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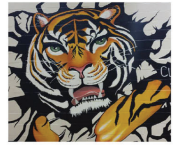
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Groton Area Tigers

Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2018
at Groton, 7:15 pm

Groton Area Schedule of Events

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

4:30pm: Football: Boys 7th/8th Game vs. Milbank
@ Groton Area High School, Doney Field

4:30pm: Volleyball Warner at Groton Area: 7th grade and C match at 4:30 p.m., 8th grade and JV match at 6 p.m. followed by varsity match.

Thursday, September 20, 2018

10:00am: Golf: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Sisseton @ Sisseton Golf Course

4:00pm: Football: Boys 7th Game vs. Aberdeen Central @ Aberdeen

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Groton Area is No. 1

How often does this happen that both the football team and the volleyball team are both number one in their regions. The football team moved from fourth place to first place this week and the Lady Tigers are at a solid first place in volleyball.

Class 11B Football

Region 1	Seed Points	W-L
Groton Area	40.800	3-2
McLaughlin	40.500	3-1
Mobridge-Pollock	40.000	2-2
Aberdeen Roncalli	39.800	2-3
Sisseton	39.500	1-3
Redfield/Doland	36.000	0-5

Class A Volleyball

Region 1	Seed Points	W-L
Groton Area	45.182	10-1
Aberdeen Roncalli	43.800	9-1
Redfield/Doland	43.600	8-2
Milbank	40.929	6-8
Sisseton	39.000	3-9
Webster Area	38.300	4-6
Tiospa Zina	36.333	0-9

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Bjorkman makes campaign stop in Groton

Tim Bjorkman came to Groton on Monday as part of a fundraiser and campaign stop. Bjorkman is running for the lone US House seat that will be vacated by Rep. Kristi Noem as Noem is running for governor. As part of his campaign speech, he was very passionate about his run for Congress and talked about investing in the educational system. He echoed the basic foundation of the United States stating that all Americans should have Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Roncalli XC Invite

Girls Varsity 5K: 12, Emily Thompson, 21:52; 29, AnneMarie Smith, 25:19.

Boys Varsity 5K: 5, Isaac Smith, 18:30; 20, Micah Poor, 20:19; 24, Mitchell Koens, 20:51; 29, Noah Poor, 22:05; 38, Spencer Jacobs, 28:26.

Girls JV 3K: 20, Sierra Erhesmann, 15:32; 21, Rylie Rosenau, 15:34; 31, Lillian Brooks, 17:42.

Boys JV 3K: 27, Dillon Abeln, 13:22; 28, Jackson Garstecki, 13:24; 34, Steven Paulson, 15:05; 35, Bradin Althoff, 15:17; 37, Kannon Coats, 15:44.

BATES TOWNSHIP WEED NOTICE

OWNERS & TENANTS of Bates Township are hereby notified and required, according to law, to cut all weeds and grass in road ditches adjacent to their property or tenanted by them within Bates township on or before October 1, 2018 or same will be hired done by the township board and assessed property taxes at the rate of \$300 per half mile.

Bates Township Board of Supervisors reminds all landowners and tenants that the road right-of-way extends 33 feet from the center of the township road. This ditch is to be maintained and mowed. Any crops planted in the road right-of-way will be mowed and charged to the landowner. Landowner is responsible for spraying all noxious weeds.

Bates Township Board of Supervisors
Betty Geist
Township Clerk

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Today in Weather History

September 18, 2000: Mid-September record to near record heat occurred across central and northeast South Dakota as well as west central Minnesota. Aberdeen, Kennebec, Pierre, and Wheaton all set record highs for the day. Aberdeen and Wheaton set record highs of 95 degrees. Kennebec rose to a record high of 99 degrees while Pierre rose to 104 degrees on this day in 2000. Some of the near record highs occurred at Timber Lake and Mobridge with 92 degrees and 97 degrees, respectively.

1926: The great "Miami Hurricane" produced winds of 138 mph that drove ocean waters into the Biscayne Bay drowning 135 persons. The eye of the hurricane passed over Miami, at which time the barometric pressure reached 27.61 inches. Tides up to twelve feet high accompanied the storm, which claimed a total of 372 lives.

1941: One of the greatest aurora borealis or northern lights ever observed in the central Atlantic and mid-central portions of the U.S. occurred on the night of September 18-19th. The displays continued from twilight until just before dawn and were observed as far south as Florida and southern California.

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1987 - Early morning thunderstorms in northern Texas produced wind gusts to 65 mph at Sulphur Springs, and 2.50 inches of rain in one hour at Commerce, which caused widespread street flooding. Bonham TX received 4.50 inches of rain which also resulted in widespread street flooding as Pig Branch overflowed its banks. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - A strong cold front produced severe thunderstorms in the north central U.S. High winds behind the cold front gusted to 92 mph at Fort Collins CO, and up to a foot of snow blanketed the mountains of Montana, with seven inches reported at Great Falls. High winds in Colorado caused three million dollars damage. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Hurricane Hugo hit Puerto Rico, producing wind gusts to 92 mph at San Juan, and wind gusts to 120 mph at Roosevelt Roads. Hugo produced a storm surge of four to six feet, and northeastern sections of the island were deluged with more than ten inches of rain. Hugo claimed the lives of a dozen persons in Puerto Rico, and caused a billion dollars damage, including 100 million dollars damage to crops. Thunderstorms representing what remained of Hurricane Octave continued to bring heavy rain to the valleys of northern California. Heavier 24 hour rainfall totals included 3.15 inches at Redding, and 2.66 inches at Red Bluff. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Today



Sunny

High: 68 °F

Tonight



Partly Cloudy
then Chance
T-storms

Low: 51 °F

Wednesday



Chance
Showers then
Chance
T-storms

High: 62 °F

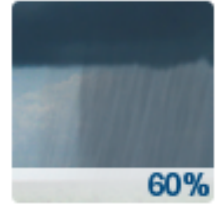
Wednesday
Night



Chance
T-storms then
Showers
Likely

Low: 52 °F

Thursday



Showers
Likely

High: 60 °F

Fall is just around the corner, but
temperatures are already there

Wednesday into Thursday Morning:
Heavy Rain possible over E SD & W MN

Today

66 to 71°



Scattered
showers/storms
over SE SD

Wednesday

60 to 68°



Numerous showers
& scattered storms
especially over E
SD/W MN

Thursday

56 to 67°



Showers/storms
diminishing in the
afternoon

National Weather Service
Aberdeen, SD

Updated: 9/18/2018 4:55 AM Central



Published on: 09/18/2018 at 5:02AM

Cool and wet weather ahead! Scattered showers and storms over southeastern SD today will increase across the entire area Wednesday into Thursday. Heavy rain will be possible over eastern SD and western MN Wednesday into Thursday morning.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 62.0 F at 12:00 AM

Low Outside Temp: 47.4 F at 10:00 AM

High Gust: 23.0 Mph at 6:09 AM

Precip: 0.72

Today's Info

Record High: 95° in 2000

Record Low: 22° in 1896

Average High: 71°F

Average Low: 45°F

Average Precip in Sept.: 1.27

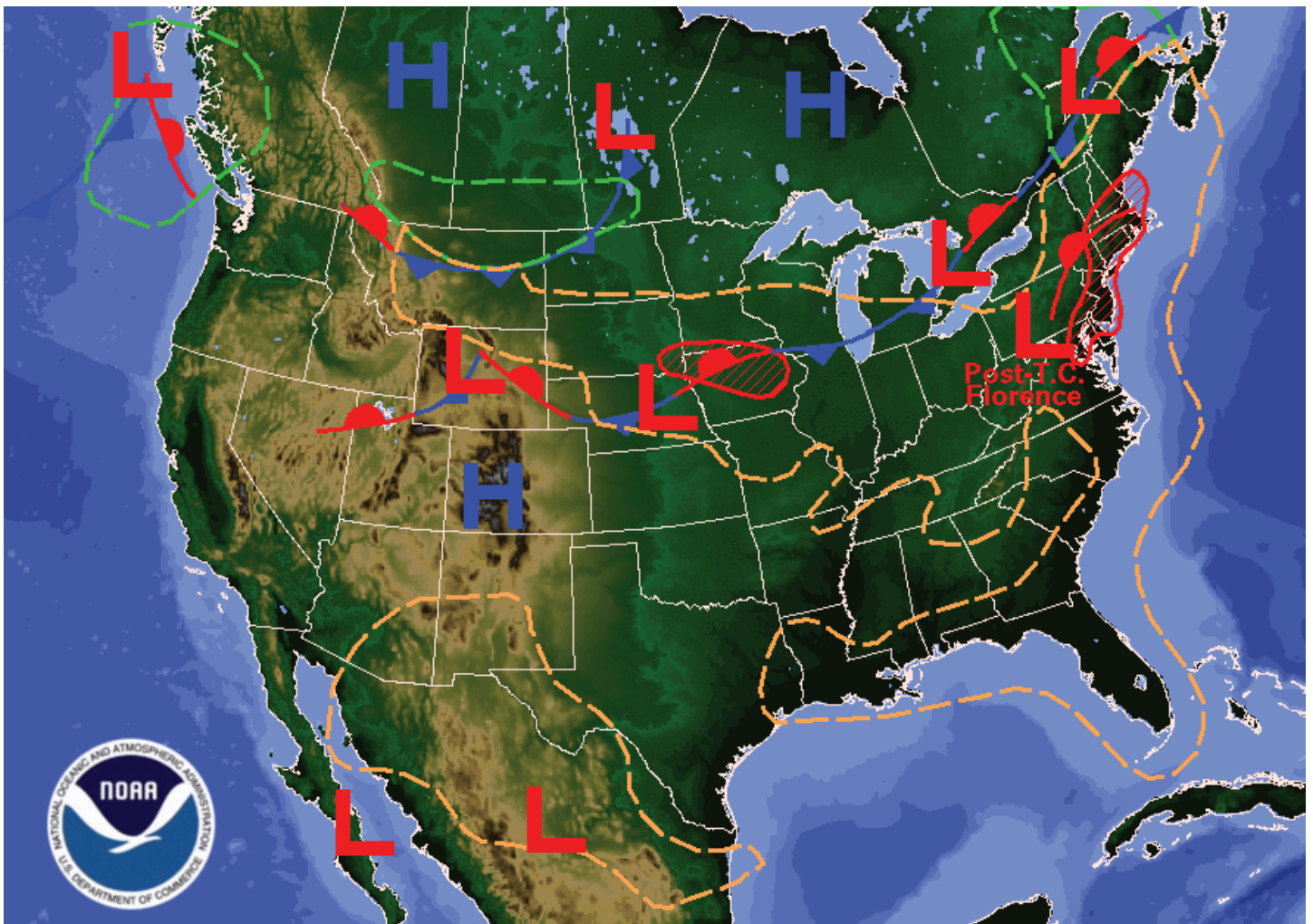
Precip to date in Sept.: 0.82

Average Precip to date: 17.56

Precip Year to Date: 12.08

Sunset Tonight: 7:39 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:17 a.m.



Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Tue, Sep 18, 2018, issued 5:01 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

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

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UNFATHOMABLE MIGHT

A teacher asked his fifth-grade science class a rather probing question: What's the most powerful combination of words? Atomic power, shouted one. Another, raising his hand shouted, Nuclear power. A third said, Water power. The class went silent.

Finally, from the back of the room a student held up his hand and said, Please, Sir, those are powerful words, but I think that the most powerful combination of words is Almighty God.

Almighty means having all might. One who is designated as almighty is one who others believe can do anything. Nothing is beyond that one, and no one can even challenge the power vested in that one. Only God Who is the Creator of the universe and everything in it can do anything. His ability to do, control, sustain and work out His purposes is far beyond the power of our minds to understand. It is only something we can accept or reject but never challenge with our finite thoughts. In the final analysis, whatever His wisdom plans, His might and power can perform.

But what do these lofty thoughts mean for us? After all, if we accept the fact that God is Almighty, what real difference does it make to anyone?

The answer is simple and profound: This mighty and powerful God loves us and has sent His Son to save us from ourselves and eternal damnation. He gives us the option to call upon Him not only for salvation but help in times of need, cleansing from guilt and freedom from fear.

Prayer: How wonderful is Your name, O Lord, and how mighty Your thoughts, deeds and love that You care for us. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 145:3 Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

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

Monday's Scores By The Associated Press

Volleyball

Alcester-Hudson def. Freeman Academy/Marion, 13-25, 25-19, 26-24, 25-10
Britton-Hecla def. Waverly-South Shore, 25-14, 25-22, 25-11
Canistota def. Canton, 25-17, 25-13, 25-20
Castlewood def. Great Plains Lutheran, 25-22, 25-17, 25-11
Colome def. St. Francis Indian, 25-23, 25-16, 25-18
Estelline/Hendricks def. Hamlin, 14-25, 25-22, 25-20, 25-22
Langford def. Wilmot, 25-17, 25-9, 25-15
Sully Buttes def. Timber Lake, 25-15, 19-25, 25-11, 25-15
Tea Area def. Parkston, 25-19, 25-12, 14-25, 27-25
Winner def. Mobridge-Pollock, 25-8, 25-13, 25-17

South Dakota Prep Polls By The Associated Press

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Prep Media football polls for the week of Sept. 3 are listed below, ranking the top-five teams in each class. First-place votes received are indicated in parentheses.

Class 11AAA

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs	
1. Sioux Falls Roosevelt	(24)	4-0	144	1	
2. Sioux Falls O'Gorman	(6)	4-0	126	2	
3. Brandon Valley -	3-1	78	3		
4. Sioux Falls Washington -	2-2	72	4		
5. Watertown -	3-1	26			

Others receiving votes: Sioux Falls Lincoln 3, Aberdeen Central 1.

Class 11AA

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs	
1. Pierre (29)	3-1	149	2		
2. Huron (1)	3-1	98	1		
3. Brookings -	3-1	81	4		
4. Harrisburg -	2-2	75	3		
5. Yankton -	1-3	32	RV		

Others receiving votes: Sturgis 9, Mitchell 6.

Class 11A

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs	
1. Dakota Valley (27)	4-0	147	1		
2. Tea Area -	4-0	122	2		
3. Madison (3)	3-1	89	3		
4. West Central -	2-2	40	RV		

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5. Lennox - 3-1 28 5

Others receiving votes: Belle Fourche 9, Hot Springs 9, Dell Rapids 6.

Class 11B

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs		
1. Bridgewater-Emery-Ethan	(28)		4-0	147	1	
2. Canton (2)	5-0	116	2			
3. Mount Vernon-Plankinton	-		5-0	83	3	
4. SF Christian	-	3-1	71	4		
5. Winner	-	3-1	29	5		

Others receiving votes: Beresford 3, Lead-Deadwood 1.

