

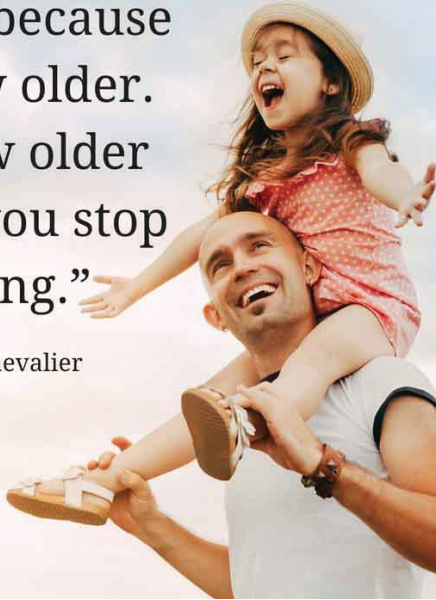
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"You don't stop
laughing because
you grow older.
You grow older
because you stop
laughing."

-Maurice Chevalier

Chicken Soup
for the Soul



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Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave. It takes cardboard, papers and aluminum cans.

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605-725-WOOD

Mason Dinger: 605-216-6098

Trevor Zeck: 605-216-8910



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COMPANY**

Janitor Wanted

The Groton Area School District has immediate openings for a full or part-time custodian. Position includes great benefits package. Apply at the Groton Area School District Office – 406 N 2nd Street. (0808.0823)



Help Wanted

Dairy Queen in Groton has openings for part-time team members – day hours during the school year and can be year round, if desired. Flexible scheduling. Stop in to apply. 11 East Hwy 12, Groton, SD.

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2018-2019 Groton Area School District Back to School Information

Groton Area School District 06-6 – “Mission Statement”

Each school will foster a school climate conducive to learning by encouraging good behavior and citizenship, good attendance, a thirst for knowledge, and high academic standards. Teachers will employ strategies and approaches to instruction to meet the needs of all children assigned to them. With proper motivation and instruction, all children can learn!

Teacher Qualifications

All teachers of core academic subjects must hold at least a bachelor's degree, have full state certification, and demonstrate knowledge in the core academic subject they teach. For information regarding the qualifications of your child's teachers, you may contact the superintendent's office at 397-2351.

Certified Staff Changes

Certified staff new to the District include: Lindsey DeHoet, Kindergarten; Emily Fischer, 2nd Grade; Missi Smith, 3rd Grade; Whitney Berner, Mathematics; Melissa Hill, Special Education; Sydney Wilkinson, Special Education

Registration

Anyone new to the District should contact the respective building principal(s) as soon as possible. Most kindergarten children were registered at pre-school screening in April; therefore, only those who did not register in April need to report for registration. Middle School and High School Schedule changes can be made on Friday, August 17th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

School Supply Lists

Students' school supply lists for the elementary school (preschool – grade 5) are posted on the District's web site at www.grotonarea.com under the District Info tab. Students in the middle school (grades 6-8) will be required to have the same color notebook, folder, and book cover for each class. Math will be green; English, blue; reading, red; science, purple; and social studies, black. The students can choose their own colors for PE, art, health, and computer classes.

Welcome Back Picnic & Open House – Tuesday, August 21

All students enrolled in the district for the 2018-2019 school year, their parents, and all staff are invited to a “Welcome Back” picnic and Open House on Tuesday, August 21. The picnic will run from 5:00PM – 6:30PM at the Groton Area Elementary School. A free meal will be served and door prizes will be given away.

Open House will run from 6:30PM – 8:00 PM at the elementary school. There will be no open house activities at the middle/high school building following the picnic.

6th Grade Orientation – Tuesday, August 21

Orientation for all 6th grade students and their parents will take place at 6:30PM in the GHS Arena following the “Welcome Back” picnic. This will be an opportunity for the 6th grade students and their parents to become familiar with the building and ask questions about their transition to Middle School.

Tablet PCs Issued to Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors

Prior to being issued their tablet PC, students and their parents must sign and return the following documents: Laptop Computer Protection Agreement, the Student Pledge, E-mail Acceptable Use Agreement, the Groton Area School District Network/Internet agreement, and the Parental Consent to Publish Student Photos/Work. Required forms can be picked up in the High School Office or will be sent home with students on the first day of classes.

First Day of School – Thursday, August 23

The first day of school is on Thursday, August 23. Students participating in band should bring their instruments. Buses will run and school lunch will be served. Each route driver will contact parents to confirm bus arrival times. Other bus route questions may be referred to transportation supervisor, Loren Bahr, at (605) 397-8117. The GRASP (OST) program at the elementary school will be available on the first day of school.

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Junior Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and First Grade

The District offers all-day, every day kindergarten classes. Children may enter kindergarten if they are 5 years of age on or before September 1 of the year in which they are to enter school. The District offers a junior kindergarten program each day from 12:30PM – 3:23PM for students that are eligible to attend kindergarten, but are not quite ready for kindergarten. Students enrolling in first grade must be 6 years of age on or before September 1 of that school year.

Non-Resident Enrollment

For out-of-district students, applications to open enroll may be accepted throughout the school year. Applications are available from any school district administrative office. All open enrollment requests and related questions should be referred to school superintendent, Joe Schwan, at (605) 397-2351.

2018-2019 School Hours

Groton Area Elementary	8:15AM	Arrival Time (Supervision)
	8:25AM – 3:23PM	Classes in Session
Groton Area MS/HS	8:25 AM	First Bell
	8:30AM – 3:30PM	Classes in Session

GRASP (OST) Program

The GRASP program services children in junior kindergarten through grade five with before and after-school homework help, supervised learning activities, and snacks. The GRASP program will be held in the Groton Area Elementary School from 7:00AM - 8:00AM and 3:25PM – 6:00PM each day that school is in session. Rates are \$2.50 per hour, per child. Any OST questions or registrations may be directed to elementary principal, Mr. Brett Schwan, at (605) 397-2317.

K-12 Breakfast and Lunch Program

The school provides breakfast and lunch for all students each day school is in session. All meals are on a cash basis (i.e. pay as you go), while recognizing the provisions for free and reduced price meals. Guidelines for 2018-2019 applications for free and reduced priced meals were mailed out the week of August 6th. Parents are encouraged to apply for free and reduced priced meals if there is a possibility they may qualify. Prices are as follows:

Groton Area Elementary:

Daily Breakfast \$2.50

Daily Lunch \$3.25

Prices for second servings at the elementary are \$0.75.

Groton Area Middle School/High School:

Daily Breakfast \$3.00

Daily Lunch \$3.75

Prices for second servings at the middle/high school are \$1.00.

Activity Tickets

Activity tickets are intended to admit all students to regularly scheduled home activities or events, with about the only exceptions being tournaments and the Pops Concert. Students in grades 1-5 may purchase an activity ticket, if they wish. All students who participate in activities for which an activity stipend is paid are required to purchase an activity ticket as a condition of participation since they are the primary beneficiaries of the activity programs. For example, staff activity stipends include: all sports, marching band, forensics, cheerleading, drama, oral interp, DI, FFA, FCCLA, FBLA etc.

Activity Ticket prices for 2018-2019 are as follows:

Grades 1-5 \$25.00

Grades 6-12 \$30.00

Adults \$45 (10 events)

Adults – All Events \$75.00

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Admission Prices:

Adults = \$5.00; \$6.00 for double headers

Students, Grades 1-12 = \$4.00

Church Night

Wednesday nights during the school year are set aside for activities in the community's churches. No locally sponsored school activities or conflicting practices are to be held after 6:00PM on Wednesday.

School Cancellations

All school cancellations or early dismissals due to inclement weather or emergencies will be sent out via the School Messenger System. Within minutes, School Messenger automatically sends a pre-recorded message to every recipient on a selected list. Parents will be asked to provide phone numbers and e-mail addresses (when available) to the school so that a selected calling list can be created. Emergency cancellations will be broadcast over TV stations KSFY, KDLT, and KELO as well as the District Facebook page and website, www.grotonarea.com and the Groton Daily Independent will e-mail a notification and will be posted on the home page at 397news.com as well as the GDI Facebook page.

Immunization Requirements (SDCL 13-28-7.1)

State law requires that any pupil entering school or an early childhood program in the state shall, prior to admission, be required to present the appropriate school authorities certification from a licensed physician that the new child has received or is in the process of receiving adequate immunization against poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis, rubeola, rubella, mumps, tetanus, and varicella, according to recommendations provided by the Department of Health. The Department of Health may modify or delete any of the required immunizations. As an alternative to the requirement for a physician's certification, the pupil may present:

- 1) Certificate from a licensed physician stating the physical condition of the child would be such that immunization would endanger the child's life or health; or
- 2) A written statement signed by one parent or guardian that the child is adherent to a religious doctrine whose teachings are opposed to such immunization; or
- 3) A written statement signed by one parent or guardian requesting that the local health department give the immunization because the parents or guardians lack the means to pay for such immunization.

Students enrolling in 6th grade are required to get one dose of Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine and one dose of Meningococcal vaccine on or after their 11th birthday.

Harassment and Bullying Policies

The district has harassment & bullying policies in place in both buildings. Bullying among students can be defined as intentional, repeated hurtful acts, words or other behavior, such as name-calling, threatening and/or shunning committed by one or more students against another. This definition also includes "cyber-bullying" which is the sending or posting of cruel or harmful texts or images using the Internet or other digital media such as cell phones, etc. For a complete copy of the district's harassment or bullying policy, please contact the building principal.

Grievance Procedure

In an effort to maintain effective communications, if you have a particular concern about your child's progress or about what is happening on the bus, at school, in a class or activity, first discuss it with the driver, teacher, or director of the activity. If your concern or

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grievance remains unresolved at that level, or if there is a need to share your concern, contact the principal in charge of the school in which your child attends. If the concern/grievance remains unresolved at that level, contact the superintendent. If school policy is at issue or if the concern grievance remains unresolved, you may request that the superintendent include the subject on the school board meeting agenda. To maintain confidentiality, student matters may be confined to an "executive session" with the Board and administration.

Complaint Policy for Federal Programs and Homelessness Policy

A parent, student, employee, or district stakeholder who has a complaint regarding the use of federal funds and is unable to solve the issue, may address the complaint in writing to the district's superintendent. Disputes addressing the enrollment, transportation, and other barriers to the education of children and youth experiencing homelessness are also addressed under this procedure. For a copy of the complete policy, contact the school superintendent or refer to the District web site.

Child Find

Parents or guardians are to be informed that the Groton Area School District 06-6 continuously conducts a "Child Find" search to identify and evaluate District children ages 0-21, with special education needs. Persons who know of a child with un-served education needs may refer the child, by name, to the appropriate building principal. With the parent or guardian's consent, an evaluation will be made. After the evaluation has been completed, a placement committee will meet with the parent or guardian to determine if special assistance is needed.

Title I

The federal government provides funding to states each year for Title I services. The goal of Title I is to provide extra help in math and reading for eligible students. Students are selected for the program based on information provided by classroom teachers, parents, and achievement test results. Title I services in our district are provided to students in grades K-5, with a strong emphasis on students in grades K-3.

Federal Compliance Notice

Students, their parents, and employees of the Groton Area School District #06-6 are hereby notified that this school district does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, national origin, color, age, disability or religion in employment practices and educational activities. To ensure compliance with Section 427 of GEPA, effective steps shall be taken to remove potential barriers so as to ensure equity of access and participation in grant programs and to achieve high standards. Any person having inquiries concerning compliance or application of Title VI, Affirmative Action, Title IX, Section 504, and the Americans with Disabilities Act is directed to contact Federal Program compliance coordinator, Joe Schwan, Superintendent, Groton Area School District 06-6, Phone 397-2351 or, Department of Education, Civil Rights Office, 8930 Ward Parkway, Suite 2037, Kansas City, MO 64114; Phone: (816) 268-0550; TTD (800) 4370-0833; FAX: (816) 823-1404; Web link: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html?src=mr>

FERPA Notification of Rights

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students who are 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the day the Groton Area School District receives a request for access.

Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA.

Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the Groton Area School District to amend a record should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it

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should be changed. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. The right to provide written consent before the school discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a person serving on the school board. A school official also may include a volunteer or contractor outside of the school who performs an institutional service of function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, or is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes of the student's enrollment or transfer.

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the Groton Area School District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

Student Directory Information

The Groton Area School District routinely discloses names, addresses, and telephone numbers to the South Dakota Board of Regents, South Dakota Technical Institutions, and upon request, to military recruiters, subject to a parent's or eligible student's request not to disclose such information without written consent. Parents or eligible students who wish to opt-out of the disclosure of this information may contact the school office for the appropriate document or may obtain it here: <http://www.grotonarea.com/uploads/JOAE2StudentDirectoryInformationOptOut.pdf>

Notice of Nondiscrimination

Applicants for admission and employment, students, parents, employees, and all professional organizations holding negotiated agreements or professional agreements with the school district are hereby notified that this district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, age, gender, disability, national origin, or ancestry in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities.

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HAS BACK TO SCHOOL SPIRIT! STARTING
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SCHOOL DISTRICT.**



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Section 504

Section 504 is the part of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 that applies to persons with disabilities. Section 504 is a civil rights act that protects the civil and constitutional rights of persons with disabilities. It states that no person with a disability can be excluded from or denied benefits of any program receiving federal financial assistance. Section 504 and special education are two separate services.

Notification of Asbestos in School Building(s)

In compliance with the Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools Rule, the Groton Area School District had its school buildings inspected on 04/18/16 by an asbestos inspector, accredited by the state of South Dakota. During that inspection, areas of suspected asbestos (ACBM) were identified and inspected. The Groton Area School District has an Asbestos Management Plan which provides information on the periodic monitoring of the condition of asbestos (ACBM) remaining in the school buildings. Anyone that would like to see the Asbestos Management Plan can contact a building principal or superintendent.

Project Stand Up for School Safety comes to Groton Area Schools

A new project called, "Project Stand Up for School Safety." This is a joint project with ASBSD, SASD, the SD Chiefs and Sheriff's Association and the SD Attorney General's Office being underwritten by Sanford Health. It allows for the anonymous submission of tips related to school safety by texting the word "SAFE" to 82257. The initial text will trigger an eight question interaction that will result in an email being sent to local law enforcement, designated school officials and the State Fusion Center. This potentially allows for the investigation of safety concerns at a more expedient manner.

The tile and grout has been redone in the elementary kitchen. They still have to remove the haze on the tile surfaces across the entire kitchen. The grout lines are much improved in the new work, according Superintendent Joe Schwan.

The board approved open enrollment applications from the Aberdeen School District for a seventh grader, an eighth grader and a freshman. Also, public school exemptions were acknowledged for a first grader, a sixth grader, a seventh grader, a junior and a kindergarten student.

Elementary Principal Brett Schwan reported that the proposed elementary enrollment is on the short side. He said so far, "We have lost more than the district has gained with some families moving out of the district."

The security cameras for the elementary school are up and operational with some 47 different camera views available.

Students and families will be able to view the student schedules on August 17 and classes can be added or dropped on August 17. Sixth grade orientation will be held August 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Loren Bahr gave the bus route report. In the seven routes, mileage only went up by a total of 10 miles. The number of students has increased quite a bit, but most are along existing routes.

Eide Bailly was authorized to do the F2018 school district audit.

Doug Dykstra of GenPro Energy Solutions came before the building to discuss a state zero percent loan for energy efficiency. He said changing out the lights to LED will save the district at least 50 percent in energy costs over the current lighting that is being used. The board will review the options at the next board meeting.

The savings from the elementary school project was considered being used for doing the elementary playground asphalt areas. The cost was just under \$110,000 to do the entire area. A change order was approved for Lien Transportation to do the entire project.

The boiler that supplies domestic hot water to the Arena needs to be replaced as it no longer works. Cost was around \$29,000 which includes the boiler, parts and labor. Trying to pipe hot water from the old boiler to the arena is risky, according to Superintendent Joe Schwan. The old boilers may not last very long with the extra load and the district could be a jam if they go out. The board approved to replace the domestic water heater.

