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"Forgiveness does not change the past, but it does enlarge the future."



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Westby's 30th Anniversary Ron and Lori Westby will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on Monday, July 16th, 2018. Greetings may be sent to 1103 N 2nd St Groton, SD 57445. No gifts please.

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Josh Jetto is pastor at Groton C&MA Church

Josh Jetto took over as pastor of the Groton C&MA Church as Pastor William Duncan retired. We asked Jetto a few questions and his answers are printed as follows.

What made you decide to go into ministry? The short answer is God did. The longer answer is that God used a number of experiences, people in my life, and His word, the Bible, to lead me to follow

His call on my life into full-time ministry. Although I grew up going to church every week and my parents were followers of Jesus, it wasn't until around age 12 or so that I really began trusting in Jesus as my Savior myself. Although the change in my heart and the decision to trust in Jesus was influenced by my parents, my contact with the local church we were a part of, and time spent at Bible camp for a week or two each summer, ultimately, it was God using His word to draw me to put my trust in Him. From age 10 through my senior year in high school, I was involved in something through my church called Bible Quizzing. Bible Quizzing is a program where kids from 5th-12th grade study and memorize one or more books from the New Testament each year. Each month local church teams get together and compete against teams from other churches using questions that come straight from the text. I'm a pretty competitive person. I like to win, and so I studied and memorized lots of Scripture verses in order to win at this competition. Hebrews 4:12 says, "The word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints **Pastor Josh Jetto in** front of the Groton **Christian & Mission**ary Alliance Church. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

and marrow. It judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." Romans 10:17 says, "Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ." God used His word that I had been putting in my head to win at a competition to convince me that the message about Jesus was true and that I needed to place my trust in Him and turn my life over to Him. And so, although I cannot pinpoint the exact moment when this happened, somewhere between the ages of 12 and 14, I truly began to trust in Jesus. That's when I received Him into my life and was born again. (Incidentally, we are starting a Bible Quizzing program locally in Eastern South Dakota this year. If you're interested in doing this or in having your church be a part of it, let me know or contact me to get more info about this. Okay, shameless plug done).

Fast-forward to age 19, I was a freshman at the University of Minnesota, pursuing a business degree. One night in the Spring of that year, I was in my dorm room, and I was praying because I was distressed and sick of an issue with a specific ongoing sin in my life. As I was praying, I had this sense that where I was was not where I was supposed to be. So I asked God, "Where?" Now I've never heard the audible voice of God, but as clear as anything, I heard in my spirit the word, "Crown," which meant Crown College – a small Christian & Missionary Alliance Bible College near my hometown of Waconia, MN – and there was also the accompanying sense that I was supposed to go into full-time ministry. I went to bed that night

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excited because I knew what I was supposed to do with my life, but when I woke up the next morning, I was no longer excited or convinced that I was supposed to make a change. I reasoned that I had just been 'emotional' the night before and that God wasn't really calling me to leave my situation at the U of M, and I began to tell God the reasons why He wasn't calling me into ministry. I started by comparing the financial numbers between the U and Crown. My scholarship package at the U plus the potential of being an RA the next year meant that I was looking at the possibility of getting paid (not paying) \$5,000-\$6,000/year to go to college with my tuition, room, and board already covered. Crown was about \$5,000/ year more expensive and had fewer endowments, so I would be looking at needing loans to go to school there. I told God that it was clear he didn't want me to leave the U and go to Crown, because of how the finances decisively lined up in favor of the U. At that moment God brought Matthew 6:19-20 to my mind (which I had memorized in Bible Quizzing): "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy and where thieves do not break in and steal." God was telling me through His word that money was not the sign of His leading. So then I told God, "There are lots of people in the business world who will never come through the doors of a church. If I went into business, I could reach those people that I couldn't reach if I were a pastor." After I presented this argument to God, I had the sense that God was saying to me that if I chose to go that route, I wouldn't be effective in reaching those people, and then he brought Matthew 6:24 to mind which says, "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money." That was the sword through the heart for me. God knew (even when I didn't realize it) that behind my arguing with him over His call and my decision to follow it or not was the thought of making lots of money in business and living in a big house on a golf course and playing golf as much as I wanted. He knew and He revealed to me that I was looking to money as my security rather than trusting Him to meet my needs. At that point, I made the decision to leave the University of Minnesota and go to Crown College, and to follow His call to ministry. Since that time, God has confirmed to me – sometimes through painful means – that he has called me to serve Him in full-time ministry, and I am so thankful for the way that He has and is guiding my life.

What's your hometown?

Waconia, MN – about 40 miles west of Minneapolis.

What's your education?

I graduated from Waconia High School in 2001. I went to the University of Minnesota for a year and then transferred to Crown College where my majors were Pastoral Leadership and Business Administration. I graduated from there in 2005. Then I had ten years in the school of life (between Minnesota, Wisconsin, and South Dakota) before going to Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Massachusetts from 2015-2017, where I graduated with a Master's Degree in Biblical Languages.

Where did you serve at- what did you do there and when?

From 2005-2008, I served as the youth director for the Grand Rapids Alliance Church in Grand Rapids, MN (in a place where, if you can believe it, winter is longer than it is here)

After being let go in Grand Rapids, I had an eleven month gap where I worked as a farmhand on my father-in-law's dairy farm in Wisconsin and then sold Rainbow vacuum cleaners in the Twin Cities

From May 2009-June 2015, I served as the associate pastor of the Living Hope Alliance Church in Huron, SD and was involved in teaching adults, youth, and children, and in helping people in the church to share Jesus with people who hadn't yet come to trust in Him.

After attending seminary from 2015-2017, I began serving as the pastor of the Groton Christian & Missionary Alliance Church on August 1, 2017.

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What are your musical talents? Ha! Very minimal. I do occasionally write songs though, but my lack of musical talent means that I have to rely on skilled musicians to come up with chords and notes to go with them.

Who is all in your family and is your wife involved with the ministry?

My wife Kara and I have been married for almost 13 years. We have five children – Suri, David, Kierea, Raziah, and Avril. Kara is musically talented and has been a part of our church's Christmas and Easter cantatas. She has a heart for women's ministry and along with several other women in our church was a part of starting an evening Bible study group for women. She also has an incredibly significant ministry as a mom to our five young children and as a home educator to our oldest two.

What's your favorite part about working in ministry?

Helping people to understand who God is through understanding what the Scripture says and means. There are a lot of false ideas floating around about who God is. Jesus said, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31-32). When we believe, and submit to lies about who God is and who we are, we are not free to live as the people God created us to be. The way that we can discern what is a freeing truth and what is an enslaving lie, is by submitting our thoughts and the ideas of the day to the word of God. Related to this, I love seeing people be reconciled to God. In 2 Corinthians 5:19, it says, "God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, not counting people's sins against them, and he has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation." I've heard many people say, "I can't set foot in a church; I'd get struck by lightning or the place would burst into flames if I walked in there." I know they're kind of joking, but there is a felt distance from God that they are communicating in saying those things. God's word says that because God has sent His Son Jesus and because Jesus, who never sinned, willingly took the punishment we deserved for our sins by dying in our place on the cross and then rose from the dead as the proof that our sin was paid for and that we

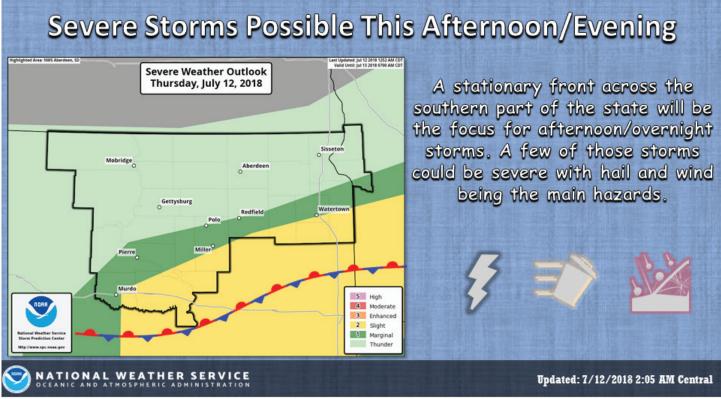
could be set free from death and Hell forever, the way is opened for anyone and everyone who will repent of their sin and believe in Jesus to come and to have peace with God. Contrary to what we assume, God isn't holding people's sins against them; He is saying, 'I have done everything necessary for you to be right with me. I know every evil thing you have thought and said and done. Because I love you, I have paid for it all with my life. Turn to me and believe, so I can give you life with me now and forever.' And one of the most exciting things that we get to do as followers of Jesus is to tell people this good news that because of what Jesus has done, God is not holding them at a distance because of their sin, but that He is instead inviting them to have a real, life-giving, forever relationship with Him.



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A stationary front situated across southern South Dakota and Minnesota will provide the focus for late afternoon showers and storms, some of which may become severe.

Т	
н	"Believe in the Journey"
BELIEVE IN	Ladies Luncheon & Program
J	Wednesday, July 18 at Noon
Ŭ	Bethesda Lutheran Church, Bristol
0	Silent Auction at 11:00 AM - Door Prizes
R	Dee Dee Raap - speaker
Ν	Advance tickets please: \$10
E	Call Kay Espeland 492-3507 or
Y	Alice Jean Peterson 492-3351

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Today in Weather History

July 12, 1993: A thunderstorm dumped up to four inches of rain in 30 minutes, 25 miles west of Pierre. This storm washed hay into big blocks up to five feet high. The heavy rains also caused water to spill over an irrigation dam. Another severe thunderstorm occurred over Dewey County and produced strong winds, damaging hail, and flooding rains which destroyed crops and hay fields. The storm knocked out windows and screens in the Lantry area. Runoff from the storm rushed through the streets of Eagle Butte causing water damage to homes and businesses. Water was reported flowing four to five feet deep through a cafe. High winds also tipped over a house trailer.

July 12, 2004: Hail up to the size of softballs fell in and around Onaka, in Faulk Country, damaging vehicles, farm equipment, and homes. Lightning struck a home in Britton starting a fire in the attic, which resulted in significant damage to the home. High winds along with hail up to the size of baseballs caused some structural, vehicle, crop, and tree damage in and around Astoria and Toronto in Duel County.

1995: An intense heat wave affected much of the Midwest for a 4-day period beginning on this day. The worst effects of the heat were noted in the Chicago metropolitan area, where 583 people died from the heat. Temperatures across the area reached as high as 104 degrees, overnight lows on falling to the upper 70s to low 80s. Dew point temperatures in the upper 70s to low 80s created heat indexes peaking at 125 degrees. Electricity and water usage reached record levels, causing periodic outages.

1996: Hurricane Bertha makes landfall near Wrightsville Beach, NC with maximum winds of 105 mph, but the storm surge dealt the most devastation. The U.S. Virgin Islands, along with North Carolina, were declared federal disaster areas. Surveys indicate that Bertha damaged almost 2,500 homes on St. Thomas and St. John. For many, it was the second hit in the ten months since Hurricane Marilyn devastated the same area. The primary effects in North Carolina were to the coastal counties and included storm surge flooding and beach erosion, roof damage, piers washed away, fallen trees and damage to crops. Over 5,000 homes were damaged, mostly from storm surge. Storm total rainfall amounts ranged from 5 to 8 inches along a coastal strip from South Carolina to Maine. Overall, as many as 12 deaths resulted with 8 in the U.S. and territories.