Class 9AA

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs		
1. Gregory (22)	4-0	141	1			
2. Wolsey-Wessington	(8)	5-0	128	2		
3. Bon Homme	-	4-1	71	4		
4. Baltic	-	4-0	38			
5. Irene-Wakonda	-	4-1	25	3		

Others receiving votes: Arlington/Lake Preston 21, Garretson 15, Hamlin 5, Webster Area 4, North Border 2.

Class 9A

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs		
1. Britton-Hecla (29)	4-0	149	1			
2. Clark-Willow Lake	-	5-0	106	3		
3. Canistota-Freeman	-	4-1	84	4		
4. Warner (1)	3-0	63	2			
5. Alcester-Hudson	-	3-0	23	5		

Others receiving votes: Timber Lake 21, Howard 5.

Class 9B

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs		
1. Sully Buttes (29)	4-0	147	1			
2. Castlewood (1)	4-0	110	2			
3. Colome	-	4-0	93	3		
4. Colman-Egan	-	4-0	69	4		
5. Wall	-	4-0	25	5		

Others receiving votes: Faulkton Area 6.

Packers dealing with costly penalties in tie with Vikings

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Every week, the Green Bay Packers are like any other NFL team, sending video of officials' calls they didn't agree with to the league office for review.

This week's will have one that undoubtedly the league already knows the team is unhappy with: Linebacker Clay Matthews' controversial roughing-the-passer penalty late in the fourth quarter, a call that wiped out a Packers interception and allowed the Minnesota Vikings to escape Lambeau Field with a 29-29 tie on Sunday.

McCarthy said he and his coaching staff reviewed the tape of the game early Monday morning, and that they'll compile those plays they took issue with and send them on Monday night or Tuesday morning.

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Matthews was flagged for a 15-yard personal foul for roughing Vikings quarterback Kirk Cousins with 1 minute, 37 seconds left and the Packers leading, 29-21.

Instead of Jaire Alexander's interception that would have sealed a win for the Packers, they watched as Cousins threw a 22-yard touchdown pass to Adam Thielen and completed a 2-point conversion to Stefon Diggs to force overtime.

Neither team scored in OT, with Vikings kicker Daniel Carlson missing a pair of field-goal attempts, including one as overtime expired. The Vikings cut Carlson Monday.

"I addressed it with the team. We don't focus on the uncontrollables. I don't focus on officiating," McCarthy said Monday. "We focus on the fundamentals (of tackling), doing things right — footwork, approach, strike and finish of any tackle.

"And I felt Clay did what he was asked to do. Obviously, they saw it differently. For me to sit here and dispute it is really a waste of everybody's time."

Asked if he felt calls such as the one referee Tony Corrente made on Matthews should be subject to instant replay review, McCarthy said, "Well, I think anytime a play can change the game. ... We're not going to sit there and gripe and moan and count on them to get a call to win the game.

"But also, when you have a chance to reflect and evaluate, everybody's about trying to improve. We're no different. We give the feedback that's part of the process for the officiating department."

Speaking to a pool reporter after the game, Corrente said Matthews was flagged because he took Cousins and "lifted him and drove him into the ground. ... It has nothing to do with the rule of full body weight. It has nothing to do with helmet to helmet. He picked the quarterback up and drove him into the ground."

While McCarthy said it was incumbent on the Packers defense to respond to the call by still holding the Vikings, Matthews was clearly upset that the call went against him.

"If you aren't being biased, I think it was a legal hit. You can't help but think if you didn't have that call, how does this game go?" Matthews said. "At the same time, you're bewildered as far as what to think, what to do, how to feel. That's frustrating, no doubt about it.

"I know there's an emphasis on protecting quarterbacks, but it's gotten out of control. I don't know what else to do. It's frustrating because Jaire's interception, that's game, right?

"Instead, they go down and score — overtime. We had opportunities to win the game, no doubt about it, but (it's) frustrating to allow a call which I feel like I did the right thing to influence the game."

McCarthy said the Packers, who were flagged for only one roughing-the-passer penalty all of last season, have talked about how the plays are being officiated and are trying to adjust accordingly.

McCarthy also acknowledged that a roughing-the-passer call on Minnesota's Eric Kendricks for hitting Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers appeared incorrect.

"It's definitely a topic. I mean, we've had four (penalties) in two weeks. Anytime patterns become abnormal, I mean, there's a reason behind it," McCarthy said. "The way that particular play is being officiated is different. But in Clay's particular case, I felt that he did what he was coached to do.

"You've got to make sure you're looking at all the variables. I'm not sure that all the variables are clear right now. You look at both of the penalties that were called in the game, the quarterbacks, they're trying to throw the ball.

"I think that's where a little bit of the gray area is in the judgment of the defender hitting the quarterback. Because I get what the goal is, and we're all for the goal being achieved. But in the same breath we've got to make sure it's not a competitive disadvantage to the pass rusher trying to hit the quarterback."

NOTES: McCarthy said a holding penalty on guard Lane Taylor, which wiped out Jimmy Graham's touchdown catch also bothered him. "Frankly, I was more upset about that call than Clay's," McCarthy said. ... McCarthy didn't think Rodgers was any worse for wear after playing with a large brace to protect his injured left knee. "I mean he's obviously sore. That's to be expected," McCarthy said. "He's a warrior, just for what he gave us yesterday. (It) was outstanding. But I don't have a read on whether he's better this week than last week." ... McCarthy said he wouldn't know until Wednesday whether second-year cornerback Kevin King's groin injury is significant enough to keep him out of Sunday's game at Washington. King

was out of the game when Cousins threw a 75-yard touchdown pass to get the Vikings going during the second half. "We're different when he's in there," McCarthy said of King.

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Vikings cut rookie Carlson after 3 missed FGs, target Bailey

By DAVE CAMPBELL, AP Pro Football Writer

EAGAN, Minn. (AP) — With a roster built for the Super Bowl, the Minnesota Vikings were in no position to practice patience with a struggling kicker.

Rather than hoping Daniel Carlson could refocus after missing all three of his field goal attempts in the tie game at Green Bay, the Vikings waived the rookie on Monday and punted on the fifth-round draft pick they used on him five months ago.

Two of Carlson's misses came in overtime on Sunday, forcing the Vikings to settle for a 29-29 draw with the rival Packers. When asked by a reporter how the decision was reached, coach Mike Zimmer said, "Did you see the game?"

Carlson missed from 48 yards in the second quarter and 49 yards in the extra period, before his 35-yard try on the game's final play also went wide right.

"Yeah, it was pretty easy," Zimmer said.

The Vikings didn't immediately add a replacement for Carlson, but Zimmer confirmed that free agent Dan Bailey was making his way to Minnesota for a physical exam. That made it all but certain the Vikings will sign Bailey, the second-most accurate field goal kicker in NFL history. The 30-year-old was released by the Dallas Cowboys right before the regular season began in a cost-saving move following his injury-influenced regression in 2017.

Bailey hurt his groin in the sixth game of the season at San Francisco and missed the next four weeks. Upon his return, he missed five of 13 field goal attempts and also had the first two failed extra points of his seven-year NFL career. With a field goal rate greater than 88 percent, Bailey is behind only Baltimore's Justin Tucker for the best percentage in league history.

Carlson was awarded the job when the Vikings let Kai Forbath go on Aug. 20, and Carlson pulled two field-goal tries wide left in an exhibition game four days later. In the season opener against the 49ers on Sept. 9, Carlson converted his only field goal attempt, from 48 yards, plus three extra points.

Then came the debacle at Lambeau Field, after which Carlson acknowledged he'd lost some faith in his ability upon lining up for his last try.

"It's disappointing for me personally. The team fought so hard. We expect to win that, and I expect to make those kicks to win the game for the team," Carlson said. "That last one was probably more just confidence after missing twice early. That is frustrating. That shorter one I should never miss like that."

Since Zimmer took the job in 2014, the Vikings have had plenty of these problems. Blair Walsh never fully recovered from his 27-yard miss in the subzero cold of the playoff game against the Seattle Seahawks after the 2015 season.

Walsh was let go midway through the 2016 season in favor of Forbath, whose biggest trouble was extra points. Forbath performed relatively well in 2017 as the Vikings advanced to the NFC championship game, but general manager Rick Spielman sought an upgrade with Carlson, who left Auburn as the all-time leading scorer in Southeastern Conference history.

Carlson sent 9 of 10 kickoffs for touchbacks, and the other one was a squib returned for 8 yards to Green Bay's 31. But all the leg strength in the world won't make up for any setbacks on the mental side of this pressure-packed job.

"That's life. I don't know. It's hard to figure out," Zimmer said. "You think you've got a guy for a while, and then he goes out and misses three in a big game. But things happen I guess."

The Vikings traded two sixth-round picks to the New York Jets for the opportunity to move up in the fifth round for Carlson.

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"That's water off a duck's back," Zimmer said. "We'll get some more sixth-rounders next year. I'm not worried about that."

The Vikings signed wide receiver Aldrick Robinson, a seventh-year veteran who was most recently with San Francisco and played with quarterback Kirk Cousins in Washington in 2012 and 2013.

"He really liked him. He's a fast guy," Zimmer said.

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State will investigate trooper shooting in South Dakota

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation will investigate a trooper-involved shooting.

Attorney General Marty Jackley said Monday in a statement that the Highway Patrol requested the investigation following Sunday's shooting during a traffic stop.

Vermillion police were in pursuit of a suspect but discontinued the chase because of high speeds in a residential area. A Highway Patrol trooper located the suspect's vehicle a short time later and made a stop.

Jackley says the "situation escalated" resulting in the trooper firing at the subject. The 21-year-old Vermillion man was taken to a hospital. His condition was not released.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol says the trooper was treated at a hospital and released. The trooper's name was not released.

Authorities have not provided details on how the situation escalated.

South Dakota State coach apologizes for running up score

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota State head football coach John Stiegelmeier says he regrets allowing his team to pile up 90 points against Arkansas-Pine Bluff.

SDSU set a school record for points in its 90-6 victory Saturday night. The Jackrabbits had 926 yards of total offense — just shy of a Football Championship Subdivision record.

Stiegelmeier in remarks after the game said he was excited about the win but disappointed in how he managed the game. He said he should have slowed his team down earlier and taken out all passing plays.

Stiegelmeier said he should have been more respectful toward Arkansas Pine-Bluff and apologized.

South Dakota rancher wins fight over prairie dog mitigation

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota rancher won a battle with a local weed and pest board that wanted to use poison gas to reduce the prairie dog population on her property.

The Fall River County Weed and Pest Board told Susan Henderson in a letter last month that it would cease remedial efforts, The Rapid City Journal reported .

"I am delighted I was able to save the burrowing owls, eagles and other wildlife," said Henderson, whose ranch spreads out east of Provo. "Had I allowed this poisoning and paid the \$8,900-plus the weed and pest board demanded, I would have been liable for federal fines."

Henderson sued the pest board in April because she was worried the poison would kill migrating burrowing owls or harm eagles nesting nearby. She won a court request in May that placed an injunction preventing the board from taking action and allowed her to hire a shooter to spend the summer reducing the prairie dog population.

The board and a state Department of Agriculture officer reviewed the pasture last month. The review found that the population has been significantly reduced, said Nina Steinmetz, the weed and pest board supervisor.

"This count concluded that an 80 percent reduction was achieved," Steinmetz wrote in the letter.

A December 2017 inspection of three sites on Henderson's land counted an average of 14 dogs over a duration of 10 to 15 minutes at each site. That number was down to one rodent at all three sites in

August, officials said.

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

Fire investigated at Sioux Falls correction center

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The warden of the Minnehaha County Correction Center in Sioux Falls says a fire that evacuated the facility started near a loading dock.

Warden Jeff Gromer said Monday investigators are looking into what caused the fire Sunday afternoon that led to the evacuation of about 80 inmates. Gromer says the inmates were moved to the downtown jail.

Gromer says he doesn't believe the fire was the result of any escape attempt. He says some work release inmates were moved to electronic monitoring. The warden says some spare bunks have been put up at the county jail which is now housing about 450 inmates.

The Correction Center is due to be phased out with the construction of the jail expansion, which will be done in 2020.

Child injured in Sioux Falls car shooting

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Police say a 2-year-old child was injured when someone shot out a car window in Sioux Falls.

Authorities say they are still looking for the person who used a BB gun to shatter the car's rear window Saturday night. Police spokesman Sam Clemens said Monday the child was struck on the leg by shattered glass. A woman was also in the vehicle, but was not hurt.

The child was treated at the scene for minor injuries.

Deputy dive into ditch to avoid suspected drunken driver

VIBORG, S.D. (AP) — The Highway Patrol says a sheriff's deputy dove into an interstate ditch in southeastern South Dakota to avoid being struck by a drunken driver who slammed into the back of his patrol car.

The patrol says the Turner County deputy was working a motorcycle crash on Interstate 29 near Viborg Saturday night when driver approached, nearly struck him and crashed into the squad car. The deputy was not injured.

The Argus Leader says the suspected drunken driver, a 30-year-old Beresford man, suffered serious injuries was taken to a Sioux Falls hospital.

Charges against him are pending.

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

Air Force to hold exercise in Northern Plains training area

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The Air Force is planning another training session next month in the massive Powder River Training Complex over the Northern Plains.

The Combat Raider exercise is scheduled for three days beginning Oct. 16. It will involve several different types of military aircraft.

The 35,000-square-mile complex over the Dakotas, Montana and Wyoming is the largest over the continental U.S. It's been in use for three years. Large-scale exercises are limited to 10 days per year.

Wilmington Isle: Food, water handouts set in isolated city

By **CHUCK BURTON** and **MARTHA WAGGONER**, Associated Press

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP) — With one of North Carolina's largest cities still mostly cut off by floodwaters from Hurricane Florence, officials prepared to begin distributing food, water and tarps to Wilmington residents as yet more people were rescued from submerged inland neighborhoods.

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Workers will begin handing out supplies to stranded residents in the city of 120,000 people beginning Tuesday morning, county officials say.

One road was opened into Wilmington at least briefly, officials said, and items have been brought into the city by big military trucks and helicopters, which also have been used to pluck hundreds of harried people from atop homes and other structures.

"Thank you," a shirtless Willie Schubert mouthed to members of a Coast Guard helicopter crew who picked up him and his dog Lucky from atop a house encircled by water in Pollocksville on Monday. It wasn't clear how long he had been stranded.

The death toll from Florence rose to at least 32 in three states, with 25 fatalities in North Carolina, as remnants of the once-powerful Category 4 hurricane — now reduced to a rainy, windy mass of low pressure — speeded up toward the heavily populated Northeast.

The victims include a 1-year-old boy who was swept away after his mother drove into floodwaters and lost her grip on him while trying to get back to dry land in North Carolina. Authorities in Virginia said one person was dead after an apparent tornado.

The rain finally stopped and the sun peeked through, but North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper warned that dangerously high water would persist for days. He urged residents who were evacuated from the hardest-hit areas to stay away because of closed roads and catastrophic flooding that submerged entire communities.

"There's too much going on," he told a news conference.