The resignations of Kandi Weismantel and Deb Kurth as elementary paraprofessionals. Jasmine Schaller was approved as a volunteer girls soccer coach and Wyatt Kurtz as a volunteer assistant boys soccer coach.

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Guthmiller places eighth at Sioux Valley

The Groton Area boys golf team opened the fall season by traveling to Volga for the Sioux Valley Invitational. Cade Guthmiller was a medalist with an eighth place finish. His score was 84. He shot a 38 in the front half and a 46 in the back half. Hunter Kassube shot an 89, with a 45 in the front half and a 44 in the back half. Tristan Traphaghen shot a 112, a 53 and a 59. Lucas Simon shot a 119 with a 62 in the front nine and a 57 in the back nine.

Team points were Roncalli 340, Sisseton 340, Sioux Valley 347, Redfield-Doland 380, Milbank 384, Brookings JV 388 and Groton Area 404.

Turn In Poachers Program Paying Off

PIERRE, S.D. - As summer comes to an end and hunting seasons ramp-up, South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) is asking citizens to make the call to the Turn In Poachers (TIPs) hotline if they observe illegal hunting, fishing or trapping activity.

"During the annual reporting period from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, the TIPs program resulted in 261 investigations leading to 146 arrests, \$31,000 in fines and \$57,400 in liquidated civil damages," said GFP conservation officer specialist Joe Keeton. "Although the number of TIPs calls declined from the previous year, the number of arrests was the highest in program history."

This past year 261 citizens called in to report wildlife crimes, and the TIPs program rewarded those individuals with over \$6,500.

"We are grateful to the men and women who have cared enough to call," said Keeton. "Each and every report is integral in the effort to curb poaching and other illegal activity in our state."

Callers can remain anonymous and are eligible for rewards in cases that lead to an arrest. Rewards may range from \$100 to \$500, depending on the case. Higher rewards may be offered in extreme cases.

The TIPs program began in 1984, and since that time, citizens have generated 11,919 investigations that have led to 4,327 arrests.

Individuals may call the TIPs hotline at 1.888.OVERBAG (683.7224) to report violations, or report online at tips.sd.gov. Find TIPs on Facebook at [facebook.com/SDTIPs](https://www.facebook.com/SDTIPs).

GFP Going Paperless for Fall Turkey and Mountain Lion Applications

PIERRE, S.D. – South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) recently announced that they will not distribute printed hunting applications for the upcoming fall turkey and mountain lion seasons due to the decreased demand for paper applications.

In 2017, 4,663 applications were received for these two seasons. Of that total, 341 (7.3%) were submitted using paper applications.

"We send a large quantity of applications to our licensing agents across the state, and they're just not getting used," said Shon Eide, GFP licensing program administrator. "Individuals who wish to still submit a paper application can download the PDF off the website, print and mail it to the Fort Pierre licensing office or request a paper copy from their regional GFP office. With this change, we continue to encourage individuals to apply for these (and other) seasons online at gfp.sd.gov."

Earlier this year, GFP stopped printing paddlefish, spring turkey and special buck applications. GFP will monitor customer input and feedback to help chart the course for future paper applications.

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Today in Weather History

August 14, 1898: A deadly, estimated F4 tornado moved southeast from 12 miles northwest of Clear Lake, passing 7 miles north of town and ending about 4 miles west of Gary. Deaths occurred on two farms. One man was killed when the kitchen of his farm house was torn off. Five members of one family were killed along with two labors on another farm as every building was swept away. Buildings suffered massive damage on eight farms. This tornado was one of the earliest, estimated F4 tornadoes on record for South Dakota.

August 14, 2008: Several severe thunderstorms developed along a cold front across parts of central and northeast South Dakota. Large hail, some flash flooding, and a couple of weak tornadoes occurred with these storms. An EF0 tornado touched down briefly at the Brown County Fairgrounds, blowing over several tents and awnings. Another EF0 tornado touched down briefly in an open field causing no damage north of Stephan in Hyde County.

August 14, 2009: A warm front brought severe thunderstorms with large hail up to the size of golf balls along with sixty mph winds to parts of north central and northeast South Dakota. Also, very heavy rain fell across western Brown County with 2 to 4 inches of rain reported. This heavy rain brought flash flooding conditions. Numerous county roads and area fields were overrun with flowing water. The water level on Richmond Lake rose nearly a foot the next day after the event from high inflows. This rapid rise in the lake level resulted in numerous boat and fishing docks being submerged. Several boats were also trapped under lift canopies due to the high water. There were reports of several boats breaking free of their mooring and floating toward the spillway.

1953: Hurricane Barbara hits North Carolina as a Category 2 hurricane. Damage from the storm was relatively minor, totaling around \$1.3 million (1953 USD). Most of it occurred in North Carolina and Virginia from crop damage. The hurricane left several injuries, some traffic accidents, as well as seven fatalities in the eastern United States; at least two were due to electrocution from downed power lines. Offshore Atlantic Canada, a small boat sunk, killing its crew of two.

1969: Hurricane Camille, a powerful, deadly, and destructive hurricane formed just west of the Cayman Islands on this day. It rapidly intensified, and by the time it reached western Cuba the next day, it was a Category 3 hurricane. Hurricane Camille was spawned on August 5th by a tropical wave off the coast of Africa. The storm became a tropical disturbance four days later on the 9th and a tropical storm on the 14th with a 999-millibar pressure center and 55 mph surface winds.

1975: In London, England, a localized torrential downpour known as The Hampstead Storm, drops 6.72 inches of rain in 155 minutes at Hampstead Heath. One died in the storm. The water floods the Underground and forces sewer covers up.

1936 - Temperatures across much of eastern Kansas soared above 110 degrees. Kansas City MO hit an all-time record high of 113 degrees. It was one of sixteen consecutive days of 100 degree heat for Kansas City. During that summer there were a record 53 days of 100 degree heat, and during the three summer months Kansas City received just 1.12 inches of rain. (The Kansas City Weather Almanac)

1987 - Slow moving thunderstorms deluged northern and western suburbs of Chicago IL with torrential rains. O'Hare Airport reported 9.35 inches in 18 hours, easily exceeding the previous 24 hour record of 6.24 inches. Flooding over a five day period resulted in 221 million dollars damage. It was Chicago's worst flash flood event, particularly for northern and western sections of the city. Kennedy Expressway became a footpath for thousands of travelers to O'Hare Airport as roads were closed. The heavy rains swelled the Des Plaines River above flood stage, and many persons had to be rescued from stalled vehicles on flooded roads. (13th- 14th) (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data) (The Weather Channel)

1988 - Eighteen cities in the northeastern U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date, and the water temperature at Lake Erie reached a record 80 degrees. Portland ME reported a record fourteen straight days of 80 degree weather. Milwaukee WI reported a record 34 days of 90 degree heat for the year. Afternoon and evening thunderstorms resulted in about fifty reports of severe weather in the northeastern U.S. One person was killed at Stockbridge MI when a tornado knocked a tree onto their camper. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Tuesday



Chance
T-storms then
Partly Sunny

Tuesday
Night



Mostly Clear

Wednesday



Sunny

Wednesday
Night



Partly Cloudy
then Slight
Chance
Showers

Thursday



Slight Chance
Showers

High: 77 °F

Low: 51 °F

High: 81 °F

Low: 56 °F

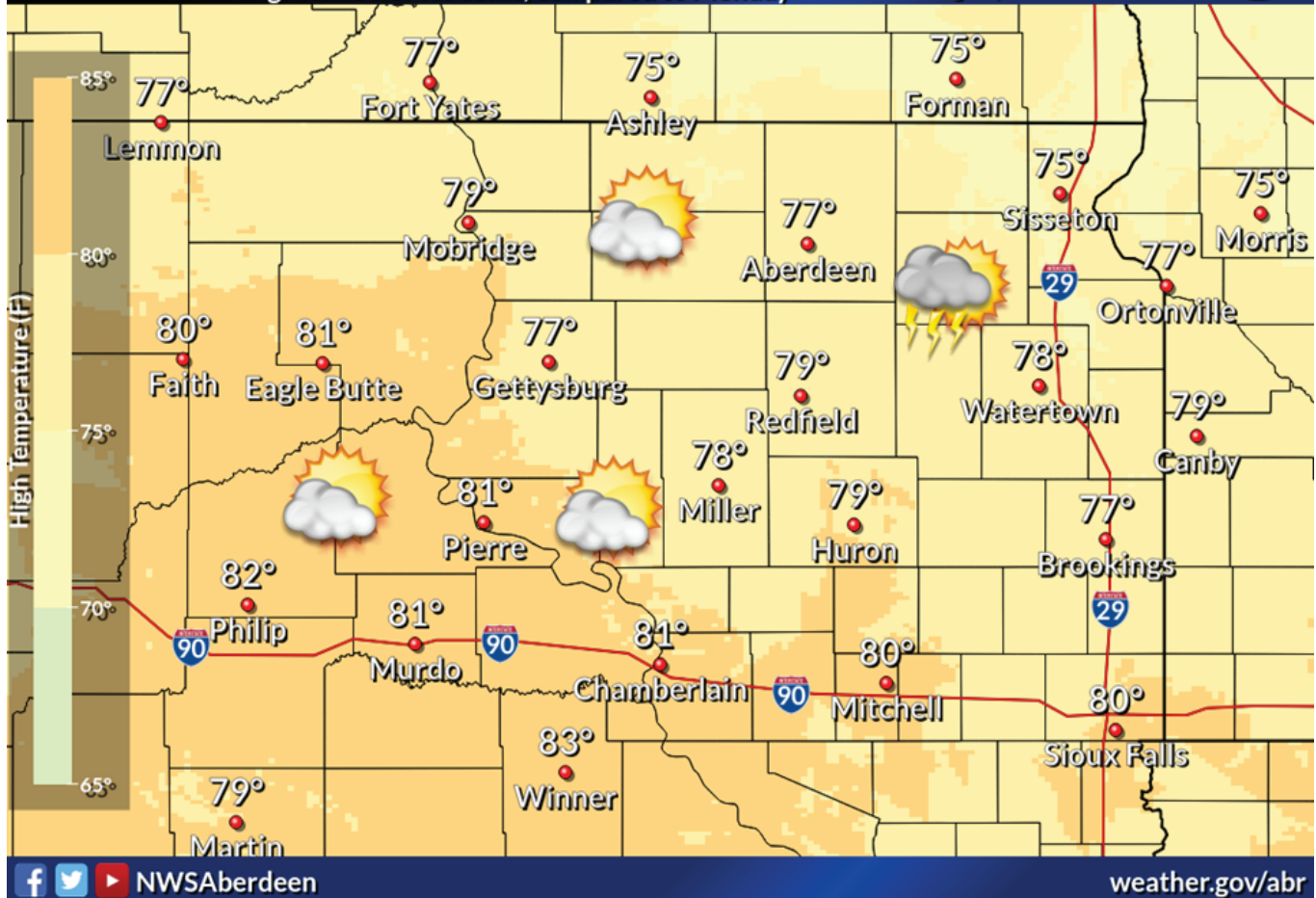
High: 83 °F

Cooler Temperatures Today!

About 15 to 20 degrees cooler for some, compared to Monday

Issued Aug 14, 2018 5:12 AM CDT

Aberdeen, SD



Published on: 08/14/2018 at 5:23AM

A cold front moved south across the region last night. In its wake will be cooler temperatures and north to northeast breezes today. Also, a few showers and thunderstorms are possible across northeast South Dakota and west central Minnesota during the morning hours. Otherwise, expect pleasant temperatures today, along with less humid conditions for eastern South Dakota and west central Minnesota.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 94.4 F at 4:25 PM

Heat Index: 101 at 2:33 PM

Low Outside Temp: 67.9 F at 6:57 AM

High Gust: 21.0 Mph at 3:05 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 104° in 1952, 1935

Record Low: 38° in 1968

Average High: 83°F

Average Low: 57°F

Average Precip in Aug: 1.02

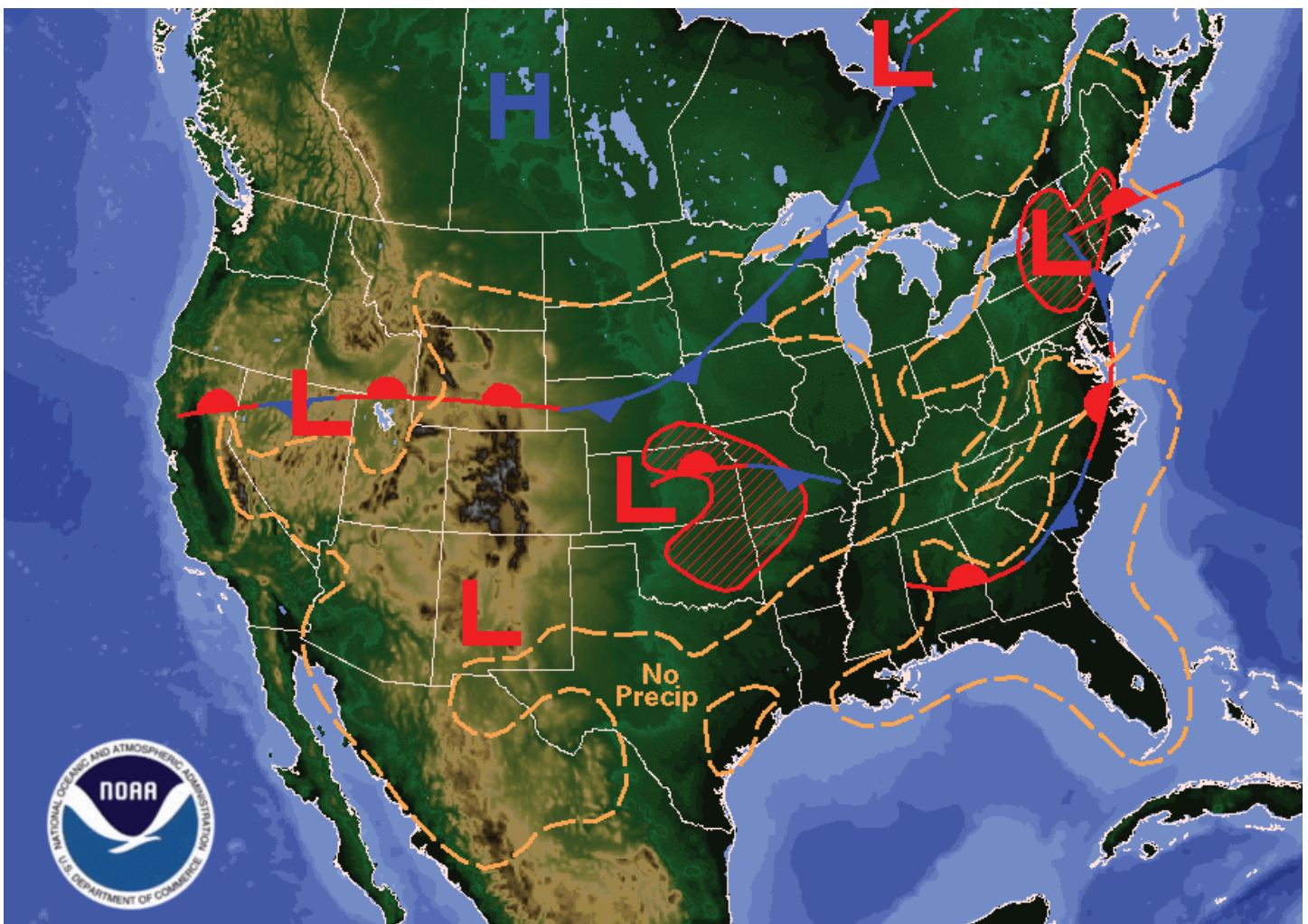
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Average Precip to date: 14.88

Precip Year to Date: 10.14

Sunset Tonight: 8:43 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:35 a.m.



Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Tue, Aug 14, 2018, issued 4:51 AM EDT

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Rain
Rain and T'Storms
Rain and Snow
Snow

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

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WHAT TO DO WHEN

Whats the best thing to do when life comes crashing in?

