus, but (I) do have a lot of questions on implementing, enforcing, and driver liability," Berg said.

Education officials haven't decided on the school bus changes, said district spokeswoman Katy Urban. The national board's recommendations aren't mandatory. Urban anticipates school leaders will consider the issue over the summer.

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

## **19-year-old Chamberlain man charged with 1st-degree murder**

CHAMBERLAIN, S.D. (AP) — A 19-year-old Chamberlain man is charged with first-degree murder for allegedly killing another man with a liquor bottle over the weekend.

Nicholas Yellow Lodge appeared in court Monday. Cash bond was set at \$500,000, and Yellow Lodge

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remained in the Brule County Jail.

According to court documents, Yellow Lodge killed David Hart at Hart's Chamberlain apartment after pushing Hart, punching him and hitting him four to five times with a large glass liquor bottle.

The Daily Republic reports Yellow Lodge told authorities he had been drinking with Hart on Saturday night when Hart became upset over missing money and began assaulting Yellow Lodge. Yellow Lodge told authorities he struck Hart with the bottle.

A first-degree murder conviction in South Dakota carries a mandatory life sentence or the death penalty.

## **GOP governor primary main event in South Dakota election**

**By JAMES NORD, Associated Press**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Republicans' choice of a candidate for governor will be the main event for voters casting ballots in the primary election, but a fierce GOP U.S. House primary and a ballot question to fix the "Marsy's Law" victims' bill of rights will also be decided at the polls.

Here's a look at some of the races voters will see on their ballots Tuesday:

### **GOVERNOR**

Attorney General Marty Jackley or U.S. Rep. Kristi Noem will win the Republican nomination for governor.

Their highly competitive race was the chief focus of the primary season, pitting the two top-tier Republicans against each other in a contest more defined by experience than policy divisions.

Both candidates have pledged not to raise taxes and reliably touted their conservative credentials, but they diverged on creating new government boards. Noem has promised not to form new commissions, while Jackley has said he would use them because government doesn't have all the answers.

Noem would be the first woman South Dakota Republicans have nominated for governor. Elected to Congress in 2010, Noem has emphasized her role negotiating the 2014 farm bill and the GOP's recent federal tax cuts.

As attorney general since 2009, Jackley has pushed a wide range of legislation through the statehouse, listing as accomplishments laws addressing public corruption, fighting human trafficking and imposing harsher penalties for meth dealing and manufacturing.

The winner will face Democratic state Sen. Billie Sutton in the general election.

### **U.S. HOUSE**

Former Public Utilities commissioner Dusty Johnson, Secretary of State Shantel Krebs and state Sen. Neal Tapio are competing to be GOP voters' choice to join Congress. Johnson is campaigning on making tough decisions to address the federal debt, Krebs is running as a reformer and Tapio has mounted an outsider bid.

Johnson, the front-runner, promised not to run negative ads in the race's final days after Krebs released spots criticizing his use of a state airplane. Out-of-state super PACs have taken aim at both candidates.

Krebs capped the campaign by appearing with Iowa U.S. Rep. Steve King, while Tapio called for an end to the Native American reservation system in the U.S. The Republican primary winner is set to face Democrat Tim Bjorkman, a former judge, and Libertarian George Hendrickson and independent Ronald Wieczorek in November.

### **MARSY'S LAW**

A constitutional fix to the "Marsy's Law" victims' bill of rights in South Dakota marks the first time voters will decide a ballot question at a primary. The Marsy's Law constitutional amendment passed with about 60 percent support in November 2016, but officials say it's causing problems for law enforcement and prosecutors and spiking costs for counties.

The proposed changes in Constitutional Amendment Y would require victims to opt in to many of their rights and specifically allow authorities to share information with the public to help solve crimes. Supporters say the new amendment would improve Marsy's Law, and the campaign that passed the original measure is pushing the changes.

### **LEGISLATURE**

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Voters across the state are set to decide more than 20 legislative primary races. Some top races include a Republican rematch in which former Sen. Bruce Rampelberg is taking on hard-right incumbent Sen. Lance Russell, who previously ousted Rampelberg from the southwest South Dakota seat in 2016. There also is a contest between Former Rep. Patrick Kirschman, incumbent Rep. Jamie Smith, nonprofit program coordinator Linda Duba and Josh Reinfeld for two spots in a Sioux Falls district.

## HOW DOES THIS WORK AGAIN?

Voters can use the secretary of state's website to find their polling locations, which will be open Tuesday from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. local time. Registered Democrats, independents and those with no party affiliation can vote in the Democratic primary, while Republicans have a closed system for registered GOP voters only.

But all registered voters will be able to cast a vote on Constitutional Amendment Y, the measure that would change Marsy's Law.

## Investigators: Judge resolved at least 13 cases improperly

LE MARS, Iowa (AP) — Investigators have found at least 13 cases in which an Iowa judge improperly used language proposed by winning attorneys as his final court orders without telling attorneys on the other sides.

Retired Judge Edward Jacobson told investigators in a report released Friday that he thought his actions were common practice among other Iowa district judges and in South Dakota, where he'd practiced law before moving to Iowa. Investigators said that wasn't the case.

The Iowa Code of Judicial Conduct bars what in legal terms is called "ex parte communications" between a judge and one side's attorney.

Jacobson shocked Iowa's legal community in November when he acknowledged during a deposition in a divorce case that he often requested attorneys for the winning sides of cases to write up proposed language and email it to him. He said he'd made such requests at least 200 times in his 16 years on the bench, estimating he'd overseen about 2,000 cases.

Iowa State Court Administrator Todd Nuccio launched an investigation in March, after the deposition was brought to regulators' attention. He appointed Judge Robert Hutchison and former State Court Administrator David Boyd to review Jacobson's processes and to "document any questionable and/or improper practices found."

Jacobson told the investigators that neither side gained advantage in his rulings because he asked attorneys for proposed language only after he'd decided cases. He said he solicited proposed language in 200 cases but didn't get or use the language in all of his final orders.

The investigators said that allowing only one side's lawyers to propose language denied changes for the other side's attorneys to be heard. The investigators also noted that appeals courts would "have no reason to scrutinize the findings and conclusions of the trial court more carefully."

Hutchison and Boyd were not asked to determine whether Jacobson violated any laws or rules. It's unclear what the next step might be for Nuccio and his office. He didn't immediately return a call Monday from The Associated Press.

Chad Krastel's divorce case was among the 13 cases cited by the investigators. Krastel said in an email to the AP that "the judge 'wrote' the decree completely" in his ex-wife's favor. His lawyer, Roseanne Plante, said the report could bolster her plans to seek a modification of Krastel's child custody arrangement to gain him more time with his child,

Plante also said she is encouraging Krastel and other people to file complaints to have Jacobson's law license lifted.

## Pelleting plant targeted for Napa Junction

NAPA JUNCTION, S.D. (AP) — Developers say a new pelleting plant in Napa Junction will go a long way in helping the region solve its natural gas woes.

Dakota Protein plans to build a plant north of the existing Dakota Plains Ag facility that will produce grain



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pellets for range cattle and feedlots.

Yankton Area Progressive Growth finance officer Brian Steward tells the Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan ground breaking is expected July 1 with operations beginning next spring.

One of the biggest issues faced at Napa Junction — and in the Yankton area as a whole — is the lack of natural gas capacity for larger entities.

Project Partner Toby Morris says natural gas won't be much of an issue for the pellet plant.

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Information from: Yankton Press and Dakotan, <http://www.yankton.net/>

## **Motorcyclist dies in collision with deer**

ELK POINT, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Highway Patrol says a motorcyclist has died in a collision with a deer in Union County.

The patrol says the 64-year-old man was westbound 5 miles northwest of Elk Point Sunday about 3:30 p.m. when the deer jumped into the road, colliding with the bike and throwing the victim from the motorcycle.

Authorities say the man was wearing a helmet, but later died from his injuries.

## **South Dakota firefighters assist with western wildfires**

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — Firefighters from the Piedmont, Battle Creek and Spearfish departments are helping crews battle wildfires in the western United States.