Crews have conducted about 700 rescues in New Hanover County, where Wilmington is located. More than 60 percent of homes and businesses were without power, authorities said. Roads are being cleared and the landfill is open to accept storm refuse.

Mayor Bill Saffo said he was working with the governor's office to get more fuel into Wilmington.

"At this time, things are moving as well as can be in the city," he said.

Compounding problems, downed power lines and broken trees crisscrossed many roads in Wilmington three days after Florence made landfall. The smell of broken pine trees wafted through damaged neighborhoods.

At the White House, President Donald Trump said almost 20,000 military personnel and federal workers were deployed to help with the aftermath.

"We will do whatever it takes to keep the American people safe," Trump said.

Preliminary statistics from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration showed Florence had the fourth-highest rainfall total of any hurricane to hit the U.S. mainland since 1950, with 35.94 inches (91.2 centimeters) at Elizabethtown, North Carolina. Harvey's total of 60.58 inches (153.87 centimeters) last year in Texas is No. 1.

Desperate for gas to run a generator at home, Nick Monroe waited in a half-mile-long (more than .8-kilometer) line at a Speedway station even though the pumps were wrapped in plastic. His power went off Thursday before Florence hit the coast, but he couldn't recall exactly when.

"It's all kind of a blur," Monroe said.

At another gas station, a long line of vehicles followed a tanker truck that pulled in with 8,800 gallons (33,000 liters) of fuel.

Downgraded from a tropical depression, the deadly storm still had abundant rain and top winds around 25 mph (40 kph). Forecasters said it was expected to continue toward the Northeast, which is in for as much as 4 inches (10 centimeters) of rain, before the system moves offshore again.

Emergency officials had difficulty keeping up with the scope of the spreading disaster.

In Lumberton, where the Lumber River inundated homes, Fire Chief John Paul Ivey couldn't even count how many calls authorities had received about people needing to be rescued.

"We've been going so hard and fast we don't have a number yet," he said.

Waggoner reported from Raleigh, North Carolina. Associated Press photographer Steve Helber in Pollocksville, North Carolina, and AP writers Jonathan Drew in Lumberton, North Carolina; Gary Robertson

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For the latest on Hurricane Florence, visit <https://www.apnews.com/tag/Hurricanes>

Withdraw Kavanaugh nomination? 'Ridiculous,' says Trump

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump sided with his embattled Supreme Court nominee, defending Judge Brett Kavanaugh against allegations of sexual assault as the White House walked a fine line in addressing accusations that revived memories of the president's own #MeToo moments. Time and again, Trump has defended powerful men against the claims of women.

The president dismissed any notion that Kavanaugh's nomination should be withdrawn, calling that a "ridiculous question" while accusing Democrats of playing politics by not zeroing in on the accusation against the judge until days before the Senate Judiciary Committee was poised to vote on his nomination.

"He's an outstanding intellect. An outstanding judge. Respected by everybody. Never even had a little blemish on his record," Trump told reporters at the White House on Monday.

But Trump's defense was somewhat measured. He allowed that there might need to be a "little delay" in the Senate confirmation process to deal with the explosive allegation that Kavanaugh forced himself on a woman at a high school party more than 30 years ago.

"I'd like to see a complete process. ... I want him to go in at the absolute highest level. And I think to do that you have to go through this. If it takes a little delay, it'll take a little delay," the president said.

"They'll go through a process and hear everybody out. I think it's important," Trump continued. "But with all of that being said, it will, I'm sure, work out very well."

Trump's somewhat muted response underscored the politically perilous situation the White House found itself in.

Kavanaugh's nomination had seemed to be on a glide path until Christine Blasey Ford, a psychology professor at Palo Alto University in California, said Sunday that Kavanaugh had sexually assaulted her at a drunken high school party in the 1980s. Kavanaugh denied the allegation.

Both were invited to testify about the matter before the committee next Monday, which could create a made-for-TV spectacle that Republican leaders had hoped to avoid.

White House aides met behind closed doors cognizant of two realities: that scuttling the Kavanaugh nomination and finding a replacement would likely postpone confirmation hearings until after what could be a difficult midterm election, while pushing back too hard in his defense could alienate female voters as well as female senators who could hold the judge's future in their hands.

Until he spoke Monday afternoon, Trump had stayed out of sight as the allegations swirled. He received closed-door updates on Hurricane Florence while tweeting about supposed FBI conspiracies against him and wishing the nation a happy Constitution Day.

The White House tone for the day was set by one of the administration's few high-ranking female voices, Kellyanne Conway, who said Ford's voice should be heard.

"She should not be insulted. She should not be ignored. She should testify under oath, and she should do it on Capitol Hill," said Conway, a senior White House adviser.

Still, the administration continued to push forward the nomination and summoned Kavanaugh to the White House, where he spent time with White House counsel Don McGahn and other aides.

Trump's advisers both inside and outside the White House urged the president not to attack Kavanaugh's accuser, fearful of repercussions among the electorate.

The president has not always shown that restraint. His campaign was nearly derailed in October 2016 when a video from TV's "Access Hollywood" emerged that captured him boasting about groping women. After a reluctant apology, Trump returned to denying any wrongdoing, dismissing more than a dozen

women who accused of him of sexual misconduct, including mocking some of them for not being attractive enough for him to seduce.

Days later, at a surprise news conference ahead of a presidential debate in St. Louis, Trump showed a willingness to support allegations against others, appearing with four women who accused former President Bill Clinton, the husband of Trump's opponent, of sexual misconduct.

Even as the #MeToo movement gained steam, giving a voice to women who said they were abused by powerful men, the White House has steadily denied accusations against the president. Trump has frequently voiced support for men who faced accusations.

He backed longtime friend Roger Ailes, the Fox News executive accused of misconduct by more than two dozen women, and later hired Ailes' onetime aide Bill Shine to be his White House communications director. He publicly defended Rob Porter, an aide who resigned after his two ex-wives accused him of spousal abuse. And he backed Alabama Senate candidate Roy Moore despite accusations that Moore pursued relationships with underage women. All three men denied the allegations.

"Peoples lives are being shattered and destroyed by a mere allegation," Trump wrote on Twitter in February. "Some are true and some are false. Some are old and some are new. There is no recovery for someone falsely accused — life and career are gone. Is there no such thing any longer as Due Process?"

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Showdown between Kavanaugh, accuser scheduled for next week

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans are forging ahead with plans for a Senate hearing they had hoped to avoid on a woman's claims that Brett Kavanaugh sexually assaulted her when they were high schoolers, hoping to salvage the judge's endangered Supreme Court nomination with a risky, nationally televised showdown between him and his accuser.

Republicans reversed course and agreed to the hearing in the face of growing demands by GOP senators to hear directly from Kavanaugh and Christine Blasey Ford, now a psychology professor in California. Their sworn testimony, certain to be conflicting and emotive, will offer a campaign-season test of the political potency of a #MeToo movement that has already toppled prominent men from entertainment, government and journalism.

"Now the whole nation's trying to figure out something that's not really evident," said Sen. James Lankford, R-Okla. "It is a political dialogue on a very, very painful subject for a lot of people."

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, said his panel would hold a hearing next Monday with both Kavanaugh and Ford "to provide ample transparency" and "give these recent allegations a full airing."

Ford says that at a party when both were teenagers in the early 1980s, an intoxicated Kavanaugh trapped her in a bedroom, pinned her on a bed, tried to undress her and forced his hand over her mouth when she tried to scream. She said she got away when a companion of Kavanaugh's jumped on him.

Kavanaugh, 53, has vehemently denied the accusation. He said in a statement Monday that he wanted to "refute this false allegation, from 36 years ago, and defend my integrity."

Shortly before Grassley's announcement, the senator said there would be private, telephone interviews of Kavanaugh and Ford conducted by committee staffers. Democrats refused to participate, saying the seriousness of the charges merited a full FBI investigation.

Republicans had also displayed no willingness to delay a Judiciary panel vote that Grassley had planned

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for this Thursday to advance the nomination, setting the stage for full Senate confirmation of Kavanaugh by month's end, in time for the new Supreme Court session. Thursday's vote will not occur.

President Donald Trump telegraphed earlier Monday that that schedule might slow. He told reporters at the White House: "If it takes a little delay, it will take a little delay."

If the Judiciary committee's timetable slips, it would become increasingly difficult for Republicans to schedule a vote before midterm elections on Nov. 6 elections, when congressional control will be at stake.

With fragile GOP majorities of just 11-10 on the Judiciary committee and 51-49 in the full Senate, Republican leaders had little room for defectors without risking a humiliating defeat of Trump's nominee to replace retired Justice Anthony Kennedy.

Among the GOP defectors was Sen. Jeff Flake of Arizona, a Judiciary Committee member who has clashed bitterly with Trump and is retiring from the Senate. Flake said he told No. 2 Senate Republican leader John Cornyn of Texas on Sunday that "if we didn't give her a chance to be heard, then I would vote no."

There was enormous pressure on GOP Sens. Susan Collins of Maine and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, two moderates who have yet to announce their positions on Kavanaugh and aren't on the Judiciary Committee.

Collins said that in a telephone conversation with Kavanaugh on Friday he was "absolutely emphatic" that the assault didn't occur. She said it would be "disqualifying" if Kavanaugh was lying. Murkowski said Ford's story "must be taken seriously." Neither Collins nor Murkowski faces re-election this fall.

Some Democrats raised questions about whether Grassley's planned hearings were sufficient.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California, the top Democrat on the Judiciary panel, said in a statement Monday night that she was disappointed the FBI and White House "are failing to take even the most basic steps to investigate this matter" and that the process was being rushed. She said President George H.W. Bush had asked the FBI to investigate Anita Hill's allegations against Thomas.

Another Democrat on the panel, Sen. Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut, said staging the hearing without the FBI investigation would make it a "sham."

Underscoring the raw political divisions prompted by the Kavanaugh fight, Feinstein said she'd only learned of the hearing on Twitter.

The Justice Department said in a statement late Monday that the accusation against Kavanaugh "does not involve any potential federal crime." It said the FBI had forwarded to the White House a letter, evidently from Ford, describing alleged misconduct in the 1980s by Kavanaugh. The statement seemed to suggest that the FBI was not currently investigating it.

Kavanaugh and Ford had each indicated earlier Monday a willingness to testify to the Judiciary committee. Debra S. Katz, Ford's attorney, said on NBC's "Today" that Ford was ready to testify publicly to the Judiciary panel, but she did not respond Monday evening to efforts to learn whether she would appear.

Kavanaugh went to the White House on Monday, but Trump said he did not meet with his nominee. He declined to say whether Kavanaugh had offered to withdraw, dismissing the question as "ridiculous."

Ford, now a psychology professor at California's Palo Alto University, gave her description of her encounter with Kavanaugh to The Washington Post in an interview published Sunday.

Kavanaugh is currently a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, widely viewed as the nation's second-most-powerful court.

Until Monday, Trump had remained silent about the allegations against Kavanaugh. The president himself has faced accusations of affairs and unwanted advances — not to mention his taped comments about groping women that emerged shortly before he was elected in 2016.

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Jury shown shooting video repeatedly at Chicago cop's trial

By DON BABWIN, Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — The last moments of Laquan McDonald's life played over and over again for the jury. An officer pulls up, gets out of a squad car and opens fire as the black teenager walks away from police, a small knife in one hand. McDonald crumples to the ground. More bullets are fired into his body — a total of 16.

The video of the Oct. 20, 2014, shooting is so central to the murder trial of white Chicago police officer Jason Van Dyke that jurors watched it at least five times during the first day of testimony Monday — the first time just 15 minutes into opening statements. Its release more than a year after the shooting sparked large protests, the ouster of the city's police superintendent and demands for police reform.

Most jurors had said during jury selection that they had already seen the footage, which appears to contradict the initial claims of Van Dyke and other officers that McDonald had lunged at them with a knife. Now the jury watched it repeatedly, with prosecutors at one point stopping it to highlight certain points: the moment before Van Dyke opens fire; the first bullet striking McDonald; the 17-year-old lying on the ground.

In some of the most compelling testimony of the day, Officer Dora Fontaine said puffs of smoke seen on video coming from the teen's prone body were, in fact, smoke that she saw when bullets struck him. Prosecutors are to continue presenting evidence on Tuesday.

While prosecutors stressed that no other officers who encountered McDonald opened fire, defense attorney Daniel Herbert argued that Van Dyke "is not a murderer. ... He is a scared police officer who was fearful for his life and the life of others and acted as he was trained to do."

In his opening statement, special prosecutor Joseph McMahan recounted each of the 16 shots that Van Dyke fired, rapping his knuckles on a lectern each time he said a number: "He shot him ... not once, not twice, but three, four, five, six seven, eight — he's only halfway done — nine, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 times in total."

"Not a single shot was necessary or justified," he said at another point in his opening statement.

But Herbert told the jury that the number of shots fired was irrelevant: "They didn't charge him with shooting too many times. They charged him with first-degree murder."

Herbert painted a picture of McDonald as a crazed teenager who had attacked a truck driver and a squad car and had tried to get into two restaurants. He said McDonald had flicked his folding knife open when Van Dyke pulled up.

McDonald was "planning to attack" again, Herbert said. "He's not trying to escape."

He and McMahan both noted McDonald had the hallucinogenic drug PCP in his system.

But McMahan said Van Dyke didn't know that — or anything else about McDonald — when he opened fire just six seconds after getting out of his squad car.

"What he did see was a black boy walking down a street with a chain-link fence with the audacity to ignore the police," McMahan said.

Fontaine, who appeared to be climbing out of her squad car when Van Dyke opened fire, testified that she never saw McDonald attack any officers, charge officers or even raise his arm.

Prosecutors granted her immunity for her testimony. She's the only officer to challenge statements attributed to her in police reports about the shooting. Some other officers at the scene have been charged with lying on their reports in what prosecutors say was an effort to cover up what happened to protect Van Dyke.

Another officer who testified Monday, Joseph McElligott, said he had come within 15 feet (4.5 meters) of McDonald, the same distance Van Dyke was when he later shot the teen. He said McDonald had stabbed the tire of the squad car his partner was driving and struck the window with the knife. But he said he didn't think his partner was in danger. He said they were waiting for an officer to arrive with a Taser to use on McDonald.

"We were just trying to be patient," he said.

McElligott was down the street blocking traffic when Van Dyke arrived, and under cross-examination,

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McElligott said McDonald's later actions had increased the threat level.

Van Dyke has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, aggravated battery and official misconduct.

Earlier Monday, Cook County Judge Vincent Gaughan decided against moving the trial from Chicago. Defense attorneys had argued that extensive publicity since the 2015 release of the video of the shooting makes it impossible for Van Dyke to get a fair trial in the city.

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Korean leaders meet in Pyongyang for potentially tough talks

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PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — South Korean President Moon Jae-in began his third summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un on Tuesday with possibly his hardest mission to date — brokering some kind of compromise to keep North Korea's talks with Washington from imploding and pushing ahead with his own plans to expand economic cooperation and bring a stable peace to the Korean Peninsula.