He had worked many years to reform the church. It seemed that everyone and everything had turned against him, and he had no place to run. In desperation and despair, he turned to a fellow servant and said, Come, let us sing Psalm 130. Soon their deep dedication to God replaced their despair and desperation when they sang, Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord; Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

Who among us has not experienced the desperation that comes from being betrayed and abandoned? Most of us, at one time or another, have cried, Who cares for me? Everyone belongs to a we except me. It is then that we need to call on Jesus who said, Come to me - all of you who have hearts that are deeply troubled and who have burdens that are too heavy for you to carry by yourself. Im the only One who is always there for you!

All of us have been overwhelmed when the treasures of life are snatched from our hands. Handel, the master musician, lost his health. Soon after that, his right side became paralyzed. Then, he lost his money. He was so discouraged that he wanted to give up on life. But he cried to God and from this hopeless condition penned The Messiah which ends with the Hallelujah Chorus.

And there is the depth of sin. It lowers us, limits us, and never lifts us. But God will do that for us through His Son, who wants to be our Savior - even Christ the Lord.

Prayer: Father, help us never to give up on You even though all seems lost. Hear our voice when we call on You. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 130:1 Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord; Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

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)
- 7/4/2019 Firecracker Golf Tourney (4th of July)
- 7/14/2019 Summer Fest
- 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

South Dakota Volleyball Polls

By The Associated Press SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) - Here is the 2018 South Dakota Media preseason volleyball poll. Teams are listed with first place votes in parenthesis, final 2017 record, points and final 2017 ranking.

Class AA

Rank-School;FPV;Rcd;TP;Pvs

1. R.C. Stevens;(14);28-10;83;4
2. S.F. Washington;(3);22-14;64;NR
3. S.F. O'Gorman;-;18-17;36;5
4. Watertown;-;16-9;3;RV
5. Mitchell;-;21-6;30;2

Others receiving votes: Harrisburg (23-1, 1 first place vote, No. 1 in final 2017 poll) 17; S.F. Roosevelt (12-20) 5; Aberdeen Central (17-7, No. 3 in final 2017 poll) 2; Huron (16-11) 1.<

Class A

Rank-School;FPV;Rcd;TP;Pvs

1. S.F. Christian;(17);30-2;89;1
2. Miller;(1);26-7;53;5
3. Dakota Valley;-;28-4;44;2
4. McCook Cent-Montrose;-;21-10;39;NR
5. Dell Rapids;-;19-10;20;NR

Others receiving votes: Madison (27-5, No. 3 in final 2017 poll) 14; Winner (19-10) 6; Sioux Valley (26-6) 3; Belle Fourche (25-5) 2.<

NOTE: Parker, No. 4 in the final 2017 poll, did not receive any votes.;

Class B

Rank-School;FPV;Rcd;TP;Pvs

1. Northwestern;(17);26-1;89;1
2. Warner;(1);30-5;63;2
3. Chester Area;-;27-5;59;3
4. Ethan;-;21-4;18;RV
5. Phillip;-;26-2;14;5

Others receiving votes: Hanson (27-3, No. 4 in final 2017 poll) 6; Arlington (21-10) 4; Burke (29-7) 4; Deubrook (26-9) 4; Herreid-Selby Area (26-4) 4; Faith (18-14) 3; Faulkton (17-10) 1.<

Newspaper: rally deaths likely higher than official count

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — The total number of traffic fatalities for this year's Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in South Dakota may be higher than the state's official count of four, according to a newspaper.

The Rapid City Journal counted at least nine deaths associated with the rally. The newspaper determined that five deaths happened either just before the rally or outside the state, in addition to the official tally of four traffic fatalities.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol's official count only includes traffic deaths that happened within the western part of the state during the first Saturday morning of the rally through the final Sunday morning. The patrol doesn't count fatalities that occur in eastern South Dakota or outside the Aug. 4-12 rally period.

"That way we keep our numbers consistent," said Tony Mangan, a spokesman for the patrol.

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Determining whether an individual was headed to or from the rally when an accident occurs outside of the patrol's count method is difficult and often impossible, Mangan said. But he acknowledged that there are deaths not included in the count that may be associated with the rally.

Authorities said two of this year's rally-related traffic deaths resulted from motorcyclists running a stop sign. The newspaper found that two fatalities resulted from motorcyclists pulling over near the side of a highway and four resulted from motorcyclists and a driver failing to negotiate curves in a road. One fatality occurred after the driver of a vehicle pulled in front of a trike-style motorcycle.

Alcohol is under investigation as a factor in some of the accidents, according to Mangan.

One of the victims was from South Dakota, while seven were from out of state and one was from Canada, the newspaper found.

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

Maryland man sentenced in South Dakota for ID theft scheme

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Maryland man has been sentenced in South Dakota to two years in federal prison for his role in an identity theft scheme.

The U.S. attorney's office says 38-year-old Victor Sasay was part of a scam that used credit card account information belonging to people across the Midwest to acquire gift cards from multiple stores in the region. The scheme cost banks and credit unions about \$60,000.

Sasay pleaded guilty in March to aiding and abetting aggravated identity theft. He and two co-defendants will have to pay restitution.

Sasay also goes by the last name Sesay.

Mandatory evacuations lifted as fire burns near Hot Springs

HOT SPRINGS, S.D. (AP) — Mandatory evacuations have been lifted in southwestern South Dakota where a grass and timber fire is burning.

Fall River County Emergency Management officials say people who decide to return to their homes should keep their bags packed because they may be asked to evacuate again due to the erratic nature of the blaze. The Grain Plains Fire Dispatch says the number of people who left their homes was not known.

Great Plains said Monday afternoon the fire near Hot Springs has grown to 560 acres and is 40 percent contained. The Rapid City Journal says firefighters working with cooler temperatures and higher humidity continue to build containment lines using dozers, hand crews and engines.

The fire started just off state Highway 18 Saturday afternoon. No injuries have been reported and no structures burned.

Defending FCS champ NDSU atop FCS preseason coaches poll

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Defending national champion North Dakota State is atop the Football Championship Subdivision preseason coaches poll.

The Bison received 23 of the 26 first-place votes in the poll administered by the American Football Coaches Association.

James Madison is No. 2 and got the other three first-place votes. NDSU beat the Dukes in last year's FCS title game.

The rest of the top five is South Dakota State, Sam Houston State and Kennesaw State.

It's the same top five as in the STATS preseason FCS media poll released a week ago.

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No one in custody for fatal park shooting in Sioux Falls

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police are looking for the person who fatally shot one man and injured another at a local park.

Police spokesman Sam Clemens says an argument broke out between two groups of people in Falls Park about 10 p.m. Sunday. Clemens says there was pushing and shoving and someone pulled out a gun.

A 25-year-old Sioux Falls man was killed. A 22-year-old man was injured. Clemens says the injured man is hospitalized in stable condition.

Police say although no one is in custody, investigators have "an idea" on the suspect's identity.

Police investigate rash of vandalism in Belle Fourche

BELLE FOURCHE, S.D. (AP) — Police are investigating a rash of vandalism in Belle Fourche.

The Black Hills Pioneer reports that vandals last week smashed 43 windows at Belle Fourche High School, with the start of classes just days away.

Superintendent Steve Willard says the openings will be covered up until the windows can be replaced in a couple of weeks.

A day later, numerous vehicles downtown including city vehicles and four U.S. Postal Service delivery trucks had tires slashed.

It isn't clear if the vandalism is related.

Information from: Black Hills Pioneer, <http://www.bhpioneer.com>

Pierre man killed in Hughes County rollover identified

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have identified a Pierre man who died in a single-vehicle crash in Hughes County.

The Highway Patrol says 19-year-old Colin Hufford lost control of his car on a road northeast of Pierre and it rolled in the ditch late Wednesday.

Hufford was pronounced dead at the scene. He was alone in the vehicle.

Weekend crash in Corson County kills 51-year-old woman

MOBRIDGE, S.D. (AP) — A one-vehicle crash in Corson County over the weekend killed a woman.

The Highway Patrol says the 51-year-old woman died when her car went off U.S. Highway 12 about 10 miles west of Mobridge and rolled in the ditch several times. She died at the scene shortly before 3 a.m. Saturday.

Her name was not immediately released. She was traveling alone.

Reports: Raised highway collapses in Italian city of Genoa

MILAN (AP) — The Italian news agency ANSA says a raised highway has partially collapsed in the northern port city of Genoa.

There was no immediate word on deaths or injuries. ANSA said that authorities suspected that a structural weakness caused the collapse on Tuesday.

Images circulating on Italian media show the highway through the city with a large section missing. Emergency vehicles were responding.

Crash outside parliament in London treated as terrorism

By DANICA KIRKA and JILL LAWLESS, Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — A car crashed into pedestrians and cyclists near the Houses of Parliament in London Tuesday and police arrested a man on suspicion of terrorism, heightening tensions in a city that has seen

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a string-of vehicle-based terror attacks.

Two people were taken to local hospitals, but authorities said the injuries aren't believed to be life-threatening.

Armed police swooped into the area after the incident was reported at 7:37 a.m., arresting the car driver and cordoning off streets surrounding the heart of Britain's government. The nearby Westminster subway station was closed, and police asked people to stay away from the area.

"At this stage, we are treating this as a terrorist incident and the (Metropolitan Police) Counter Terrorism Command is now leading the investigation," the police said in a statement.

A man in his late 20s was arrested at the scene on suspicion of terrorist offenses, police said. Images from Sky News and social media showed a man in a puffy black jacket who was surrounded by officers before being handcuffed and led away from a silver car.

Eyewitnesses said the car was traveling at high speed when it hit several pedestrians and cyclists, then crashed into barriers outside the Houses of Parliament. Several suggested the incident was deliberate.

"The car drove at speed into the barriers outside the House of Lords. There was a loud bang from the collision and a bit of smoke," Ewelina Ochab told The Associated Press. "The driver did not get out. The guards started screaming to people to move away."

Jason Williams also saw a car moving at high speed.

"It didn't look like an accident," he said. "How do you do that by accident?"

The same area was the site of a terror attack in March 2017, when Khalid Masood ploughed a car into crowds on Westminster Bridge, killing four people. Masood abandoned his car and then stabbed and killed a police officer before being shot dead in a courtyard outside Parliament.

Less than three months later, a van rammed into pedestrians on London Bridge before three men abandoned the vehicle and attacked weekend revelers in the nearby Borough Market. Eight people were killed and 48 injured in the attack.

On June 19, 2017, a man drove a van into a crowd of worshippers leaving a mosque in north London, killing one man and injuring eight others.

Midwest Democrats look to Tuesday's races to upend GOP gains

By STEVE PEOPLES and SCOTT BAUER, Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Democrats are fighting to beat back Republican gains across the Midwest as the 2018 primary season roars through Wisconsin and Minnesota, two states where President Donald Trump's appeal among working-class voters threaten to upend decadeslong political trends this fall and beyond.

Tuesday's primary contests for governor, the U.S. Senate and the House will test the strength of Trump's fiery coalition against the energy of the Democratic resistance. At the same time, accusations of domestic violence involving the Democratic National Committee's second-in-command could undermine the blue wave in Minnesota, a state still healing from scandal.

In all, four states will host primary elections Tuesday as the 2018 primary season nears its final chapter. All but 10 states will have picked their candidates for November's general election by the time all votes are counted in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Vermont and Connecticut. While the full political battlefield isn't quite set, the stakes are clear: Democrats are working to topple Republican control of Congress and governors' offices across the nation.

Washington state Gov. Jay Inslee, who leads the Democratic Governors Association, predicted that Tuesday would offer fresh evidence of a blue wave that would sweep Democrats into power this November.

"Trump has managed to alienate every form of human life on the planet," Inslee told The Associated Press when asked about his party's appeal among white working-class voters. "They're tired of this chaos."

Democrats appear particularly motivated in Wisconsin, where eight candidates have lined up for the chance to take on Republican Gov. Scott Walker, a two-term incumbent who has warned his party about the prospect of a blue wave.

Walker's strong anti-union policies made him a Democratic villain long before Trump's rise. State schools

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chief Tony Evers, who has clashed with Walker at times, enters the primary as the best-known of the eight Democratic candidates.

Once a target of Trump criticism, Walker gained the president's endorsement in a tweet Monday night, Trump calling him "a tremendous Governor who has done incredible things for that Great State" on the eve of the primary. But Trump's persistent attacks on Wisconsin-based motorcycle maker Harley-Davidson put Republican candidates on their heels in recent days, Walker among them.

Trump tweeted Sunday that it was "great" that many Harley owners planned to boycott the Milwaukee company if manufacturing moves overseas, continuing a monthslong tariff dispute with the beloved American motorcycle manufacturer.

Walker avoided addressing the boycott call directly in a written response. His Democratic opponents embraced the fight.

"By attacking Wisconsin workers to cover for failed economic policy, President Trump took a page right out of Scott Walker's playbook," said Mahlon Mitchell, one of the candidates and the head of the state firefighters union.

Trump also stars, informally at least, in Wisconsin's Senate primaries as Republicans try to deny Democratic Sen. Tammy Baldwin a second term.

The GOP primary features fervent Trump supporters: former Marine Kevin Nicholson, running as an outsider, and longtime state lawmaker Leah Vukmir, who is backed by House Speaker Paul Ryan. While neither candidate was an early Trump supporter, Vukmir has struggled to explain footage recently unearthed from 2016 in which she calls Trump "offensive to everyone."

Tuesday's primaries serve as a test of Democratic enthusiasm in the upper Midwest, a region that has long been associated with liberal politics but has been trending red. Trump won Wisconsin by less than 1 percentage point in 2016, becoming the first Republican presidential candidate to carry the state since 1984.

It's much the same in Minnesota, where Trump lost by less than 3 percentage points in a state that hadn't backed a Republican presidential contender since 1972.

Minnesota voters will pick candidates in competitive races for governor, the Senate and the House. But a down-ballot race for state attorney general may overshadow them all.

Rep. Keith Ellison, the Democratic National Committee's deputy chairman, was expected to capture his party's nomination in the race to become the state's top law enforcement official. That was before Ellison's candidacy was rocked by allegations of domestic violence over the weekend amid a broader national outcry against sexual misconduct by powerful men in business, entertainment and politics.

Ellison has denied an ex-girlfriend's allegations that he dragged her off a bed while screaming obscenities during a 2016 relationship she said was plagued by "narcissistic abuse."

Allegations of misconduct are still fresh in Minnesota, where Democratic Sen. Al Franken resigned in December after multiple allegations of unwanted sexual touching. His replacement, Democratic Sen. Tina Smith, is on Tuesday's ballot as she seeks her first full term. She's facing Democrat Richard Painter, a former George W. Bush ethics lawyer.

Former two-term Republican Gov. Tim Pawlenty may be the biggest name on Minnesota's ballot, however.

He's the leading Republican candidate in the high-profile race to replace outgoing Democratic Gov. Mark Dayton. Having lost his own short-lived bid for president in 2012, Pawlenty spent much of the last six years serving as a top corporate lobbyist.

Like Republican candidates elsewhere, Pawlenty has struggled to live down his blistering critique of Trump in the weeks leading up to the 2016 election. At the time, he called Trump "unhinged and unfit for the presidency." Pawlenty has since said he voted for Trump and supports his agenda.

The Democratic field for governor features U.S. Rep. Tim Walz, state Rep. Erin Murphy and Attorney General Lori Swanson.

Not to be forgotten: Deep-blue Vermont and Connecticut hold primary contests as well.

Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, who has not ruled out a second presidential run in 2020, is seeking his third term in the Senate. The 76-year-old democratic socialist is running for the Democratic nomination,

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but he is expected to turn it down and run as an independent.

In Connecticut, five Republicans have lined up to replace the unpopular outgoing governor, Democrat Dan Malloy. The Democratic field features former gubernatorial candidate Ned Lamont and Bridgeport Mayor Joe Ganim, who served several years in prison for political corruption.

Peoples reported from Washington. Associated Press writer Kyle Potter in St. Paul, Minnesota, contributed to this report.

Trump and Omarosa spar over claim he used N-word

By CATHERINE LUCEY and JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump and former aide Omarosa Manigault Newman faced off in a messy clash that involved an explosive tell-all book, secret recordings, an ethnic slur and plenty of insults — reviving their roles as reality show boss and villain.