More than a dozen fires are burning in five states, with the largest in southern California and New Mexico. KELO-TV says there's no word on where the South Dakota crews will be stationed, but the Ute Park Fire in northern New Mexico is currently a main focus of resources.

By Sunday that fire had doubled in size to about 47 square miles. The cause of the fire was unknown and there was no containment.

The fire has destroyed 12 to 14 outbuildings at nearby Philmont Scout Ranch.

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

## **Retired policeman's hunch leads to suspect in 6 killings**

**By MELISSA DANIELS and JACQUES BILLEAUD, Associated Press**

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — A hunch from a retired detective helped lead police to a man suspected of shooting six people to death in the Phoenix area, some of whom were connected to his divorce, authorities said after the assailant killed himself with officers closing in.

A round-the-clock investigation that began late last week led police Monday to an extended-stay hotel in suburban Scottsdale where 56-year-old Dwight Lamon Jones was staying. As officers approached, they heard gunfire and found his body.

Jones' victims included a well-known forensic psychiatrist who testified against him in court in 2010, two paralegals who worked for the law office that represented the suspect's wife, a marriage-and-divorce counselor who was apparently targeted in a case of mistaken identity and another man and woman who have not been identified, authorities said.

In an unexpected twist, the suspect's ex-wife, Connie Jones, said her current husband, a retired police detective, made the connection between her divorce and the crime scenes and notified police of his suspicion Saturday night.

Connie Jones said in a statement that her ex-husband was a "very emotionally disturbed person."

Jones was arrested in May 2009 at his family's Scottsdale home on a domestic violence charge after his wife said he backed her against a wall, hit her in the face and threatened to kill her, according to court records. The arrest was cited by his then-wife when she filed for divorce.

"Personally, I have feared for my safety for the past nine years. I cannot express the emotions I feel for

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the innocent families touched by this senseless violence,” Connie Jones said.

“We started to see that Mr. Jones was visiting them in an effort to right some wrong based on what we could see,” said Rich Slavin, assistant police chief in Scottsdale.

The slayings began Thursday with the fatal shooting of Dr. Steven Pitt, who, according to court records, had evaluated Jones and testified in 2010 that he had anxiety and mood disorders and symptoms of a paranoid personality.

Pitt said Jones did not conform to social norms and acted impulsively and aggressively. He lacked remorse and close friends and required excessive admiration, the records said.

The testimony was cited in the couple’s November 2010 divorce, which granted Jones’ wife sole custody of their now 21-year-old son.

“This is not a success story, but it’s a story that has closure,” Maricopa County Sheriff Paul Penzone said.

The 59-year-old psychiatrist was well known in his field and assisted in high-profile murder cases, including the JonBenet Ramsey mystery in Colorado and a notorious Phoenix serial killer investigation.

Paralegals Veleria Sharp, 48, and Laura Anderson, 49, worked at the law office that represented Jones’ wife. Police believe Jones may have been targeting the attorney, but she was not present Friday when Jones went to the office in downtown Scottsdale.

Sharp was shot in the head but ran out of the office to get help before collapsing on the street, police said. She was pronounced dead at a hospital.

Counselor Marshall Levine, 72, appears to have been mistaken for someone else who once occupied the same office. At one time, the space was used by a counselor who saw Jones’ son as part of the divorce. Levine, who took over the space, was not involved in the divorce case.

Police would not speculate why Jones tracked down people connected to his divorce so long after it happened. They say he had been living in extended-stay hotels for the past nine years.

Analysis of shell casings found at Pitts’ office, the law firm and Levin’s office confirmed that the victims were killed with the same gun, police said.

Jones’ DNA was found on one of spent casings. And traffic cameras showed a vehicle fitting the description of Jones’ gold Mercedes near the law firm 30 minutes before the double killing on Friday, police said.

The suspect has also been linked to two additional killings in Fountain Hills, an affluent suburb in the northeastern corner of metro Phoenix. The man and woman found dead inside the home have not been named publicly.

Jones, who was seen driving around Fountain Hills, was later seen dumping a .22-caliber gun stolen from the Fountain Hills home.

Some neighbors who were home on Monday afternoon stepped out to observe the police presence that remained on the street, which is usually a serene area.

“It’s quiet around here,” said landscaper Saul Ramirez, who stopped to take cellphone videos of the scene.

As police shared new details of the case, several hundred people crowded into a chapel at a mortuary in Scottsdale to honor Pitt with music, humorous stories and a Hebrew prayer of mourning.

He was remembered as a perfectionist in his work on major cases and a loving man who doted on his fiancée and family members. Phoenix police Lt. Bryan Chapman, who had become a close friend during their work on criminal cases, said Pitt volunteered countless hours to help investigate many lesser known crimes.

“He was the hardest working person I ever met,” Chapman said.

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Associated Press journalist Anita Snow in Phoenix contributed to this report.

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## Manafort accused of several tries to tamper with witnesses

By CHAD DAY and ERIC TUCKER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort made several attempts to tamper with witnesses in his ongoing criminal case, prosecutors said as they asked a federal judge to consider jailing him while he awaits trial.

In a court filing Monday, prosecutors working for special counsel Robert Mueller wrote that Manafort and one of his associates “repeatedly” contacted two witnesses in an effort to influence their testimony. The contacts occurred earlier this year, shortly after a grand jury returned a new indictment against Manafort and while he was confined to his home.

The filing marks the second time that Mueller’s team has accused Manafort of violating a judge’s order in the case. Late last year, federal agents discovered that Manafort was attempting to ghostwrite an opinion piece in Ukraine even though he was under a gag order in the case.

The allegations of attempted witness tampering relate to Manafort’s criminal case in Washington where he faces charges of money-laundering conspiracy, false statements and acting as an unregistered foreign agent for Ukrainian interests. He also faces bank fraud and tax evasion charges in Virginia.

The charges — they involve tens of millions of dollars routed through offshore accounts — do not relate to his work on the Trump campaign or involve allegations of Russian election interference.

In the latest court documents, prosecutors say that while he was under house arrest, Manafort and his associate attempted to get two witnesses to lie about the nature of lobbying and public relations work they carried out at Manafort’s direction on behalf of Ukraine.

The court documents do not name Manafort’s associate, but they refer to him as “Person A” and note the pseudonym is consistent with previous filings in the case. In earlier filings, Person A has referred to Konstantin Kilimnik, a longtime Manafort associate who prosecutors have said has ties to Russian intelligence.

Kilimnik, who has denied having connections to Russian intelligence agencies, was also involved in the ghostwritten op-ed matter, which prosecutors also connect to Person A in the latest filing.

Reached Monday evening, Manafort spokesman Jason Maloni said his client and his attorneys were reviewing the filing.

The two witnesses were also not named in court filings. But prosecutors say they were principals in a public relations firm that worked with Manafort in organizing a group of former European officials, known as the Hapsburg group, who promoted Ukrainian interests in Europe as well as the U.S.

The group’s work factors into an indictment against Manafort that accuses him of acting as an unregistered foreign agent by lobbying in the U.S. on behalf of Ukrainian interests. Prosecutors say Manafort directed the group’s work and secretly funneled more than \$2 million to it to take positions favorable to Ukraine including by lobbying in the U.S. without disclosing that they were being paid to favorably represent the country.

Manafort has denied any wrongdoing and pleaded not guilty. Several members of the Hapsburg group have previously denied the allegations.

According to the court filing, Manafort began messaging and calling one of the witnesses in February shortly the unsealing of the indictment that included the allegations of unregistered lobbying related to the Hapsburg group. Around that same time, Manafort’s co-defendant and longtime business associate, Rick Gates, pleaded guilty and agreed to cooperate with prosecutors.

The day after Gates’ plea, Manafort messaged and called one of the witnesses and continued reaching out over the next several days, according to a sworn affidavit filed by an FBI agent in the case.

In one call, the agent wrote, Manafort said he wanted to give the witness a “heads-up about Hapsburg.” The individual immediately ended the call “because he was concerned about the outreach,” according to the affidavit.