Kim gave the South Korean president an exceedingly warm welcome, meeting him and his wife at Pyongyang's airport — itself a very unusual gesture — then riding into town with Moon in an open limousine through streets lined with crowds of North Koreans, who cheered and waved the flag of their country and a blue-and-white flag that symbolizes Korean unity.

The made-for-television welcome is par for the course for Moon's summits with Kim.

Hours after his arrival, Moon began an official summit with Kim at the ruling Workers' Party headquarters. The two were joined by two of their top deputies — spy chief Suh Hoon and presidential security director Chung Eui-yong for Moon, and Kim Jong Un's powerful sister, Kim Yo Jong, and senior Workers' Party official Kim Yong Chol for the North Korean leader, according to Moon's office.

At the start of their meeting, Kim thanked Moon for brokering a June summit with U.S. President Donald Trump.

"It's not too much to say that it's Moon's efforts that arranged a historic North Korea-U.S. summit. Because of that, the regional political situation has been stabilized and more progress is expected," Kim said, according to South Korean media pool reports.

Moon responded by expressing his own thanks to Kim for making a "bold decision" in a New Year's speech to open a new era of detente and send a delegation to the South Korean Winter Olympics in February.

The results of the talks weren't immediately available. Seoul officials earlier said they would focus on how to achieve denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, decrease military tensions along their border and improve overall ties. The North's media said the talks would reaffirm their commitment to Korean peace, unity and prosperity.

During a conversation at the Paekhwawon guest house where Moon was to stay, Kim said North Koreans hope diplomacy will yield positive results. "I think it was our people's wish that we come up with good results as fast as we can," Kim said, according to the media pool reports.

Moon responded that "Our hearts are fluttering, but at the same we have heavy hearts," and added, "We have built trust and friendship between us, so I think all will be well."

The two are to meet again on Wednesday.

More than in their previous encounters, when the mere fact of meeting and resuming a dialogue was seen as a major step forward, Moon is under pressure to leave Thursday with some concrete accomplishments.

One of Moon's objectives — and one that also interests Kim — was clear from the people he took with him. Traveling on Moon's government jet was Samsung scion Lee Jae-yong and other business leaders, underscoring Moon's hopes to expand cross-border business projects. Currently, however, all major joint projects between the Koreas are stalled because of U.S.-led sanctions.

But the nuclear issue was sure to cast a shadow over negotiations on joint projects.

Before leaving Seoul, Moon vowed to push for "irreversible, permanent peace" and for better dialogue

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between Pyongyang and Washington.

"This summit would be very meaningful if it yielded a resumption of North Korea-U.S. talks," Moon said Tuesday just before his departure. "It's very important for South and North Korea to meet frequently, and we are turning to a phase where we can meet anytime we want."

But as Moon arrived, the North's main newspaper lobbed a rhetorical volley at Washington that could make Moon's job all the more delicate, blaming the United States alone for the lack of progress in denuclearization talks.

"The U.S. is totally to blame for the deadlocked DPRK-U.S. negotiations," the Rodong Sinmun said in an editorial, using the initials of the North's formal name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

It said Washington is "stubbornly insisting" that the North dismantle its nuclear weapons first, an approach "which was rejected in the past DPRK-U.S. dialogues," while failing to show its will for confidence-building "including the declaration of the end of war which it had already pledged."

While signaling his willingness to talk with Washington, Kim's strategy has been to try to elbow the U.S. away from Seoul so that the two Koreas can take the lead in deciding how to bring peace and stability to their peninsula. North Korea maintains that it has developed its nuclear weapons to the point that it can now defend itself against a potential U.S. attack, and can now shift its focus to economic development and improved ties with the South.

Rarely do the North Korean official media even mention the word denuclearization.

Talks between the United States and North Korea have stalled since Kim's meeting with Trump in Singapore in June.

North Korea has taken some steps, like dismantling its nuclear and rocket-engine testing sites, but U.S. officials have said it must take more serious disarmament steps before receiving outside concessions. Trump has indicated he may be open to holding another summit to resuscitate the talks, however.

For Kim, the timing of this week's summit is good.

North Korea just completed an elaborate celebration replete with a military parade and huge rallies across the country to mark its 70th anniversary. China, signaling its support for Kim's recent diplomatic moves, sent its third-highest party official to those festivities. That's important because China is the North's biggest economic partner and is an important political counterbalance to the United States.

To keep expectations from getting too high, Moon's chief of staff, Im Jong-seok, said it's "difficult to have any optimistic outlook" for progress on denuclearization during the summit. But he said he still expects the summit to produce meaningful agreements.

Some progress along those lines is already underway.

South Korea last week opened a liaison office in the North's city of Kaesong, near the Demilitarized Zone. Another possible area of agreement could be on a formal statement on ending the Korean War, which was halted in 1953 by what was intended to be a temporary armistice. Military officials have discussed possibly disarming a jointly controlled area at the Koreas' shared border village, removing front-line guard posts and halting hostile acts along their sea boundary.

Moon is the third South Korean leader to visit North Korea's capital for summits, but the first since 2007.

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Russia blames Israel for shooting down of plane off Syria

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MOSCOW (AP) — A Russian reconnaissance aircraft was brought down by a Syrian missile over the Mediterranean, killing all 15 people on board, the Russian defense ministry said Tuesday. It blamed Israel for the crash, saying the plane was caught in the crossfire as four Israeli fighters attacked targets in northwestern Syria.

The Russian military said that the Il-20 reconnaissance aircraft was hit 35 kilometers (22 miles) offshore

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late Monday as it was returning to its home base nearby.

"The Israeli pilots were using the Russian aircraft as a shield and pushed it into the line of fire of the Syrian defense," Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Igor Konashenkov said in a statement.

Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu called his Israeli counterpart, Avigdor Lieberman, later on Tuesday to say that Israel is "fully to blame" for the deaths, the ministry said.

The military said Israel did not warn it of its operation over Latakia province until one minute before the strike, which did not give the Russian plane enough time to escape.

Both the Israeli military and Israel's Foreign Ministry declined comment on the Russian claim.

The Russian Defense Ministry said a recovery operation in the Mediterranean Sea is underway and that it has already located the wreckage in the sea and has retrieved some bodies and some fragments of the plane.

The Kremlin sounded cautious in the aftermath of the attack, refusing to comment on a potential row with Israel.

Dmitry Peskov, spokesman for President Vladimir Putin, told reporters that the Kremlin is "analyzing the situation" and does not want to speak further at this point.

For several years, Israel and Russia have maintained a special hotline to prevent their air forces from clashing in the skies over Syria. Israeli military officials have previously praised its effectiveness.

Russia has been a key backer of Syrian President Bashar Assad and it has two military bases in the country, including one close to the Mediterranean coast.

Russia's dramatic entry into the Syrian civil war in 2015 in support of the Syrian government, after a year of airstrikes by the U.S. and its coalition partners against the Islamic State group, increased the specter of dangerous confrontations in the skies over Syria.

Turkey's troops are also on the ground in northern Syria and are patrolling the skies over the region as Ankara seeks to ramp up its influence there and curb the expansion of Syrian Kurdish-controlled territory.

Israel has refrained from taking sides in the Syrian civil war. But it has acknowledged carrying out scores of airstrikes against archenemy Iran and its Shiite proxy Hezbollah.

Israel has also acknowledged attacking Iranian targets some 200 times. Israel has warned that it will not allow Iran to establish a permanent military presence in postwar Syria.

Throughout the fighting, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has maintained continuous contact with Russia. Netanyahu frequently travels to Russia for talks with President Vladimir Putin to discuss the Syria issue.

Sima Shine, a former senior Mossad official and ex-deputy director-general at the Strategic Affairs Ministry, told Israel's Army Radio station that the shooting down is problematic both militarily and internally from a Russian perspective.

"I think it will impose very serious restriction on Israel's freedom of activity," she said.

The plane crashed only hours after the leaders of Russia and Turkey reached an agreement to avert an all-out offensive by government forces to retake Syria's last remaining rebel stronghold in Idlib.

Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, on Tuesday called the deal "a landmark and crucial agreement for Syria's future" and said the shooting down of the plane will have no impact on that deal.

In Damascus, Syria's foreign ministry welcomed the agreement, while vowing that it will continue the fight against "terrorism until liberating the last inch of the Syrian territory, whether through military operations or through local reconciliations."

Iran also welcomed the agreement, with Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif tweeting: "Diplomacy works."

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This story has been corrected to say the plane came down late Monday, not early Tuesday.

1st private moon flight passenger to invite creative guests

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — After announcing that he'll take the first-ever commercial rocket trip around the moon, Yusaku Maezawa said he wants company for the weeklong journey. The Japanese billionaire said he plans to invite six to eight artists, architects, designers and other creative people to join him on board the SpaceX rocket "to inspire the dreamer in all of us."

The Big Falcon Rocket is scheduled to make the trip in 2023, SpaceX founder Elon Musk announced at an event Monday at its headquarters near Los Angeles.

Maezawa, 42, said he wants his guests for the lunar orbit "to see the moon up close, and the Earth in full view, and create work to reflect their experience."

Musk said the entrepreneur, founder of Japan's largest retail website and one of the country's richest people, will pay "a lot of money" for the trip but declined to disclose the exact amount. Maezawa came to SpaceX with the idea for the group flight, Musk said.

"I did not want to have such a fantastic experience by myself," said Maezawa, wearing a blue sports jacket over a white T-shirt printed with a work by the late painter Jean-Michel Basquiat. He said he often mused about what artists like Basquiat or Andy Warhol might have come up with if they'd traveled into space.

"I wish to create amazing works of art for humankind," Maezawa said.

Maezawa didn't immediately say who will be on his guest list for the spaceflight, but in response to a question from a reporter he said he'd consider inviting Musk.

"Maybe we'll both be on it," Musk said with a smile.

Musk said the BFR is still in development and will make several unmanned test launches before it takes on passengers. The reusable 118-meter (387-foot) rocket will have its own dedicated passenger ship, and its development is expected to cost about \$5 billion, Musk said.

The mission will not involve a lunar landing.

The average distance from Earth to the moon is about 237,685 miles (382,500 kilometers). Astronauts last visited the moon during NASA's Apollo program. Twenty-four men flew to the moon from 1968 through 1972, and half of them made it to the lunar surface.

NASA is planning its own lunar flyby with a crew around 2023. The space agency also aims to build a staffed gateway near the moon during the 2020s. The outpost would serve as a stepping-off point for the lunar surface, Mars and points beyond.

Maezawa, a former musician, founded the retail firm Start Today in 1998 and built it into one of Japan's most successful companies. In 2012, he started the Tokyo-based Contemporary Art Foundation to support young artists. He made headlines in 2016 when he paid more than \$57 million at auction for an untitled work by Basquiat. A year later, he paid more than \$110 million auction for another piece by the same artist.

Musk outlined a somewhat different SpaceX lunar mission last year. He said then that two people who know each other approached the company about a weeklong flight to the moon and back. Musk did not name the clients last year or say how much they would pay.

That original mission would have used a Falcon Heavy rocket — the most powerful rocket flying today — and a Dragon crew capsule similar to the one NASA astronauts will use to fly to the International Space Station as early as next year.

The era of space tourism began in 2001, when California businessman Dennis Tito paid for a journey on a Russian rocket to the International Space Station. The trip was organized by the Virginia-based company Space Adventures, which has since sent several more paying customers on spaceflights.

SpaceX already has a long list of firsts, with its sights ultimately set on Mars. It became the first private company to launch a spacecraft into orbit and safely return it to Earth in 2010, and the first commercial enterprise to fly to the space station in 2012 on a supply mission.

Musk's successes have recently been overshadowed by his behavior and the struggles of his Tesla electric car company to deliver.

He recently criticized analysts during a Tesla earnings conference call, labeled a British diver in the recent

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Thai cave rescue drama as a pedophile, took a hit off an apparent marijuana-tobacco joint during a podcast interview, and tweeted that he had funding to take Tesla private but then announced the deal was off.

Two high-level executives announced departures from Tesla, and the diver sued Musk on Monday. Last month he told the New York Times he was overwhelmed by job stress.

The British diver, Vernon Unsworth, sued Musk for defamation on Monday and is seeking more than \$75,000.

Musk and SpaceX engineers built a small submarine and shipped it to Thailand to help with the rescue. The device wasn't used and in the interview, Unsworth called it a "PR stunt" and said it wouldn't have worked to free the boys who were trapped in the flooded cave.

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Emmys 2018: An award diversity showing and an epic proposal

By JOCELYN NOVECK, AP National Writer

"The Proposal." It was a 2009 movie starring Sandra Bullock, but now will forever be the informal title of the 2018 Emmys telecast, thanks to a memorable romantic gesture from Emmy-winning director Glenn Weiss — who summoned the courage to propose to his girlfriend on live TV.

She said yes — thank the Lord. The stars in the audience responded with gasps (we saw you, Leslie Jones) and even tears (we saw you too, Queen Elizabeth — er, Claire Foy.)

That feel-good moment — along with crowd-pleasing speeches by Henry Winkler and Betty White — lightened the mood of an evening that otherwise had a lackluster feel, and disappointed many with the lack of ethnic diversity among its winners.

Some moments we'll be talking about:

ISSUE: NOT SOLVED

Nope, they sure didn't solve it.

The Emmys began with a happy announcement — this was the most ethnically diverse group of Emmy nominees yet — and a cheeky musical nod to the diversity issue in Hollywood, a song aptly called "We Solved It!" Kenan Thompson, Kate McKinnon, Sterling K. Brown, Tituss Burgess and Ricky Martin, among others, sang — tongue firmly in cheek — about how far things had progressed, joined by a company of "One of Each" dancers.

But they couldn't have known how the evening itself would progress — award after award would go to a white winner. Presenter James Corden finally said what everyone was thinking. "Let's get it trending: #EmmysSoWhite," he quipped, a double reference to both Betty White, who preceded him, and the prevailing color of the evening.

The string was finally broken about halfway through when Regina King was awarded best actress in a limited series or movie for "Seven Seconds."

DA FONZ!

Sometimes it just takes a little patience to achieve your Emmy dreams — like, four decades and six nominations worth of patience.

But who's counting? Not Henry Winkler, who bounded to the stage with delight to claim his first Emmy, more than 40 years after he was first nominated for his role as The Fonz in "Happy Days."

The crowd rose to cheer the 72-year-old Winkler as he accepted his trophy for best supporting actor in a comedy series for HBO's dark comedy "Barry," joking that he was giving a speech he wrote 43 years ago.

He quoted some Hollywood advice he'd been given, that "if you stay at the table long enough, the chips come to you."

"Tonight I got to clear the table," he said, and then jokingly told his (adult) children: "You can go to bed now. Daddy won!"