Late Monday, Trump tackled Manigault Newman's claim that she had heard an audiotope of him using the N-word.

He tweeted that he had received a call from the producer of "The Apprentice" assuring him "there are NO TAPES of the Apprentice where I used such a terrible and disgusting word as attributed by Wacky and Deranged Omarosa."

Trump insisted, "I don't have that word in my vocabulary, and never have." He said Manigault Newman had called him "a true Champion of Civil Rights" until she was fired.

Manigault Newman, the former White House liaison to black voters, writes in her new memoir that she'd heard such tapes existed. She said Sunday that she had listened to one after the book closed.

Earlier, Trump accused Manigault Newman as "wacky" and "not smart" after his former co-star revealed her recording of a phone conversation with the president.

Beyond their war of words, the row touched on several sensitive issues in Trump's White House, including a lack of racial diversity among senior officials, security in the executive mansion, a culture that some there feel borders on paranoia and the extraordinary measures used to keep ex-employees quiet.

In an unusual admission, Trump acknowledged that the public sparring was perhaps beneath a person in his position, tweeting that he knew it was "not presidential" to take on "a lowlife like Omarosa." But he added: "This is a modern day form of communication and I know the Fake News Media will be working overtime to make even Wacky Omarosa look legitimate as possible. Sorry!"

The dispute has been building for days as Manigault Newman promotes her memoir "Unhinged," which comes out officially Tuesday. The book paints a damning picture of Trump, including her claim that he used racial slurs on the set of his reality show "The Apprentice."

In a series of interviews on NBC, Manigault Newman also revealed two audio recordings from her time at the White House, including portions of a recording of her firing by chief of staff John Kelly, which she says occurred in the high-security Situation Room, and a phone call with Trump after she was fired.

Manigault Newman says she has more recordings. Asked on MSNBC's "Hardball" if special counsel Robert Mueller — investigating possible coordination between the Trump campaign and Russia — would be interested in any of them, she said, "If his office calls again, anything they want, I'll share."

Trump officials and a number of outside critics denounced the recordings as a serious breach of ethics and security — and White House aides worried about what else Manigault Newman may have captured in the West Wing.

The latest tape recording appears to show Trump expressing surprise about her firing, saying "nobody even told me about it." But Manigault Newman said he "probably instructed General Kelly to do it."

On Twitter, Trump declared Monday that she had been "fired for the last time," a reference to her appearances on his reality TV show. He said Kelly had called her a "loser & nothing but problems," but he himself had tried to save her job — because he liked her public comments about him.

"I told him to try working it out, if possible, because she only said GREAT things about me - until she

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got fired!" Trump tweeted.

Responding on NBC, Manigault Newman said, "I think it's sad that with all the things that's going on in the country that he would take time out to insult me and to insult my intelligence."

She added, "This is his pattern with African-Americans."

First lady Melania Trump, meanwhile, is disappointed that Manigault Newman "is lashing out and retaliating in such a self-serving way, especially after all the opportunities given to her by the President," said White House spokeswoman Stephanie Grisham.

Manigault Newman's exit does highlight the lack of diversity among Trump's top aides. She was the highest-ranking African-American on the White House staff. She said on NBC that in her absence "they're making decisions about us without us."

Trump's battle with his former top black aide underscores the racial tensions that have defined his presidency. He notably blamed "both sides" for violent clashes between white supremacists and counter-protesters in Charlottesville, Virginia, a year ago and has questioned the intelligence of other prominent black figures including California Rep. Maxine Waters, basketball star LeBron James and TV journalist Don Lemon. He also has targeted black NFL players for kneeling in social protest during the national anthem.

Manigault Newman also alleges that Trump allies tried to buy her silence after she left the White House, offering her \$15,000 a month to accept a "senior position" on his 2020 re-election campaign along with a stringent nondisclosure agreement.

The offer raises fresh question about the ways that White House aides are being offered safe landing spots after they leave. For example, Trump's former personal aide John McEntee, who was removed from his job in April, went to the campaign.

Trump tweeted Monday that Manigault Newman has a "fully signed Non-Disclosure Agreement!"

It was not clear exactly what he was referring to. White House Counselor Kellyanne Conway said Sunday on ABC that there are "confidentiality agreements" in the West Wing. And Trump's campaign said that in the 2016 race she "signed the exact same NDA that everyone else on the campaign signed, which is still enforceable."

Meanwhile, Trump's attorney, Rudy Giuliani, said on "Fox and Friends" Monday that Manigault Newman may have broken the law by recording private conversations inside the White House.

"She's certainly violating national security regulations, which I think have the force of law," Giuliani said.

But experts in national security and clearance law said that, while she seriously violated rules — and would likely be barred from ever being granted a security clearance — she probably didn't break any law unless the conversations she recorded were classified.

"None of us have been able to identify that it would be illegal if unclassified," said Mark Zaid, a Washington attorney, who has focused on national security law.

In the recording with Kelly, which Manigault Newman quotes extensively in her new book, Kelly can be heard saying that he wants to talk with her about leaving the White House.

"It's come to my attention over the last few months that there's been some pretty, in my opinion, significant integrity issues related to you," Kelly is heard saying, before adding that if she makes it a "friendly departure" then she can "go on without any type of difficulty in the future relative to your reputation."

Manigault Newman said she viewed the conversation as a "threat" and defended her decision to covertly record it and other White House conversations, saying otherwise "no one" would believe her.

She may not be finished talking.

Manigault Newman said, "There's a lot of very corrupt things happening in the White House and I am going to blow the whistle on a lot of them."

Associated Press writers Darlene Superville and Hope Yen contributed to this report.

Taliban overrun Afghan army base, kill 17 troops

By RAHIM FAIEZ and AMIR SHAH, Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The Taliban overran a base in northern Afghanistan, killing 17 soldiers, even as Afghan forces battled the insurgents for the fifth straight day in the eastern provincial capital of Ghazni on Tuesday, trying to flush them out of the city's outskirts, officials said.

There were fears for the fate of the other troops from the base, known as Camp Chinaya, as the Taliban claimed that dozens had surrendered to them while others were captured in battle.

The attack in the north took place in Faryab province, in the district of Ghormach, according to the spokesman for the defense ministry, Ghafoor Ahmad Jawed. Along with the 17 troops killed, at least 19 soldiers were wounded, he said.

The Taliban had besieged the base, which housed about 140 Afghan troops, for three days before the massive push on it late on Monday night, said the local provincial council chief, Mohammad Tahir Rahmani.

Rahmani said the base fell to the Taliban after the soldiers, who had resisted the three-day onslaught, failed to get any reinforcements and ran out of ammunition, food and water. He said 43 troops were killed and wounded in the attack but didn't give a breakdown.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid claimed responsibility for the attack, saying 57 Afghan soldiers had surrendered to the Taliban while 17 others were captured in battle. He said eight military Humvees were also seized.

Meanwhile, Afghan security forces on Tuesday pushed back the Taliban from Ghazni, the provincial capital of a province with the same name, and were trying to flush the insurgents from the city's outskirts.

The developments came on the fifth day after a massive Taliban attack on Ghazni. Hundreds of people have fled the fighting in the city, which has so far killed about 100 members of the Afghan security forces and at least 20 civilians.

Nasart Rahimi, a deputy spokesman at the Interior Ministry, said security forces were searching every inch of Ghazni for remaining Taliban fighters on Tuesday.

Military helicopters were supporting the ground forces' operations in Ghazni, said Abdul Karim Arghandiwal, an army media officer in southeastern Afghanistan.

Mujahid, the Taliban spokesman, denied the insurgents have been routed from Ghazni and said sporadic gunbattles were still ongoing.

The Taliban's multipronged assault on the strategic city of Ghazni, about 120 kilometers (75 miles) from the capital, Kabul, began Friday. The insurgents overwhelmed the city's defenses, pushed deep into Ghazni and captured several parts of it in a major show of force.

The United States has carried out airstrikes and sent military advisers to aid Afghan forces in the city of 270,000 people.

The fall of Ghazni, which is the capital of the province of the same name, would be an important victory for the Taliban, cutting Highway One, a key route linking Kabul to the southern provinces, the insurgents' traditional heartland.

The Taliban also destroyed a telecommunications tower on Ghazni's outskirts, cutting off landline and cellphone links to the city.

The fighting brought civilian life in the city to a standstill, and also severely damaged Ghazni's historic neighborhoods and cultural treasures.

In recent months, the Taliban have seized several districts across Afghanistan, staging near-daily attacks on security forces, but they have been unable to capture and hold urban areas.

The U.S. and NATO formally concluded their combat mission in Afghanistan at the end of 2014, but have since then repeatedly come to the aid of Afghan forces as they struggle to combat the resurgent Taliban.

Judge sets bail for adults arrested at New Mexico compound

By MORGAN LEE, Associated Press

TAOS, N.M. (AP) — A state judge on Monday cleared the way for five defendants who were arrested on child abuse charges at a remote New Mexico compound to be released pending trial despite authorities' suspicions that the group was training children to use firearms for an anti-government mission.

Judge Sarah Backus set a \$20,000 bond for each defendant and ordered that the two men and three women wear ankle monitors, have weekly contact with their attorneys, not consume alcohol and have no firearms.

Police raided the property — a squalid makeshift living compound near the Colorado state line — more than a week ago in response a report of children living in filth, severe hunger and dangers including a leaky propane tank. Five adults were arrested and 11 children were placed in state custody.

Prosecutors presented evidence that Siraj Ibn Wahhaj provided some of the children with firearms training — including tactical skills such as "speed loading" guns and firing while in motion. Aside from some rifles, handguns and ammunition, authorities say they found books on being effective in combat and building untraceable assault-style rifles.

Defense attorneys argued that prosecutors were unfairly painting their clients as armed militants as the rifles and handguns found on the property are common guns that can be bought at retail stores and their clients made no aggressive efforts to defend their compound as authorities closed in to serve search warrants earlier this month.

"There was no gun battle, there was no resistance," said Tom Clark, the attorney representing Siraj Ibn Wahhaj.

Clark said his client had permits to carry his weapons and no criminal record — accusing prosecutors of holding adults at the compound to an unusual standard because of their race and Muslim faith.

"They are black and they are Muslim," Clark said. "If these were white people of Christian faith who owned guns, it's not a big deal. ... But they look different and they worship different than the rest of us."

Prosecutors denied any discriminatory treatment based on religious background or race, and warned that the defendants came to New Mexico with their children on a violent and dangerous mission.

"This was not a camping trip and this was not a simple homestead of the kind that many people do in New Mexico," said Deputy District Attorney Timothy Hasson.

Judge Backus said prosecutors failed to articulate any specific threats or plan against the community, despite providing concerning information.

"What I've heard here today is troubling, definitely. Troubling facts about numerous children in far from ideal circumstances and individuals who are living in a very unconventional way," Backus said.

Despite the release terms, Siraj Ibn Wahhaj is likely to remain in jail pending a warrant for his arrest in Georgia on accusations that he abducted his own son, Abdul-ghani, from the boy's mother in December and fled to New Mexico. The four other defendants — Jany Leveille, Lucas Morton, Subhannah Wahhaj and Hujrah Wahhaj — may be released on house arrest as soon as Tuesday.

Family members say the remains of a boy found at the compound last week are those of Wahhaj's disabled son, though state medical examiners have not yet identified the body conclusively. Taos County Sheriff Jerry Hogrefe testified Monday that the remains of a young boy were found inside tunnels that had been dug from inside the compound to an opening 100 feet (30 meters) away.

Testimony from an FBI agent shed some new light on the fate of the disabled child Abdul-ghani.

Agent Travis Taylor described interviews with two children from the compound, ages 13 and 15, after they were taken into protective custody by the state.

The 15-year-old described attempts to cast demonic spirits from Abdul-ghani's body through a ritual that involved reading passages from the Quran while Siraj Ibn Wahhaj held a hand on the boy's forehead, and that Abdul-ghani apparently died after one of the sessions, Taylor said.

He said the children were told that Abdul-ghani would be resurrected as Jesus and "would instruct others on the property about what corrupt institutions to get rid of," in reference to financial and government

institutions that might include schools.

Court date set for man charged in videotaped fatal shooting

By TAMARA LUSH and TERRY SPENCER, Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Markeis McGlockton's father knows the manslaughter case against the man accused of killing his unarmed son outside a Florida convenience store will take months, possibly years.

He's talked to others who have been in a similar position — notably, the family of slain Florida teen Trayvon Martin. Attorneys have briefed him on legal strategy.

But on Monday, there was a brief feeling of justice for McGlockton when prosecutors announced they were charging a 48-year-old white man, Michael Drejka, in the July 19 shooting of Markeis, a 28-year-old black man, during a parking lot confrontation. That videotaped shooting revived debate over Florida's "stand-your-ground" law.

"I know this is going to be a long road," said Michael McGlockton. "We are up for the task."

Drejka was arrested and jailed on \$100,000 bail and awaited a first scheduled court appearance Tuesday afternoon. It wasn't known if he had an attorney.

McGlockton's family held a news conference Monday and thanked prosecutors for taking action.

"I've just been in, I guess, a daze because that was my baby. So today when I heard that he was getting charged, I guess I could start healing," said his mother, Monica Moore-Robinson.

The family's attorney, Michele Rayner, said "the ultimate goal is conviction," and that she believed the manslaughter charge filed against Drejka was the correct charge.

McGlockton's girlfriend, Britany Jacobs, was seated in the couple's car July 19 with two of their children ages 3 years and 4 months when she said Drejka confronted her for being parked in a handicapped-accessible space. McGlockton had gone into the store with the couple's 5-year-old son, also named Markeis.

Video shows McGlockton leaving the store and shoving Drejka to the ground. Seconds later, Drejka pulls a handgun and shoots McGlockton as he backs away. McGlockton then runs back into the store clutching his chest. Witnesses said he collapsed in front of young Markeis, who was waiting inside.

In court documents, McCabe and Pinellas sheriff's Detective George Moffett cited three other drivers who said Drejka threatened them during confrontations that preceded his run-in with McGlockton. Two of them said he displayed a gun.

A black man who drives a septic truck told Moffett he parked in the same handicapped-accessible spot three months before McGlockton's shooting, the documents show. The man said Drejka began yelling at him and said he would shoot him. The driver said he left, but as he pulled away Drejka shouted racial slurs. The man's boss told Moffett that Drejka later called, telling him "that he was lucky he didn't blow his employee's head off."

In separate 2012 cases, drivers reported that Drejka waved a gun at them during road rage confrontations. In both cases, officers stopped Drejka and found a gun in his car, but he denied showing it to the other drivers.

McGlockton family attorney Benjamin Crump — who gained national prominence representing the family of Trayvon Martin after the black teen's fatal shooting by a Hispanic man in 2012 — said in a statement Monday "it's about time" Drejka was arrested.

Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri originally declined to charge Drejka, saying one day after the shooting that the man was protected by Florida's stand-your-ground law. The sheriff passed the case to prosecutors for a final decision.

The family, civil rights groups and others had been holding protests demanding Drejka be charged.

"This self-appointed wannabe cop attempted to hide behind 'Stand Your Ground' to defend his indefensible actions, but the truth has finally cut through," Crump said.

The law says people can use deadly force if they believe they are in imminent danger of death or great bodily harm and have no obligation to retreat. Under a change made by the Legislature last year, if a suspect raises a stand-your-ground defense, prosecutors must prove the law doesn't apply.

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Crump had represented the family of Martin, a 17-year-old black youth who was fatally shot in 2012 by George Zimmerman, a Hispanic man who was his Orlando-area neighborhood's watch captain. Zimmerman had confronted Martin, who was walking back to the home of his father's fiancée after making a purchase at a convenience store. Zimmerman said he thought Martin might be a burglar casing homes. They fought and Zimmerman fatally shot him. There were no eyewitnesses or videos. Zimmerman said he feared Martin, who was unarmed, was about to kill him and a jury acquitted him of second-degree murder.

