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*"The heart of every family tradition is a meaningful experience."*

*-Author Unknown*



**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)

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## Emerald Ash Borer Workshop: What can tree owners do?

SIoux FALLS, SD – Ash tree owners in the Sioux Falls area are encouraged to attend an emerald ash borer (EAB) workshop on Monday, June 11, to learn about the insect and effective treatments.

“The emerald ash borer was confirmed in Sioux Falls this spring. This invasive insect is responsible for the loss of more than 100 million ash trees in 33 states,” said Dr. John Ball, forest health specialist with the South Dakota Department of Agriculture (SDDA). “The EAB will kill any ash tree that is not being protected by insecticide treatments. The insect is flying and the time to treat is now.”

The workshop will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. CDT at the Cooperative Extension Regional Center, 2001 E. 8th St., in Sioux Falls. The workshop will include presentations on EAB biology, identification, quarantines and other management concerns, followed by treatment demonstrations and an ash identification session.

This event is sponsored by the SDDA, the South Dakota Cooperative Extension Service and the South Dakota Arborist Association. There is no fee or registration for the workshop.

For more information on the EAB, please visit [emeraldashborerinsouthdakota.sd.gov](http://emeraldashborerinsouthdakota.sd.gov) the SDDA's dedicated emerald ash borer webpage.

## Emerald Ash Borer Treatment Workshop

Tuesday June 12, 2018, 9 am to Noon (Central), Sioux Falls Regional Extension Center, Located at 2001 East 8th Street, Sioux Falls, SD

Emerald ash borer has now arrived in Sioux Falls and the beetle started flying this past week. Now is the time to begin treatments to protect ash trees!

Tuesday June 12, from 9 am to noon, there will be a workshop for commercial pesticide applicators to see all the latest injection technology by the companies that provide equipment and pesticides to applicators.

Chip Doolittle (Arbor System), Jeff Palmer (Arborjet), Zachary Stewart (Rainbow Treecare Scientific), and Victor Gust (Warne Chemical) will all be on hand to discuss and demonstrate new technology for treating emerald ash borer. This is a great opportunity to compare systems, their costs as well as convenience. Marketing emerald ash borer treatments will also be discussed at the workshop.

The workshop will be held at the Cooperative Extension Regional Center, 2001 East 8th Street, in Sioux Falls. The group will meet inside for some short presentations on emerald ash borer biology and identifi-

cation and then move outside where soil and tree injections will be demonstrated. The event is being held rain or shine so come and take advantage of this great opportunity to see how you can manage this insect!

This event is sponsored by the South Dakota Cooperative Extension Service, the South Dakota Department of Agriculture, and the South Dakota Arborist Association. There is no fee or registration for the workshop – just show up!

### Groton Job Opportunities

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## First Human West Nile Virus Detection Reported

PIERRE, S.D. – A Todd County blood donor is South Dakota's first human West Nile virus (WNV) detection of the season, the state Health Department reported today. The person is in the 30 to 39 age group.

"This individual was not ill but was detected through the routine screening of blood donations that takes place to make sure the blood supply is safe," said Dr. Joshua Clayton, State Epidemiologist for the department. "It's a clear indication that mosquito-to-human WNV transmission is taking place and people need to protect themselves."

Clayton said South Dakota has a disproportionately high number of WNV cases compared to other states and he encouraged residents to reduce their risk by taking the following actions:

- Apply mosquito repellents (DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, para-menthane-diol, 2-undecanone or IR3535) to clothes and exposed skin.
- Reduce mosquito exposure by wearing pants and long sleeves when outdoors.
- Limit time outdoors from dusk to dawn when Culex mosquitoes, the primary carrier of WNV in South Dakota, are most active.
- Get rid of standing water that gives mosquitoes a place to breed.
- Regularly change water in bird baths, ornamental fountains and pet dishes.
- Drain water from flower pots and garden containers.
- Discard old tires, buckets, cans or other containers that can hold water.
- Clean rain gutters to allow water to flow freely.
- Support local mosquito control efforts.

These precautions are especially important for people at high risk for WNV, including individuals over 50, pregnant women, organ transplant patients, individuals with cancer, diabetes, high blood pressure or kidney disease, and those with a history of alcohol abuse. People with severe or unusual headaches should see their physicians.

### 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

### 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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## Tyler J. Iverson

**Parents:** Karry Iverson

**Hometown:** Groton

**Brothers and sisters:** Ashley, Kesley, and Lee

**Hobbies:** fixing cars, derbies, hunting, and farming

**School/Community Activities:** Robotics, Threshing Bee

**Favorite high school Memory:**

joking around with Mrs. Erickson

**Future Plans:** go to Lake Area Tech for Auto Mechanics and game day start a business

**Awards:** Kay and David Donovan Memorial Scholarship, Roger Hendrickson Memorial Scholarship.



## Doug Abeln Seed Company

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## Hannah Lynn Jensen

**Parents:** Nick and Connie Jensen

**Hometown:** Bristol

**Brother:** John-21

**Hobbies:** Listen to music, read, bake, play with pets

**School/Community Activities:** FCCLA, Westside Wesleyan Youth group, work at Groton Care and Rehabilitation Center

**Favorite High school memory:** FAC trip to Maurice's

**Future plans:** work at Sun Dial Manor in Bristol



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## Brenna Eve Johnson

**Parents:** Chad and Michelle Johnson

**Hometown:** Groton

**Brother:** Porter Johnson

**Hobbies:** hanging with friends and family, camping, and caring for showing my farm animals

**School/community Activities :** FFA, 4-H

**Favorite high school memory:** placing 1st in team for Dairy cattle at State FFA convention

**Future plans:** attend Lake Area Tech for Agri- Finance

**Awards:** South Dakota State FFA Degree, South Dakota Famers Union Scholarship, Tom and Barbara Paepke Career in Agriculture Scholarship, Groton FFA Alumni Scholarship, Great Western Bank Scholarship, Barry Schuring Memorial Scholarship



## Groton Chiropractic Clinic

Carol McFarland-Kutter, D.C.

1205 N 1st St., Groton 397-8204

## Brandon M. Keith

**Parents:** Bary and Trica Keith

**Hometown:** Groton

**Brother and sister:** Brady Keith-20, and Trista Keith-14

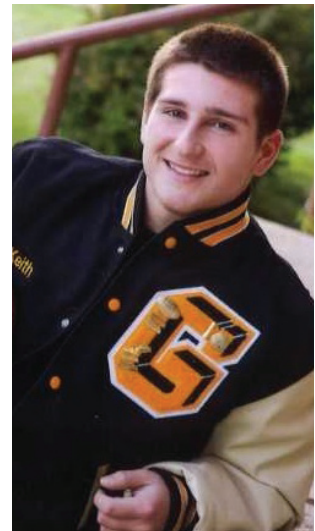
**Hobbies:** hanging with the boys

**School/community activities:** football, basketball, choir

**Favorite high school memory:** Beat Roncalli to go to the Dome

**Future plans:** attend SDSU

**Awards:** Principal's 4 year Honor Roll 2018, Richard Duerre Memorial Scholarship, Groton Edna Bugner Memorial Scholarship



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## Kelli Jean Kohrs

**Parents:** Karen and Clayton Johnson

**Hometown:** Aberdeen

**Brother and sisters:** Kyle Kohrs-22, Kaitlin Kohrs-19, and Kimberly kohrs-16

**Hobbies:** reading, writing, and drawing

**School/community activities:** show choir

**Favorite high school memory:** moving to Groton and meeting new people.

**Future plans:** working



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## Hunter Boone Monson

**Parents:** Stan Monson and Wendy Monson

**Hometown:** Groton

**Brother:** Dragr Monson

**Hobbies:** Drag racing, and hunting

**School/community activities:** Robotics

**Favorite high school memory:** placing 3rd at National Robotics Tournament winning 3 straight track championships shop class

**Future plans:** Lake Area Tech for Robotics

**Awards:** Emmanuel Lutheran Faith Forever Scholarship, Ottertail Power Company Scholarship



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## Hannah Kate Lewandowski

**Parents:** brad and Becky Lewandowski

**Hometown:** Groton

**Brother and sisters:** Sarah-23, Nicole-21, Jacob-13

**Hobbies:** running, baking, sewing, spending time with friends and family

**School/community activities:** FCCLA, National Honor Society, Cross Country, cheerleading, show choir

**Favorite high school memory:** going to Florida with the show choir group

**Future plans:** attend Lake Area Tech for Nursing

**Awards:** DAR Good Citizen Award, National Honor Society, American Legion Citizenship Award 2018, Scottish Rite Book Grant, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Knights of Columbus Scholarship, Brenda Harms Memorial Scholarship, Groton FCCLA Service Award, Groton Lions Club Scholarship, Roger Hendrickson Memorial Scholarship, Groton Class of 1969 Scholarship, Groton Don Bartz Scholarship



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## Mary Jane Nelson

**Parents:** Joe and Belinda Nelson

**Hometown:** Groton

**Brothers and sisters:** Nancy, Daisy, Nathan, Christen

**Hobbies:** swimming, baking, Art, music, photography, cooking

**School/community activities:** show choir tech. yearbook, dance team

**Favorite high school memory:** when I first met my friends

**Future plans:** my plans are to go into the Coast Guard for a Culinary Specialist for 2-3 years and then go to further my Education



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## Jackson Robert Oliver

**Parents:** Chad and Stacy Oliver

**Hometown:** Groton

**Sister:** Jaden Oliver-20

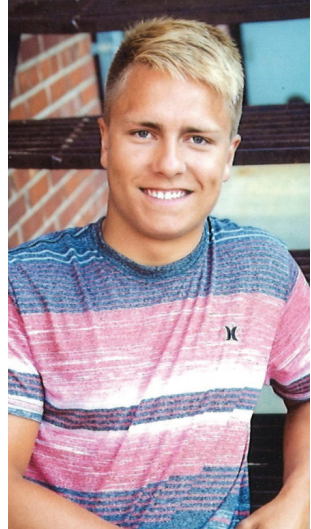
**Hobbies:** being with the boys

**School/community activities:** football, choir

**Favorite high school memory:** beating Roncalli in football to advance to the state championship game

**Future Plans:** attend the University of South Dakota for a degree in Sports Marketing and Media

**Awards:** University of SD Promise Scholarship, Groton Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, Groton Sammuli-Rix Scholarship



**JAMES VALLEY**  
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## Hayden Fred Pigors

**Parents:** Fritz Vicki Pigors

**Hometown:** Ferney

**Brother:** Ethan Pigors-13

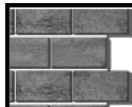
**Hobbies:** Fixing vehicles and tractors

**School/community activities:** Army Reserves

**Favorite high school memory:** shop class with Mr. Donley

**Future plans:** finish Army, go to Lake Area for Precision Machining work in Aberdeen

**Awards:** Montgomery GI Bill Military Tuition Benefit



**Lots for sale**  
**Olson Development**

Contact Deb at 605-216-4008 or 605-397-8262

## Cody Kyle Richards

**Parents:** Scott Richards

**Hometown:** Groton

**Brothers and Sister:** Matthew-21, Tyler-20, Bryan-20, and Sheyanne-15

**Hobbies:** playing x-Box

**School/community activities:** joining the National Guard

**Favorite high school memory:** playing football my sophomore year

**Future plans:** go to LATI after basic and Ait

**Awards:** Montgomery GI Bill Military Tuition Benefit



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## Andrew Garrett Rintala

**Parents:** Craig Tintala and Charity Newman

**Hometown:** Fergus Falls, MN

**Sisters:** Chelsea Rental-21, and Caitlyn Rogers

**Hobbies:** listening to music, hanging out with friends, fishing, playing basketball, and being a hype beast

**School/community activities:** football and basketball

**Favorite high school memory:** waking up on the field during the Roncalli football game

**Future plans:** Furthering my basketball career at Minnesota State Community and Technical College while pursuing a career in sports management



**Congratulations Andrew!**  
**God bless you!**



## Jasmine Marlys Schinkel

**Parents:** Dan and Marjae Schinkel

**Hometown:** Groton

**Brother and sisters:** Anthony, Emma, and Danielle

**Hobbies:** Ice Skating, working at our local pool and OST program. Casting and hanging out with friends

**School/community activities:** cheer, dance, team, soccer, cheerleading, color guard, chow choir, and FFA

**Favorite high school memory:** winning state show choir in 2016

**Future plans:** attend Northern and Major in Elementary Education and minor in Special Education

**Awards:** Principal's Student Service Award 2018, Columbia American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship, Beck Memorial Scholarship, Tom and Barbara Paepke Fine Arts Scholarship, Groton Masonic Lodge, Groton Area School Employee Teaching Scholarship





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## Seric A. Shabazz

**Parents:** Cheri and Zelos Johnson  
**Hometown:** Groton

**Brothers:** Bennett-19, Darien-16

**Hobbies:** hanging with friends, sports, and video games.

**School/community activities:** involved in basketball, football and choir

**Favorite high school memory:** beating Roncalli junior year to advance to the Dakota Dome

**Future plans:** to attend NSU, move to Minnesota and start a family



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## Harleigh Tyann Stange

**Parents:** Darin and Dee Stange, and Paul Winther

**Hometown:** Groton

**Brothers and sister:** Kristen Winther-28, Bryce Winther-22, Kayde Stange-16, and Tyton Stange-12

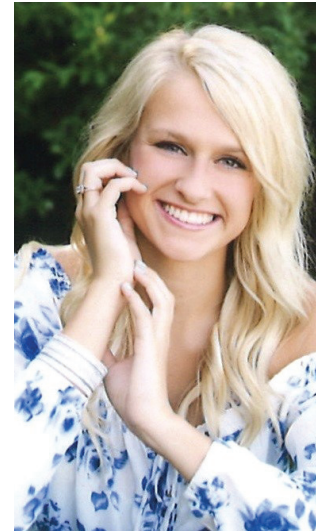
**Hobbies:** hanging out with friends, and watching movies, playing soccer and running track. I love to watch children to

**School/community activities:** soccer, basketball, track, volleyball manager, FCCLA member

**Favorite high school memory:** our Groton football team went to the dome or winning homecoming queen

**Future plans:** attend NSU and Major in Elementary Education

**Award:** Groton Lions Club Scholarship



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## Luke Lorell Thorson

**Parents:** Scott and Ann Thorson

**Hometown:** Groton

**Brothers and sisters:** Sam Thorson-27, Matt Thorson-24, Sydney Thorson-21

**Hobbies:** lifting weights, watching movies, hanging out with my friends and family

**School/community activities:** football, baseball, basketball (9,11) track, show choir (9,10,) Living stations of the cross (Church)

**Favorite high school memory:** playing football at the USD Dome

**Future plans:** attend University of Minnesota Duluth to Major in Medical Biology

**Awards:** American Legion Citizenship Award 2018, Groton Lions Club Scholarship, Groton Sammuli-Rix Scholarship



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## Mitchel Todd Thurston

**Parents:** Todd Thurston and Debbie Thurston

**Hometown:** Groton

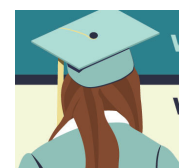
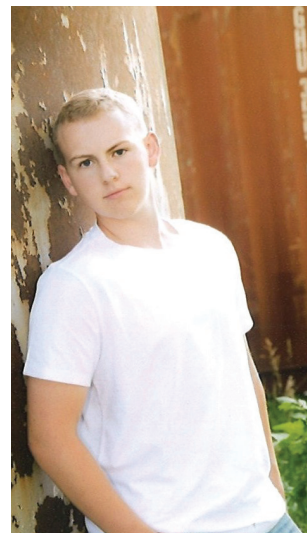
**Brothers and sister:** Riley-16, Emilie-14, and Drew-11

**Hobbies:** hanging out with friends and getting duds in fortnite

**School/community activities:** basketball

**Favorite high school memory:** giving presentations in Ag class junior year

**Future plans:** attend NDSU and get a doctors degree in Athletic training



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## Hattie Ann Weismantel

**Parents:** Marty and Amy Weismantel

**Hometown:** Columbia

**Sister:** Ellianna Weismantel

**Hobbies:** dance, playing piano, playing guitar and spending time with friends and family

**School/community activities:** show choir, choir, band, jazz band, Living Art Dance, One Act Play Musical, flag guard, dance team, cheerleading

**Favorite high school memory:** winning the first state shoe choir completion

**Future Plans:** I plan to attend Northern State University and majoring in Elementary Education

**Awards:** SD Girls State Representative, National Honor Society, Principal's Student Service Award 2018, John Phillips Sousa Award 2018, Northern State University WolfPACT Scholarship, Northern State University Music Scholarship, Northern State University Scholarship, Groton Kiwanis Community Service Scholarship, Vicki Strom Memorial Scholarship, Groton Phyllis J. Jark Memorial Education Major Scholarship, Groton Community Foundation Scholarship



### **Columbia Insurance Agency**

Marty Weismantel, Agent

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## Aleaya Joy Worlie

**Parents:** Ron and Jean Worlie

**Hometown:**

Conde

**Brothers and sisters:** April-30, Aaron-27, Amanda-24, And Alex-20

**Hobbies:** video games, coloring, drawing, singing and enjoying music

**School/ Community Activities:** show choir, band, choir,

**Favorite high school memory:**

when everybody in the lunchroom clapped after Chuck came out and yelled at a few kids.

