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**Closed:** Recycling Trailer in Groton  
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave. It takes cardboard, papers and aluminum cans.

## Dakota Brush

Brooms, Brushes, Mops, Can Liners, Paper Products.

Get Ready for Spring With  
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104 N. Main, Groton

### Wednesday, October 17, 2018

MathCounts at Warner High School

### Thursday, October 18, 2018

First Round of Football Playoffs - Groton Area hosts Mobridge-Pollock at 6 p.m.

LifeTouch Pictures

### Friday, October 19, 2018

6:00pm: Volleyball at Milbank. C and JV matches at 6 p.m. followed by varsity match.

### Saturday, October 20, 2018

State Cross Country at Sioux Falls.

Oral Interp at Florence

Robotics at Groton Area

### Monday, October 22, 2018

Oral Interp at Brookings High School

6:00pm: Volleyball: Girls Varsity Match at Deuel High School. C & JV matches start at 6pm followed by varsity match.

### Tuesday, October 23, 2018

End of 1st Quarter

5:30pm- 6:30pm: Title 1 Open House Groton Area Elementary School for parents and families in JK-5th.

### Thursday, October 25, 2018

All State Chorus and Orchestra at the Rapid City Civic Center

Football: Boys Varsity Playoffs 2nd Round

### Friday, October 26, 2018

All State Chorus and Orchestra at the Rapid City Civic Center

### Saturday, October 27, 2018

ACT Test (Cancelled) Groton Area High School (This testing center has been closed for this test by ACT due to low registration numbers. Students will be notified by ACT of their new testing center assignment.)

All State Chorus and Orchestra at the Rapid City Civic Center

Oral Interp (Pumpkinstakes) at Watertown High School

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It's Football Action on GDILIVE.COM



First Round Play-offs  
Thursday, Oct. 18, 6 p.m. at Doney Field, Groton

It's Volleyball Action on GDILIVE.COM



Friday, Oct. 19, 2018  
7:15 p.m. at Milbank High School

## Hinman leads Groton Area with 159 yards rushing

Lucas Hinman rushed for 159 yards and two touchdowns as Groton Area defeated Redfield-Doland in the regular season finale, 21-14. Hinman had touchdown runs of 24 yards and 67 yards with Jonathan Doeden having the other touchdown on a run of six yards. Hunter Schaller kicked all three PATs.

Darien Shabazz had 31 yards rushing and Doeden had 29 yards rushing. Doeden completed two of seven passes for 27 yards. Hinman caught one pass for 18 yards and Brody DeHoet caught one for nine yards.

Doeden led the defense with 14 tackles followed by Austin Jones with 13 tackles, Korbin Blackmun had 11 tackles and one fumble recovery, Alex Morris had 11 tackles and one sack, Wyatt Locke had 11 tackles and two sacks, Trey Gengerke and Kaden Kurtz each had one fumble recovery and Grady O'Neill had one sack.

Barrett Wren led Redfield-Doland with 46 yards rushing and 75 yards receiving.

### Wildcats beat Groton Area

Northwestern Area defeated Groton Area in volleyball action Tuesday night in Mellette, 3-0. Game scores were 25-16, 25-20 and 25-17. Northwestern also won the junior varsity match, 25-6 and 25-14.

Eliza Wanner, Nicole Marzahn and Jennie Doeden each had eight kills to lead the Tigers with Indigo Rogers adding two more. The Wildcats had 41 total kills compared to 27 for Groton Area. Riley Grandpre led the Wildcats with 15 kills and three blocks while Sydney Schell had nine kills and Caitlyn Fischbach had seven kills and an ace serve. Northwestern Area had 11 ace serves with Hannah Schentzel having four and Moira Duncan and Madalyn Groft each having two. The Tigers had no ace serves. In block, Jennie Doeden and Nicole Marzahn each had two. Payton Maine and Eliza Wanner each had 14 digs and Doeden had nine.

The Tigers will travel to Milbank on Friday and then conclude the regular season at Deuel on Monday.

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## Groton Area Middle School take part in Music Festival

Groton Area middle school musicians took part in the Northwestern Middle School Music Festival held Oct. 9. Students taking part in the day-long event are pictured above.

**Front Row: Andrew Marzahn (Trombone), Jacob Lewandowski (Percussion), Carter Barse (Bari Sax), Cadence Feist (Bari Sax), Anna Fjeldheim (Clarinet), Kamryn Flihs (Tenor Sax)**

**Back Row: Caleb Hanten (Trombone), Cole Bisbee (Baritone), Jack Dinger (French Horn), Ellie Weismantel (Percussion), Shaylee Peterson (Clarinet), Sierra Ehresmann (Trumpet).**

(Photo from Kristi Peterson facebook page)



**The Groton Area Junior High Band did an exhibition performance at the Lake Region Marching Festival held Friday in Groton. Desiree Yeigh has been the director in Groton for four years. The band performed, "Feel It Still." There are 38 students in the junior high marching band.**

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## Lake Region Marching Festival



The Frederick Area High School Marching Band competed in the Lake Region Marching Festival held in Groton on Friday. Liz Labesky is the director and this is her 25th year in Frederick. They performed "Thrift Shop." There are 40 members in the marching band of the 78 students in high school.



The Groton Area High School Marching Band did an exhibition performance at the Lake Region Marching Festival. Austin Fordham is the band director and this is his third year in Groton. Ashley Garduno is the drum major. They performed, "Believer" by Imagine Dragons. There are 47 students in the band of the 179 students in high school. Desiree Yeigh coached the flag team.

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## Near/Record Coldest First Half of October on Record Across Area

### Minimum 15-Day Mean Avg Temperature for ABERDEEN REGIONAL AP, SD

Click column heading to sort ascending, click again to sort descending.

| Rank | Value | Ending Date | Missing Days |
|------|-------|-------------|--------------|
| 1    | 37.8  | 2018-10-15  | 0            |
| 2    | 38.7  | 2009-10-15  | 0            |
| 3    | 40.1  | 1925-10-15  | 1            |

Oct 1-15 Average: 48.7°, Nov 1-15 Average: 33.3°

### Minimum 15-Day Mean Avg Temperature for SISSETON, SD

Click column heading to sort ascending, click again to sort descending.

| Rank | Value | Ending Date | Missing Days |
|------|-------|-------------|--------------|
| 1    | 38.1  | 2018-10-15  | 0            |
| 2    | 39.3  | 2009-10-15  | 0            |
| 3    | 44.3  | 2002-10-15  | 0            |

Oct 1-15 Average: 49.8°, Nov 1-15 Average: 34.9°

### Minimum 15-Day Mean Avg Temperature for WATERTOWN REGIONAL AP, SD

Click column heading to sort ascending, click again to sort descending.

| Rank | Value | Ending Date | Missing Days |
|------|-------|-------------|--------------|
| 1    | 37.4  | 2009-10-15  | 0            |
| 2    | 39.1  | 2018-10-15  | 0            |
| 3    | 40.0  | 1925-10-15  | 0            |

Oct 1-15 Average: 48.8°, Nov 1-15 Average: 34.0°

### Minimum 15-Day Mean Avg Temperature for PIERRE RGNL AP, SD

Click column heading to sort ascending, click again to sort descending.

| Rank | Value | Ending Date | Missing Days |
|------|-------|-------------|--------------|
| 1    | 38.1  | 2009-10-15  | 0            |
| 2    | 40.9  | 2018-10-15  | 0            |
| 3    | 45.0  | 1959-10-15  | 0            |

Oct 1-15 Average: 52.1°, Nov 1-15 Average: 37.5°

### Minimum 15-Day Mean Avg Temperature for MOBRIDGE 2NNW, SD

Click column heading to sort ascending, click again to sort descending.

| Rank | Value | Ending Date | Missing Days |
|------|-------|-------------|--------------|
| 1    | 37.3  | 2009-10-15  | 0            |
| 2    | 40.2  | 2018-10-15  | 0            |
| 3    | 42.0  | 1946-10-15  | 0            |

Oct 1-15 Average: 50.4°, Nov 1-15 Average: 36.1°

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The first 15 days of October were exceptionally cold for that timeframe, and indeed record-setting in some cases.



## Doug Fjeldheim County Commission

**A devoted FAMILY MAN,  
a FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE leader,  
and a Commissioner who will make  
decisions based on COMMON SENSE.**

My fellow taxpayers of Brown County:

I am seeking re-election to the Brown County Commission because I believe I can and have contributed to the greater good by spending our tax dollars wisely.

As a farmer I know how important it is to have good roads and to have a county government that works with the people of the area to protect their interests.

I would be honored to serve another 4 years as a commissioner and treat your tax dollars as my own because just like you, some of them are!

On November 6th, please cast your ballot for Doug Fjeldheim for Brown County Commission.

*Doug Fjeldheim*

Paid for by Fjeldheim for County Commission

## Doug Fjeldheim County Commission

Doug Fjeldheim is seeking to be re-elected to the Brown County Commission. Having over 32 years of management experience in business, 30 years of farming experience, and as the Westport Township Clerk since 2003, Doug is familiar with the challenges each township faces.

As your County Commissioner, Doug Fjeldheim pledges to continue being prudent with how the tax dollars of Brown County are spent.

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## Today in Weather History

October 17, 1910: The temperature in Aberdeen warmed to 90 degrees on this day. This reading is the latest day in the calendar year in which the high temperature reached 90 degrees.

October 17, 2011: A strong low-pressure system to the northwest and a strong high-pressure system to the southeast brought stiff southerly winds across central and north central South Dakota from the late morning until the early evening. South winds of 30 to 40 mph with gusts over 60 mph caused spotty damage across the region. The high winds created large waves on Lake Oahe near Pierre which damaged several docks along with some boats at a marina. There were also some tree branches downed across the region along with some damage to a few structures. With the high winds, warm temperatures, and low humidity several grassland fires also broke out across parts of the region. The maximum wind gust of 68 mph occurred in Corson County.

1971: Great balls of fire were observed just ahead of a tornado moving down the main street of Wray, Colorado. However, little other electrical activity accompanied the storm. Nine persons were injured in the storm, all at a trailer court at the edge of town.

1984: A snowstorm struck northern Utah producing a record 18 inches in 24 hours at Salt Lake City, and 40 inches at the nearby Alta Ski Resort. The town of Magna, located ten miles west of Salt Lake City, did not receive any snow at all. The storm was responsible for a fifty-vehicle pile-up along Interstate 15 near Farmington Utah.

1997: Late on October 17, Super Typhoon Ivan attained its peak intensity with winds of 185 mph and an official barometric pressure of 905 mbar. On the same day, while near peak intensity, Typhoon Joan was located about 1300 miles east of Typhoon Ivan.

1998: During the weekend of October 17-18, 1998, torrential rains fell over south and southeast Texas. Up to 22 inches of rain fell which first resulted in deadly flash flooding from San Antonio to Austin followed by record-breaking river floods along several South Texas rivers the following week. Based on provisional data from the USGS, which is subject to revision, the flood peak for this event was the highest known peak stage at 15 locations. Tragically, a total of 31 people died during the event (26 drownings, two tornado deaths, two heart attacks, and one electrocution/drowning). At least 17 of the drowning victims were in vehicles which were either driven into water or were swept away by rapidly rising water. Preliminary property damage estimates approached three-quarters of a billion dollars.

1781 - General Cornwallis attempted to escape encirclement by crossing York River, "but a violent storm arose" dispersing his boats causing him to ask for an armistice. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987)

1910 - A hurricane made a loop off the southwest coast of Florida. Winds above 100 mph were reported at Fort Myers FL, and the barometric pressure at Sand Key reached 28.40 inches. (David Ludlum)

1950 - Small but powerful Hurricane King struck Miami, FL. The hurricane packs winded to 122 mph, with gusts to 150 mph. Hurricane King then moved up the Florida peninsula to Georgia. Four persons were killed and damage was 28 million dollars. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

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1987 - It was a great day for an Oktoberfest, or to enjoy the colors of autumn, as much of the nation enjoyed sunny and mild weather. Columbia SC dipped to 34 degrees, marking their third morning in a row of record cold. Bakersfield CA reached 80 degrees for the 143rd day in a row to break a record established in 1940. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather in the Middle Mississippi Valley and the Lower Ohio Valley. Severe thunderstorms spawned three tornadoes in Indiana, including one which injured four persons. Strong thunderstorm winds at Connerville IND caused three million dollars damage. Thunderstorms in Illinois produced hail two inches in diameter Colfax. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Today



Becoming  
Sunny

High: 57 °F

Tonight



Mostly Clear

Low: 36 °F

Thursday



Sunny

High: 68 °F

Thursday  
Night



Mostly Clear

Low: 43 °F

Friday



Sunny then  
Sunny and  
Breezy

High: 59 °F

FALL-LIKE  
WEDNESDAY

52 to 67°  
light winds

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
Aberdeen, SD  
Updated: 10/17/2018 4:43 AM Central

Published on: 10/17/2018 at 4:51AM

Fall-like Wednesday, with light winds and highs in the 50s and 60s. Well above normal temperatures will briefly return for Thursday, along with breezy conditions. Stronger winds and cooler temperatures are expected to slip in for Friday.