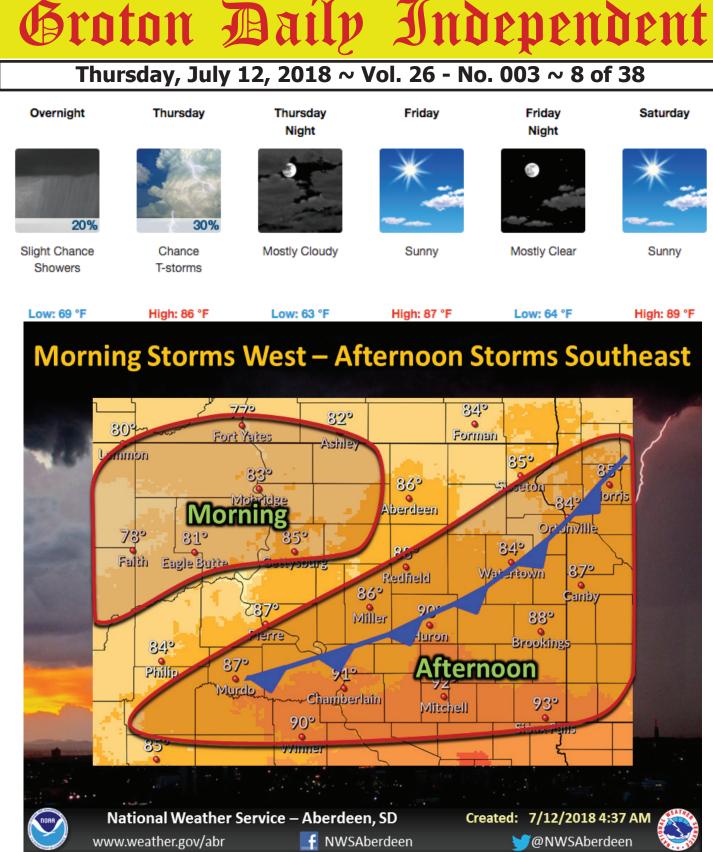
1951 - The Kaw River flood occurred. The month of June that year was the wettest of record for the state of Kansas, and during the four days preceding the flood much of eastern Kansas and western Missouri received more than ten inches of rain. Flooding in the Midwest claimed 41 lives, left 200 thousand persons homeless, and caused a billion dollars property damage. Kansas City was hardest hit. The central industrial district sustained 870 million dollars property damage. (The Kansas City Weather Alamnac)

1980 - Lightning struck a large broiler house in Branford, FL, and the ensuing fire broiled 11,000 nearly ready broilers. Firemen were able to save a few thousand chickens, however. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Cool air invaded the High Plains Region. Eight cities reported record low temperatures for the date, including Sheridan, WY, with a reading of 37 degrees. Thunderstorms developing along the cold front in the central U.S. produced 6.5 inches of rain at Fort Dodge, IA, and 2.5 inches in one hour at St. Joseph MO. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Evening thunderstorms produced severe weather over the Dakotas, including baseball size hail at Aberdeen, SD, and softball size hail near Fullerton, ND. Thunderstorms produced heavy rain in Arkansas and northeastern Texas, with 6.59 inches reported at Mesquite, TX, in just an hour and fifteen minutes. Garland, TX, reported water up to the tops of cars following a torrential downpour. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Éarly morning thunderstorms over eastern Kansas deluged McFarland with more than six inches of rain. Afternoon thunderstorms in Wyoming produced up to eighteen inches of dime size hail near Rock Springs, along with torrential rains, and a three foot high wall of mud and water swept into the town causing more than 1.5 million dollars damage. Evening thunderstorms produced severe weather in Oklahoma and Arkansas, deluging Dardanelle, AR, with 3.50 inches of rain in less than twenty minutes. About seventy cows were killed when lightning struck a tree in Jones County, TX. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)



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Morning storms west river will slowly continue east and weaken. A front across the area will become more active this afternoon with the risk for severe storms, mainly wind and heavy rain producers. The system moves southeast and away from the forecast area overnight.

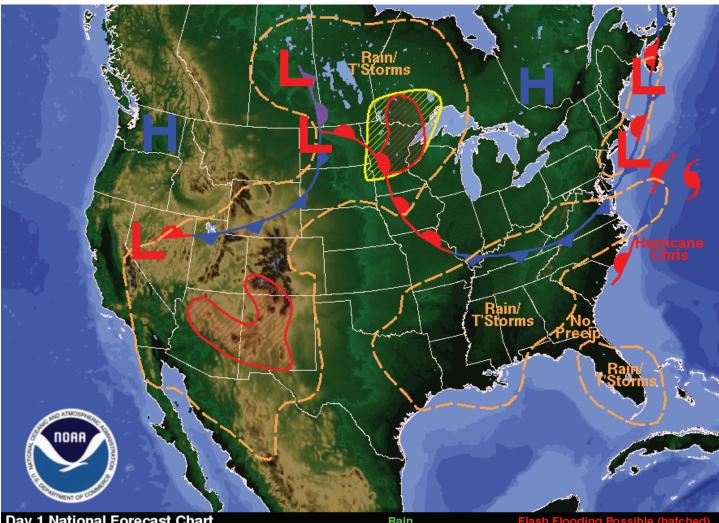
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Yesterday's Weather High Outside Temp: 95.9 F at 5:40 PM

High Outside Temp: 95.9 F at 5:40 PM Heat Index: 116 at 5:09 PM Low Outside Temp: 75.3 F at 5:57 AM High Gust: 27.0 Mph at 9:10 AM Precip: 0.00

Today's Info Record High: 107° in 1936

Record High: 107° in 1936 Record Low: 40° in 1941 Average High: 84°F Average Low: 59°F Average Precip in July: 1.07 Precip to date in July: 1.82 Average Precip to date: 11.92 Precip Year to Date: 7.64 Sunset Tonight: 9:21 p.m. Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:58 a.m.



Day 1 National Forecast Chart Valid Wed, Jul 11, 2018, issued 4:46 AM EDT DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center Prepared by Mcreynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

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

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DIRECTION OR DESTRUCTION

Fact filled decisions bring stability to one's life. All too often, however, decisions are made for the moment. They are based on convenience or what is most acceptable with my friends or what will cause the least conflict.

Never mind whether or not it is the truth, decent, law-agreeing or God-honoring. As long as there will be no ripples or difficulties for anyone, no feathers rumpled or people threatened, "if it feels good - go with it. But, don't let it cause any trouble to anyone."

Living a life that has no principles rarely has any purpose. To try to be all things to all people and have no direction or goal does no good. It's like a ship with no rudder or compass. Where the ship ends up may or may not be where it was charted to go. But, it got "there."

The Psalmist had some strong words for people with no purpose. He made no apology for those who were unwilling to take a stand: "I hate double-minded people, but I love Your law!"

Double-minded persons are those who are more concerned with popularity than with truth. The Apostle James said that the "double-minded person is unstable in all his ways." But a person who loves God's laws and is obedient to them is a person who is straightforward, trustworthy and absolute. The Word of God will lead us to a place in life where we will acknowledge that God is our refuge and shield and in His Word we find eternal life.

It is God's Word that enables us to be bold and to be a people who are single-minded. God's Word brings truth.

Prayer: Help us, Father, to accept the wisdom of Your Word and to become a people who speak with integrity. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 119:113 I hate double-minded people, but I love your law.

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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

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News from the Associated Press

SD Lottery By The Associated Press

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

Dakota Cash 02-25-30-32-35 (two, twenty-five, thirty, thirty-two, thirty-five) Estimated jackpot: \$112,000

Lotto America 09-22-24-31-38, Star Ball: 1, ASB: 3 (nine, twenty-two, twenty-four, thirty-one, thirty-eight; Star Ball: one; ASB: three) Estimated jackpot: \$4.74 million

Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$340 million

Powerball

19-21-27-46-47, Powerball: 7, Power Play: 4

(nineteen, twenty-one, twenty-seven, forty-six, forty-seven; Powerball: seven; Power Play: four) Estimated jackpot: \$90 million

Woman gets prison for firing gun during pipeline protest By BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A Denver woman accused of shooting at officers during protests in North Dakota against the Dakota Access oil pipeline was sentenced Wednesday to four years and nine months in federal prison.

Red Fawn Fallis, 39, was accused of firing a handgun three times while resisting arrest on Oct. 27, 2016. No one was hurt. Fallis, a member of the Oglala Sioux tribe, denied intentionally trying to injure anyone and claimed not to remember firing the gun after being tackled by police.

She pleaded guilty Jan. 22 to civil disorder and illegal possession of a gun by a convicted felon. She has a 2003 conviction in Colorado for being an accessory to a felony crime. Court records show she was accused of driving a car for a man who shot and wounded another man.

Prosecutors in the pipeline case agreed to drop a count of discharge of a firearm during a felony crime of violence and to recommend a sentence of no more than seven years in prison, though U.S. District Judge Daniel Hovland could have gone as high as 15 years. He could have gone up to 25 years had the third charge not been dropped. The defense asked for no more than 2 ¹/₂ years.

Hovland handed down his sentence at the conclusion of a 5 ¹/₂-hour hearing in a courtroom filled with dozens of Fallis' supporters.

"This is a very serious case that could have escalated into something far worse," Hovland said, adding that it could have become a "chaotic shootout."

Attorneys for both sides had no immediate comment on whether they would appeal.

Fallis appeared at her sentencing wearing what she has described as "culturally appropriate clothing" that reflects her pride in her Native American heritage. Hovland earlier granted her request to not have to wear jail clothing.

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Fallis spoke for several minutes when the judge allowed her to comment, saying she regrets what happened and is using it as an impetus to turn around her troubled life.

"I made poor choices once again and it hindered my decision-making," she said, adding later that "I'm sorry for what the officers had to go through because of my choices."

Before being escorted from the courtroom she turned to her family members, thanking them for their support and telling them she loved them.

Debate during the hearing centered on whether Fallis intentionally fired at officers, and how much her troubled childhood and history of abusive adult relationships contributed to her frame of mind.

A psychologist called by the defense testified that Fallis suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder, and a physiology professor said she might have involuntarily fired the gun without even being aware of it. Assistant U.S. Attorney David Hagler questioned the assertions.

Judge Hovland concluded that "nobody knows what the real purpose was" of Fallis firing the gun but that "at a minimum (she) committed a menacing-type assault on the officers."

Fallis' attorneys said the decision not to take the case to trial was based on anti-protester sentiment in the area and unsuccessful attempts to have Hovland order the prosecution to turn over more information, including details about an FBI informant Fallis alleges seduced her and owned the gun.

The government maintained in court documents that it turned over all information about the informant and that "defendants' reference to the FBI informant as some sort of complex issue is misplaced."

Fallis' arrest was one of 761 that authorities made in southern North Dakota during the height of protests in 2016 and 2017. At times thousands of pipeline opponents gathered in the region to protest the \$3.8 billion project to move North Dakota oil to Illinois, but the effort didn't stop the project.

The pipeline has been operating for a year. Opponents fear environmental harm, and four Native American tribes in the Dakotas are still fighting it in court. Texas-based developer Energy Transfer Partners says it's safe.

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South Dakota man pursued for high speed before fatal crash

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say a South Dakota man who caused a crash last week, killing himself and four other people, was being pursued for traveling at a high speed before the collision.

Yankton interim police Chief John Harris said Wednesday that the sergeant who attempted to stop 29-yearold Michael Worlie of Sioux Falls was operating within the scope of the department's pursuit policy. Harris declined to identify the sergeant who pursued Worlie in the early hours of July 4 near Yankton.

Officials say the headlights of the car Worlie was driving shut off and the vehicle crossed into oncoming lanes, hitting another car. Worlie and his passenger died.

Three Yankton residents in the other car died, and a 12-year-old girl suffered life-threatening injuries. The South Dakota Highway Patrol continues to investigate.

Sioux Falls residents frustrated by new industrial park

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Residents of a quiet Sioux Falls neighborhood are worrying that a new industrial park is encroaching on their properties.

Many residents living near Foundation Park have expressed concerns about increased traffic, road damage and obstructed views, the Argus Leader reported.

The 820-acre (332-hectare) industrial park currently has just one tenant, a refrigerated storage company called Win Chill. But Foundation Park is expected to fill up, and trucking company Dakota Carriers is already on the way.

The area is a prime spot for industry, said Dean Dziedzic, interim president of the Sioux Falls Development Foundation, the development group behind the park. The location is near two Interstates and there's rail access north and south of the park.

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"There's no other land with that type of access," he said.

Dan Winrow said his house was coated in dust earlier this summer after tractor-trailers traveling to the industrial park used an unpaved road.

"They say Win Chill and Foundation Park are great for residents of Sioux Falls, but what about us?" Winrow said. "What about the people eating dust all the time? What do we get out of it? We'd like a (blacktop) road."

Patti Guthrie lives near the industrial park. She said she understands the development will benefit Sioux Falls, but she's worried about the traffic and loud noises from heavy industrial work.

Guthrie said the development group didn't consult property owners before announcing the new industrial park.

"They didn't talk to any other property owners," she said. "They only talked to the people they bought the land from."

Dziedzic said the park was announced when the land was purchased in 2014, and residents were invited to an open house. He said he wasn't responsible for contacting residents before the announcement, but that former employees did so.

The development group is trying to address residents' concerns within reason, he said.

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

Show tells backstory of icons like Rushmore, Lady Liberty By BETH J. HARPAZ, AP Travel Editor

Did you know that the original symbolism of the Statue of Liberty had nothing to do with welcoming immigrants? And that Mount Rushmore was basically built as a scheme to get road-trippers to make the trip out to South Dakota?