On Feb. 26, Manafort sent the person a series of messages through an encrypted application, including a link to a Business Insider story with the headline: “Former European leaders struggle to explain themselves after Mueller claims Paul Manafort paid them to lobby for Ukraine.” Another message said, “We should talk. I have made clear that they worked in Europe.”



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The witness told investigators that he interpreted Manafort's efforts to reach him as a way to influence his potential statements. The person believed from his experience that the Hapsburg group lobbied in the United States and knew that Manafort knew that as well, the agent wrote.

Court papers also accuse Person A of making several attempts to influence the witnesses' testimony in February and later in April. That month, Person A wrote to one of the witnesses, "My friend P is looking for ways to connect to you to pass you several messages." He then asked if that could be arranged.

The witness told federal agents that Manafort and Person A were also trying to get the witnesses to tell members of the Hapsburg group that if they were contacted by anyone, they should say the group only performed lobbying and public relations work in Europe. Both witnesses said that wasn't true.

Day reported from Alexandria, Virginia.

Read the filing: <http://apne.ws/5hOkCiH>

## **Only a few of Guatemala volcano's dead have been identified**

**By SONIA PEREZ D., Associated Press**

EL RODEO, Guatemala (AP) — People of the villages skirting Guatemala's Volcano of Fire began mourning the few dead who could be identified after an eruption killed dozens by engulfing them in floods of searing ash and mud.

Mourners cried over caskets lined up in a row in the main park of San Juan Alotenango on Monday evening before rescuers stopped their work for another night.

There is no electricity in the hardest hit areas of Los Lotes and El Rodeo, so most searching continued only until sunset.

Guatemalan authorities put the death toll at 69, but officials said just 17 had been identified so far because the intense heat of the volcanic debris flows left most bodies unrecognizable.

"It is very difficult for us to identify them because some of the dead lost their features or their fingerprints" from the red-hot flows, said Fanuel Garcia, director of the National Institute of Forensic Sciences. "We are going to have to resort to other methods ... and if possible take DNA samples to identify them."

Sunday's eruption caught residents of remote mountain hamlets off guard, with little or no time to flee to safety.

Using shovels and backhoes, emergency workers dug through the debris and mud, perilous labor on smoldering terrain still hot enough to melt shoe soles a day after the volcano exploded in a hail of ash, smoke and molten rock.

Bodies were so thickly coated with ash that they looked like statues. Rescuers used sledgehammers to break through the roofs of houses buried in debris up to their rooflines to check for anyone trapped inside.

Hilda Lopez said her mother and sister were still missing after the slurry of hot gas, ash and rock roared into her village of San Miguel Los Lotes, just below the mountain's flanks.

"We were at a party, celebrating the birth of a baby, when one of the neighbors shouted at us to come out and see the lava that was coming," the distraught woman said. "We didn't believe it, and when we went out the hot mud was already coming down the street."

"My mother was stuck there, she couldn't get out," said Lopez, weeping and holding her face in her hands. Her husband, Joel Gonzalez, said his father had also been unable to escape and was believed to be "buried back there, at the house."

Conrad spokesman David de Leon said the volcano first erupted around midday Sunday, billowing smoke and ash miles into the sky. Then around 2 p.m., came a new, more powerful explosion.

Soon, searing flows of lava, ash and rock mixed with water and debris were gushing down the volcano's flanks, blocking roads and burning homes.

"It traveled much faster. It arrived in communities right when the evacuation alerts were being sent out," de Leon said.

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Authorities scrambled to issue an evacuation order. Some communities emptied out safely. But in places like Los Lotes and the village of El Rodeo, about eight miles (12 kilometers) downslope from the crater, it was too late for many.

The fast-moving flows overtook people in homes and streets with temperatures reaching as high as 1,300 degrees Fahrenheit (700 Celsius), and hot ash and volcanic gases that can cause rapid asphyxiation.

"As soon as we received the information around 6 a.m. that the volcano was in an eruptive phase, the protocol was initiated to verify with different sectors and also talk to the communities, to community leaders," De Leon said. "We had the information from our scientific service, and they told us the trend was that the activity was diminishing."

In El Rodeo on Monday, heavily armed soldiers wearing blue masks to avoid breathing in ash stood guard behind yellow tape cordoning off the disaster scene. Helmeted workers carried bodies away on stretchers, and smoke was still rising from some parts of the ashen landscape strewn with boulders and other debris.

President Jimmy Morales traveled to survey the disaster area.

Emergency crews in helicopters managed to pull at least 10 people alive from areas cut off by the flows. Conred said 3,271 people had been evacuated.

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Associated Press writers E. Eduardo Castillo and Peter Orsi in Mexico City contributed to this report.

## **Justices side with Colorado baker on same-sex wedding cake**

**By MARK SHERMAN, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court ruled for a Colorado baker who wouldn't make a wedding cake for a same-sex couple in a limited decision that leaves for another day the larger issue of whether a business can invoke religious objections to refuse service to gay and lesbian people.

The justices' decision Monday turned on what the court described as anti-religious bias on the Colorado Civil Rights Commission when it ruled against baker Jack Phillips. The justices voted 7-2 that the commission violated Phillips' rights under the First Amendment.

The case had been eagerly anticipated as, variously, a potentially strong statement about the rights of LGBT people or the court's first ruling carving out exceptions to an anti-discrimination law. In the end, the decision was modest enough to attract the votes of liberal and conservative justices on a subject that had the potential for sharp division.

Justice Anthony Kennedy said in his majority opinion that the larger issue "must await further elaboration" in the courts. Appeals in similar cases are pending, including one at the Supreme Court from a florist who didn't want to provide flowers for a same-sex wedding.

The disputes, Kennedy wrote, "must be resolved with tolerance, without undue disrespect to sincere religious beliefs, and without subjecting gay persons to indignities when they seek goods and services in an open market."

The same-sex couple at the heart of the case, Charlie Craig and Dave Mullins, complained to the Colorado commission in 2012 after they visited Phillips' Masterpiece Cakeshop in suburban Denver and the baker quickly told them he would not create a cake for their wedding celebration. They were married in Massachusetts because same sex marriage was not yet legal in Colorado.

Colorado law prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, and the commission concluded that Phillips' refusal violated the law, despite Phillips' argument that he is opposed to same-sex marriage on religious grounds. Colorado state courts upheld the determination.

But when the justices heard arguments in December, Kennedy was plainly bothered by comments by a commission member that the justice said disparaged religion. The commissioner seemed "neither tolerant nor respectful of Mr. Phillips' religious beliefs," Kennedy said in December.

That same sentiment coursed through his opinion Monday. "The commission's hostility was inconsistent with the First Amendment's guarantee that our laws be applied in a manner that is neutral toward religion," he wrote.

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Liberal justices Stephen Breyer and Elena Kagan joined the conservative justices in the outcome. Kagan wrote separately to emphasize the limited ruling.

Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sonia Sotomayor dissented. "There is much in the court's opinion with which I agree," Ginsburg wrote of Kennedy's repeated references to protecting the rights of gay people. "I strongly disagree, however, with the court's conclusion that Craig and Mullins should lose this case."

The Trump administration intervened in the case on Phillips' behalf, and Attorney General Jeff Sessions praised the decision. "The First Amendment prohibits governments from discriminating against citizens on the basis of religious beliefs. The Supreme Court rightly concluded that the Colorado Civil Rights Commission failed to show tolerance and respect for Mr. Phillips' religious beliefs," Sessions said.

President Donald Trump was unusually vague about the decision, simply tweeting, "Big Supreme Court ruling for Baker just out!" — more than 11 hours later.

Kristen Waggoner, the Alliance Defending Freedom senior counsel who argued Phillips' case, said the court was right to condemn the commission's open antagonism toward Phillips' religious beliefs about marriage.

Waggoner said Phillips is willing to sell ready-made products to anyone who enters his store. But, "he simply declines to express messages or celebrate events that violate his deeply held beliefs," she said.

Phillips was at his shop Monday morning, where he was busy answering the phone and getting congratulations from his supporters in person, including his pastor. One woman brought him balloons and others hugged him.

The American Civil Liberties Union, which represented the couple in its legal fight, said it was pleased the court did not endorse a broad religion-based exemption from anti-discrimination laws.