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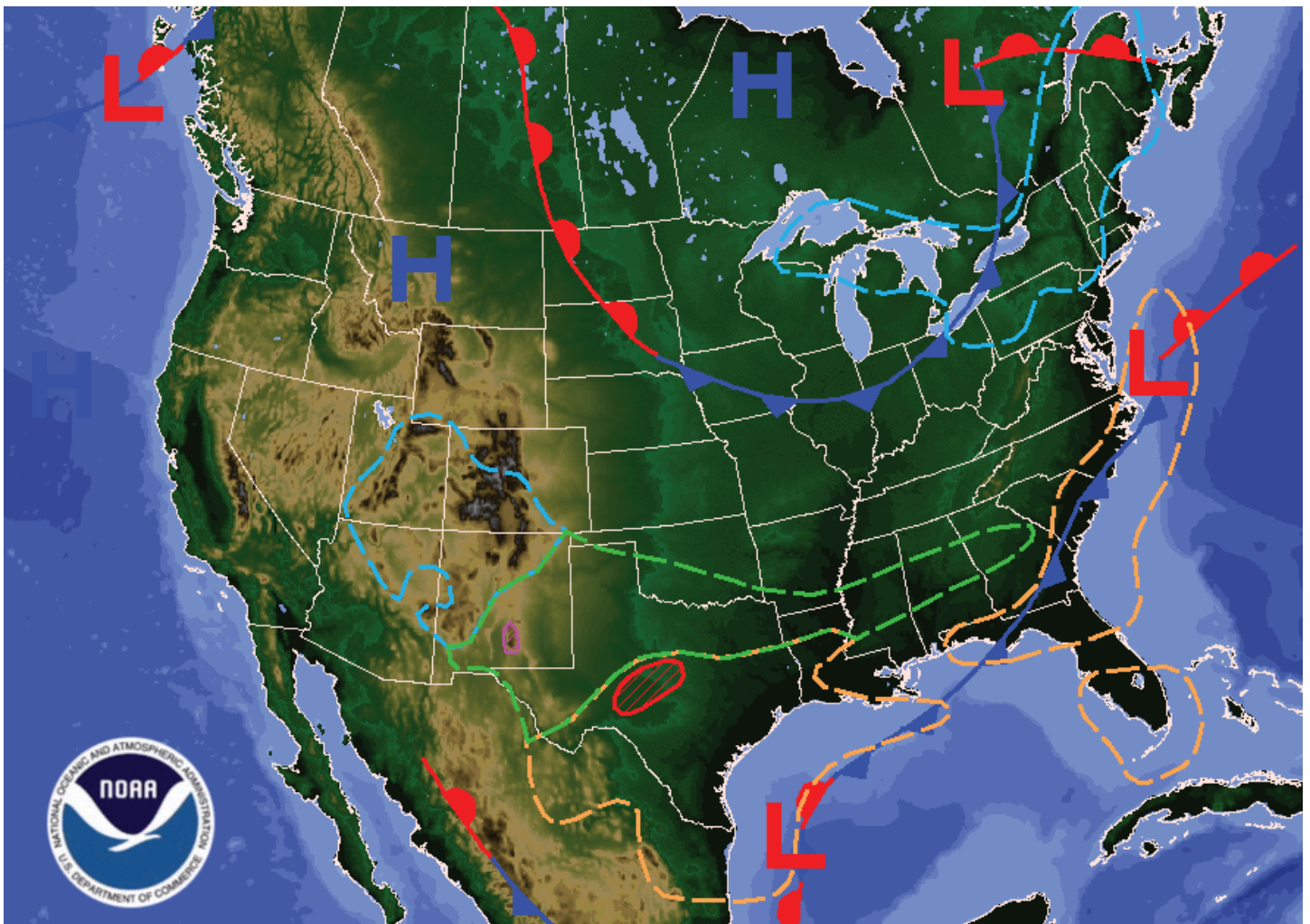
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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 57 °F at 1:57 PM**  
**Low Outside Temp: 34 °F at 12:54 AM**  
**High Gust: 31 mph at 3:19 PM**  
**Precip: 0.00**

## Today's Info

**Record High: 92° in 1910**  
**Record Low: 15° in 1976, 1930**  
**Average High: 57°F**  
**Average Low: 32°F**  
**Average Precip in Oct.: 1.16**  
**Precip to date in Oct.: 1.42**  
**Average Precip to date: 19.64**  
**Precip Year to Date: 15.03**  
**Sunset Tonight: 6:45 p.m.**  
**Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:54 a.m.**



### Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Wed, Oct 17, 2018, issued 4:48 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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## DELIGHTING GOD!

The word delight is often a disarming word. Why? What might delight me would not delight you. Its a word that is in one sense personal, but in another way, universal. It always implies that something has happened to bring joy or satisfaction to another. Or, when used in the Bible, it brings great pleasure to God.

The Psalmist wrote: The Lord takes great delight in His people. Not all people or certain people or educated people or even wise people. He only takes delight in His people. Notice, also, that it is more than mere delight, it is a great delight.

So the question we must ask ourselves is this: Who are His people? Does God have favorites? Are there some people whom God loves more than others? Can anything be done to become one of His people that bring Him great delight? How can we get into that inner circle who are recognized as His people?

When this verse was written, however, His people were those who were in a covenant relationship with Him. The verses that precede this verse describe people who, in particular, are praising the Lord. They are singing and dancing and making music by playing harps and tambourines - all signs of joyful worship to their God.

However, today we know that we are saved by faith through the New Covenant that He established through His Son. Faith in Christ is the first step if we want to become one of His people and enter into his Kingdom. To do so, we must accept His Son as our Savior.

Worship signifies humility bowing down before God our Creator and Lord. Only humble people are willing to accept Christ and worship the Lord. His people are humble people.

Prayer: Lord, true worship means that we bow down before You - and only You - in humility and surrender. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 149:4a The Lord takes great delight in His people.

## 2018 Groton SD Community Events

- Groton Lion's Club Bingo- Wednesday Nights 6:30pm at the Groton Legion (Year Round)
- Nov./Dec./Jan./Feb./Mar. 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)
- Transit Fundraiser (Middle Thursday in June)
- SDSU Golf at Olive Grove
- 6/15/2019 Triathlon (Saturday before Father's Day)
- 7/4/2019 Firecracker Golf Tourney (4th of July)
- 7/14/2019 Summer Fest
- 9/7/2019 Fall City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday after Labor Day)
- 10/12/2019 Pumpkin Fest (Saturday before Columbus Day)
- 10/11/2019 Lake Region Marching 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

### Tuesday's Scores By The Associated Press

#### Volleyball

Aberdeen Roncalli def. Ipswich, 25-16, 25-17, 25-9  
Arlington def. Elkton-Lake Benton, 25-10, 25-17, 25-19  
Avon def. Corsica/Stickney, 21-25, 25-23, 25-21, 25-19  
Baltic def. Howard, 25-14, 26-24, 25-15  
Beresford def. Vermillion, 25-23, 25-21, 21-25, 25-23  
Bowman County, N.D. def. Lemmon, 25-27, 23-25, 25-17, 25-22, 15-11  
Boyd County, Neb. def. Gregory, 18-25, 25-9, 25-14, 25-21  
Castlewood def. Colman-Egan, 25-18, 20-25, 18-25, 25-23, 15-10  
Chester def. Sioux Valley, 25-12, 25-8, 25-4  
Clark/Willow Lake def. Tiospa Zina Tribal, 25-11, 25-13, 25-21  
Colome def. Jones County, 23-25, 25-17, 25-7, 25-22  
Dell Rapids St. Mary def. Lake Preston, 25-16, 25-16, 25-15  
DeSmet def. Estelline/Hendricks, 22-25, 25-15, 22-25, 25-22, 15-13  
Deubrook def. Oldham-Ramona/Rutland, 25-10, 25-9, 25-9  
Faith def. Timber Lake, 25-21, 25-17, 25-15  
Faulkton def. Edmunds Central, 25-7, 25-16, 25-27, 25-11  
Freeman def. Hanson, 25-20, 15-25, 26-24, 25-17  
Great Plains Lutheran def. Waubay/Summit, 25-19, 25-12, 25-20  
Herreid/Selby Area def. Sully Buttes, 25-22, 25-20, 25-22  
Hill City def. Custer, 25-15, 25-15, 25-20  
Hitchcock-Tulare def. Sanborn Central/Woonsocket, 25-18, 15-25, 25-14, 25-21  
Irene-Wakonda def. Viborg-Hurley, 25-21, 25-21, 25-16  
Kimball/White Lake def. Platte-Geddes, 25-7, 25-22, 25-11  
Langford def. Britton-Hecla, 25-15, 25-13, 25-16  
Lead-Deadwood def. Douglas, 25-23, 24-26, 25-19, 25-17  
Lennox def. Alcester-Hudson, 25-12, 25-11, 25-19  
Linton-HMB, N.D. def. Mobridge-Pollock, 25-7, 25-15, 25-15  
Madison def. Dell Rapids, 25-18, 16-25, 25-14, 21-25, 15-7  
McCook Central/Montrose def. Tea Area, 25-16, 25-12, 25-15  
Mitchell def. Harrisburg, 25-13, 20-25, 15-25, 25-17, 15-10  
Mitchell Christian def. Iroquois, 25-17, 25-16, 25-14  
Northwestern def. Groton Area, 25-16, 25-20, 25-17  
Parker def. Flandreau, 25-16, 25-21, 25-21  
Philip def. Bennett County, 25-18, 25-21, 23-25, 25-11  
Rapid City Christian def. Harding County, 25-10, 25-10, 23-25, 25-16  
Sioux County, Neb. def. Oelrichs, 25-19, 23-25, 25-16, 27-29, 15-2  
Sioux Falls Christian def. Southwest Minnesota Christian, Minn., 25-21, 25-12, 25-19  
Sioux Falls O'Gorman def. Sioux Falls Roosevelt, 25-17, 25-17, 25-18  
St. Thomas More def. Belle Fourche, 25-20, 25-16, 25-21  
Tri-Valley def. Mt. Vernon/Plankinton, 25-23, 21-25, 25-17, 25-16  
Watertown def. Huron, 25-8, 25-20, 25-17  
Waverly-South Shore def. Milbank Area, 19-25, 25-22, 25-17, 25-19  
Wessington Springs def. James Valley Christian, 25-18, 25-12, 25-23

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West Central def. Garretson, 25-14, 22-25, 26-24, 28-26  
White River def. Lower Brule, 25-22, 25-15, 25-17  
Winner def. Wagner, 17-25, 25-20, 25-15, 14-25, 15-10  
Wolsey-Wessington def. Sunshine Bible Academy, 25-16, 25-13, 25-11  
Cheyenne-Eagle Butte Triangular  
Chamberlain def. Cheyenne-Eagle Butte, 25-22, 14-25, 26-24, 25-22  
Cheyenne-Eagle Butte def. McLaughlin, 25-11, 25-18, 25-21  
Gayville-Volin Triangular  
Gayville-Volin def. Marty Indian, 25-7, 25-12, 25-5  
Gayville-Volin def. Omaha Nation, Neb., 25-14, 25-10, 25-12  
Kadoka Triangular  
Kadoka Area def. New Underwood, 25-18, 25-21, 25-18  
Kadoka Area def. Stanley County, 25-11, 25-16, 25-16  
New Underwood def. Stanley County, 25-12, 25-8, 25-19

## SD Lottery

By The Associated Press

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

Mega Millions

03-45-49-61-69, Mega Ball: 9, Megaplier: 5

(three, forty-five, forty-nine, sixty-one, sixty-nine; Mega Ball: nine; Megaplier: five)

Estimated jackpot: \$667 million

Powerball

Estimated jackpot: \$345 million

## SD Attorney General: Trooper's shooting of man justified

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley says a state trooper was justified in shooting and wounding a Vermillion man last month.

According to a shooting summary released Tuesday, the trooper shot 21-year-old Kuong Gatluak in the arm and shoulder on Sept. 16 after Gatluak "ignored verbal commands" and "tackled" the trooper following a pursuit.

Gatluak's roommate reported that Gatluak was making statements about harming himself. Vermillion police found Gatluak's car speeding and tried to stop him but discontinued the chase because of safety concerns.

The trooper spotted the vehicle on Interstate 29 and eventually stopped Gatluak. Dash cam video shows Gatluak throwing a beer bottle at the trooper.

Gatluak was treated at a hospital. The Argus Leader reports the trooper's name was not released because the trooper invoked Marsy's Law.

## Student admits writing note that closed Brookings schools

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — Officials say a student has admitted writing a threatening note that prompted Brookings schools to close for the day.

But the district says the student assured officials he had no intent to carry out the threat.

The Brookings School District closed all schools Tuesday after the note was found at the high school at the end of the school day Monday. The nature of the threat was not disclosed.

Brookings police say the case will be sent to the county prosecutor for potential charges.

Classes are set to resume Wednesday.

## Temporary fix to 911 outage in parts of South Dakota

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Emergency 911 service is back on in South Dakota, at least on a temporary basis. South Dakota Department of Public Safety spokesman Tony Mangan says the problem Tuesday affected mainly eastern areas of the state.

Mangan says officials don't know what caused the outage.

CenturyLink says while the outage is not a CenturyLink issue, the company is helping affected municipalities temporarily move the 911 lines to their administrative lines until the problem is resolved.

Mangan did not know how many counties and communities are affected.

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This story has been corrected to delete reference to outage being a CenturyLink issue.

## Report: Trump appearance with Noem raised more than \$500K

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Campaign financial records show South Dakota Republican governor candidate Kristi Noem raised more than a half million dollars from an event featuring President Donald Trump.

A federal finance report filed Monday shows the September fundraiser brought in \$518,780.

The Rapid City Journal reports the bulk of the money raised went to Noem-related committees, including more than \$193,000 to her campaign and almost \$59,000 to her running mate.

Noem is facing Democrat Billie Sutton. His campaign has accused Noem of violating her own campaign pledge by establishing a joint fundraising committee, which let donors write one check for up to \$23,000 despite state law capping contributions at a lower amount.

Legally, Noem's campaign committee could've received the money the joint fundraising committee transferred to the other groups, but Noem says she believes in maintaining contribution limits.

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

## Correction: Funeral Furlough Denied story

SIOUS FALLS, S.D. (AP) — In a story Oct. 15 about the denial of a funeral furlough, The Associated Press reported erroneously that both the victim and defendant were high on methamphetamine at the time of the shooting. Charges accuse only the defendant of being under influence of drugs at the time the victim was killed.

A corrected version of the story is below:

Manslaughter defendant denied furlough for sister's funeral

A judge has denied a furlough for a Sioux Falls man charged with manslaughter so he could attend his sister's funeral

SIOUS FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A judge has denied a furlough for a Sioux Falls man charged with manslaughter so he could attend his sister's funeral.

An attorney for 18-year-old Stasek Stefanyuk asked for the furlough or reduced bond following the death of 17-year-old Annya Stefanyuk.

Defense attorney Mark Kadi described the crime Stasek Stefanyuk is charged with, the fatal shooting of 21-year-old Darius Tiger, as an accident.

Authorities say Stefanyuk was under the influence of methamphetamine when the shotgun he was handling fired and struck Tiger in the back.

State attorney Thomas Hensley argued that Stefanyuk's \$100,000 bond was appropriate for manslaughter and reminded Judge Jon Sogn on Friday that Stefanyuk had several drug-related charges on his record.

The Argus Leader says Sogn denied the request for both furlough and reduced bond, saying that although he sympathized with both families' losses, Stefanyuk was a danger to the community.

## South Dakota engineers inspect Black Hills scenic tunnels

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota officials are inspecting seven scenic tunnels in the Black Hills this week for structural integrity.

Engineers and a geologist are monitoring the tunnels on Needles Highway and Iron Mountain Road to determine unsound rock, weathering and erosion, the Rapid City Journal reported. They do so by gently tapping hammers onto the tunnels, which were blown out of granite with dynamite in the 1920s.

"Hear the different sounds?" said Steve Kamarainen, region bridge engineer with the South Dakota Department of Transportation. "This sounds hollow, and this sounds harder."

The inspection comes as the Federal Highway Administration requires more routine checkups every two years.

South Dakota officials aren't concerned the tunnels will collapse, but the tunnels will gradually erode, just like any rock shelf.

"With a rock tunnel, it's pretty straightforward," said Todd Thompson, a bridge maintenance engineer. "You either have good rock, or you have unsound rock."

Inspection crews try to monitor the tunnels in the fall to minimize the road closures' impact on Custer State Park, Thompson said. Millions of travelers take road trips to the Black Hills in the summer.

"We also try to do it when the weather's nice," he said.

But that doesn't always work out. Snow fell in the park over the weekend, as much as 12 inches (30.5 centimeters) in some areas. Inspection crews expect to finish their work by this weekend — just in time for the snow to melt.

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

## Rapid City board adopt new gender identity policy

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The Rapid City School Board has narrowly approved a controversial policy on gender identity inclusion for Western Dakota Tech.

Parents and other packed a meeting Monday night where the board voted 4-3 to adopt a revised harassment and discrimination policy to include transgender and gender nonconforming people.

The policy change faced opposition. KOTA-TV says one woman from the group South Dakota Parents Involved in Education says the revision conflicts with her personal values.

Supporter Natalie Slack said any policy that promotes inclusion or acceptance over judgment and hate is a good policy.