You'll hear the inside story on these icons and others from Geoffrey Baer, host of the PBS television series "10 That Changed America," in three new episodes airing this summer. In addition to famous monuments, other episodes focus on streets that changed America — like New York's Broadway — and on modern marvels like the Hoover Dam.

Baer is based in Chicago, where he works for the local public television station WTTW and also gives tours for the Chicago Architecture Foundation. He spoke about the show and the backstory of some of the monuments featured in the episode airing July 17 in an interview with AP Travel's weekly podcast "Get Outta Here !" Here are some excerpts from the podcast, edited for brevity and clarity.

MOUNT RUSHMORE

When cars were a new form of transportation, "a state official in South Dakota really didn't think in the early days of the road trip that scenery was going to be enough" to lure people to drive all the way there, Baer said. So he decided to "create the world's biggest roadside attraction." Originally the carvings were going to depict heroes of the American West, but that wasn't deemed a big enough draw, so the concept was changed to presidents.

STATUE OF LIBERTY

The Statue of Liberty was a gift from France to America, but what was the meaning of the gift? Baer says America was seen in the late 19th century as a "beacon of democracy and freedom" in an era when French democracy was eroding. So the French used the statue as a way of sending "a message" to their own country by giving "America a gift of this great French figure of liberty."

The statue is often romanticized as a symbol of welcome for immigrants, partly due to its location within sight of Ellis Island, where millions of immigrants arriving in the U.S. were processed. They could see Lady Liberty as their ships pulled into the harbor. But Ellis Island didn't open until 1892, six years after the statue was dedicated in 1886.

"So it wasn't until later that the statue took on this additional new meaning as a kind of beacon to immigrants," Baer said.

LINCOLN MEMORIAL

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Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation declaring "all persons held as slaves" to be free. But almost nothing at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., mentions slavery.

That's because the intended message of the Lincoln Memorial was "that the Civil War was really brother against brother and now we've reconciled," Baer said. Two of Lincoln's speeches — his second inaugural address and the Gettysburg Address — are engraved on the walls, but not the Emancipation Proclamation.

"It only was later that the monument became a platform for the civil rights movement," Baer added. That tradition began in 1939 when the great opera singer Marian Anderson was denied permission to sing at Constitution Hall in Washington because she was African-American. Instead she sang on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. Later in the 1960s, the monument became a site for civil rights protests, including Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I have a dream" speech.

Baer said one of the show's most important themes is that whatever the original context may be for a memorial or monument, its meaning often changes with time. "Society is always changing," he said, "even as the built environment stays where it is."

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Smithfield permitted for \$12 million expansion

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — One of Sioux Falls' largest employers is getting bigger.

Smithfield Foods has received a city permit to build a \$12.5 million holding barn addition at its meat processing plant. The Argus Leader says Smithfield received a permit in May for a holding barn addition totaling \$2 million.

Smithfield is a subsidiary of WH Group of China and employs 3,400 people in Sioux Falls.

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

Authorities identify Sturgis woman killed in weekend crash

BUFFALO, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have identified a Sturgis woman who died in a one-vehicle crash in Harding County.

The Highway Patrol says 55-year-old Grace Glos lost control of her car on U.S. Highway 85 on Saturday afternoon and the vehicle rolled in the ditch.

She was pronounced dead at the scene. She was traveling alone.

South Dakota officials approve new 300-megawatt wind farm

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — State officials have approved a roughly 300-megawatt wind farm in Grant and Codington counties of northeastern South Dakota.

The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission on Tuesday approved a permit with conditions for constructing the \$380 million project, which is expected to be finished in 2021.

The Dakota Range wind project is expected to encompass up to 72 turbines across about 44,500 acres. Minneapolis-based Xcel Energy plans to build and own the project.

Commission Vice Chairman Gary Hanson says the conditions commissioners imposed on the permit will make sure the project is built and operated in a manner that's "responsible and fair to all parties as well as the environment."

The conditions address issues including bird mortality monitoring and aircraft detection lighting.

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NATO holds emergency session as Trump presses on spending By JONATHAN LEMIRE and JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — President Donald Trump's demands that NATO member nations dramatically increase their spending on defense led leaders of the military alliance to meet in an emergency session on Thursday, officials said.

Two officials attending the summit confirmed the session. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity to describe the development.

Trump is expected to hold a news conference Thursday.

Trump on Thursday stepped up his pressure tactics on fellow NATO nations, calling out U.S. allies on Twitter as he attended a second day of meetings with leaders of the military alliance.

In a series of tweets from Brussels, Trump said "Presidents have been trying unsuccessfully for years to get Germany and other rich NATO Nations to pay more toward their protection from Russia."

He complained the United States "pays tens of Billions of Dollars too much to subsidize Europe" and demanded that member nations meet their pledge to spend 2 percent of GDP on defense, which "must ultimately go to 4%!"

Trump has taken an aggressive tone during the NATO summit, questioning the value of an alliance that has defined decades of American foreign policy, torching an ally and proposing a massive increase in European defense spending.

Under fire for his warm embrace of Russia's Vladimir Putin, Trump on Wednesday turned a harsh spotlight on Germany's own ties to Russia, alleging that a natural gas pipeline venture with Moscow has left Angela Merkel's government "totally controlled" and "captive" to Russia.

He continued the attack Thursday, complaining that "Germany just started paying Russia, the country they want protection from, Billions of Dollars for their Energy needs coming out of a new pipeline from Russia."

"Not acceptable!" he railed before arriving late at NATO headquarters for morning meetings that will include talks with the leaders of Azerbaijan, Romania, Ukraine and Georgia. In the afternoon, he heads to his next stop: the United Kingdom.

Peter Navarro, director of the White House National Trade Council, echoed Trump's rhetoric, telling Fox Business Network that "Germany is a tremendous problem, both for Europe itself, and for the United States in this sense."

"What's more surprising, the fact that the President Trump is calling them out on that or that previous presidents haven't?" he asked. "It's really extraordinary that Donald Trump has to be the person to point out that the emperor in Europe has no clothes."

Merkel, who grew up in communist East Germany, shot back that she had "experienced myself a part of Germany controlled by the Soviet Union, and I'm very happy today that we are united in freedom as the Federal Republic of Germany and can thus say that we can determine our own policies and make our own decisions and that's very good."

During the trip, Trump has questioned the necessity of the alliance that formed a bulwark against Soviet aggression, tweeting after a day of contentious meetings: "What good is NATO if Germany is paying Russia billions of dollars for gas and energy?"

He demanded that NATO countries "Must pay 2% of GDP IMMEDIATELY, not by 2025" and then rattled them further by privately suggesting member nations should spend 4 percent of their gross domestic product on defense — a bigger share than even the United States currently pays, according to NATO statistics.

It was the most recent in a series of demands and insults that critics fear will undermine the decades-old alliance, coming days before Trump sits down with Putin at the conclusion of his closely watched European trip.

Lithuanian President Dalia Grybauskaite told reporters she's comfortable with the Trump-Putin summit, but that it "depends very much on outcomes."

"These two people are very different, very interestingly different. Hopefully nothing bad happens," she said.

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Trump has spent weeks berating members of the alliance for failing to spend enough of their money on defense, accusing Europe of freeloading off the U.S. and raising doubts about whether he would come to members' defense if they were ever attacked.

He described the current situation as "disproportionate and not fair to the taxpayers of the United States."

However, a formal summit declaration issued by the NATO leaders Wednesday reaffirmed their "unwavering commitment" to the 2 percent pledge set in 2014 and made no reference to any effort to get to 4 percent.

But Trump has been more conciliatory behind the scenes, including at a leaders' dinner Wednesday.

"I have to tell you that the atmosphere last night at dinner was very open, was very constructive and it was very positive," Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic, the president of Croatia, told reporters.

Amid the tumult, British Prime Minister Theresa May, whose government is in turmoil over her plans for exiting the European Union, sounded a call for solidarity among allies.

"As we engage Russia we must do so from a position of unity and strength - holding out hope for a better future, but also clear and unwavering on where Russia needs to change its behavior for this to become a reality," she said.

Although Trump administration officials point to the long-standing alliance between the United States and the United Kingdom, Trump's itinerary in England will largely keep him out of central London, where significant protests are expected.

Instead, a series of events — a black-tie dinner with business leaders, a meeting with May and an audience with Queen Elizabeth II — will happen outside the bustling city, where Mayor Sadiq Khan has been in a verbal battle with Trump.

Woody Johnson, the U.S. ambassador to the United Kingdom, dismissed the significance of the protests, telling Fox News that one of the reasons the two countries are so close "is because we have the freedoms that we've all fought for. And one of the freedoms we have is freedom of speech and the freedom to express your views. And I know that's valued very highly over here and people can disagree strongly and still go out to dinner."

He also said meeting the queen would be an experience Trump "will really cherish."

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APNewsBreak: Government reopens probe of Emmett Till slaying By JAY REEVES, Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — The federal government has reopened its investigation into the slaying of Emmett Till, the black teenager whose brutal killing in Mississippi shocked the world and helped inspire the civil rights movement more than 60 years ago.

The Justice Department told Congress in a report in March it is reinvestigating Till's slaying in Money, Mississippi, in 1955 after receiving "new information." The case was closed in 2007 with authorities saying the suspects were dead; a state grand jury didn't file any new charges.

Deborah Watts, a cousin of Till, said she was unaware the case had been reopened until contacted by The Associated Press on Wednesday.

The federal report, sent annually to lawmakers under a law that bears Till's name, does not indicate what the new information might be.

But it was issued in late March following the publication last year of "The Blood of Emmett Till," a book that says a key figure in the case acknowledged lying about events preceding the slaying of the 14-yearold youth from Chicago.

The book, by Timothy B. Tyson, quotes a white woman, Carolyn Donham, as acknowledging during a 2008 interview that she wasn't truthful when she testified that Till grabbed her, whistled and made sexual advances at a store in 1955.

Two white men -- Donham's then-husband Roy Bryant and his half-brother J.W. Milam -- were charged

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with murder but acquitted in the slaying of Till, who had been staying with relatives in northern Mississippi at the time. The men later confessed to the crime in a magazine interview, but weren't retried. Both are now dead.

Donham, who turns 84 this month, lives in Raleigh, North Carolina. A man who came to the door at her residence declined to comment about the FBI reopening the investigation.

"We don't want to talk to you," the man said before going back inside.

Paula Johnson, co-director of an academic group that reviews unsolved civil rights slayings, said she can't think of anything other than Tyson's book that could have prompted the Justice Department to reopen the Till investigation.

"We're happy to have that be the case so that ultimately or finally someone can be held responsible for his murder," said Johnson, who leads the Cold Case Justice Initiative at Syracuse University.

The Justice Department declined to comment on the status of the probe.

Watts, Till's cousin and co-founder of the Emmett Till Legacy Foundation, said it's "wonderful" that the killing is getting another look, but didn't want to discuss details.

"None of us wants to do anything that jeopardizes any investigation or impedes, but we are also very interested in justice being done," she said.

Abducted from the home where he was staying, Till was beaten and shot, and his mutilated body was found weighted down with a cotton gin fan in the Tallahatchie River. Images of his mutilated body in the casket gave witness to the depth of racial hatred in the Deep South and helped build momentum for subsequent civil rights campaigns.

Relatives of Till pushed Attorney General Jeff Sessions to reopen the case last year following publication of the book.

Donham, then known as Carolyn Bryant and 21 years old at the time, testified in 1955 as a prospective defense witness in the trial of Bryant and Milam. With jurors out of the courtroom, she said a "nigger man" she didn't know took her by the arm.

"Just what did he say when he grabbed your hand?" defense attorney Sidney Carlton asked, according to a trial transcript released by the FBI a decade ago.

"He said, 'How about a date, baby?" she testified. Bryant said she pulled away, and moments later the young man "caught me at the cash register," grasping her around the waist with both hands and pulling her toward him.

"He said, 'What's the matter baby, can't you take it?" she testified. Bryant also said he told her "you don't need to be afraid of me," claiming that he used an obscenity and mentioned something he had done "with white women before."

A judge ruled the testimony inadmissible. An all-white jury freed her husband and the other man even without it. Testimony indicated a woman might have been in a car with Bryant and Milam when they abducted Till, but no one else was ever charged.

In the book, author Tyson wrote that Donham told him her testimony about Till accosting her wasn't true. "Nothing that boy did could ever justify what happened to him," the book quotes her as saying.