**Future Plans:** get a job and place of my own, then be happy.

**Award:** SD Girls State Representative



**Congratulations Aleaya  
from Full Circle Ag**

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**The Groton Area Elementary playground will be getting a fresh load of wood chips. The old wood chips have become compact since it was installed and needs to be refreshed.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Thou shalt love your neighbors. The neighbors of this Kaiser supporter on First Street wanted to let him know that Milbrandt won re-election as Brown County Sheriff. The neighbors gathered up their signs and put them all in his front yard, just to let him know who won.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



## **SOCIAL SECURITY HELPS YOU CARE FOR SENIORS**

**By: Patty Hoffman**

**Social Security Public Affairs Specialist**

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is June 15. This is an opportunity for everyone, all over the world, to voice their opposition to abuses inflicted on some of the most vulnerable members of our society. For more than 80 years, Social Security has provided for the elderly as part of our everyday mission.

Sometimes a family member is incapable of representing themselves due to health reasons. Generally, we look for family or friends to serve as representative payees. Social Security's Representative Payment Program helps our beneficiaries who are incapable of managing their Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments. You can read more about the program at [www.socialsecurity.gov/payee](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/payee).

Family members and caregivers can protect the older people they love with help from the Representative Payee Interdisciplinary Training series. The training was developed in partnership with the Administration on Aging within the Administration for Community Living and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

It educates people and organizations about the roles and responsibilities of serving as a representative payee, elder abuse and financial exploitation, and effective ways to monitor and safely conduct business with the banking community. It also teaches ways to recognize the changes in an adult or senior's ability to make sound financial decisions.

You can view our series of videos about this training at [www.socialsecurity.gov/payee](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/payee).

Protecting the ones you love is part of securing today and tomorrow. And we're here for you. You can always access our website and online services at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

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 6, 1895: An estimated F2 tornado moved northeast from 6 miles west of Summit, passing 3 miles northwest of Summit. Buildings were damaged on eight farms.

June 6, 1897: Light to heavy frost, and in some localities, killing frost occurred on the 6th and 7th. These cold temperatures along with last season frost in May and wet conditions several hampered the planting season. Luckily growing conditions changed towards the middle and end of the month. Some low temperatures on the 6th include 26 degrees in Castlewood and Watertown, 29 in Mellette, 30 in Aberdeen and Milbank, and 32 in Highmore. Some low temperatures on the 7th include; 24 degrees in Castlewood, 25 in Watertown, and 30 degrees in Milbank.

June 6, 1999: Heavy rains of 2 to 4 inches caused flash flooding on a creek feeding into the Grand River. At a ranch southwest of Bullhead, a bunkhouse wall moved off the foundation by a wall of water coming down the creek. All of the contents in the bunkhouse were destroyed. A machine shop was washed away along with several pieces of equipment and many tools. Some tools and equipment were found more than a mile down the creek. A pump house and a grain bin were also destroyed. A pickup was washed down the stream, and a propane tank near home was rolled over. A colt was picked up by the water but managed to escape. The powerful flow of water took out several dead trees and washed them downstream. Finally, a road and a culvert were washed out by the flash flood.

1816: The temperature reached 92 degrees at Salem, Massachusetts during an early heat wave, but then plunged 49 degrees in 24 hours to commence the famous "year without a summer." Snow fell near Quebec City, Quebec Canada from the 6th through the 10th and accumulated up to a foot with "drifts reaching the axle trees of carriages."

1894: One of the greatest floods in U.S. history occurred as the Willamette River overflowed to inundate half of the business district of Portland, Oregon. The river crested at 33.5 feet, the worst flood ever recorded in the city.

1975 - A tornado, reportedly spinning backwards (spinning clockwise), was sighted near Alva, OK. (The Weather Channel)

1977 - Severe thunderstorms with large hail and winds to 100 mph caused one million dollars damage around Norfolk, VA. A forty-two foot fishing boat capsized near the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel drowning 13 of the 27 persons on board. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Thunderstorms in southern California produced one inch hail at Mount Pinos, and marble size hail at Palmdale. Thunderstorms in southeastern Arizona produced heavy rain leaving some washes under four feet of water. Six cities in the north central U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date as readings soared into the upper 90s. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)








1988 - Seventeen cities in the north central U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date, including Williston ND with a reading of 104 degrees. Thunderstorms in Florida produced wind gusts to 65 mph which damaged two mobile homes northwest of Melbourne injuring six people. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms developing during the late morning hours produced severe weather through the afternoon and night. Thunderstorms spawned 13 tornadoes, and there were 154 reports of large hail and damaging winds. A strong (F-3) tornado injured six persons at Lorenzo, TX, and thunderstorm winds gusting to 100 mph killed one person at Glasscock City, TX. Softball size hail was reported at Lipscomb and Glen Cove TX. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

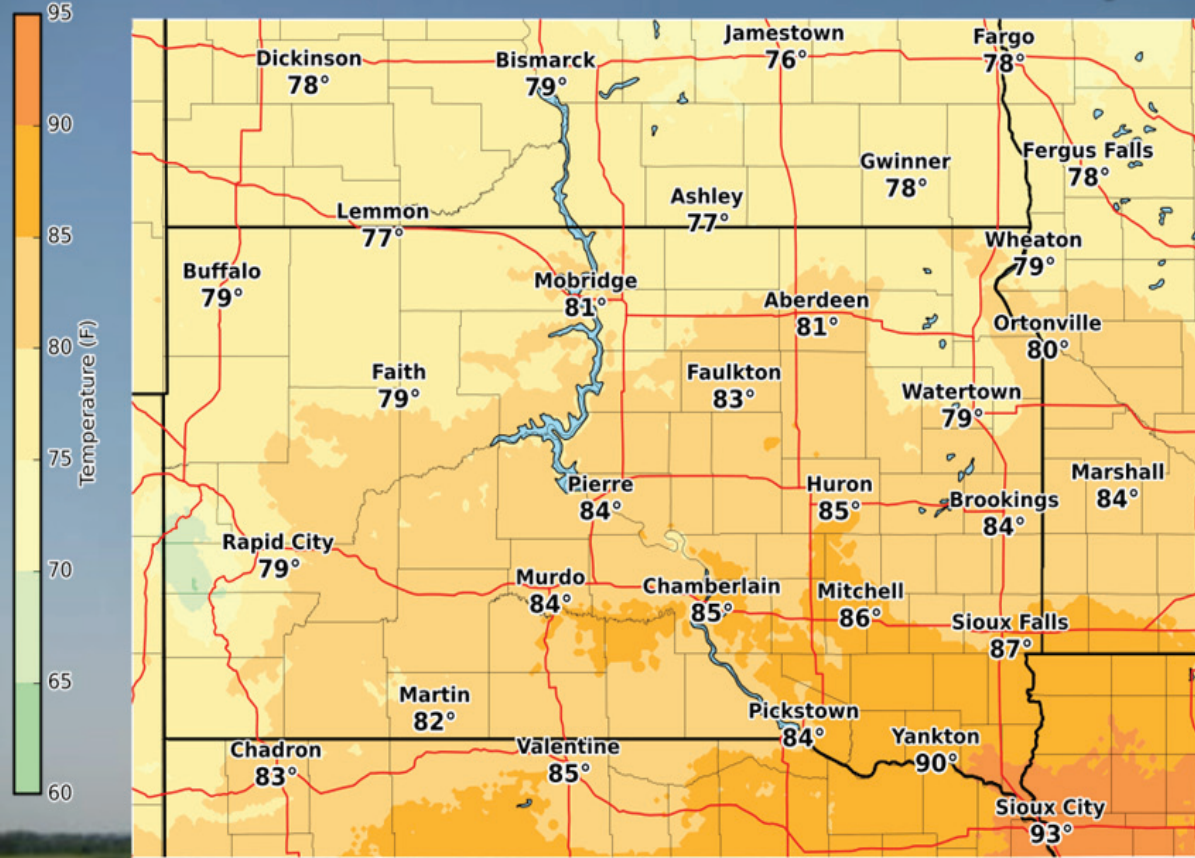


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Today	Tonight	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday
						
Slight Chance T-storms then Sunny	Mostly Clear	Partly Sunny	Chance Showers	Partly Sunny	Chance T-storms	Mostly Sunny then Slight Chance Showers
High: 82 °F	Low: 52 °F	High: 82 °F	Low: 63 °F	High: 86 °F	Low: 63 °F	High: 88 °F

## Cooler and Less Humid Today



National Weather Service Aberdeen, SD

Updated: 6/6/2018 5:44 AM Central

Published on: 06/06/2018 at 5:46AM

Cooler and less humid conditions are expected today with highs in the upper 70s to the mid-80s.

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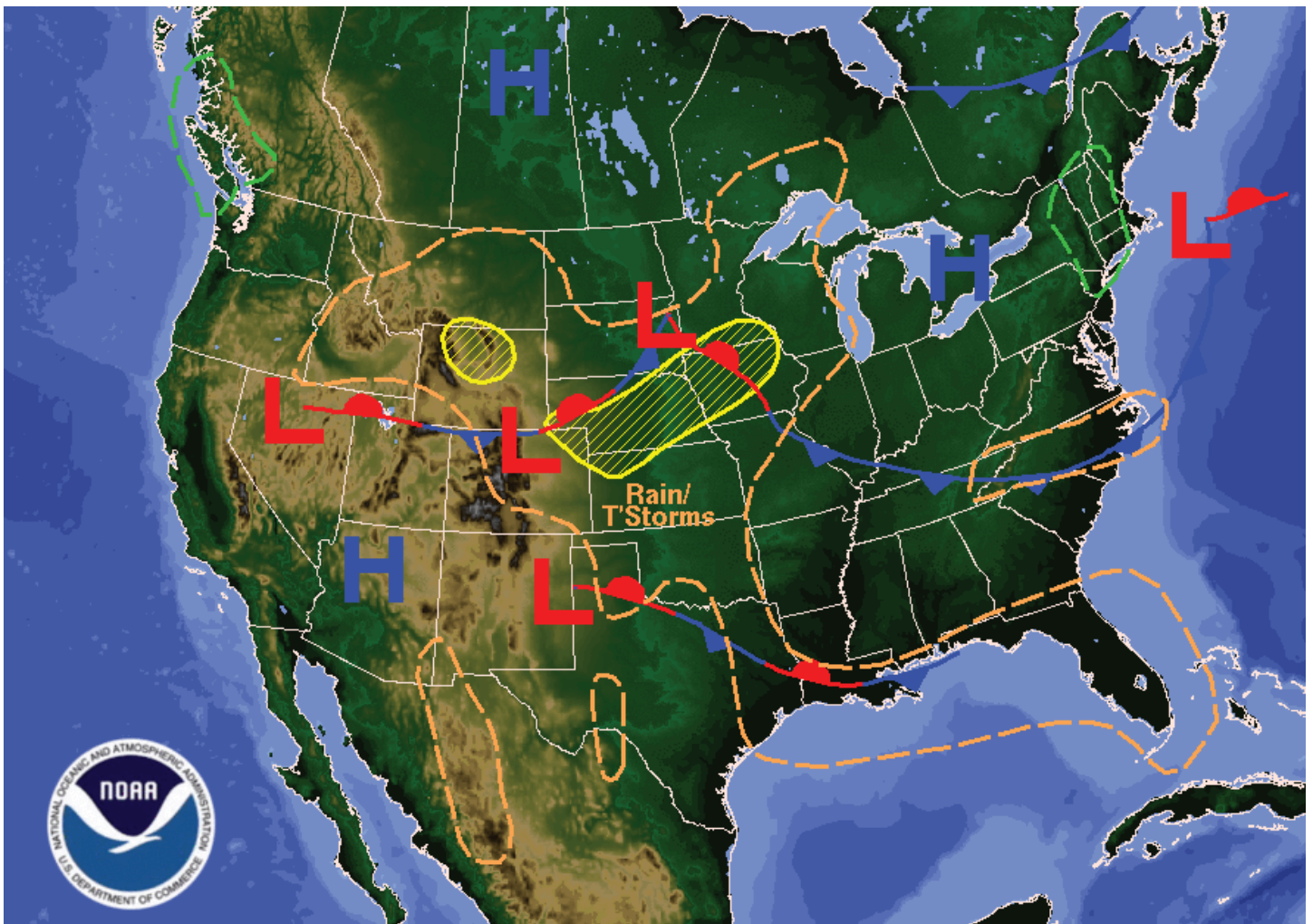
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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 98.4 F at 5:19 PM**  
**Low Outside Temp: 64.5 F at 5:49 AM**  
**Wind Chill:**  
**High Gust: 23.0 Mph at 2:43 PM**  
**Precip: 0.25**

## Today's Info

**Record High: 99° in 1950**  
**Record Low: 30° in 1897**  
**Average High: 74°F**  
**Average Low: 51°F**  
**Average Precip in June: 0.70**  
**Precip to date in June: 0.29**  
**Average Precip to date: 7.84**  
**Precip Year to Date: 4.59**  
**Sunset Tonight: 9:18 p.m.**  
**Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:45 a.m.**



### Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Wed, Jun 06, 2018, issued 4:33 AM EDT  
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**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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## REJECTION IS NOT FINAL OR FATAL

One of the world's greatest violinists, Paganini, once commissioned a composer to write a concerto that would display the artist's magnificent skills. The violinist said that he wanted the concerto to include quiet melodies that would move the audience to a hushed silence. He also wanted it to contain bursts of music that would expose his ability to play loud and with breathtaking speed.

After several weeks the composer returned to the studio of Paganini and presented his concerto. After he reviewed it briefly, he turned to the composer and said, "This lacks life. It is not good enough for Paganini."