BETTY WHITE STEALS THE SHOW

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If that was a feel-good moment, what do you call the sublime appearance of 96-year-old White, honored for 80 years in television?

The star of "Golden Girls" and "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" got such a huge ovation from the crowd that she quipped: "I'm just gonna quit while I'm ahead."

"It's incredible," White said, "that you can stay in a career this long and still have people put up with you. I wish they did that at home."

And she showed she wasn't above — or beyond — a racy joke: "I want to thank Lorne Michaels for everything he's done with me. I mean, for me," she said of the "Saturday Night Live" creator and producer of the evening's telecast.

POLITICS TAKES A BREAK

There was surprisingly little politics in the Emmys telecast; the name "Trump" was barely if ever mentioned. But "Full Frontal" host Samantha Bee got a few digs in.

Presenting the award for best drama actor with Taraji P. Henson, Bee was asked what drama she was watching. She was off and running.

"I've been watching this shocking dystopian drama called 'the news,'" Bee said.

"I'm on approximately season 9,000. Gets darker and darker, but I can't stop watching. You know, they really need to recast the lead."

She suggested others might want to try, er, lighter fare.

"Just watch 'The Handmaid's Tale' instead," she said. "It's a lot more fun."

A #METOO MOMENT

The #MeToo movement, on the other hand, was addressed right away by hosts Michael Che and Colin Hanks.

"It's an honor being here, sharing this night with the many, many talented and creative people in Hollywood who haven't been caught yet," Che said, to laughs.

Hanks noted that drinks were being served to the audience.

"The one thing Hollywood needs right now is people losing their inhibitions at a work function," he quipped.

Missing from the audience was former power player Leslie Moonves, the CBS Corp. chief who was ousted last weekend over sexual misconduct allegations. He said one of the scariest things a Hollywood executive could hear right now is the message, "Sir, Ronan Farrow is on line one," a reference to The New Yorker writer who has specialized in #MeToo stories, including the ones that led to Moonves' downfall.

TALK ABOUT SEIZING THE MOMENT

Glenn Weiss knows how to spice up an awards show. In fact, that's why he won an Emmy Monday — for directing the Oscars.

But he took his talent to new heights, using his acceptance speech to pop the question to girlfriend Jan Svendsen.

He first gave tribute to his mother, who died two weeks ago, and then addressed his girlfriend. "You wonder why I don't want to call you my girlfriend?" he asked Svendsen. "It's because I want to call you my wife."

A stunned Svendsen made her way to the stage, where Weiss sank to his knee and presented her with the same ring his father gave his mother 67 years ago. Then, he asked. The answer was yes. PHEW.

Hanks cracked later that there were "so many guys with rings who didn't win tonight."

And Emmy winner John Oliver thanked Svendsen for saying yes. "This could've been a very different evening," he noted.

NO PROPOSAL FOR RUSSELL AND RHYS

There were two sweet victories for the FX spy drama "The Americans," which concluded its six-season run in May with an acclaimed finale. The writing award for drama went to Joel Fields and Joseph Weisberg, and the best actor trophy went to Matthew Rhys, who played KGB agent Philip Jennings.

In his speech, Rhys acknowledged his longtime co-star and partner in life, Keri Russell, who lost out in the acting category to Foy.

"I don't have the words, I don't have the time — neither of which would do you justice, Keri," he said.

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"So thank you. More to come."

He added that there would be no second onstage proposal that night.

"She said, 'If you propose to me, I'll punch you clean in the mouth.'"

AP Media Writer David Bauder contributed to this story.

Kim, Moon start possibly most challenging Korean summit yet

By ERIC TALMADGE and HYUNG-JIN KIM, Associated Press

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — South Korean President Moon Jae-in arrived in North Korea on Tuesday for his third and possibly most challenging summit yet with leader Kim Jong Un in which he hopes to break an impasse in talks with the United States over the North's denuclearization and breathe energy into his own efforts to expand and improve relations between the Koreas.

In what are by now familiar images of the two Korean leaders hugging and exchanging warm smiles, Kim greeted Moon at Pyongyang's airport. They have met twice this year at the border village of Panmunjom, but Moon's visit is the first by a South Korean leader to the North Korean capital in 11 years.

Traveling with Moon are business tycoons including Samsung scion Lee Jae-yong, underscoring Moon's hopes to expand cross-border business projects. Currently, all major joint projects between the Koreas are stalled because of U.S.-led sanctions.

Moon was expected to have talks with Kim on Tuesday and Wednesday, according to Moon's chief of staff. Moon and Kim were also expected to jointly announce the results of their talks on Wednesday if things go smoothly. Moon is to return to Seoul on Thursday.

Moon and his wife, Kim Jung-sook, were greeted by Kim and his wife, Ri Sol Ju. The North Korean leader then led his guests to meet some of his senior officials, and they exchanged mutual greetings with Moon's delegation. Thousands of North Koreans cheered and waved flower bouquets and national and unification flags. North Korean soldiers and naval troops quick-marched into position to welcome Moon, and the two leaders inspected the honor guard, according to South Korean media pool footage from the site. A signboard said, "We ardently welcome President Moon Jae-in."

As Moon arrived, the North's main newspaper said the United States was responsible for the lack of progress in denuclearization talks.

"The U.S. is totally to blame for the deadlocked DPRK-U.S. negotiations," the Rodong Sinmun said in an editorial. It said Washington is "stubbornly insisting" the North dismantle its nuclear weapons first, an approach "which was rejected in the past DPRK-U.S. dialogues," while failing to show its will for confidence-building "including the declaration of the end of war which it had already pledged."

State-run media reported Moon was to begin a visit, but gave few details. Security was tight all morning. Requests by The Associated Press to go to the airport or to drive around the city were denied.

Moon is under intense pressure from Washington to advance the denuclearization process. Before his departure he said he intends to push for "irreversible, permanent peace" and for better dialogue between Pyongyang and Washington.

"This summit would be very meaningful if it yielded a resumption of North Korea-U.S. talks," Moon said Tuesday morning just before his departure. "It's very important for South and North Korea to meet frequently, and we are turning to a phase where we can meet anytime we want."

But his chief of staff tried to lower expectations of major progress on the future of Kim's nuclear arsenal.

Kim, meanwhile, is seemingly riding a wave of success.

The North just completed an elaborate celebration replete with a military parade and huge rallies across the country to mark North Korea's 70th anniversary. China, signaling its support for Kim's recent diplomatic moves, sent its third-highest party official to those festivities. That's important because China is the North's biggest economic partner and is an important political counterbalance to the United States.

North Korea maintains that it has developed its nuclear weapons to the point that it can now defend itself against a potential U.S. attack, and can now shift its focus to economic development and improved

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ties with the South. While signaling his willingness to talk with Washington, Kim's strategy has been to try to elbow the U.S. away from Seoul so that the two Koreas can take the lead in deciding how to bring peace and stability to their peninsula.

Talks between the United States and North Korea, which Moon brokered through his April and May summits with Kim, have stalled since Kim's meeting with President Donald Trump in Singapore in June.

North Korea has taken some steps, like dismantling its nuclear and rocket-engine testing sites, but U.S. officials have said it must take more serious disarmament steps before receiving outside concessions. Trump has indicated he may be open to holding another summit to resuscitate the talks, however.

To keep expectations from getting too high, Moon's chief of staff, Im Jong-seok, said it's "difficult to have any optimistic outlook" for progress on denuclearization during the summit.

But he said he still expects the summit to produce meaningful agreements that "fundamentally remove the danger of armed clashes and ease fears of war" between the two Koreas.

South Korea last week opened a liaison office in the North's city of Kaesong, near the Demilitarized Zone. Another possible area of progress could be on a formal agreement ending the Korean War, which was halted in 1953 by what was intended to be a temporary armistice. Military officials have discussed possibly disarming a jointly controlled area at the Koreas' shared border village, removing front-line guard posts and halting hostile acts along their sea boundary.

Moon is the third South Korean leader to visit North Korea's capital for summits. Kim Dae-jung and Roh Moo-hyun went to Pyongyang in 2000 and 2007 respectively to meet Kim's father, Kim Jong Il. Those trips produced a slew of inter-Korean rapprochement projects, which were suspended after conservatives took power in Seoul.

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Tracee Ellis Ross leads parade of pink on Emmys carpet

By LEANNE ITALIE, AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — There were princess looks and stars pretty in pink, liquid metallics and a contingent in red for TV's big night at the Emmy Awards.

Claire Foy in custom Calvin Klein by Appointment, Jessica Biel in ruffly Ralph & Russo and Scarlett Johansson in Balmain represented in white Monday, as did RuPaul in a jacket adorned with Andy Warhol designs of black Statues of Liberty on one side.

Yellow came in a variety of shades, from neon (Regina King) to mustard (16-year-old Gaten Matarazzo) to gold (Gwendoline Christie) to the lightest Easter hue, worn by a few.

And then there was Tracee Ellis Ross. Love her or scorn her in voluminous Valentino Haute Couture with a puffy top that surely set a world record.

"I almost shed a tear when she hit the carpet," said Julee Wilson, fashion and beauty director for Essence magazine, of the "black-ish" star. "She cements her status as a style icon every time she gets dressed. But then again, she was birthed by Diana Ross, so it makes sense."

Other best-dressed votes for Ellis Ross rolled in after the parade of fashion on the Emmys gold carpet in Los Angeles.

"If you plan to make the carpet all yours, it makes sense to go all out and do the volume of Valentino Haute Couture," said Avril Graham, executive fashion and beauty editor for Harper's Bazaar. "Absolutely perfect."

It was bright pink. It had volume to spare all the way to the ground.

Sarah Conly, executive fashion market director for Cosmopolitan and Seventeen magazines, also voted "yes" for Ellis Ross, but she appreciated some of the night's Old Hollywood glamour as well. Particularly, Rachel Brosnahan's asymmetrical ombre red from Oscar de la Renta, with a delicate drape effect and a matching red lip on the "Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" star and winner of her first Emmy. Her ears were adorned

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by diamonds courtesy of Tiffany & Co.

Also on Conly's stunning list: Zazie Beetz of "Atlanta." There's no way to overstate the chunky blue tone jewels that adorned armor-like pieces falling down each shoulder from the halter neck of her body-hugging velvet Ralph Lauren gown.

"The detail on the cutouts on the shoulders were exquisite," Conly said.

Erin Cunningham, senior fashion editor for the millennial-focused style site Refinery29, lauded Ellis Ross for never holding back, fashion wise, but also among her top looks was actress Poppy Delevingne in seafoam, ruffle-caped Giambattista Valli couture. It included an oversized silhouette that began just above the knee.

"The color is unexpected and a rarity on the red carpet, and she topped the look off with a cute ribbon bow in her hair," Cunningham said.

Delevingne also sported \$200,000 worth of Amwaj citrine and diamond earrings, plus ring.

Cunningham noted pink had a renaissance in shades that felt less saccharine than usual, including Ellis Ross.

"There was Tracee's magenta dress, Leslie Jones' holographic Christian Siriano suit (in pink and blue) and Thandie Newton's one-sleeved bubblegum pink gown," she said, referring to Newton's one-shoulder Brandon Maxwell that looped at the neck in a long cape effect on one side.

Supermodel Gigi Hadid wore the look on Maxwell's recent New York Fashion Week runway.

"Red carpets are always filled with your classic black and 'naked' dresses," Cunningham said, "and it's nice to see stylists pushing their clients a bit more when it comes to color and silhouette."

Conly was also a fan of Newton's dress.

"She epitomizes the dreamy princess look that was so popular," she said.

So where do these people shop? Well, while others ripped their outfits off runways or wore custom gowns, Meghan Mullally purchased her Carolina Herrera sheer black look with floral detailing online. Kristen Bell wore a classic white column gown from an unexpected brand, Solace London.

While basic black is always abundant, Wilson had kind words for Keri Russell of "The Americans," for elevating the color in Zuhair Murad couture. It was beaded black crepe with a peplum ruffle in feathers atop a black pleated chiffon skirt.

Wilson's verdict for Russell: "Feathers, legs and cleavage, oh my!"

Wilson was also a fan of Issa Rae's pale blue Vera Wang custom look, with 3,000 crystals on a top that fell to the ground with a slit revealing what appeared to be loose, matching trousers. The silk V-neck was actually a jumpsuit with a split away skirt, the crystals sewn on by hand.

"There is nothing more awkward than a skirt and pant hybrid gown, but she pulls it off with such grace and ease," Wilson said.

Penelope Cruz was in the white camp with a touch of soft gray, in feathered Chanel, landing on some highlight lists. Tiffany Haddish was a breath of fresh air and a rainbow at the same time, in bright stripes of green, red, yellow and blue, representing the Eritrean flag in honor of her dad, and courtesy of Prabal Gurung.

Sandra Oh wore crimson Ralph & Russo, though she fell short of making history when she did not win an Emmy.

Offsetting all the yellow, red, white, metallic (hello, Samira Wiley in Jenny Packham) and jewel-crusted looks was Dakota Fanning in gorgeous Dior Haute Couture. It was in a shade of jade, made of a creased pleated chiffon with a crossover front, tiny straps and a tied back.

As for the guys, Milo Ventimiglia wore a white evening jacket, but John Legend went for a navy blue tuxedo with black lapels from Gucci.

"I love when a fella strays from the traditional black tux and nails it with something a bit unexpected," she said of Legend's look.

His wife's sparkly sheath gown draped in silk tulle? Not so much. It was fully beaded in geometric antique silver motifs from Zuhair Murad.

"Chrissy is stunning, smart and sassy, but this dress is the exact opposite," Wilson said. "That bodice,

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neckline makes her look matronly.”

Brian Tyree Henry of “Atlanta” went for a yellow-and-black print jacket. Tracy Morgan went for pinstripes, head to toe, spats on his dress shoes. Darren Criss stood out in a John Hardy look in a black diamond print with silver zigzags. Peter Mackenzie showed up in a kilt.

But back to Ellis Ross and her big statement in the big color of the night.

“She really worked the volume of the dress on the red carpet,” Conly said, “and owned it rather than it owning her.”

Mack, Amukamara lead Bears over Seahawks 24-17

By ANDREW SELIGMAN, AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Khalil Mack once again put on the sort of havoc-wreaking show the Chicago Bears envisioned when they traded for the superstar pass rusher.

Even better for them, they came away with the victory this time.

Mack had one of six sacks against Russell Wilson, Prince Amukamara returned an interception 49 yards for a touchdown and the Bears beat the Seattle Seahawks 24-17 Monday night to give coach Matt Nagy his first career victory.

Mack sprinted out of the tunnel to a neat ovation prior to his first appearance at Soldier Field since a blockbuster trade from Oakland just over two weeks ago. That deal happened after he held out the entire offseason and preseason seeking a contract extension from the Raiders rather than play under the final year of his rookie contract. Chicago gave him a six-year, \$141 million extension that guarantees \$90 million — the richest deal ever for an NFL defensive player.