Sen. Doug Jones, D-Alabama, introduced legislation this week that would make the government release information about unsolved civil rights killings. In an interview, Jones said the Till killing or any other case likely wouldn't be covered by this legislation if authorities were actively investigating.

"You'd have to leave it to the judgment of some of law enforcement agencies that are involved or the commission that would be created" to consider materials for release, Jones said.

Associated Press writer Allen G. Breed in Raleigh, North Carolina, contributed to this report.

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Kavanaugh reports relatively modest finances, debt repayment By MICHAEL R. BLOOD and CATHERINE LUCEY, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The vetting of Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh is just beginning, but his public financial disclosures make one thing clear: He's not as wealthy as many already on the high court.

Public disclosure forms for 2017 show that the federal judge would come to the nation's highest court with only two investments, including a bank account, together worth a maximum of \$65,000, along with the balance on a loan of \$15,000 or less.

Separate from the disclosure forms, the White House said that between Kavanaugh's retirement account balance of \$400,000 to \$500,000, and the equity in his home in Chevy Chase, Maryland, he has about an additional million dollars in wealth.

If confirmed, his relatively modest means would rank Kavanaugh in the lower tier in personal finances among members of court. Some of his potential future colleagues list millions of dollars in investments.

The records also showed that Kavanaugh, a federal appellate judge nominated by President Donald Trump to replace retiring Justice Anthony Kennedy, had between \$45,000 and \$150,000 in credit card debt in 2016, which was paid off by the following year.

In 2016, he also reported a loan balance between \$15,000 and \$50,000.

The White House said some of Kavanaugh's credit card debt listed on his 2016 financial form was due to buying season tickets to the Washington Nationals for himself and several friends, but officials stressed that he was reimbursed for the friends' tickets in 2017.

The White House did not say how much of the debt came from ticket purchases, or name the friends involved in the transactions.

Other costs on the credit cards included home expenses and "other items."

The documents do not provide a complete record of Kavanaugh's finances.

For example, primary residences — often a person's biggest asset — are not listed. And the value of investments and debts is reported only in wide ranges, as is the amount of debt.

"At this time, the Kavanaughs have no debts beyond their home mortgage," said White House spokesman Raj Shah.

The annual salary in 2018 for a circuit court judge is \$220,600, according to the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts.

A 2017 report from the Center for Public Integrity said that at least six of the nine justices were millionaires, with Justice Stephen Breyer reporting a minimum net worth of \$6.15 million in 2016 and Chief Justice John Roberts a minimum reportable net worth of more than \$5 million. The report stressed that the disclosures are made in broad ranges, making it hard to know exact figures.

Regarding Kavanaugh being poorer than the others, many of whom had considerable earnings during years of non-government legal work, Shah said, "He's devoted his life to public service."

Blood reported from Los Angeles

FBI agent: My work has never been tainted by political bias By ERIC TUCKER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — An FBI agent whose anti-Trump text messages fueled suspicions of partisan bias will tell lawmakers Thursday that his work has never been tainted by politics and that the intense scrutiny he is facing represents "just another victory notch in Putin's belt," according to prepared remarks obtained by The Associated Press.

Peter Strzok, who helped lead FBI investigations into Hillary Clinton's email use and potential coordination between Russia and Donald Trump's campaign, was testifying publicly for the first time since being removed from special counsel Robert Mueller's team following the discovery of the derogatory text messages last year.

He will say in his opening statement that he has never allowed personal opinions to infect his work, that

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he knew information during the campaign that had the potential to damage Trump but never contemplated leaking it and that the focus on him by Congress is misguided and plays into "our enemies' campaign to tear America apart."

Republican members of the House judiciary and oversight committees were expected to grill Strzok for hours as they argue that the text messages with FBI lawyer Lisa Page color the outcome of the Clinton email investigation and undercut the FBI's ongoing investigation into Russian election interference. Trump himself has launched personal attacks against the two FBI officials, including a Wednesday evening tweet that asked "how can the Rigged Witch Hunt proceed when it was started, influenced and worked on, for an extended period of time" by Strzok. He described the texts as "hate filled and biased."

In the prepared remarks, Strzok acknowledges that while his text message criticism was "blunt," it was not directed at one person or political party and included jabs not only at Trump but also at Clinton as well as Sen. Bernie Sanders. He said there was "simply no evidence of bias in my professional actions."

"Let me be clear, unequivocally and under oath: not once in my 26 years of defending my nation did my personal opinions impact any official action I took," he will say.

He says that he was one of the few people during the 2016 election who knew the details of Russian election interference and its possible connections with people in the Trump orbit, and that that information could have derailed Trump's election chances. "But," he said, "the thought of exposing that information never crossed my mind."

Although Strzok has said through his lawyer that he was eager to tell his side of the story, he makes clear his exasperation at being the focal point of a congressional hearing at a time when Russian election interference has been successfully "sowing discord in our nation and shaking faith in our institutions."

"I have the utmost respect for Congress's oversight role, but I truly believe that today's hearing is just another victory notch in Putin's belt and another milestone in our enemies' campaign to tear America apart," Strzok will say, according to the remarks. "As someone who loves this country and cherishes its ideals, it is profoundly painful to watch and even worse to play a part in."

He also flatly rejected the president's characterizations of Mueller's work and the threat of Russian election interference, saying, "This investigation is not politically motivated, it is not a witch hunt, it is not a hoax."

The sharp tone of Strzok's statement sets the stage for a contentious hearing following hours of closeddoor questioning last week. It also reflected an effort to shift attention away from the content of Strzok's texts and onto what he says is the more pressing issue: the Russians' "grave attack" on American democracy and continuing efforts to divide the country.

But that's unlikely to be the focus of Thursday's hearing. Republicans eager for ways to discredit Mueller's investigation have for months held up the texts from Strzok and Page to support allegations of anti-Trump bias within federal law enforcement. One message that has received particular attention, and is likely to be discussed at the hearing, is an Aug. 8, 2016 text in which Strzok, discussing with Page the prospect of a Trump win, says, "No. No he won't. We'll stop it."

The Justice Department's inspector general has criticized Strzok and Page for creating the appearance of impropriety through the texts. But the report said it found no evidence of political bias in the FBI's decision to not pursue criminal charges against Clinton. And many Democrats say actions taken by law enforcement during the campaign season — including announcing a reopening of the investigation into Clinton just days before the election — actually wound up harming the Democratic candidate and aiding the Republican candidate, Trump.

FBI Director Chris Wray says the FBI has referred to internal disciplinary officials employees who were singled out for criticism in the inspector general's report. Strzok's lawyer has said he was escorted from the FBI building last month as the disciplinary process winds its way through the system.

Page left the bureau in May. House lawmakers have subpoenaed her to appear for a private interview and warned her that they would begin the process of holding her in contempt if she does not show this week. Her lawyer says Page had offered to voluntarily appear before the committees later this month but needed more clarification about what the lawmakers would be asking.

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Nevada execution delayed indefinitely after ruling on drug By KEN RITTER and MICHELLE L. PRICE, Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A state trying to execute its first inmate in 12 years using an untested combination of drugs is heading back to planning stages, and a twice-convicted killer who wants to die will return to death row, after a court postponed his lethal injection to allow a drug company to argue that it never intended for a sedative that it makes to be used for executions.

Scott Raymond Dozier's lawyer, Thomas Ericsson, called Wednesday "a roller-coaster" for Dozier, his family and two close friends who were meeting for what they believed to be the last time at a prison in the remote northeastern city of Ely when they were notified that Dozier's execution was off.

Dozier, whose execution also was postponed in November amid concerns about the drugs being used and who has attempted suicide in the past, was disappointed, Ericsson said. Dozier, 47, has said he wants to die rather than spend his life in prison.

Prisons spokeswoman Brooke Santina said Dozier was placed on suicide watch as a precaution to give officials time to have him undergo a psychological evaluation. Dozier was also placed on suicide watch after his execution was postponed in November.

"He was obviously prepared to be executed tonight," Ericsson said. "He found out right about six hours before that it was postponed again."

Wednesday's delay came after Nevada announced last week that it would substitute the sedative midazolam for expired prison stocks of diazepam, commonly known as Valium. That raised concerns among death penalty experts about whether Dozier would be unconscious enough not to react to pain when fentanyl was administered.

Midazolam maker Alvogen of New Jersey filed a lawsuit in Nevada state court accusing Nevada of illegally securing midazolam for unapproved purposes.

The delay leaves Nevada reassessing its options and stokes a debate about how the 31 states that have capital punishment can put anyone to death in an era when pharmaceutical companies ban their products for that use.

Pharmaceutical companies have resisted the use of their drugs in executions for 10 years, citing legal and ethical concerns. But the legal challenge filed by Alvogen is only the second of its kind in the U.S., said Robert Dunham, executive director of the Death Penalty Information Center in Washington D.C.

The previous challenge, brought last year by a different company in Arkansas, was ultimately unsuccessful. Dozier told a judge that he doesn't really care if he suffers when he dies. But he allowed lawyers last year to challenge the three-drug method that Nevada planned to use, including the sedative diazepam, the potent opioid fentanyl and a muscle paralyzing drug called cisatracuriam. None had ever been used in an execution before.

Todd Bice, an attorney for Alvogen, said the company had sent a letter to state officials in April telling them it opposes the use of midazolam in executions.

Alvogen cited public criticism of "botched" executions in states when midazolam had been used.

Death-penalty watchers have pointed to inconsistent results with midazolam since the 2014 executions of Dennis McGuire in Ohio and Josph Rudolph Wood III in Arizona. It has also been used in Alabama, Arkansas and Florida. McGuire and Wood were observed gasping and snorting before they died. Wood's execution took nearly two hours.

A second pharmaceutical company, Sandoz, also raised objections at Wednesday's hearing to the use of one of its drugs — the muscle-paralyzing substance cisatracurium — in executing Dozier. The company did not immediately ask to join Alvogen's lawsuit.

Dozier was sentenced to death in 2007 for robbing, killing and dismembering 22-year-old Jeremiah Miller at a Las Vegas motel in 2002. Miller had come to Nevada to buy ingredients to make meth. His decapitated

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torso was found in a suitcase.

In 2005, Dozier was sentenced to 22 years in prison for shooting to death another drug-trade associate, whose body was found in 2002 in a shallow grave outside Phoenix. A witness testified Dozier used a sledgehammer to break the victim's limbs so the corpse would fit in a plastic storage container.

The state is expected to appeal the judge's order to the state Supreme Court, and the judge in Las Vegas has scheduled a Sept. 10 hearing involving drug company attorneys.

Nevada is required by law to use lethal injection for executions and some of the batches on hand are set to expire soon.

Unlike Texas, which has carried out more executions than any other state, Nevada does not have a compounding pharmacy to get its drugs.

Jordan T. Smith, assistant Nevada solicitor general, countered at Wednesday's hearing that the state didn't do anything wrong getting the drugs through shipments to Las Vegas from the prisons' regular pharmacy supplier.

Alvogen said in a statement that it was pleased with the ruling and will continue to work through the legal system to ensure its products are not used in executions.

It could now be several months before Dozier's execution is scheduled again.

Ritter reported from Ely, Nevada. Associated Press writers Lindsay Whitehurst, Brady McCombs and Julian Hattem in Salt Lake City contributed to this report.

Papa John's says founder resigned as chairman of the board.

NEW YÖRK (AP) — Papa John's founder John Schnatter has resigned as chairman of the board.

The company made the announcement late Wednesday, hours after Schnatter apologized for using a racial slur during a conference call in May.

Forbes said Schnatter used the N-word during a media training exercise. When asked how he would distance himself from racist groups, Schnatter reportedly complained that Colonel Sanders never faced a backlash for using the word.

In a statement released by Louisville, Kentucky-based Papa John's, Schnatter said reports attributing use of "inappropriate and hurtful" language to him were true.

"Regardless of the context, I apologize," the statement says.

The University of Louisville also said Wednesday that Schnatter resigned from its board of trustees, effective immediately.

Schnatter stepped down as CEO last year after blaming slowing sales growth on the outcry surrounding football players kneeling during the national anthem. He remains chairman of the company he started when he turned a broom closet at his father's bar into a pizza spot.

Papa John's shares fell nearly 5 percent Wednesday after the report, closing at \$48.33.

Trump attending dinner at birthplace of Winston Churchill By KEN THOMAS and JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — President Donald Trump is all in for Winston Churchill during his first visit to the United Kingdom as president, paying his respects to an icon of American conservatives who coined the phrase the "special relationship."