Later, while attending a concert by another violinist Paganini heard him play the concerto that the composer had written for him. The performance moved him to tears and the audience responded with applause that went on for many minutes. When the applause ended, Paganini went to the composer, dropped to his knees before the stunned audience and kissed his hand. After a moment he looked humbly at the composer and admitted his mistake and asked for his forgiveness.

Years ago a Psalmist wrote, "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." Jesus referred to this verse when He spoke of being rejected by His own people. Although He was once rejected Jesus is now the cornerstone - the most important part - of our salvation and His church. We must always be alert to what God wants to bring into our lives. Unless we are open to the gentle calling of His spirit, we may miss His best for us.

Prayer: Open our ears and our hearts to Your voice, O Lord, that we may always be ready to accept Your gift. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 118:22 The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone.

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## 2018 Groton SD Community Events

- Groton Lion's Club Bingo- Wednesday Nights 6:30pm at the Groton Legion (Year Round)
- 11/18/2017-3/31/2018 Groton Lion's Club Wheel of Meat- Saturday Nights 7pm at the Groton Legion (Fall/Winter Months)
- 1/27/2019 Carnival of Silver Skates 2pm & 6:30pm
- 4/13/2019 Easter Egg Hunt (Saturday a week before Easter Weekend)
- 5/4/2019 Spring City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday in May)
- 5/27/2019 Groton American Legion Post #39 Memorial Day Program at the Cemetery, Lunch to follow at the American Legion (Memorial Day)
- 6/14/2018 Transit Fundraiser (Middle Thursday in June)
- 6/15/2018 SDSU Golf at Olive Grove
- 6/16/2018 Triathlon (Saturday before Father's Day)
- 7/4/2018 Firecracker Golf Tourney (4th of July)
- 7/22/2018 Summer Fest (4th Sunday in July)
- 9/8/2018 Fall City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday after Labor Day)
- 10/6/2018 Pumpkin Fest (Saturday before Columbus Day)
- 10/12/2018 Band Festival (2nd Friday in October)
- 10/31/2018 Trunk or Treat (Halloween)
- 11/10/2018 Groton American Legion Post #39 Turkey Shoot (Saturday closest to Veteran's Day)
- 12/01/2018 Olive Grove Golf Course 2018 Holiday Party
  
- Best Ball Golf Tourney
- SDSU Golf Tourney
- Sunflower Golf Tourney
- Santa Claus Day
- Fireman's Stag
- Tour of Homes
- Crazy Dayz/Open Houses
- School Events



## News from the Associated Press

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

By **BILL BARROW**, Associated Press

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

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

Some of the highlights:

#### WOMEN IN THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

In a record-setting year for female candidates across the country, women moved closer to more milestones. Voters gave Michelle Lujan Grisham the Democratic nomination for New Mexico governor, giving her a shot at becoming the first Latina Democratic governor in U.S. history.

Lujan Grisham, a congresswoman, is trying to succeed the nation's first Latina Republican governor, Susana Martinez. Republicans also nominated a member of Congress, Rep. Steve Pearce, to run for the job.

Another congresswoman, South Dakota's Kristi Noem, won her state's Republican gubernatorial primary. She would become the first female governor in South Dakota history.

Voters in Alabama and Iowa had opportunities to set up all-female matchups for governor in November. Alabama's Republican Gov. Kay Ivey avoided a runoff despite several primary challengers. But Democrats chose Tuscaloosa Mayor Walt Maddox over Sue Bell Cobb, a former state Supreme Court chief justice.

In Iowa, labor leader Cathy Glasson couldn't pull off an upset against businessman Fred Hubbell for the Democratic nomination. Hubbell will take on Republican Gov. Kim Reynolds, who had no party opposition.

Both Reynolds and Ivey are vying for their first full terms after succeeding men who resigned. Reynolds is Iowa's first female governor. Ivey is the second woman to helm Alabama government, but the first in five decades.

#### SENATORS ADVANCE

It was also a good night for incumbents in the Senate. Democratic Sen. Bob Menendez of New Jersey got a surprisingly strong primary challenge after a hung jury spared him a conviction in a federal bribery trial. But Menendez held on, to the delight of Republicans who want to use his troubles to tar every Democrat in the state. Menendez will face Republican Bob Hugin, a pharmaceutical executive, in the fall.

California Sen. Dianne Feinstein stood her ground against criticism from the left. The 84-year-old Democrat advanced to the November ballot with a huge lead over more than two dozen challengers, including liberal state Senate leader Kevin de Leon. Incomplete returns showed de Leon still trying to fend off Republicans for the second spot on the November ballot.

In Montana, the GOP establishment's choice for Senate, State Auditor Matt Rosendale, won a competitive primary over a former state judge for the chance to face Sen. Jon Tester in November. Tester is facing a tough race in a red state and Rosendale is likely get a big push from the national party.

#### BATTLE FOR HOUSE CONTROL

Democrats are looking to New Jersey and California as key states in their efforts to gain at least 23 more House seats and become the majority when Congress convenes next year.

There are five New Jersey GOP House seats targeted by national Democrats and establishment Democrats got their picks in a couple on the list. Navy veteran and former federal prosecutor Mikie Sherrill claimed the Democratic nomination in a district left open by the retirement of Republican Rodney Frelinghuysen. Republicans nominated state Assemblyman Jay Webber.

In southern Jersey, a conservative Democratic state senator, Jeff Van Drew, dispatched more liberal competitors in a Republican-leaning district now held by Frank LoBiondo, who is retiring. Republicans tapped

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Seth Grossman, an Atlantic City attorney who says he will forcefully defend Trump's agenda.

A former Obama administration aide, Andy Kim, will take on New Jersey GOP Rep. Tom McArthur, and Democrat Tom Malinowski, an appointee in the Obama State Department, won the nomination to take on vulnerable Republican Rep. Leonard Lance.

California's outcomes probably won't be decided Tuesday because the state allows mail-in ballots to be postmarked through primary day. But the focus is on seven House districts where President Donald Trump trailed Hillary Clinton in 2016.

In three of those districts, all in southern California, Democrats faced the possibility of being shut out of the top two spots because they have so many candidates. Early returns showed Democrats remained at risk of being shut out in two of the three.

In Alabama, a Republican incumbent who criticized Trump as a candidate in 2016 is headed for a runoff. Rep. Martha Roby led her GOP competitors but fell shy of a required majority. She'll face former Rep. Bobby Bright, whom she defeated in 2010. Bright was then a Democrat.

An Iowa state lawmaker, meanwhile, has taken the next step toward becoming the youngest woman ever elected to Congress. Abby Finkenauer, 28, won the Democratic nomination in a northeast Iowa district. She will face Republican incumbent Rod Blum.

And in New Mexico, Debra Haaland won the Democratic nomination in the congressional district opened by Lujan Grisham's run for governor. Haaland will be a heavy favorite this fall as she tries to become the first Native American woman to serve in Congress.

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## CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR

California Republicans dodged a bullet with Republican business executive John Cox qualifying for a November matchup in the governor's race against Democrat Gavin Newsom, the former San Francisco mayor and current lieutenant governor.

Avoiding a runoff shutout gives the state GOP an important voice at the top of the ticket in the fall. That could help drive turnout in down-ballot races, even though Newsom will be the clear favorite for the state's top job.

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## Democrats hope for 'blue wave' push from 8-state primary day

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

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Holding hopes of a "blue wave" in November, Democrats fought to shape the political battlefield in primaries across eight states, none more important than California where Republicans avoided an embarrassing setback in the race for governor.

Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom, a Democrat, easily advanced on Tuesday to the general election, with business executive John Cox coming in second. Cox's strong finish put to rest GOP fears that no Republican would qualify for the deeply Democratic state's top office this fall and the party's other candidates would suffer from a resulting lack of voter interest on election day.

The governor's race was one of many drawing attention to California, a state not accustomed to being a national political battleground. But its handful of competitive House races — largely in Southern California — have made it hotly contested territory in the fight over control of the House, drawing big money and the spotlight on the biggest primary night of midterms.

Voters in seven other states went to the polls Tuesday. And it was a big night for women, as female candidates for governor advanced. Democratic incumbents, including California's Sen. Dianne Feinstein, fared well, fending off challenges from the left.

Neither party immediately appeared to suffer major setbacks. Yet the winners and losers in California's most competitive races could take days to sort out given the state's unique election laws.

No state offers Democrats more opportunities to gain House seats this fall than California, where more



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than a half dozen Republican-held seats may be in play. Democrats need to pick up 23 seats nationwide to retake the House.

Feinstein won her party's nomination for another term, as widely expected. It was still unclear whether a Republican would earn enough votes to oppose her on California's November ballot.

In another midterm battleground 3,000 miles away, former federal prosecutor and Navy pilot Mikie Sherrill bested a field of Democratic rivals in the race to replace retiring New Jersey Republican Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen. The favorite of Washington Democrats will take on GOP Assemblyman Jay Webber in one of several New Jersey races Democrats view as possible pickups.

Much of the day's drama focused on women, who fought to make history in some cases and to avoid disaster in others.

In Alabama, four-term Republican Rep. Martha Roby was forced into a runoff election next month after failing to win 50 percent of her party's vote. She will face former Democratic Rep. Bobby Bright in Alabama's conservative 2nd district — where Trump loyalty has been a central issue.

Roby was the first member of Congress to withdraw her endorsement of the Republican president in 2016 after he was caught on video bragging about grabbing women's genitals.

In New Mexico, Democratic Rep. Michelle Lujan Grisham won her party's nomination in the race to succeed outgoing Republican Gov. Susana Martinez. If Grisham wins, she'll be the state's second Latino state executive.

Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey fended off three GOP challengers, while South Dakota Rep. Kristi Noem became the first female nominee for governor in her state.

In Iowa, 28-year-old Democratic state Rep. Abby Finkenauer was trying to become the youngest woman to serve in Congress.

And in New Mexico, former state Democratic Party Chairwoman Debra Haaland, a tribal member of Laguna Pueblo, won her primary and could become the first Native American woman in Congress if she wins this fall.

Haaland said in her primary victory statement: "Donald Trump and the billionaire class should consider this victory a warning shot: the blue wave is coming."

Mississippi Republican Sen. Roger Wicker won his primary contest as did New Jersey Sen. Bob Menendez, a Democrat who faced federal bribery charges last year. The jury deadlocked, but Republicans hope to use Menendez's legal troubles to tar other Democrats like Sherrill across the state.

Republican businessman Bob Hugin claimed the Republican nomination to face Menendez this fall.

Recognizing the high stakes in California, Trump sought to energize his supporters in a series of tweets praising his preferred candidates.

"In High Tax, High Crime California, be sure to get out and vote for Republican John Cox for Governor. He will make a BIG difference!" Trump tweeted.

Yet frightening scenarios existed for both parties.

Because of California's unusual primary system, all candidates appear on a single primary ballot, with the top two vote-getters regardless of party advancing to the November election. That allows the possibility of two candidates qualifying from the same party — and neither from the other.

National Democrats spent more than \$7 million trying to curb and repair the damage inflicted by Democrats attacking each other in districts opened by retiring Republican Reps. Ed Royce and Darrell Issa, and the district where Republican Dana Rohrabacher is facing challenges from the left and the right.

In two of the three Southern California districts, Democrats were coming in second place behind Republicans, but the races were too close to call early Wednesday, leaving Democrats at risk of being locked out. In another, Issa's district, Republican Diane Harkey was leading in early returns, as two Democrats vied for the second slot.

Republican Rep. Mimi Walters easily advanced to the November election in her Orange County district that has been targeted by Democrats. The second spot remained up for grabs.

And to the north, House intelligence committee chairman Devin Nunes, a Republican, qualified for the

general election ballot as well. Nunes is a polarizing figure in national politics given his support for Trump in one of the many investigations into Russian meddling in the 2016 election.

Trump will not be on the ballot this year. But he was on the minds of many voters.

Francine Karuntzos, a 57-year-old retiree from Huntington Beach, California, said she has deep concerns about the Republican president — particularly his recent declaration that he could pardon himself. She said she isn't a member of a political party, but she voted Democratic on Tuesday.

"I'm really, really worried about our Constitution being ruined by this presidency," Karuntzos said after casting her ballot at a local community center.

It was a different story in Mississippi, where 66-year-old Gladys Cruz wasn't sure which Republican she would support in the state's Senate primary, but she wanted whoever won to firmly support Trump.

The president "touches my heart," she said.

A key Senate race took shape in the heart of Trump country as well.

Montana Republicans were picking a candidate to take on Democratic Sen. Jon Tester, one of the most vulnerable senators in the nation. State Auditor Matt Rosendale won the GOP nomination.

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Associated Press writers Amy Taxin in Huntington Beach, Sophia Bollag in Sacramento, David Porter in Montclair, New Jersey, and Kevin McGill in Picayune, Mississippi, contributed to this report.

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## Noem overcomes Washington label to win GOP nod for governor

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — U.S. Rep. Kristi Noem brushed off the Washington label to win South Dakota's Republican primary for governor. To become the state's first female chief executive, she might have to do it again.

Noem scored a surprisingly easy victory Tuesday over Attorney General Marty Jackley in a race that appeared close to the end. She'll face Democratic state Sen. Billie Sutton, a well-funded former professional rodeo cowboy, in November.

"It's been a long campaign and a hard-fought campaign, but we're excited, ready to keep working," said Noem, who didn't play up gender during her campaign.

Sutton immediately portrayed himself as the outsider in the race, with a statement minutes after Noem's victory calling the race "a choice between politics as usual and a new kind of leadership. Washington-style politics will only make our problems worse."

Meanwhile, former Public Utilities Commissioner Dusty Johnson cruised to victory in a three-way GOP primary to pick a nominee to replace Noem in the state's lone House seat.

And voters also easily approved changes to the state's version of Marsy's Law, aimed at extending protections to crime victims, to reduce the burden the law placed on law enforcement and prosecutors.

Noem and Jackley struggled for separation in the governor's race, defining themselves more by experience and accomplishments than by policy differences.

Noem emphasized her role negotiating the 2014 farm bill and the GOP's federal tax cuts during four terms in Congress.

Jackley, a former U.S. attorney, touted his work to pass legislation aimed at public corruption, human trafficking and drugs.

The mostly polite race turned tougher at the end, with Noem's campaign seeking to raise questions about Jackley's handling of a case involving a former law enforcement agent who won a \$1.5 million state settlement of a discrimination and retaliation lawsuit. Noem's campaign accused Jackley of trying to silence the victim; he called the criticism a political stunt.

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But Patricia McKeever's vote went to Noem. McKeever, a 74-year-old retiree in Sioux Falls who works at a church, appreciated Noem's support for Trump but also felt Noem — a rancher, farmer and small business owner — had proven herself as a businesswoman.

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The Marsy's Law changes are aimed at helping police and prosecutors cut down on bureaucratic problems the law created.

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## SD Lottery

By The Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — These South Dakota lotteries were drawn Tuesday:

Mega Millions

22-33-41-48-52, Mega Ball: 4, Megaplier: 2

(twenty-two, thirty-three, forty-one, forty-eight, fifty-two; Mega Ball: four; Megaplier: two)

Estimated jackpot: \$110 million

Powerball

Estimated jackpot: \$87 million

## GOP picks Noem for governor, Johnson to replace her in House

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

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Noem's victory put her one step from becoming South Dakota's first woman governor. She'll face Democratic state Sen. Billie Sutton, a former professional rodeo cowboy who has stockpiled cash, in November.

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## Former Public Utilities Commissioner Dusty Johnson wins South Dakota Republican House primary

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## South Dakota lawmaker apologizes for remark about customers

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota lawmaker has apologized for saying businesses should be able to turn away customers based on race.