Mack also had the crowd roaring with a strip-sack in the first half, smacking the ball out of Wilson’s hand as he wound up to pass, and he consistently pressured the quarterback. It was more of the same from last week, when he had a strip-sack and interception return for a TD at Green Bay, except there was one key difference.

The Bears came out on top after blowing a 20-point lead against a hobbled Aaron Rodgers in a loss to the Packers.

“That’s a great feeling,” Mack said. “We took it over the top.”

Amukamara jumped the route on a pass intended for Rashaad Penny near midfield for his first career touchdown, making it 24-10 with 6:37 left. It was his first interception since 2015 with the New York Giants.

Danny Trevathan then stripped Wilson with his second sack of the game. The Bears’ Leonard Floyd recovered the fumble, and Chicago hung on after blowing a 20-point lead in a season-opening loss to a hobbled Aaron Rodgers and the Green Bay Packers.

“I’m just really looking forward to the future of this team and seeing how we respond not only to tough losses like Green Bay, but how do we respond to a good win for us,” said Nagy, who replaced the fired John Fox. “Sometimes those are just as hard.”

The Seahawks (0-2) lost for just the second time in nine Monday night games under coach Pete Carroll.

“We’re still a work in progress,” he said.

WILSON STRUGGLES

Wilson has been sacked six times in each game this season. With the Bears applying constant pressure and his receivers struggling to get open, the four-time Pro Bowl quarterback completed 22 of 36 passes for 226 yards with two touchdowns and an interception.

But Wilson focused more on the two TDs Seattle scored in the fourth quarter, though the last one came in the closing seconds.

“The fourth quarter showed us who we are and who we can be. ... I don’t think we’re far off by any means,” he said. “I think the margin of error is really small. I’m normally optimistic, you guys know, but I really mean that. I think that’s the situation we’re in.”

Chicago’s Mitchell Trubisky was 25 of 34 for 200 yards. The No. 2 overall pick in last year’s draft, Trubisky threw touchdown passes to Trey Burton on Chicago’s first possession and rookie Anthony Miller early in

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the fourth quarter. But he was also intercepted two times by Shaquill Griffin — on a deep ball that was underthrown and on another throw tipped at the line.

"I'm really proud with how he handled himself from Play 1 until the end of that fourth quarter," Nagy said. "His attitude was great. He didn't worry about anything. And so that's growth right there."

URLACHER HONORED

The Bears presented longtime linebacker Brian Urlacher with his Ring of Excellence for being inducted into the Hall of Fame.

KENDRICKS' DEBUT

Linebacker Mychal Kendricks had a sack after signing with Seattle on Friday.

Kendricks pleaded guilty last week to insider trading charges in Philadelphia. His sentencing is expected in January.

Kendricks signed a one-year contract with Cleveland in June after playing last year with Super Bowl champion Philadelphia. The Browns released him after the charges were filed.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Seahawks defensive tackle Quinton Jefferson and offensive tackle Duane Brown stayed off the field during the national anthem, something they did in the opener and preseason.

INJURIES

Bears: RB Tarik Cohen (ankle) and DT Akiem Hicks (knee) walked off gingerly with two minutes left after he was hurt rushing the quarterback. But neither player thought their injury was serious.

UP NEXT

Seahawks: Host Dallas on Sunday.

Bears: Visit Arizona on Sunday.

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DeVos' rocky Senate confirmation hearing turned into theater

By MARIA DANILOVA, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Guns in schools to protect students from grizzly bears? Betsy DeVos endured yet another rocky confirmation hearing in the Senate to become education secretary — this time on a theater stage.

In a play performed Monday at Washington's Arena Stage theater, about a dozen student actors from local high schools posed as frustrated Democrats and friendly Republicans to grill DeVos on the merits of public education, the role of the federal government in civil rights, and her family wealth.

"We are living in a time when people think they are looking for truth, but are being told there are alternative facts and, frankly, we are just trying to show facts," Chris Burney, a co-producer of the show, said in an interview before the performance. "This is what was spoken, these are the words that were spoken, now that you know what the facts are, how do you engage with them?"

The play, titled simply "The Confirmation Hearing for the Secretary of Education," was part of "American Scorecard," a series of dramatic readings of congressional transcripts by actors. Other shows in the series have been devoted to banking, the investigation into alleged Russian meddling in the U.S. election, and the confirmation of Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price, who later resigned.

DeVos' less-than-smooth performance at her confirmation hearing generated satire on television and social media and marked the start of her rocky tenure. After the hearing, two Republican senators joined the Democratic half of the Senate in voting against DeVos and it was only Vice President Mike Pence's tie-breaking vote that secured DeVos the job.

Putting prominent public figures on the stage as part of documentary theater is not new, said Jodi Kanter, a theatre professor at George Washington University. For instance, Anita Hill's powerful testimony at the confirmation hearing of Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas in 1991 also inspired a play.

"It can be extremely valuable to people who are trying to make sense of the current political actors and

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how they got to where they are and what they are up to," Kanter said.

DeVos' 3½-hour hearing was condensed to under an hour, with roughly the same time given to Republican and Democratic senators. The play ended with excerpts from a speech DeVos went on to give as education secretary.

DeVos was played by a professional actress while students, selected from educational theater programs, were cast for their roles irrespective of age, gender and race of the character they were playing. Burney said that was meant to symbolize diversity and to amplify what was being said rather than who was saying it.

The play contained some of the most awkward and contentious moments of the hearing, such as DeVos suggesting that guns may help protect rural schools from grizzly bears, and her struggle to distinguish between proficiency and growth when accessing student achievement.

But the producers insist that their aim was not to criticize or ridicule, but to encourage dialogue and understanding.

"We work really hard to make it so it's not a cartoon or lampoon, but so that everyone who's involved and every voice that's heard is respected, so hopefully then people can find what do we share in common," said Burney.

"We personally did not try to paint DeVos any way, whether it's a good or bad character," said Henry Nieopoetter, a high school senior from Maryland. "Whatever the audience thinks they can now decide 'cause they are now knowledgeable."

Frank Kirmser, the Broadway producer who conceived the series, said American society has become deeply polarized. In New York, Kirmser said, she has heard people scream "Not my president" in reference to Donald Trump, "but the fact of the matter is, this is our president."

"So I think we all really need to listen and learn and move forward accordingly," Kirmser said.

The Education Department did not provide a comment for this story.

Review underway for Russia probe documents ordered released

By CHAD DAY, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump declassified a trove of documents related to the early days of the FBI's Russia investigation, including a portion of a secret surveillance warrant application and former FBI Director James Comey's text messages.

Trump made the extraordinary move Monday in response to calls from his allies in Congress who say they believe the Russia investigation was tainted by anti-Trump bias within the ranks of the FBI and Justice Department. It also came as Trump continued his efforts to undermine special counsel Robert Mueller's probe in the wake of the guilty plea of his former campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, and amid the ongoing grand jury investigation into a longtime associate, Roger Stone.

Trump's decision will result in the release of text messages and documents involving several top Justice Department and FBI officials who Trump has repeatedly attacked over the last year.

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders announced Trump's decision in a written statement, saying the president had directed the Office of the Director of National Intelligence and the Justice Department to declassify the documents "at the request of a number of committees of Congress, and for reasons of transparency." It was unclear how soon the documents would be released.

In statements Monday evening, the Justice Department and the office of Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats said they are working together to comply with Trump's order, which triggers a declassification review by various agencies "to seek to ensure the safety of America's national security interests." That review is now ongoing.

According to the statement, Trump declassified 21 pages of the 101-page June 2017 application to renew a warrant obtained under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, or FISA, to monitor the communications of former Trump campaign adviser Carter Page in 2016.

Those pages only make up a small part of the 412 pages of FISA applications and court orders related

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to Page released by the FBI earlier this year in heavily redacted format.

The June 2017 application was the last of four filed by the Justice Department in support of FISA court orders allowing the monitoring of Page. His communications were monitored for nearly a year starting in October 2016.

According to the redacted version, three of the declassified pages involve information included in a section titled "The Russian Government's Coordinated Efforts to Influence the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election." That section includes reference to potential coordination between people associated with Trump's campaign and the Russian election interference effort.

The other 18 pages appear to relate to information the government submitted that came from ex-British spy Christopher Steele before the presidential election. Steele was a longtime FBI informant whose Democratic-funded research into Trump ties to Russia was compiled into a dossier that has become a partisan lightning rod since its publication in January 2017.

In addition to the FISA applications pages, the president is declassifying all FBI reports documenting interviews in connection with the Page surveillance warrant as well as those documenting interviews with senior Justice Department official Bruce Ohr, who was in contact with Steele.

According to Sanders' statement, Trump also directed the Justice Department to publicly release in full the text messages of Comey, Ohr, former acting FBI Director Andrew McCabe, former FBI lawyer Lisa Page and former FBI special agent Peter Strzok that are related to the Russia investigation.

The move comes after a small group of Republicans in Congress, all staunch allies of Trump, held a news conference last week asking him to declassify the documents. Democrats criticized the effort, saying the GOP lawmakers are trying to discredit the Justice Department in an effort to protect Trump from Mueller's investigation.

Trump made a similar move in February when the White House, over the objections of the FBI and intelligence community, cleared the way for the Republican-led House intelligence committee to release a partisan memo about the surveillance warrant on Page. Democrats weeks later released their own memo.

The disclosures were unprecedented given that surveillance warrants obtained from the secret court are highly classified and are not meant to be publicly disclosed, including to defendants preparing for or awaiting trial.

The declassification of the documents was quickly praised by Trump allies in Congress and attacked by Democrats.

"Transparency wins. This is absolutely the right call from @POTUS," said Rep. Mark Meadows, a North Carolina Republican, on Twitter. Meadows, who had pushed for the documents' release, said it will allow the American people to decide "what happened at the highest levels of their FBI and Justice Department."

And the No. 3 Republican in the House, Louisiana Rep. Steve Scalise, tweeted that Trump made the right call.

"Americans deserve the truth about these egregious actions by government officials," Scalise said.

But Rep. Adam Schiff of California, the ranking Democrat on the House intelligence committee, called Trump's decision a "clear abuse of power" intended to advance a "false narrative" to help in his defense from Mueller's probe.

Schiff said the FBI and Justice Department had said releasing the documents would cross a "red line" because doing so would compromise sources and methods.

Rep. Elijah Cummings of Maryland and Rep. Jerrold Nadler of New York, the ranking Democrats on the House Oversight and Judiciary committees, said in a statement that Trump's actions were a "direct and frantic response" to Manafort's recent guilty plea and cooperation agreement with Mueller.

"With the walls clearly closing in on him, President Trump is lashing out with this extraordinarily reckless and irresponsible release of classified information in a desperate attempt to distract from the seven guilty pleas and the mounting evidence of multiple criminal enterprises among his closest advisors," they said.

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US again slashing number of refugees it will accept

By SUSANNAH GEORGE, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. will slash the number of refugees it will accept for a second straight year, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said, insisting amid criticism from human rights groups that the country is still committed to providing sanctuary to people fleeing the world's danger zones.

Up to 30,000 refugees will be allowed into the country next year, down from a cap of 45,000 this year. It will be the lowest ceiling on admissions since the program began in 1980. The announcement Monday came despite calls from global humanitarian groups that this year's cap of 45,000 was too low.

Pompeo sought to head off potential criticism of the reduction by noting that the U.S. would process more than 280,000 asylum claims in addition to more than 800,000 already inside the country who are awaiting a resolution of their claims.

"These expansive figures continue the United States' long-standing record as the most generous nation in the world when it comes to protection-based immigration and assistance," he said.

The 30,000 cap is the maximum number of refugees the U.S. will admit during the fiscal year that starts Oct. 1. The actual number allowed in could be lower. So far this year, the U.S. has only admitted 20,918 refugees for the fiscal year set to end in two weeks, according to State Department records.

President Barack Obama raised the ceiling to 110,000 in 2017, but the pace slowed dramatically after President Donald Trump took office and issued an executive order addressing refugees. In 2016, the last full year of the Obama administration, the U.S. welcomed nearly 85,000 refugees.

Pompeo said the lower ceiling reflected commitment to aiding families forced to flee their homes by war, persecution or natural disasters while "prioritizing the safety and well-being of the American people." He cited the case of an Iraqi refugee who was arrested in California for killing a policeman in his homeland while fighting for the Islamic State organization.

"This year's proposed refugee ceiling must be considered in the context of the many other forms of protection and assistance offered by the United States," he said, citing U.S. contributions to foreign aid and other forms of humanitarian assistance.

Amnesty International accused the Trump administration of "abandoning" refugees with the lower cap. "This is the lowest goal in the history of the program, and compounded by this administration's history of creating road block after road block for refugees to arrive, this must be perceived as an all-out attack against our country's ability to resettle refugees both now and in the future," said Ryan Mace of Amnesty International.

Worldwide, there were some 25.4 million refugees last year, according to the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, with many more people internally displaced within their home countries. Most aid groups and governments advocate resettlement as a last resort, preferring to allow refugees to return to their homes if conditions improve, rather than permanently moving to another country.

During the ceiling announcement Monday Pompeo advocated U.S. efforts "to end conflicts that drive displacement in the first place and to target the application of foreign aid in a smarter way."

Trump has made limiting immigration a centerpiece of his policy agenda. The Trump administration's "zero-tolerance" policy that forcibly separated families at the U.S. southern border sparked outrage among Republicans and Democrats alike. Last year Trump temporarily banned visitors from a handful of Muslim-majority nations, and insists he'll build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Trump has linked increased immigration to increased crime in the United States. Yet, according to resettlement agencies in the United States, the U.S. vetting process is one of the world's toughest. Of the 3 million refugees admitted to the U.S. since 1975, not one has been arrested for carrying out a lethal terror attack on U.S. soil, according to resettlement agencies.

Most applicants to the U.S. refugee program spend at least three years being interviewed, undergoing biometric checks and medical exams, and filling out paperwork. Cases are screened by the Defense Department, FBI, the Department of Homeland Security and other agencies.

After they are resettled, refugees continue to undergo security checks in the United States for five years or more.

The Trump administration added requirements, including longer background checks and more screenings for females and males between 14 and 50 from certain countries, including Iraq.

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North Carolina residents consider fleeing as rivers rise

By **CLAIRE GALOFARO, AP National Writer**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — The river seethed a quarter-mile away, bulging from its banks, so the patrol cars circled the neighborhood three times.

"Get out now," a voice boomed from a bullhorn. "This is an emergency."

Waheeda Reese and her 14-year-old daughter, Anissa, were inside watching news reports about drowned towns all over the state and rain that hadn't yet stopped.

"All that water is going to come this way," Anissa said, trying to convince her mother it was time to leave. The city had taped a mandatory evacuation notice to their front door, and a friend in the fire department had called to warn: "I don't want to have to come pick you up in a boat."