Spencer reported from Fort Lauderdale

Glacier latest US park to be scorched by Western wildfires

By MATTHEW BROWN, Associated Press

A wildfire destroyed structures and forced evacuations Monday from the busiest area of Montana's Glacier National Park, as officials in California prepared to reopen Yosemite National Park following a two-week closure at the height of the summer season.

Meanwhile, a Utah firefighter died Monday battling a massive blaze in Northern California — the sixth fatality in a matter of weeks.

The fighter was injured and died at a hospital, state fire officials said, but provided no further details.

Firefighters from many states are on the lines in California, which has seen a series of deadly and devastating wildfires since late July.

The death occurred north of San Francisco where the largest fire in recorded state history has been burning since July 27.

Two other wildfires in Northern California have claimed five other firefighters and six other lives.

In Montana, Glacier's Sprague Creek campground was closed and evacuated, a day after a fast-moving fire triggered the evacuation of dozens of guests from the historic Lake McDonald Lodge late Sunday night.

Park officials said in a statement that structures on the north end of Lake McDonald were lost, but they did not provide details on the number and type. The fire grew to between 2 and 4 square miles (between 5 and 10 square kilometers) by Monday afternoon.

"It just completely exploded. Yesterday we were watching it grow all day, and now it's so smoky you can't see anything," said Kyersten Siebenaler with Glacier Outfitters, which rents boats in Apgar, a small community at the south end of the lake.

The outfitting company was trying to help tourists who evacuated find places to stay on the east side of the park, where it was not as smoky, Siebenaler said.

A second campground, a motel and private residences inside the park's boundary also were evacuated. A 30-mile (48-kilometer) stretch of the scenic Going-to-the-Sun Road was closed to traffic. The road, with breathtaking views of the park's mountainous interior, is a major draw for tourists.

Triple-digit temperatures across parts of the state — paired with lightning from passing thunderstorms — set the stage for several new large fires to take hold in Montana in recent days.

Among them was a 3-square-mile (8-square-kilometer) fire that triggered an evacuation order for residents of 15 houses southwest of the town of Ennis, Montana. The fire was burning in challenging mountain terrain with a mix of pine, fir and spruce trees, said fire information spokesman Dave Sabo.

Montana had a slow start to this year's fire season following a record-setting 2017 in which more than 2,400 square miles (6,215 square kilometers) burned. This year's fires so far have charred a combined 30 square miles (78 square kilometers) of the state.

In Colorado, a wildfire in the southwestern portion of the state ignited by lightning July 29 had burned across 34 square miles (88 square kilometers) by Monday.

Wildfires flare up regularly at many of the large national parks that dot the U.S. West, often burning in densely-forested, backcountry areas where their effects are limited. This year's blazes threaten to have a magnified impact coming at the height of the summer tourist season.

More than 400,000 visitors last month passed through the west entrance of Glacier, near McDonald Lake.

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That was almost half the park's total. August is typically just as busy, and a protracted shutdown of part of the park could hurt the tourist-driven local economy.

"We're hoping this is short-lived," said Danny McIntosh, marketing manager for Glacier Park Collection by Pursuit, which operates Motel Lake McDonald. McIntosh said all of the guests in the motel's 28 rooms were relocated to other accommodations run by the company.

Yosemite was scheduled to reopen Tuesday after being largely closed since July 25 because of smoke from fires in remote areas that choked the scenic Yosemite Valley.

The closure caused upheaval for thousands of tourists whose summer trips were cancelled. Visitors were warned to expect limited hours and services as the park returns to normal.

The fire burning in Glacier was one of several started in the park by lightning on Saturday evening. Windy, dry conditions on Sunday caused the blaze to spread rapidly, in full view of tourists and people who live and work around Lake McDonald, a 9-mile (14-kilometer) body of water ringed by steep-sided mountains.

Two planes from Canada were brought in to help battle the blaze, but officials said high winds prevented their pilots from flying close enough to the fire to be effective.

The lake was partially closed to boaters while the planes were scooping up water to drop on the fire, Siebenaler said.

Crews were expected to stay on scene through the night to protect houses and other structures from the flames.

It's the second year in a row that wildfires prompted evacuations around Lake McDonald. A blaze in the area last year destroyed the Sperry Chalet, an iconic backcountry lodge built in 1914. Work recently started on rebuilding the chalet. It was not immediately known if construction had to be halted due to the fires.

Taylor Creasey of Whitefish said she and a friend drove up to the lodge Sunday afternoon after they heard about the fire, the Missoulian newspaper reported. She posted a video on Facebook of huge plumes of smoke hanging over burning ridges around the lake.

"We didn't expect to see anything that crazy," Creasey said Monday. "It was so cold there, but at the same time really hot — you could feel the heat radiating across the lake. It was windy and cold and hot all at the same time."

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Gates testimony dredges up Trump inaugural spending mystery

By JEFF HORWITZ, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump's inaugural committee pushed back hard last summer on questions about whether the unprecedented \$107 million budget for the event was fraught with cost overruns and misspending. A top inauguration official assured The Associated Press that spending had been restrained and monitored.

In court last week, that same official — Rick Gates — acknowledged that he personally may have pocketed some of the inaugural committee's money.

Gates, the government's star witness in former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort's financial fraud trial, admitted to Manafort's lawyers that he "possibly" wrongfully submitted personal expenses to the inaugural committee for reimbursement.

Though only a footnote to Gates' disclosure of tax fraud, extramarital affairs and embezzlement from Manafort, the admission raised new questions about how well the inaugural committee tracked its own spending and why Gates was chosen for a top inauguration job in the first place.

It's not clear how much money Gates may have pocketed or whether his testimony will prompt the committee to review spending, especially given Gates acknowledged stealing hundreds of thousands of dollars from Manafort through fake expenses. Publicists for Tom Barrack, a real estate magnate who hired Gates after the inauguration, declined to address those issues publicly when contacted by the AP. They offered written answers to questions on the condition that those answers not be cited in the story, but

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the AP declined.

Gates did not respond to text messages from the AP and his voicemail was full.

Both before and after revelations of busted budgets at Trump's inaugural committee, Barrack and committee spokespeople downplayed Gates' role. But Gates oversaw the day-to-day planning of the event as a top lieutenant of Barrack, according to four inauguration staffers and vendors. All requested anonymity on the grounds that discussing inaugural committee affairs would hurt their careers in Republican politics or event planning.

"If there was an issue, it went to Gates," said one person who worked on the inauguration with him.

According to a committee source and a vendor who had access to the inaugural committee's early planning documents, the committee's initial plans were modeled on President Barack Obama's 2013 inauguration — an event that cost just over \$40 million.

How the Trump inaugural committee's costs rose to \$100 million — despite throwing fewer events than Obama's team, and hosting them in largely the same venues — is difficult to explain, even taking into account the \$700,000 organizers spent on entertainment and the \$1 million lawn coverings that Trump later blamed for making his crowd look small.

Greg Jenkins, who helped organize President George W. Bush's first inauguration and ran the second, shared some of his 2005 costs with the AP last year. A major concert on the National Mall was budgeted for \$2 million, and the president's "military salute" ran \$2.5 million. Then there were nine separate inaugural balls — at a total cost of \$7.7 million — and three candlelight dinners at \$1.5 million each. The cost of the events, in total: \$16.7 million.

Trump's inauguration, meanwhile, threw just three balls, and its welcome concert alone cost \$25 million, the AP reported last fall.

In the statement released last summer, Gates relayed Barrack's confidence in the inauguration finances process and called the \$107 million budget "a tribute to the generosity of the American people."

Beyond the money spent on the inauguration, the statement said that "millions of dollars of reserve funds will be allocated to various charities, institutions and foundations in an amount that surely will exceed any previous inauguration."

Some of his former campaign colleagues expressed surprise to the AP when he was selected for a top inauguration job given questions about his past work with Manafort — and existing accusations inside the Trump campaign that Gates tried to mispend campaign funds.

In November of 2017, two campaign sources told the AP that Gates had unsuccessfully attempted to transfer \$5 million to a TV advertising vendor for commercials that the campaign had never approved. The incident, which occurred in the spring of 2016, was later featured in former campaign manager Corey Lewandowski's score-settling memoir of the campaign, "Let Trump be Trump."

Separately, White House general counsel Don McGahn, who was Trump's campaign counsel, also pressed Gates to explain how the campaign spent \$730,000 on an obscure and recently created direct mail firm, Left Hand Enterprises. Much of that money, records obtained by the AP show, was used to send campaign mailers to voters in safe Republican states — after Trump had already clinched his primary victory.

McGahn told the AP in October 2016 that he had no reason to doubt the money had been spent on mailers. He did not respond to emails requesting comment last week.

Trump warns Cuomo: Anybody who runs against me 'suffers'

By JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

UTICA, N.Y. (AP) — President Donald Trump is daring New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo to challenge him in 2020, warning the Democrat that "anybody that runs against Trump suffers."

In remarks Monday night at a fundraiser in upstate New York, Trump said that Cuomo once called him and promised that he wouldn't run against him. Cuomo's office did not immediately dispute Trump's claim.

The challenge came as Trump raised money for the re-election of Republican congresswoman Claudia Tenney. Trump's visit to Utica, New York, marked his first as president to an area he won in 2016.

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A New York native, Trump spent much of the event attacking his home-state governor as well as Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, who is also thought to have White House ambitions.

Manafort trial turns from prosecution's case to his defense

By CHAD DAY, STEPHEN BRAUN and MARY CLARE JALONICK, Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Prosecutors rested their tax evasion and bank fraud case in the trial of former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort, closing two weeks of testimony that depicted him as using millions of dollars hidden in offshore accounts to fund a luxurious lifestyle — and later obtaining millions more in bank loans under false pretenses.

The trial of the longtime Washington operator turns Tuesday to Manafort's defense team, which has so far blamed any wrongdoing on Rick Gates, the former Manafort protege who testified he and his former boss committed crimes together for years. Defense attorneys have called Gates a liar, philanderer and embezzler as they've sought to undermine his testimony.

Manafort's lawyers have not yet said whether they will call any witnesses or present other evidence in the case. They will have to disclose that information Tuesday as the case reaches its final stages.

The trial is the first to emerge from special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation, but it does not relate to any allegations of Russian election interference or possible coordination with the Trump campaign. Neither Manafort nor Gates have been charged in connection with their Trump campaign work.

Still, the proceedings have drawn President Donald Trump's attention — and tweets — as he works to undermine the standing of the Mueller investigation in the public square.

Trump has distanced himself from Manafort, who led the campaign from May to August 2016 — with Gates at his side. Gates struck a plea deal with prosecutors and provided much of the drama of the trial so far.

The government says Manafort hid at least \$16 million in income from the IRS between 2010 and 2014 by disguising money he earned advising politicians in Ukraine as loans and hiding it in foreign banks. Then, after his money in Ukraine dried up, they allege he defrauded banks by lying about his income on loan applications and concealing other financial information, such as mortgages.

Gates said he helped Manafort commit crimes in an effort to lower his tax bill and fund his lavish lifestyle. During testimony, Gates was forced to admit embezzling hundreds of thousands of dollars from Manafort and conducting an extramarital affair.

The prosecution has introduced a trove of documentary evidence as they've sought to prove Manafort committed 18 separate criminal counts. Along the way, they've not only faced an aggressive defense team but tongue-lashings from U.S. District Judge T.S. Ellis III, who presides over the case. The admittedly impatient judge has pushed the government to speed up its case.

Before the government rested its case Monday afternoon, the court heard testimony from a bank executive who said he found several red flags with Manafort's finances while he was being considered for more than \$16 million in bank loans.

James Brennan, a vice president at Federal Savings Bank, says Manafort failed to disclose mortgages on his loan application. He said he also found several "inconsistencies" in the amount of income Manafort reported for his business.

That information led senior executives to reject one of the loans. But Brennan said Federal Savings Bank chairman Stephen Calk overruled that decision.

"It closed because Mr. Calk wanted it to close," Brennan said.

Other witnesses have said Calk pushed the loans through because he wanted a post in the Trump administration.

Emails admitted into evidence in the trial show that in the weeks after the 2016 election, Manafort lobbied Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, to consider Calk for secretary of the Army, a position Calk had put at the top of his list in an earlier email to Manafort. Calk also listed seven other senior domestic appointments and 18 ambassadorships — ranked in order of preference — that he would accept.

In the Nov. 30, 2016, email to Kushner, Manafort passed along Calk's resume along with two other names

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of people he said "should be a part of the Trump administration."

"The 3 individuals are people who I believe advance DT agenda. They will be totally reliable and responsive to the Trump White House," Manafort wrote, providing brief biographies for Calk and the other two candidates.

Manafort noted Calk's background was "strong in defense issues, management and finance." He also listed three "alternative positions" in the Treasury and Commerce departments.

Kushner responded, "On it!"

Calk ultimately did not get an administration post, though he did approve the loans for Manafort.

Brennan said the Chicago-based bank lost at least \$11.8 million because it had to write off the two loans, which he said were the two largest loans the bank had made at that time.

The prosecution also recalled a Treasury Department agent — over the objections of Manafort's defense team — to testify that two of his companies hadn't filed any reports disclosing the foreign bank accounts as required by federal law.

Senior special agent Paula Liss said the Treasury Department had no record of DMP International or Davis Manafort Partners filing such reports between 2011 and 2014.

Liss' testimony came after Manafort's attorneys signaled they intend to argue that the offshore accounts that he used to pay for millions of dollars in personal expenses, such as fancy suits, landscaping, rugs and homes, were actually controlled by the company and not him personally.

Late Monday, Manafort's team also made a motion to dismiss all the charges, saying the government hadn't met its burden of proof. Ellis took the motion under advisement.

Ellis also closed the courtroom from the public while he heard arguments on a sealed motion filed by Manafort's team. Ellis said the proceedings and the motion will be kept secret until after the case concludes.

The closed hearing came after the judge delayed Manafort's trial for hours last Friday without explanation. The judge left the courtroom that day toward the jury room, and later admonished jurors repeatedly to not discuss the case.

Online:

Emails admitted into evidence Monday: <http://apne.ws/gWcMTxH>

Assaults by Taliban raise questions about US plan for peace

By ROBERT BURNS, AP National Security Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A year after the Trump administration introduced its strategy for Afghanistan, the Taliban are asserting themselves on the battlefield even as U.S. officials talk up hopes for peace. That's raising questions about the viability of the American game plan for ending a war that began when some of the current U.S. troops were in diapers.

A Taliban assault on Ghazni, a key city linking areas of Taliban influence barely 75 miles from Kabul, has killed about 100 Afghan security forces and 20 civilians since Friday, the Afghan Defense Ministry said. That has demonstrated the militants' ability to attack, if not hold, a strategic center on the nation's main highway, and highlighted the vulnerability of Afghan security forces.

In a reminder that U.S. troops and their families are paying a heavy price, even with Afghan forces in the lead combat role, the Pentagon announced Monday that a 36-year-old soldier, Staff Sgt. Reymund Rarogal Transfiguracion of Waikoloa, Hawaii, died Sunday of wounds sustained on a combat patrol in the Helmand province.

Against that turbulent backdrop, some wonder whether President Donald Trump can resist pulling the plug on a war in which the U.S. is still spending \$4 billion-plus a year just to keep Afghan forces afloat. He said when he introduced his strategy on Aug. 21, 2017, that his instinct was to withdraw entirely.

Fighting across the country has intensified in recent weeks despite a fleeting outbreak of peace earlier in the summer. Taliban and the Afghan government called separate, briefly overlapping, national cease fires in June, and the administration has made its own contact with the Taliban in hopes of nudging them

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into talks with Kabul.

The strategy revisits an approach that was tried, and failed, under President Barack Obama: increasing military pressure to push the Taliban into peace negotiations with the Afghan government. Signs point to Trump pressing ahead; he is about to send a new Army general, Scott Miller, to take charge of the U.S.-led coalition in Kabul.

David Sedney, who has worked on Afghan issues as a civilian, including multiple years in Kabul and at the Pentagon, since the war began in October 2001, said he believes the chances for peace are the best they've been.

"That doesn't mean they're great," he said in an interview. "It just means they're better."