State Rep. Michael Clark, a Republican from Hartford, made his comment in a Facebook post on Monday. It came after a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in favor of a Colorado baker who refused to make a cake for a same-sex couple's wedding.

The Argus Leader reported Clark wrote the baker "should have the opportunity to run his business the

way he wants" and "if he wants to turn away people of color, then that (is) his choice."

Clark removed the post after several commenters questioned it. He took down the post on Tuesday, saying he "jumped in on it a little bit too fast."

He later issued an apology.

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

## **South Dakota voters approve changes to "Marsy's Law" victims' bill of rights to ease burden on police, prosecutors**

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## **Woman sentenced for leaving baby at Sioux Falls church**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A woman charged with child abuse for leaving her 2-month-old baby outside a Sioux Falls church overnight has been sentenced to 90 days in jail.

Mary Louise Jenness, 29, pleaded guilty to abuse or cruelty to a minor under 7 as part of a plea deal. She also was sentenced Monday to three years' supervised probation that could lead to up to 10 years in prison if broken, the Argus Leader reported .

Jenness and Ronald Harrison, 39, were charged after the baby was found cold and wet in a car seat outside a church in October 2017.

Harrison pleaded guilty to a child abuse charge in March. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 10 years' suspended supervised release.

The couple told police they had an argument and thought the other would grab the baby.

Harrison told investigators they were smoking drugs at the church where they left the infant, according to court documents. Jenness told police she and Harrison had smoked synthetic marijuana that night, court records show.

"This is a particularly troubling case," said Second Circuit Court Judge Natalie Damgaard. "The child was found very cold, very wet. We're very lucky the child (is doing OK)."

Jenness said at the sentencing that addiction has troubled her most of her life, and that the incident has changed her "for the better."

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

## **South Dakota philanthropist gives \$100 million to nonprofit**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota businessman and philanthropist said Tuesday he is donating \$100 million to the National University System, a nonprofit that focuses on education and philanthropy initiatives.

The donation by T. Denny Sanford is the largest in the nonprofit's history and comes a year after Sanford gave \$28 million to the network, which supports students looking for alternative ways to learn.

The new gift will expand the system's Sanford Harmony program, which aims to help preschool through elementary school students learn to work together and respect one another by decreasing stereotyping, bullying and aggression.

"Denny's vision of creating a better world starts with addressing these issues at the youngest ages, and it could not come at a more crucial time when the nation faces increasing challenges in our schools, homes and in the workplace," said Michael Cunningham, chancellor of the National University System.

System officials say the Sanford Harmony program could reach up to 30 million students nationwide and around the world. It emphasizes diversity, inclusion, empathy, critical thinking, communication, problem-solving and peer relationships. The objective, Sanford said, is for students to carry those qualities through

life and to ultimately reduce the divorce rate.

"It really creates harmony among the kids," Sanford said. "But as I said, the long-term goal is harmony among adults. Preventative medicine is the purpose of the whole program."

Sanford is best known for donating about \$1 billion to the Dakotas-based health system that carries his name.

Sanford has supported two other programs to the system. Sanford Inspire aims to help teachers inspire students and the Sanford Institute of Philanthropy provides education and training programs for nonprofits.

Sanford's gift brings total funding to National University System programs to about \$170 million, from various sources.

## 1 of 2 charged in stadium banner protest pleads guilty

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — One of two people charged with misdemeanors for unfurling a banner protesting the Dakota Access pipeline from the rafters of U.S. Bank Stadium during a Minnesota Vikings game has pleaded guilty to a lesser charge.

Thirty-four-year-old Karl Zimmermann Mayo, of Minneapolis, entered the plea for creating a public nuisance Monday in Hennepin County District Court. Misdemeanor counts of trespassing and burglary were dismissed. The Star Tribune says he'll serve a year of probation and perform 30 hours of community service.

The other person who climbed to the rafters to unleash the banner, 28-year-old Sen Holiday, is currently on trial after she pleaded not guilty to the same misdemeanors.

The banner urged Minneapolis-based U.S. Bank to divest from the \$3.8 billion pipeline. Fans seated below the banner were evacuated.

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This story has been corrected to show that Sen Holiday is a woman, not a man.

## Man dies in motorcycle crash in Sioux Falls

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Police say a 25-year-old man has died in a motorcycle crash in Sioux Falls.

The Department of Public Safety says the motorcyclist was northbound on Interstate 29 when he lost control while crossing an overpass and crashed about 12:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Authorities say the man, who was not wearing a helmet, was thrown from the bike and died at the scene.

## APNewsBreak: Secret Obama-era license let Iran tap dollars

By JOSH LEDERMAN and MATTHEW LEE, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration secretly sought to give Iran access — albeit briefly — to the U.S. financial system by sidestepping sanctions kept in place after the 2015 nuclear deal, despite repeatedly telling Congress and the public it had no plans to do so.

An investigation by Senate Republicans released Wednesday sheds light on the delicate balance the Obama administration sought to strike after the deal, as it worked to ensure Iran received its promised benefits without playing into the hands of the deal's opponents. Amid a tense political climate, Iran hawks in the U.S., Israel and elsewhere argued that the United States was giving far too much to Tehran and that the windfall would be used to fund extremism and other troubling Iranian activity.

The report by the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations revealed that under President Barack Obama, the Treasury Department issued a license in February 2016, never previously disclosed, that would have allowed Iran to convert \$5.7 billion it held at a bank in Oman from Omani rials into euros by exchanging them first into U.S. dollars. If the Omani bank had allowed the exchange without such a license, it would have violated sanctions that bar Iran from transactions that touch the U.S. financial system.

The effort was unsuccessful because American banks — themselves afraid of running afoul of U.S. sanctions — declined to participate. The Obama administration approached two U.S. banks to facilitate the conversion, the report said, but both refused, citing the reputational risk of doing business with or for Iran.



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"The Obama administration misled the American people and Congress because they were desperate to get a deal with Iran," said Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, the subcommittee's chairman.

Issuing the license was not illegal. Still, it went above and beyond what the Obama administration was required to do under the terms of the nuclear agreement. Under that deal, the U.S. and world powers gave Iran billions of dollars in sanctions relief in exchange for curbing its nuclear program. Last month, President Donald Trump declared the U.S. was pulling out of what he described as a "disastrous deal."

The license issued to Bank Muscat stood in stark contrast to repeated public statements from the Obama White House, the Treasury and the State Department, all of which denied that the administration was contemplating allowing Iran access to the U.S. financial system.

Shortly after the nuclear deal was sealed in July 2015, then-Treasury Secretary Jack Lew testified that even with the sanctions relief, Iran "will continue to be denied access to the world's largest financial and commercial market." A month later, one of Lew's top deputies, Adam Szubin, testified that despite the nuclear deal "Iran will be denied access to the world's most important market and unable to deal in the world's most important currency."

Yet almost immediately after the sanctions relief took effect in January 2016, Iran began to complain that it wasn't reaping the benefits it had envisioned. Iran argued that other sanctions — such as those linked to human rights, terrorism and missile development — were scaring off potential investors and banks who feared any business with Iran would lead to punishment. The global financial system is heavily intertwined with U.S. banks, making it nearly impossible to conduct many international transactions without touching New York in one way or another.

Former Obama administration officials declined to comment for the record.

However, they said the decision to grant the license had been made in line with the spirit of the deal, which included allowing Iran to regain access to foreign reserves that had been off-limits because of the sanctions. They said public comments made by the Obama administration at the time were intended to dispel incorrect reports about nonexistent proposals that would have gone much farther by letting Iran actually buy or sell things in dollars.

The former officials spoke on condition of anonymity because many are still involved in national security issues.

As the Obama administration pondered how to address Iran's complaints in 2016, reports in The Associated Press and other media outlets revealed that the U.S. was considering additional sanctions relief, including issuing licenses that would allow Iran limited transactions in dollars. Democratic and Republican lawmakers argued against it throughout the late winter, spring and summer of 2016. They warned that unless Tehran was willing to give up more, the U.S. shouldn't give Iran anything more than it already had.

At the time, the Obama administration downplayed those concerns while speaking in general terms about the need for the U.S. to live up to its part of the deal. Secretary of State John Kerry and other top aides fanned out across Europe, Asia and the Middle East trying to convince banks and businesses they could do business with Iran without violating sanctions and facing steep fines.

"Since Iran has kept its end of the deal, it is our responsibility to uphold ours, in both letter and spirit," Lew said at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in March 2016, without offering details.

That same week, the AP reported that the Treasury had prepared a draft of a license that would have given Iran much broader permission to convert its assets from foreign currencies into easier-to-spend currencies like euros, yen or rupees, by first exchanging them for dollars at offshore financial institutions.

The draft involved a general license, a blanket go-ahead that allows all transactions of a certain type, rather than a specific license like the one given to Oman's Bank Muscat, which only covers specific transactions and institutions. The proposal would have allowed dollars to be used in currency exchanges provided that no Iranian banks, no Iranian rials and no sanctioned Iranian individuals or businesses were involved, and that the transaction did not begin or end in U.S. dollars.

Obama administration officials at the time assured concerned lawmakers that a general license wouldn't be coming. But the report from the Republican members of the Senate panel showed that a draft of the

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license was indeed prepared, though it was never published.

And when questioned by lawmakers about the possibility of granting Iran any kind of access to the U.S. financial system, Obama-era officials never volunteered that the specific license for Bank Muscat in Oman had been issued two months earlier.

According to the report, Iran is believed to have found other ways to access its money, possibly by exchanging it in smaller quantities through another currency.

The situation resulted from the fact that Iran had stored billions in Omani rials, a currency that's notoriously hard to convert. The U.S. dollar is the world's dominant currency, so allowing it to be used as a conversion instrument for Iranian assets was the easiest and most efficient way to speed up Iran's access to its own funds.

For example: If the Iranians want to sell oil to India, they would likely want to be paid in euros instead of rupees, so they could more easily use the proceeds to purchase European goods. That process commonly starts with the rupees being converted into dollars, just for a moment, before being converted once again into euros.

U.S. sanctions block Iran from exchanging the money on its own. And Asian and European banks are wary because U.S. regulators have levied billions of dollars in fines in recent years and threatened transgressors with a cutoff from the far more lucrative American market.

## **New evacuations near Guatemala volcano set off panic**

**By MARK STEVENSON and SONIA PEREZ D., Associated Press**

ESCUINTLA, Guatemala (AP) — Frightened people living near the Volcano of Fire fled with their children and few possessions when fresh flows of super-heated debris were announced, taking no chances after authorities gave them little time to evacuate before a deadly eruption over the weekend.

Traffic came to a standstill on choked roads Tuesday and those without vehicles walked, even in central Escuintla, which was not under an evacuation order. Businesses shuttered as owners fled, memories still fresh of Sunday's blast, which left at least 75 people dead and 192 missing, and reduced a once verdant area to a moonscape of ash.

Mirna Priz, who sells tamales and chiles rellenos, wept as she sat on a rock at a crossroads, with a suitcase in front of her and her 11-year-old son, Allen, and their terrier mix Cara Sucia by her side.

"You feel powerless," she said. "I don't know where I'm going to go. To leave my things, everything I have."

But after seeing what happened Sunday, she was afraid to stay.

A column of smoke rose from the mountain Tuesday afternoon and hot volcanic material began descending its south side, prompting new evacuation orders for a half dozen communities and the closure of a national highway. The country's seismology and vulcanology institute said the smoke billowing from the volcano's top could produce a "curtain" of ash that could reach 20,000 feet (6,000 meters) above sea level, posing a danger to air traffic.

Rescuers, police and journalists hurried to leave the area as a siren wailed and loudspeakers blared, "Evacuate!"

Among those fleeing was retiree Pantaleon Garcia, who was able to load his grandchildren into the back of a pickup with a jug of water and some food. They were heading to the homes of relatives in another town.

"You have to be prepared, for the children," he said.

When the panic set off by the new evacuations became clear, disaster officials called for calm.

In the community of Magnolia, which was under the new evacuation order, residents fled carrying bundles, bags of clothing and even small dogs in their arms.

Many walked along the side of the highway because vehicular traffic had stalled on the only road out.

By Tuesday the images of Sunday's destruction were familiar to everyone. What was once a collection of green canyons, hillsides and farms was reduced to grey devastation by fast-moving avalanches of super-heated muck that roared into the tightly knit villages on the mountain's flanks.

Two days after the eruption, the terrain was still too hot in many places for rescue crews to search for bodies or — increasingly unlikely with each passing day — survivors.

Lilian Hernandez wept as she spoke the names of aunts, uncles, cousins, her grandmother and two great-grandchildren — 36 family members in all — missing and presumed dead in the volcano's explosion.

"My cousins Ingrid, Yomira, Paola, Jennifer, Michael, Andrea and Silvia, who was just 2 years old," the woman said — a litany that brought into sharp relief the scope of a disaster for which the final death toll is far from clear.

A spokesman for Guatemala's firefighters, said that once it reaches 72 hours after the eruption, there will be little chance of finding anyone alive.

At a roadblock, Joel Gonzalez complained that police wouldn't let him through to see his family's house in the village of San Juan Alotenango, where his 76-year-old father lay buried in ash along with four other relatives.

"They say they are going to leave them buried there, and we are not going to know if it's really them," the 39-year-old farmer said. "They are taking away our opportunity to say goodbye."

## Republican advances in California primary with Trump's help

By JONATHAN J. COOPER, Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — John Cox, a Republican business owner who has tried and failed for nearly two decades to win elected office, snagged a spot in the November runoff for California governor with the help of President Donald Trump, but that support could hurt him in the winner-take-all race with Democrat Gavin Newsom.

Cox got about a quarter of the votes counted so far in Tuesday's election to easily outdistance former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa for second to Newsom, who won by a comfortable margin. Cox had been struggling to break clear of fellow Republican Travis Allen until Trump tweeted his endorsement two weeks ago — 273 characters that rallied the president's fans but set up a hyper-partisan battle with Newsom.

Because of California's "jungle primary," the top two finishers — regardless of party — advance to a runoff in November.

Newsom, the state's lieutenant governor and former mayor of San Francisco, had said during the primary he preferred a Republican opponent in the fall. He told supporters Tuesday that he relishes a fight with Cox, who he called "a foot soldier" for Trump's war on California.

Meantime, Cox made it clear he'll be fighting Newsom on taxes and California's high cost of living.

"It wasn't Donald Trump who made California the highest tax state in the country," Cox told enthusiastic supporters. "It was Gavin Newsom and the Democrats."

Cox, 62, became wealthy as a lawyer, accountant, wealth manager and investor in the Chicago area. He now owns thousands of apartment units in the Midwest.

In the early 2000s he ran unsuccessfully for a string of offices in Illinois — U.S. House, twice for the U.S. Senate, and Cook County Recorder of Deeds, a job he wanted to see eliminated. He also ran for Illinois GOP chairman.

In his 2004 Senate run, he shared a crowded debate stage with then-state Sen. Barack Obama and sparred one-on-one with the future president over the Iraq war. He later ran for president in 2008 and fought unsuccessfully to get into Republican debates before dropping out, but his name appeared on the ballot in several states.

He bought his house in Rancho Santa Fe, outside San Diego, in 2007 and moved there full-time in 2011, according to spokesman Matt Shupe.

Cox, who has largely self-funded his campaign for governor, decries what he calls the corrupting influence of special interests — a line of attack he's sure to deploy against Newsom, who is backed by heavy-hitting unions, businesses and interest groups.