Information from: KOTA-TV, <http://www.kotatv.com>

## 2-vehicle crash in Hamlin County kills 69-year-old woman.

LAKE NORDEN, S.D. (AP) — A two-vehicle crash in Hamlin County killed a 69-year-old woman.

The Highway Patrol says the woman was driving a sport utility vehicle that turned in front of a pickup truck on U.S. Highway 81 about 3:30 p.m. Monday, east of Lake Norden. The truck was pulling a trailer loaded with construction equipment.

The SUV driver was pronounced dead at a Watertown hospital. Her name wasn't immediately released.

The 17-year-old boy driving the pickup suffered minor injuries, and a 15-year-old male passenger was not hurt.

## Fund gives \$20,000 to widow of fallen Sturgis firefighter

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — A couple has started a community fund to help the families of first responders in Sturgis, after a firefighter died in the line of duty.

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The Albert and Laverne Elliott First Responders Fund at the Black Hills Area Community Foundation is named for the couple who donated \$20,000 to start the fund.

The initial donation was presented Monday to the widow of 43-year-old David Fischer. He was killed last month while fighting a house fire in Tilford. Eighty-two-year-old homeowner Raymond Bachmeier also died.

Fischer served as an assistant fire chief of the Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department and was a 22-year veteran of the department. He was also a member of the Rapid City-based 82nd Civil Support team with the South Dakota National Guard.

## Bad weather over week puts a damper on South Dakota harvest

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota farmers made little progress on the late-season harvest in the past week due to bad weather.

The federal Agriculture Department in its weekly crop report says less than a full day was considered suitable for fieldwork.

Harvest progress is at 5 percent for the sunflower crop, 21 percent for sorghum, 17 percent for corn and 29 percent for soybeans. All are behind the average pace.

Subsoil moisture is rated 68 percent adequate to surplus, and topsoil moisture is 88 percent in those categories, up over the week.

Pasture and range conditions are rated 48 percent in good to excellent condition, up slightly over the week.

## Gaza rocket hits home in Israel, military strikes back

By ARON HELLER, Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — A rocket fired from Gaza struck a residential home in southern Israel early Wednesday and the Israeli military began attacking militant sites in Gaza in response after days of rising tensions.

The Magen David Adom medical service said a woman and her three children, whose home in Beersheba was struck, were being treated for shock after they fled to their shelter upon being awoken by warning sirens shortly before 4 a.m. Her swift response likely saved their lives, as the home was destroyed and debris was scattered throughout the street, damaging parked cars and adjacent structures.

Next-door neighbor Segev Naveh said he did not hear the warning sirens and was awoken by the massive blast.

"It was very scary," he said. "If it was falling on my house I would be dead for sure."

The medical service said two other Beersheba residents were injured during the panic to seek cover.

The military said another rocket from Gaza landed in the sea, just off the coast of one of the larger cities in central Israel. No injuries were reported.

Following the attacks, schools in Beersheba were closed and Israel's military chief was cutting short his visit to the United States to come back and manage the crisis.

As a first response, Israeli military jets pounded Hamas targets across the Gaza Strip. The Gaza Health Ministry said a 25-year-old militant was killed inside one of the posts targeted. Three other people were wounded.

Lt. Col. Jonathan Conricus, a military spokesman, said 20 Hamas targets were struck, including offensive tunnels, weapon workshops and naval shafts. The military released video purportedly showing militants preparing to fire another rocket toward Israel before they were targeted.

The rocket attack on Beersheba was the first in months and the first that hit an Israeli home there since the 2014 summer war between Israel and Gaza's militant Hamas rulers. Beersheba, which is some 50 kilometers (30 miles) from Gaza, is the biggest city in southern Israel, with a population of around 200,000.

Israel and Hamas have fought three wars over the past decade and fighting has flared up on several occasions recently, though neither side appears to be interested in another full-blown war. Egypt has been trying to mediate a long-term cease-fire.

In a rare move, seemingly aimed at easing the tensions, the "joint coordination room of resistance fac-



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tions," which includes Hamas, Islamic Jihad and other groups, issued a statement distancing themselves from the rocket fire.

"We reject all irresponsible attempts that try to change the direction and sabotage the Egyptian efforts, including the overnight firing of the rocket," they said. "At the same time, we emphasize we are ready to confront the Israeli aggression."

The head of Egyptian intelligence, Abbas Kamel, is scheduled to visit Gaza this week to renew cease-fire talks. A team of Egyptian security officials was already on its way to try and calm things down.

Conricus, however, rejected the militants' denials, saying the rocket that struck Beersheba was a mid-range, locally produced weapon that was in the possession of only two groups: Hamas and Islamic Jihad. Israel holds Hamas responsible for all violence emanating from the territory it controls.

"Israel will not stand by while our people are under attack, and the world must know that," Israeli President Reuven Rivlin said as he hosted Nickolay Mladenov, the U.N. Mideast envoy. "Hamas continues to hold the people of Gaza hostage, bringing them destruction and suffering. So long as the missiles and the provocation continue, there is no chance of easing the suffering of the people of Gaza."

The rocket attack came a day after Israeli Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman said the time had come to deliver a "heavy blow" to Hamas after weeks of escalating violence along the border. Lieberman announced Wednesday that all crossings into Gaza were being shut in response to the attack and the fishing zone around Gaza was being limited.

Hamas has held weekly border protests for the past six months, aimed in part at easing a crippling Israeli-Egyptian blockade that was put in place after the Islamic militant group violently seized power in 2007. The blockade has restricted Hamas' ability to govern and made life extremely difficult for Gaza's 2 million residents. Electricity is supplied for roughly four hours a day, unemployment stands at more than 50 percent and tap water is undrinkable.

The protests have intensified as Egyptian-mediated cease-fire efforts faltered. Last week, some 14,000 Palestinians thronged to the perimeter fence, burning tires and throwing rocks, firebombs and grenades at soldiers stationed atop earth mounds on the other side. Some 20 Palestinians breached the border during Friday's protest. Seven Palestinians were killed, including four who the military said had entered Israel and approached a military position.

In response, Israel halted Qatari-donated fuel shipments to Gaza's power plant. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu threatened "very painful blows" if the violence continued, saying Israel was very close to waging a "different kind of activity."

"If it has any sense, Hamas will cease its fire and violent outbursts — now," he said Sunday.

Since March, 155 Palestinians have been killed during the protests. One Israeli soldier was killed by sniper fire in July.

Hamas seeks a cease-fire with Israel to secure an easing of the blockade but accuses its West Bank rivals, Fatah, of thwarting the effort. Repeated attempts to reconcile Hamas and the West Bank-based administration of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas have failed, adding to the desperation fueling the demonstrations.

In Israel, the fiery threats against Hamas have been coupled with concern over being dragged into an unnecessary escalation that may have more to do with Palestinian infighting.

The limited response has drawn criticism from Israel's typically more dovish opposition

"Hamas needs to pay a heavy price," Yair Lapid, head of the centrist Yesh Atid Party, said in front of the damaged house in Beersheba. "What we see here is the result of a government that for nearly five years hasn't decided what its policy is."

## Trump tells AP he won't accept blame if GOP loses House

By CATHERINE LUCEY, JONATHAN LEMIRE and ZEKE MILLER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Facing the prospect of bruising electoral defeat in congressional elections, President Donald Trump said Tuesday that he won't accept the blame if his party loses control of the House in

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November, arguing his campaigning and endorsements have helped Republican candidates.

In a wide-ranging interview three weeks before Election Day, Trump told The Associated Press he senses voter enthusiasm rivaling 2016 and he expressed cautious optimism that his most loyal supporters will vote even when he is not on the ballot. He dismissed suggestions that he might take responsibility, as his predecessor did, for midterm losses or view the outcome as a referendum on his presidency.

"No, I think I'm helping people," Trump said. "I don't believe anybody's ever had this kind of an impact."

Trump spoke on a range of subjects, defending Saudi Arabia from growing condemnation over the case of a missing journalist, accusing his longtime attorney Michael Cohen of lying under oath and flashing defiance when asked about the insult — "Horseface" — he hurled at Stormy Daniels, the porn actress who accuses him of lying about an affair.

Asked if it was appropriate to insult a woman's appearance, Trump responded, "You can take it any way you want."

Throughout much of the nearly 40-minute interview, he sat, arms crossed, in the Oval Office behind the Resolute Desk, flanked by top aides, including White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders and communications director Bill Shine. White House counselor Kellyanne Conway listened from a nearby sofa.

The interview came as Trump's administration was being urged to pressure Saudi Arabia to account for the disappearance of journalist Jamal Khashoggi. Instead, Trump offered a defense for the U.S. ally, warning against a rush to judgment, like with what happened with his Supreme Court nominee, Brett Kavanaugh, who was accused of sexual assault.

"Well, I think we have to find out what happened first," Trump said. "Here we go again with, you know, you're guilty until proven innocent. I don't like that. We just went through that with Justice Kavanaugh. And he was innocent all the way."

Weeks away from the midterms, Democrats are hopeful about their chances to recapture the House, while Republicans are increasingly confident they can hold control of the Senate.

Trump has been campaigning aggressively in a blitz of rallies aimed at firing up his base. He said he believes he's doing his job, but allowed he has heard from some of his supporters who say they may not vote this November.

"I'm not running," he said. "I mean, there are many people that have said to me ... 'I will never ever go and vote in the midterms because you're not running and I don't think you like Congress.'" He added: "Well, I do like Congress."

If Democrats take the House and pursue impeachment or investigations — including seeking his long-hidden tax returns— Trump said he will "handle it very well."

The president declared he was unconcerned about other potential threats to his presidency. He accused Cohen of lying when testifying under oath that the president coordinated on a hush-money scheme to buy Daniels' silence.

Trump on Tuesday declared the allegation "totally false." But in entering a plea deal with Cohen in August, federal prosecutors signaled that they accepted his recitation of facts and account of what occurred.

Trump said that Washington lawyer Pat Cipollone will serve as his next White House counsel and that he hoped to announce a replacement for U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley in the next week or two. He again repeated his frustration with Attorney General Jeff Sessions over the special counsel investigation, saying he could "fire him whenever I want to fire him, but I haven't said that I was going to."

On the ongoing Russia investigation, Trump defended his son Donald Trump Jr. for a Trump Tower meeting with a Kremlin-connected lawyer offering damaging information about Democrat Hillary Clinton. Trump called his son a "good young guy" and said he did what any political aide would have done.

Trump again cast doubt on climate change, suggesting, incorrectly, that the scientific community was evenly split on the existence of climate change and its causes. There are "scientists on both sides of the issue," Trump said.

"But what I'm not willing to do is sacrifice the economic well-being of our country for something that nobody really knows," Trump said.

He added: "I have a natural instinct for science, and I will say that you have scientists on both sides of the picture."

Asked about his wartime leadership, Trump acknowledged that he has not brought U.S. troops home from conflict zones overseas and that there are more Americans serving in harm's way now than when he took office.

"It's not a lot more. It's a little bit more," he said.

Saying he's trying to preserve "safety at home," Trump added that if there are areas where people are threatening the U.S., "I'm going to have troops there for a period of time."

Trump increased U.S. troop totals in Afghanistan by about 4,000 last year.

The president engaged on several other topics, including:

— He said he has given no consideration to pardoning Paul Manafort, his former campaign chairman who was convicted of numerous financial crimes.

— He suggested that his second summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un would happen after next month's midterm elections and would likely not be in the United States.

— He broke with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's proposed changes to Social Security to control the deficit.

— And he defended his decision to break from his predecessors and not yet visit a military base in a combat zone, claiming it was not "overly necessary."

Repeatedly stressing what he saw as the achievements of his first two years, Trump said he'd be seeking another term because there was "always more work to do."

"The new motto is Keep America Great," Trump said. "I don't want somebody to destroy it because I can do a great job, but the wrong person coming in after me sitting right at this desk can destroy it very quickly if they don't do the right thing. So no, I'm definitely running."

Associated Press writer Colleen Long contributed to this report.

## Harry and Meghan bring rain to drought-stricken Outback town

By **KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH** and **ROD McGUIRK**, Associated Press

DUBBO, Australia (AP) — The Duke and Duchess of Sussex were jokingly thanked for bringing England's notoriously inclement weather to a drought-stricken Outback town on Wednesday in a rain-drenched visit to Dubbo during their Australian royal tour.

The former Meghan Markle brought banana bread that she baked in Sydney on Tuesday as a gift to a farming family outside Dubbo who were struggling to feed their cattle and sheep through two years of below-average rain.

"When she heard she was coming to a family home, she had to bring a plate, so it was lovely," farmer Elaine Woodley said, referring to a dish to be shared.

The pregnant American former actress and her husband, Prince Harry, got their hands dirty throwing cotton seed onto hay used to feed the cows because of a lack of pasture.

Heavy rain started falling when the royal couple arrived later at a Dubbo park for a community picnic, but thousands of cheering well-wishers remained enthusiastic.

"As your royal highnesses are aware, our region has been hit by a terrible drought," Mayor Ben Shields told the drenched crowd draped with waterproof ponchos and holding umbrellas, who erupted in laughter.

"So we're very pleased that you can bring some of that English weather with you today, and hopefully it will bring some relief to the farming families," Shields added.

While rain in recent weeks has been welcome, much more is needed to repair the economic and environmental ravages of the extended dry spell.

Drought conditions in New South Wales state this year have been the most widespread since 1965.

Meghan held an umbrella over Harry as he gave a speech, acknowledging the hardships the drought brought to the rural community and urging drought victims not to suffer in silence.

The crowd applauded when Harry touched on his own mental health struggles following the death of his mother, Princess Diana, in a car crash in a Paris tunnel in 1997. He was 12 at the time. Harry, now 34, revealed in an interview last year that he did not seek counseling until he was in his late 20s.

"You are all in this together and, if I may speak personally, we are all in this together," Harry said. "Because asking for help was one of the best decisions that I ever made. You will be continually amazed how life changes for the better."

The prince ended by thanking Dubbo for its invitation and for sharing its stories, adding, "And the rain was a gift."

Drought relief charity Drought Angels director Natasha Johnston commended the couple for their empathy.

"To have them recognize that our farmers are hurting, and show up here, it's an honor," Johnston said.

"It's been unbelievably tough. We've had families who can't put food on the table, who can't afford everyday basics, who can't afford water to fill their tanks," she added.

On arrival at Dubbo airport, the couple appeared delighted when 5-year-old Luke Vincent, who has Down Syndrome, hugged them both and ruffled Harry's hair and beard.

Luke's school principal Anne van Dartel said she had told the students that they were not to reach out to the royals. She suspected Harry's beard reminded Luke of his favorite celebrity, Santa Claus.

"I was very concerned once he started rubbing Prince Harry's face and his hair, but Prince Harry was completely gracious and was so polite and realized what was happening and (Luke's) infatuation with his beard," van Dartel told Seven Network television.

Luke later told Nine Network television that Harry had surpassed Santa in his estimation.

Harry and Meghan are on a 16-day tour of Australia, Fiji, Tonga and New Zealand.

The main focus of the tour is the Invictus Games, which start in Sydney on Saturday. The sporting event, founded by Harry in 2014, gives sick and injured military personnel and veterans the opportunity to compete in sports such as wheelchair basketball.

McGuirk reported from Canberra, Australia.