Among the meaningful factors at play, Sedney says, is Trump's announcement a year ago that the U.S. would no longer set time limits on its military support for Afghanistan. This introduced an element of uncertainty for the Taliban, he said. On the other hand, the current U.S. push to draw Taliban leaders into peace negotiations with Kabul must succeed soon, he said, or risk following the failed path of previous efforts.

Trump also gave the U.S. military more leeway to attack the Taliban, and a few thousand additional U.S. troops were sent to Afghanistan this year as part of an effort to improve the effectiveness of training and advising Afghan ground forces, while also developing a small Afghan air force. The battlefield results have been mixed, however, as the Taliban have managed to preserve their influence in numerous districts.

Early in 2018 the U.S. military declared Afghanistan to be its top combat priority, supplanting the fight against the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria. Key U.S. warplanes, including A-10 ground attack aircraft, were switched to Afghanistan, and the Pentagon introduced a newly formed outfit called a Security Force Assistance Brigade of U.S. soldiers assigned to help Afghan forces closer to the battlefield.

With Ghazni under threat, the U.S. has dispatched military advisers to assist the Afghan forces in retaking the besieged city, and has launched airstrikes.

Seth Jones, a longtime watcher of Afghanistan and director of the Transnational Threats Project at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, said it was unlikely the Taliban will be able to hold populated areas of Ghazni for long. The militants have lacked sufficient popular support and military power to hold population centers.

But the Taliban's ability to mass forces in multiple areas of Afghanistan at virtually the same time—including in Ghazni, Faryab, Baghlan, and Kunduz provinces—should worry Afghan and U.S. officials. Tribal leaders and local officials had been repeatedly warning Afghan policymakers in Kabul that the Taliban was preparing for a broad offensive in Ghazni, Jones said.

He remains skeptical the U.S. strategy in Afghanistan will work as he sees no sign that Trump is willing to take what could be a game-changing move: to target the top Taliban leaders in their Pakistan sanctuaries.

"Much like Bush and Obama, the Trump administration has other areas of the world that it would rather focus on, whether it's the Korean Peninsula or Iran or China more broadly, and to move on, if possible, from Afghanistan," Jones said. "If a settlement is the way to do that, then they are willing to give that a shot. The challenge, though, is that it is still not clear to me that the Taliban is seriously interested in peace negotiations" in terms that would be acceptable to the U.S. and the Afghan governments, including making a formal, public break with al-Qaida.

"The Taliban is willing to talk a little bit about talks, but not to sit down and formally negotiate," he added. "I think they view time as in their favor and that the longer the war continues, the better their negotiating position."

The group has growing regional clout. The Taliban assault on Ghazni began as the head of its political office was wrapping up a rare diplomatic foray in neighboring Uzbekistan.

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, who helped persuade Trump last summer not to quit Afghanistan, says it's too early to render judgment on whether peace talks will emerge anytime soon.

"No doubt the strategy has confronted the Taliban with a reason to go to cease fires ... and to go into discussions" about potential negotiations, he said Aug. 7. "But it is still early in that reconciliation process."

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State probe finds immigrant teens not currently being abused

By MICHAEL BIESECKER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A state review into the treatment of immigrant teens held at a Virginia detention center confirmed the facility uses restraint techniques that can include strapping children to chairs and placing mesh bags over their heads.

Investigators concluded the current treatment of detainees at the Shenandoah Valley Juvenile Center did not meet the state's legal threshold of abuse or neglect, according to a copy of the findings issued Monday by the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice and obtained by The Associated Press.

But a top state regulator conceded in an interview that investigators did not attempt to determine whether serious allegations of past abuse at the locally run facility are true.

Democratic Gov. Ralph Northam ordered the review in June, hours after the AP published first-person accounts by children as young as 14 who said they were handcuffed, shackled and beaten at the facility. They also described being stripped of their clothes and locked in solitary confinement, sometimes strapped to chairs with bags over their heads.

The incidents are described in sworn statements from six Latino teens included in a class-action lawsuit filed in November and are alleged to have occurred from 2015 to 2018, under both the Obama and Trump administrations. The teens who made those initial complaints were subsequently transferred by federal authorities to other facilities or deported to their home countries.

Angela C. Valentine, the chief deputy director of the state juvenile justice agency, said Monday that investigators interviewed only the 22 who were being held at the facility in late June, following the AP's report. She said the investigators were not permitted to review the case files or medical records of past detainees who say they were abused.

"The only youth the Department of Juvenile Justice interviewed at the Shenandoah Valley Juvenile Center in response to Gov. Northam's direction to conduct an inquiry were the juveniles currently at the facility," Valentine said. "(We) did not interview or inspect any records of any ... youth making the allegations in the federal lawsuit."

The legal advocacy group representing the Latino teens suing the facility called the state's review "deeply flawed" and said the investigators never contacted them or asked to speak to their clients.

"The children in this facility are denied necessary mental health care and subjected to abusive conditions," said Jonathan Smith, executive director of the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs. "We look forward to proving our case in court."

Though incarcerated in a facility similar to a prison, the children detained on administrative immigration charges have not been convicted of any crime. The U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement oversees the care of immigrant children held in federal custody.

The regulators did make several recommendations to improve current conditions inside the facility, including hiring more bilingual staff, expanding "culturally relevant programming" and improving screening to provide care for detainees who suffer from mental health issues. The state also said administrators should consider new furniture and fresh paint to make the jail-like facility "more developmentally appropriate."

Northam issued a statement applauding his administration's "quick and comprehensive examination."

"I take these allegations very seriously and directed members of my administration to immediately look into these claims of abuse and mistreatment," he said. "The safety of every child being held there is of the utmost importance."

The Shenandoah lockup is one of only three juvenile detention facilities in the United States with federal contracts to provide "secure placement" for immigrant children who had problems at less-restrictive housing.

On average, 92 immigrant children annually cycle through the facility nestled in the mountains outside Staunton, most of them from Mexico and Central America. The local-government commission that runs the center received \$4.2 million in federal funds last year to house children ages 12 to 17 facing deportation proceedings or awaiting rulings on asylum claims.

Of the 22 federal detainees held at Shenandoah in June, three told investigators they had experienced

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abusive behavior by staff. According to the state report, local child protective services investigators reviewed those complaints and determined they “did not meet the legal definition of abuse or neglect.”

The state investigators were only allowed to interview the federal detainees while a member of the facility’s staff was in the room. They also reviewed case files, medical records and other documents related to the current detainees, but were barred from making copies or keeping handwritten notes.

Shenandoah deputy director Timothy Showalter issued a statement Monday that promoted the state’s findings as an exoneration.

“The report confirms our long-standing dedication to being a well-run facility that treats our residents with respect and dignity,” the facility’s statement said.

A spokeswoman for the Department of Health and Human Services, which includes the federal refugee resettlement responsible for housing detained immigrant children, said the agency treats any allegation of abuse “with the utmost seriousness.”

“The Office of Refugee Resettlement has strong policies in place to combat incidents of abuse at every shelter under its purview,” said Caitlin Oakley, the HHS spokeswoman. “Any assertion to the contrary is misguided and inaccurate.”

A separate class-action lawsuit filed on behalf of immigrant children housed at a nonprofit facility in Texas alleged the residents were routinely administered psychotropic drugs without their parents’ consent, keeping them in a sedated “chemical strait jacket.” Last month a federal judge found staff at the Shiloh Treatment Center outside Houston had violated federal law by drugging the children.

While the Virginia investigators said they found no evidence of the beatings and other severe abuse described in the 2017 lawsuit, their report does confirm that staff at the facility are trained in the use of restraint chairs and “mesh spit guards” for “out-of-control residents who cannot be safely restrained by less intrusive methods.”

Such restraint devices are legal in juvenile detention facilities in Virginia, though regulations say they can never be used as punishment and are only appropriate “to ensure the safety and security of residents, staff and the facility.”

In two of the instances reviewed by investigators, the report says staff members were disciplined for using restraint techniques that did not follow state guidelines. However, those incidents, which were not detailed in the report, did not involve restraint chairs.

While some teens cited in the lawsuit reported being left in the restraint chair overnight or isolated in their cells for days at a time, the investigators said the documents they reviewed showed no record of that. According to the facility’s records, there was only one documented example of a child kept locked in isolation for 23 consecutive hours.

As part of their findings, the state investigators recommended the facility’s staff receive additional instruction in techniques for de-escalating conflicts and retraining in how to safely strap down unruly teens.

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Seattle airplane theft prompts review of security measures

By GENE JOHNSON, Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — The spectacular theft of a 76-seat plane from the Seattle airport by a ground crew employee is prompting an industrywide review of how to thwart such insider security threats, though it remains unclear what steps airlines might take.

“This is too big a deal. It’s not going to go away,” said Glen Winn, a former Secret Service agent who

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teaches in the University of Southern California's aviation security program. "There's going to be a lot of discussion, a lot of meetings, a lot of finger-pointing, and it's going to come down to: How do we stop it?"

Investigators are continuing to piece together how 3½-year Horizon Air employee Richard Russell stole the empty Bombardier Q400 turboprop on Friday evening and took off on a roughly 75-minute flight, executing steep banks and even a barrel roll while being tailed by fighter jets. He finally crashed into a forested island south of Seattle.

Russell was killed. No one else was hurt. In conversation with an air-traffic controller, he described himself as "just a broken guy," said he "wasn't really planning on landing" the aircraft, and claimed he didn't want to hurt anyone else.

Port of Seattle Commissioner Courtney Gregoire called the theft from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport "truly a one-in-a-million experience," but added, "That doesn't mean we can't learn from it."

She said airport officials have been in touch with other airports and airlines to begin to assess procedures. Sea-Tac has added security guards in the cargo area where the plane was parked when Russell stole it, she said.

"We're not waiting," Gregoire said. "We expect a national-level conversation. We expect the federal government may have some ideas about regulation."

The industry group Airlines for America confirmed it is closely reviewing the incident but would not comment further. The National Transportation Safety Board referred questions to the FBI, which has released limited information about the investigation.

"There's a lot of discussion about: What does this tell us?" said Michael Huerta, who retired in January as head of the Federal Aviation Administration. "I wouldn't be surprised if the individual airlines came together with the regulators and made a decision that we need to do more."

Potential solutions could include additional vetting or monitoring of employees; changes in who can access the planes and when; having parked aircraft monitored by closed-circuit television or by security patrols; requiring electronic or digital passcodes to start a plane's engines; or requiring locks that could prevent an unauthorized person from manipulating a plane's throttle, experts said.

Aviation professor Jeff Price of Metropolitan State University in Denver said he expects a renewed focus on insider threats and warned that there is a real possibility Russell's actions could inspire terrorists or copycats.

Countering an insider threat remains challenging, given the number of people — caterers, mechanics, cleaning staff and others — who have access to aircraft.

Such workers already undergo background checks and drug and alcohol screenings. At some airports, including Sea-Tac, they are also subject to physical screenings the way passengers are.

Russell was not believed to have had a pilot's license. His responsibilities included towing and pushing aircraft for takeoff and gate approach, de-icing them and handling baggage.

Many planes in service were designed decades ago and are started up by manipulating levers and switches in a certain sequence, rather than by, say, an ignition key.

Experts said Russell had to have known how to start the plane, taxi and take off, but it's not clear where he learned to do so. He told the air-traffic controller he didn't need much help flying because he had played video games.

John Cox, a veteran pilot and aviation security expert with Washington, D.C.-based Safety Operating Systems, said that given the rarity of commercial airplane theft, there should be no rush to adopt additional measures that might bog down airlines or otherwise be counterproductive.

The investigation, once complete, will likely show any shortcomings that need to be remedied, he suggested.

He also cast doubt on some ideas suggested by others, saying it would probably be prohibitively expensive to retrofit older planes with measures such as computer passcodes.

"It's not as simple as putting a key fob in your pocket and getting in your car and pushing a button," he said.

Cox also questioned the effectiveness of having more guards monitoring parked planes.

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"If you're a guard and a person comes up in a pushback tug, in uniform, with proper credentials, it's only at the point the engine starts that you'd notice something's amiss," he said. "By then it's too late."

Associated Press writer Dee-Ann Durbin contributed from Detroit.

FBI fires Peter Strzok in wake of anti-Trump text messages

By MARY CLARE JALONICK, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Peter Strzok, a longtime FBI agent who was removed from the Russia investigation over anti-Trump text messages, has been fired by the agency, his lawyer said Monday.

The FBI had been reviewing Strzok's employment after the politically charged text messages were discovered last year. President Donald Trump's allies have seized on the texts, saying they show the investigation into possible coordination between the Trump campaign and Russia is tainted by political bias.

Strzok was fired late Friday by FBI Deputy Director David Bowdich, said his lawyer, Aitan Goelman. He said the 21-year veteran of the FBI was removed because of political pressure and "to punish Special Agent Strzok for political speech protected by the First Amendment."

Goelman also said the FBI had overruled the agency's Office of Professional Responsibility, or OPR, which he said had determined that a 60-day suspension and demotion from supervisory duties was "the appropriate punishment."

In a statement, the FBI said Strzok was subject to the standard FBI review and disciplinary process and defended the decision to overrule the OPR. "The Deputy Director, as the senior career FBI official, has the delegated authority to review and modify any disciplinary findings and/or penalty as deemed necessary in the best interest of the FBI," the statement said.

Strzok, who exchanged text messages with FBI lawyer Lisa Page, vigorously defended himself at a combative House hearing in July that spanned 10 hours. Strzok repeatedly insisted the texts, including ones in which he called Trump a "disaster," did not reflect political bias and had not infected his work.

Texts between the two included their observations of the 2016 election and criticism of Trump. They used words like "idiot," "loathsome," "menace" and "disaster" to describe him. In one text four days before the election, Page told Strzok that the "American presidential election, and thus, the state of the world, actually hangs in the balance."

In another text, Page wrote Strzok in August 2016: "(Trump's) not ever going to become president, right? Right?!"

Strzok responded: "No. No he won't. We'll stop it."

Strzok worked on the early stages of the Russia investigation in 2016 and worked on the special counsel's team for a few months after Robert Mueller was appointed in May 2017.

Strzok was also a lead investigator on the probe into Democrat Hillary Clinton's email server in 2016. An internal Justice Department report issued in June blamed Strzok and Page for creating an appearance of impropriety through their texts but found the outcome of the Clinton investigation was not marred by bias. Clinton was cleared in the probe.

Republicans were livid during the July hearing, which several times devolved into a partisan shouting match. Democrats accused Republicans of trying to divert attention from Mueller's investigation and Trump's ties to Russia by focusing on Strzok.

Trump, who has repeatedly taken aim at Strzok, said in a tweet Monday that Strzok is one of many "bad players" in the FBI and the Justice Department.

"It is a total Hoax," Trump said of the Russia investigation. "No Collusion, No Obstruction - I just fight back!"

There is no indication that the probe will be dropped.

The president also tweeted that the Clinton investigation "was a total fraud on the American public and should be properly redone!"

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House Republicans cheered Strzok's firing, with House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy saying on Twitter that it was "long overdue."

North Carolina Republican Rep. Mark Meadows, one of the leading critics of the FBI investigations, said Strzok was fired "because of what his own written words plainly showed: he was willing to use his official FBI position to try and stop President Trump from getting elected. He tarnished the FBI's sterling reputation and severely damaged public trust in an institution where trust is paramount."

Meanwhile, the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee was lambasted by his own son on Twitter Monday for "ruining" Strzok's career. Bobby Goodlatte, the son of Rep. Bob Goodlatte, R-Va., wrote, "That committee hearing was a low point for Congress" and called Strzok a "patriot." The younger Goodlatte also began soliciting campaign donations Sunday for the Democrat who is running to replace his father, who is retiring.

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Questions loom over Tesla deal after CEO reveals Saudi link

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE and TOM KRISHER, AP Business Writers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Tesla CEO Elon Musk's elaboration on his plan to engineer a buyout of the electric car maker could get the Silicon Valley maverick into legal trouble by revealing that the deal is far more uncertain than how he initially described it in his brash tweet last week.

If everything falls into place, Musk plans to buy Tesla from any existing shareholders willing to sell using money raised through Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund.