"We read this decision as a reaffirmation of the court's longstanding commitment to civil rights protections and the reality that the states have the power to protect everyone in America from discrimination, including lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people," said James Esseks, director of the ACLU LGBT & HIV Project.

Waggoner and Esseks disagreed about the ruling's effect on Phillips' wedding cake business. Waggoner said her client can resume his refusal to make cakes for same-sex marriages without fear of a new legal fight. But Esseks said that if another same-sex couple were to ask Phillips for a wedding cake, "I see no reason in this opinion that Masterpiece Cakeshop is free to turn them away."

Craig, one of the plaintiffs, said Monday night he will continue to fight against discrimination. He told supporters during a rally at the Colorado Capitol that he and his partner brought the case "because no one should have to face the shame, embarrassment and humiliation of being told 'we don't serve your kind here.'"

Several other legal disputes are pending over wedding services, similar to the Phillips case. In addition to florists, video producers and graphic artists are among business owners who say they oppose same-sex marriage on religious grounds and don't want to participate in same-sex weddings.

Barronelle Stutzman, a florist in Richland, Washington, has appealed a state Supreme Court ruling that found she violated state law for refusing to provide the wedding flowers for two men who were about to be married.

The justices could decide what to do with that appeal by the end of June.

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## **Delaware launches sports betting, other states close behind**

**By RANDALL CHASE and BEN NUCKOLS**

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Full-scale sports betting is coming to Delaware, barely three weeks after the U.S. Supreme Court cleared the way for states to implement wagering schemes.

Gov. John Carney planned to join other state officials Tuesday afternoon at Dover Downs for the launch of sports betting at Delaware's three casinos, which will offer single-game and championship wagering



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on professional baseball, football, hockey, basketball, soccer, golf and auto racing.

Because of a failed sports lottery experiment in 1976, Delaware was partially exempted from the 1992 federal ban on sports gambling that was recently struck down by the Supreme Court.

That exemption led to broader sports betting legislation passed in 2009 and Delaware's current NFL parlay wagering system, which combined to give the state a head start in offering full-scale sports wagering.

Tuesday's launch means Delawareans will be able to make legal wagers on the NBA championship series between Golden State and Cleveland and the Stanley Cup hockey finals between Washington and Las Vegas.

"Obviously the key is going to be the football season because the bulk of betting in America is on football," Delaware Finance Secretary Rick Geisenberger said last week. "We'll learn a little bit in June and July, but we'll learn a lot more in September."

While Delaware is the first state to take advantage of the Supreme Court decision, sports fans in three other states could be placing bets by football season.

In New Jersey, the legislature is racing to push through laws governing sports books in the state, which had hoped to be the first other than Nevada to offer gambling on individual games — only to be beaten by Delaware, where the necessary laws were already on the books. New Jersey lawmakers hope to have a final bill passed and signed by the end of this week that resolves several competing proposals to allow sports betting at casinos and horse racing tracks.

In Mississippi, where lawmakers proactively legalized gambling on sports at the state's 28 licensed casinos in the event of a favorable Supreme Court decision, state regulators have proposed rules to govern sports books that could be voted on as early as June 21. That means casinos could start taking bets 30 days later, in late July.

West Virginia also passed a law before the Supreme Court decision that legalized sports betting if authorized by the court. Officials there have said they hoped to have sports betting when football season kicks off in late summer. The West Virginia Lottery Commission is working on draft rules and regulations but has given no timetable for when those rules might be ready. Once they are written, there would be a 30-day public comment period.

"We're not going to start until we know we can do it 100 percent correctly," lottery director Alan Larrick has said.

Republican West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice has also said he wants state officials, professional leagues and casinos to reach an agreement on what the leagues have called an "integrity fee" — money that the leagues would use to police betting patterns — but the subject was not addressed in a recent special session of the legislature.

Thus far, no state law has made it to the books with the integrity fee attached.

Pennsylvania also prospectively legalized sports betting last year, but it could be months before regulations are in place that would allow sports books to open. State officials have not produced an estimate of what sort of tax revenue the activity could mean for Pennsylvania, which already rakes in more in taxes on casino gambling than any other state. But some gambling industry officials are warning that Pennsylvania's 34 percent tax rate — plus another small cut for local governments that host casinos — and the \$10 million licensing fee will make it unprofitable to run a legal sports betting business.

In the meantime, Pennsylvania gaming officials notified casinos last week they could begin applying for licenses. So far, none has submitted an application.

Nuckols reported from Washington. Associated Press writers Jeff Amy in Jackson, Mississippi, Marc Levy in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and John Raby in Charleston, West Virginia, contributed to this report.

## **Trump calls off event for NFL's Eagles, cites anthem dispute**

**By JILL COLVIN and ERRIN HAINES WHACK, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Digging deeper into a culture war that he's repeatedly stoked, President Donald Trump called off a visit to the White House by the Philadelphia Eagles, citing the dispute over whether NFL

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players protesting racial injustice must stand during the playing of the national anthem.

Trump said in a statement Monday that some members of the Super Bowl championship team "disagree with their President because he insists that they proudly stand for the National Anthem, hand on heart, in honor of the great men and women of our military and the people of our country."

He said the team wanted to send a smaller delegation Tuesday, but "the 1,000 fans planning to attend the event deserve better."

Instead, Trump said he would be hosting "a different type of ceremony," featuring the U.S. Marine Band and the U.S. Army Chorus, that "will honor our great country, pay tribute to the heroes who fight to protect it, and loudly and proudly play the National Anthem."

None of the Eagles took a knee during the anthem in 2017.

One of the people set to attend the ceremony told The Associated Press less than half of the team's 53-man roster planned to go. The person spoke on condition of anonymity due to the sensitive nature of the decision.

Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney replied with his own statement, saying that he is "equally proud of the Eagles' activism off the field" and that the players "represent the diversity of our nation — a nation in which we are free to express our opinions."

"Disinviting them from the White House only proves that our President is not a true patriot, but a fragile egomaniac obsessed with crowd size and afraid of the embarrassment of throwing a party to which no one wants to attend," Kenney said.

Last week, Eagles safety Malcolm Jenkins said he would not attend the ceremony because he didn't want to be part of a photo op and wanted "to avoid being used as any kind of pawn." In addition to Jenkins, defensive end Chris Long was the most outspoken player against going. Quarterback Carson Wentz had planned to attend.

It was unclear exactly what prompted the change of plans. The White House did not immediately respond to questions about what had sparked the decision and why the circumstances were different from other events honoring winning teams, which some players have boycotted.

Late Monday, though, Trump wrote on Twitter that "Unfortunately, only a small number of players decided to come, and we canceled the event."

Several players asked about Trump's decision not to host them declined to respond. The Eagles issued a statement without directly addressing the White House cancellation.

"Watching the entire Eagles community come together has been an inspiration," the team statement read. "We are truly grateful for all of the support we have received and we are looking forward to continuing our preparations for the 2018 season."

Wide receiver Torrey Smith, who said previously that he planned to skip the visit, responded with a series of tweets.

"So many lies," he wrote, adding, "Not many people were going to go."

Smith, who played on the Super Bowl-winning Philadelphia team before being traded to the Carolina Panthers in March, added: "No one refused to go simply because Trump 'insists' folks stand for the anthem. ... The President continues to spread the false narrative that players are anti military."

He went on: "There are a lot of people on the team that have plenty of different views. The men and women that wanted to go should've been able to go. It's a cowardly act to cancel the celebration because the majority of the people don't want to see you. To make it about the anthem is foolish."

The announcement was the latest signal that tensions remain high around the NFL protests that began in 2016 when San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick began silently kneeling on the sidelines while the anthem played. Kaepernick's protest was an effort to raise awareness around systemic racism and, specifically, the killing of black men by police.

He was soon joined by teammate Eric Reid. Both Reid and Kaepernick have filed grievances against the NFL and remain unsigned since their contracts with the 49ers expired.