Trump was joining British Prime Minister Theresa May for a black-tie dinner Thursday at Blenheim Palace, Churchill's birthplace near Oxford, at the start of his trip to England. Trump has expressed admiration for Churchill even as the president's critics contend that the parallels between the two leaders are limited, and even contradictory.

"If Trump truly wanted to emulate Churchill, he would celebrate the peace and prosperity of Europe and seek to strengthen rather than destroy trans-Atlantic ties," said Amanda Sloat, a senior fellow at the

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Brookings Institution and a former State Department official in the Obama administration.

Trump was making his first trip to Great Britain as president after a tense summit with NATO leaders in Brussels that began Wednesday and on the heels of ruptures in May's government because of the crisis over Britain's exit from the European Union. Trump was largely steering clear of London, where protests are planned and where organizers had permission to fly a blimp over Parliament portraying the president as an orange crying baby.

For Trump, there has been no such tension with Churchill, who is revered by American conservatives for his stalwart leadership of Great Britain during World War II and his role in defeating the Nazis. During Trump's address at CIA headquarters, on his first full day as commander in chief, Trump noted that Churchill "doesn't come from our country but had a lot to do with it."

The president reinstalled a bust of Churchill in the Oval Office shortly after his inauguration and screened the 2017 film "Darkest Hour" at the White House last winter in a sign of his affinity for the British leader.

"The president knows how important the special relationship is firsthand and that's why the bust of Churchill is actually in the Oval Office as we speak. This is not an accident," said Woody Johnson, Trump's ambassador to the U.K. "He knows that he has an opportunity to make this special relationship even stronger."

Johnson said the gathering at Churchill's birthplace would be a "tribute to the great history behind our deep relationship."

In the weeks before the American president's inauguration, May sent Trump a copy of the text of Churchill's 1941 Christmas Eve radio address to Americans, delivered while the prime minister was staying with U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Churchill spent three weeks at the White House, cementing his close ties with Roosevelt and forming the basis for future relations between the U.S. and Great Britain.

During a 1946 speech at Westminster College in Missouri, Churchill described the alliance between the two nations as the "special relationship" that required not only "the growing friendship and mutual understanding" but also the "continuance of the intimate relationship between our military advisers, leading to common study of potential dangers."

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, the author of "Trump's America," said parallels can be drawn between Churchill's years in the wilderness during the 1930s and Trump's emergence in Republican politics from outside the establishment.

"'Darkest Hour' would appeal to Trump because it combines courageous self-direction, standing up to the old order, with an almost mystic sense of speaking for the people," Gingrich said in an email. "Both represent national patriotism."

Gingrich noted that in the darkest days, Churchill watched "That Hamilton Woman," the 1941 film about Britain's fight against Napoleon, "over and over and cried as Sir Laurence Olivier as (Lord Horatio) Nelson gave a stirring talk about saving England. Trump would share that level of national identity and patriotism."

Thomas reported from Washington.

Exhausted and subdued, reunited families return to Guatemala By COLLEEN LONG, Associated Press

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — Donelda Pulex stepped off the airplane into the sun, clutching her 5-year-old daughter's hand and burst into heaving sobs. Fourteen-year-old Hermelindo Juarez hid his face as his father comforted him. Efildo Daniel Vasquez walked cautiously behind his 8-year-old son.

Quiet, confused and exhausted, 11 families who had been detained and separated after they were caught crossing the U.S. border illegally returned home Tuesday to Guatemala aboard a U.S. government-chartered flight that read "World Atlantic."

Greeted by first lady Patricia Marroquin, they lined up on the tarmac, shuffling — their shoelaces had been taken as a security precaution. U.S. immigration officials handed over paperwork in manila envelopes to

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Guatemalan officials. The immigrants walked single-file into a squat gray building at the country's military base to be processed back into their country, along with dozens of others also deported.

Chartered flights full of deportees from the United States regularly arrive in the Central American country, but Tuesday's flight was among the first containing families separated at the border under President Donald Trump's contentious zero-tolerance policy. More than 2,300 children were separated from their families before a June 20 order stopping the practice.

While some Central American migrants say they were fleeing to protect their families from severe violence, parents who spoke with The Associated Press said they made the difficult, dangerous journey to the U.S. for a better life. They were seeking a chance at a steady job or a better education for their children.

They didn't know they'd be separated from their kids under the policy that criminally prosecuted anyone caught crossing the border illegally. Trump administration officials had said the policy was necessary to deter a growing number of families from Central America who were crossing illegally. But the president backed off following a national and international uproar, ordering an end to the separations on June 20.

While frustrated that their difficult journeys had ended in failure, the families were relieved their ordeals were over.

Pulex said she spent nearly two months apart from her daughter, waiting in an El Paso, Texas, detention center, first for the resolution of her criminal case and later for deportation proceedings.

"It was a great torment," she said, wiping tears away. "I did not know if I would ever see my daughter again. I thought she was taken from me forever." Her little girl, Marelyn, dressed in a pristine white sweater and blue chiffon skirt, said she spoke to her mother by phone from a foster care home in Michigan.

"My mother, she was so sad. She would cry for me, and I would tell her, Mami, everything is OK, I am OK. I will see you soon," the little girl said. She said the people who cared for her were kind, and treated her well, but she missed her mother.

"I am happy to be back with her," she said.

Inside the military base, the families were steered into a crowded, hot room with rows of folding chairs and big whirring fans. Each chair had a brown paper bag with a sandwich, chips, an orange soda and bottle of water. The families were told by social workers they would have medical screenings and go through a paperwork process before they were given bus vouchers home. Eventually, they'd walk down a short outdoor hall and through a metal door leading them back into Guatemala City. Some lived more than seven hours away in the mountains.

Single adults were in a larger room, where they waited in line to be processed. Their belongings, taken from them at the U.S. border, were piled in back, mostly black duffels and red plastic bags.

About 75 people were aboard the flight, and the AP asked at least two dozen adults whether they had children left behind in the U.S. either on purpose or because they were deported without them. All said no. There have been other reports of parents deported without their children.

In one case, Elsa Ortiz Enriquez said recently in Guatemala that she was deported last month without her 8-year-old, Anthony David Tovar Ortiz. The boy was in a shelter for migrant children in Houston.

Inside the immigration complex, Pulex helped Marelyn drink from a water bottle, and then pulled the little girl's hand up to her heart and kissed it. Another father held his son as the little boy closed his eyes. Two little girls opened up Snickers bars that were handed out. In the back row, Hermelindo Juarez told his father, Deivin Juarez, he was so very tired.

The two made the trip north in early May, and they spent almost two weeks on the road with barely any food.

"We were starving," Juarez said. "The frontier, it is a trying place."

Hermelindo said he didn't know where he was going when he was separated, and the two did not have good communications during their time apart. He had been sent to a shelter in Tucson, Arizona, where he said he was treated very well. He studied and played soccer. The air conditioning made him a bit cold, he said, but he got used to it.

"I felt comfortable there," he said. There were children there from Brazil, from India, from Guatemala.

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He didn't know how many had been separated from parents or how many had made the journey alone. There are more than 10,000 children in U.S. care who crossed the border alone.

Juarez and the others said they paid thousands of dollars to smugglers, and would not likely try the journey again anytime soon.

"Now, I'll try to find work here," Juarez said. "What else is there?"

Associated Press writer Sonia Perez contributed to this report.

Trump rattles NATO, knocking its value, assailing Germany By JONATHAN LEMIRE and JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — Under fire for his warm embrace of Russia's Vladimir Putin, President Donald Trump jolted the NATO summit Wednesday by turning a spotlight on Germany's ties to Russia and openly questioning the value of the military alliance that has defined American foreign policy for decades.

Trump declared that a joint natural gas pipeline venture with Moscow has left Angela Merkel's government "totally controlled" and "captive to Russia." So, in a stroke, he shifted attention away from his own ties to the Kremlin just days before he meets one-on-one with Putin.

With scorching language, the president questioned the necessity of the alliance that formed a bulwark against Soviet aggression, tweeting after a day of contentious meetings: "What good is NATO if Germany is paying Russia billions of dollars for gas and energy?"

German Chancellor Merkel hit back immediately, not only denying Trump's contention but suggesting that his comfortable upbringing in the U.S. gave him no standing to spout off on the world stage about Germany.

Drawing on her own background growing up in communist East Germany behind the Iron Curtain, she said:

"I've experienced myself a part of Germany controlled by the Soviet Union, and I'm very happy today that we are united in freedom as the Federal Republic of Germany and can thus say that we can determine our own policies and make our own decisions and that's very good."

Trump demanded by public tweet that members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization "must pay 2% of GDP IMMEDIATELY, not by 2025" for their military efforts. He then rattled U.S. allies further by privately suggesting member nations should spend 4 percent of their gross domestic product on the military — more than even the United States currently pays, according to NATO statistics.

It was just the latest in Trump's demands and insults that critics fear will undermine a decades-old alliance launched to counter-balance Soviet aggression after World War II. And it came just days before Trump planned to sit down with Putin in Finland at the conclusion of what has become a contentious European trip.

Trump has spent weeks berating members of the alliance for failing to increase military spending, accusing Europe of freeloading off the U.S. and even raising doubts about whether he would come to members' defense as required if they were ever attacked.

Trump's tongue-lashing accelerated during a pre-summit breakfast, when he traded his usual longdistance Twitter attacks for a face-to-face confrontation with NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg.

"We're supposed to protect you against Russia but they're paying billions of dollars to Russia and I think that's very inappropriate," Trump said, repeatedly describing Germany as "captive to Russia" because of the energy deal. He urged NATO to look into the issue.

Trump's harsh words for Merkel, whose country has hosted tens of thousands of U.S. troops that have been key to post-WWII stability in Europe for seven decades, struck at the core of the alliance. West Germany joined NATO in 1955 and was a critical factor in the alliance's success in facing down the Soviet Union until its collapse. Reunified with the East, Germany became the largest European economy in NATO in 1990.

The president's beef was with the Nord Stream 2 pipeline that would bring gas from Russia to Germany's northeastern Baltic coast, bypassing Eastern European nations like Poland and Ukraine and doubling the

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amount of gas Russia can send directly to Germany. The vast undersea pipeline is opposed by the U.S. and some other EU members, who warn it could give Moscow greater leverage over Western Europe. It's expected to be online at the end of 2019.

Environmental-conscious Germany is trying to reduce its reliance on coal and is phasing out nuclear power by 2022, so it hopes to use natural gas to partially fill the gap until the country's electricity grid can cope with fluctuating levels provided by renewable energy.

Hours after the breakfast, Merkel and Trump appeared to play nice as they met along the summit's sidelines. Trump told reporters the two had a "very, very good relationship" and congratulated Merkel on her "tremendous success."

While Trump went after Germany for its ties to Russia, he himself has been accused by critics of being too eager to improve relations with Moscow. He's also dismissed the U.S. intelligence community's assessment that Russia tried to undermine Western democracy by meddling in the 2016 U.S. presidential election to help him win.

Trump also lobbed fresh complaints about allies' "delinquent" defense spending and suggested at one point that NATO allies commit to spending 4 percent of their GDP on defense — twice the goal they've set for 2024.

"I have great confidence they'll be spending more," he said.

However, a formal summit declaration issued by the NATO leaders Wednesday reaffirmed their "unwavering commitment" to the 2 percent pledge set in 2014 and made no reference to any effort to go higher.

Trump has repeatedly mischaracterized the spending target, wrongly describing it as a fee that countries pay to NATO or the U.S. rather than their own military. NATO estimates that 15 members, or just over half, will meet the benchmark by 2024 based on current trends.

Back in the U.S., Democratic congressional leaders Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer issued a joint statement describing Trump's "brazen insults and denigration of one of America's most steadfast allies, Germany," as "an embarrassment."

"His behavior this morning is another profoundly disturbing signal that the president is more loyal to President Putin than to our NATO allies," they wrote.

Sen. Bob Corker, a Tennessee Republican, also criticized Trump's rhetoric.

"I do believe everybody should get to 2 percent quickly, but the NATO alliance is something that's very important to the United States and our citizenry, and things that are said to try and create instability, all that it does is strengthen Putin," Corker said, describing concerns "about conciliatory things that could occur in Helsinki" when Trump sits down with the Russian president.

But Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Arkansas, a strong supporter of the president, said the pipeline issue strikes at the "heart of NATO unity."

"The pipeline gets cheap Russian gas to Germany while bypassing smaller Eastern European nations, allowing Russia to pressure them while Germany is held harmless," he tweeted, adding: "No amount of preening in Berlin will cover this nakedly selfish policy."