Until his Monday blog post, Musk hadn't identified the source for financing a deal that analysts estimate could cost anywhere from \$25 billion to \$50 billion.

But when he initially dropped his bombshell in an August 7 tweet, Musk stated he had "funding secured" to buy Tesla stock at \$420 per share — 23 percent above its August 6 closing price.

That assurance caused Tesla's stock to surge 11 percent in one day, boosting the company's market value by more than \$6 billion to the dismay investors who had been betting Tesla's shares would decline.

It now appears as if financing for the deal is far from locked up, although Musk wrote on Monday that he was encouraged to pursue the buyout in a July 31 meeting with the managing director of Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund.

Discussions have continued this month, Musk wrote, while adding the caveat that the deal remained "subject to financial and other due diligence and their internal review process for obtaining approvals."

That contingency contradicts the financing guarantee that Musk issued in a tweet that already has opened an inquiry by the Securities and Exchange Commission, according to published reports. At least two lawsuits seeking to become a class action also have been filed against Tesla, alleging Musk broke securities laws by making it sound like all the financing for the buyout had been lined up.

"Funding secured" wasn't exactly funding secured," said Peter Henning, a law professor at Wayne State University in Detroit and former SEC lawyer. "There are some issues here."

After reading Musk's Monday post, former SEC commissioner Joseph Grundfest concluded the chances of regulators taking action against Musk are now "quite high." He believes Musk, who runs cutting-edge aerospace company SpaceX in addition to Tesla, opened a "self-inflicted wound" by announcing the buyout in last week's nine-word tweet instead of spelling out the situation like he did in Monday's post.

"What Elon Musk is trying to do with electric cars and rockets is hard enough without creating more problems for yourself with bad Twitter hygiene," Grundfest said.

Tesla wouldn't comment on a possible SEC investigation or why it took a week for details to be released in the blog. The SEC also declined comment Monday. Six of Tesla's nine board members said last week they were evaluating Musk's proposal, which would end Tesla's eight-year history as a public company and relieve some of the mounting pressure to reverse its long history of losses.

Besides making assurances about the deal's financing, Musk also sent out another tweet that asserted

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the only uncertainty was whether the majority of shareholders would approve it.

That statement also helped drive up Tesla's stock, irritating investors such as Mark Spiegel, whose Stanphyl Capital investment firm has been a long-time "short seller" of the shares. Short sellers borrow shares in a company's stock and sell them immediately on the premise they can be replaced at a lower price in the future.

"My guess is he was fooling around," Spiegel said of Musk's early tweets about the buyout. "He probably was getting a good laugh out of it."

Although Musk only recently broached the possibility of buying out Tesla with its board, he wrote Monday that the Saudi Arabian fund had approached him about taking the company private multiple times during the past two years.

Founded in 1971, the Public Investment Fund ranks among the world's largest sovereign wealth funds, giving it the means to buy out Tesla. It already holds about \$250 billion investments around the world, according to the Sovereign Wealth Fund Institute, including a \$3.5 billion stake in the biggest ride-hailing service, Uber.

Buying all of Tesla's stock would currently cost \$72 billion, but a buyout of the Palo Alto, California, company probably wouldn't require as much money. That's because Musk owns roughly 20 percent of Tesla's stock and he envisions two-third of the company's current shareholders retaining their stakes in a newly created special fund.

If only one-third of Tesla's stock is sold in a buyout offer, it would cost nearly \$24 billion. Other analysts have estimated financing a Tesla buyout would cost closer to \$50 billion.

Investors are much more skeptical about Musk being able to pull off a buyout than they were after his first tweet about the deal. Tesla's stock crept up 92 cents Monday to close at \$356.41, well below Musk's proposed bid.

Even if the financing is in place, the deal might not come together because it would involve foreign interests buying at least one-third of a U.S. company that is trying to revolutionize the auto industry with its electric vehicles.

The government's Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States would likely review this deal because of Tesla's technology and the likelihood that a foreign country would get at least one board seat to gain some control over a U.S. company, said Jeremy Zucker, co-head of the international trade practice at Dechert LLP in Washington, D.C.

Whether it's technology pertaining to longer-life batteries or technology pertaining to what's behind the dashboard in a Tesla car, "I can see CFIUS viewing these technologies as of potential national security interest," he said.

Krisher reported from Detroit. Jon Gambrell in Dubai and Marcy Gordon in Washington, D.C., contributed to this report.

Trump's Harley boycott call roils Wisconsin primary

By SCOTT BAUER, Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker and Republican U.S. Senate candidate Kevin Nicholson both came out Monday against boycotting Milwaukee-based Harley-Davidson, the day after President Donald Trump said it would be "great" if there was a boycott.

Trump's Sunday tweet forced Walker and other Republicans to take a position on the sticky political issue involving an iconic Wisconsin company just ahead of Tuesday's primary where Trump allegiance has been a central focus.

Trump on Sunday tweeted it was "great" that "many" Harley owners planned to boycott the company if manufacturing moves overseas, continuing a steel tariff dispute he's had since June with the company.

Walker, Wisconsin's most prominent Harley owner, faces a tough re-election bid in November. He tweeted Monday afternoon that "of course I don't want a boycott of Harley-Davidson." That came after Walker

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initially on Sunday did not directly address the boycott call.

Nicholson, who faces state Sen. Leah Vukmir in a Republican Senate primary on Tuesday, said on WTMJ radio that "I don't want to see Harley-Davidson boycotted," but didn't think a boycott would be necessary because Trump's approach to trade was succeeding and opening new markets.

Both Nicholson and Walker backed Trump's approach to tariffs, saying they support moving to having no tariffs as soon as possible.

Democrats running in the Tuesday primary for a chance to take on Walker teed off on his unwillingness to strongly defend Harley-Davidson.

"By attacking Wisconsin workers to cover for failed economic policy President Trump took a page right out of Scott Walker's playbook," said Mahlon Mitchell, one of eight Democratic candidates and the head of the state firefighters union. He has more backing from labor unions than any other candidate.

Another Democratic candidate, Kelda Roys, accused Walker of "cowering before Trump" and the president's "attempts to destroy an iconic Wisconsin business."

Democratic Sen. Tammy Baldwin, who is also up for re-election in November, was more forceful than Walker in her reaction to the Trump tweet.

"You can't run our economy with tweets," Baldwin tweeted to Trump. "Wisconsin businesses like @harleydavidson need better trade deals, not tweets and trade wars."

Nicholson pushed back against Baldwin on Twitter.

"We do need better trade deals, not the ones engineered by you and other members of the political class," Nicholson tweeted at Baldwin. "We must bring trade partners back to the table and do away with tariffs. You don't fight for WI and you don't understand our economy."

Vukmir, who won the endorsement of the Wisconsin Republican Party, was making a final campaign swing in southeast Wisconsin, including a stop with retiring House Speaker Paul Ryan. She did not address Trump's boycott call in a statement calling Harley "a point of pride not only for our state, but also our nation."

"I trust they will not abandon their Wisconsin roots, and the best way for that to happen is to get rid of tariffs like the president is working to do," Vukmir said.

In July, Harley-Davidson said it expects new tariffs to cost the company as much as \$100 million annually. A spokesman for Harley-Davidson declined to comment both Sunday and Monday.

Polls have shown the Senate race to be a dead heat. State Superintendent Tony Evers had a double-digit lead in the Democratic gubernatorial primary based on polls in the months leading up to the election.

But others in the race who had raised enough to advertise on television — including Mitchell and Roys — were hoping for a late swing in their favor, particularly among younger voters.

Whoever wins the Democratic primary will enter the final three months of the race at a financial disadvantage to Walker. He had \$4.8 million cash on hand in August, while the top tier Democrats were likely to be tapped out after spending on the primary.

The Wisconsin Democratic Party and the Democratic Governors Association have been raising money and building infrastructure in preparation for Wednesday, to help the winner of the primary get a fast start against Walker.

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Taliban offensive exposes fragile US hopes for Afghan peace

By ROBERT BURNS, AP National Security Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A year after the Trump administration introduced its strategy for Afghanistan, the Taliban are asserting themselves on the battlefield even as U.S. officials talk up hopes for peace. That's

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raising questions about the viability of the American game plan for ending a war that began when some of the current U.S. troops were in diapers.

A Taliban assault on Ghazni, a key city linking areas of Taliban influence barely 75 miles from Kabul, has killed about 100 Afghan security forces and 20 civilians since Friday, the Afghan Defense Ministry said. That has demonstrated the militants' ability to attack, if not hold, a strategic center on the nation's main highway, and highlighted the vulnerability of Afghan security forces.

In a reminder that U.S. troops and their families are paying a heavy price, even with Afghan forces in the lead combat role, the Pentagon announced Monday that a 36-year-old soldier, Staff Sgt. Reymund Rarogal Transfiguracion of Waikoloa, Hawaii, died Sunday of wounds sustained on a combat patrol in the Helmand province.

Against that turbulent backdrop, some wonder whether President Donald Trump can resist pulling the plug on a war in which the U.S. is still spending \$4 billion-plus a year just to keep Afghan forces afloat. He said when he introduced his strategy on Aug. 21, 2017, that his instinct was to withdraw entirely.

Fighting across the country has intensified in recent weeks despite a fleeting outbreak of peace earlier in the summer. Taliban and the Afghan government called separate, briefly overlapping, national cease fires in June, and the administration has made its own contact with the Taliban in hopes of nudging them into talks with Kabul.

The strategy revisits an approach that was tried, and failed, under President Barack Obama: increasing military pressure to push the Taliban into peace negotiations with the Afghan government. Signs point to Trump pressing ahead; he is about to send a new Army general, Scott Miller, to take charge of the U.S.-led coalition in Kabul.

David Sedney, who has worked on Afghan issues as a civilian, including multiple years in Kabul and at the Pentagon, since the war began in October 2001, said he believes the chances for peace are the best they've been.

"That doesn't mean they're great," he said in an interview. "It just means they're better."

Among the meaningful factors at play, Sedney says, is Trump's announcement a year ago that the U.S. would no longer set time limits on its military support for Afghanistan. This introduced an element of uncertainty for the Taliban, he said. On the other hand, the current U.S. push to draw Taliban leaders into peace negotiations with Kabul must succeed soon, he said, or risk following the failed path of previous efforts.

Trump also gave the U.S. military more leeway to attack the Taliban, and a few thousand additional U.S. troops were sent to Afghanistan this year as part of an effort to improve the effectiveness of training and advising Afghan ground forces, while also developing a small Afghan air force. The battlefield results have been mixed, however, as the Taliban have managed to preserve their influence in numerous districts.

Early in 2018 the U.S. military declared Afghanistan to be its top combat priority, supplanting the fight against the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria. Key U.S. warplanes, including A-10 ground attack aircraft, were switched to Afghanistan, and the Pentagon introduced a newly formed outfit called a Security Force Assistance Brigade of U.S. soldiers assigned to help Afghan forces closer to the battlefield.

With Ghazni under threat, the U.S. has dispatched military advisers to assist the Afghan forces in retaking the besieged city, and has launched airstrikes.

Seth Jones, a longtime watcher of Afghanistan and director of the Transnational Threats Project at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, said it was unlikely the Taliban will be able to hold populated areas of Ghazni for long. The militants have lacked sufficient popular support and military power to hold population centers.

But the Taliban's ability to mass forces in multiple areas of Afghanistan at virtually the same time—including in Ghazni, Faryab, Baghlan, and Kunduz provinces—should worry Afghan and U.S. officials. Tribal leaders and local officials had been repeatedly warning Afghan policymakers in Kabul that the Taliban was preparing for a broad offensive in Ghazni, Jones said.

He remains skeptical the U.S. strategy in Afghanistan will work as he sees no sign that Trump is willing to take what could be a game-changing move: to target the top Taliban leaders in their Pakistan sanctuaries.

"Much like Bush and Obama, the Trump administration has other areas of the world that it would rather

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focus on, whether it's the Korean Peninsula or Iran or China more broadly, and to move on, if possible, from Afghanistan," Jones said. "If a settlement is the way to do that, then they are willing to give that a shot. The challenge, though, is that it is still not clear to me that the Taliban is seriously interested in peace negotiations" in terms that would be acceptable to the U.S. and the Afghan governments, including making a formal, public break with al-Qaida.

"The Taliban is willing to talk a little bit about talks, but not to sit down and formally negotiate," he added. "I think they view time as in their favor and that the longer the war continues, the better their negotiating position."

The group has growing regional clout. The Taliban assault on Ghazni began as the head of its political office was wrapping up a rare diplomatic foray in neighboring Uzbekistan.

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, who helped persuade Trump last summer not to quit Afghanistan, says it's too early to render judgment on whether peace talks will emerge anytime soon.

"No doubt the strategy has confronted the Taliban with a reason to go to cease fires ... and to go into discussions" about potential negotiations, he said Aug. 7. "But it is still early in that reconciliation process."

Democrats look to longshot territory for midterm gains

By DAN SEWELL and BILL BARROW, Associated Press

MASON, Ohio (AP) — As Aftab Pureval campaigns for Congress in southwest Ohio, he sometimes smilingly introduces himself as "a brown dude with a funny name."

The Ohio native is the son of a Tibet-born mother and India-born father. He first upset the Cincinnati political order in 2016, winning the Hamilton County clerk of court's post that had been in Republican hands for a century. Now the 35-year-old attorney-turned-politician wants to unseat veteran Republican Rep. Steve Chabot.

"He's had his chance," Pureval says of the 65-year-old Chabot. "It's our time now."

Defeating Chabot won't be easy. He's been a fixture on the Cincinnati-area political landscape for three decades and hasn't had a tough race since congressional districts were redrawn following the 2010 census. Chabot won his 2016 race with 59 percent of the vote.

Their matchup is among dozens of House contests playing out in districts that have largely been afterthoughts in recent elections. It's these kinds of races — beyond the 25 districts that elected a Republican member of Congress in 2016 despite Hillary Clinton defeating Donald Trump there — that could determine whether Democrats gain the 23 seats they need to retake the House.

Pureval is among the Democratic hopefuls looking to reclaim districts that span the nation's small and midsize cities and their surrounding suburbs and small towns — much of it political territory where Democrats were swept away in Republicans' 2010 midterm romp.

Democrats felt encouraged by the tight battle in last week's congressional special election in Ohio. While Trump claimed victory for Republican state Sen. Troy Balderson, the race against Democrat Danny O'Connor was considered too close to call, with a recount possible. The two will have a rematch in November for the seat vacated by Republican Pat Tiberi, who won by 37 points two years ago.

Democrats got a boost in a March special election in Pennsylvania, where Democrat Conor Lamb won a congressional district Trump carried by nearly 20 percentage points.

Pureval is among 60-plus names on the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee's "Red to Blue" list of candidates the national party believes are its best shots to flip GOP seats. The list is a mix of Clinton-won districts and the next tier of targets. Beyond that list, there are several dozen additional districts the national party and grassroots groups are eying for signs of competitiveness.

Certainly, Democrats don't expect to win all those districts, and there are a handful of Democratic seats that Republicans could reclaim. But Dan Sena, the DCCC's executive director, says the "historic and diverse battlefield" will force tough Republican decisions on "who to defend and who is a lost cause."

Those dynamics mean legitimate races in districts as varied as Salt Lake City, where Mayor Ben McAdams faces Rep. Mia Love in a district Trump carried by 7 points (Love won in 2016 by 12 points) to West Virginia

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coal country, where Democratic state Sen. Richard Ojeda voted for Trump and now seeks an open seat in a district the president carried by 50 points. (Outgoing Republican Rep. Evan Jenkins last won by 44.)

It's a stunning turn two years removed from just 16 House races coming within 5 points, with an average victory margin of 37 points across all 435 districts.

Democrats are employing a range of candidates across that wide field.

Pureval is the millennial rising star. National Democrats noticed him after he scored the major upset to become Hamilton County clerk. He ran memorable TV ads that highlighted his unusual name with an Aflac duck-like puppet squawking "AF-TAB!"

Pureval shows up at nearly any parade, festival or other large public event and at home gatherings hosted by volunteers. He talks about economic development, helping the middle class and bringing generational change, trying to tap into demographic shifts without delving too much into the daily Trump-driven national narratives.