Last season, Vice President Mike Pence left the 49ers game against the Indianapolis Colts after about a

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dozen San Francisco players took a knee during the anthem. Pence, who left before kickoff, tweeted soon afterward, "I left today's Colts game because @POTUS and I will not dignify any event that disrespects our soldiers, our Flag, or our National Anthem."

Trump has repeatedly decried the players' protest, referring to them as "sons of bitches" who should be fired at a rally for supporters in Alabama last year. Last month, the NFL announced a new policy - praised on Twitter by both Trump and Pence - requiring players to stand for the anthem if they're on the field before a game.

After the New England Patriots won the Super Bowl in 2017, several players declined to attend the White House ceremony honoring their team last August, citing their differences with the president. In February, the Golden State Warriors declined to attend the White House ceremony honoring their 2017 NBA Championship, instead using their trip to Washington to visit the Smithsonian National Museum of African-American History and Culture.

During an interview after the new NFL policy was announced, Trump praised the league for doing "the right thing."

"You have to stand proudly for the national anthem," Trump said. Or "you shouldn't be playing, you shouldn't be there. Maybe they shouldn't be in the country."

Late Monday, Trump added on Twitter: "Staying in the Locker Room for the playing of our National Anthem is as disrespectful to our country as kneeling. Sorry!"

Several members of the Eagles have voiced staunch opposition to the owners' decision.

"This is a fear of the diminished bottom line," Long said last month. "It's also fear of a president turning his base against a corporation. This is not patriotism. Don't get it confused. These owners don't love America more than the players demonstrating and taking real action to improve it."

Jenkins has vowed to carry on the cause.

"I will not let it silence me or stop me from fighting," he said recently. "This has never been about taking a knee, raising a fist or anyone's patriotism, but doing what we can to effect real change for real people."

Sen. Bob Casey, D-Pa., invited the Eagles to come to Capitol Hill.

"I'm proud of what the @Eagles accomplished this year. I'm skipping this political stunt at the White House and just invited the Eagles to Congress. @Eagles How about a tour of the Capitol?" he wrote.

White House legislative director Marc Short said in an appearance on CNN that he didn't know who had canceled on whom, but said, "It's unfortunate when politics gets in the middle of this."

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## **Trump: No pardon is necessary, but I can pardon myself**

**By ERIC TUCKER, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump claimed he has an "absolute right" to pardon himself, part of an extraordinarily expansive vision of executive authority that is mostly untested in court and could portend a drawn-out fight with the prosecutors now investigating him.

No need of a pardon anyway, Trump tweeted Monday, because "I have done nothing wrong." In fact, his lawyers assert in a memo to special counsel Robert Mueller, it's impossible for him to have done anything wrong in the area of obstructing justice, an issue Mueller has been investigating. That's because, as the country's chief law enforcement officer, Trump himself has ultimate control of the Justice Department and executive branch.

Beyond that, his lawyers have repeatedly insisted that it's beyond dispute that a sitting president cannot be criminally prosecuted.

Trump also tweeted Monday that the Justice Department's "appointment of the Special Counsel is totally UNCONSTITUTIONAL."



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Mueller's investigation moves forward nonetheless, and as it does courts may have to confront questions with minimal if any historical precedent. Those include whether a president can be forced to answer questions from prosecutors, whether it's possible for a commander in chief to criminally interfere in investigations and whether a president's broad pardon power can be deployed for corrupt purposes.

"There's a reason they're untested. It's because they were unthinkable," said Savannah Law School professor Andrew Wright, who served in the White House counsel's office under President Barack Obama. "The president's game here in part is to take issues that are so beyond the pale that they have never been tested and say, 'Look, there's no authority here on point.'"

Mueller is investigating whether Trump associates coordinated with Russia during the 2016 presidential election and whether Trump took steps to shut down that investigation through actions including the firing of FBI Director James Comey.

Though Trump insists he did nothing wrong, the statements from him and his lawyers, including the just-disclosed January memo to Mueller, make clear that much of their defense revolves around establishing that he was constitutionally empowered to take the actions he took.

The defense argument suggests that protocols meant to protect against abuses of power are merely norms the American public has come to expect, rather than laws binding on a president.

In Trump's view, for instance, he is entitled to fire an FBI director — Comey or any other — for any reason. He can similarly terminate an FBI investigation given the constitutional powers he enjoys, the president's lawyers say. That argument may help ward off allegations from Comey that the president asked him to consider shutting down an FBI investigation into former White House national security adviser Michael Flynn.

There is logic to the argument that Trump couldn't have obstructed justice by firing Comey, even if the questions haven't been fully resolved, said Josh Blackman, a professor at South Texas College of Law.

"If you're trying to apply the obstruction statutes to something the president has the power to do, then I don't think the statute applies," he added.

White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders, who was questioned repeatedly Monday about whether the president is above the law, said no, he is not.

But Blackman said that was overly simplistic, that the better question is how the law applies to the president.

"It's a great slogan, but the law doesn't treat the president equal in all respects," Blackman said. "There are certain things the president can do that no one else can do," such as granting pardons and negotiating international treaties.

There's some historical precedent for a court clash that could be instigated by the Trump investigation, but in many ways the arguments remain unsettled.

The Supreme Court, for instance, has never definitively ruled on the question of whether a president can be forced to testify, though the justices in 1974 did rule that Richard Nixon had to produce recordings and documents that had been subpoenaed.

Bill Clinton was subpoenaed in 1998 to appear before the Whitewater grand jury, though that subpoena was withdrawn after Clinton struck a deal to give testimony. The agreement headed off a potential challenge to the subpoena on constitutional grounds.

In a 1997 ruling allowing Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit against Clinton to go forward, Justice John Paul Stevens wrote: "We have made clear that in a criminal case the powerful interest in the 'fair administration of criminal justice' requires that the evidence be given under appropriate circumstances lest the 'very integrity of the judicial system' be eroded."

He also said that presidents have given testimony and produced documents often enough that "such interactions ... can scarcely be thought a novelty."

Though Mueller has raised the prospect of subpoenaing Trump if he rejects a voluntary interview, it's not clear he'll actually do so. Such a move could theoretically end in a court defeat for Mueller, and would almost certainly prolong the investigation.

The past several days have also spurred arguments about the scope of the president's pardon power.

Trump has already proved willing to break from protocol through granting pardons outside the Justice

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Department's pardon attorney, which historically reviews clemency petitions and makes recommendations on worthy candidates.

On his own, he has recently pardoned conservative Barack Obama critic Dinesh D'Souza, who had pleaded guilty to campaign finance fraud, and former Bush administration White House aide I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby. And Trump said he was contemplating clemency for Martha Stewart and former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich, among "lots" of other people.

A 1974 opinion from the Justice Department's Office of Legal Opinion maintains that presidents cannot pardon themselves "under the fundamental rule that no one may be a judge in his own case," though that question has never been tested before the country's highest court. The opinion does say that if a president were to declare himself temporarily unable to remain in office, the vice president could take over as acting president and pardon the president.

In the end, the Mueller investigation raises significant questions about how to balance a president's right to manage the executive branch as he believes with the public interest that he be subject to the law.

"Their argument has antecedents that are legitimate about the president's management of the executive branch," said Wright, who also served as a lawyer for former Vice President Al Gore. "But they're taking them well past their logical extremes."

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Associated Press writers Jonathan Lemire and Catherine Lucey contributed to this report.

## **Former 49ers wide receiver Dwight Clark dead at 61**

**By JOSH DUBOW, AP Pro Football Writer**

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Dwight Clark will forever be remembered for one iconic moment, his leap in the back of the end zone to make a fingertip grab of a game-winning touchdown that launched the San Francisco 49ers dynasty and is one of the most indelible images in NFL history.

Clark, the author of one play simply known as "The Catch," died Monday just more than one year after revealing he had ALS. He was 61.

"My heart is broken," former 49ers owner Eddie DeBartolo Jr. said in a statement. "Today, I lost my little brother and one of my best friends. I cannot put into words how special Dwight was to me and to everyone his life touched. He was an amazing husband, father, grandfather, brother and a great friend and teammate. He showed tremendous courage and dignity in his battle with ALS and we hope there will soon be a cure for this horrendous disease.