## Pompeo meets with Turkish leaders on missing Saudi writer

By SUZAN FRASER and JON GAMBRELL, Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — A pro-government Turkish newspaper on Wednesday published a gruesome recounting of the alleged slaying of Saudi writer Jamal Khashoggi at the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul, just as America's top diplomat arrived in the country for talks over the Washington Post columnist's disappearance.

The report by Yeni Safak adds to the ever-increasing pressure on Saudi Arabia to explain what happened to Khashoggi, who vanished Oct. 2 while visiting the consulate to pick up paperwork he needed to get married.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo held separate meetings with Turkey's president and foreign minister for around 40 minutes each on Wednesday in the Turkish capital, Ankara. No details were immediately released about the talks with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu. The three posed for photos, but said nothing in front of reporters.

Pompeo met with Saudi King Salman and his son, the 33-year-old Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, on Tuesday. Before leaving Riyadh, Pompeo told reporters that the Saudi leaders "made no exceptions on who they would hold accountable."

"They made a commitment to hold anyone connected to any wrongdoing that may be found accountable for that, whether they are a senior officer or official," Pompeo said.

No major decisions are made outside of the ultraconservative kingdom's ruling Al Saud family. Khashoggi had fled the country last year amid the rise of Prince Mohammed, whom he wrote critically about in the Post.

The Yeni Safak report cited what it described as an audio recording of Khashoggi's slaying, which it said

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showed the writer was tortured.

The newspaper said Saudi Consul General Mohammed al-Otaibi could be heard on the tape, telling those allegedly torturing Khashoggi: "Do this outside; you're going to get me in trouble."

The newspaper said one of the Saudis torturing Khashoggi replied: "Shut up if you want to live when you return to (Saudi) Arabia."

Saudi officials have not responded to repeated requests for comment from The Associated Press in recent days. Al-Otaibi left Turkey on Tuesday afternoon, Turkish state media reported.

Security services in Turkey have used pro-government media to leak details of Khashoggi's case, adding to the pressure on the kingdom.

President Donald Trump, who earlier warned of "severe punishment" if the kingdom was found culpable for Khashoggi's disappearance, criticized the allegations against the kingdom and compared it to the accusations of sexual assault leveled against now-Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh during his confirmation hearing.

"Here we go again with you're guilty until proven innocent," Trump told the AP in an interview.

That attitude does not appear to be shared with Congress, as one prominent Republican senator said he believed that the crown prince, widely known as MBS, had Khashoggi "murdered."

"This guy has got to go," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, a Republican from South Carolina, speaking on Fox television. "Saudi Arabia, if you're listening, there are a lot of good people you can choose, but MBS has tainted your country and tainted himself."

On Tuesday, a high-level Turkish official told the AP that police found "certain evidence" of Khashoggi's slaying at the consulate, without elaborating. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation was ongoing.

Police plan to search the Saudi consul general's home, as well as some of the country's diplomatic vehicles, Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said. Leaked surveillance video shows that diplomatic cars traveled to the consul general's home shortly after Khashoggi went into the consulate.

Police put up barricades around the consul's official residence Tuesday night. The search, however, did not happen overnight and reasons for that weren't immediately clear.

Earlier Tuesday, U.N. human rights chief Michelle Bachelet said the "inviolability or immunity" of people or premises granted under the 1963 Vienna Convention on Consular Relations "should be waived immediately." That convention covers diplomatic immunity, as well as the idea that embassies and consulates sit on foreign soil in their host countries.

"Given there seems to be clear evidence that Mr. Khashoggi entered the consulate and has never been seen since, the onus is on the Saudi authorities to reveal what happened to him," Bachelet said.

Nils Melzer, the U.N. special investigator on torture, said that if Turkey and Saudi Arabia can't conduct "a credible and objective investigation," then international involvement may be needed.

Trump's previous warnings over the case drew an angry response Sunday from Saudi Arabia and its state-linked media, including a suggestion that Riyadh could wield its oil production as a weapon. The U.S. president has been after King Salman and OPEC to boost production to drive down high oil prices, caused in part by the coming re-imposition of oil sanctions on Iran.

Prominent U.S. newspapers have reported, citing anonymous sources, that Saudi officials may soon acknowledge Khashoggi's slaying at the consulate but blame it on a botched intelligence operation.

That could, like Trump's softening comments, seek to give the kingdom a way out of the global firestorm of criticism over Khashoggi's fate.

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Gambrell reported from Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Associated Press writers Catherine Lucey, Jonathan Lemire and Zeke Miller in Washington contributed to this report.

## Analysis: Trump's Saudi bet has become much riskier

By MATTHEW LEE, AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump put a big and risky bet on Saudi Arabia and its 33-year-old crown prince. It's now become much riskier.

From the early days of his presidency, Trump and his foreign policy team embraced the kingdom and Mohammed bin Salman as the anchors of their entire Middle East strategy. From Iran and Iraq to Syria, Yemen and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the administration gambled that Saudi Arabia, effectively run by the prince, could credibly lead, and willingly pay for, a "Pax Arabica" in a part of the world from which Trump is keen to disengage.

For nearly two years, through an ongoing crisis with Qatar and international outrage over civilian casualties in the Saudi-led campaign against Yemeni rebels, the prince has managed to keep Washington's confidence. But now, the tide is turning amid growing outrage over the disappearance and likely death of a U.S.-based journalist inside a Saudi Consulate in Turkey, and that confidence appears to be waning. The Trump administration's grand strategy may be upended with far-reaching ramifications that extend well outside the region.

Even if an investigation into what happened to Washington Post contributor Jamal Khashoggi in Istanbul exonerates the prince and the top Saudi leadership, the administration's deep reliance on him will be severely tested not least because of broad bipartisan revulsion in Congress to as-yet unconfirmed accounts of Khashoggi's fate. Already, prominent lawmakers from both parties are questioning his fitness to lead the country and suggesting it might be time to re-think U.S.-Saudi relations and sharply curb arms sales.

Trump ally Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., and other influential politicians warned of dire consequences on Tuesday, saying the prince, often known as MBS for short, should be removed from his post.

"This guy is a wrecking ball, he had this guy murdered in a consulate in Turkey, and to expect me to ignore it, I feel used and abused," Graham said on "Fox and Friends." "Saudi Arabia, if you're listening, there are a lot of good people you could choose, but MBS has tainted your country and tainted himself."

Trump foe Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., said the Khashoggi case "should trigger a fundamental review of the nature of the United States' alliance with the Saudis."

"As the new crown prince engages in increasingly reckless behavior, more and more of us are wondering whether our ally's actions are in our own best interests," he wrote in The Washington Post.

And Trump ally Sen. Marco Rubio, D-Fla., called the situation a "catastrophe" for the Saudis that will "alter the relationship between the United States and Saudi Arabia for the foreseeable future."

"This is a fear we've had for a long time is that the crown prince is a young and aggressive guy that would overestimate how much room he had to do things, would get over aggressive and overestimate his own capabilities and create a problem such as this," he said. He added that the situation was one that "would really blow apart our Middle Eastern strategy."

The impact of a U.S.-Saudi rift, however remote the possibility, could send shockwaves around the world, destabilizing oil markets and the global investment climate, not to mention dealing a blow to the Trump administration's own plans in the Middle East.

Trump's son-in-law and senior adviser Jared Kushner has made Saudi Arabia a centerpiece of his yet to be revealed Israeli-Palestinian peace plan, which is expected to call for massive Saudi and Gulf Arab contributions to fund reconstruction and development projects in the West Bank and Gaza.

Saudi support will also be key to the political elements of the plan that Israel insists put its security on par with Palestinian statehood. That means that Israel will likely seek assurances that any deal with the Palestinians be followed by a broader agreement that normalizes its relations with the rest of the Arab world, particularly Saudi Arabia.

In Syria, the administration relied almost entirely on Saudi Arabia, along with the closely allied United Arab Emirates, to make up for steep cuts in U.S. stabilization assistance to areas liberated from Islamic militants. Next door in Iraq, the current secretary of state, Mike Pompeo, and his predecessor, Rex Tillerson, have leaned heavily on the Saudis to make large financial pledges for reconstruction of war-shattered

communities.

But it is the administration's policy of isolating Iran that may suffer the most from Saudi-U.S. estrangement.

Trump is counting on the Saudis to shore up and complement its Iran policy on several fronts.

In Yemen, where the U.S.-backed Saudi-led coalition is fighting Iran-backed Houthi Shiite rebel insurgency, the effort to blunt Tehran's increasing assertiveness would be hurt by any reduction in American help.

In Syria, where Saudi stabilization funds are being used in part to prevent Iranian proxies from encroaching on communities previously held by the Islamic State group, a reduction in Saudi cooperation would allow Iran a freer hand. The same holds true in Iraq, where Saudi investment is seen as critical to prevent Iran from gaining more of a foothold than it has in the Shia majority state.

More importantly, the administration has been counting on Saudi Arabia to step in to prevent oil prices from skyrocketing once it re-imposes energy-related sanctions on Iran that had been lifted under the 2015 nuclear deal from which Trump withdrew. Those sanctions require countries to halt Iranian oil imports unless they receive a waiver or face penalties. Frosty relations with Washington may tempt Riyadh to cut back on any increase in oil supply to make up for the loss of Iranian crude.

Of course, Trump's bet could still pay off in the event the Khashoggi investigation is found to be credible and those responsible for his fate are held accountable, as Trump, Vice President Mike Pence and Pompeo have all demanded. But with anti-Saudi sentiment running high in the corridors of power, Trump may find that going all in on the prince was a loser.

**EDITOR'S NOTE** — AP Diplomatic Writer Matthew Lee has been covering U.S. foreign policy and international affairs since 1999.

This story has been corrected to show the senator's surname is Murphy, not Porter.

## 10 Things to Know for Today By The Associated Press

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

### 1. PROBE INTO KHASHOGGI CASE FAR FROM OVER

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo is in Turkey, where a newspaper detailed the alleged slaying of Saudi writer Jamal Khashoggi at the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul in gruesome detail.

### 2. 'NO, I THINK I'M HELPING PEOPLE'

In a wide-ranging interview the AP, Trump says he won't accept the blame if his party loses control of the House in November.

### 3. WHERE MARIJUANA SALES ARE NOW LEGAL

At the stroke of midnight in Newfoundland, Canada became the largest country with a legal national pot marketplace.

### 4. DEATH TOLL RISES AFTER HURRICANE MICHAEL

The category 4 storm killed at least 16 people in Florida, most of them in the panhandle. That's in addition to at least 10 deaths elsewhere across the South.

### 5. CALIFORNIA COUNTY AT A CROSSROADS

The Latino and Asian population has doubled in Orange County, and many are looking to Democrats for leadership in the Republican stronghold.

### 6. DEMOCRATS' NOT-SO-SECRET PLAN TO FIGHT MIDTERM MALAISE

Pastors are being asked to text congregants, the NAACP to use its wide reach with black voters and Puerto Ricans displaced by Hurricane Maria are being encouraged to vote.

### 7. AMERICA'S MOST FAMOUS PIMP DIES

Just days after wild celebrations for his 72nd birthday, Dennis Hof was found dead in one of his Nevada brothels.

## 8. DEMOCRAT BREAKS OUT 'LYIN' TED' MONIKER

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## Trump criticizes rush to condemn Saudi Arabia over Khashoggi

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

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump criticized rapidly mounting global condemnation of Saudi Arabia over the mystery of missing journalist Jamal Khashoggi, warning of a rush to judgment and echoing the Saudis' request for patience.

In an interview with The Associated Press on Tuesday, Trump compared the case of Khashoggi, who Turkish officials have said was murdered in the Saudis' Istanbul consulate, to the allegations of sexual assault leveled against Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh during his confirmation hearing.

"I think we have to find out what happened first," Trump said. "Here we go again with, you know, you're guilty until proven innocent. I don't like that. We just went through that with Justice Kavanaugh and he was innocent all the way as far as I'm concerned."

Trump's remarks were his most robust defense yet of the Saudis, a U.S. ally he has made central to his Mideast agenda. They put the president at odds with other key allies and with some leaders in his Republican Party who have condemned the Saudi leadership for what they say is an obvious role in the case. Trump appeared willing to resist the pressure to follow suit, accepting Saudi denials and their pledge to investigate.

The Oval Office interview came not long after Trump spoke Tuesday with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. He spoke by phone a day earlier with King Salman, and he said both deny any knowledge of what happened to Khashoggi.

After speaking with the king, Trump floated the idea that "rogue killers" may have been responsible for the disappearance. The president told the AP on Tuesday that that description was informed by his "feeling" from his conversation with Salman and that the king did not use the term.

In Turkey earlier Tuesday, a high-level Turkish official told the AP that police investigators searching the Saudi Consulate had found evidence that Khashoggi was killed there.

Also Tuesday, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo met with the king and crown prince in Riyadh and said the Saudis had already started a "serious and credible investigation" and seemed to suggest it could lead to people within the kingdom. The secretary of state noted that the Saudi leaders, while denying knowledge of anything that occurred inside the consulate, had committed to accountability "including for Saudi Arabia's senior leaders or senior officials."

Pompeo was heading next to Turkey, where officials have accused the Saudis of using a 15-member team to kill Khashoggi inside the consulate.

Trump said he hoped the Saudis' own investigation of Khashoggi's disappearance would be concluded in "less than a week."

In the meantime, there were signs at home that Trump's party was growing uncomfortable with his willingness to defend the Saudis.

In an interview with Fox News, a prominent Trump ally in the Senate called on Saudi Arabia to reject the crown prince, known as MBS, who rose to power last year and has aggressively sought to soften the kingdom's image abroad and attract foreign investment.

"This guy has got to go," said Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, turning to speak to the camera.



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"Saudi Arabia, if you're listening, there are a lot of good people you can choose, but MBS has tainted your country and tainted himself."

Khashoggi, a Saudi citizen who was also a resident of the United States, has been a contributor to The Washington Post and a critic of Saudi leaders, especially Crown Prince Mohammed.

International leaders and business executives are severing or rethinking ties to the Saudi government after Khashoggi's high-profile disappearance. Trump has resisted any action, pointing to huge U.S. weapons deals pending with Saudi Arabia and saying that sanctions could end up hurting the American economy.

He said it was too early to say whether he endorsed other countries' actions. "I have to find out what happened," he said. But his complaint about "guilty until proven innocent" and comparison to the Kavanaugh situation suggested he was giving the Saudis more leeway than other allies.

Khashoggi went to the consulate on Oct. 2 to get documents for his upcoming marriage to a Turkish woman while his fiancée waited outside. She and Turkish authorities say he never emerged and he has not been heard from since.

Khashoggi, 59, had been living in the U.S. for a year in self-imposed exile and writing columns for the opinion section of the Post.

Trump said Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin's trip to attend a Saudi investment conference is still on but could be canceled by Friday depending on what the investigation finds.

"I think we'll also be guided by what other countries are doing," he said.

AP Writer Matthew Lee contributed.

## Canada now world's largest legal marijuana marketplace

By **ROB GILLIES** and **GENE JOHNSON**, Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — Ian Power was among the first to buy legal recreational marijuana in Canada but he has no plans to smoke it. He plans to frame it.

Canada became the largest country with a legal national marijuana marketplace as sales began early Wednesday in Newfoundland. Power was first in line at a store in St. John's, Newfoundland.

"I am going to frame it and hang it on my wall. I'm not even going to smoke it. I'm just going to save it forever," Power said.

