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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.

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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

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




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Deuel Cardinals

VS



Groton Area Tigers

Monday, Oct. 22, 2018
7:15 p.m. at Clear Lake

SD counties on hook for Keystone XL protest costs

One official says 1969 state law could 'bankrupt' small counties

Bart Pfankuch

South Dakota News Watch

A group of mostly rural South Dakota counties could be on the hook for millions of dollars in costs related to any protests that arise over construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline in the state.

The outlay would be required before the state kicks in any money to pay for the response to protests that some expect will erupt during construction of the controversial oil pipeline.

"It will bankrupt some counties if it happens," said Kathy Glines, emergency management officer in Harding County, where the Canadian-owned pipeline will enter South Dakota. "There's a lot of counties that don't have this kind of money sitting around, especially if it (a protest) is a long-term issue."

The concerns in the nine West River counties on the pipeline path have coalesced around two factors: a 1969 South Dakota law requiring counties to spend significant local taxpayer money to handle an emergency before state funding kicks in; and the fear that protests over Keystone XL could mirror the massive 7-month, sometimes violent demonstration against the Dakota Access Pipeline in North Dakota in 2016-17.

The sprawling protest near Cannon Ball, N.D., cost an estimated \$38 million to control, and who pays those costs remains in dispute. The county where much of the protest took place spent more than \$4 million on response.

The laws in South Dakota Chapter 34 require that in order to qualify for state financial assistance as part of an official disaster declaration by the governor that "minimum local effort" must first be met. The law defines that spending as equal to 2 mills, or \$2 per \$1,000 of the full assessed value of each county during the 12-month period prior to the request for a disaster declaration.

Furthermore, the law requires the state to fund only up to 60 percent of the costs after the local spending threshold has been passed.

The county spending requirement will not prevent the state from responding in an



Law enforcement stand in the distance as fire and thick smoke from burning tires billows in the air as a Dakota Access Pipeline protester started the fire at a protest roadblock across N.D. Highway 1806 at the Front Line Camp in Morton County on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2016. Some South Dakota county officials are worried that they may have to absorb significant costs of handling any protests over construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline in the state next year. (Photo by Mike McCleary, courtesy of Bismarck Tribune)

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South Dakota county officials are concerned they may have to pay millions to handle any protests surrounding construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline in the state next year. The North Dakota protest camp over the Dakota Access Pipeline in 2016-17, shown here in November 2016, drew an estimated 5,000 protesters who stayed in the area for seven months.

(Photo by Tom Stromme, courtesy of Bismarck Tribune)

emergency or from declaring a disaster, said Kristi Turman, division director within the state Department of Public Safety and former state emergency management director.

Turman said public safety is the top priority in any disaster, including a major pipeline protest. How that response gets paid for is dictated by state law and is determined once the emergency is over.

"This deals with the finances; this does not mean that we're not going to go help them by giving additional resources or additional people," Turman said. "If they need help, we're going to go, we're going to go help them."

Turman said the state law follows a long-held emergency management mantra that, "all disaster response starts local, and it ends local." The laws in Chapter 34 also provide the governor with discretion to increase financial support from the state "upon finding it necessary for the preservation of life and property."

Opponents concerned about leaks, water and tribal sites

Opposition to the pipeline is rooted mainly in concerns over potential leaks and spills fouling lands, surface waters and underground aquifers on the route, and by Native American tribes and others who say construction will destroy cultural and historic sites and artifacts.

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in September formally declared its support of any protests over three ongoing pipeline projects, including the Keystone XL in Montana and South Dakota. The Cheyenne River and Yankton Sioux tribes and the grassroots environmental group Dakota Rural Action all recently wrote letters to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission opposing the pipeline and questioning permit compliance by TransCanada.

Earlier this month, members of a group called Bold Nebraska walked out in protest of a U.S. Department of State meeting held in Lincoln to take comment on the pipeline route through the state. One member of the group, which has organized peaceful protests against the pipeline, was quoted as saying, "We'll battle as long as we have breath."

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One West River lawmaker said he supports efforts to change the disaster response law in the 2019 legislative session to reduce the financial burden on counties before the roughly 2-year pipeline construction process begins next spring.

Rep. Thomas Brunner, R-Nisland, whose district includes three counties on the pipeline path, said there may need to be some local spending requirement in disasters but that the current threshold is far too high.

"If it's going to cost counties several million dollars, we need to take a look at that because I think the counties will have to be covered better than that," said Brunner, who has been contacted by concerned county officials. "I think we can change that law and I don't see why we shouldn't."

Brunner said he anticipates legislation could emerge from the South Dakota Association of County Officials to reduce the burden on counties, and that he would sponsor such a measure.

"There might be some pushback from the state, but we've got to empower these counties. I think only two or three counties in the state would be able to respond on their own," he said. "Obviously the counties where the pipeline is going to go through, they're very concerned about it. They could end up spending millions."

Costs for some counties could reach the millions

Plans for building the underground Keystone XL Pipeline are quickly taking shape, and construction has begun on improving roads and building equipment staging sites and oil pumping stations in South Dakota. About 250 miles of the pipeline's nearly 1,200-mile route will run on a northwest to southeast path through the heart of West River, entering in Harding County and passing roughly at a 45-degree angle through Butte, Perkins, Meade, Pennington, Haakon, Jones, Lyman and Tripp counties before moving into Nebraska.

The \$8 billion pipeline is being built by TransCanada corporation to move crude oil from Alberta, Canada, through Montana and South Dakota and then to Steele City, Neb. where it will merge with existing pipelines to take oil to refineries in Texas.

During construction, South Dakota will be home to several staging areas and workforce camps that can house up to 1,000 workers per location.

The pipeline will not cross the Missouri River, but will cross under the Cheyenne River at the border of Meade and Pennington counties.

The "local effort" law means that if a protest broke out in Harding County, population 1,300, where the pipeline will run for about 74 miles, local taxpayers would have to come up with \$700,000 to pay costs associated with those protests before any state money would flow to the county.

While many in Harding County are expecting a financial windfall from the pipeline, the potential for protests and paying to manage them is a downside of the project, Glines said.

In Meade County, which will have about 53 miles of pipeline within its borders, the requirement means county taxpayers would have to spend nearly \$5 million to meet the local effort threshold.



This aerial photograph shows North Dakota highway 1806 at left where it crosses Cannonball River and protest camps on both sides of the river during the Dakota Access Pipeline protest in February 2017. Some South Dakota officials are concerned over a state law that requires counties to pay a significant amount for protest activities before the state steps in with financial help. It cost more than \$40 million to handle the protest in North Dakota. (Photo by Tom Stromme, courtesy of Bismarck Tribune)

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South Dakota counties on the route of the Keystone XL Pipeline are concerned about the costs they may incur in handling any protests that arise, fears stoked by the size and longevity of the 2016 protest of the Dakota Access Pipeline in North Dakota. In this image from Nov. 2, 2016, dozens of people were pepper-sprayed and at least two were shot with less-than-lethal bullets during a standoff between Dakota Access Pipeline protesters and police near the main Oceti Sakowin protest camp. (Photo by Mike McCleary, courtesy of Bismarck Tribune)

"It is a huge problem; we're very concerned about potential protests and the costs that would be incurred," Commission Chair Galen Niederwerder said during a recent meeting in Sturgis. "Everything else, the logistics of getting this pipeline through, the roads, the pipeline, the right of way...this is an issue that concerns the county more than anything else."

In Pennington County, which will be home to only a short segment of the pipeline near the Cheyenne River, the local effort requirement would amount to about \$17 million, said Auditor-elect Cindy Mohler.

Costs to manage a major protest, even a peaceful gathering, including crowd control, traffic and public safety needs likely will be high. Those costs can rise quickly and involve numerous agencies and spending categories.