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Croatia in World Cup final for 1st time, beats England 2-1 By RONALD BLUM, AP Sports Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — Croatia's legs seemed heavy, burdened by the accumulated toll of consecutive penaltykicks wins needed to get this far. England had gone ahead with a free kick just five minutes in, dominated play and appeared headed to its first World Cup final since 1966.

Then the second half started and it was as if a different Croatian team had replaced the lethargic one.

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Ivan Perisic tied the score in the 68th minute , Mario Mandzukic got the go-ahead goal in the 109th and Croatia shocked England with a 2-1 victory Wednesday that advanced a nation of just over 4 million to a World Cup final against France.

"Mentally strong team," midfielder Ivan Rakitic said. "It's just unbelievable to get back in the game in this way."

When the final whistle blew and they knew they were going to their first World Cup final, the Croatians ran to their jumping and cheering fans in their iconic red-and-white checkered jerseys. Croatia joined an exclusive club of 13 nations that advanced to a World Cup final, doing it in a tournament where powers Brazil, Germany, Argentina and Spain made early exits.

"They've had an incredible route to the final. They've shown remarkable character," said England coach Gareth Southgate, who for now will be remembered more for a fashionable waistcoat than ending a halfcentury of hurt.

France, which won its only title at home in 1998, will have an extra day of rest after beating Belgium 1-0 on Tuesday.

Croatia, coming off 360 intense minutes at soccer's highest level, faces its biggest sporting moment since becoming an independent nation in 1991.

"We started slowly, but we've shown our character, just as we did in the previous two knockout rounds when we were one-goal down," Perisic said.

Fans back home in Zagreb took to the streets to celebrate, lighting flares and waving flags in a sea of exuberance.

"We are a nation of people who never give in, who are proud and who have character," said coach Zlatko Dalic, who wore a checkered jersey to his post-match news conference. "There's no weakness in a team that is in the final."

England was not among the top 10 nations in ticket sales before the tournament, but the team's progress caused gallivanting supporters to flock to Moscow.

The front of the stands behind one goal was filled with more than two dozen white banners with a red Cross of St. George, pledging support from many of the island's clubs, from Bradford to Wolverhampton. Back home, a crowd of 30,000 was in London's Hyde Park for a large-screen viewing, the British Beer and Pub Association predicted supporters would buy 10 million extra pints at pubs during the match, and No.1 Court at Wimbledon was less than one-third full for the men's quarterfinal between John Isner and Milos Raonic.

Promise seemed about to be fulfilled when Kieran Trippier curled in a free kick in the fifth minute for his first international goal, above leaping Dejan Lovren and Mandzukic and past the desperate dive of goalkeeper Danijel Subasic. Choruses of "God Save the Queen" began in England's end.

"We had a couple chances after that to get the second, give ourselves a bit more breathing room," England captain Harry Kane said.

Football will not be coming home to England, and there will be no title to match the 1966 triumph at Wembley Stadium. Kane & Co. will deal with the same disappointment that felled Shearer and Platt, Gazza and Wazza, Beckham and Gerrard. And Southgate, whose penalty-kick failure led to England's previous semifinal loss in a major tournament, in the 1996 European Championship semifinals.

"Impossible to say anything to them that is going to make them feel better at this point," Southgate said after England's fourth straight loss in a major tournament semifinal.

Croatia tied the score after Rakitic switched the ball from left flank to right, where Vrsaljko crossed. Kyle Walker attempted a diving header to clear. Perisic jumped and from behind raised his left boot over Walker's head to poke the ball past goalkeeper Jordan Pickford from about 8 yards for his fourth World Cup goal, including two in this tournament.

Mandzukic scored after Walker stuck out a leg to block Josip Pivaric's cross. The ball popped up, and Perisic outjumped Trippier to head the ball toward goal. Mandzukic alertly reacted to the unexpected ball in the penalty area, splitting defenders Stones and Harry Maguire, who both had taken four short steps up. The ball bounced twice, Mandzukic ran onto it and one-timed a low, left-footed shot to Pickford's left.

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"Three times 120 minutes and fresher legs today than the English team," Lovren marveled. Mandzukic ran to a corner and was mobbed by teammates, who jumped on him and trapped photog-

raphers under them in the crush.

Not long after, Dalic was thinking about the short recovery time before the final.

"It's our fault. Why didn't we score earlier?" he said. "Why didn't we finish the job in regulation time?" Rakitic wasn't worried.

"We still have lots of energy in the tank," he said.

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No players are suspended for the final.

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Croatia defender Domagoj Vida was jeered by fans whenever he touched the ball. He received a warning from FIFA for shouting "glory to Ukraine" in a video posted after Croatia beat Russia in the quarterfinals.

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Firefighter killed in gas explosion, fire near Madison By TODD RICHMOND, Associated Press

SUN PRAIRIE, Wis. (AP) — A massive natural gas explosion killed a firefighter and leveled portions of a city block in a southern Wisconsin community, including a bar the firefighter owned, authorities said Wednesday.

The blast in downtown Sun Prairie on Tuesday evening also injured at least 11 other people and left residents of the Madison suburb wondering how they'll put their downtown back together.

"It's just hard to look at the pictures (of the explosion and ruined downtown) and see what our city looks like now," resident Erin Updike said.

The blast happened after police got a call at 6:30 p.m. that a construction crew working on a downtown street had punctured a WE Energies natural gas line. Police and firefighters arrived to investigate and were evacuating the area when the gas exploded shortly after 7 p.m. The blast ignited four-story high flames that burned long into the night and belched a smoke plume visible for miles.

"It looked like flames shooting out of heaven and just debris going everywhere," said Sun Prairie resident Benjamin Berry.

At least five buildings were damaged, including the Barr House tavern, Glass Nickel Pizza and a steak restaurant, according to a news release on the city's website.

Sun Prairie Fire Department Capt. Cory Barr, 34, was caught in the explosion as he was working to evacuate people from the area, Fire Chief Chris Garrison said during a news conference Wednesday evening. Barr died after he was transported to a local hospital, the Dane County Medical Examiner's Office said in a news release.

Barr had been with the department for 15 years. He also worked as a real estate agent and owned the Barr House. Garrison said Barr and his fellow firefighters and police evacuated 115 people before the blast. The chief choked up as he spoke and had to take a long pause to gather himself.

"We didn't lose a firefighter yesterday," he said. "We lost a family member."

Barr's wife, Abby Barr, said in a statement that Cory Barr was "the best husband a girl could ask for" and lived his life by the motto "happy wife, happy life." The couple was raising twin daughters who just turned 3 years old. She said the girls would run up to him screaming "Daddy's home!" whenever he walked through the door.

"He was so outgoing, goofy, big-hearted, and would give the shirt off his back to anyone," she said. "To say that our family is devastated and heart-broken is an understatement."

Gov. Scott Walker toured the blast area Wednesday evening, telling reporters at the news conference that the entire state was behind Abby Barr and her children.

"On behalf of the whole state, we say we love you," the governor said.

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Authorities said five other firefighters, a police officer and five civilians were hurt and transported to a hospital. The firefighters included two who were caught in the blast with Barr.

All had been released by Wednesday evening except for one firefighter, who was upgraded from critical to stable condition, Sun Prairie Emergency Medical Services Chief Brian Goff said.

Authorities and WE Energies did not release the name of the company that was doing the construction work. Police Lt. Kevin Konopacki said during the news conference that investigators are in the midst of a complex probe and no information would be released.

Steve DePula, owner of Salvatore's Tomato Pies restaurant about a half-block from the fire, said he and Barr both served on a downtown business committee. He described Barr as a champion of downtown issues who worked to both preserve Sun Prairie and transform the city into a travel destination.

"He was very, very proud of Sun Prairie and the community he lived in," DePula said. "It's a testament that he served as a firefighter to how much he cared about the community."

Sun Prairie, a city of about 30,000 people, is less than 15 miles (24 kilometers) from the state Capitol in Madison. Its biggest claims to fame are Jimmy the Groundhog, a renowned rodent that predicts how long winter will last on Groundhog Day, and midget car races. The cars are a cross between ATVs and dune buggies.

Associated Press reporters Gretchen Ehlke in Milwaukee and Carrie Antlfinger in Sun Prairie, and researcher Rhonda Shafner in New York contributed to this report.

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Immigrant parents happy but traumatized after kids returned By JULIE WATSON and NOMAAN MERCHANT, Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Immigrant parents who reveled after joyful reunions with their young children spoke Wednesday of the traumatic impact of being separated from their sons and daughters for months after they were taken from them at the U.S. border.

The administration has been scrambling to reunify the families this week to meet the first of two deadlines set by a federal judge in San Diego who ordered thousands of children be given back to their immigrant parents. Scores of children separated from their families were sent to government-contracted shelters or foster care hundreds of miles away from where their parents were detained.

Roger Ardino, from Honduras, was happy to be back with his 4-year-old son, Roger Jr., who sat on his lap and played with the microphones as the father spoke to reporters. The father said he was still shaken by the ordeal he had to go through just to speak to his boy while he was in government custody. The two were separated in February.

He described feeling a pain in his heart and like he couldn't breathe after his son was taken away. The father held up his wrist and told reporters that after they were separated, he threatened to use a razor on himself if he couldn't speak to his son.

He spoke Wednesday at Annunciation House, an El Paso, Texas-based shelter, along with another father recently reunited with his child. They arrived there Tuesday.

"I was completely traumatized," the father said in Spanish. He added later: "Every time I spoke to him, he would start crying. Where are the rights of children? I thought children were supposed to be a priority here in the United States."

The father said he planned to live with relatives in the United States as his asylum case is processed, which could take years.

It wasn't immediately clear how many children remain in detention facilities.

Late last month, U.S. District Judge Dana Sabraw in San Diego set a 14-day deadline to reunite children under 5 with their parents and a 30-day deadline for older children. He asked the government to return to court Friday to give an update on how many families had been reunited.

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In trying to meet the first deadline, the government began with a list of 102 children potentially eligible to be reunited and whittled that to 75 through screening that included DNA testing done by swabbing the inside of the cheek.

Of those 75, Justice Department attorneys told the court the government would guarantee 38 would be back with their parents by the end of Tuesday. They said an additional 17 could also join their parents if DNA results arrived and a criminal background check on a parent was completed. It was not known Wednesday whether that happened.

Government attorneys told Sabraw that the Trump administration would not meet the deadline for 20 other children under 5 because it needed more time to track down parents who have already been deported or released into the U.S.

Sabraw indicated more time would be allowed only in specific cases where the government showed good reasons for a delay.

The administration defended its screening, saying it discovered parents with serious criminal histories, five adults whose DNA tests showed they were not parents of the children they claimed to have, and one case of credible child abuse.

The administration faces a second, bigger deadline — July 26 — to reunite more than 2,000 older children with their families. Immigration attorneys say they already are seeing barriers to those reunifications from a backlog in the processing of fingerprinting of parents to families unable to afford the airfare to fly the child to them — which could run as high as \$1,000.

Kay Bellor, vice president for programs at Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, which provides foster care to migrant children, said she witnessed the reunion Wednesday of a 3-year-old and his father in the Washington, D.C., area. The boy seemed bright and alert, asking his father about wanting to go to school and seeing his mother.

"To me, the overwhelming feeling was this is right that they're being reunited, but this was so wrong from the very beginning, and it didn't have to happen this way," Bellor said. "They should never have been separated in the first place."

In New York, Javier Garrido Martinez spoke through tears Wednesday as he held his 4-year-old son, who fed a Dorito to his father as he sat on his lap.

The Honduran father and son had been apart for 55 days.

Garrido Martinez said they were "the worst days" of his life.

Watson reported from San Diego. Merchant reported from Houston. Associated Press writers Deepti Hajela in New York; Roxana Hegeman in Wichita, Kansas; and Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar in Washington, contributed to this report.

US soon to leapfrog Saudis, Russia as top oil producer By DAVID KOENIG, AP Business Writer

The U.S. is on pace to leapfrog both Saudi Arabia and Russia and reclaim the title of the world's biggest oil producer for the first time since the 1970s.

The latest forecast from the U.S. Energy Information Administration predicts that U.S. output will grow next year to 11.8 million barrels a day.

"If the forecast holds, that would make the U.S. the world's leading producer of crude," says Linda Capuano, who heads the agency, a part of the Energy Department.

Saudi Árabia and Russia could upend that forecast by boosting their own production. In the face of rising global oil prices, members of the OPEC cartel and a few non-members including Russia agreed last month to ease production caps that had contributed to the run-up in prices.