"I will always remember Dwight the way he was — larger than life, handsome, charismatic and the only one who could pull off wearing a fur coat at our Super Bowl parade. He was responsible for one of the most iconic plays in NFL history that began our run of Super Bowl championships, but to me, he will always be an extension of my family. I love him and will miss him terribly."

Clark said in March 2017 that he had amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease), which attacks cells that control muscles. He suspected playing football might have caused the illness.

The team said he died Monday surrounded by friends and family.

DeBartolo recently hosted a reunion in Montana where many of Clark's former teammates came for one final goodbye.

"It was beautiful because we got to see him smile," said former teammate Roger Craig, who said he almost fainted when he heard the news of Clark's death.

"That's all I wanted to see him smiling. We cried, we all got a taste of Dwight, all we wanted to do is see him smile the whole time we all were there and he smiled the whole time. He made us feel good and I know he felt good knowing he had all those teammates there to support him."

Clark won two Super Bowls with the 49ers during a nine-year career that ended in 1987. He memorably pulled down the winning touchdown pass from Joe Montana in the NFC championship game against the Dallas Cowboys following the 1981 season, a play remembered simply as "The Catch ."

It's considered one of the most significant plays in NFL history and sent the Niners to their first of five

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Super Bowl titles in a span of 14 seasons.

The play happened on Jan. 10, 1982, when the upstart 49ers hosted the Cowboys in the NFC title game. With the 49ers facing a third down at the Dallas 6 with less than a minute to play, coach Bill Walsh called "Sprint Right Option."

Montana rolled out and retreated under pressure from Ed "Too Tall" Jones and Larry Bethea before lofting the ball toward the back of the end zone. Clark leaped to make a fingertip catch over Everson Walls and the 49ers went on to win the game 28-27 and then their first Super Bowl two weeks later against Cincinnati.

Clark memorably wore a fur coat to the parade.

"Start of a dynasty," said former 49ers president Carmen Policy, who later hired Clark as general manager of the Cleveland Browns. "I don't let myself go down the road of what would have happened if he doesn't make that catch? As Joe Montana says, what would have happened if I didn't throw that pinpoint pass perfectly angled to be in the only spot where he should catch and no one else would be able to interfere with it."

"But without that play, I wonder where we would have been. And I stopped thinking about it, because so much happened after that. And yet, Dwight seemed to handle it in stride and the two of them, The Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, they used to have fun playing off of each other, or who would take the credit, and this and that and so forth. But it was a special day."

In attendance that day, was 4-year-old Tom Brady, who grew up cheering for the 49ers and has gone on to win five Super Bowls with New England.

"I got a chance to meet him when we happened to share the same orthodontist in San Mateo and I sabotaged one of his visits just to meet him and shake his hand," Brady said.

"He was incredibly gracious to me that day as a young boy. And I never forget the impact he made on me as all our heroes do. I am sad tonight hearing of his passing of ALS, but I know he is now resting and at peace finally after many years valiantly fighting such a terrible disease."

Clark joined the Niners as a 10th-round pick out of Clemson in 1979 in the same draft class that brought Joe Montana to San Francisco. He got there by good fortune after only 33 catches in three college seasons as former 49ers coach Bill Walsh needed someone to catch passes from Steve Fuller at a pre-draft workout.

Clark impressed Walsh enough to get drafted. Montana recalled that Clark left his playbook on his bed each night in case he got cut, but eventually made the team. He played on two Super Bowl winners, making two Pro Bowls and catching 506 passes for 6,750 yards and 48 touchdowns in nine seasons with San Francisco.

"We are grateful for the decades of love and friendship we shared," Montana said in a statement with his wife, Jennifer. "We are praying for Dwight, his family and for all your prayers also. We will miss you dearly!"

Clark made his last public appearance in October when the 49ers hosted "Dwight Clark Day" at Levi's Stadium. Clark spoke to the crowd from a suite that afternoon in a weakened voice, calling his disease a "little thing" he was dealing with at the time. He also thanked the fans and dozens of teammates who came back for the event.

"He will forever live on in our memories for 'The Catch' but also for his kind, gentle and courageous spirit," commissioner Roger Goodell said.

"We send our deepest sympathies and love to Dwight's wife, Kelly, his family, teammates, and the many people whose lives he touched, including mine, throughout his career and life."

Clark is survived by his wife, Kelly, and three children, daughter Casey, and sons Riley and Mac, from a previous marriage.

"I'm heartbroken to tell you that today I lost my best friend and husband," Kelly Clark said on Twitter. "He passed peacefully surrounded by many of the people he loved most. I am thankful for all of Dwight's friends, teammates and 49ers fans who have sent their love during his battle with ALS."

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## Trump, lawyers lay out expansive presidential powers view

By ERIC TUCKER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump claimed Monday he has an “absolute right” to pardon himself, part of an extraordinarily expansive vision of executive authority that is mostly untested in court and could portend a drawn-out fight with the prosecutors now investigating him.

No need of a pardon anyway, Trump tweeted, because “I have done nothing wrong.” In fact, his lawyers assert in a memo to special counsel Robert Mueller, it’s impossible for him to have done anything wrong in the area of obstructing justice, an issue Mueller has been investigating. That’s because, as the country’s chief law enforcement officer, Trump himself has ultimate control of the Justice Department and executive branch.

Beyond that, his lawyers have repeatedly insisted that it’s beyond dispute that a sitting president cannot be criminally prosecuted.

Trump also tweeted Monday that the Justice Department’s “appointment of the Special Counsel is totally UNCONSTITUTIONAL.”

Mueller’s investigation moves forward nonetheless, and as it does courts may have to confront questions with minimal if any historical precedent. Those include whether a president can be forced to answer questions from prosecutors, whether it’s possible for a commander in chief to criminally interfere in investigations and whether a president’s broad pardon power can be deployed for corrupt purposes.

“There’s a reason they’re untested. It’s because they were unthinkable,” said Savannah Law School professor Andrew Wright, who served in the White House counsel’s office under President Barack Obama. “The president’s game here in part is to take issues that are so beyond the pale that they have never been tested and say, ‘Look, there’s no authority here on point.’”

Mueller is investigating whether Trump associates coordinated with Russia during the 2016 presidential election and whether Trump took steps to shut down that investigation through actions including the firing of FBI Director James Comey.

Though Trump insists he did nothing wrong, the statements from him and his lawyers, including the just-disclosed January memo to Mueller, make clear that much of their defense revolves around establishing that he was constitutionally empowered to take the actions he took.

The defense argument suggests that protocols meant to protect against abuses of power are merely norms the American public has come to expect, rather than laws binding on a president.

In Trump’s view, for instance, he is entitled to fire an FBI director — Comey or any other — for any reason. He can similarly terminate an FBI investigation given the constitutional powers he enjoys, the president’s lawyers say. That argument may help ward off allegations from Comey that the president asked him to consider shutting down an FBI investigation into former White House national security adviser Michael Flynn.

There is logic to the argument that Trump couldn’t have obstructed justice by firing Comey, even if the questions haven’t been fully resolved, said Josh Blackman, a professor at South Texas College of Law.

“If you’re trying to apply the obstruction statutes to something the president has the power to do, then I don’t think the statute applies,” he added.

White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders, who was questioned repeatedly Monday about whether the president is above the law, said no, he is not.

But Blackman said that was overly simplistic, that the better question is how the law applies to the president.

“It’s a great slogan, but the law doesn’t treat the president equal in all respects,” Blackman said. “There are certain things the president can do that no one else can do,” such as granting pardons and negotiating international treaties.

There’s some historical precedent for a court clash that could be instigated by the Trump investigation, but in many ways the arguments remain unsettled.

The Supreme Court, for instance, has never definitively ruled on the question of whether a president can be forced to testify, though the justices in 1974 did rule that Richard Nixon had to produce recordings

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and documents that had been subpoenaed.

Bill Clinton was subpoenaed in 1998 to appear before the Whitewater grand jury, though that subpoena was withdrawn after Clinton struck a deal to give testimony. The agreement headed off a potential challenge to the subpoena on constitutional grounds.