Lessons learned from North Dakota

According to the North Dakota Office of Adjutant General, managing the 2016-17 Dakota Access protest cost \$37.4 million, including about \$16 million for response by out-of-state agencies and \$10.4 million for North Dakota National Guard assistance. An estimated 1,400 law enforcement officers and 300 other personnel from 11 states and 23 North Dakota agencies responded to the protest that is believed to be the largest and longest-duration protest in American history. More than 800 state criminal cases were filed as a result of protest activities.

North Dakota filed a lawsuit against the federal government in July seeking reimbursement of the full costs of containment, arguing that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers failed to adequately enforce tres-

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pass laws, enabling the protest to extend for months. The U.S. Department of Justice has reimbursed North Dakota for \$10 million of protests costs and the Dakota Access Pipeline, LLC has donated \$15 million to the state to offset response costs.

The local government at the center of the protest, Morton County, spent about \$4.4 million on personnel, equipment, staff housing, and food and other costs related to the protests, Emergency Manager Tom Doering said.

Doering said North Dakota does not have a spending threshold that counties must meet before getting state financial support, but there is a damage value that must be met to trigger a state declaration. He said Morton County declared a local disaster the day after the protest began and the governor declared a

statewide disaster the next day that provided funding and personnel almost immediately.

Doering urged South Dakota officials to monitor social media to see if protesters are organizing or encouraging people to come to the state.

He said covering the costs of managing a major protest is something that no single government, particularly not a rural county, can endure on its own.

"As far as getting it paid for, it depends on how big it gets," Doering said. "I don't think those little counties, what they have would be a drop in the bucket and they'd never be able to afford the costs."

Turman said the 2018-19 South Dakota state budget does not have any money specifically allocated to managing protests or for other emergency costs related to Keystone XL construction. She said the state has taken a proactive approach, however, to preparing all government agencies in South Dakota for eventualities regarding the pipeline through more than a dozen meetings with state, local and regional officials and agencies over the past 16 months.

"We're aware of what happened in North Dakota and it's something we've looked at and watched for and frankly we don't want that to happen here," she said. "We are keeping lines of communications open to all our stakeholders through preparation and construction of the pipeline, and that's what we're going to keep doing."

South Dakota lawmakers added new police powers in the wake of the North Dakota protest to give law enforcement more authority to quell protests. The 2017 laws shepherded by Gov. Dennis Daugaard allow police to declare "public safety zones" in which protests cannot exceed 20 people, and to arrest those who block roadway traffic.

A representative from TransCanada, Robert Latimer, has visited South Dakota many times to meet with local officials and hear their questions and concerns over potential impacts of pipeline construction and



Some South Dakota officials are concerned the state could see protests over construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline in the state next year, not unlike in North Dakota in 2016 when protesters camped for seven months to stall construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline. Protesters eventually were forcibly evacuated on Feb. 22, 2017, shown here. (Photo by Mike McCleary, courtesy of Bismarck Tribune)

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the potential for protests.

In an email to News Watch, TransCanada spokeswoman Robynn Tysver did not directly address the potential for protests or if the company would assume any responsibility to pay for protest response.

Tysver said the company is working with communities along the pipeline route to ensure a smooth and safe construction process.

"We have and will continue to engage with local officials along the route and answer peoples' questions and address their concerns," she wrote. "Pipelines are the safest way to transport oil, which remains an integral part of our lives and the economy. We understand that not everyone agrees and we respect the various viewpoints. We also respect peoples' right to hold peaceful and legal protests. At the end of the day, we're planning to move forward with this project, respectfully and legally."

The existing Keystone Pipeline operated by TransCanada, that runs north-south through the eastern side of South Dakota, had a leak near Amherst in Marshall County in November that spilled 210,000 gallons of oil onto the land.

Glines, the Harding County official who has been preparing for the pipeline project since it was proposed eight years ago, said she and others have seen signs indicating some form of protest is likely over the pipeline in South Dakota.

"We're in the frame of mind that something is going to happen; we're not sure what it's going to be but our employees and elected officials are very in tune to the fact we have to be prepared," she said.

Glines said while government learned a number of valuable lessons from the pipeline protest in North Dakota, she believes that protesters learned even more about how to effectively scuttle the project or hamper its progress.

"They are way more prepared than we are," she said. "I think the protesters learned a lot more lessons than we did about how to make these protests happen."



Doug Fjeldheim County Commission

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What's Going On In State Government This Week Gov. Dennis Daugaard's Public Commitments; Public Meetings:

Friday, October 26, 1 p.m. CDT, Pierre – Gov. Dennis Daugaard will attend and speak at the Governor's Leadership Development Program (GLDP) Graduation at RedRossa, Pierre.

Thursday, October 25, 9:45 a.m. CDT, Pierre – The First Lady Linda Daugaard will read for the National Read for the Record Campaign at Jefferson Elementary School Library, Pierre.

Saturday, October 20, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. CDT, Pierre – The Family Support Council will hold their quarterly meeting at the Hillview Plaza located at 3800 E. Hwy. 34 in Pierre. For more information, please contact Jaze Sollars at 605-773-3438.

Tuesday, October 23, 9 – 10 a.m. CDT – The South Dakota Board of Accountancy will meet via conference call. To participate in the meeting via telephone, please use the call-in number 1-844-833-2681 and access code 0896622#. To view the meeting agenda, visit

<https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=4>. For more information, call Nicole at 605-367-5770.

Tuesday, October 23, 9:30 – 10 a.m. CDT – The South Dakota Board of Accountancy will hold a public hearing via conference call to consider the adoption and amendment of proposed rules. For more information, visit <https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=4>.

Tuesday, October 23, 9 a.m. MDT, Rapid City – The South Dakota Board of Massage Therapy will be holding a public hearing to adopt rules at the South Dakota Department of Labor, 2330 N. Maple Ave., Ste. 1. For more information or to view the agenda please visit <https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=64>.

Tuesday, October 23, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. CDT, Pierre – The Board of Social Services will be holding a board meeting at 700 Governors Dr. To view the agenda or to find additional information, please visit <http://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=90>.

Tuesday, October 23, 1 p.m. CDT, Sioux Falls – The South Dakota Board of Pharmacy will be holding a public hearing to adopt rules at the Hamlet Professional Building, 4001 W. Valhalla Blvd., Ste. 202. For more information or to view the agenda please visit <https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=76>.

Tuesday, October 23, 1 p.m. CDT, Pierre – The Aeronautics Commission of the South Dakota Department of Transportation will hold a meeting via conference call. Staff will be available in the Commission Room of the Becker-Hansen building located at 700 E. Broadway Ave. in Pierre. The public is invited to attend. To view the meeting agenda, posted 72 hours in advance, visit <http://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=5>. For more information call 605-773-3265.

Wednesday, October 24, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. CDT, Pierre – The South Dakota Abstracters Board of Examiners will hold a meeting to conduct licensing examinations at the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation, 123 W. Missouri Ave., Sharpe Conference Room. Meeting agenda and materials can be viewed at http://dlr.sd.gov/abstracters/board_meetings.aspx. For more information, contact Professional Licensing at 605-642-1600 or proflic@rushmore.com.

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Wednesday, October 24, 2 – 5 p.m. CDT, Pierre – The South Dakota Abstracters Board of Examiners will hold a meeting in Pierre at the South Department of Labor and Regulation, 123 W. Missouri Ave., Sharpe Conference Room. Meeting agenda and materials can be viewed at http://dlr.sd.gov/abstracters/board_meetings.aspx. For more information contact Professional Licensing at 605-642-1600 or proflic@rushmore.com.