He's also focused heavily on California's high taxes and cost of living. He's one of the most prominent



backers of a ballot initiative that would repeal recent increases in gasoline and diesel taxes, which is likely to qualify for the November ballot.

Tuesday's primary included a preview of the potency of the gas tax as a political motivator. State Sen. Josh Newman, a Democrat targeted for supporting the gas tax hike, was recalled by a wide margin.

The race for governor was one of hundreds of contests Californians narrowed on Tuesday. U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein cruised to first place in her bid for a fifth full term, while fellow Democrat Kevin de Leon, the heavy favorite to finish second and advance, had trouble shaking little-known Republican James Bradley.

Northern California voters recalled the judge who gave a light sentence to a former Stanford University swimmer convicted of sexual assault. It could take days to sort out who will advance in several key Southern California races for U.S. House.

In the race for governor, Cox's second-place finish was a victory for a state GOP that has been shrinking in numbers and influence. It avoided a worst-case scenario where Republicans would stay home for lack of a candidate in the races for governor and U.S. Senate, thereby imperiling vulnerable Republicans in other races.

Cox faces long odds in November. No Republican has won statewide here since 2006. And while Trump is well-liked by the GOP base that boosted Cox, he's unpopular with independents and a call to arms for Democrats.

"Cox had to run toward Donald Trump to get Republican voters to rally around him in the primary," said Thad Kousser, chair of the political science department at University of California, San Diego. "The problem is, now he can't run away from Donald Trump in November."

Newsom's begins the race with inherent advantages — he's much better-known than Cox and a Democrat in a heavily Democratic state. He's motivated the liberal base with his support for a plan to provide universal government-funded health care and his support for aggressive gun controls.

"We're engaged in an epic battle, and it looks like voters will have a real choice this November — between a governor who is going to stand up against Donald Trump and a foot soldier in his war on California," Newsom told supporters.

Villaraigosa's distant third-place finish was a stunning result for man once hailed a rising star in the Democratic Party and the face of the changing demographics in California and the nation. He was hoping to be California's first Latino governor since 1875.

His focus on energizing Latinos, moderate Democrats, independents and some Republicans wasn't enough to overcome Newsom's strength with the Democratic Party's liberal base or Cox's united GOP front.

He conceded Tuesday night and endorsed Newsom while also congratulating Cox.

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## Judge who sentenced swimmer recalled amid #MeToo movement

By PAUL ELIAS, Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The beginning of the end for the first California judge recalled since 1932 began almost exactly two years ago, when Santa Clara County Judge Aaron Persky sentenced a former Stanford swimmer convicted of sexual assault to six months in jail instead of a long prison term.

A statement from the victim captured the national spotlight, recounting the ordeal of the investigation and trial, where she was cross-examined about her drinking habits and sexual experience.

"You took away my worth, my privacy, my energy, my time, my intimacy, my confidence, my own voice, until today," she said in a statement read in court before the June 2016 sentencing of Brock Turner.

Within days, a politically connected Stanford law professor who was friends with the victim launched a campaign to recall the judge.

On Tuesday, Santa Clara County voters agreed and recalled the judge from office after his nearly 15-year career on the bench.

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"The broader message of this victory is that violence against women is now a voting issue," said Michele Dauber, an outspoken women's rights campus activist who launched the recall effort. She said the local vote will resonate nationally and underscores the staying power of the #MeToo movement.

"This is a historical moment in time. Women are standing up for their rights and there is a national reckoning."

Persky, who declined to comment Tuesday, said repeatedly that he couldn't discuss the case that spurred the recall because Turner has appealed his conviction. But in a lengthy interview with The Associated Press last month, he said he didn't regret the decision and was taken aback by the reaction.

"I expected some negative reaction," Persky said. "But not this."

Persky said he was adopting the probation department's recommendation to spare Turner prison for several reasons, including Turner's age, clean criminal record and the fact that both Turner and the victim were intoxicated.

"The problem with this recall is it will pressure judges to follow the rule of public opinion as opposed to the rule of law."

The California Commission on Judicial Performance ruled that he handled the case legally. Santa Clara County District Attorney Jeff Rosen didn't appeal the sentence.

The case sparked a national debate over the criminal justice system's treatment of sexual assault victims and racial inequities in court.

Persky is white and holds undergraduate degrees from Stanford and a law degree from the University of California, Berkeley. Many complained Persky showed too much deference to Turner, a white Stanford scholarship athlete whose parents could afford a private attorney. Activists pointed to numerous other cases in which minorities faced much harsher sentences for less egregious crimes.

The victim, who came to be known as Emily Doe, testified she was passed out behind a trash can when two men saw Turner on top of her. The two men, Swedish graduate students, yelled at Turner to stop and then chased him and held him down for police when tried to flee.

The Associated Press generally doesn't identify sexual assault victims.

Persky said he took the victim's experience into account when sentencing Turner.

But the judge said the publicity of Turner's arrest and trial and the young man's loss of a swimming scholarship also factored into his sentence. Turner is also required to register for life as a sex offender. Persky cited numerous letters of support friends, former teachers and employers wrote on behalf of Turner.

"I think you have to take the whole picture in terms of what impact imprisonment has on a specific individual's life," Persky said during the sentencing hearing.

## Secluded resort chosen for Trump-Kim summit in Singapore

By **ZEKE MILLER** and **CATHERINE LUCEY**, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un will meet at a luxury resort on Sentosa Island for nuclear talks next week in Singapore, the White House said Tuesday.

The historic meeting will be held at the Capella Hotel, press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders tweeted. "We thank our great Singaporean hosts for their hospitality," Sanders said.

Trump and Kim's highly anticipated meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. local time June 12 at — or 9 p.m. June 11 on the East Coast of the U.S. — after a flurry of on-again-off-again action.

Trump hopes to secure a nuclear deal with the North Koreans, seeking for Kim to give up his nuclear program, though he stressed last week that the process would likely take longer than a single meeting.

Located a quarter-mile off the coast of the city-state, Sentosa Island is known for its high-end beach hotels, golf courses and amusement parks. A U.S. advance team was spotted at the Capella Hotel last week meeting with North Korean officials in preparation for the summit.

The hotel is known for luxury amenities, impeccable service and, above all, privacy for business and leisure. Two of the hotel's buildings were built in the 1880s for British officers based on the island.

On Tuesday evening, workers were painting a fresh coat on the façade, extra security was in place and

red carpets were being rolled out at the hotel's two entrances.

Officials had also considered the Shangri-La Hotel, which hosts an annual international security summit and was the venue for a 2015 meeting between Chinese President Xi Jinping and Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou.

Trump is expected to stay at that hotel, which is near a major shopping district and less secluded than the island facility chosen for his meeting with Kim.

## Trustees report warns Medicare finances worsening

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR and ANDREW TAYLOR, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Medicare will run out of money sooner than expected, and Social Security's financial problems can't be ignored either, the government said Tuesday in a sobering checkup on programs vital to the middle class.

The report from program trustees says Medicare will become insolvent in 2026 — three years earlier than previously forecast. Its giant trust fund for inpatient care won't be able to fully cover projected medical bills starting at that point.

The report says Social Security will become insolvent in 2034 — no change from the projection last year.

The warning serves as a reminder of major issues still languishing while Washington plunges deeper into partisan strife. Because of the deterioration in Medicare's finances, officials said the Trump administration will be required by law to send Congress a plan next year to address the problems, after the president's budget is submitted.

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said in a statement that there's time to fix the problems. "The programs remain secure," Mnuchin said. Medicare "is on track to meet its obligations to beneficiaries well into the next decade."

"However, certain long-term issues persist," the statement added. "Lack-luster economic growth in previous years, coupled with an aging population, has contributed to the projected shortages for both Social Security and Medicare."

Social Security recipients are likely to see a cost of living increase of about 2.4 percent next year, said government number-crunchers who produced the report. That works out to about \$31 a month.

At the same time, the monthly Medicare "Part B" premium for outpatient care paid by most beneficiaries is projected to rise by about \$1.50, to \$135.50.

Both the cost-of-living increase and the Medicare outpatient premium are not officially determined until later in the year, and the initial projections can change.

More than 62 million retirees, disabled workers, spouses and surviving children receive Social Security benefits. The average monthly payment is \$1,294 for all beneficiaries. Medicare provides health insurance for about 60 million people, most of whom are age 65 or older.

Together the two programs have been credited with dramatically reducing poverty among older people and extending life expectancy for Americans. Financed with payroll taxes collected from workers and employers, Social Security and Medicare account for about 40 percent of government spending, excluding interest on the federal debt.

But demands on both programs are increasing as America ages.

Unless lawmakers act, both programs face the prospect of being unable to cover the full cost of promised benefits. With Social Security that could mean sharply reduced payments for retirees, many of whom are already on tight budgets. The report said the total annual cost of Social Security is projected to exceed total annual income in 2018 for the first time since the Reagan era, meaning the program will have to tap into reserves.

For Medicare, insolvency would mean that hospitals, nursing homes and other providers of medical care would be paid only part of their agreed-upon fees.

Medicare is widely seen as a more difficult problem that goes beyond the growing number of baby boomers retiring. It's also the unpredictability of health care costs, which can be jolted by high-priced



breakthrough cures, and which regularly outpace the overall rate of economic growth.

The Cabinet secretaries for Treasury, Health and Human Services, and Labor usually participate in the annual release of the report, along with the Social Security commissioner, and take questions from reporters. None of those top officials was present Tuesday; an aide cited scheduling conflicts.

The four top officials serve as the Social Security and Medicare trustees, along with two independent trustees who are supposed to represent the public. The public trustees are usually more candid, but those posts remain unfilled.

President Donald Trump campaigned on a promise not to cut Social Security or Medicare, but he hasn't offered a blueprint for either program.

Democrats, meanwhile, want to extend the social safety net by spending more on health care and education. Advocates for the elderly said Tuesday there should be no cuts to Social Security benefits.

But federal deficits keep rising, and the recent Republican tax-cut bill is expected to add to the debt.

Last year's tax law, which cut taxes on Social Security benefits, helped exacerbate the shortfall. So too did repeal of the individual mandate in so-called Obamacare, which promises to increase the number of people without health insurance and therefore Medicare payments for uncompensated medical care.

Higher deficits mean less maneuvering room for policymakers when the day of reckoning finally arrives for Social Security and Medicare.

In principle, the U.S. is supposed to be paying forward its Social Security and Medicare obligations by building up trust funds to cover future costs. That money is invested in special government securities, which also collect interest. But when the money is actually needed to pay for benefits, economists say a government deep in debt could be hard pressed to make good.

## **GOP avoids shutout in race for California governor**

**By JONATHAN J. COOPER, Associated Press**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Democrat Gavin Newsom won Tuesday's primary in the race for California governor and Republican John Cox finished in a strong second place, ensuring Republicans won't be shut out of the race to replace retiring Gov. Jerry Brown.

With a major boost from President Donald Trump's endorsement, Cox consolidated Republicans and edged past Democrat Antonio Villaraigosa, an early favorite to advance.

But Cox faces long odds in deeply liberal California, where Republicans are increasingly marginalized in state politics.

The race is one of hundreds of contests across the state that could solidify Democratic dominance and reshape the fight for control of the U.S. Congress.

Newsom, the former San Francisco mayor, was the first candidate to announce a bid for governor more than three years ago and was strongly favored for the top slot. He leaned heavily on his decision in 2004 to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples in San Francisco, touching off years of debate over gay marriage in California and around the country.

In victory, Newsom wasted no time framing the general election as a fight with Trump.

"We're engaged in an epic battle, and it looks like voters will have a real choice this November — between a governor who is going to stand up against Donald Trump and a foot soldier in his war on California," Newsom told cheering supporters at his victory rally in San Francisco's Mission District.

Because of California's "jungle primary," the top two vote-getters — regardless of party — advance to a runoff in November.

The election is pivotal for Republicans looking to end their mounting struggles and gain a stronger foothold in the nation's largest state. For Democrats, who risk getting shut out of key congressional races, it has massive implications for their push to retake control of the U.S. House.

Democrats need to gain 23 districts nationally to flip the majority in the House, and a key part of their strategy is expanding their 39-14 advantage in the home state of Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi.

The key battlegrounds are seven districts, mostly in Southern California, where Hillary Clinton defeated

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then-candidate Donald Trump in the 2016 presidential race, making the districts targets this year.

Democrats hope to avoid their nightmare scenario — the vote is split among a crowded field of Democrats and two Republicans get the only slots in the November election.

U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein is seeking another six-year term at age 84 and is expected to cruise into November when her likely opponent will be fellow Democrat Kevin de Leon, the former state Senate leader. There are 11 unknown Republicans in the race and none was backed by the party.

Elsewhere, San Francisco will choose a new leader following the sudden death of Mayor Ed Lee, and a Northern California judge, Aaron Persky, faces a recall for the light sentence he gave a former Stanford University swimmer who sexually assaulted a drunken woman.

In the race for governor, Cox defeated Villaraigosa, who was an early favorite to advance but trailed in recent months despite more than \$20 million in spending on his behalf by charter school advocates.

Cox, a businessman from San Diego has run unsuccessfully for a number of offices in his native Illinois but gained footing among California Republicans as the campaign progressed. He and Travis Allen both aligned with Trump — Allen repeatedly noted Cox voted for Libertarian Gary Johnson in the 2016 presidential election; Cox said he regrets the choice.

"This is only the first step to turning around this state and taking back California for all Californians," Cox told supporters in San Diego.

Trump is a popular punching bag for Democrats and unpopular with independents but maintains strong support and loyalty from the GOP base.

"I don't think there will be a blue wave at all," registered Republican Keith Smith, 66, said outside a Solana Beach polling place where he voted for Cox.

The campaign played out largely under the radar despite millions of dollars in spending by candidates and their independent supporters. The closing days of the race were marked as much by dueling complaints over that spending as by differences between the candidates, their priorities and their styles of governing.

Sean Spicer, 42, a San Diego resident who works in marketing, said he voted because it's a civic duty — though he doesn't like California's top two primary system and said it is showing its shortcomings this year.

"We have 7,000 candidates vying for governor and so the top two primary system means you end up voting for people who you think can win not who you believe in," he said.

Evelyn Corado, a 50-year-old preschool teacher from Huntington Beach and naturalized U.S. citizen from El Salvador, chose Villaraigosa for governor.

"He was already mayor of Los Angeles and I saw him do a lot for the Hispanic community," she said after casting her ballot.

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## North Korean military may benefit from Kim's charm offensive

By ERIC TALMADGE, Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — While raising hopes for denuclearization and a peace treaty to finally end the Korean War, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's newly found focus on diplomacy comes with an ironic flipside: It could be a godsend for his generals.

Kim's thinking on how his military fits in to his plans to foster detente on the Korean Peninsula and negotiate security guarantees from Washington may become clearer when he sits down with President Donald Trump next week in Singapore.

But one thing is already clear. Kim cannot survive without his loyal troops. Whatever grand strategy he has in mind will strongly reflect their interests — and that includes the ability to make lots of money.

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Along with the nuclear bombs and intercontinental ballistic missiles that have gotten the world's attention, the Korean People's Army is deeply involved in everything from raising mushrooms and apples to running its national airline and selling the country's mineral resources abroad.

So they stand to benefit greatly if Kim succeeds in depleting support for sanctions by negotiating with Trump and the North's affluent neighbors.

Rivaled only by the ruling party itself, with which it is carefully intertwined, the military is the biggest and most formidable organization in North Korea. It consumes roughly one-third of the country's annual budget and employs 1 million-plus personnel, making its standing army one of the world's largest despite the North's small population of less than 25 million.