In a 1997 ruling allowing Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit against Clinton to go forward, Justice John Paul Stevens wrote: "We have made clear that in a criminal case the powerful interest in the 'fair administration of criminal justice' requires that the evidence be given under appropriate circumstances lest the 'very integrity of the judicial system' be eroded."

He also said that presidents have given testimony and produced documents often enough that "such interactions ... can scarcely be thought a novelty."

Though Mueller has raised the prospect of subpoenaing Trump if he rejects a voluntary interview, it's not clear he'll actually do so. Such a move could theoretically end in a court defeat for Mueller, and would almost certainly prolong the investigation.

The past several days have also spurred arguments about the scope of the president's pardon power.

Trump has already proved willing to break from protocol through granting pardons outside the Justice Department's pardon attorney, which historically reviews clemency petitions and makes recommendations on worthy candidates.

On his own, he has recently pardoned conservative Barack Obama critic Dinesh D'Souza, who had pleaded guilty to campaign finance fraud, and former Bush administration White House aide I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby. And Trump said he was contemplating clemency for Martha Stewart and former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich, among "lots" of other people.

A 1974 opinion from the Justice Department's Office of Legal Opinion maintains that presidents cannot pardon themselves "under the fundamental rule that no one may be a judge in his own case," though that question has never been tested before the country's highest court. The opinion does say that if a president were to declare himself temporarily unable to remain in office, the vice president could take over as acting president and pardon the president.

In the end, the Mueller investigation raises significant questions about how to balance a president's right to manage the executive branch as he believes with the public interest that he be subject to the law.

"Their argument has antecedents that are legitimate about the president's management of the executive branch," said Wright, who also served as a lawyer for former Vice President Al Gore. "But they're taking them well past their logical extremes."

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Associated Press writers Jonathan Lemire and Catherine Lucey contributed to this report.

## **Ice cream maker, brewery team up to create "Fudgie the Beer"**

ELMSFORD, N.Y. (AP) — A brewing company in New York has joined with an ice cream maker so consumers can have their cake in a beer.

Captain Lawrence Brewing Company's "Fudgie the Beer" is a take on Carvel's "Fudgie the Whale" ice cream cake that's formed in the shape of a whale.

The stout beer is brewed with the ice cream cake maker's signature chocolate and fudge and is 6 percent alcohol by volume. The brewery says the beer pairs well with smoked foods and chocolate desserts.

The first batch of "Fudgie the Beer" sold out and the second batch will be available Friday.

The beer will be available only at Captain Lawrence's beer hall in Elmsford, New York.

## **Turkey, Iran help wealthy Qatar thrive, 1 year into blockade**

**By AYA BATRAWY, Associated Press**

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — It's been a year since three of Qatar's neighbors plus Egypt severed ties with the Gulf state, cut off exports, expelled their citizens and banned Qatari flights from using their airports and airspace.

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The tiny country has weathered the storm by drawing from its substantial cash reserves, deepening alliances with Turkey and Iran, and using its strategic location in the Persian Gulf as the world's largest producer of liquefied natural gas to continue shipments to major world powers.

Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt launched the blockade on June 5 last year to pressure Qatar to change its policies. The group, angered by Doha's support for opposition Islamist groups and its ties with Iran, accused the Gulf state of working to destabilize the region and of harboring and supporting terrorists. They made sweeping demands that Qatar change course, shutter its flagship Al Jazeera Arabic news channel and kick out Turkish troops from a base there.

Qatar has rejected the accusations and the demands, calling the blockade a politically motivated attempt to undermine its sovereignty.

When the diplomatic standoff erupted, worried residents rushed to grocery stores in the capital, Doha, emptying out shelves of milk and other food items that had come from Saudi Arabia and the UAE. At the onset of the diplomatic rift, about one-sixth of Qatar's imports were produced in countries that imposed the trade sanctions, according to the International Monetary Fund.

Saudi Arabia sealed shut Qatar's only land border and the UAE blocked shipments from its ports to Qatar, but the government in Doha quickly moved to reroute supplies through ports in Oman and India. Rather than rely on imports from its Arab neighbors, Qatar looked to Iran and Turkey to plug the gaps. Qatari flights were rerouted over Iranian airspace. Turkey boosted its military presence in Qatar.

Within a day, shelves were restocked. Qatar also air-lifted thousands of cows into the country to ramp up local production of milk and dairy.

The government's quick response was hailed by citizens and some of the country's nearly 2 million foreign residents.

"There's really no shortage in daily life at all," said Gerd Nonneman, a resident of Qatar and professor of International Relations and Gulf Studies at the Qatar branch of Georgetown University.

He's felt an impact, though, professionally. For one, institutions in the blockading countries can no longer engage with those based in Qatar. Also, Nonneman said many of his old friends and colleagues in those countries no longer speak with him due to the political pressures.

"The main effect seems to be that colleagues and friends in these countries seem to feel it's not right, or not safe — not advisable, let's put it that way — to engage with us," he said.

Otherwise, daily life in Qatar continues mostly uninterrupted.

Construction supplies were also rerouted, allowing Qatar to continue pace with building new roads, hotels and mega-stadiums as it prepares to host the World Cup in 2022.

Still, lower oil prices and the diplomatic rift weighed on the economy. By the end of last year, real estate prices had fallen by about 11 percent. Resident private sector deposits and foreign financing, like nonresident deposits, dropped by \$40 billion.

Qatar's non-oil economic growth slowed down from 5.6 percent in 2016 to about 4 percent in 2017.

The country, however, comfortably adjusted by drawing from its ample reserves and assets to pump money into the economy and local banks.

Qatar's Central Bank reserves took a hit, declining from \$31 billion in 2016 to \$15 billion last year. Reserves climbed up to \$18 billion by the end of January.

Even so, only a fraction of Qatar's wealth is parked in its central bank. The country's sovereign wealth fund, the Qatar Investment Authority, which sold off some of its overseas stakes last year, has assets of around \$318 billion, according to the IMF. That gives Qatar considerable wealth to maneuver.

With a tiny population of just over 300,000 citizens, and ownership in the world's largest gas field off its Persian Gulf coast, Qatar boasts the highest per capita income of any country in the world.

"They were always well-placed in terms of their external vulnerabilities," said Yasemin Engin, an economist at Capital Economics. "Overall, their banks are well-positioned to deal with any shocks."

The Gulf state's national oil and gas company, Qatar Petroleum, is the world's largest producer of liquefied natural gas. That makes Qatar extremely important to countries like China, Japan, India and Britain, which rely on its gas to fuel their economies.

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Even the UAE's electrical grid is fueled by Qatari gas. Despite ties being severed, Qatar still sends about 2 billion cubic feet (56 million cubic meters) of natural gas a day into the UAE, supplying it with about a third of its daily need. About 200 million cubic feet (5.66 million cubic meters) of that goes on to Oman.

The blockade might be most felt by Qatar's national airline, which used to fly to 18 cities in the blockaded nations, and whose CEO says the company expects large financial losses as a result.

Tourism rates have also fallen. Prior to the blockade, tourists from neighboring Gulf Arab countries made up just over half of all tourist arrivals into Qatar. They now make up around 10 percent, according to Capital Economics. Tourist arrivals from other countries fell by 8.6 percent compared to the previous year.

With little signs the standoff will end anytime soon, Qatar is trying to lure investors with legislation that will allow 100 percent foreign ownership of local businesses. The UAE is considering a similar law.

It appears that with time too, President Donald Trump's administration has shifted its position on the Qatar crisis and is now less supportive of Saudi and Emirati concerns, according to Ayham Kamel of Eurasia Group.

Qatar is home to the forward headquarters of the U.S. military's Central Command and hosts around 10,000 American soldiers.

In a recent analysis, Kamel said a partial resolution to the crisis is now an increasingly realistic scenario, but it would only involve symbolic measures like possibly easing restrictions on the travel of Qatari nationals across the region to demonstrate goodwill without actually easing economic pressures on Doha.

Mixed-nationality families in the Gulf were affected by the measures, and Qatari students in the Gulf countries were pulled out of final exams. The crisis also strained traditional kinships in the region.