Thursday, October 25, 8 a.m. CDT, Pierre – The Value Added Finance Authority will hold a meeting at the Joe Foss Building. For more information contact Terri LaBrie at 605-773-3481.

Thursday, October 25, 9 a.m. CDT, Pierre – The Transportation Commission of the South Dakota Department of Transportation will hold a meeting in the Commission Room of the Becker-Hansen building located at 700 E. Broadway Ave. The public is invited to attend. To view the meeting agenda, posted 72 hours in advance, visit <http://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=96>. For more information call 605-773-3265.

Thursday, October 25, 9:30 a.m. CDT, Sioux Falls – The American Dairy Association of South Dakota will hold a meeting at the Sheraton Inn. A full agenda can be found at <https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/bcuploads/10-25-18%20ADA%20SD%20Agenda.pdf>.

Thursday, October 25, 9:30 a.m. CDT – The REDI (Revolving Economic Development and Initiative) Board meeting will be on Thursday, October 25 at 9:30 a.m. CDT at 711 E Wells Ave. Please contact Cassie Stoeser, GOED Finance Director, at 605-773-GOED (4633) for more information. <https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=31>.

Friday, October 26, 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. CDT – The South Dakota Athletic Commission will meet via conference call. Meeting agenda and materials can be found at <http://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=9>.

You Might Also Be Interested To Know:

Monday, October 22, to Thursday, October 25 – The South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation will host Job Search Assistance Programs (JSAP). JSAP is a workshop for people recovering from job loss or enhancing their job search skills. Trained instructors speak on modern-day techniques used to successfully find employment. Topics covered include resume and cover letter writing, interviewing etiquette, networking effectively, using social media and much more. JSAP will be offered at the following locations:

Monday, October 22, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. CDT, Sioux Falls – At 811 E. 10th St. Registration required. For more information or to register, call 605-367-5300.

Thursday, October 25, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. CDT, Mitchell – At 1321 N. Main St. For more information, call 605-995-8060 or visit www.sdjobs.org.

Monday, October 22, through Thursday, October 25, 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1 – 3 p.m. CDT, Sioux Falls – Smithfield will conduct walk-in interviews at the Sioux Falls Job Service, 811 E. 10th St. Positions include production workers. For more information, call 605-367-5300 or visit www.sdjobs.org.

Monday, October 22 to Thursday, October 25: The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs Field Service Officers will be at the following County and Tribal Veterans Service Offices to assist with veteran related claims, issues, and questions.

Monday, October 22:

- 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. CDT, DeSmet – 103 Juliet Ave. 605-360-7819
- 12 p.m. – 3 p.m. CDT, Faulkton – 110 9th Ave. N. 605-280-4308
- 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. CDT, Burke – 221 E. 8th St. 605-280-4306
- 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. CDT, Mitchell – 1420 N. Main St. 605-360-7819

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Tuesday, October 23:

- 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. MDT, Custer – 420 N. Rushmore Rd. 605-280-4307
- 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. MDT, Deadwood – 80 Sherman St. 605-280-4307
- 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. CDT, Huron – 450 3rd St. SW #103 605-280-4306
- 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. CDT, Pierre – 104 E. Capitol Ave. 605-280-4308
- 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. CDT, Tyndall – 300 W. 18th St. 605-360-7819
- 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. CDT, Vermillion – 211 W. Main St. #203 605-360-7819

Wednesday, October 24:

- 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. CDT, Howard – 301 N. Main St. 605-360-7819
- 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. CDT, Parker – 700 S. Main St. 605-360-7819
- 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. MDT, Pine Ridge – 1 Veterans Dr. 605-280-4307
- 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. CDT, Redfield – 210 E. 7th Ave. 605-280-4306
- 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. CDT, Roscoe – 219 S. Mitchell St. 605-280-4308

Thursday, October 25:

- 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. CDT, Kadoka – 700 Main St. 605-280-4308
- 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. MDT, McIntosh – 108 1st East Main 605-280-4307
- 10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. CDT, Milbank – 210 E. 5th Ave. 605-360-7819

Tuesday, October 23, to Thursday, October 25 – The South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation will hold itinerant office hours. Both job seekers and employers interested in receiving employment and career services at no cost may visit or call during these office hours. More information on programs and services is available at www.sdjobs.org. Itinerant office hours will be held at the following locations:

Tuesday, October 23, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. MDT, Rapid City – At Western Dakota Technical Institute, Lewis & Clark Hall, Room L212. For more information on programs and services, call Kevin Dary, Lynette Engle or Melanie Garstenschlager at 605-718-2956 during these office hours. Additional information available at www.sdjobs.org.

Tuesday, October 23, 1 – 3 p.m. CDT, Redfield – At the Spink County Court House, third floor or call 605-380-8930 during these hours and 605-626-2340 at any other time. Additional information at www.sdjobs.org.

Wednesday, October 24, 1 – 4:30 p.m. CDT, Wagner – At City Hall, 60 S Main. For more information, call 605-487-7607, ext. 207 or 212, or visit www.sdjobs.org.

Wednesday, October 24, 1 – 3 p.m. CDT, Webster – At the Day County Court House basement or call 605-380-8930 during these hours and 605-626-2340 at any other time. Additional information at www.sdjobs.org.

Thursday, October 25, 1 – 4 p.m. MDT, Rapid City – At Western Dakota Technical Institute, Lewis & Clark Hall, Room L212. For more information on programs and services, call Kevin Dary, Lynette Engle or Melanie Garstenschlager at 605-718-2956 during these office hours. Additional information available at www.sdjobs.org.

Tuesday, October 23, to Friday, October 26 – Bring Your 'A' Game to Work encompasses seven different skills including Appreciation, Attitude, Attendance, Appearance, Ambition, Accountability and Acceptance. These soft skills and a willingness to take direction are generally more desired by employers than the specific skills a particular job requires. Bring Your 'A' Game is being offered at no cost to businesses and individuals. For more information or to register online, visit http://dlr.sd.gov/workforce_services/individuals/training_opportunities/soft_skills_training.aspx.

The workshop will be offered at the following location(s):

Tuesday, October 23, and Thursday, October 25, 1 – 4 p.m. CDT, Huron – At Cornerstones Career Learning Center, 33 Third St. SE, #202. This is a two-day workshop. For more information or to register, please call 605-353-7175. You may also register online at the link above.

Wednesday, October 24, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. CDT, Lake Andes – At the Department of Social Services, Con-

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necting Room. Lunch from 12 – 1 p.m. is on your own. For more information or to register, call 605-668-2920. You may also register online at the link above.

Wednesday, October 24, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CDT, Madison – At the Madison Job Service, 223 S. Van Eps Ave., Suite 100. A light working lunch is provided. For more information or to register, call 605-256-5300. You may also register online at the link above.

Friday, October 26, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. MDT, Sturgis – At the Sturgis Community Center, 1401 Lazelle. Lunch is provided. To register, call 605-394-5120 or register online at the link above.

Tuesday, October 23 – Benefits specialists from the Department of Social Services' Division of Economic Assistance will be available at the following itinerant office locations. For more information, contact Tia Kafka, 605-773-3165.

Canton, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CDT

Kyle, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. MDT

Flandreau, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. CDT

Webster, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CDT

Tuesday, October 23, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. CDT, Watertown – The South Dakota Department of Revenue will host a basic sales tax seminar. The seminar will take place at the Department of Revenue's Watertown office, located at 715 S. Maple. To register for this free seminar, visit <http://dor.sd.gov> then click on the Education tab. For more information, contact Bobi Adams at 605-773-5815.

Tuesday, October 23, 1 – 4 p.m. CDT, Watertown – The South Dakota Department of Revenue will host a basic contractor's excise tax seminar. The seminar will take place at the Department of Revenue's Watertown office, located at 715 S. Maple. To register for this free seminar, visit <http://dor.sd.gov> then click on the Education tab. For more information, contact Bobi Adams at 605-773-5815.