From the reign of Kim's father, one of North Korea's most important slogans has been "Military First." And since he took power, Kim has set his sights on simultaneously developing the nation's nuclear forces and its economy. His current diplomatic overtures to China, Seoul and Washington are based on his claim, laid out to party elites in April, to have already "completed" the development of his nuclear arsenal.

With the nuclear development mission accomplished, his argument goes, it's time to adopt a "new strategic line" that emphasizes the economy and the strategic use of diplomacy.

That should not be seen as a move against his military.

Just as shifts in the economy since Kim assumed power in late 2011 have created a growing income gap in the civilian sector, so have they contributed to growing disparity within the military ranks, suggests William Brown, an adjunct professor at Georgetown University and former analyst with the U.S. State Department and CIA.

"Some units and some soldiers are making good money doing construction work and others are making essentially nothing doing their foxhole duty. Same for the officers," he said. "Some are coming out of their 10-year tour of duty with marketable skills, like driving and fixing taxis, and others with no skills at all."

Brown said that, in the long run, diplomatic success could free Kim to cut costs by reducing the military's bloated ranks. But he stressed that for now "keeping soldiers happy when others seem to be getting rich is of paramount importance."

"I get the sense that Kim is getting ready for another massive state wage increase to make state workers, including the military, a little more happy," he said.

The military's involvement in such a wide variety of side-businesses also means it is in its interest to see an increase in trade well beyond sales of nuclear technology or missile parts that will likely remain the target of international non-proliferation watchdogs no matter how well Kim's talks go.

"They own a large number of enterprises, and their share in the mining sector is probably one of the largest. So they've definitely lost out as sanctions have made North Korean coal and mineral exports plunge," said Benjamin Katzeff Silberstein, an associate scholar with the non-profit Foreign Policy Research Institute.

Silberstein added that the most important role of the military in the economy is its ability to readily provide manpower where needed, doing construction and road repair work, helping out with the harvest and working in the mines. "That role is hard to quantify," he said, "but it is likely massive."

Unconfirmed reports this week out of Seoul and Washington that Kim recently replaced his top three military officials could suggest he is already trying to ensure the military is properly positioned to handle more foreign investment and to toe his new line without being lured by an influx of money into corruption or insubordination.

Symbolic of the military's dual role, one of the three new generals, Kim Su Gil, was at Kim's side during a recent trip to the Wonsan-Kalma tourism zone, a massive development project along the east coast that Pyongyang hopes will become a major attraction for South Korean visitors if sanctions are lifted.

The area, crawling with troops known as "soldier-builders" erecting luxury hotels and paving new roads, was popular with South Korean visitors during a previous period of detente.

Its popularity ended abruptly when a North Korean soldier fatally shot a South Korean woman who strayed into a restricted area.



## A busy week for Shepard Smith, Fox News' resident contrarian

By DAVID BAUDER, AP Media Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Even for Fox News' resident contrarian, it's been quite a week for Shepard Smith. He's called out the Trump administration as lying about a meeting involving the president's son, punctured claims about the FBI spying on the Trump campaign, dismissed the characterization of the Russian investigation as a witch hunt and resisted White House characterizations of the Super Bowl champion Philadelphia Eagles.

Smith's afternoon news program has always stood out at Fox News Channel, but perhaps never more so than lately. While most of President Donald Trump's critics in the media often speak to sympathetic consumers, Smith's assessments hit ears that don't always seek — or want — a contrary point of view.

Fox aired a portion of Trump's White House rally on patriotism Tuesday that replaced the planned celebration of the Eagles' Super Bowl win, giving it more time than either CNN or MSNBC. As the last strains of "God Bless America" ended, Smith came on in Fox's New York studio.

"We stand to support, we stand to salute, we stand in the absence of the Philadelphia Eagles," Smith said. "But the thing is, the Eagles stood as well."

Smith said that Trump had claimed that the Eagles disagreed with him about the need to stand for the national anthem before football games. But the truth is, "the entire team stood for the anthem every game last season," he said.

He read a tweet from an Eagles player that accused the president of spreading a false narrative that the players are anti-military.

A day earlier Smith, like others in the media, took the administration to task for shifting stories about Donald Trump Jr.'s 2016 meeting with a Russian lawyer, and what hand the future president had in crafting his son's statement about what the meeting entailed.

"It's one of those days when somebody is lying," Smith said following White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders' briefing. "We're just not really sure who is."

He said that it's frustrating to get a competing set of facts from people who "work for us."

"It's not partisan," he said. "It's about facts."

Smith faces a steady stream of invective from many Fox News fans on social media. One viewer on Twitter said Tuesday he didn't understand how Smith gets different information than others at Fox like Sean Hannity, Tucker Carlson and Laura Ingraham.

Many posters promise not to watch him anymore; yet with an average viewership of 1.4 million people, Smith's show is like most on Fox News in leading its cable news rivals in the ratings. There's also no evidence that Fox viewers are rejecting him. In May, the two Fox hours that preceded his show and the one that followed him all averaged around 1.4 million viewers, too, the Nielsen company said.

There are also frequent calls for Fox to drop him. Fox in March announced a multiyear deal to keep him in place.

Last week Smith denounced the "Spygate" controversy involving FBI officials who looked into the Trump campaign to see if there was any evidence of Russian involvement. It was a story that got a flurry of attention from others at Fox; the anti-Fox lobbying group Media Matters for America circulated video that juxtaposed the words of Hannity talking about the story and Smith cutting it down.

"The president called it Spygate," Smith said. "Fox News can confirm that it is not. Fox News knows of no evidence to support the president's claim. Lawmakers from both parties claim that using informants to investigate suspected ties to Russia is not spying. It's part of the normal investigation process."

Smith also said there was no evidence to support charges that special counsel Robert Mueller is meddling in the midterm election.

"The so-called rigged Russian witch hunt is not a witch hunt," Smith said. "It has resulted in charges against four former Trump associates. Three pleaded guilty to lying to investigators about Russia."

In the past week, Smith was similarly blunt about ABC's cancellation of the hit reboot "Roseanne" after

its star, Roseanne Barr, tweeted a racist remark about former Obama adviser Valerie Jarrett. Barr's show was initially celebrated by many Fox News viewers because the character she depicted was a supporter of the president.

"Racism is not funny," Smith said to open his show on the day Barr was fired, "and Roseanne Barr is a racist."

## Key Senate Republicans seek to challenge Trump over tariffs

By LISA MASCARO and KEVIN FREKING, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Key Senate Republicans are pushing longshot legislation that would require Congress to sign off on President Donald Trump's import tariffs, a rare attempt to stand up to the administration on a bedrock issue that once defined the GOP.

Congressional Republicans are mostly at odds with what they view as Trump's protectionist instincts on trade. Despite much hand-wringing, prospects for any bill to challenge him remain uncertain. Many Republicans are hesitant to confront Trump in a legislative showdown that could end badly for them. Doing so could court a veto and bruise their standing with Trump voters they need in midterm elections.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., indicated he was not interested in spending too much time on the effort presented behind closed doors Tuesday by its chief proponent, Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., saying he preferred to focus on "getting bills passed." And the second-ranking Republican, Sen. John Cornyn of Texas, said he hoped Republicans concerned about the tariffs could prevail on the president to reverse course. He was heading to the White House later Tuesday for talks.

"Not everything we do has to be legislative. Part of this job is persuasion," said Cornyn. He said lawmakers would "continue to make the case" with the president and his staff, which he noted is divided.

Trump took office promising to rip up trade deals and crack down on unfair trading practices. But that campaign slogan is at odds with Republicans' longstanding preference for free markets and open trade. The standoff is raising an uncomfortable question: If Republicans can't confront Trump on trade, can they challenge him on anything?

"For Republicans, this is who we are," said Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz. "If we believe our own rhetoric — on trade, tariffs and congressional prerogative — I hope it does come to a vote."

The idea being pursued by Corker, Sen. Pat Toomey, R-Pa., and others who have been meeting privately — and with Democrats — would be narrowly crafted legislation requiring congressional approval of the tariffs Trump has imposed in the name of national security.

They're targeting Trump's reliance on the so-called 232 authority, named from Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, which allowed the administration to impose tariffs of 25 percent on imported steel and 10 percent on imported aluminum from Mexico, Canada and the European Union, some of the U.S.'s top allies. The senators are also hoping to halt Trump's threat to slap tariffs on auto imports, including those from Japan.

Corker says there's "no way" automobiles and the other imports are a national security threat. It's not just Trump, the senators say, but past administrations that have leaned too heavily into the national security provision they now want to subject to congressional oversight.

"When you can just name anything as a national security issue then basically you undermine the whole trade agreement process," Corker said Tuesday.

Corker's trying to hitch the legislation to a big annual defense bill making its way through the Senate that includes must-pass pay raises for the troops and other provisions.

Senate Republicans have warned administration officials that the tariffs could dampen the economic gains from the GOP tax cuts.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said he spoke to Corker about the legislation Tuesday. "I believe there is some Democratic support for it," Schumer said.

But Corker acknowledged the difficulty in passing legislation despite "tremendous concern" among lawmakers in both parties. "My guess is the administration may have some resistance," he said.

Time and again, Republicans in Congress have been reluctant to put guardrails around Trump as the administration has veered from GOP orthodoxy in policy or as the president interprets the law, as he did earlier this week, to assert the special counsel probe is unconstitutional and that he has the power to pardon himself.

Flake is one of the few Republicans who repeatedly take on Trump, and he has separately offered a bill that would reverse the steel and aluminum tariffs, with support from Democratic Sen. Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota.

Farm-state senators are particularly concerned about retaliatory tariffs that would close off foreign markets to pork and key crops like soybeans and corn. "It isn't as if the dog has not barked," said Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., the chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee.

But it's unclear what lawmakers are willing to do besides bark. Challenging Trump comes with its own risks, from alienating his supporters to taking voters' attention off a healthy economy before the midterm elections, which will determine control of the House and Senate.

Asked if Congress will act on trade, Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., a member of GOP leadership, answered simply: "No."

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## Emails: Pruitt told staffer to handle another personal chore

By ELLEN KNICKMEYER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Environmental Protection Agency chief Scott Pruitt had an agency staffer reach out to Chick-fil-A on government email about a "potential business opportunity," emails show. The opportunity, according to one former EPA senior staff member, was exploring the possibility of a Chick-fil-A franchise for Pruitt's wife.

It was the second disclosure in as many days of Pruitt asking agency staff to do personal tasks for him. Democratic lawmakers released a transcript Monday of an interview with a top Pruitt aide who said the EPA chief asked her to reach out to the Trump International Hotel about buying a used mattress.

Federal ethics rules bar government employees from using their positions for private gain and prohibit supervisors from directing their subordinates to carry out personal errands.

EPA mails obtained by the Sierra Club under the Freedom of Information Act show Sydney Hupp, then Pruitt's scheduler, reaching out to Chick-fil-A executive Dan Cathy on May 18, 2017, for a meeting, at Pruitt's request, she wrote in the email.

"The administrator didn't mention a specific topic but I will touch base with him to see if there is one," Hupp said in one email.

She followed up the next day. "The administrator would like to talk about a potential business opportunity."

Former EPA deputy chief of staff Kevin Chmielewski said in an interview Tuesday that Millan Hupp, also a top aide to Pruitt, told him that the administrator was inquiring about the possibility of his wife acquiring a franchise with the chain.

He said Pruitt, Millan Hupp and "the Oklahoma people" were doing what they could to find a job for Marlyn Pruitt in the Washington area.

Pruitt and his aides also put out feelers among government and private contacts about interior decorator work for Pruitt's wife, according to Chmielewski, who says he was fired from the agency after challenging some of Pruitt's spending.

Neither the EPA or Chick-fil-A officials returned requests for comment.

Chick-fil-A representative Carrie Kurlander told The Washington Post, which first reported the story, that Pruitt had been interested in his wife becoming a franchise owner.

"Administrator Pruitt's wife started, but did not complete, the Chick-fil-A franchisee application," the Post



quoted her as saying.

Pruitt's alleged use of his EPA position to help job-search for his family is improper because he put aides to work, and because "by using his staff he brought in the imprimatur of the agency, he invoked the authority of the agency," said Virginia Canter, ethics counsel with the Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington nonprofit. "Under no circumstances is it appropriate to do that."

Asked about the latest disclosures, White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said Tuesday, "We continue to have concerns and look into those and we'll address them."

Separately Tuesday, the Government Accountability Office said it had agreed to a Democratic senator's request to examine the legality of a politically tinged tweet from the EPA.

The GAO will conduct a legal review of the April 13 tweet from the EPA's official Twitter account, spokesman Charles Young said.

The EPA tweet noted the Senate approval of Andrew Wheeler, a former coal lobbyist who also served in the EPA under President George H.W. Bush, as the agency's new second-in-command.

The tweet added, "The Democrats couldn't block the confirmation of environmental policy expert and former EPA staffer."

Democratic Sen. Tom Udall of New Mexico asked for the GAO review, calling the tweet "partisan taunting." Udall contended the dig by the EPA-run Twitter account violated a law barring use of government appropriations for publicity or propaganda.

The review becomes the latest in a succession of federal investigations of Pruitt and his agency by the EPA's inspector general, the GAO, the White House Office of Management and Budget, and Congress.

Questioned by Udall about the EPA tweet in a Senate hearing last month, Pruitt said: "I was unaware of the tweet and that shouldn't have occurred. The agency should not have done that."

Asked for comment Tuesday, the EPA forwarded a May 23 letter by a different federal agency, the U.S. Office of Special Counsel, finding the tweet did not violate a separate law, the Hatch Act, which prohibits federal employees from engaging in political activity on the job.

## Trump asks why IG report on Clinton emails is taking so long

By JONATHAN LEMIRE and ERIC TUCKER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eager to begin another assault on the credibility of those investigating him, President Donald Trump said he wants to know "what is taking so long" with an internal Justice Department investigation that is expected to cast a harsh spotlight on the FBI.

The early-morning tweet Tuesday underscores how the White House and Trump's legal team view the upcoming watchdog report as a way to damage the reputation of fired FBI Director James Comey — and, by extension, discredit special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into possible ties between the Trump campaign and Russia.

The report is expected to sharply criticize Comey's handling of the Hillary Clinton email investigation, which the White House initially cited as the rationale for firing the FBI chief last year. Trump and his allies continue to believe that any censures of Comey would undercut his value as a witness against the president and back up the decision to dismiss him last May.

Democrats have long criticized Comey's decisions — including an unusual news conference announcing his recommendation against criminal charges for Clinton, and his notification to Congress days before the election that the investigation was being reopened — as having broken from protocol in ways that damaged Clinton's election prospects. An inspector general report, expected within days, is likely to find fault with some of those same actions and could reopen wounds of Democrats who maintain their candidate was unfairly treated.

Trump, nonetheless, has eagerly awaited the report in hopes that any damning conclusions about Comey and the FBI will give him additional fodder to attack federal law enforcement officials. Part of the defense team strategy has been to discredit Mueller's investigation by condemning Comey, who has testified publicly about his interactions with the president and who set in motion Mueller's appointment by releasing

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to a friend a private memo he wrote documenting a pivotal encounter with Trump.

The president's allies have come to believe that pitting Trump's trustworthiness against Comey's is an argument they can win, according to three people close to the White House but not authorized to discuss private conversations. They have repeatedly attempted to tarnish the reputation of the special counsel probe, of late fixating on the claims that it was launched on the backs of memos they believe Comey improperly disclosed.