"Growing up, we were always told about the importance of Gulf unity and always raised being taught by our parents and grandparents that we are one community, we are linked with shared ethnic roots and shared cultural and religious values," said Haya Alwaleed Al-Thani, a college senior who is also related to the large ruling Al-Thani family.

The blockade by three members of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council left Qataris feeling "deceived and betrayed", she said.

The reaction among Qataris has been an upswell of nationalism and support for Qatar's young ruler, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani.

"I think our leadership's ability to react quickly and ensure the same high quality of life is maintained regardless of the political circumstances has made me feel very proud," she said. "As a Qatari citizen, I've never felt so proud."

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## **Asian markets mixed as trade war fears set in**

**By ANNABELLE LIANG, Associated Press**

SINGAPORE (AP) — Asian shares were mixed Tuesday in narrow trading as investors watched the tit-for-tat exchanges between the U.S. and China over trade.

KEEPING SCORE: Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 index rose 0.1 percent to 22,497.89 but South Korea's Kospi lost 0.1 percent to 2,445.37. Hong Kong's Hang Seng rose 0.1 percent to 31,028.83 and the Shanghai Composite in mainland China gained 0.2 percent to 3,096.53. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 dipped 0.3 percent to 6,008.20. Taiwan's benchmark fell but Southeast Asian indexes were mixed.

WALL STREET: Technology companies drove the Nasdaq composite index to an all-time high on Monday. Apple shares gained 0.8 percent to \$193.83 as it previewed new features and software updates at its Worldwide Developers Conference. Shares of Google's parent company, Alphabet, rose of 1.6 percent to \$1,153.04. Microsoft rose 0.9 percent to \$101.67 after the company said it will pay \$7.5 billion in stock for GitHub. Facebook fell, however, on new privacy concerns, losing 0.4 percent to finish at \$193.28. In other trading, the S&P 500 index gained 0.5 percent to 2,746.87 and the Dow Jones industrial average jumped 0.7 percent to 24,813.69.



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**U.S.-CHINA TRADE:** Facing pushback on Monday from Republican lawmakers, an influential GOP group and foreign leaders, President Donald Trump said that tough negotiations on tariffs that are hitting China, Canada and Mexico will put the U.S. in a stronger position with its top trading partners. Trump wrote on twitter that China "already charges a tax of 16% on soybeans. Canada has all sorts of trade barriers on our agricultural products. Not acceptable!" Trade talks between the U.S and China ended Sunday in an apparent impasse.

**CHINESE DATA:** China's Caixin Services PMI, a survey of service industry purchasing managers, which was released early Tuesday, had a reading of 52.9 for May. This was unchanged from the previous month, indicating modest growth in the world's second largest economy. The upturn appeared to be driven by domestic demand, while orders for Chinese exports fell.

**QUOTEWORTHY:** "Worries about growth momentum have come back again. A looming trade war between the U.S. and China has cast a shadow over indicators of global growth," said Song Seng Wun, an economist at CIMB Private Banking.

**ENERGY:** Oil futures recovered after speculation that supply could be raised at an OPEC summit later this month subsided. U.S. crude gained 37 cents to \$65.12 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract lost 1.6 percent to settle at \$64.75 per barrel on Monday. Brent crude, used to price international oils, rose 18 cents to \$75.47 in London.

**CURRENCIES:** The dollar rose to 109.87 yen from 109.58 yen in late trading Monday. The euro weakened to \$1.1692 from \$1.1719.

AP Markets Writer Marley Jay contributed to this report.

## **Today in History** **By The Associated Press**

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, June 5, the 156th day of 2018. There are 209 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 5, 1968, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was shot and mortally wounded after claiming victory in California's Democratic presidential primary at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles; assassin Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was arrested at the scene.

On this date:

In 1527, a month after Rome was conquered by troops of the Holy Roman Empire, Pope Clement VII surrendered.

In 1794, Congress passed the Neutrality Act, which prohibited Americans from taking part in any military action against a country that was at peace with the United States.

In 1884, Civil War hero Gen. William T. Sherman refused the Republican presidential nomination, saying, "I will not accept if nominated and will not serve if elected."

In 1917, about 10 million American men between the ages of 21 and 31 began registering for the draft in World War I.

In 1933, the United States went off the gold standard.

In 1947, Secretary of State George C. Marshall gave a speech at Harvard University in which he outlined an aid program for Europe that came to be known as The Marshall Plan.

In 1950, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Henderson v. United States*, struck down racially segregated railroad dining cars.

In 1967, war erupted in the Middle East as Israel, anticipating a possible attack by its Arab neighbors, launched a series of pre-emptive airfield strikes that destroyed nearly the entire Egyptian air force; Syria, Jordan and Iraq immediately entered the conflict.

In 1976, 14 people were killed when the Teton Dam in Idaho burst.

In 1986, a federal jury in Baltimore convicted Ronald W. Pelton of selling secrets to the Soviet Union.

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(Pelton was sentenced to three life prison terms plus ten years.)

In 1993, country star Conway Twitty died in Springfield, Missouri, at age 59.

In 2004, Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th president of the United States, died in Los Angeles at age 93 after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease.

Ten years ago: Defense Secretary Robert Gates ousted Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael Moseley and Air Force Secretary Michael Wynne, holding them to account in a historic Pentagon shake-up after embarrassing nuclear mix-ups. Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton met privately at the Washington home of Sen. Dianne Feinstein (FYN'-styn), the first such get-together since Obama clinched the Democratic presidential nomination.

Five years ago: The British newspaper The Guardian reported the National Security Agency was collecting the telephone records of millions of American customers of Verizon under a top secret court order. President Barack Obama named Susan Rice his national security adviser, and nominated Samantha Power to replace Rice as United Nations ambassador. U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Robert Bales, accused of killing 16 Afghan civilians, many of them sleeping women and children, pleaded guilty to murder at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, to avoid the death penalty. Carrie Underwood won top honor video of the year at the CMT Music Awards for "Blown Away"; Miranda Lambert and Florida Georgia Line were the night's top winners with two awards apiece.

One year ago: The White House said President Donald Trump would not assert executive privilege to block fired FBI Director James Comey from testifying on Capitol Hill. Bill Cosby went on trial in Norristown, Pennsylvania, on charges he drugged and sexually assaulted Andrea Constand, a former employee of Temple University's basketball program, at his suburban Philadelphia mansion in 2004. (The jury deadlocked, resulting in a mistrial, but Cosby was convicted in a second trial.)

Today's Birthdays: Actor-singer Bill Hayes is 93. Broadcast journalist Bill Moyers is 84. Former Canadian Prime Minister Joe Clark is 79. Author Dame Margaret Drabble is 79. Country singer Don Reid (The Statler Brothers) is 73. Rock musician Freddie Stone (AKA Freddie Stewart) (Sly and the Family Stone) is 71. Rock singer Laurie Anderson is 71. Country singer Gail Davies is 70. Author Ken Follett is 69. Financial guru Suze Orman is 67. Rock musician Nicko McBrain (Iron Maiden) is 66. Jazz musician Peter Erskine is 64. Jazz musician Kenny G is 62. Rock singer Richard Butler (Psychedelic Furs) is 62. Actress Beth Hall is 60. Actor Jeff Garlin is 56. Actress Karen Sillas is 55. Actor Ron Livingston is 51. Singer Brian McKnight is 49. Rock musician Claus Norreen (Aqua) is 48. Actor Mark Wahlberg is 47. Actor Chad Allen is 44. Rock musician P-Nut (311) is 44. Actress Navi Rawat (RO'-waht) is 41. Actress Liza Weil is 41. Rock musician Pete Wentz (Fall Out Boy) is 39. Rock musician Seb Lefebvre (Simple Plan) is 37. Actress Chelsey Crisp is 35. Actress Amanda Crew is 32. Electronic musician Harrison Mills (Odesza) is 29. Actress Sophie Lowe is 28.

Thought for Today: "I know in my heart that man is good. That what is right will always eventually triumph. And there's purpose and worth to each and every life." — President Ronald Reagan (1911-2004).