And there was more good news for pot aficionados: Hours before a handful of retail outlets opened in the country's easternmost province a federal official told The Associated Press that Canada will pardon all those with convictions for possessing up to 30 grams of marijuana, the now-legal threshold.

A formal announcement was planned for later Wednesday. The official, who was not authorized to speak public ahead of the announcement, said those who want to take advantage of the pardons will have to apply.

Canada has had legal medical marijuana since 2001 and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government has spent two years working toward expanding that to include recreational marijuana. The goal is to better reflect society's changing opinion about marijuana and bring black market operators into a regulated system.

Uruguay was first was the first country to legalize marijuana.

In St. John's, Newfoundland, hundreds of customers were lined up around the block at the private store on Water Street, the main commercial drag in the provincial capital, by the time the clock struck midnight. A festive atmosphere broke out, with some customers lighting up on the sidewalk and motorists honking their horns in support as they drove by the crowd.

"Prohibition has ended right now. We just made history," said the 46-year-old Power, who bought a gram. "I can't believe we did it. All the years of activism paid off. Cannabis is legal in Canada and everyone should come to Canada and enjoy our cannabis."

Tom Clarke, an illegal pot dealer for three decades, was among the first to make a legal sale in Canada when his store opened at midnight local time in Portugal Cove, Newfoundland. He made the first sale to his dad. A crowd of 50 to 100 people waited outside and cheered him.

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"This is awesome. I've been waiting my whole life for this," Clarke said. "I am so happy to be living in Canada right now instead of south of the border."

Clarke, whose middle name is Herb, has been called THC for years by his friends. His dad, Don, said he was thrilled he was among the first customers of legal pot.

"It's been a long time coming. We've only been discussing this for 50 years. It's better late than never," he said.

The Newfoundland stores are among at least 111 legal pot shops expected to open across the nation of 37 million people on Wednesday, with many more to come, according to an Associated Press survey of the provinces.

Canadians also can order marijuana products through websites run by provinces or private retailers and have it delivered to their homes by mail.

Alberta and Quebec have set the minimum age for purchase at 18, while others have made it 19.

No stores will open in Ontario, which includes Toronto. The most populous province is working on its regulations and doesn't expect stores until next spring.

Ryan Bose, 48, a Lyft driver in Toronto, said it's about time.

"Alcohol took my grandfather and it took his youngest son, and weed has taken no one from me ever," he said.

A patchwork of regulations has spread in Canada as each province takes its own approach within the framework set out by the federal government. Some are operating government-run stores, some are allowing private retailers, some both.

Canada's national approach has allowed for unfettered industry banking, inter-province shipments of cannabis and billions of dollars in investment — a sharp contrast with national prohibition in the United States.

Nine U.S. states have legalized recreational use of pot, and more than 30 have approved medical marijuana. California, the largest legal market in the U.S., earlier this month became the first state with a law mandating expungement of criminal convictions for marijuana-related offenses that no are longer illegal.

Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon said it's time for the U.S. government to follow Canada's lead.

"Now that our neighbor to the north is opening its legal cannabis market, the longer we delay, the longer we miss out on potentially significant economic opportunities for Oregon and other states across the country," he said in a statement.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection invited Canadian media to a conference call on Tuesday so officials could reiterate that marijuana remains illegal under U.S. federal law and that those who are caught at the border with pot are subject to arrest and prosecution.

As Canada welcomes legalization, supply shortages could develop, as happened in some U.S. states when legalization arrived.

Trevor Fencott, chief executive of Fire and Flower, said his company has 15 Alberta stores staffed and ready to sell marijuana, but the province has supplied only enough product to open three of them Wednesday.

"We're aware of some of the kinks or growing pains that come with creating an industry out of whole cloth in 24 months," Fencott said.

Brenda Tobin and her son Trevor plan to open their pot shop in Labrador City in Newfoundland and Labrador at 4:20 p.m. Wednesday — 420 is slang for the consumption of cannabis. Tobin, a longtime convenience store owner, said they will be cutting a ribbon and cake.

"We are just ecstatic," she said.

She doesn't expect to make much money off the pot itself, noting Newfoundland's 8 percent cap on retail pot profits. She hopes to make money from pipes, bongs and marijuana paraphernalia.

"There's no money in the product itself," she said. "You got to sell \$250,000 worth of product in order to make \$20,000. That's not even paying someone's salary."

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## Tornadoes are spinning up farther east in US, study finds

By **SETH BORENSTEIN, AP Science Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Over the past few decades tornadoes have been shifting — decreasing in Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas but spinning up more in states along the Mississippi River and farther east, a new study shows. Scientists aren't quite certain why.

Tornado activity is increasing most in Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee, Louisiana, Alabama, Kentucky, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Iowa and parts of Ohio and Michigan, according to a study in Wednesday's journal *Climate and Atmospheric Science*. There has been a slight decrease in the Great Plains, with the biggest drop in central and eastern Texas. Even with the decline, Texas still gets the most tornadoes of any state.

The shift could be deadly because the area with increasing tornado activity is bigger and home to more people, said study lead author Victor Gensini, a professor of atmospheric sciences at Northern Illinois University. Also more people live in vulnerable mobile homes and tornadoes are more likely to happen at night in those places, he said.

Even though Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma get many more tornadoes, the four deadliest states for tornadoes are Alabama, Missouri, Tennessee and Arkansas, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

"More folks are generally at risk because of that eastward shift," Gensini said.

Because tornadoes sometimes go undercounted, especially in the past and in less populous areas, scientists don't like to study trends by using counts of tornadoes. Gensini and tornado scientist Harold Brooks of the National Severe Storms Lab looked at "significant tornado parameters," a measurement of the key ingredients of tornado conditions. It looks at differences between wind speed and direction at different altitudes, how unstable the air is and humidity. The more of those three ingredients, the more likely tornadoes will form.

The increases in this measurement mirrored slightly smaller increases found in number of twisters.

The study looked at changes since 1979. Everywhere east of the Mississippi, except the west coast of Florida, is seeing some increase in tornado activity. The biggest increase occurred in states bordering the Mississippi River.

Overall there is a slight increase in tornado activity, but it's not too much and not nearly like what's happening in the east, Gensini said.

Why is this happening?

"We don't know," Gensini said. "This is super consistent with climate change."

As the Great Plains dry out, there's less moisture to have the type of storms that spawn tornadoes, Gensini said. Tornadoes form along the "dry line" where there are more thunderstorms because there's dry air to the west and moist air from the Gulf of Mexico to the east.

That dry line is moving east.

"This is what you would expect in a climate change scenario, we just have no way of confirming it at the moment," Gensini said.

Gensini said unless there are specific detailed studies, he and others cannot say this is caused by global warming, just that it looks like what is expected.

Pennsylvania State University meteorology professor Paul Markowski, who wasn't part of the research, praised the study as careful and well done.

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## Scope of Michael's fury becomes clearer in Florida Panhandle

By JAY REEVES, Associated Press

PANAMA CITY, Fla. (AP) — Hurricane Michael killed at least 16 people in Florida, most of them in the coastal county that took a direct hit from the storm, state emergency authorities said Tuesday. That's in addition to at least 10 deaths elsewhere across the South.

The scope of the storm's fury became clearer after nearly a week of missing-persons reports and desperate searches of the Florida Panhandle neighborhoods devastated by the most powerful hurricane to hit the continental U.S. in nearly 50 years.

The count of 16 dead was twice the number previously tallied by The Associated Press.

Emergency authorities said 12 of the deaths were in Bay County, where the storm slammed ashore with 155 mph (250 kph) winds and towering storm surge last Wednesday.

Bay County includes Mexico Beach, the ground-zero town of 1,000 people that was nearly obliterated, as well as Tyndall Air Force Base, Panama City and Lynn Haven, all of which were heavily damaged.

Florida emergency authorities gave no details on how the victims died.

The AP's tally also includes 10 deaths in Virginia, Georgia and North Carolina.

Mexico Beach Mayor Al Cathey said two deaths were confirmed in his town, a man and a woman who did not evacuate and whose homes were destroyed.

Only one person remained missing in Mexico Beach, Cathey said, adding that authorities were almost certain that that person evacuated before Michael and simply hasn't been contacted.

"We're holding steady at two and don't expect that number to rise," the mayor said.

Nearly 137,000 Florida customers remain without power in an 11-county region that stretches from the Gulf of Mexico to the Georgia border, according to information compiled by state emergency management officials.

Meanwhile, a glimmer of hope emerged when cellphone service began to return to the stricken zone.

Cathey had a one-word exclamation when his Verizon phone started working for the first time in nearly a week: "Hallelujah!"

Verizon service also resumed in Panama City, where residents haven't been able to contact loved ones or call for help. The telecommunications giant later announced it would give a three-month credit to every Verizon customer in Bay and Gulf counties.

Gov. Rick Scott had been criticizing phone companies over what he called a slow restoration of service.

Sitting outside in the sweltering heat in the Panama City area as she fanned herself with a flyswatter, Christy Tanksley said the sudden improvement in cell service was a huge relief.

"A lot of people didn't even know we had evacuated and come back," said Tanksley, whose phone runs off the Verizon network.

"I turned my phone on this morning and it started going crazy," she said. "There were all kinds of messages, Facebook notifications, emails and emergency alerts."

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Associated Press writers Curt Anderson in Miami and Gary Fineout in Tallahassee contributed to this story.

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

## Bellinger lifts Dodgers over Brewers 2-1 in 13 to tie NLCS

By BETH HARRIS, AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — By the time Manny Machado rounded third base, the Los Angeles Dodgers had already started streaming out of the dugout.

After more than five hours of tension-filled baseball, they were certainly eager to celebrate.

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Cody Bellinger singled home the winning run with two outs in the 13th inning Tuesday night to give Los Angeles a 2-1 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers that tied the NL Championship Series at two games apiece.

The slumping Bellinger, who began the night 1 for 21 in these playoffs, was chased all the way into left field by teammates. Even manager Dave Roberts ran out to congratulate his outfielder, who got soaked with a Gatorade shower.

"I think we gave each other a big hug," Bellinger said. "I think it was the first time I ever got mobbed out in the outfield."

Bellinger laced a full-count pitch from Junior Guerra into right field to score Machado, who was nearly picked off second base moments earlier. Instead, he slid home and touched the plate with his left hand to beat Christian Yelich's throw and finally end an October nail-biter that took 5 hours, 15 minutes.

"One of the crazier games, where there's really no margin on either side," Roberts said. "The bullpen, what they did tonight against a very good offensive club, my hat's off to these guys."

It was the fourth extra-inning postseason game in Dodger Stadium history, and the home team's first such win since beating Philadelphia in Game 4 of the 1978 NLCS.

"It was a great baseball game, it really was," Yelich said. "Both sides had opportunities and they were just able to cash one in there at the end."

After a quick turnaround, Game 5 in the best-of-seven series is Wednesday afternoon, with Wade Miley pitching for the Brewers on three days' rest against fellow lefty Clayton Kershaw.

The teams return to Milwaukee for Game 6 on Friday.

"We lock it in, win one tomorrow, and we feel a lot better heading home," Yelich said.

With one out in the 13th, Machado hit a broken-bat single to left field and went to second on Guerra's wild pitch. With first base open and a struggling Yasmani Grandal on deck followed by the pitcher's spot, the Brewers chose to pitch to Bellinger — and it cost them.

"Honestly, I didn't think he was going to throw me a strike," Bellinger said. "And then once I noticed he was attacking me, I just tried to put the ball in play and hopefully find a hole this time."

Milwaukee manager Craig Counsell said: "I thought it was worth the risk of trying to expand to Bellinger, and if the at-bat goes to Grandal, we walk Grandal."

Bellinger, who entered as a pinch hitter in the sixth, also made a diving catch on his belly of a ball hit by Lorenzo Cain leading off the 10th, spreading his arms out and sliding like a snow angel in right field.

"I played right field in the minor leagues a lot before I started playing center field. I haven't been there much lately," Bellinger said. "But it's kind of like riding a bike. I saw it hanging up there, and ran as fast as I could and dove for it."

Both teams used all their position players and wasted numerous chances. Los Angeles went through its entire bullpen.

The Dodgers struck out 17 times — all against Milwaukee relievers — and have whiffed 49 times in the series. The Brewers fanned 15 times.

"Exhausting," Los Angeles outfielder Chris Taylor said. "Just a mental and physical grind all the way to the end."

Dodgers starter Rich Hill allowed one run and three hits in five innings.

The Brewers tied it 1-all in the fifth on pinch-hitter Domingo Santana's RBI double that took one hop against the right-field wall with Yasiel Puig scrambling in pursuit.

The Dodgers led 1-0 on Brian Dozier's RBI single in the first off Gio Gonzalez, who left after twisting his ankle while trying to field an infield single by Puig in the second.

Gonzalez has a high ankle sprain and will probably need to be replaced on the roster, Counsell said.

The sellout crowd of 53,764 was considerably noisier than on Monday, when Enrique Hernandez criticized Dodgers fans for being too quiet. Joc Pederson and Bellinger waved blue rally towels in the dugout.

But the Dodgers again struggled at the plate after going 0 for 10 with runners in scoring position during a 4-0 loss in Game 3.

Milwaukee put the potential go-ahead run on third in the seventh before Cain grounded out against

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Dylan Floro.

The Dodgers had runners at the corners in the eighth against hard-throwing Josh Hader, who pitched for the second consecutive day. Pinch-hitter Matt Kemp struck out to end the threat.

The Brewers had another chance in the ninth against closer Kenley Jansen. With fans on their feet, pinch-hitter Travis Shaw struck out with a runner on third to end the inning.

In the 10th, Ryan Braun singled with two outs and stole second against Jansen, who struck out Jesus Aguilar.

And when Bellinger finally ended it, the only NLCS game that had lasted longer was the New York Mets' 15-inning victory over Atlanta in Game 5 in 1999, which took 5 hours, 46 minutes.

"Let's get something to eat," Dozier said afterward. "I'm starving."

## MANNY'S MOVE

Machado allowed his left leg to clip the lower right leg of Aguilar at first base while getting thrown out on a routine play in the 10th. Aguilar appeared upset and the two exchanged words. Both benches and bullpens emptied, but no punches were thrown.

"It's a dirty play by a dirty player," Yelich said.

Aguilar, however, said the two talked it out after Machado singled in the 13th. Machado said they go back to their days in the minors.

"Everything that happens on the field stays on the field," Machado said. "He's a great guy."

## TICKETS ANYBODY?

The Dodgers said tickets were still available for Game 5, which begins at 2:05 p.m. PDT.

## UP NEXT

Brewers: Miley makes his third postseason start in Game 5 on Wednesday. He threw 74 pitches over 5 2/3 scoreless innings Saturday in Game 2 of the NLCS, allowing two hits while striking out three and walking none. His other start came in Game 3 of the NLDS at Colorado. He didn't factor in the decision either time.

Dodgers: Kershaw took the loss in Game 1 against the Brewers. Kershaw had the best postseason outing of his career in Game 2 of the NLDS against the Braves, allowing two hits over eight shutout innings.

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## Democrats' not-so-secret plan to fight midterm malaise

By JUANA SUMMERS, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — They're asking pastors to text their congregants about the importance of voting. They're connecting with thousands of Puerto Ricans displaced by Hurricane Maria. And they're relying on groups like the NAACP, which has tripled its spending from 2016 to energize black voters.