Comey has said he was authorized as a private citizen to share one of his memos with a friend, who later disclosed details of it to reporters, and has said the document did not contain classified information. In the memo, Comey described being asked by Trump to consider ending an investigation into former White House national security adviser Michael Flynn.

Rudy Giuliani, one of the president's lawyers, told The Associated Press in recent days that he believed the report would be damaging to Comey's reputation. A separate report on fired FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe accused the former No. 2 official of having misled internal investigators about his role in an October 2016 news media disclosure, heightening anticipation that the upcoming report would pile onto that criticism.

"This is going to be the final nail in his coffin," Giuliani said. "This guy has already proven to be a leaker and liar and we believe the report is going to make that plain."

Trump took to Twitter Tuesday to vent publicly what he has been saying privately for days: that he wants the report released as soon as possible and is fearful that his enemies in the Justice Department may attempt to doctor it to protect Comey, according to an outside adviser and a White House official who were not authorized to speak publicly about private conversations.

"What is taking so long with the Inspector General's Report on Crooked Hillary and Slippery James Comey," the president tweeted. "Numerous delays. Hope Report is not being changed and made weaker! There are so many horrible things to tell, the public has the right to know. Transparency!"

Though a draft has been done for weeks, people whose actions have been scrutinized in it — and their lawyers — have been permitted to review a copy and propose tweaks. That review is standard, and there is no indication that its release has been delayed for any unusual or improper reasons.

Trump also revived complaints about Attorney General Jeff Sessions, whose recusal from the Russia probe he has steadfastly refused to forgive. Trump has taken to not even saying Sessions' name out loud while in the White House, according to two officials, a practice several of his senior aides have adopted.

Trump's fury with Sessions is so ever-present it has taken to darkening his moods even during otherwise happy moments. On Thursday, Trump was on Air Force One returning from a trip to Texas, reveling in both a successful day of fundraising and the heads-up he had received from economic adviser Larry Kudlow that the next day's jobs report would be positive.

But when an aide mentioned Sessions, Trump abruptly ended the conversation and unmuted the television in his office broadcasting Fox News, dismissing the staffer to resume watching cable, according to a person familiar with the exchange.

The inspector general investigation announced in January 2017 is a wide-ranging review of FBI actions during the Clinton investigation, including allegations that FBI and Justice Department officials disclosed non-public information and questions about Comey's disclosure to Congress — 11 days before the election — that additional emails related to the case had been found and would need to be reviewed.

The Associated Press reported last month the report will criticize the FBI for not moving quickly enough to start the process of reviewing the new batch of Clinton emails, which were found on the laptop of former Rep. Anthony Weiner, the onetime husband of top Hillary Clinton aide Huma Abedin.

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## Hawaii volcano lava destroys hundreds of homes overnight

By JENNIFER SINCO KELLEHER, Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — Lava from Hawaii's Kilauea volcano destroyed hundreds more homes overnight, overtaking two oceanfront communities where residents were advised to evacuate last week, officials said Tuesday.

No injuries were reported as most residents heeded the advice to leave.

The latest lost homes were in addition to at least 117 others that were previously reported by officials since lava began spilling last month from cracks in the ground in a mostly rural district of the Big Island.

"We don't have an estimate yet, but safe to say that hundreds of homes were lost in Kapoho Beach Lots and Vacationland last night," Janet Snyder, a spokeswoman for Hawaii County, said Tuesday.

A morning overflight confirmed that lava had completely filled Kapoho Bay, inundated most of Vacationland and covered all but the northern part of Kapoho Beach Lots, scientists with the U.S. Geological Survey's Hawaiian Volcano Observatory said.

Despite earlier reports that lava claimed Big Island Mayor Harry Kim's second home in Vacationland, an aerial flyover confirmed his home is still standing, Snyder said.

County Managing Director Wil Okabe said his own vacation home in Kapoho Beach Lots was threatened. Okabe described the area as a mix of vacation rentals and year-round residences.

"For us it's more of a vacation area, but for those who live there permanently, they're trying to figure out where they're going to be living," he said. Kim and Okabe live in Hilo, the county's seat, which is more than an hour drive from the Kapoho area.

One shelter was full Tuesday, officials said.

Gov. David Ige signed a second supplemental emergency proclamation Tuesday that gives the county more options for shelters and sets criminal penalties for violating emergency rules, such as failing to evacuate and interfering with emergency workers.

Lava claimed Harry Pomerleau's home in Vacationland.

"It's a necessary evil. It's not our land. It belongs to Pele," he said, referring to the Hawaiian volcano goddess. "I have to imagine . she knows what she's doing."

Kapoho resident Mark Johnson was coming to terms with the possibility of losing his home and 5-acre citrus farm.

"I'm really kind of at peace actually," he said. "I've had 28 years of wonderful experience down there in Kapoho."

Johnson and Pomerleau evacuated last week when authorities with bullhorns arrived at 1 a.m. saying it was time to get their things and leave.

They didn't expect the lava flow to head their way.

"God only knows what it's going to do next," Johnson said.

He wants to return if lava spares his home on a ridge overlooking the ocean. But it's unclear how long it would take to re-open access to the area, he said.

Pomerleau said all of the vacation homes he did handyman work for are gone.

Thousands of people in the Puna area had to evacuate after the first fissure opened May 3. Officials issued mandatory orders for residents of Leilani Estates, and those in Kapoho Beach and Vacationland were advised to leave last Friday or risk being trapped and unreachable by emergency crews.

Homes in Kapoho Beach Lots and Vacationland are on smaller lots and closer together than those in other parts of the Puna district. Okabe estimated there are several hundred homes in each of the two subdivisions.

Those who live or vacation in the area were mourning the loss of popular tide-pools where kids enjoyed swimming.

"That coastline is really important to us— a place where we spent time with our family," said Franny Brewer who lives in upper Puna.

She reminisced about taking her daughter to swim in the ocean for the first time in a local swimming



spot known as Champagne Ponds.

"I've been crying a lot," she said. "It's hard because obviously a lot of people have lost a lot more than just a beautiful place to visit and memories."

This story has been corrected to reflect that Big Island Mayor Harry Kim's second home in Vacationland has not been destroyed by lava, according to new information from the county.

AP journalist Caleb Jones contributed to this story.

Follow AP's complete coverage of the Hawaii volcano here: <https://apnews.com/tag/Kilauea>

## 'Nobody is left': Guatemala volcano ravaged entire families

By **SONIA PEREZ D. and MARK STEVENSON, Associated Press**

ESCUINTLA, Guatemala (AP) — Lilian Hernandez wept as she spoke the names of aunts, uncles, cousins, her grandmother and two great-grandchildren — 36 family members in all — missing and presumed dead in the explosion of Guatemala's Volcano of Fire.

"My cousins Ingrid, Yomira, Paola, Jennifer, Michael, Andrea and Silvia, who was just 2-years-old," the distraught woman said — a litany that brought into sharp relief the scope of a disaster for which the final death toll is far from clear.

What was once a collection of verdant canyons, hillsides and farms resembled a moonscape of ash, rock and debris on Tuesday in the aftermath of the fast-moving avalanche of super-heated muck that roared into the tightly knit villages on the mountain's flanks, devastating entire families.

Two days after the eruption, the terrain was still too hot in many places for rescue crews to search for bodies or — increasingly unlikely with each passing day — survivors.

By afternoon a new column of smoke was rising from the mountain and Guatemala's disaster agency said volcanic material was descending its south side, prompting an evacuation order and the closure of a nearby national highway. Rescuers, police and journalists hurried to leave the area as a siren wailed and loudspeakers blared, "Evacuate!"

The new evacuation order set off a panic even in areas that were not under it. Dozens of people could be seen walking down roadsides carrying children or a few belongings beside paralyzed traffic in parts of Escuintla township south of the volcano.

A lucky few, like retiree Pantaleon Garcia, was able to load his grandchildren into the back of a pickup with a jug of water and some food, to go to stay with relatives in another town.

"You have to be prepared, for the children," he said.

Even in more distant central Escuintla, which hosts most of the shelters for those evacuated from other areas, businesses were closed as people left.

On Sunday, when the volcano exploded in a massive cloud of ash and molten rock, Hernandez said her brother and sister ran to check on their 70-year-old grandmother on the family's plot of land in the village of San Miguel Los Lotes.

"She said that it was God's will, she was not going to flee," Hernandez said. "She was unable to walk. It was hard for her to get around."

Her brother and sister made it to safety, but their grandmother has not been seen again.

Hernandez and her husband, Francisco Ortiz, survived because they moved out of Los Lotes just two months ago to begin a new life on a small plot of land.

The couple has been staying at a Mormon church in the nearby city of Escuintla and going to a morgue there to await news. So far only the body of one relative, her 28-year-old cousin, Cesar Gudiel Escalante, has been recovered and identified.

"The people ended up buried in nearly 3 meters of lava," Ortiz said. "Nobody is left there."

Other families experienced similar tragedies.

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As President Jimmy Morales toured the area and met with survivors on Monday, a woman begged him to help her loved ones in Los Lotes.

"Mr. President, my family is missing. Send a helicopter to throw water over them because they are burning," she said. "I have three children, a grandchild, and all my brothers, my mother, all my family are there. ... More than 20 have disappeared."

The fast-moving flows with temperatures as high as 1,300 degrees Fahrenheit (700 Celsius) and hot ash and volcanic gases that can cause rapid asphyxiation caught many off guard.

On Tuesday, it was clear that the official death toll was sure to climb and fears spread that anyone still stuck in the buried houses was dead and would remain entombed there.

Guatemala's National Institute of Forensic Sciences raised the death toll Tuesday evening to 75. The institute said that 23 of those recovered bodies had been identified.

Sergio Cabanas, director of the disaster agency, said Tuesday night at a news conference that 192 people were listed as missing. He said it was not immediately clear if some of those could be among the unidentified bodies.

Officials are crossing-checking census data with aerial photos of homes, registers of people in shelters and lists of the missing and injured, Cabanas said. The only thing they did not yet have was information on the unidentified bodies, but would be adding that as it became available, he said.

At a roadblock, Joel Gonzalez complained that police wouldn't let him through to see his family's house in the village of San Juan Alotenango, where his 76-year-old father lay buried in ash along with four other relatives.

"They say they are going to leave them buried there, and we are not going to know if it's really them," the 39-year-old farmer said. "They are taking away our opportunity to say goodbye."

A spokesman for Guatemala's firefighters said that once it reaches 72 hours after the eruption, there will be little chance of finding anyone alive.

"We don't rule out the possibility of some person alive, but the condition in which the homes are makes that possibility pretty unlikely," said the spokesman, Julio Sanchez, adding that some of the ash was still at temperatures between 750 and 1,300 degrees Fahrenheit (400 and 700 degrees Celsius).

In the devastated town of El Rodeo, gray soot coated trees and homes and an ash-covered deer lay dead in the debris. Rescuers wearing hard hats, masks and goggles used shovels to dig through homes, unearthing at least one body burned beyond recognition.

Amid the destruction, there was one glimmer of hope: The rescue of a black-and-white dog found alive in a home where four people lay dead.

"He is called Rambo," said volunteer firefighter Sergio Vazquez, who carried the dog on his shoulders to safety. "It may be that this dog no longer has a family."

Vazquez had no explanation for how the dog survived while the people died.

Sanchez, the Conred spokesman, said many dogs and cats had been rescued with burns on their paws from the mud and ash, some blinded from the volcanic gases.

"Animals have a different sort of resistance ... and different behavior when it comes to finding refuge," Sanchez said.

Only 17 of the bodies recovered so far have been identified due to the extreme heat that charred their features and burned off fingerprints, and authorities hope other means such as DNA testing can help.

Authorities say at least 46 people were injured in the eruption, and 12 shelters were housing 1,877 people.

The Guatemalan military said a U.S. Air Force plane was flying in Tuesday to take about a half-dozen children who suffered burns for treatment in Galveston, Texas.

Lacking electricity in the hardest hit areas, emergency crews were carrying out rescue efforts during daylight hours and calling them off for safety reasons when darkness fell.

As dawn broke Tuesday, the volcano continued to rattle with what Guatemala's Volcanology Institute said were eight to 10 moderate eruptions per hour — vastly less intense than Sunday's big blasts.

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Associated Press writer Sonia Perez D. reported this story in Escuintla and AP writer Mark Stevenson

reported from El Rodeo.

## China's Huawei says it hasn't collected Facebook user data

By GERRY SHIH, Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese mobile phone maker Huawei said Wednesday it has never collected or stored Facebook user data, after the social media giant acknowledged it shared such data with Huawei and other manufacturers.

Huawei, a company flagged by U.S. intelligence officials as a national security threat, was the latest device maker at the center of a fresh wave of allegations over Facebook's handling of private data.

Chinese firms Huawei, Lenovo, Oppo and TCL were among numerous handset makers that were given access to Facebook data in a "controlled" way approved by Facebook, the social media giant's vice president of mobile partnerships, Francisco Varela, said in a statement on Tuesday.

The statement came after The New York Times published reports detailing how Facebook has given device makers deep access to the data of users' friends without their explicit consent. The data included work history, relationship status and likes on device users and their friends.

In a follow-up report, The Times said the recipients of Facebook data included Chinese firms like Huawei that have long been labeled a national security threat by Congress. Facebook told the newspaper it would end its data partnership with Huawei by the end of this week.

Senator Mark Warner, the top Democrat on the Senate Intelligence Committee, said the news raises legitimate concerns and wanted to know how Facebook ensured data was not transferred to Chinese servers.

"Given the interest from Congress, we wanted to make clear that all the information from these integrations with Huawei was stored on the device, not on Huawei's servers," Facebook's Varela said Tuesday.

Huawei said its cooperation with Facebook was aimed at improving services for its users.

"Like all leading smartphone providers, Huawei worked with Facebook to make Facebook's services more convenient for users," Huawei spokesman Joe Kelly said in a text message Wednesday, adding that Huawei "has never collected or stored any Facebook user data."

Hua Chunying a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman, declined to comment on the issue but said: "We hope the U.S. can provide a fair, transparent, open and friendly environment for Chinese companies' operation and investment."

The company, founded by former Chinese military officer Ren Zhengfei, has long denied that its products pose security risks even as it grew into the world's largest telecom equipment provider and a leading phone manufacturer — behind only Apple and Samsung.

Huawei and its Shenzhen-based rival ZTE have been the subject of security misgivings in the U.S. for years, but they have come under particular scrutiny since the start of the Trump administration amid rising U.S.-China tensions on a range of subjects.

The Pentagon in May banned the sale of Huawei and ZTE phones on military bases, four months after AT&T dropped a deal to sell a new Huawei smartphone.

## In Boston's booming Seaport, the namesake is also the threat

By PHILIP MARCELO, Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — In this old city's booming Seaport District, General Electric is building its new world headquarters, Amazon is bringing in thousands of new workers, and Reebok's red delta symbol sits atop the new office it opened last year. Three businesses are testing self-driving cars, other dynamic companies are planting their flag, and trendy restaurants and apartments have gone up virtually overnight.

But after bad flooding during a storm this past winter, critics wonder whether it was a bright idea to invest so much in a man-made peninsula that sits barely above sea level.

"That was the first winter where we really saw waves splashing onto the boardwalk and water in the streets," said Greg Hoffmeister, who watched the flooding from the third-floor Seaport office of his real



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estate firm. "You start to think: Is that what we're in for, as sea levels rise?"