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Wanblee, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. MDT

Salem, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CDT

Dupree, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. MDT

Wednesday, October 24, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CDT, Sioux Falls – A Credit Where Credit is Due course will be held at Sioux Falls Job Service, 811 E. 10th St. The course is designed to help individuals gain a better knowledge of money issues and responsibilities revolving around the world of credit. Registration required. For more information or to register, call 605-367-5300.

Thursday, October 25 – Benefits specialists from the Department of Social Services' Division of Economic Assistance will be available at the following itinerant office locations. For more information, contact Tia Kafka, 605-773-3165.

Canton, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CDT

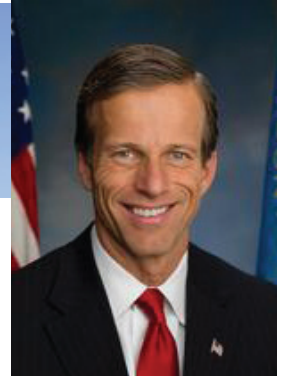
Kyle, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. MDT

Flandreau, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. CDT

Lemmon, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. MDT

Thursday, October 25, 9 – 10 a.m. CDT, Mitchell – The Mitchell Job Club is open to the public and held every Thursday at Mitchell Job Service, 1321 N. Main St. The meeting will discuss a variety of job search topics in detail, including online job searching, workforce training options, interview skills/techniques, and money management. Please call 605-995-8060 to register.

John Thune
U.S. SENATOR - SOUTH DAKOTA



My Commitment to Ellsworth

Ellsworth Air Force Base and the Powder River Training Complex (PRTC) are national assets, and I was glad to have been at the base to see the latest large force exercise firsthand and thank our men and women in uniform for what they continue to do for the state and nation. It's a good reminder that my 13-year fight for Ellsworth has been worth it, and, for me at least, it's one that will never end.

Ellsworth is a fixture in the Black Hills, and it has been for quite some time. The base's history is well-known to South Dakotans who've lived and worked in the surrounding area, and its importance to our state and nation continues to grow stronger by the day.

Ellsworth is the second largest employer in South Dakota and is a massive contributor to the state's economy. It's currently home to the 28th Bomb Wing's two B-1B Lancer combat squadrons and the MQ-9 Reaper 89th Attack Squadron, and it serves as the gateway to the expanded PRTC, the largest training airspace in the continental United States. And, as the Air Force and Department of Defense (DoD) seek to modernize our military to win fights in contested airspace around the globe, the base is well-positioned for future growth, including being home to part of the nation's future B-21 fleet.

While there's no question Ellsworth has cemented its place in West River and our broader national security strategy, the base we currently know and love almost never materialized. It has required a worthwhile fight of its own, and I remain determined to protect this national asset. Without Ellsworth, the nation would be without one of its most strategic military installations, and our national security would be worse for it.

I recognize the tremendous value the base and its airmen provide, which is why I've always made them a priority. In May 2005, when I was a newly elected senator and a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Ellsworth found itself on the DoD's Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) list. My top priority at the time was to ensure Ellsworth's name was removed from that list as soon as possible.

I wasn't going to have the base close on my watch, so less than one year into my Senate service, I was standing face-to-face with the commission responsible for Ellsworth's future. I argued my case for why it would be a mistake to shut it down, and I argued with all I had.

On August 26, 2005, Ellsworth was removed from the closure list. Failure would have meant permanently shuttering the base's doors and runways. But even in this victory, I've remained committed to the base and its airmen and have sought to secure subsequent milestones to ensure Ellsworth's future in West River continues.

In the years since our BRAC fight, I spent nearly a decade pushing for the expansion of the PRTC, and in 2015, as chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, which oversees our nation's aviation system, including the Federal Aviation Administration, I was able to help secure the expansion.

Recently, again through my work as chairman of the Commerce Committee, I was able to help Ellsworth and the PRTC expand upward via altitude waivers, permitting training missions to fly up to 52,000 feet – an altitude nearly twice as high as they had previously been allowed to fly.

As a result of the PRTC's expansion, both in square miles and altitude, Ellsworth can continue to host aircraft and airmen from around the country for critical large force exercises that will help them properly simulate extended detection ranges and capabilities to counter modern threats, keeping them at the forefront of the world's military prowess. I believe these optimized training conditions will prove instrumental in preparing our fifth generation aircraft, including the B-21, for future fights in contested airspace.

Again, I'm fortunate to have been able to visit the base in person and get a front-row seat to this latest training mission. Ellsworth's airmen are the best of the best, and this latest exercise proved it once again.

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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

The Minnesota Vikings are now 4-2-1 this season and lead the NFC North after defeating the New York Jets 37-17 on Sunday. The Vikings didn't play their best but were still able to cool the Jets – in part because New York had four turnovers which led to 10 points for Minnesota. Both teams also had to deal with the windy conditions at MetLife Stadium, which made passing difficult and special teams unpredictable. The biggest story line from the game may be injuries, however, as both Anthony Barr and Xavier Rhodes left the game and didn't return.

The Vikings got the ball to start the game, and the offense drove down the field on a 4-play, 68-yard drive for a touchdown. The rest of the first half wasn't so pretty. The team's other eight drives in the first half resulted in two field goal attempts (one made, one missed) and six punts. The second half was much better for Minnesota, who scored three touchdowns and two field goals on seven drives.

Kirk Cousins completed 25 of 40 passes for 241 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions. Adam Thielen caught nine of those passes for 110 yards and a touchdown, extending his streak to seven straight games with over 100-yards. With Dalvin Cook once again missing the game due to injury, the Vikings didn't have much success running the ball. The team had 88 yards on 24 carries, but 61 of those yards came from only two carries (a 38-yard carry by Latavius Murray and a 23-yard carry by Roc Thomas). Murray did manage to find the endzone twice, salvaging the day if you happened to start him in fantasy football.

The Vikings' defense had an average day but were helped tremendously by the Jets' rookie QB throwing three interceptions and losing a fumble. The defense was without the services of Linval Joseph, Andrew Sendejo, Everson Griffen and Mike Hughes to start the game, and lost Barr and Rhodes during the game. Despite all the injuries the team racked up three sacks, five tackles for a loss, four quarterback hits and 12 passes knocked down to go along with the four turnovers.

The player of the game on offense was Brian O'Neill, the Vikings' rookie offensive tackle who made his second career start at right tackle and was a big reason why Cousins was only sacked once. O'Neill had a few mental errors on Sunday, particularly in run blocking, but he has improved every week and it will only be a matter of time before he earns a full-time starter spot.

The player of the game on defense was Holton Hill, another rookie. Hill entered the game once Rhodes left because of his injury and proceeded to secure an interception on his first play. With Mike Hughes out for the year and Rhodes potentially out for a few weeks, Hill will be playing a lot more – and based on his play Sunday he should be ready.

Looking ahead, the Vikings return home and prepare for the New Orleans Saints to come to town. This will be a rematch from the playoffs last season, which famously ended on a walk-off touchdown pass from Case Keenum to Stefon Diggs. The Saints (5-1) have one of the best offenses in the league and are averaging 34 points per game. This will be a tough test for the Vikings and will be even more difficult if Griffen, Joseph, Barr, Rhodes and Sendejo are unable to play. ESPN is giving the Vikings a 53% chance to win this game. I hope they're right. Skol!

If you have any questions or comments, reach out to me on Twitter (@JordanWrightNFL)

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Today in Weather History

October 22, 1992: Record heat occurred on this date. Temperatures rose into the upper 70s to the mid-80s across central and northeast South Dakota as well as west central Minnesota. The record highs were 79 degrees at Mobridge and Timber Lake, 80 degrees at Sisseton, 82 degrees at Aberdeen, 83 degrees at Wheaton, and 85 degrees at Pierre. Although not a record high, Kennebec rose to 87 degrees on this date in 1992.