Less than three weeks before Election Day, Democrats are sparing nothing to make sure their voters head to the polls. It's all part of an effort to avoid the disappointment of previous elections when low turnout dashed high expectations.

"2016 was a low point for a lot of us," said Jamal Watkins, vice president of engagement at the NAACP. "People have awakened and said, 'Wait a minute, we can't lose, and we can't lose like this.' Folks are fired up to reinvest in turnout."

Younger voters and voters of color tend to stay home in non-presidential elections, making the midterm electorate older, whiter and more Republican-tilting. But that could change this year, Democrats and outside groups say, if unprecedented efforts to reach so-called infrequent voters galvanize people who previously sat on the sidelines.

Democrats have reason for optimism: The party saw strong turnout in nearly a dozen federal special elections ahead of the midterms, with Democratic candidates consistently outperforming Republicans.

But the organizing flurry comes amid concerns over ballot access and election security, which have become a flashpoint in the high-profile gubernatorial race in Georgia. There is also mounting anxiety about whether efforts to mobilize Latino voters will translate into votes, particularly in several key races in heavily

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Latino districts.

The party is spending big to ward against such threats.

The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, the party's arm focused on House races, is spending more than \$25 million in 45 battleground districts to mobilize female voters, millennials, African-Americans and Hispanics, officials said. That's a far more significant investment than past cycles.

The committee is putting an emphasis on turning out African-American women, including running advertising focused on black women ages 18-39 in more than 40 districts. The DCCC has also run Spanish-language TV and radio ads across the country.

Between field efforts and paid media, voters of color in targeted swing districts will have heard from the DCCC more than 100 times in the closing 60 days of the election. And in a twist, some of the outreach this year will be facilitated by local community leaders instead of anonymous politicians.

"As an example of the local voter contact and text messaging program that we are doing, we are partnering with a series of pastors and local validators across the country," said DCCC Executive Director Dan Sena. "When you're getting a text message saying 'hey - early vote's starting,' you're not getting it from someone in Washington D.C. You're actually getting it from somebody in Georgia that has a big delegation, or you're getting it from someone on campus that you know."

The Democratic National Committee also beefed up its voter database, purchasing 94 million cellphone numbers, according to a DNC official who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal strategy. The official said the additional cell phone numbers have helped with voter contact in key races across the country, including encouraging sporadic voters to participate.

Republicans say they have their own well-organized, well-funded turnout machine that dwarfs Democrats' efforts.

A Republican National Committee aide said the organization has raised more than \$250 million this cycle, invested in 28 states, more than 540 paid staffers and thousands of volunteers who are focused on turning out Republicans who don't vote often and swing voters who participate more frequently. The committee raised more than \$150 million during roughly the same period ahead of the 2014 midterms. The aide said the RNC has made more than 50 million voter contacts, either over the phone or by going door-to-door.

The Democratic organization effort goes beyond the traditional party structure.

NextGen America, the advocacy group backed by billionaire environmentalist and donor Tom Steyer, is injecting more money into a closing push to rally young voters. The group will spend more than \$4 million on digital ads across 11 states, targeting more than 4.3 million young voters. NextGen is also running the first political ads on Twitch, a popular video streaming service, as well as places like Reddit, Spotify and Pandora.

"Young people in general feel like they've really been shut out of the system," said Aleigha Cavalier, a spokeswoman for NextGen America. "Our goal with digital is to find a message that works for them and actually put it where their eyeballs will see it."

The Human Rights Campaign's Equality Votes PAC launched a more than \$2 million campaign across eight key races spanning digital, direct mail, text and phone voter contact.

The NAACP's campaign is targeting more than 5 million "infrequent" black voters, including in the key states of Florida, Georgia and North Carolina, in a \$6 million voter mobilization push, up from \$2 million spent on mobilization in 2016. The push includes upward of 20 staffers focused on mobilizing black voters, the majority of those, according to Watkins, working in key states with thousands of on-the-ground volunteers.

In Georgia, the organization is targeting more than 700,000 "infrequent" voters. In Florida, the number swells to more than 900,000.

The NAACP is not the only group that's boosting its turnout effort. The AFL-CIO, the nation's largest labor federation, also shifted its strategy. Julie Greene, who is leading the union's mobilization efforts, said that in 2014 and 2016, the union experimented with an independent expenditure program that had more of a focus on the general public, rather than the union's member-to-member program. The union found that

its members had not turned out in support of labor-endorsed candidates at the same levels as in the past.

The union now hopes to increase turnout among its members by 5 percent, up from 57 percent in 2014. But it is also investing significantly in mobilizing Hispanic and African-American voters. Last week, the union announced plans to air ads on African-American and Spanish-language radio in 26 media markets. The buy is in the high six figures, according to an AFL-CIO official, and will air in English and Spanish through the November election.

"With so many seats being up, what we knew was every vote was going to count," Greene said. "As a person of color, a young African-American woman, it was important for me to make sure with the resources we were putting out there, we were also reaching out to those communities who are our strongest allies: Those were brown and black communities."

## Trailing in polls, O'Rourke lays into Cruz in Texas debate

By WILL WEISSERT, Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Democrat Beto O'Rourke abandoned his usual message of unity and optimism on Tuesday and laid into Ted Cruz, hoping to reverse polls that show him fading against the Republican incumbent during the second debate of a Texas Senate race that's become one of the nation's most closely watched.

During the opening moments, Cruz criticized O'Rourke for past votes supporting a never-enacted oil production tax that might have hit oil-rich Texas hard. O'Rourke responded by evoking a moniker Donald Trump bestowed on the senator when the pair were bitter rivals during the 2016 Republican presidential primary, saying, "Senator Cruz is not going to be honest with you. He's going to make up positions and votes that I've never held."

"It's why the president called him Lyin' Ted," O'Rourke said "and its why the nickname stuck because it's true."

A former Ivy League debate champion, Cruz shot back, "It's clear Congressman O'Rourke's pollsters have told him to come out on the attack."

Democrats have long dreamed about a growing Hispanic population helping to flip Texas from red to blue and shaking up the electoral map. But polls that once showed O'Rourke within striking distance of a monumental upset now suggest Cruz may be edging further ahead. No Democrat has won any of Texas' nearly 30 statewide offices since 1994, the country's longest political losing streak.

With Election Day just three weeks away, Tuesday might be one of O'Rourke's last shots to gain ground. It was the race's last scheduled debate after one in Houston was canceled amid Senate floor votes on Kavanaugh's confirmation.

Cruz wants to participate in a previously scheduled townhall featuring just O'Rourke in the U.S.-Mexico border city of McAllen on Thursday night, but it's unclear if that will come together in time.

The pair used this matchup to clash on abortion regulations, climate change, the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court and a border wall backed by the Trump administration. Things never got nasty or overly personal — the borrowed "Lyin' Ted" was the only name-calling, but both candidates tried to impress voters by criticizing their opponent's records.

When O'Rourke said he wanted to expand federally funded health care to more Americans, Cruz said the congressman agreed with Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders and supported socialized medicine that would cost trillions and require sky-high tax increases. O'Rourke accused Cruz of not doing enough to stand up to Trump when it came to Russia and that the state needs a "full-time senator" rather than someone who concentrates on running for president.

Even when Cruz tried to say that he and O'Rourke were somewhat in agreement on opposing the Trump administration's higher tariffs on foreign-made goods, O'Rourke drew laughs by replying, "Really interesting to hear you talk about the partisan circus after your six years in the Senate," a reference to Cruz's days as a tea party insurgent who battled the President Barack Obama at every turn.

O'Rourke, who is giving up his El Paso congressional seat to challenge Cruz, shattered Senate fundrais-



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ing records with any eye-popping \$38-plus million in the three-month period through September. The Democrat has a campaign war chest worth \$22.9 million, more than double Cruz's about \$11.3 million in cash on-hand.

Cruz kept O'Rourke on the defensive when they debated last month in Dallas, and O'Rourke — who had stuck to a bipartisan, feel-good message for months — kept a promise to sharpen his tone Tuesday night's in front of a live audience of 120 people hosted by KENS-5, the CBS affiliate.

He also noted that his monster fundraising has come without accepting donations from outside political groups, but Cruz said O'Rourke still "goes with the left-wing national activists and left-wing national donors."

In response to a question about the #MeToo movement, O'Rourke said Cruz "inexplicably" voted against the Violence Against Women Act, saying the senator was "all talk and no action." Cruz countered that the movement "had done an incredible amount of good for this country" and that people of both sexes need to be protected from harassment and abuse.

Even though Cruz looks to be in a better position than earlier in the race, Trump is taking the once unthinkable step of staging a rally in a state that's so reliably conservative, heading Monday to an 8,000-seat Houston arena. The president carried Texas by a relatively small nine points in 2016. Still, Cruz has been a full-throated supporter of Trump's since they battled during the presidential race — and hopes that the joint appearance will assuage some conservatives around the state who were angered by the past animosity.

## Asian shares climb on strong US corporate earnings, data

By ANNABELLE LIANG, Associated Press

SINGAPORE (AP) — Asian markets rose on Wednesday as robust U.S. corporate earnings and encouraging data assuaged worries about softening global growth.

KEEPING SCORE: Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 jumped 1.3 percent to 22,842.12. The Kospi in South Korea advanced 1.1 percent to 2,169.20. The Shanghai Composite rose 0.1 percent to 2,548.88. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 gained 1.2 percent to 5,938.67. Shares rose in Taiwan, Indonesia and Singapore. Markets in Hong Kong were closed for a holiday.

WALL STREET: U.S. stocks bounced back from a series of losses, racking up their biggest gain in six months on Tuesday. The S&P 500 index rallied 2.1 percent, its largest jump since March 26, to 2,809.92. But the index was still 4.1 percent lower than its record high in late September. The Dow Jones Industrial Average advanced 2.2 percent to 25,298.42, and the Nasdaq composite gained 2.9 percent to 7,645.49. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks climbed 2.8 percent to 1,596.84.

U.S. EARNINGS: Major financial and health care companies reported strong profits for the third quarter on Tuesday, surpassing market expectations. UnitedHealth, the country's biggest health insurer, exceeded analyst's projections for the quarter and raised its projections for the year. Its stock climbed 4.7 percent to \$272.57. Investment banks Morgan Stanley and Goldman Sachs did well too, sending their shares on a rally. Sentiment was also lifted by encouraging data. The Labor Department said U.S. employers posted the most jobs in two decades and hiring was at a record high. The Federal Reserve reported that output by U.S. factories, mines and utilities rose in September despite Hurricane Florence. But an industrial production report that suggested inflation held steady convinced investors that Fed will not pick up the pace of interest rate hikes, analysts said.

ANALYST'S TAKE: "Asia Pacific markets have kickstarted the day in synchronized gains owing to the relief in the U.S., sustaining the trend in taking after overnight leads," Jingyi Pan of IG said in a commentary.

UBER IPO: According to a media report, Uber has received proposals from investment banks Morgan Stanley and Goldman Sachs that valued the ride hailing company at as much as \$120 billion. The Wall Street Journal said Uber may launch an initial public offering early next year, citing people familiar with the matter. Apart from scandals including workplace harassment, Uber faces intensifying competition and sold its Southeast Asian operations to rival Grab in March.

ENERGY: U.S. benchmark crude added 11 cents to \$72.03 a barrel. The contract gained 0.2 percent to close at \$71.92 per barrel in New York. Brent crude, the international standard, rose 8 cents to \$81.49 a

barrel. It added 0.8 percent to \$81.41 per barrel in London.

CURRENCIES: The dollar strengthened to 112.39 yen from 112.28 yen late Tuesday. The euro fell to \$1.1563 from \$1.1575.

## After storm shuts down radio stations, 2 hosts carry on

By MIKE SCHNEIDER, Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — First Hurricane Michael damaged the radio station where they worked and then the owner shut the station down permanently — but that hasn't stopped two Florida radio hosts from continuing their mission of informing their listeners during the disaster.

Instead, Tiffany Dunning and Sean Streeter, turned to their Facebook page to provide a constant stream of updates on recovery efforts.

"People are relying on our communication right now, where people can find food, where people can find water. There's a lot of confusion with that," Streeter told The Associated Press.

He and Dunning worked for Panama City Beach radio station Kick'n 103.5, owned by Powell Broadcasting.

In the days after Michael ruptured everyday life, the station was a lifeline of information for Florida Panhandle residents, debunking rumors and telling residents where to find hot food and ice, phone charging stations and dialysis treatment.

But Powell Broadcasting last Saturday shut down its operations and those of three other Florida Panhandle radio stations because of damage from the hurricane.

In a phone interview from Panama City Beach, Streeter choked up when asked about the timing of the station's shutdown.

"To make this announcement at this time, three days after everybody's world is flipped upside down is disappointing to me and our community," Streeter said.

But even without a radio signal, he and Dunning have continued to tell the community about developments like these:

"#RumorControl: The curfew has not been extended. The curfew is 6:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.," said one post from Monday on the Facebook page of "The Gulf Coast Morning Show w/ Flip & Streeter."

Former listeners are grateful.

"After your company has decided to close everything down, your only concern is keeping us informed. This is a testament to the kind of people you are and the kind of people they are," said one listener, James Rodgers, on the program's Facebook page.

"We are looking at communities that are completely gone in some cases," Rodgers said Monday in a phone call from Panama City Beach. "Any possible means of communications at this point is crucial to get information about resources."

Officials with Powell Broadcasting didn't return multiple calls and emails, nor did officials with its parent company, Baton Rouge, Louisiana-based The Powell Group.

Jeff Storey, who ran Powell Broadcasting's operations in the Florida Panhandle, told another Powell Broadcasting station in Sioux City, Iowa, that their 150-foot tower snapped in half.

"We're in a tough situation with trying to get any employees back," Storey told KSCJ.

Other media outlets continued delivering the news even when their operations were damaged by the storm.

The News Herald building in Panama City was damaged but journalists worked from the parking lot after the storm passed.

Ahead of the storm's landing, Streeter evacuated to Birmingham, Alabama and Dunning went to Nashville so they would have power and Internet to communicate with listeners via the station's Facebook page. Streeter has since returned to Panama City Beach. Dunning has a newborn and hasn't made it back yet.

Once they found out they no longer had jobs, the two radio hosts decided to keep the information flowing on their own Facebook page. They viewed it as one-stop market of every strand of information related to hurricane relief, so residents don't have to look up multiple sites to find out what's going on.

They say they aren't going anywhere until the crisis is over.

"This is what we signed up for as broadcasters, to get information anyway we can," Streeter said. "This is our focus, and this is what we have decided to do now."

Facebook page of The Gulf Coast Morning Show w/ Flip & Streeter: <https://www.facebook.com/Gulf-CoastMorningShow/>

Follow Mike Schneider on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/MikeSchneiderAP>

## Trump warns of aid cut over migrant caravan now in Guatemala

By SONIA PEREZ D., Associated Press

CHIQUIMULA, Guatemala (AP) — U.S. President Donald Trump threatened Tuesday to cut aid to three Central American nations if they let people travel to the U.S. illegally, reacting to a caravan of some 2,000 migrants advancing through Guatemala with hopes of reaching the U.S. border.