President Donald Trump has urged the Saudis to pump more oil to contain rising prices. He tweeted on June 30 that King Salman agreed to boost production "maybe up to 2,000,000 barrels." The White House later clarified that the king said his country has a reserve of 2 million barrels a day that could be tapped

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"if and when necessary."

The idea that the U.S. could ever again become the world's top oil producer once seemed preposterous. "A decade ago the only question was how fast would U.S. production go down," said Daniel Yergin, author of several books about the oil industry including a history, "The Prize." The rebound of U.S. output "has made a huge difference. If this had not happened, we would have had a severe shortage of world oil," he said.

The United States led the world in oil production for much of the 20th century, but the Soviet Union surpassed America in 1974, and Saudi Arabia did the same in 1976, according to Energy Department figures. By the end of the 1970s the USSR was producing one-third more oil than the U.S.; by the end of the

1980s, Soviet output was nearly double that of the U.S. The last decade or so has seen a revolution in American energy production, however, led by techniques

including hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, and horizontal drilling. Those innovations — and the breakup of the Soviet Union — helped the U.S. narrow the gap. Last year, Russia produced more than 10.3 million barrels a day, Saudi Arabia pumped just under 10 million, and the U.S. came in under 9.4 million barrels a day, according to U.S. government figures.

The U.S. has been pumping more than 10 million barrels a day on average since February, and probably pumped about 10.9 million barrels a day in June, up from 10.8 million in May, the energy agency said Tuesday in its latest short-term outlook.

Capuano's agency forecast that U.S. crude output will average 10.8 million barrels a day for all of 2018 and 11.8 million barrels a day in 2019. The current U.S. record for a full year is 9.6 million barrels a day in 1970.

The trend of rising U.S. output prompted Fatih Birol, executive director of the International Energy Agency, to predict this spring that the U.S. would leapfrog Russia and become the world's largest producer by next year — if not sooner.

One potential obstacle for U.S. drillers is a bottleneck of pipeline capacity to ship oil from the Permian Basin of Texas and New Mexico to ports and refineries.

"They are growing the production but they can't get it out of the area fast enough because of pipeline constraints," said Jim Rittersbusch, a consultant to oil traders.

Some analysts believe that Permian production could decline, or at least grow more slowly, in 2019 or 2020 as energy companies move from their best acreage to more marginal areas.

No shove, but Trump body language speaks to frosty relations By JONATHAN LEMIRE and DARLENE SUPERVILLE, Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — He didn't shove anyone this time, but President Donald Trump's body language during NATO events Wednesday suggested his relationships with key U.S. allies aren't exactly buddy-buddy.

Trump started the day with a tense breakfast meeting with Jens Stoltenberg in which he lectured the NATO leader about member defense spending and complained about a German pipeline deal with Russia. Arms crossed over his chest, Trump gestured at Stoltenberg and repeatedly interrupted the secretary-general as he argued his case.

Trump's aides seated around the table, including chief of staff John Kelly and the U.S. ambassador to NATO, Kay Bailey Hutchison, looked visibly uncomfortable at points.

Their subsequent encounters at NATO headquarters were formal and less strained as they twice shook hands and chatted in front of journalists. But those moments were more perfunctory than Stoltenberg's chattier introductions with other leaders, many of whom Stoltenberg was seeing for the first time that day after he had spent part of the morning hosting Trump.

World leader summits are largely about optics and presenting a united front to the rest of the world. But Trump barreled into his second NATO summit, as he did his first, with a litany of public complaints about alliance members' "delinquent" defense spending, as well as a German-Russian gas pipeline deal.

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Showing unity seemed an afterthought for the "America First" president. And it showed.

During moments that were visible to the press, Trump often separated himself from most of his counterparts, particularly those with whom he has had public disagreements, such as British Prime Minister Theresa May, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Canada's Justin Trudeau.

When the leaders strolled out of the gleaming NATO building in Brussels for the traditional family photo in the courtyard, Trump lingered behind and mostly spoke with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Croatian President Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic.

On the dais, he and May chatted as they stood together, but Trump kept his back toward other leaders, including Merkel.

After the group moved inside for talks, Trump again hung back as other heads of state glad-handed around the room. He stayed close to members of his delegation, including Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, before eventually engaging in a brief round of backslapping with others, including again May, before taking his seat.

Trump has harshly criticized May, Merkel and Trudeau since taking office and opened Wednesday with another broadside against Merkel, asserting that her country is "totally controlled" and "captive" to Russia as he objected to a deal to bring Russian natural gas directly to Germany.

Merkel pushed back, insisting that Germany makes its own decisions. When the two met later Wednesday, Trump told reporters: "We have a very, very good relationship with the chancellor." The comment illustrated how Trump often seeks to avoid conflict with people when he is face to face with them versus the often-harsher rhetoric he uses when he's talking behind their back. Merkel was not present at Trump's breakfast with Stoltenberg.

When it was her turn to address reporters in the room for the meeting with Trump, Merkel made no similar declaration about her relationship with Trump.

The two barely looked at each other during the few minutes journalists were allowed in the room. That was in stark contrast to Trump's subsequent meeting with French President Emmanuel Macron. The Frenchman is one of Trump's closest friends on the world stage despite their many areas of disagreement, including Trump's decision to pull out of the Iran nuclear agreement and the Paris climate accord, and to impose tariffs on France and other European countries.

Trump and Macron bantered easily during their joint photo op, with Trump calling it "an honor to be with a friend of mine." The two also chatted each other up as Macron walked Trump out of the NATO building at the end of the day.

By evening, arriving at a dinner hosted by the Belgian government at the Art and History Museum at the Cinquantenaire, Trump appeared to be in a more social mood. The president, who doesn't drink alcohol, huddled during the cocktail reception with Stoltenberg for several minutes, before being joined by Merkel for an animated discussion. As Trump spoke again with Erdogan, his wife, Melania, was greeted warmly by Trudeau.

At last year's NATO summit, tongues wagged after Trump appeared to shove Prime Minister Dusko Markovic of Montenegro to get to the front of the group as leaders entered the alliance's new headquarters building. Markovic later characterized the incident as "a completely harmless event."

Superville reported from Washington. Associated Press writer Zeke Miller contributed from Washington.

US first lady welcomed in Belgium with music and fashion By VANESSA GERA, Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — U.S. first lady Melania Trump returned to the international stage Wednesday as she mingled with the spouses of America's closest allies over classical music, fashion and chocolate.

As President Donald Trump harangued Germany and other allies at a NATO summit in Brussels, his wife chatted amiably with some of their spouses at a music conservatory in a wooded park in Waterloo, near the Belgian capital.

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There, she and 10 other spouses were given a tour of the Queen Elisabeth Music Chapel, a training center for gifted young musicians housed in a modernistic glass building.

Mrs. Trump, 48, wore a navy blue sleeveless Calvin Klein calf-length dress with white and green detail on one collarbone and white Christian Louboutin heels with their trademark red soles. Klein is an all-American fashion house, but its chief creative officer, Raf Simons, is Belgian.

In the evening, she changed into a sleeveless white Elie Saab cocktail dress for a dinner at the Art and History Museum at the Cinquantenaire, a landmark city park.

Neither of the Trumps took a drink as they chatted with other heads of state at a cocktail reception, only hours after the U.S. president accused Germany of being "captive to Russia" for buying natural gas from that country and chided other allies for their levels of defense spending. The president does not drink alcohol.

Holding hands, the Trumps next walked up the steps of the museum, where the president joined leaders for a working dinner and the first lady joined a separate dinner for spouses.

The trip marked the former model's return to the international stage after she dropped out of public sight in May for nearly a month, including five days in the hospital following surgery for a benign kidney condition. Her husband later told reporters that she had had a "big operation" and was under doctors' orders not to fly for a month.

Her office clarified that only international travel was forbidden for that period of time, and the first lady did not accompany the president to Canada for an earlier world leaders' summit or to Singapore for his historic one-on-one meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, both in the first half of June.

There was no word on how Mrs. Trump would spend her second day in Brussels. The couple travels next to Britain, where planned engagements include tea with Queen Elizabeth, and to Helsinki, Finland, where the U.S. president is to hold a summit with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

As the spouses arrived at the music academy in the early afternoon, they were greeted by Amelie Derbaudrenghien, the partner of Belgian Prime Minister Charles Michel, and Ingrid Schulerud, the wife of NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg.

They were then escorted into a music auditorium with tall glass windows offering views into the woods behind the school for performances of Tchaikovsky's Valse Scherzo and music by Hubay and Piazzolla.

During an intermission they posed for a group photo, viewed a display of hats by Belgian designer Fabienne Delvigne and were offered delicacies created by Herman Van Dender, a pastry maker and chocolatier who is the official supplier to the Belgian royal house.

Mrs. Trump sat between French first lady Brigitte Macron, who was dressed in white, and Derbaudrenghien, in vibrant yellow, during the concert. Other participating first ladies included Emine Erdogan of Turkey and Mojca Stropnik of Slovenia, Mrs. Trump's native country. Gauthier Destenay, the husband of Luxembourg's Prime Minister Xavier Bettel, was the only man in the group.

At one point during the concert, Mrs. Trump and some of the others applauded prematurely. Catching themselves, they smiled and kept on listening.

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This story has been corrected to show the last name of Luxembourg's prime minister is Bettel, not Better.

With V-for-Victory sign, rescued Thai boys celebrate freedom By STEPHEN WRIGHT and KAWEEWIT KAEWJINDA, Associated Press

MAE SAI, Thailand (AP) — As ecstatic relatives watched and waved from behind a glass barrier, the 12 boys and their soccer coach rescued from deep within a flooded cave in Thailand made the V-for-Victory sign Wednesday from their beds in a hospital isolation ward where they are recovering from the 18-day ordeal.

An American involved in the operation described the perilous zero-visibility dives that brought the boys

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out safely as a "once in a lifetime rescue."

Derek Anderson, a 32-year-old rescue specialist with the U.S. Air Force based in Okinawa, Japan, said that at times during the risky rescue, the boys had to be put into harnesses and high-lined across the rocky caverns. At other times, they endured dives lasting up to half an hour in the pitch-black waters.

"The world just needs to know that what was accomplished was a once in a lifetime rescue," Anderson told The Associated Press in an interview on Wednesday. "We were extremely fortunate that the outcome was the way it was. It's important to realize how complex and how many pieces of this puzzle had to come together."

He said the boys, ranging in age from 11 to 16, were "incredibly resilient."

"What was really important was the coach and the boys all came together and discussed staying strong, having the will to live, having the will to survive," Anderson said.

That gutsy determination was on display Wednesday in a video taken from the hospital isolation ward. The boys, their faces covered by green surgical masks, flashed the V-for-Victory sign as they sat up in bed and chatted with their nurses, at times responding with the customary Thai sign of respect — hands pressed together while bowing the head. The youngest boy, 11, appeared to be asleep under a crisp white sheet.

"Don't need to worry about their physical health and even more so for their mental health," said Chaiwetch Thanapaisal, director of Chiang Rai Prachanukroh Hospital.

"Everyone is strong in mind and heart," he said at a news conference of officials involved in the rescue. The four boys and 25-year-old soccer coach who were brought out Tuesday on the final day of the threeday rescue effort have recovered more quickly than the boys rescued on Sunday and Monday, Chaiwetch said.

Even so, all need to be monitored in the hospital for a week and then rest at home for another 30 days, he said. Three have slight lung infections.

Another video released on Facebook by the Thai Navy SEALs, who were central to the rescue, showed one of the boys being carried through part of the muddy cave on a stretcher covered by an emergency thermal blanket.

The SEALs commander, Rear Adm. Apakorn Youkongkae, said the soccer coach, Ekkapol Chantawong, determined the order the boys from the Wild Boars soccer team should be rescued in. "The coach was the one to choose," he said.

The group had entered the sprawling Tham Luang cave in northern Thailand to go exploring after soccer practice on June 23 when monsoon rains filled the tight passageways, blocking their escape. They were found by a pair of British divers nearly 10 days later, huddled on a small, dry shelf just above the water, smiling with relief but visibly skinny.

The complex mission for the rescuers from Thailand, the U.S., Britain, Australia and other countries to guide the boys and coach through the cave's flooded passageways riveted people worldwide. Highlighting the dangers, a former Thai navy SEAL volunteering to work on the rescue died Friday while replenishing oxygen canisters placed along the escape route.

Chiang Rai province acting Gov. Narongsak Osatanakorn, who oversaw the rescue operation, said the boys should not be blamed for their near tragedy. He lauded the cooperation between Thai and international rescuers.