1884: A drought which began in August, extended through September and continued until the last week October brought hardship to Northern, Central, and Eastern Alabama. The 22nd was the first day of general showers, and gentle rains fell from the 26th to the 29th.

1965 - The temperature soared to 104 degrees at San Diego, CA. Southern California was in the midst of a late October heat wave that year. Los Angeles had ten consecutive days with afternoon highs reaching 100 degrees. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1985 - A guest on the top floor of a hotel in Seattle, WA, was seriously injured while talking on the phone when lightning struck. Several persons are killed each year when the electrical charge from a lightning bolt travels via telephone wiring. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Yakutat, AK, surpassed their previous all-time yearly precipitation total of 190 inches. Monthly records were set in June with 17 inches, in September with 70 inches, and in October with more than 40 inches. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987) Twenty-two cities in the eastern U.S., most of them in the southeast states, reported record low temperatures for the date. Morning lows of 30 degrees at Athens GA, 28 degrees at Birmingham AL, and 23 degrees at Pinson AL, were the coldest of record for so early in the season. (The National Weather Summary) Showers produced heavy rain in southern California, with amounts ranging up to five inches at Blue Jay. Flash flooding resulted in two deaths, ten injuries, and more than a million dollars damage. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - A "nor'easter" swept across the coast of New England. Winds gusted to 75 mph, and large waves and high tides caused extensive shoreline flooding. A heavy wet snow blanketed much of eastern New York State, with a foot of snow reported in Lewis County. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - A storm system moving out of the Gulf of Alaska brought rain to the Northern and Central Pacific Coast Region, with snow in some of the mountains of Oregon, and wind gusts to 60 mph along the Oregon coast. Six cities in Florida reported record low temperatures for the date, including Tallahassee with a reading of 34 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1997: Game 4 of the World Series between the Cleveland Indians and the Florida Marlins was the coldest game in World Series history. The official game-time temperature was 38 degrees at Jacobs Field in Cleveland. Wind chills as low as 18 degrees was reported during the game.

1998: Tropical Depression Thirteen formed on October 22 over the southwestern the Caribbean Sea. By the 24th, this tropical depression became Hurricane Mitch. This hurricane would rapidly intensify over the next two days, reaching Category 5 strength on the 26th. Hurricane Mitch would end up being the second deadliest hurricane in the history of the Atlantic Ocean.

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Today



Sunny

High: 58 °F

Tonight



Clear

Low: 21 °F

Tuesday



Sunny

High: 50 °F

Tuesday
Night



Increasing
Clouds

Low: 32 °F

Wednesday



Mostly Cloudy
then Chance
Rain

High: 52 °F

Today Tuesday Wednesday

53 to 63° 46 to 58° 50s

Dry through
Tuesday

showers increasing

National Weather Service
Aberdeen, SD
Updated: 10/22/2018 5:13 AM Central

Published on: 10/22/2018 at 5:15AM

Dry high pressure will remain over the region through midday Tuesday, before shifting east. A broad area of low pressure tracking across the Northern Plains later this week will result in a chance of rain Wednesday into Thursday.

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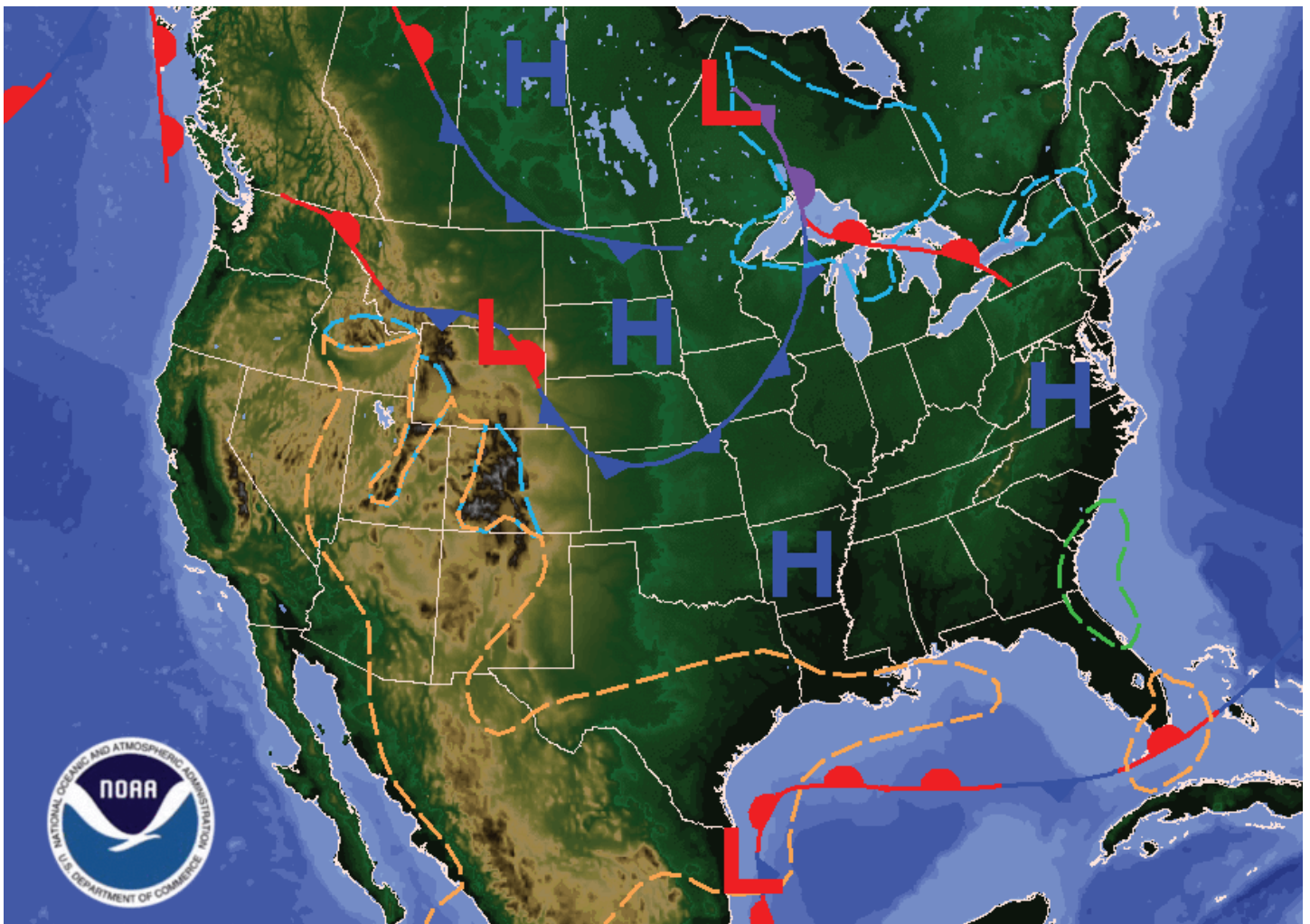
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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 62 °F at 3:52 PM
Low Outside Temp: 29 °F at 12:05 AM
High Gust: 31 mph at 4:59 AM
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 82° in 1992
Record Low: 8° in 1895
Average High: 55°F
Average Low: 30°F
Average Precip in Oct.: 1.49
Precip to date in Oct.: 1.42
Average Precip to date: 19.97
Precip Year to Date: 15.03
Sunset Tonight: 6:36 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:01 a.m.



Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Mon, Oct 22, 2018, issued 4:55 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

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

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THE BEGINNING AND THE END

Psalms begin with a promise from God and end with a call to praise God. Blessed is the man! shouts the author. Any man? Every man? No. Indeed not. Blessed is the man who delights in and obeys the Words and the Ways of the Lord.

Psalms end with a call to Praise the Lord. Any man? Every man? Yes. Yes, indeed. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

The first Psalm makes a difference between the godly man and the ungodly man. But the concluding Psalm does not mention the ungodly. Why?

The godly are like a tree that is planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. What a beautiful description of the godly: they are happy, have lived a worthwhile life, and will live forever!

But the ungodly? They are pictured with words of hopelessness. They are like chaff, writes the Psalmist, that the wind blows away. Therefore, the wicked will stand in judgment, and sinners will not be in the assembly of the righteous. The ungodly will not be safe on Judgment Day. Nor will they be invited to stand among the godly. What a tragedy. What an ending to lives that surely had opportunities to become godly: lives that were misspent, misdirected and mistaken.

No matter what we hear from politicians and social scientists, there are only two classes of people: the saved and the unsaved. And, two ends: heaven and hell.

Prayer: Lord, may we hear Your Word and Your voice and accept Your invitation to become godly people. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 1 - Psalm 150

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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

News from the Associated Press

German coaches study football at University of South Dakota

By MICK GARRY, The Argus Leader

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Waiting for South Dakota's football practice to end on a recent Tuesday, it was clear there were a lot of people walking around watching who are not usually at the DakotaDome.

They were not NFL scouts, because those folks almost always wear something that has the logo of the team they work for. And they couldn't have been sports media types because their right and left socks matched.

No, this group of 15 had come from Germany and was in Vermillion to observe and learn more about American football, the Argus Leader reported. They had notebooks and only a few of them really looked like they might have played the sport in the past.

USD coach Bob Nielson goes way back with Germany and American football, it turns out. Since his days at Wartburg back in the 1990s when he took his team there, he's been part of an attempt to help the country learn and promote this quintessentially American sport.

"I go back with Martin Hanselmann 25 years," Nielson said. "He's become a good friend. He was one of the real pioneers of American football in Germany. Over the years I've been over there four times to speak at their coaches' convention. And five or six of our staff have been to the convention. Last year they had more than 300 coaches show up."

Hanselmann, a former player in Germany, coaches the Wurzburg Panthers and has been coming to the United States with coaches since Nielson was at Minnesota Duluth. While the foundation of the sport is much different — Americans play most of their football in schools and it's a club sport in Germany — the fundamentals of blocking and tackling translate.

"Most of the coaches I bring over are impressed with the structure," Hanselmann said. "Sport in general is different in Germany with the club system. It's not so much the school system. With the exception of soccer, all the clubs in all the sports do it with volunteers at the start. If you make a special league, then you get a little money, but that's it."

Hanselmann is a past coach of the German national team and has coached several teams in the German Football League. The sheer number of players at a practice, perhaps more so than their size or speed, is a major difference between how an American 21-year-old experiences the sport vs. how it works in Germany.

"The coaches I have with me are most impressed with how you can handle more than a hundred players at a practice," Hanselmann said. "They're impressed with how you can have so many people doing so many drills and so many plays."

Germany has an estimated 500 football teams in total at various levels, with the GFL considered the top league in Europe. At the grassroots level, Hanselmann's efforts promoting the sport have made its mark.

"We have the NFL on TV and many people have ESPN," he said. "They can get special game passes and watch the games. That's getting more popular. We have some hype at the moment with American football. There are many people who want to play."

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

South Dakota grocery store chain celebrates 50 years

By ALEX PORTAL, Black Hills Pioneer

LEAD, S.D. (AP) — This year marks the 50th anniversary of operation for Lynn's Dakotamart, a network of grocery stores each as dedicated to the communities in which they're located, as the Feist family that still owns and operates the business.

When Lynn Feist was just a young boy, he was given a toy cash register, with which he would play "store."

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That register now sits in an exhibit dedicated to him in the Sturgis store; one of 10 grocery stores now under the Lynn's Dakotamart banner. In 1968, Lynn Feist was done playing store and ready get down to business. One morning, after working the night shift at Red Owl Grocery in Rapid City, Feist loaded his young daughter Tammy into the car and took off to Faith where he had received a tip that the SuperValu Grocery store was for sale.

"What I remember is, it was late at night and it was (Faith) Stock Show Saturday," Tammy Sletten (formerly Feist) said. "Supposedly Bob Kelly (the former owner) didn't want anybody knowing he was selling the store, that's why he wanted to meet during the (Stock Show) parade."

There was a stipulation to the sale however.

"Bob Kelly said, 'I changed my mind, I'm not gonna sell you the store without selling you my house too,'" Sletten said.

So the Feist family moved from Rapid City to Faith, and Feist was finally in business for himself; however, that wasn't enough for him.

Two years after buying the store in Faith, Feist bought another store in Lemmon and the family was on the move again. The following year he bought a store in Eagle Butte, and the year after that, one in Sturgis. In 1975, just seven years after first striking out on his own Feist built a totally new store in Lemmon and opened his corporate offices there. The business was a family affair from day one.

"I was always on call," Georgia Feist, Lynn's wife said. "There'd be a big order and he'd call and say, 'I need your help, get down here.'"

"We used to get \$5 allowance until the eighth grade year and then that stopped," Jim Feist, Lynn's oldest son said. "His attitude was 'I'll give you a job, I don't care where you work, but you're gonna work.'"

As the three Feist kids grew up stocking shelves and taking inventory, the two boys found their calling, while Tammy went on to follow a teaching career.

The business continued to grow with stores being bought in Fort Thompson and Lead. In 1996 Lynn Feist passed away, allowing his two sons, Jim and Don, to step in and continue his legacy. Don Feist, who is the administrative head of Lynn's Dakotamart said whenever Feist bought a store, he would keep the original name and just add "Lynn's" in front of it. That all changed in 2000 when the company bought "Dakotamart" in Pierre, the Black Hills Pioneer reported.

"It was always 'Lynn's SuperValu', 'Lynn's Family Foods'," Don Feist. "We combined the two, just took the 'Lynn's' and 'Dakotamart' and added it together."

In the early 2000s Lynn's Dakotamart started the "We Care" program which has donated more than \$830,000 to charities in the communities they serve through a receipt return program. Don said it was the example of their father's generosity and genuine love for all the communities he served that inspired the program.

"More cash gets handled by the banks and the grocery stores," Don Feist said. "So he just kind of had a responsibility to give back to that community."

"He never liked to say the word, 'I', it was always, 'we'." Georgia Feist said.

For all the work Lynn Feist poured into helping and growing communities throughout the state, he was posthumously inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame in 2004.

"Back in the day most retailers had one store," Jim Feist said. "They were content in whatever town they were in. People don't understand somebody like Lynn that would go to the bank, borrow everything to buy one store, finally scratch and claw, then mortgage that store to buy another one only to get more headaches, more stuff and more stuff. But that's the kind of guy he was. He was never content sitting still. He wanted to grow."

Growing the business and community commitment are still paramount in the minds of Jim and Don Feist as they look toward the future. The Sturgis store was the first grocery store in South Dakota to implement barcode scanning.

"At one time we were on the cutting edge of technology," Don Feist said.

Moving forward Lynn's Dakotamart will be looking into growing trends of how people shop.

"I would see a lot more online shopping," Don Feist said. "I would think that that's going to happen

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sooner than later.”

Everyone in the Feist family feels the same immense connection to the communities that drove their father to build a grocery legacy, as well as an appreciation for the people who live and work in those communities.

“The Kelly family had the Faith grocery store for 50 years (before the Feist family bought it),” Don Feist said. “To think that here we are 50 years later. Two families have served the Faith community for 100 years now. You’re just humbled.”