In conservative West Virginia, Ojeda is the tattooed combat veteran who offers righteous anger about the economic plight and opioid crisis gripping his part of the country. He voted for Trump but says Washington has forgotten about his district.

"When I've got children in my backyard that have it worse than some children I saw in Iraq and Afghanistan, it's time for me to do something about it," Ojeda says, promoting universal health care and other investments he thinks the government should make in West Virginia.

In Omaha, Nebraska, and its surrounding suburbs, Democrat Kara Eastman echoes Ojeda's policy check list — Medicare for all and a \$15 minimum wage — but does it as a nonprofit executive who focuses her efforts on younger, female and first-time voters. She's running against Rep. Don Bacon in a district Trump won by just 2 points but where the GOP has held the House seat for 22 of the last 24 years.

To win, these Democratic candidates will need some combination of voters who typically back Republicans or who haven't been voting at all.

For Pureval, that means coaxing Jeff Sieger, 56, a Republican who met the candidate at a summer festival and came away impressed. Sieger says he's happy with Trump but thinks Congress could use younger members "who know what's going on" with digital-age issues like net neutrality.

It also could mean steering away from hot-button issues, such as abortion, that remind some GOP-leaning voters why they usually don't support Democrats.

"That's going to be an albatross around his neck," Tom Grossmann said of Pureval's support of abortion rights in GOP-dominated Warren County, added to Chabot's district after 2010. Grossmann, a county commissioner and former county GOP chairman, chatted amiably with Pureval while the Democrat worked his way through a music festival crowd in the affluent suburb of Mason.

Chabot already has called Pureval "the most extreme pro-abortion candidate I've ever faced."

Still, Chabot acknowledged in a recent blog post that his opponent "is raising a lot of money" and that some national prognosticators have rated the race a toss-up. Chabot asked "for any help you can give me" to defeat what he calls a "far-left" foe.

Pureval, meanwhile, ran his first campaign commercial last week, opening: "I'm incredibly proud of my name — Aftab. It means 'sunshine.'"

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Immigration cases tossed in fallout from high court ruling

By AMY TAXIN, Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Immigration courts from Boston to Los Angeles have been experiencing fallout from a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision that has caused some deportation orders to be tossed and cases thrown out, bringing more chaos to a system that was already besieged by ballooning dockets and lengthy backlogs.

The little-known ruling addressed what might seem like a narrow procedural issue over how to properly provide notices to immigrants to appear in court for deportation proceedings. But it is having broader implications in immigration courts that are in charge of deciding whether hundreds of thousands of people should be allowed to stay in the United States.

Since the decision was issued in June, immigration attorneys have been asking judges to throw out their clients' cases. Some immigration judges have refused to issue deportation orders for immigrants. And in a recent case in Washington state, a Mexican farmworker had an indictment for illegally re-entering the country tossed out.

It isn't clear how many people's immigration cases could be affected. Some immigration judges have denied attorneys' requests, but others in states including Tennessee, New Jersey and California have granted them.

"The potential consequences of the decision are massive," said Jeremy McKinney, an immigration attorney in Greensboro, North Carolina.

The Supreme Court's 8-1 decision focused on the case of a Brazilian handyman seeking to apply for a special green card given to immigrants who have been in the country at least 10 years, have good moral character and whose American relatives would suffer if they were deported.

Wescley Pereira came to the United States on a tourist visa from Brazil in 2000 and settled in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, where he has two American-born children. In 2006, Pereira was arrested for operating a vehicle under the influence and given a notice to appear in immigration court, but it didn't include specifics about his hearing. More than a year later, a mailer with that information was sent to him but got returned as undeliverable, and an immigration judge ordered him deported when he didn't show up.

Pereira was pulled over in 2013 for driving without headlights on, and with the deportation order on his record, immigration authorities detained him.

By then, he had lived in the country long enough to seek a green card. But the U.S. government said Pereira could only count the time before he received the notice toward his green card aspirations.

The Supreme Court disagreed, saying a notice that doesn't list the time and place of a hearing isn't a notice under the law, and that Pereira was building up time in the country toward his application all the while. Without listing time and place, "the Government cannot reasonably expect the noncitizen to appear for his removal proceedings," Justice Sonia Sotomayor wrote in the majority decision.

Justice Samuel Alito issued a lone dissent, saying that the U.S. government can't put an accurate date on notices since one agency issues them and another sets the hearings. Simply adding an arbitrary date, he said, will likely "mislead many recipients and to prejudice those who make preparations on the assumption that the initial date is firm."

Since the ruling, immigration lawyers have been arguing that the undated notices their clients received in recent years aren't valid. In some cases, they're asking for deportation cases to be thrown out entirely, and in others, for a deportation order to be wiped from immigrants' records so they can get another chance to argue they should be allowed to remain in the country.

"You can't really order someone deported for not showing up when you didn't tell them when to show up," McKinney said.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which seeks to carry out deportations for the government, has been pushing back. The agency that forms part of the Department of Homeland Security, has been litigating the issue and appealing judges' decisions to throw out deportation cases, according to ICE.

A spokesman for the Executive Office for Immigration Review, which is part of the Department of Justice,

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said a mechanism is being worked out so Homeland Security officials can issue notices with a specific date, time and place, but those without can still be accepted by the immigration courts.

Immigration judges have taken diverse approaches to these requests, with some approving and others denying them.

But there are many to be dealt with in an already backlogged immigration court system with more than 700,000 pending cases.

In a Los Angeles courtroom, immigration judge Lori Bass received so many requests she scheduled up a special hearing to handle them. In Arlington, Virginia, an immigration judge held an impromptu group hearing to address 20 such requests, which accounted for about half that session's docket, said immigration attorney Parastoo Zahedi.

Judge Dana Marks, president emeritus of the National Association of Immigration Judges, said a significant number of cases are affected and with judges taking different views the issue will likely wind back up in the courts. In the last month, she said she's seen about 50 such motions in her immigration court in San Francisco.

"It is a very thorny legal issue," Marks said. "It highlights again how unbelievably complicated immigration law is."

The ruling's impact has also stretched beyond the immigration courts. A federal judge in Spokane, Washington dismissed an indictment against 30-year-old farmworker Jose Virgen-Ponce for illegally re-entering the United States after finding he was improperly deported to Mexico two years ago on an incomplete notice.

Virgen-Ponce, who came to the country in 2006 and has several drug- and driving-related convictions, is being held in an immigration detention facility in Tacoma, Washington, while U.S. authorities again seek to deport him.

Times Up gives \$750,000 for combatting sexual misconduct

By JULIET LINDERMAN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A fund dedicated to aiding victims of sexual harassment and assault is giving \$750,000 in grants to local organizations across the country.

The Times Up Legal Defense Fund on Tuesday announced its first round of grants to 18 groups helping support low-wage and domestic workers.

Among the grantees are organizations working toward increased education and outreach, as well as groups that offer targeted resources and services to specific demographics. Together, the grantees cover all regions of the United States.

Fatima Goss Graves, CEO of the National Women's Law Center, a nonprofit that's managing the fund, said since launching in January roughly 3,500 people have reached out to share their personal stories and ask for help.

"It's a big reminder that harassment happens everywhere," Graves said. "We are seeing women working in some of the lowest-paid fields contact us, and some of the highest-paid fields. Women in government or the military, women working in restaurants, as security guards. You're seeing across over 60 different sectors."

The Times Up Legal Defense Fund helps defray legal costs for victims of sexual harassment, assault, abuse and retaliation in the workplace. It has raised nearly \$22 million.

This round of grants is the first time the fund is giving money to outside organizations. The reason, Graves said, is to better reach victims and communities that may be reluctant to seek traditional services on their own.

More than 120 organizations applied for the grants.

The Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project will use its grant to train community organizers, craft workshops and translate resources for survivors into Chinese, Vietnamese, Japanese and Urdu.

Alianza Nacional de Campesinas, a national group, will use its grant to better reach farmworkers, rural service providers and law enforcement, while Forge in Wisconsin will use its grant to develop a national

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webinar, short video and webpage geared toward transgender individuals. Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid will conduct a bilingual outreach effort to reach migrant farm workers in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana.

"We know some workers are really hard to reach," Graves said. "Having the support of an organization that works deeply in communities to help them navigate where to go, to help them have support as they walk through the process is going to be a really critical next phase in making sure we're continuing to reach workers in different parts of the country, especially those working in low-wage jobs."

The New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault received a \$40,000 grant, which will go toward developing sexual assault education and outreach programs at several local organizations that serve specific communities including Native American women, Asian families, transgender individuals and people living with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

"We always know anybody in a more isolated, vulnerable community is at higher risk of sexual harassment and assault. These are populations that aren't seeking advocacy," said Kim Alaburda, director of the New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault. "The fact that Times Up could see they needed to do outreach to reach more survivors who don't have access to services was really forward thinking and something we're not used to seeing in our work."

Asian markets mixed after Wall St falls on Turkey jitters

By JOE McDONALD, AP Business Writer

BEIJING (AP) — Most Asian stock markets were mixed Tuesday after Wall Street declined as Turkey's central bank struggled to contain a currency crisis that is feeding fears about other emerging markets.

KEEPING SCORE: The Shanghai Composite Index fell 0.5 percent to 2,771.81 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng lost 0.9 percent to 27,686.99. Tokyo's Nikkei 225 gained 1.8 percent to 22,255.98 and Seoul's Kospi added 0.4 percent to 2,257.65. Sydney's S&P-ASX 200 advanced 0.8 percent to 6,298.30. Benchmarks in Taiwan and New Zealand improved while Singapore, Indonesia and Thailand declined.

WALL STREET: A stronger dollar hurt exporters, whose goods will get more expensive abroad. Most retailers were down, but Amazon advanced 0.5 percent. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 0.4 percent to 2,821.93. The Dow Jones Industrial Average slid 0.5 percent, to 25,187.70. The Nasdaq composite fell 0.2 percent to 7,819.71.

TURKISH TURMOIL: Turkey's central bank announced measures to help its banks, but the country's lira and stock market slid further. The lira has tumbled as investors question whether President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's government can cope with problems including the weakening currency and a diplomatic spat with Washington that has resulted in higher U.S. tariffs. Erdogan has ruled out an interest rate hike, which can slow economic growth, but analysts say higher rates are urgently needed to stabilize the country's currency.

CONTAGION FEARS: Emerging markets are falling out of favor due to problems in Turkey and Argentina. Investors worry Turkey's turmoil could affect the global banking system and economy. The Argentine peso sank to an all-time low amid investor caution and a corruption scandal involving former government officials. Also, rising U.S. interest rates are drawing money out of emerging markets in search of higher returns.

ANALYST'S TAKE: Asian markets were "relatively more resilient" to Turkey jitters than South Africa and Latin America were, said Philip Wee and Radikha Rao of DBS Group in a report. But they said the U.S. tariff hike on Turkish steel at a time of "considerable stress" is a message to emerging markets not to expect Washington's help to "calm their markets" in difficult periods. "Expect more stress if the Fed continues to look past the emerging market turmoil (like it did in May) and keeps to gradual rate hike path," they said.

CHINA COOLING: Growth in factory output, consumer spending and retail sales were weaker than expected in July, adding to signs of an economic slowdown. Factory output rose 6 percent over a year earlier, in line with the previous month but below forecasts. Retail sales gained 8.8 percent, down from June's 9 percent. Investment in factories and other fixed assets grew 5.5 percent in the first seven months of the year, down from 5.7 percent in the year to June. Forecasters have expected economic growth to decline

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since regulators tightened lending controls last year to rein in surging debt.

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude gained 32 cents to \$67.52 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract closed at \$67.20 on Monday. Brent crude, used to price international oils, added 32 cents to \$72.93 per barrel in London. It closed the previous session at \$72.61.

CURRENCY: The dollar gained to 110.79 yen from Monday's 110.73 yen. The euro slipped to \$1.1410 from \$1.1411.

Today in History **By The Associated Press**

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 14, the 226th day of 2018. There are 139 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 14, 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act into law.

On this date:

In 1848, the Oregon Territory was created.

In 1900, international forces, including U.S. Marines, entered Beijing to put down the Boxer Rebellion, which was aimed at purging China of foreign influence.

In 1917, China declared war on Germany and Austria during World War I.

In 1945, President Harry S. Truman announced that Imperial Japan had surrendered unconditionally, ending World War II.

In 1947, Pakistan became independent of British rule.

In 1948, the Summer Olympics in London ended; they were the first Olympic games held since 1936.

In 1969, British troops went to Northern Ireland to intervene in sectarian violence between Protestants and Roman Catholics.

In 1973, U.S. bombing of Cambodia came to a halt.

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter and Vice President Walter Mondale were nominated for second terms at the Democratic national convention in New York.

In 1992, the White House announced that the Pentagon would begin emergency airlifts of food to Somalia to alleviate mass deaths by starvation.

In 1997, an unrepentant Timothy McVeigh was formally sentenced to death for the Oklahoma City bombing.

In 2003, a huge blackout hit the northeastern United States and part of Canada; 50 million people lost power.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush signed consumer-safety legislation that banned lead from children's toys, imposing the toughest standard in the world.

Five years ago: Israeli and Palestinian negotiators kicked off their first substantive round of peace talks in nearly five years, meeting at an undisclosed location in Jerusalem. Riot police swept away two encampments of supporters of ousted Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi in Cairo, sparking running street battles. Former Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., D-Ill., was sentenced to 2 1/2 years in prison for illegally spending \$750,000 in campaign funds on personal items.

One year ago: Under pressure from right and left, President Donald Trump condemned white supremacist groups by name, declaring them to be "repugnant to everything that we hold dear as Americans." The CEO of Merck, the nation's third-largest pharmaceutical company, resigned from a federal advisory council, citing Trump's failure to explicitly condemn white nationalists who marched in Charlottesville, Virginia. (Kenneth Frazier was one of the few African Americans to head a Fortune 500 company. The CEOs of Intel and Under Armour also resigned from the American Manufacturing Council later in the day.) Texas A&M University, citing security concerns, called off a white supremacist rally on its campus that had been planned for the following month. Thousands of protesters and dozens of supporters were waiting outside New York's Trump Tower as the president returned for the first time since his inauguration. A

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jury in Denver, siding with pop star Taylor Swift, ordered a fired radio DJ to pay her a symbolic \$1 after concluding that he had groped her.

Today's Birthdays: Broadway lyricist Lee Adams ("Bye Bye Birdie") is 94. Pulitzer Prize-winning author Russell Baker is 93. College Football Hall of Famer John Brodie is 83. Singer Dash Crofts is 80. Rock singer David Crosby is 77. Country singer Connie Smith is 77. Comedian-actor Steve Martin is 73. Movie director Wim Wenders is 73. Actor Antonio Fargas is 72. Singer-musician Larry Graham is 72. Actress Susan Saint James is 72. Actor David Schramm is 72. Author Danielle Steel is 71. Rock singer-musician Terry Adams (NRBQ) is 70. "Far Side" cartoonist Gary Larson is 68. Actor Carl Lumbly is 67. Olympic gold medal swimmer Debbie Meyer is 66. Actress Jackee Harry is 62. Actress Marcia Gay Harden is 59. Basketball Hall of Famer Earvin "Magic" Johnson is 59. Singer Sarah Brightman is 58. Actress Susan Olsen is 57. Actress-turned-fashion/interior designer Cristi Conaway is 54. Rock musician Keith Howland (Chicago) is 54. Actress Halle Berry is 52. Actor Ben Bass is 50. Actress Catherine Bell is 50. Country musician Cody McCarver (Confederate Railroad) is 50. Rock musician Kevin Cadogan is 48. Actor Scott Michael Campbell is 47. Actress Lalanya Masters is 46. Actor Christopher Gorham is 44. Actress Mila Kunis is 35. Actor Lamorne Morris is 35. TV personality Spencer Pratt is 35. NFL quarterback-turned-baseball player Tim Tebow is 31.

Thought for Today: "Freedom of speech and freedom of action are meaningless without freedom to think. And there is no freedom of thought without doubt." — Bergen Baldwin Evans, American author (1904-1978).