"The situation went beyond just being a rescue mission and became a symbol of unity among mankind," he said. "Everyone worked together without discrimination of race or religion as the ultimate goal was to save the youth football team."

Officials plan an interactive museum at the Tham Luang cave based on the historic rescue mission that will feature items such as clothing that key rescuers wore during the operation, Narongsak said.

Each of the boys, with no diving experience, was guided out by divers though rocky, muddy and waterfilled passages that in places were just a crawl space.

The method was extremely risky, but dwindling oxygen levels in the cave and fears of more monsoon rains to come made a decision urgent. Relatively mild weather and a massive effort to pump out water

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created a window of opportunity. And the confidence of the diving team, and expertise specific to the cave, grew after its first successful mission Sunday.

Thongchai Lertwilairatanapong, a public health inspector, said the boys lost an average of 2 kilograms (4.4 pounds) while they were trapped. Before their discovery, they survived by drinking water dripping into their cramped refuge.

"To not receive food, we can still survive for many months, but what's necessary is water, which the cave has, and around this time there's a lot in the cave, and they chose clean water to drink," he said.

Federer stunned in Wimbledon QF; Nadal, Djokovic, Isner win By HOWARD FENDRICH, AP Tennis Writer

LONDON (AP) — Roger Federer was a point away from a rather tidy, straight-set victory in the Wimbledon quarterfinals. One lousy point.

And then, slowly, over the next two-plus hours, all the way until the fifth set reached its 24th game, as the temperature dropped and the spectators' cries of "Let's go, Roger!" echoed through the shadows, everything came apart for the eight-time champion. Against an opponent who'd never beaten him nor made it this far at the All England Club.

In a stunning turnaround in an unfamiliar setting — No. 1 Court instead of Centre Court — the topseeded Federer blew a third-set match point and, eventually, all of his big lead in a 2-6, 6-7 (5), 7-5, 6-4, 13-11 loss to No. 8 Kevin Anderson on Wednesday in a 4-hour, 14-minute tussle.

"It was just one of those days where you hope to get by somehow," said Federer, who last played at No. 1 Court in 2015. "I almost could have. I should have."

While his tournament is over, two of his long-time rivals at the top of tennis set up a semifinal showdown: Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic. Nadal, who's won two of his 17 Grand Slam titles at Wimbledon, edged 2009 U.S. Open champion Juan Martin del Potro 7-5, 6-7 (7), 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 in a wildly entertaining match that featured diving shots by both and lasted 4 hours, 48 minutes.

Djokovic, whose 12 major championships include three from the All England Club, got to his first Grand Slam semifinal since 2016 by beating No. 24 seed Kei Nishikori 6-3, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.

In Friday's other men's match, Anderson will face No. 9 John Isner, the 33-year-old American who reached his first major semifinal in his 41st try by eliminating 2016 runner-up Milos Raonic 6-7 (5), 7-6 (7), 6-4, 6-3. Isner hit 25 aces, saved the only break point he faced, and has won all 95 of his service games in the tournament.

Federer hadn't been broken until facing Anderson. Still, the 20-time major champion was leading by two sets and 5-4 in the third when, with Anderson serving, he got to Ad-Out. He could have ended things right then and there. Federer managed to return a 134 mph serve, but on his next stroke, he shanked a backhand.

Back to deuce. From there, it all began to change. Anderson held for 5-all, broke to 6-5 with a violent return winner off a 97 mph second serve, then staved off three break points and closed the set with a 133 mph ace.

The comeback was just beginning.

"I had my chances," Federer said, "so it's disappointing."

This was only the third time in Federer's 20 years of contesting Grand Slam matches that he lost after taking the opening two sets; both of the other defeats came in 2011. And, according to the ATP, it's the fifth time Federer lost a match at a major after holding a match point, something else that last happened seven years ago.

How hard was it to see this coming?

First of all, Federer was 4-0 against Anderson, winning every set. But there was more. So much more. Federer was attempting to reach his 13th semifinal at Wimbledon and move closer to title No. 9, both of which would have broken his own records.

He came into the match having won 32 consecutive sets at Wimbledon, a run he stretched to 34 before

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faltering.

"I just kept on telling myself, 'I have to keep believing.' I kept saying that today was going to be my day," Anderson said, "because you really need that mindset taking the court against somebody like Roger."

Anderson was the runner-up to Nadal at last year's U.S. Open, but he never made it beyond the fourth round at Wimbledon until this week. He hit 28 aces against Federer, saved nine of 12 break points and managed to hold his own in the rare lengthy baseline rallies.

"It's like that with the big servers," Federer said. "You're never really safe."

As the fifth set became as much a test of mental strength as anything, from 4-all to 6-all to 8-all to 10all, Anderson stayed steady. It was Federer who blinked, double-faulting to face a break point at 11-all, then slapping a forehand into the net.

Anderson, a 32-year-old South African who played college tennis at Illinois, served it out, ending things with a 128 mph service winner before raising both arms.

Djokovic got his wish to play in the main stadium, and he showed that he might completely be back from right elbow troubles that lasted more than a year until he finally had surgery in February.

He's been flashing some anger this fortnight and did so again in the second set, bouncing his racket off the turf after failing to capitalize on three break points at 1-all. That earned a code violation from chair umpire Carlos Ramos. When Nishikori let his own racket fly in the fourth set, he wasn't chastised, which prompted Djokovic to yell "double standards" toward Ramos — drawing boos from fans.

"He claims that he didn't see what Nishikori has done, but apparently he always sees what I do," Djokovic said afterward, "something that I don't think is fair."

Later, Ramos warned Djokovic for a time violation, but that didn't seem to faze the Serb.

Soon enough, Djokovic was on his way to the semifinals, where he will meet Nadal.

"I like the level of tennis that I'm playing on right now. I really do. I think with the performances I've had, I deserve to be in the semifinals," said Djokovic, whose last major title came at the 2016 French Open. "I don't want to stop here. I hope I can get a chance to fight for a trophy."

He'll have to get past Nadal first.

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Asian markets rebound from trade fears By JOE McDONALD, AP Business Writer

BEIJING (AP) — Asian stock markets rose Thursday following Wall Street's decline amid U.S.-Chinese trade tensions and oil prices recovered some of the previous day's steep losses.

KEEPING SCORE: The Shanghai Composite Index rose 1.1 percent to 2,809.42 and Tokyo's Nikkei 225 gained 1.2 percent to 22,181.13. Sydney's S&P-ASX 200 added 0.7 percent to 6,258.00 and Seoul's Kospi advanced 0.4 percent to 2,289.31. Benchmarks in Taiwan and Southeast Asia also rose. Hong Kong's Hang Seng was unchanged at 28,309.61. New Zealand declined.

TRADE TENSION: China's government said it will take "firm and forceful measures" if the Trump administration goes ahead with its threat of tariff hikes on an additional \$200 billion of Chinese goods. President Donald Trump has threatened to raise duties on almost everything Americans buy from China. Beijing is running out of American goods for retaliatory tariffs due to its lopsided trade balance, which means it might impose other measures.

ANALYST'STAKE: China's strong language but lack of detail is "leaving the market on edge," said Jingyi Pan of IG in a report. With no sign Washington and Beijing are resuming negotiations, "it is of little surprise to find investors pondering the 'firm and forceful measures' that China has pledged."

WALL STREET: Companies that sell computer chips, oil, basic materials and heavy machinery dropped after the Trump administration's tariff threat. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 0.7 percent to 2,774.02.

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The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 0.9 percent to 24,700.75. The Nasdaq composite fell 0.5 percent to 7,716.61.

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude gained 37 cents to \$70.75 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract plunged \$3.27 on Wednesday to close at \$70.38. Brent crude, used to price international oils, gained \$1.25 to \$75.65 per barrel in London. It lost \$5.36 the previous session to \$73.40.

CURRENCY: The dollar gained to 112.27 yen from Wednesday's 111.99 yen. The euro edged up to \$1.1675 from \$1.1673.

Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Thursday, July 12, the 193rd day of 2018. There are 172 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On July 12, 1909, the House of Representatives joined the Senate in passing the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, allowing for a federal income tax, and submitted it to the states. (It was declared ratified in February 1913.)

On this date:

In 1543, England's King Henry VIII married his sixth and last wife, Catherine Parr.

In 1812, United States forces led by Gen. William Hull entered Canada during the War of 1812 against Britain. (However, Hull retreated shortly thereafter to Detroit.)

In 1817, author, poet and naturalist Henry David Thoreau was born in Concord, Massachusetts.

In 1862, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln signed a bill authorizing the Army Medal of Honor. In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower was flown by helicopter from the White House to a secret

mountaintop location as part of a drill involving a mock nuclear attack on Washington.

In 1960, the Etch A Sketch Magic Screen drawing toy, invented by French electrician Andre Cassagnes, was first produced by the Ohio Art Co.

In 1962, The Rolling Stones played their first-ever gig at The Marquee in London.

In 1967, rioting erupted in Newark, New Jersey, over the police beating of a black taxi driver; 26 people were killed in the five days of violence that followed.

In 1977, President Jimmy Carter defended Supreme Court limits on government payments for poor women's abortions, saying, "There are many things in life that are not fair."

In 1984, Democratic presidential candidate Walter F. Mondale announced his choice of U.S. Rep. Geraldine A. Ferraro of New York to be his running-mate; Ferraro was the first woman to run for vice president on a major-party ticket.

In 1994, President Bill Clinton, visiting Germany, went to the eastern sector of Berlin, the first U.S. president to do so since Harry Truman.

In 2001, Abner Louima (loo-EE'-mah), the Haitian immigrant tortured in a New York City police station, agreed to an \$8.7 million settlement with the city and its police union.

Ten years ago: Former White House press secretary Tony Snow died in Washington, D.C. at age 53. Former All-Star outfielder and longtime Yankees broadcaster Bobby Murcer died in Oklahoma City at age 62. Angelina Jolie gave birth at a hospital on the French Riviera to twins Knox and Vivienne, making a family of eight with Brad Pitt.

Five years ago: Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano announced her resignation. A train carrying hundreds of passengers derailed and crashed outside Paris; at least six people were killed and dozens injured. NSA leaker Edward Snowden emerged from weeks of hiding in a Moscow airport, meeting with Russian officials and rights activists. The Texas Senate passed sweeping new abortion restrictions, sending them to Gov. Rick Perry to sign into law after weeks of protests and rallies that drew thousands of people to the Capitol.

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One year ago: President Donald Trump's nominee to lead the FBI, Christopher Wray, told a Senate panel that he did not believe that a special counsel investigation into possible Russian ties between Russia and the Trump campaign was a "witch hunt," as Trump had characterized it. Former Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva was found guilty of corruption and money laundering and sentenced to almost 10 years in prison.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Monte Hellman is 89. Actor-comedian Bill Cosby is 81. Singer-musician Christine McVie is 75. Actress Denise Nicholas is 74. Singer-songwriter Butch Hancock is 73. Fitness guru Richard Simmons is 70. Singer Walter Egan is 70. Writer-producer Brian Grazer is 67. Actress Cheryl Ladd is 67. Country singer Julie Miller is 62. Gospel singer Sandi Patty is 62. Actress Mel Harris is 62. Actor Buddy Foster is 61. Rock guitarist Dan Murphy (Soul Asylum) is 56. Actress Judi Evans is 54. Rock singer Robin Wilson (Gin Blossoms) is 53. Actress Natalie Desselle Reid is 51. Actress Lisa Nicole Carson is 49. Olympic gold medal figure skater Kristi Yamaguchi is 47. Country singer Shannon Lawson is 45. Rapper Magoo is 45. Actress Anna Friel is 42. Rhythm-and-blues singer Tracie Spencer is 42. Actress Alison Wright is 42. Actor Steve Howey is 41. Actor Topher Grace is 40. Actress Michelle Rodriguez is 40. Actress Kristen Connolly is 38. Country singer-musician Kimberly Perry (The Band Perry) is 35. Actress Ta'Rhonda Jones is 30. Golfer Inbee Park is 30. Actress Rachel Brosnahan is 28. Actor Erik Per Sullivan is 27. Olympic gold medal gymnast Jordyn Wieber is 23. Nobel Peace laureate Malala Yousafzai (mah-LAH'-lah YOO'-suhf-zeye) is 21. Thought for Today: "The tragedy is not that things are broken. The tragedy is that they are not mended again." — Alan Paton (PAYT'-uhn), South African author (1903-1988).