“It’s very rewarding,” Georgia Feist said. “Even though I’m not active (in the business) it’s still important to me to see how it’s gone.”

Lynn’s Dakotamart operates grocery stores in Faith, Sturgis, Lead, Belle Fourche, Custer, Pierre, Ft. Pierre, Ft. Thompson, Hot Springs, and Martin.

Lynn’s Dakotamart will be celebrating its 50-year mark with customer appreciation lunches and giveaways, which started Oct. 1. Look for inserts in your local papers or go to www.lynnsdakotamart.com for full details on what’s happening at your local store.

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

Deadwood mayor, state Rep. Chuck Turbiville dies at 75

DEADWOOD, S.D. (AP) — Deadwood Mayor Chuck Turbiville, a veteran Republican lawmaker who returned last year to the South Dakota House, has died just weeks before he faced re-election to the Legislature. He was 75.

Turbiville died early Saturday in his home, according to the Lawrence County Sheriff’s Office, which was called to the home. County Coroner Marty Goetsch listed the preliminary cause of death as a probable stroke, but the investigation remains open, the Sheriff’s Office said.

Turbiville had been mayor of Deadwood, an Old West gambling town of about 1,300, for the past six years. He served 10 years in the Legislature — first from 2005-13, returning to the House in 2017 — and was seeking re-election next month.

In an email Friday, Turbiville told the Black Hills Pioneer that he wanted “to make South Dakota a safe and enjoyable place to raise our children.”

“Chuck was a true gentleman. He always worked hard for Deadwood, Lawrence County, and our state. Chuck was a good friend and he made every visit to Deadwood special,” Republican Gov. Dennis Daugaard said in a statement Sunday.

South Dakota GOP Chairman Dan Lederman issued a statement saying Turbiville’s death “leaves a huge void in our communities, and in our hearts.”

Daugaard, who cannot run again because of term limits, does not plan to appoint a successor to serve the final months of Turbiville’s term, which ends in January. Turbiville’s name will remain on the Nov. 6 ballot. If he is re-elected, the new governor will appoint a replacement.

Funeral arrangements are pending. Daugaard plans to ask that flags across South Dakota fly at half-staff on the day of Turbiville’s funeral.

Data show northern Sioux Falls children have tough road

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Children who grow up in Sioux Falls’ northern neighborhoods live with crime and poverty, miles away from the nearest high school, and generally face a tougher road in life, according to tax and census data.

The data analyzed by the U.S. Census Bureau, a Harvard University economist and other researchers show that children in northern Sioux Falls grow up to earn \$23,000 annually on average, the Argus Leader reported .

That’s worse than any other neighborhood in the city, according to the Opportunity Atlas, a national data tool released this month by a Harvard-based research and policy institute.

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"I think it just seems intuitive that regardless of what your political and social beliefs are, you should have an opportunity to do as well or better than your parents," said Sarah Merchant, a researcher who worked on the project.

The main goal is to address mobility problems in communities across the country — not in terms of physical movement but in terms of movement across social strata, said Shannon Felton Spence, a spokeswoman for the institute.

"We think that mobility is the basic definition of the American Dream, meaning that if you work hard, you have an opportunity in America to do better than your parents did," Felton Spence said.

Sioux Falls officials are working to improve conditions in the northern neighborhoods.

Some children have to take the bus nearly 5 miles across town to attend high school, but officials have promised to build new schools closer to the area as part of a \$190 million bond measure passed by voters in September.

Police also have stepped up their presence in the area since a teenager was beaten to death there in 2016.

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

Mount Marty College opens new nursing center, simulation lab

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — Mount Marty College has opened a new nursing center and simulation lab to provide hands-on training in a range of health care situations from basic health assessments to advanced life support.

The Yankton college's new Avera Nursing and Simulation Center held an open house this month to celebrate the facility's opening, the Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan reported.

"Our nursing program is something we're very proud of, but it's true that our facilities and technology haven't always kept up with the quality of education," said college President Marc Long. "That changes today."

The simulation rooms are set up to resemble an average hospital or clinic room, as well as a space similar to assisted-living quarters. Each room contains human-like dummies.

Alumna Jenny McGinnis, who's a nurse practitioner at the Yankton Medical Clinic, said the simulation aspect is being highlighted because it provides nursing students a chance to fail in a safe environment. The simulation experience will increase students' confidence and proficiency in patient care prior to graduation, she said.

"I'd like to say that I came out (of the college) polished and shiny, but I wasn't," McGinnis said. "This gives our students an opportunity — especially in the review of their simulations — to see where they could improve."

The school has seen an uptick in freshmen enrolling as nursing students, said Dr. Mary Anne Krogh, the college's first Dean of Nursing and Health Sciences. Krogh believes the enrollment increase is in part due to the new simulation labs.

Avera Sacred Heart Hospital CEO and Regional President Doug Ekeren said the facility is important to the community.

"Nurses are at the core of this resource, but other disciplines — including physicians, nurse practitioners and EMTs — will benefit from this," Ekeren said. "But I think the real benefit will be for the future patients that will be serviced by folks that had the opportunity to use these resources. This is a critical improvement to ensure that there is adequate availability of trained, competent health care professionals in this region."

Information from: Yankton Press and Dakotan, <http://www.yankton.net/>

Malta academic in Trump probe has history of vanishing acts

By RAPHAEL SATTER, Associated Press

SWIEQI, Malta (AP) — It was her last day of class and Leida Ruvina was getting suspicious.

The Albanian student had just finished the first module in what was purported to be a doctoral program co-administered by Slovenia's Euro-Mediterranean University, but the place didn't look like much of a university.

It didn't have a campus; the room she was sitting in had been rented from a local tourism school in the Slovenian spa town of Portoroz. She didn't have a matriculation number, the code used by educational institutions to track students' progress. And the French translation of "Euro-Mediterranean" in the university's seal was misspelled.

She raised her hand to ask the university's president what was going on. Joseph Mifsud, a paunchy middle-aged administrator with an easy manner and a graying widow's peak, assured Ruvina that everything was in order, complimented her on her English and offered to advise her on her dissertation.

"If you want, I can be your mentor," she recalled him telling her.

Mifsud, however, was in no position to be anyone's mentor. The Ph.D. program was bogus and Mifsud would soon be ousted in a scandal.

Ruvina eventually got a refund for the two weeks she spent at the university in 2012 and began her dissertation elsewhere. Mifsud has since shot to international prominence as a lynchpin of the investigation into Donald Trump's presidential campaign and its ties to the Russian government.

A court document made public last year by U.S. prosecutors alleged that it was Mifsud who dropped the first hint of the hacking that rocked the 2016 U.S. election when he met Trump adviser George Papadopoulos on April 26, 2016, in London and told him the Kremlin had "thousands of emails" on his Democratic presidential rival, Hillary Clinton.

An Associated Press investigation of Mifsud's career has uncovered an international trail of mismanagement and financial problems stretching over a decade. It doesn't answer the key question of whether Mifsud was acting on behalf of Russian interests — wittingly or otherwise — when he allegedly passed the tip to the Trump campaign team, but it does sketch out a bizarre academic career punctuated by scandals and disappearing acts.

When Mifsud's name first surfaced in connection with U.S. special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian meddling in the 2016 election, Mifsud denied discussing emails with Papadopoulos or having any connection to Russia. He then fell off the map for nearly a year, leading some to speculate he might be dead.

Mifsud's Swiss-German lawyer, Stephan Roh, has recently assured the AP that Mifsud is alive and has disputed almost all the allegations against him, saying via email that the 58-year-old hadn't committed any crime and that the claims leveled against him are either old, unsubstantiated or consist of what he described as "defamatory departing music."