Late Tuesday, Trump said via Twitter that the U.S. had conveyed the same message to the governments of Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador, telling them that U.S. aid will stop if they allow migrants to travel from or across their countries with the intent of entering the United States without permission.

"Anybody entering the United States illegally will be arrested and detained, prior to being sent back to their country!" he added.

Amid the tweeting, the migrants continued their trek. Despite having walked all day Monday with swollen, blistered and aching feet, the group rose shortly after sunrise from sleeping on the ground in their clothes in the town of Esquipulas.

Dozens attended Mass at the basilica in the city just across the border from Honduras and about 90 miles (150 kilometers) east of Guatemala City. The migrants resumed their journey escorted by Guatemalan police and covered some 30 miles to arrive in the town of Chiquimula for the night.

The group's numbers have snowballed since about 160 migrants departed Friday from the Honduran city of San Pedro Sula, with many people joining spontaneously carrying just a few belongings. A Guatemalan priest estimated more than 2,000 were fed at three shelters run by the Roman Catholic Church.

Three weeks before midterm elections in the United States, the caravan elicited a tough response from Trump.

Earlier Tuesday, Trump had aimed his threat at Honduras.

However, the Central American nation's ability to do anything appeared limited as the migrants already crossed into Guatemala on Monday, twice pushing past outnumbered police sent to stop them — first at the border and then at a roadblock outside Esquipulas.

Trump did not follow through on a similar threat to the Central American nation in April over an earlier caravan, which eventually petered out in Mexico.

In a statement, Honduras' Foreign Ministry accused unidentified "political sectors" of organizing the caravan with "false promises" of a transit visa through Mexico and the opportunity to seek asylum in the United States.

It urged the migrants not to let themselves "be used by a movement that is obviously political and seeks to upset governability, stability and peace in Honduras and the United States."

Meanwhile, Mexico's immigration authority sent out a fresh warning late Monday that only those who meet entry requirements would be allowed into the country and each migrant would have to satisfy Mexican migration agents. Hondurans need visas to visit Mexico in most cases.

Still, it remains unclear if Mexico and other governments in the region — many of whose own people are migrants — have the political will to physically halt the determined border-crossers, who are fleeing widespread poverty and violence in one of the world's most murderous countries.

"In Honduras there are no jobs, and the jobs that do exist aren't enough to live on," said Jose Francisco Hernandez, a 32-year-old from Copan state in western Honduras. "We can't go to the city because it is

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full of gang members, and that is hurting us. We decided to migrate from the country to see if we can find a better life."

Carlos Reyes, 20, said he was attacked a week ago for being gay and dressing in women's clothing.

"Some men were going to kill me. ... They wanted to kill me for who I am," Reyes said.

The migrants hope that traveling en masse affords them protection from robbery, assault and other dangers that plague the journey north.

Many carried only a few belongings in backpacks and bottles of water. Some pushed strollers or carried toddlers on their shoulders. As the day wore on, the crowd splintered into smaller groups as some walked faster and others fell behind.

Nery Jose Maldonado Tejada, a 29-year-old from San Pedro Sula, said he lost both feet in a June 2015 freight train accident in Mexico while trying to make it to the United States.

On Tuesday, he was being pushed in a wheelchair by a friend, his lower legs wrapped in bandages and a green duffel bag on his lap. He was intent on making it to the U.S. this time, he said.

"I know that there they can put a prosthesis on my feet and I will be able to walk," Tejada said. "And to work, because my hands are still good."

On Tuesday, Guatemalan officials detained a former Honduran lawmaker, Bartolo Fuentes, who was traveling with the caravan, along with two other men, according to a migration official. Some Honduran organizations had identified Fuentes as a coordinator or spokesman for the caravan, though the migrants said he was merely accompanying them and helping.

Fuentes was to be taken to a shelter in Guatemala City and then deported, said the official, who agreed to tell about the detention only on condition anonymity because she was not authorized to discuss the case.

Guatemala also closed migration facilities at the Agua Caliente border crossing to prevent the entry of any more Hondurans.

Last week, U.S. Vice President Mike Pence urged leaders in Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala to persuade their citizens to stay home and avoid the long, risky journey to the United States.

On Tuesday, Pence tweeted that he had spoken with Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernandez.

"Delivered strong message from @POTUS: no more aid if caravan is not stopped. Told him U.S. will not tolerate this blatant disregard for our border & sovereignty."

In the evening, Pence tweeted that that he had spoken with Guatemalan President Jimmy Morales and "made clear our borders & sovereignty must be maintained. We expect our partners to do all they can to assist & appreciate their support. Reiterated @POTUS' message: no more aid if it's not stopped!"

Since 2014, the United States has committed \$2.6 billion in aid for Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador. For 2019, Washington has earmarked \$65.7 million in aid to Honduras for security, democracy building, human rights and economic and social development programs.

In Honduras, recriminations flew across the political aisle.

Salvador Nasralla, a former opposition presidential candidate, tweeted that stopping the caravan would only bring "temporary relief" for the United States. "What we need is to fight against the corrupt government," he said.

Fernando Anduray, leader of the governing National Party, claimed opponents of Honduras' president were behind the migrant exodus. "It is a strategy planned and financed by the opposition," he said.

Trump's threat seemed unlikely to dissuade the migrants, some of whom expressed displeasure with Hernandez.

Gabriela Natareno, 27, who was traveling with her 16-year-old cousin, said her president is to blame for continued migration by desperate Hondurans.

"He keeps the country mired in poverty and corruption," she said.

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Associated Press writers Freddy Cuevas in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and Luis Alonso in Washington contributed to this report.

## China says interning Muslims brings them into 'modern' world

By YANAN WANG, Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — China on Tuesday characterized its mass internment of Muslims as a push to bring into the “modern, civilized” world a destitute people who are easily led astray — a depiction that analysts said bore troubling colonial overtones.

The report is the ruling Communist Party’s latest effort to defend its extrajudicial detention of Central Asian Muslim minorities against mounting criticism.

China’s resistance to Western pressure over the camps highlights its growing confidence under President Xi Jinping, who has offered Beijing’s authoritarian system as a model for other countries.

About 1 million Uighurs, Kazakhs and other minorities have been arbitrarily detained in mass internment camps in China’s far west Xinjiang region, according to estimates by a U.N. panel. Former detainees say they were forced to disavow their Islamic beliefs in the camps, while children of detainees are being placed in dozens of orphanages across the region.

The report by the official Xinhua News Agency indicated that key to the party’s vision in Xinjiang is the assimilation of the indigenous Central Asian ethnic minorities into Han Chinese society — and in turn, a “modern” lifestyle.

Xinjiang Gov. Shohrat Zakir said the authorities were providing people with lessons on Mandarin, Chinese history and laws. Such training would steer them away from extremism and onto the path toward a “modern life” in which they would feel “confident about the future,” he said.

“It’s become a general trend for them to expect and pursue a modern, civilized life,” Zakir said, referring to the trainees. He said the measures are part of a broader policy to build a “foundation for completely solving the deeply-rooted problems” in the region.

China has long viewed the country’s ethnic minorities as backward, said James Leibold an expert on Chinese ethnic politics at Melbourne’s La Trobe University.

Leibold described Beijing’s perspective on minorities as: “They’re superstitious, they’re deviant, they’re potentially dangerous. The role of the party-state is to bring them into the light of civilization, to transform them.”

Despite growing alarm from the U.S. and the United Nations, China has maintained that Xinjiang’s vast dragnet of police surveillance is necessary for countering latent extremism and preserving stability.

The Turkic-speaking Uighurs (pronounced WEE-gurs) have long resented restrictions placed on their religious practices. They say they experience widespread discrimination in jobs and access to passports.

In the Xinhua report, Zakir said authorities provide free vocational training in skills geared toward manufacturing, food and service industries. Zakir said “trainees” are paid a basic income during the training, in which free food and accommodations are provided.

The report appeared aimed at disputing accounts provided by former detainees, who have said they were held in political indoctrination camps where they were forced to denounce Islam and profess loyalty to the party.

Ethnic Uighurs and Kazakhs have told The Associated Press that ostensibly innocuous acts such as praying regularly, viewing a foreign website or taking phone calls from relatives abroad could land one in a camp.

Zakir said the training centers were for people “who are influenced by terrorism and extremism, and those suspected of minor criminal offenses” who could be exempted from criminal punishment.

Zakir did not say whether such individuals were ever formally charged with any crime or provided a chance to defend themselves against the allegations. The report also did not say if attendance was mandatory, though former detainees have said they were forcibly held in centers policed by armed guards.

Maya Wang, senior China researcher at Human Rights Watch, said the system deprived detainees of basic legal protections such as access to lawyers.

The authorities’ attempts to justify the camps “illustrate what the ‘rule of law’ in China means — that the party bends it to its will and uses it as a weapon against perceived political enemies,” Wang said in an email.

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Zakir did not say how many people were in such courses, but said some would be able to complete their courses this year.

Zakir seemed to try to counter reports of poor living conditions within the camps, saying that "trainees" were immersed in athletic and cultural activities. The centers' cafeterias provide "nutritious, free diets," and dormitories are fully equipped with TVs, air conditioning and showers, he said.

Omir Bekali, a Xinjiang-born Kazakh citizen, said he was kept in a cell with 40 people inside a heavily guarded facility.

Bekali said he was kept in a locked room with eight other internees. They shared beds and a wretched toilet. Baths were rare.

Before meals, they were told to chant "Thank the party! Thank the motherland!" During daily mandatory classes, they were told that their people were backward before being "liberated" by the party in the 1950s.

The idea that one's beliefs can be transformed through indoctrination dates back to the Mao Zedong era, when self-criticisms and public humiliation were routinely employed to stir up ideological fervor.

The program's philosophies can be traced even further back to the late imperial era, when Xinjiang's "natives" were seen as requiring education in the Confucian way, according to Michael Clarke, a Xinjiang expert at Australian National University.

Amnesty International called the Xinhua report an insult to detainees and the families of people who have gone missing in the crackdown.

"No amount of spin can hide the fact that the Chinese authorities are undertaking a campaign of systematic repression," the human rights group said.

## Turkish official: Police found evidence of Khashoggi slaying

By **FAY ABUELGASIM, SUZAN FRASER and JON GAMBRELL, Associated Press**

ISTANBUL (AP) — Police searching the Saudi Consulate found evidence that Saudi writer Jamal Khashoggi was killed there, a high-level Turkish official said Tuesday, and authorities appeared ready to also search the nearby residence of the consul general after the diplomat left the country.

The comment by the Turkish official to The Associated Press intensified pressure on Saudi Arabia to explain what happened to Khashoggi, who vanished Oct. 2 while visiting the consulate to pick up paperwork he needed to get married.

The crown prince "told me that he has already started, and will rapidly expand, a full and complete investigation into this matter. Answers will be forthcoming shortly," Trump said in a tweet.

The president later appeared to take a stronger stance in defense of Saudi Arabia, criticizing the global condemnation against the kingdom and comparing it to the allegations of sexual assault leveled against now-Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh during his confirmation hearing.

"Here we go again with you're guilty until proven innocent," Trump told AP in an interview.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo traveled to Saudi Arabia to talk to King Salman and the 33-year-old crown prince about the fate of the journalist who wrote critically about the Saudis for The Washington Post.

While it was all smiles and handshakes in Riyadh, one prominent Republican senator said he believed that the crown prince, widely known as MBS, had Khashoggi "murdered."

"This guy has got to go," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-South Carolina, speaking on Fox television. "Saudi Arabia, if you're listening, there are a lot of good people you can choose, but MBS has tainted your country and tainted himself."

Attorney General Jeff Sessions said "serious evaluation" was being given to whether U.S. law enforcement officials would aid in the investigation of Khashoggi's disappearance. He declined to comment further, or to say whether he had any concerns with the current investigation.

Saudi officials have called Turkish allegations that a team of 15 Saudi agents killed Khashoggi "baseless," but U.S. media reports suggested that the kingdom may acknowledge the writer was killed at the consulate, perhaps as part of a botched interrogation.

The close U.S. ally is ruled entirely by the Al Saud monarchy, and all major decisions in the ultraconser-

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vative kingdom are made by the royal family.

Washington Post Publisher and CEO Fred Ryan said the Saudi government "owes the Khashoggi family and the world a full and honest explanation of everything that happened to him," noting that Tuesday marked two weeks since the disappearance of the 59-year-old journalist.

"The Saudi government can no longer remain silent, and it is essential that our own government and others push harder for the truth," Ryan added.

The high-level Turkish official told the AP that police found "certain evidence" of Khashoggi's slaying at the consulate, without elaborating. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation was ongoing.

Police planned a second search at the Saudi consul general's home, as well as some of the country's diplomatic vehicles, Turkey's Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said. Leaked surveillance video shows diplomatic cars traveled to the consul general's home shortly after Khashoggi went into the consulate.

Consul General Mohammed al-Otaibi left Turkey on Tuesday afternoon, state media reported, just as police began putting up barricades around his official residence. Saudi Arabia did not immediately acknowledge he had left or offer a reason for his departure.

Earlier in the day, U.N. human rights chief Michelle Bachelet said the "inviolability or immunity" of people or premises granted under the 1963 Vienna Convention on Consular Relations "should be waived immediately." That convention covers diplomatic immunity, as well as the idea that embassies and consulates sit on foreign soil in their host countries.

"Given there seems to be clear evidence that Mr. Khashoggi entered the consulate and has never been seen since, the onus is on the Saudi authorities to reveal what happened to him," Bachelet said.

Turkey had wanted to search the consulate for days. Permission apparently came after a late Sunday night call between King Salman and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. Certain areas of the consulate were to remain off-limits, although officials would be able to inspect surveillance cameras, Turkish media reported.

Erdogan told journalists Tuesday that police sought traces of "toxic" materials and suggested parts of the consulate had been recently painted, without elaborating.

In Riyadh, Saudi Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir greeted Pompeo at the airport. The former CIA chief didn't make any remarks to the media.

Soon after, Pompeo arrived at a royal palace, where he thanked King Salman "for accepting my visit on behalf of President Trump" before the two went into a closed-door meeting. Pompeo then met a smiling Prince Mohammed, the heir apparent to the throne of the world's largest oil exporter.

"We are strong and old allies," the prince told Pompeo. "We face our challenges together — the past, the day of, tomorrow."

Pompeo later said that Saudi Arabia had made a "serious commitment" to hold senior leaders and officials accountable in the case, and said the crown prince again denied any knowledge of what happened to Khashoggi.

Pompeo was to have a dinner Tuesday night with Prince Mohammed and was expected to fly to Turkey on Wednesday.

Trump had previously warned of "severe punishment" for the kingdom if it was found to be involved in Khashoggi's disappearance, which has spooked investors.

Trump's warning drew an angry response Sunday from Saudi Arabia and its state-linked media, including a suggestion that Riyadh could wield its oil production as a weapon. The U.S. president has been after King Salman and OPEC to boost production to drive down high oil prices, caused in part by the coming re-imposition of oil sanctions on Iran.

On Monday, however, Trump offered a different theory after speaking by telephone with King Salman.

"It sounded to me like maybe these could have been rogue killers," Trump said. "I mean, who knows? We're going to try getting to the bottom of it very soon, but his was a flat denial."

The New York Times and The Washington Post have reported, citing anonymous sources, that Saudi officials may soon acknowledge Khashoggi's slaying at the consulate but blame it on a botched intelligence

operation.