They still had 22 hours until a deadline to go, and Waheeda wanted to stay. She pointed out the window and said, wishfully, "Look, I think the rain's letting up."

As the days drag on, Hurricane Florence has taken this deceptive turn: The violent winds that rattled shingles off houses and tore down trees have subsided, and the pounding rain has eased, lulling many in the storm's path into believing they've already weathered the worst of it — even as rivers quietly churn and continue to rise.

The storm has claimed at least 25 lives as of Monday evening and an untold number of homes on its slow march across North Carolina, inundating city after city: Wilmington, New Bern, Lumberton. Now authorities are warning that by the time the Cape Fear River in Cumberland County crests Tuesday at 62 feet (19 meters) — 27 feet (8 meters) over its flood stage — it will threaten to swamp anything within a mile on either side of it. Its tributary, the Little River, is expected to flood, too.

More than 7,000 people were ordered to evacuate by Sunday afternoon. But many, weary of a storm that's lingered on and on, did their own rough calculus of the odds and decided to stay.

As the Cape Fear River swelled, rescue teams trudged along its banks, pleading with people to get out of its way. Police officers went door to door. The mayor of Fayetteville presented the problem in the starkest of terms: Evacuate or notify your legal next of kin.

Military trucks in rural corners of the county barreled down dirt roads quickly becoming mud pits. "Please go," soldiers asked stubborn residents along the massive river that curls downstream through small towns, farms and rural mobile home parks and into the city of Fayetteville, where the Reeses live in a subdivision that butts up against the bank.

Anissa's friend down the street was evacuating with his family and knocked on her door, begging her and her mother to come. The Reeses had packed their things just in case, tucking important documents in a water-tight bag. They stacked chairs on top of tables and moved all the family photos upstairs. Then they waited to see what would happen.

A few miles away, a high-water rescue team comprising two dozen soldiers from Fort Bragg rested on cots in an arena — preparing for water to surge into neighborhoods and send residents climbing out windows and onto rooftops, a familiar scene since Florence made landfall Friday morning.

"I want to make sure those citizens realize the decisions they're making," said Lt. John Savage, who commands the team that knocked on doors to talk with those staying behind. "We have thorough conversations with them to let them know the gravity of the situation they're in."

Over the weekend, a military truck rolled down the mucky lane to Kevin Blades' house 20 miles (32 kilometers) upstream from Fayetteville, near where the Cape Fear and Little rivers meet. Savage said there is particular concern about this area. Six horses were drinking from floodwater already pooling on the front lawn. Power had been out for days. The dirt road to the house was so soggy, the truck got stuck in the

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mud and Blades and a neighbor had to tow it out.

Blades informed the soldiers he planned to stay anyway and not to worry because he had an escape plan in mind. "If I have to," he said, "I'll ride the horses out of here."

The soldiers left, the Blades played cards, the rain poured on, and the river rose.

Down the road, in the tiny town of Linden, Mayor Marie Butler woke up Sunday morning and asked her son to drive her to look at the Little River. She'd encouraged her residents to leave, but just about everyone she knows decided to stay, so she felt like she had to stay, too — to sound the alarm if the river gets close to spilling over.

"It didn't look that bad," she said.

"It's going to get bad," her son, Thurman Jackson, replied. "There's a lot of water coming down that river."

"I'm just praying that the Lord turns it around," Butler said, looking up at the sky.

From Linden, the Little River ribbons west to a town called Spring Lake, where authorities shut down already-flooded roads and some who'd stayed put started to worry.

Mary Ingram stood outside a convenience store, open only thanks to a generator. She lives with her mother and 1-year-old son two blocks outside of the mandatory evacuation area, so she thought they'd be safe. Then it hit her: "My mom can't swim. So if it does flood, I can't save both her and the baby." She decided to stay, nonetheless.

In the tiny hamlet of Wade, population around 570, Athena Moore has been waiting out Florence in her mobile home a quarter mile (half a kilometer) from the Cape Fear River. Many of her neighbors cleared out, but she's hosting two friends who fled from the coast as the hurricane roared ashore only to find themselves now in a flood zone. They're all planning to stay, because they don't have anywhere else to go.

Back in Fayetteville, as downtown streets started flooding Sunday, Waheeda Reese finally decided it was time to pack the car and get her daughter out.

"So would you be offended if I just dropped you off and came back to stay here?" she asked Anissa.

"Kind of," her daughter said.

"Why?"

"Because you need to be safe, too."

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For the latest on Hurricane Florence, visit <https://www.apnews.com/tag/Hurricanes>

Trump imposes tariffs on \$200B more of Chinese goods

By PAUL WISEMAN and MARTIN CRUTSINGER, AP Economics Writers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration will impose tariffs on \$200 billion more in Chinese goods starting next week, escalating a trade war between the world's two biggest economies and potentially raising prices on goods ranging from handbags to bicycle tires.

The tariffs will start at 10 percent, beginning Monday of next week, and then rise to 25 percent on Jan. 1.

President Donald Trump made the announcement Monday in a move that is sure to ratchet up hostilities between Washington and Beijing. Trump has already imposed 25 percent tariffs on \$50 billion in Chinese goods. And China has retaliated in kind, hitting American soybeans, among other goods, in a shot at the president's supporters in the U.S. farm belt.

Beijing has warned that it would hit an additional \$60 billion in American goods if Trump ordered more tariffs. If China does retaliate, Trump threatened Monday to add a further \$267 billion in Chinese imports to the target list. That would raise the total to \$517 billion — covering nearly everything China sells the United States.

After a public comment period, the administration said Monday that it had withdrawn some items from its preliminary list of \$200 billion in Chinese imports to be taxed, including child-safety products like bicycle helmets. And in a victory for Apple Inc. and its American customers, the administration removed smart

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watches and some other consumer electronics products from the list of goods to be targeted by the new tariffs.

At the same time, the administration said it remains open to negotiations with China.

"China has had many opportunities to fully address our concerns," Trump said in a statement. "I urge China's leaders to take swift action to end their country's unfair trade practices."

The two countries are fighting over Beijing's ambitions to supplant American technological supremacy. The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative has charged that China is using predatory tactics to obtain foreign technology. These tactics include hacking U.S. companies to steal their trade secrets and forcing them to turn over their know-how in exchange for access to the Chinese market.

Trump has also complained about America's gaping trade deficit — \$336 billion last year — with China, its biggest trading partner.

In May, in fact, it looked briefly as if Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Chinese Vice Premier Liu He had brokered a truce built around a Chinese offer to buy enough American farm products and liquefied natural gas to put a dent in the trade deficit. But Trump quickly backed away from the truce.

In the first two rounds of tariffs, the Trump administration took care to try to spare American consumers from the direct impact of the import taxes. The tariffs focused on industrial products, not on things Americans buy at the mall or via Amazon.

By expanding the list to \$200 billion of Chinese imports, Trump risks spreading the pain to ordinary households. The administration is targeting a bewildering variety of products — from sockeye salmon to baseball gloves to bamboo mats — forcing U.S. companies to scramble for suppliers outside China, absorb the import taxes or pass along the cost to their customers.

In a filing with the government, for instance, Giant Bicycles Inc. of Newbury Park, California, noting that 94 percent of imported bicycles came from China last year, complained that "there is no way our business can shift its supply chain to a new market" to avoid the tariffs and warned "a tariff increase of this magnitude will inevitably be paid for by the American consumer."

Trump campaigned for the presidency on a pledge to tax imports and rewrite or tear up trade agreements that he said put U.S. companies and workers at a disadvantage. But many analysts say his combative actions seem unlikely to succeed.

"The president's negotiating tactics do not work well with China's way of thinking," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at SS Economics in Los Angeles.

Sohn said he thinks that China will retaliate against every U.S. tariff and that the back-and-forth sparring will escalate until the U.S. is taxing all Chinese imports — \$524 billion last year.

Still, he said, the U.S. economy appears strong enough to withstand the damage.

"In the short term, we will have higher prices and fewer jobs than we would have had otherwise," Sohn said. "Fortunately, the U.S. economy is humming, so we don't have to worry as much about what this will do to our economy."

Sohn said the Trump administration is pursuing a legitimate goal of getting China to stop violating international trade rules but that it should have enlisted support from other trading partners, such as the European Union, Canada and Mexico, and presented Beijing with a united front.

On the contrary, Trump has picked fights with each of those trading partners — from imposing tariffs on imported steel and aluminum to demanding that Mexico and China transform the North American Free Trade Agreement into a deal more favorable to the United States.

Trump's tariffs on China raise costs and create uncertainty for companies that have built supply chains that span the Pacific Ocean. Some companies are looking to move out of China to dodge the tariffs, said Ted Murphy, a partner at the Baker McKenzie law firm. Some will likely move to other low-cost countries that aren't in the line of fire. Some will bring operations to the United States — one of Trump's goals.

For years, multinational businesses "went where the labor was cheapest," Murphy said. "Now the calculus is more complicated."

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Pollution fears: Swollen rivers swamp ash dumps, hog farms

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RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Flooded rivers from Florence's drenching rains have swamped coal ash dumps and low-lying hog farms, raising pollution concerns as the swollen waterways approach their crests Monday.

North Carolina environmental regulators say several open-air manure pits at hog farms have failed, spilling pollution. State officials also were monitoring the breach of a Duke Energy coal ash landfill near Wilmington.

Department of Environmental Quality Secretary Michael Regan said Monday that the earthen dam at one hog lagoon in Duplin County had been breached. There were also seven reports of lagoon levels going over their tops or being inundated in Jones and Pender counties.

Regan said state investigators will visit the sites as conditions allow. The large pits at hog farms hold feces and urine from the animals to be sprayed on nearby fields.

The Associated Press published photos of a hog farm outside Trenton on Sunday with long metal buildings ringed by dark water. Satellite photos of the same farm taken before the storm show the location of a hog waste pit completely submerged under floodwaters in the AP photos.

The N.C. Pork Council, an industry trade group, emphasized Monday that the hog waste pits flooded by Florence represented a comparatively small number when compared with the total number statewide.

"While there are more than 3,000 active lagoons in the state that have been unaffected by the storm, we remain concerned about the potential impact of these record-shattering floods," the pork council's statement said.

An AP analysis of location data from hog waste disposal permits shows at least 45 active North Carolina farms are located in 100-year and 500-year floodplains.

Federal forecasters predicted several rivers would crest at record or near-record levels by Monday, and high water could linger for days.

Duke Energy said the flow was stopped Monday from the weekend collapse a coal ash landfill at the L.V. Sutton Power Station near Wilmington, North Carolina, and that cleanup work had begun.

Duke spokeswoman Paige Sheehan said a full assessment of how much ash escaped from the waterlogged landfill is ongoing. The company initially estimated Saturday that about 2,000 cubic yards (1,530 cubic meters) of ash were displaced, enough to fill about 180 dump trucks.

The coal-fired Sutton plant was retired in 2013 and replaced with a new facility that burns natural gas. The company has been excavating millions of tons of leftover ash from old waste pits at the site and removing it to a new lined landfill constructed on the property. The gray ash left behind when coal is burned contains toxic heavy metals, including arsenic, lead and mercury.

Photos from the site provided to AP by Cape Fear River Watch, an environmental advocacy group, show cascades of gray-colored water spilling from at least two breaches at the landfill and flowing toward Sutton Lake, the plant's former cooling pond which is now used for public recreation, including fishing and boating.

Sutton Lake drains into the Cape Fear River. Sheehan said Duke's assessment is that there was minimal chance any contaminants from the spill had reached the river.

At a different power plant near Goldsboro, three old coal ash dumps capped with soil were inundated by the Neuse River. Duke said they had no indication that those dumps at the H.F. Lee Power Plant were leaking ash into the river.

Duke's handling of ash waste has faced intense scrutiny since a drainage pipe collapsed under a waste pit at an old plant in Eden in 2014, triggering a massive spill that coated 70 miles (110 kilometers) of the Dan River in gray sludge. The utility later agreed to plead guilty to nine Clean Water Act violations and pay \$102 million in fines and restitution for illegally discharging pollution from ash dumps at five North Carolina power plants. It plans to close all its ash dumps by 2029.

Environmentalists have warned for decades that Duke's coal ash ponds were vulnerable to severe storms, potentially threatening drinking water supplies and public safety.

"Duke Energy should learn its lesson from this latest coal ash failure, and pledge today that it will re-

move all its coal ash from dangerous unlined riverfront pits," said Frank Holleman, a senior attorney at the Southern Environmental Law Center. "If Duke Energy's newly-designed and built landfill cannot withstand flood waters, there is even more reason to fear Duke Energy's continued disposal of coal ash in unlined riverfront pits."

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5 ways Trump's tariffs on \$200B in China goods could be felt

By JOSH BOAK, AP Economics Writer

BALTIMORE (AP) — By imposing taxes on an additional \$200 billion in Chinese goods, President Donald Trump has intensified a battle of wills between the world's two largest economies — and the outcome is far from certain.

No one knows how long the tariffs announced Monday might last. No one knows if Beijing will yield as pressure builds or instead stiffen its resolve and keep retaliating. No one knows if a politically divided United States will serve to undercut Trump's aggressive tactics.

But what's clear is that the latest fight in the escalating trade war is likely, one way or another, to affect consumers, companies, markets, the economy and the political landscape.

And how all that plays out could determine whether Trump's negotiating gamble proves a triumph or a failure. Here is a look at 5 potential consequences:

CONSUMERS

Unlike the first two rounds of tariffs totaling \$50 billion, the new taxes launched by Trump would more directly hit American consumers. As counterintuitive as it might seem, the president sees this fact as ultimately helping U.S. workers. In the end, he calculates, some short-term pain will lead to new trade policies and accords that will prove more favorable to American companies and individuals.

"As president, it is my duty to protect the interests of working men and women, farmers, ranchers, businesses, and our country itself," Trump said in a statement.

Starting Monday, the United States is to begin charging a 10 percent tax on thousands of Chinese imports — tires, windshield wipers, baseball gloves, bicycles, snakeskin pants, backpacks, trombone cases, refrigerators and wooden furniture, among others. The list runs 194 pages.

Unless the administration reaches a truce with Beijing, Trump's import tax will jump to 25 percent in 2019. What's more, if Beijing retaliates, Trump says he's ready to impose tariffs on an additional \$267 billion in Chinese goods.

The result could be higher prices for American consumers, because most companies are expected to pass on the cost to their customers. After Trump announced tariffs on washing machines toward the start of 2018, the price for laundry equipment shot up 16 percent between February and May, according to an analysis by Mark Perry, an economics professor at the Flint campus of the University of Michigan and a scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, a conservative think tank.

The tariffs could put a dent in consumer spending, though many economists think the impact on the overall economy will be minimal.

"The mere talk of tariffs on all remaining Chinese imports is of serious concern to retailers since tariffs of that magnitude would touch every aspect of American life," said Matthew Shay, chief executive of the National Retail Federation, a trade group for retailers.