As they gear up to host the International Mayors Climate Summit on Thursday, municipal officials insist they're making the proper preparations for increased flooding and rising sea levels in a city that was less than 500 acres (202 hectares) when the Puritans settled it in 1630 but now includes more than 5,000 acres (2,023 hectares) of man-made landfill — one-sixth of its entire area.

"We know the water is going to be coming in through South Boston, pretty much from every direction, by 2070," said Richard McGuinness, a city planning deputy, referring to the neighborhood that includes the Seaport.

A 2016 city report projected Boston could see 8 inches (20 centimeters) of sea level rise by 2030, with the Seaport District the most vulnerable area. By 2070, seas could rise 36 inches (91 centimeters) higher than in 2000 levels, the report said. Some 90,000 residents and 12,000 buildings are in the area threatened by increased flooding, and the economic loss from a powerful storm could be more than \$14 billion.

While some new Seaport developers are building with climate change in mind — especially after 2012's Superstorm Sandy slammed New York and showed what a bad storm could do on the East Coast — many office towers and high-rise condos erected earlier simply didn't. And environmental activists and some researchers complain the city isn't moving quickly or aggressively enough to change development patterns.

City officials are looking at ways to revise Boston's zoning code, moving ahead on relatively inexpensive neighborhood-wide improvements, and assessing the need for the kinds of massive public works projects that European cities built long ago, said Austin Blackmon, Democratic Mayor Marty Walsh's environmental deputy.

The Boston Planning and Development Agency also revamped in October the "climate-ready checklist" developers have been required to submit since 2007 detailing strategies they're incorporating into their designs to mitigate climate change impacts.

But despite the changes, there's still no requirement for developers to follow through, complained Bradley Campbell, president of the Conservation Law Foundation, an environmental advocacy group.

"It's a largely procedural requirement," he said.

Any design changes still need to be approved by the city, officials argue, and the checklist is just one way they're looking to steer development toward more proactive flood protection.

General Electric, which moved its corporate offices from Connecticut to temporary digs in Boston's Seaport in 2016, says the first floor of the new global headquarters it's building will be elevated nearly 5 feet (1.5 meters), or enough to protect it from the higher sea levels projected by 2070. Electrical systems are also being placed on the second floor, and emergency generators will be on the roof of the 12-story building.

The developers of Seaport Square, a 20-block complex of apartments, office buildings, and stores where Amazon has recently committed to leasing space for 2,000 workers, says its buildings stayed dry this winter, thanks to similar design features.

"We believe in science," said Yanni Tsipis, a senior vice president at WS Development. "We go into development in the Seaport with eyes wide open."

But environmental activists warn much of the district, transformed from a wasteland of surface parking lots, rotting piers and abandoned rail yards into an economic engine and one of the city's most expensive neighborhoods in a matter of years, simply isn't prepared for the long haul.

Among the most vulnerable properties are historic buildings that are extremely costly and sometimes impractical to retrofit, like some of the old brick factories and warehouses in the Fort Point section of the Seaport where GE is building, city officials said.

Across the harbor in East Boston, home to Logan International Airport, the city is investing in a 7-foot (2-meter), temporary floodwall. And in Charlestown, the neighborhood where the Battle of Bunker Hill was fought, parts of flood-prone Main Street are being raised by 2 feet (0.6 meters).

In the Seaport, quick fixes include tide-control gates and other storm water drainage improvements in areas hardest hit by last winter's flooding.

Resident Deb Friedman wondered whether such steps would be enough. This winter, sea water poured

into her luxury building's lobby and underground garage.

"They had fans airing everything out," Friedman said as she walked her dog near buzzing waterfront bars and restaurants. "It was not fun."

But she and her husband don't plan on seeking higher ground anytime soon.

"We've watched this place grow, and it's been great," Friedman said. "Water has a mind of its own, anyway."

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## China institutes on US campus: Fount of learning or threat?

By **MATTHEW PENNINGTON, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — On college campuses in virtually every state across the U.S., the Chinese government supports more than 100 institutes that teach language and culture. For university students like Moe Lewis, they offer a chance to learn about Chinese art and pick up a few phrases in Mandarin. For critics, like Republican Sen. Marco Rubio, they present a threat to academic freedom and a spy risk.

As tensions between the U.S. and China rise over trade and security, perceptions vary wildly about educational exchanges that have thrived since diplomatic relations were normalized four decades ago.

Increasingly, U.S. authorities are concerned that Chinese professors and students could exploit access to universities to gather intelligence and sensitive research — an issue a Senate judiciary panel will address Wednesday. And while the China-funded Confucius Institutes that have mushroomed worldwide since 2004 focus on benign subject matter, U.S. lawmakers are pushing for them to be more tightly regulated or even shuttered.

"I think every college should be aware of what these institutes are used for and that they are in fact consistently been used as a way to quash academic freedom on campus at the behest of a foreign government," said Rubio, R-Fla. "I would encourage every college in America to close them. There's no need for these programs."

The view from the George Mason University campus a few miles outside Washington is much different. While institutes have sometimes been accused of squelching anti-Beijing views on issues like Tibet, Lewis, an undergraduate studying animation, said she's seen no sign of intentional bias. She said the institute is one of her favorite places on campus.

"I think that it's nice to have a lot of multicultural experiences especially with countries that (we) have tensions with," said Lewis, after painting peony leaves with watercolors at a weekly art session where most attendees were Chinese students and the painting teacher was an American. "It's important to learn about those places."

The debate over Confucius Institutes has become a testing ground for the American response to China's growing global reach, and underscores anxieties over the more than 350,000 Chinese who study in the United States, more than one third of all foreign students. Only around 20,000 Americans study in China.

In February, FBI Director Christopher Wray voiced concern that China could be using professors or students to collect intelligence at universities naive about the risks. He also told a Senate intelligence committee hearing on worldwide threats that the FBI was monitoring Confucius Institutes, although he highlighted no evidence of wrongdoing.

Since then, universities have announced the closure of three institutes in Texas and Florida after pressure from lawmakers.

Rubio is co-sponsoring legislation that would require the institutes to register with the U.S. government as representing the interests of a foreign power. Currently, their academic activities exempt them from the Foreign Agents Registration Act, which requires disclosure by lobbyists and others advocating for foreign governments and organizations.

"To me as a person, it seems to be more about fear, an anti-China sentiment, rather than speaking of

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the truth," responds Gao Qing, executive director Confucius Institute U.S. Center in Washington, who rejects allegations of espionage. "The problem I have with people who disagree with Confucius Institutes is that they haven't visited them."

Foreign government funding of educational programs in the U.S. is not uncommon. U.S. allies like Japan and South Korea, for example, fund courses in their nation's language and culture. Saudi Arabia and other Mideast nations have supported research in Islamic and Mideast studies.

Political suspicion about the Confucius Institutes has been driven in part by their sheer reach, with more than 500 in 140 countries, and by China's rise as a world power. In 2009, a top Chinese Communist Party leader described the institutes as "an important part" of the Asian nation's overseas propaganda. The Chinese government contributes teachers, materials and funding.

America has been the biggest beach-head. But have threats to academic freedom — which forced the closure of institutes on campuses in Chicago and Pennsylvania in 2014 — been overblown?

Each institute has an American and a Chinese director, and according to Harvey Pearlman, a law professor at the University of Nebraska, the Chinese government agency that oversees the institutes, Hanban, has been flexible in amending contracts to make them subordinate to university rules. Their courses are tailored to the needs of the host university and have their own specialties, like Chinese theater and opera, traditional medicine and China's financial system.

Former Republican lawmaker Matt Salmon of Arizona is "incredulous" that Chinese language training poses a security threat. He's a Mandarin speaker and former chair of a House subcommittee on Asia — a longtime friend of Taiwan and critic of Chinese trade practices. He now works at Arizona State University, which hosts more than 4,000 Chinese students.

He said that the Defense Department awarded a three-year grant to Arizona State to promote Mandarin teaching in public schools that is conducted with its Confucius Institute. It helps design courses taught by local teachers for high school students taking advanced Chinese. The funding from National Security Education Program, which supports learning in strategically important languages, has totaled \$450,000 in the past year-and-a-half, institute director Joe Cutter said.

"I believe very strongly that if the DoD felt there were some kind of a threat to the national security, it would have never given us that grant," Salmon told The Associated Press.

Pentagon spokeswoman Maj. Carla Gleason said the institute is not a formal partner in Arizona or elsewhere — although it is mentioned in the language program's annual report for 2017.

Rubio, a member of the Senate intelligence committee and one of the most outspoken critics of China in Congress, says such cooperation should end. He contends that Confucius Institutes are used to identify students who could become "agents of Chinese influence." He warns that it is part of broader strategy by China's ruling party to eclipse American power.

"It's a new world we're living in. A lot of the stuff sounds like Hollywood. But I wouldn't waste my time on it if it wasn't real," he said.

## Asian stocks gain after Wall Street rise ahead of G7 meeting

By **JOE McDONALD, AP Business Writer**

BEIJING (AP) — Asian stock markets followed Wall Street higher Wednesday ahead of a meeting of major industrialized economies overshadowed by tension over U.S. steel tariffs.

KEEPING SCORE: Tokyo's Nikkei 225 rose 0.1 percent to 22,572.46 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng gained 0.4 percent to 31,221.59. Sydney's S&P-ASX 200 added 0.4 percent to 6,019.80 while the Shanghai Composite Index was unchanged at 3,114.35. South Korean markets were closed for a holiday. Benchmarks in Taiwan and New Zealand rose while Southeast Asian markets declined.

WALL STREET: U.S. stocks mostly rose, helped by gains for technology companies and retailers as up-and-down trading related to trade tensions gave way to smaller moves. The Standard & Poor's 500 index added 0.2 percent to 2,748.80 while the Dow Jones industrial average slipped 0.1 percent to 24,799.98. The Nasdaq composite rose 0.4 percent. Smaller retailers did especially well following strong first-quarter



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results. Amazon and Macy's also rose.

G7: Leaders of the Group of Seven meet Friday amid criticism that President Donald Trump's tariff hikes on steel and aluminum will undermine trade and weaken confidence in the global economy. Finance ministers of the other six governments expressed "concern and disappointment" over Trump's moves in a statement last weekend. Allies including Canada and the European Union are threatening retaliatory tariffs.

TRADE: Mexico announced duties of 15 to 25 percent on imports from the United States including pork, steel tubes and bourbon in response to Trump's tariff hike. The government said it would waive tariffs on pork from other countries to ensure adequate supplies.

ANALYST'S TAKE: "Between the geopolitical cloud that looms and the sustained growth momentum, global equity markets trudged on in a tepid pace," said Jingyi Pan of IG in a report. Pan noted "renewed confidence" in information technology and forecasts of double-digit second quarter earnings growth. "The focus lies ahead with the bout of geopolitical development that could unfold with the G7 meeting amid a light midweek."

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude rose 20 cents to \$65.72 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract gained 77 cents on Tuesday to close at \$65.52. Brent crude, used to price international oils, added 6 cents to \$75.44 per barrel in London. The contract was 6 cents higher the previous session to close at \$75.38.

CURRENCY: The dollar gained to 109.86 yen from Tuesday's 109.79 yen. The euro advanced to \$1.1722 from \$1.1715.

## Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, June 6, the 157th day of 2018. There are 208 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 6, 1968, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy died at Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles, 25 1/2 hours after he was shot by Sirhan Bishara Sirhan.

On this date:

In 1523, Gustav Vasa became Sweden's new king, Gustav I.

In 1654, Queen Christina of Sweden abdicated; she was succeeded by her cousin, Charles X Gustav.

In 1799, American politician and orator Patrick Henry died at Red Hill Plantation in Virginia.

In 1809, Sweden adopted a new constitution.

In 1918, U.S. Marines suffered heavy casualties as they launched their eventually successful counteroffensive against German troops in the World War I Battle of Belleau Wood in France.

In 1925, Walter Percy Chrysler founded the Chrysler Corp.

In 1933, the first drive-in movie theater was opened by Richard Hollingshead in Camden County, New Jersey. (The movie shown was "Wives Beware," starring Adolphe Menjou.)

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces stormed the beaches of Normandy, France, on "D-Day" as they began the liberation of German-occupied Western Europe.

In 1966, black activist James Meredith was shot and wounded as he walked along a Mississippi highway to encourage black voter registration.

In 1978, California voters overwhelmingly approved Proposition 13, a primary ballot initiative calling for major cuts in property taxes.

In 1982, Israeli forces invaded Lebanon to drive Palestine Liberation Organization fighters out of the country. (The Israelis withdrew in June 1985.)

In 1994, President Bill Clinton joined leaders from America's World War II allies to mark the 50th anniversary of the D-Day invasion of Normandy. A China Northwest Airlines passenger jet crashed near Xian (SHEE'-ahn), killing all 160 people on board.

Ten years ago: The Dow industrial average dropped 394.64 points to 12,209.81, its worst loss in more

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than a year. Crude futures soared nearly \$11 for the day to \$138.54 a barrel. Actor Bob Anderson, who played young George Bailey in "It's a Wonderful Life," died in Palm Springs, California, at age 75.

Five years ago: Director of National Intelligence James Clapper moved to tamp down a public uproar spurred by the disclosure of secret surveillance programs involving phone and Internet records, declassifying key details about one of the programs while insisting the efforts were legal, limited in scope and necessary to detect terrorist threats. Russian President Vladimir Putin and his wife, Lyudmila Putina, announced they were divorcing after nearly 30 years of marriage. Esther Williams, 91, the swimming champion turned actress, died in Los Angeles. Longtime soap opera actress Maxine Stuart, 94, died in Beverly Hills, California.

One year ago: Bill Cosby's chief accuser, Andrea Constand, took the stand at his sexual assault trial to tell her story publicly for the first time, saying the comedian groped her after giving her three blue pills that left her paralyzed and helpless. (The jury deadlocked, resulting in a mistrial, but Cosby was convicted in a second trial.) George and Amal Clooney welcomed twins Ella and Alexander. Saudi arms dealer Adnan Khashoggi, 81, once one of the world's richest men who was implicated in the Iran-Contra affair, died in London. Scooter Gennett hit four home runs, matching the major league record, as the Cincinnati Reds routed the St. Louis Cardinals 13-1.

Today's Birthdays: Singer-songwriter Gary "U.S." Bonds is 79. Country singer Joe Stampley is 75. Jazz musician Monty Alexander is 74. Actor Robert Englund is 71. Folk singer Holly Near is 69. Singer Dwight Twilley is 67. Playwright-actor Harvey Fierstein (FY'-ur-steen) is 66. Comedian Sandra Bernhard is 63. International Tennis Hall of Famer Bjorn Borg is 62. Actress Amanda Pays is 59. Comedian Colin Quinn is 59. Record producer Jimmy Jam is 59. Rock musician Steve Vai is 58. Rock singer-musician Tom Araya (Slayer) is 57. Actor Jason Isaacs is 55. Actor Anthony Starke is 55. Rock musician Sean Yseult (White Zombie) is 52. Actor Max Casella is 51. Actor Paul Giamatti is 51. Rhythm and blues singer Damion Hall (Guy) is 50. Rock musician Bardi Martin is 49. Rock musician James "Munky" Shaffer (Korn) is 48. TV correspondent Natalie Morales is 46. Country singer Lisa Brokop is 45. Rapper-rocker Uncle Kracker is 44. Actress Sonya Walger is 44. Actress Staci Keanan is 43. Actress Amber Borycki is 35. Actress Aubrey Anderson-Emmons is 11.

Thought for Today: "To win without risk is to triumph without glory." — Pierre Corneille (KOHR'-nay-uh), French dramatist (born this date in 1606, died 1684).