That could, like Trump's comments, seek to give the kingdom a way out of the global firestorm of criticism over Khashoggi's fate.

"The effort behind the scenes is focused on avoiding a diplomatic crisis between the two countries and has succeeded in finding a pathway to deescalate tensions," said Ayham Kamel, the head of the Eurasia Group's Mideast and North Africa division.

"Riyadh will have to provide some explanation of the journalist's disappearance, but in a manner that distances the leadership from any claim that a decision was made at senior levels to assassinate the prominent journalist."

Nils Melzer, the U.N. special investigator on torture, said that if Turkey and Saudi Arabia can't conduct "a credible and objective investigation," then international involvement may be needed.

Fraser reported from Ankara, Turkey, and Gambrell from Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Associated Press writers Jamey Keaten in Geneva and Jill Colvin and Matthew Pennington in Washington contributed to this report.

## **Anna Burns wins Booker Prize with Troubles tale 'Milkman'**

**By JILL LAWLESS, Associated Press**

LONDON (AP) — Anna Burns won the prestigious Man Booker Prize for fiction Tuesday for "Milkman," a vibrant, violent story about men, women, conflict and power set during Northern Ireland's years of Catholic-Protestant violence.

Burns is the first writer from Northern Ireland to win the 50,000-pound (\$66,000) prize, which is open to English-language authors from around the world. She received her trophy from Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, during a black-tie ceremony at London's medieval Guildhall.

The 56-year-old Belfast-born novelist said she was "stunned" to have won. Burns said her books took a long time to complete, and she has often struggled financially since her first novel, "No Bones," was released in 2001.

"I just wait for my characters to come and tell me their stories, and I can't write until they do," Burns told reporters. "Also, as with a lot of writers, they don't earn much money. So that gets in the way of the creativity."

Burns said that with her prize money, "I will clear my debts and live on what's left."

The writer said the germ of "Milkman" came to her in the image of a teenage girl walking down a street in a divided city while reading the novel "Ivanhoe."

"Milkman" is narrated by a bookish young woman dealing with an older man who uses family ties, social pressure and political loyalties as weapons of sexual coercion and harassment. It is set in the 1970s, but was published amid the global eruption of sexual misconduct allegations that sparked the "Me Too" movement.

"I think this novel will help people to think about 'Me Too,' and I like novels that help people think about current movements and challenges," said philosopher Kwame Anthony Appiah, who chaired the judging panel. "But we think it'll last — it's not just about something that's going on in this moment.

"I think it's a very powerful novel about the damage and danger of rumor," he added,

Burns beat five other novelists, including the bookies' favorites: American writer Richard Powers' tree-centric eco-epic "The Overstory" and Canadian novelist Esi Edugyan's "Washington Black," the story of a slave who escapes from a sugar plantation in a hot-air balloon.

The other finalists were U.S. novelist Rachel Kushner's "The Mars Room," set in a women's prison; Robin Robertson's "The Long Take," a verse novel about a traumatized D-Day veteran; and 27-year-old British author Daisy Johnson's Greek tragedy-inspired family saga "Everything Under."

Founded in 1969, the Man Booker Prize was originally open to British, Irish and Commonwealth writers. Americans have been eligible since 2014, and there have been two American winners — Paul Beatty's



"The Sellout" in 2016 and George Saunders' "Lincoln in the Bardo" in 2017.

A third consecutive American victor would have revived fears among some U.K. writers and publishers that the prize is becoming too U.S.-centric. But Appiah said neither the nationality nor the gender of the authors was a factor in the judges' deliberations on the shortlist of four female authors and two men.

"If we had been drifting towards thinking that one of the men on the list was the best one, I wouldn't have said 'No guys, we're going to get in trouble for this' any more than if we'd been drifting towards an American," he said. "We picked the one ... most deserving of the prize."

The Man Booker has a reputation for transforming writers' careers, and the one who will emerge from the field to beat other finalists is always subject to intense speculation and lively betting. Previous winners include Salman Rushdie, Ian McEwan, Arundhati Roy and Hilary Mantel.

It's likely to bring a big boost to Burns, who has published two previous novels, but is hardly a household name.

"Milkman" appears on the printed page with few paragraph marks, which has led some to label it experimental and challenging. But Appiah said the vivid, distinctive Belfast language in Burns' book was "really worth savoring."

"If you're having difficulty, try reading it out loud," he said. "The pleasure of it really has to do with the way that it sounds."

"It's challenging in the way a walk up (mount) Snowdon is challenging. It's definitely worth it, because the view is terrific when you get to the top."

Jill Lawless on Twitter: <http://Twitter.com/JillLawless>

## Elizabeth Warren's DNA claim inflames some Native Americans

By SEAN MURPHY, Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The DNA test that Sen. Elizabeth Warren used to try to rebut the ridicule of President Donald Trump angered some Native Americans, who complained that the genetic analysis cheapens the identities of tribal members with deeper ties to the Indian past.

Warren was born in Oklahoma, which is home to 39 tribes and where more than 7 percent of the population identifies as Native American, one of the highest proportions in the nation.

But she's not a member of any tribe, and many Indians take exception to anyone who claims to be part Indian without being enrolled in a tribe, especially for political purposes.

"It adds fuel to that misconception that I can go out, get a DNA test and then, boom, that's all I really need," said Brandon Scott, a Cherokee Nation citizen and the executive editor of tribe's newspaper, the Cherokee Phoenix. "But the facts of the matter are you need a lot more than that."

The nation's 573 federally recognized tribes do not have a single standard for determining membership. Tribes such as the Cherokee Nation use lineal descent, meaning a person is Cherokee if an ancestor is listed on an original tribal roll regardless of their amount of Indian blood. Descendants of black slaves the Cherokee once owned are also members of the tribe.

DNA tests are not typically used as evidence to determine tribal membership.

The genetic results released Monday provide some evidence of a Native American in Warren's lineage, though the ancestor probably lived six to 10 generations ago.

Native Americans also resented Trump's continuing use of Indian heritage as a means to mock Warren, a Democratic senator from Massachusetts who is widely expected to run for president in 2020.

Trump's references to Warren as "fake Pocahontas" are particularly offensive because they show how pop culture has glossed over the treatment of Native Americans, particularly women, said Chelsey Branham, a member of the Chickasaw Nation.

"It's a sore topic to begin with," said Branham, a Democratic candidate for a state House seat in Oklahoma City. "Then on top of that, using it as a derisive term to put someone down, it's a racial slur. It certainly was offensive to me."

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Many Oklahomans take pride in their Indian blood even if, as in Warren's case, they cannot trace an ancestor to the original tribal rolls.

"Even in 1907, people were proud of that Indian heritage," said Bob Blackburn, executive director of the Oklahoma Historical Society, referring to the year Indian Territory was dissolved and became part of the new 46th state of Oklahoma.

Opinion on Warren was not monolithic. The chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians issued a statement Tuesday saying that the senator had not tried to "appropriate" Indian culture. The tribe described her as an "ally" who had sponsored legislation to prevent Indian suicides, to identify missing and murdered Native American women and to help tribes reacquire lost lands.

Questions about Warren's heritage first emerged during her race for the Senate in 2012, when reports surfaced that she listed herself as a racial minority in an academic legal directory. Trump then made the "Pocahontas" jibe a laugh line at his rallies in 2016 after Warren became an outspoken critic.

Warren acknowledged identifying herself as a minority in the directory for nearly a decade. At the time, she said she listed herself as having Native American heritage because she hoped to meet people with similar roots.

She was also listed as a Native American in federal forms filed by the law schools at Harvard University and the University of Pennsylvania, where she worked, The Boston Globe reported in 2012.

Warren has denied using her heritage to get ahead, and the Globe's research found that it was not considered by the Harvard or Penn faculties or those who admitted her to law school at Rutgers University or offered her jobs at the University of Houston or the University of Texas.

In a slickly produced five-minute video also released Monday, Warren was seen walking through a working-class neighborhood of Norman, Oklahoma, and talking to her brothers about their mother's Native American ancestry.

"I'm not enrolled in a tribe, and only tribes determine tribal citizenship," Warren said in the video. "I understand that distinction. But my family history is my family history."

Claiming Native American heritage is an especially sensitive matter in Oklahoma because of the state's history as a relocation spot for Indians who were forced to move from other regions in the 1800s.

After the tribes were placed on reservations in what eventually became Indian Territory, the government decided that their communal property should be divided into individual allotments for members. The goal was to free up more "excess" land for white settlers expanding westward and to accelerate the Indians' assimilation into American society.

Unlike other states where some tribes live on separate, remote reservations, Oklahoma is a checkerboard of land where tribal members lived in the same communities with whites and intermarried over the generations, creating families with varying fractions of Native American heritage.

The tribes reject the idea that, having taken much of their land, others can now claim their ethnic heritage with any DNA connection.

People who casually mention some Indian heritage are "dishonoring legitimate tribal governments and their citizens whose ancestors are well documented and whose heritage is proven," said Chuck Hoskin Jr., secretary of state for the Cherokee Nation.

In Oklahoma, some politicians claim Native American heritage but are careful about doing so. Two of the state's five House members — Republicans Tom Cole and Markwayne Mullin — are enrolled members of Oklahoma-based tribes.

While there are occasional reports of false claims of Indian heritage, mostly in the art or literary communities, such claims would be terribly damaging in politics, said Keith Gaddie, a political scientist at the University of Oklahoma.

"Cultural appropriation is the dumbest thing that anybody can do, but especially a Democrat."

Said Branham: "It's not a costume. You can't put on and take off being native whenever you feel like it or whenever it benefits you. It's really actively being a part of that culture."

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## Mysterious paralyzing illness found among kids in 22 states

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NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. health officials on Tuesday reported a jump in cases of a rare paralyzing illness in children, and said it seems to be following an every-other-year pattern.

At least 62 cases have been confirmed in 22 states this year, and at least 65 additional illnesses in those states are being investigated, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Similar waves of the same illness occurred in 2014 and 2016.

CDC officials say they haven't found the cause. Some possible suspects, such as polio and West Nile virus, have been ruled out. Another kind of virus is suspected, but it's been found in only some of the cases.

"This is a mystery so far," the CDC's Dr. Nancy Messonnier said in a call Tuesday with reporters.

About 90 percent of the cases are children who have suffered muscle weakness or paralysis, including in the face, neck, back or limbs. The symptoms tend to occur about a week after they had a fever and respiratory illness.

It is "a pretty dramatic disease," but fortunately most kids recover, Messonnier said.

Health officials call the condition acute flaccid myelitis. The CDC would not release a list of the states reporting probable or confirmed cases. But some states have previously announced clusters, including Minnesota, Illinois, Colorado, New York and Washington.

The cases in 2014 and 2016 were partly attributed to particular strains of respiratory germs called enteroviruses, which spread the most in the summer and fall.

Most people infected with enteroviruses suffer only minor symptoms like cough and runny nose. And though enteroviruses have been detected in some paralysis cases, it hasn't been found in others, CDC officials say.

Lacking an established cause, health officials confirm cases through a review of brain scans and symptoms.

About 120 confirmed cases were reported in 2014. Another 149 were reported in 2016. In 2015 and 2017, the counts of reported illnesses were far lower.

The cases this year seem to be spread across much of the country, as were the earlier two waves. But mysteriously no other country has reported the emerging every-two-years pattern seen in the U.S., Messonnier said.

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## Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 17, the 290th day of 2018. There are 75 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 17, 1933, Albert Einstein arrived in the United States as a refugee from Nazi Germany.

On this date:

In 1610, French King Louis XIII, age nine, was crowned at Reims, five months after the assassination of his father, Henry IV.

In 1777, British forces under Gen. John Burgoyne surrendered to American troops in Saratoga, New York, in a turning point of the Revolutionary War.

In 1807, Britain declared it would continue to reclaim British-born sailors from American ships and ports regardless of whether they held U.S. citizenship.

In 1931, mobster Al Capone was convicted in Chicago of income tax evasion. (Sentenced to 11 years in

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prison, Capone was released in 1939.)

In 1939, Frank Capra's comedy-drama "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," starring James Stewart as an idealistic junior U.S. senator, had its premiere in the nation's capital.

In 1941, the U.S. destroyer Kearny was damaged by a German torpedo off the coast of Iceland; 11 people died.

In 1967, Puyi (poo-ye), the last emperor of China, died in Beijing at age 61.

In 1973, Arab oil-producing nations announced they would begin cutting back oil exports to Western nations and Japan; the result was a total embargo that lasted until March 1974.

In 1979, Mother Teresa of India was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

In 1989, an earthquake measuring 7.1 on the Richter scale struck northern California, killing 63 people and causing \$6 billion worth of damage.

In 1992, Japanese exchange student Yoshi Hattori was fatally shot by Rodney Peairs in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, after Hattori and his American host mistakenly knocked on Peairs' door while looking for a Halloween party. (Peairs was acquitted of manslaughter, but was ordered in a civil trial to pay more than \$650,000 to Hattori's family.)

In 2000, the New York Yankees followed the Mets into the World Series, beating the Seattle Mariners 9-7 and winning the American League championship series four games to two.

Ten years ago: Wall Street ended a tumultuous week that turned out to be its best in five years. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 127 points, closing at 8,852.22, but turned in the strong week because of two huge days of gains — a record 936-point jump the previous Monday and an increase of 401 points on Thursday. Four Tops frontman Levi Stubbs died in Detroit at age 72.

Five years ago: The government reopened its doors hours after President Barack Obama signed a bipartisan congressional measure passed the night before to end a 16-day partial shutdown. The Boston Red Sox edged the Detroit Tigers 4-3 for a 3-2 lead in the AL championship series.

One year ago: Just hours before President Donald Trump's latest travel ban was due to take effect, a federal judge in Hawaii blocked most of the ban, saying it suffered from the same flaws as the previous version. U.S.-backed Syrian forces gained control of the northern Syrian city of Raqqa, which was once the heart of the Islamic State group's self-styled caliphate.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Marsha Hunt is 101. Actress Julie Adams is 92. Country singer Earl Thomas Conley is 77. Singer Jim Seals (Seals & Crofts) is 76. Singer Gary Puckett is 76. Actor Michael McKean is 71. Actor George Wendt is 70. Actor-singer Bill Hudson is 69. Astronaut Mae Jemison is 62. Country singer Alan Jackson is 60. Movie critic Richard Roeper is 59. Movie director Rob Marshall is 58. Actor Grant Shaud is 58. Animator Mike Judge is 56. Rock singer-musician Fred LeBlanc (Cowboy Mouth) is 55. Actor-comedian Norm Macdonald is 55. Singer Rene' Dif is 51. Reggae singer Ziggy Marley is 50. Actor Wood Harris is 49. Singer Wyclef Jean (zhahn) is 49. World Golf Hall of Famer Ernie Els is 49. Singer Chris Kirkpatrick ('N Sync) is 47. Rapper Eminem is 46. Actress Sharon Leal is 46. Actor Matthew Macfadyen is 44. Rock musician Sergio Andrade (an-DRAY'-day) is 41. Actress Felicity Jones is 35. Actor Chris Lowell is 34. Actor Dee Jay Daniels is 30.

Thought for Today: "The thinking of a genius does not proceed logically. It leaps with great ellipses. It pulls knowledge from God knows where." — Dorothy Thompson, American journalist (1894-1961).