COMPANIES

Many companies have warned that Trump's tariffs threaten to disrupt their businesses and depress their

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revenue.

The monthly manufacturing index by the Institute of Supply Management noted that some companies have expressed concern about tariffs despite an otherwise robust U.S. economy. One food and beverage firm in the ISM survey said, "Suppliers appear to be bracing us for cost increases, given increased talk of tariffs and inflation."

Trump's tariffs, with their uncertain duration, make it difficult for companies to plan for the future. Ted Murphy, a trade lawyer and a partner at Baker McKenzie, said the president is signaling that many companies will need to rethink their operations.

No longer can they ignore tariffs, which were low and mostly headed lower before Trump took office. They now need to rethink the supply chains they've built across countries and calculate where best to deploy workers.

"They're definitely going to move jobs," Murphy said. "What Trump is doing is increasing the cost, and he's introducing uncertainty into trade relations. Businesses can deal with costs. It's the uncertainty they can't deal with."

FINANCIAL MARKETS

So far, at least, the stock market has taken the threats of tariffs in stride. Share prices have dipped, only to then resume their growth, in part because of deep corporate tax cuts that took effect this year and a solid U.S. economy in its 10th straight year of expansion.

But the new round of tariffs risks triggering a more alarming response by investors. The additional taxes suggest that the two countries are struggling to make progress in settling their differences. The issues include Chinese companies' theft of U.S. intellectual property and a widening trade gap as U.S. consumers have become more dependent on comparatively cheap Chinese imports.

"It's definitely a setback for the market that they can't seem to get to the table," said J.J. Kinahan, chief market strategist for TD Ameritrade.

Kinahan said technology companies seem especially vulnerable to retaliation from Beijing, which could include tariffs on components as well as restrictions on access to websites and services.

GLOBAL ECONOMY

A prolonged trade war between the United States, the world's largest economy, and China, the second-largest, would ripple through the rest of the globe, potentially affecting economies from Buenos Aires to Istanbul.

Tariffs could translate into less trade, which could hinder growth in smaller nations. The U.S. dollar has already begun to rise in value as trade tensions have mounted. This has insulated the United States from higher prices.

But the higher-valued dollar has also diminished the value of the Turkish lira and the Argentine peso, among others. This trend has weighed heavily on their economies. In the meantime, the value of the Chinese yuan has dropped relative to the dollar, making it easier for Beijing to withstand U.S. tariffs.

Many emerging economies depend on shipping commodities to China. If the Chinese economy slows under the weight of U.S. import taxes, the global economy might also stumble, according to Stephanie Segal, deputy director of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington think tank.

POLITICS

The Republicans' control of the House and the Senate is at stake in the midterm congressional races in November. Trump has portrayed the import taxes as a winning electoral issue because they're forcing other countries to compromise with the United States.

But public opinion suggests that his tariffs could prove a vulnerability. A poll released Aug. 24 by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research found that 61 percent of Americans disapproved of the president's handling of trade negotiations.

If Democrats win, it would possibly repudiate Trump's approach. But if many Republicans retain their seats, it could vindicate Trump's choice to announce tariffs so close to the elections.

Democratic Sen. Heidi Heitkamp clearly regards the new Trump tariffs as potentially helping her in a tough re-election contest in North Dakota. She immediately denounced them Monday night as crushing farmers who ship crops to China.

"Many family farms are afraid they won't be able to pay the bills if this misguided trade war continues," Heitkamp said in a statement. "There are smart ways to deal with China's cheating on trade, but stepping on our farmers is not one of them."

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New era in virtual reality therapy for common phobias

By CARLA K. JOHNSON, AP Medical Writer

Dick Tracey didn't have to visit a tall building to get over his fear of heights. He put on a virtual reality headset.

Through VR, he rode an elevator to a high-rise atrium that looked so real he fell to his knees.

"I needed to search with my hand for something solid around me," he said.

He told himself, "I must look stupid. Let's just stand up. Nothing's going to happen."

Virtual reality therapy can help people like Tracey by exposing them gradually to their greatest terrors. The technology is just now reaching the mainstream after 20 years of research. Equipment is lighter and more affordable, with tech advances spilling over from the gaming industry to help people fight disabling fears of flying, heights, spiders or dogs.

And the surge in products is bringing VR to more therapists' offices. Experts predict people with mild phobias will treat themselves successfully at home.

Research shows VR therapy can lead to real-world gains for people with phobias, and works as well as traditional exposure therapy, which slowly subjects patients to what causes anxiety for them.

For Denver librarian Nick Harrell, VR was a booster shot after traditional therapy for fear of flying. Panic drove him off a flight to Paris two years ago, forcing him to abandon a vacation with his girlfriend.

"I don't like being locked in the metal tube," Harrell explained. "I couldn't breathe. My chest was pounding."

With help from a therapist, Harrell first faced his fears through exposure therapy. Elevators, buses and trains were good practice for airplanes.

"Within a matter of months, I was flying again," Harrell said.

With VR recently added to his therapy, Harrell keeps fears in check. His health insurance covers the cost with a small copay.

But few people with phobias seek treatment. Too embarrassed to get help, many plan their lives around avoiding their fears.

Tracey of Oxfordshire, England, avoided heights, from ladders to breathtaking vistas. Escalators gave the 62-year-old retiree heart palpitations. His wife walked between him and steep slopes.

Tracey's VR therapy was part of a study. He was one of the first to try a VR world with an animated virtual coach. University of Oxford psychology professor Daniel Freeman developed the program for an Oxford spin-off with support from the National Health Service.

Freeman's team is now at work on a VR world where people with schizophrenia can practice being in a cafe, elevator or store.

"Many of our patients are withdrawn from the world," Freeman said. The fear-of-heights VR program shows you can automate treatment.

What is VR? Put on a headset and look around. You'll see a simulation of an interactive, three-dimensional environment. Look up and you'll see the sky; look down and your own hands and feet may come into view.

With exposure therapy, a therapist can accompany a person who's afraid of heights to a tall building. With VR, a patient learns to feel safe on a virtual high-rise balcony, without leaving the therapist's office.

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Exposure works by gradually taking the oomph out of panic. Sweaty palms and pounding hearts ease. Fears shrink to manageable levels. By riding it out, a person learns the feelings are survivable.

The best studies on VR exposure therapy have been small with fewer than 100 patients. Increasingly VR therapy will be delivered at home via the internet, a still largely unstudied area, said Katharina Meyerbroeker, a researcher at Utrecht University in the Netherlands, who has published reviews of research done in the field.

Harrell's therapist is helping field-test VR content for a company called Limbix, an arrangement between the company and the National Mental Health Innovation Center at University of Colorado's medical school.

Such ties are important for VR companies, which need scientific credibility to sell their products to therapists. Researchers gain too.

"We've all been piggybacking on this technology that was initially developed for video gaming," said Hunter Hoffman, a research scientist at the University of Washington in Seattle who developed an early VR therapy called Spider World two decades ago. He didn't license his arachnophobia project like other early researchers who've teamed up with companies to sell VR platforms and content.

Children may someday use VR to learn to cope with anxiety, said Stephen Whiteside, director of the Mayo Clinic Pediatric Anxiety Disorders Clinic, where a study targets kids with schoolwork anxieties.

In the VR scenario, a classroom teacher hands back a school paper with a bad grade.

"You hear the voices of other kids laughing and saying you didn't do so well," Whiteside said. "When I first watched it, I had a visceral response myself. It made you nervous."

The Mayo researchers say children prefer the VR experience to traditional exposure therapy. Next they'll test whether it works as well.

Whiteside said VR researchers everywhere must demonstrate benefits that outweigh treatment costs, which can reach \$200 per session in some specialty clinics.

"The cheaper and more accessible it gets," Whiteside said, "the easier that will be."

VR therapy made life simpler for Tracey. After seven VR sessions, he now easily parks his car atop a multi-story garage. He stood on the flat roof of his house to clean his carport.

"I would never have dreamed of doing that before," he said. "I now know how much the fear of heights restricted my everyday life."

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Asian shares mixed as Trump orders new tariffs on China

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SINGAPORE (AP) — Asian markets were mixed on Tuesday after President Donald Trump ordered tariffs on \$200 billion more in Chinese goods, ramping up tensions between the world's top two economies.

Investors have been expecting the move, even as U.S. officials proposed a new round of talks with their Chinese counterparts to mediate an ongoing dispute over trade.

KEEPING SCORE: Japan's Nikkei 225, reopening after a national holiday, jumped 1.5 percent to 23,448.97. The Kospi in South Korea added 0.1 percent to 2,304.29. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index dropped 0.7 percent to 26,735.28. The Shanghai Composite index added 0.1 percent to 2,653.70. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 shed 0.4 percent to 6,160.20. Stocks fell in Taiwan and Southeast Asia.

WALL STREET: Speculation that Trump would impose more tariffs on China sparked a sell-off in technology stocks that pulled U.S. indexes lower on Monday, snapping a five-day winning streak for the market. The S&P 500 index dropped 0.6 percent to 2,888.80. The Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 0.4 percent to 26,062.12. The Nasdaq composite, which has a high concentration of technology companies, gave up 1.4 percent to 7,895.79. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks tumbled 1.1 percent to 1,703.55.

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MORE CHINESE TARIFFS: On Monday, President Donald Trump announced tariffs on \$200 billion more in Chinese goods starting next week, potentially raising prices on goods ranging from handbags to bicycle tires. The tariffs will start at 10 percent, beginning Monday of next week, and then rise to 25 percent on Jan. 1. Beijing has warned that it would hit an additional \$60 billion in American goods if Trump ordered more tariffs, but an official newspaper called Monday for more aggressive measures to "make American pain worse". If China does retaliate, Trump has threatened to add another \$267 billion in Chinese imports to the target list. That would raise the total to \$517 billion — covering nearly everything China sells the United States.

ANALYST'S TAKE: "Given that markets have been bracing for this tariff announcement, we expect a muted rather than dramatic sell-off in Asian equities and currencies today," Chang Wei Liang of Mizuho Bank said in a commentary. "Constructed another way, the tariffs that that the US enacted on China may be a relative subsidy to American businesses as well as non-Chinese foreign exporters," he added.

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude dropped 29 cents to \$68.62 a barrel on Tuesday. The contract lost 0.1 percent to settle at \$68.91 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, used to price international oils, gave up 50 cents to \$77.55 a barrel. It dropped 0.1 percent to \$78.05 a barrel in London.

CURRENCIES: The dollar rose to 111.98 yen from 111.18 yen. The euro strengthened to \$1.1691 from \$1.686.

Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 18, the 261st day of 2018. There are 104 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 18, 1975, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was captured by the FBI in San Francisco, 19 months after being kidnapped by the Symbionese Liberation Army.

On this date:

In 1759, the French formally surrendered Quebec to the British.

In 1793, President George Washington laid the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol.

In 1850, Congress passed the Fugitive Slave Act, which created a force of federal commissioners charged with returning escaped slaves to their owners.

In 1851, the first edition of The New York Times was published.

In 1947, the National Security Act, which created a National Military Establishment and the position of Secretary of Defense, went into effect.

In 1959, during his U.S. tour, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev visited Wall Street, the Empire State Building and the grave of President Franklin D. Roosevelt; in a speech to the U.N. General Assembly, Khrushchev called on all countries to disarm.

In 1961, United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld (dahg HAWM'-ahr-should) was killed in a plane crash in northern Rhodesia.

In 1970, rock star Jimi Hendrix died in London at age 27.

In 1987, the psychological thriller "Fatal Attraction," starring Michael Douglas and Glenn Close, was released by Paramount Pictures.

In 1994, tennis star Vitas Gerulaitis, 40, was found dead in the guest cottage of a friend's home in Southampton, New York, of accidental carbon monoxide poisoning.

In 2001, a week after the Sept. 11 attack, President George W. Bush said he hoped to "rally the world" in the battle against terrorism and predicted that all "people who love freedom" would join. Letters postmarked Trenton, N.J., that later tested positive for anthrax were sent to the New York Post and NBC anchorman Tom Brokaw.

In 2007, O.J. Simpson was charged with seven felonies, including kidnapping, in the alleged armed robbery of sports memorabilia collectors in a Las Vegas casino-hotel room. (Simpson, sentenced to nine to

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33 years in prison, was released on parole in October 2017.)

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush told the country his administration was working feverishly to calm turmoil in the financial markets. The president met with Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, who then asked Congress to give the government power to rescue banks by buying up their bad assets. Stocks on Wall Street shot up more than 400 points on word a plan was in the works.

Five years ago: Syrian President Bashar Assad, in a Fox News Channel interview, said a United Nations report finding "clear and convincing evidence" sarin nerve gas was used in Syria painted an "unrealistic" account, and denied his government had orchestrated the attack. Former heavyweight boxing champion Ken Norton, 70, died in Las Vegas.

One year ago: Hurricane Maria intensified into a dangerous Category 5 storm, surging into the eastern Caribbean on a path that would take it near many of the islands recently devastated by Hurricane Irma. Toys R Us, the pioneering big box toy retailer, announced that it was filing for bankruptcy protection, but that it would continue its normal business operations. (The company announced in March of 2018 that it would be liquidating its U.S. business.)

Today's Birthdays: Singer Jimmie Rodgers is 85. Actor Robert Blake is 85. Actor Fred Willard is 85. Actor Eddie Jones is 84. Gospel singer Bobby Jones is 80. Singer Frankie Avalon is 78. Actress Beth Grant is 69. Rock musician Kerry Livgren is 69. Actress Anna Deavere Smith is 68. The U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Ben Carson, is 67. Basketball Hall of Fame coach Rick Pitino is 66. College Football Hall of Famer and retired NFL player Billy Sims is 63. Movie director Mark Romanek is 59. Baseball Hall of Famer Ryne Sandberg is 59. Alt-country-rock musician Mark Olson is 57. Singer Joanne Catherall (Human League) is 56. Actress Holly Robinson Peete is 54. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ricky Bell (Bell Biv DeVoe and New Edition) is 51. Actress Aisha Tyler is 48. Former racing cyclist Lance Armstrong is 47. Opera singer Anna Netrebko is 47. Actress Jada Pinkett Smith is 47. Actor James Marsden is 45. Actress Emily Rutherford is 44. Actor Travis Schuldt is 44. Rapper Xzibit is 44. Comedian-actor Jason Sudeikis is 43. Actress Sophina Brown is 42. Actor Barrett Foa is 41. Talk show co-host Sara Haines (TV: "Good Morning America") is 41. Actress Alison Lohman is 39. Designer Brandon Maxwell is 34. Actors Brandon and Taylor Porter are 25. Actor Patrick Schwarzenegger is 25. Country singer Tae Dye (Maddie and Tae) is 23. Actor C.J. Sanders is 22.

Thought for Today: "We want the facts to fit the preconceptions. When they don't it is easier to ignore the facts than to change the preconceptions." — Jessamyn West, American author (1902-1984).