Asked about the Albanian student's story, for example, which the AP corroborated using contemporaneous emails, certificates and a document bearing Mifsud's signature, Roh said her claim "seems not plausible."

"You forget about many positive things about Prof Mifsud," Roh said. "My suspicion is that this may be on purpose."

Roh said he last heard from his client earlier this month through an intermediary he refused to identify and last saw him face-to-face in May.

His office sent the AP a photograph of the Maltese academic, sporting three-day stubble and seated across a signed power of attorney document. The photograph also appears to show a copy of the Democratic National Committee lawsuit against Trump and the Russian government, in which Mifsud is named as a co-defendant, and the May 17 edition of Zurichsee-Zeitung, a Swiss-German newspaper. Metadata embedded in the picture, including geographic coordinates and altitude data, suggest it was taken with an iPhone at Roh's office in the Swiss city of Zurich on May 21. Roh said he only provided the image to

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prove he was Mifsud's attorney and asked the AP not to publish it.

The cloak-and-dagger surrounding Mifsud's whereabouts has invited all manner of dark theories, some of them nurtured by Roh himself. Earlier this year, Roh co-wrote and self-published a 284-page book speculating that both Mifsud and Papadopoulos were pawns of the Western intelligence community and had been enlisted in what Roh described as a conspiracy to create the appearance that the Trump campaign had cooperated with the Russian government.

Mifsud is hiding "under instruction of the intelligence agencies," Roh claimed, saying that unidentified spies were trying to keep Mifsud quiet as they worked to discredit Trump.

In fact, Mifsud's vanishing act is not out of character.

The AP has documented at least three previous efforts by Mifsud to drop out of the public eye after being caught up in controversies. Laris Gaiser, a Slovenian crisis consultant who was brought in to investigate Mifsud's tenure at the Euro-Mediterranean University, said that going off the grid is Mifsud's modus operandi.

"Disappearing for him is the most perfect way to survive," Gaiser said.

Mifsud studied education in Italy and Northern Ireland before returning to his native Malta in the 1990s, just as the tiny Mediterranean nation was turning toward the European Union. In 2000, he was appointed general manager of the University of Malta's European Unit, which juggled grants and foreign exchange programs, eventually becoming its director.

Many of those who crossed paths with him were left unimpressed.

Matthew Caruana Galizia, the son of slain investigative journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia, was one of 15 participants at a 2006 university summer class taught in part by Mifsud. He said the academic floundered through his lecture and had "no idea what he was talking about."

"He spent the whole time trying to impress us and was coming off as a complete charlatan," Caruana Galizia said.

One of Mifsud's former deputies said Mifsud was a name-dropping networker focused on jockeying for funding and taking work trips abroad.

"He was hooked on travel," said Joseph Grech, who described working for Mifsud as the most stressful experience of his life.

Grech called his ex-boss a "hawwadi," a Maltese word roughly meaning "intriguer."

"He's in the gray zone," said Grech. "He fits perfectly in this gray zone of Trump and hackers."

In 2006, a new administration took office and immediately found issues with Mifsud's management. Among other problems, officials struggled to understand how Mifsud had managed his unit's finances, according to two former colleagues who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss confidential university business.

An auditor from PricewaterhouseCoopers was brought in to make sense of the situation, writing Mifsud a series of questions about how the money had been spent, the ex-colleagues said.

Mifsud, who had gone on loan to Malta's Foreign Office in the meanwhile, didn't return repeated messages requesting clarification. Eventually, the university lost patience with the missing academic and wrote to him on Nov. 15, 2007, threatening to terminate his job.

It was only the following month that Mifsud responded — to tell the university he was quitting.

Roh said the University of Malta allegations stemmed from Mifsud's decision to refocus his work with a university in Rome, a move Roh said "was not appreciated." He offered no comment on hints that Mifsud's personal finances were falling into disarray around the same time. Maltese court documents show that, on April 9, 2008, the Bank of Valetta won an order garnishing Mifsud's wages over an unpaid 1,780 euro debt.

As Mifsud burned his bridges in Malta, he was laying the foundations for a new career in Slovenia.

It was in this small ex-Yugoslav republic that officials had set up the Euro-Mediterranean University, soon adopted by the 43-nation Union for the Mediterranean as the academic prong of a wider effort to foster stability, prosperity and cultural exchanges across the Mediterranean Sea. Mifsud was picked to be its first president in November 2008.

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In its first few years, the lightly resourced university limped along in relative obscurity. Glossy annual reports ran more than 100 pages filled with buzzwordy aspirations of "raising awareness of multiethnic, multicultural and multi-religious diversity of the Euro-Mediterranean," but there were no full-time students and there was little education beyond summer classes.

When a new government took office in Slovenia in 2012, officials asked Gaiser, the consultant, to look into the situation. Gaiser said in a telephone interview that Mifsud's personal accounts were indecipherable. As the university languished, its president had flown around the world, striking more than 200 cooperation agreements with universities "from Rabat to Moscow."

"He was a traveling machine," Gaiser said.

Mifsud was forced to resign, according to both Gaiser and Abdelhamid ElZoheiry, the Euro-Mediterranean University's current president. They said the university initially agreed to pay him through the summer as long as he produced a handover, but that never happened.

University board minutes show that Mifsud instead skipped town, saddling the institution with about 30,000 euros worth of "allegedly ineligible costs," including telephone bills charged to the university's Visa card. In a replay of his disappearing act at the University of Malta several years earlier, Mifsud suddenly became unreachable. The minutes said that letters from the Euro-Mediterranean University demanding an explanation for his spending — sent to addresses in London, Malta and Rome — went unanswered.

A 2013 Slovenian government report was scathing about Mifsud's performance, saying his administration had left the university "in an unfavorable financial, personnel and organizational condition" and with "no reputation, either at home or abroad."

Roh insisted Mifsud's expenses "may have been rightful" and emphasized that the matter never went to a trial.

In fact, EMUNI officials discussed flagging Mifsud to OLAF, the European Anti-Fraud Office, according to an email seen by the AP. ElZoheiry said the management board eventually calculated that it wasn't worth pursuing Mifsud in court.

"We would have spent much more than 30,000 euros in legal fees," ElZoheiry said.

As ElZoheiry and others worked to turn their university around, Mifsud turned toward London, where he would eventually intersect with Papadopoulos, the Trump campaign aide.

Mifsud was brought on to the now-defunct London Academy of Diplomacy. It was via his Russian personal assistant there that Mifsud got in touch with the director of the Moscow Academy of Diplomacy, Evgeny Bazhanov, and Russian International Affairs Council representative Ivan Timofeev, according to a copy of the assistant's CV still posted to LinkedIn.

In early 2016, Mifsud would introduce Papadopoulos to Timofeev and the latter two would go on to speak for months about potentially arranging a trip by candidate Trump to Moscow. Those were among the conversations that Papadopoulos tried and failed to misrepresent to the FBI, eventually earning the former campaign staffer a two week prison sentence .

Timofeev has repeatedly declined to discuss Papadopoulos when quizzed about him by the AP, but in June he told CNN that the Trump adviser was disorganized and unprofessional and that the conversations between the two went nowhere.

Mifsud doesn't appear to have behaved any more professionally in Russia himself.

He vanished without explanation from a venture he helped set up between Moscow State University and another university in Rome in late 2016, according to Moscow State academic Yury Sayamov, who said that email addresses for Mifsud and his deputies at the London Academy of Diplomacy suddenly stopped working and phone calls went unanswered.

Roh insists that Mifsud was in touch with Sayamov into 2017. In any case, the Russian academic remembers Mifsud fondly.

"If we could continue professional contacts with him, we would," Sayamov said. "He was a communicative, pleasant person."

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The AP's investigation into Mifsud began in August, when a reporter traveled to Malta in a vain attempt to locate the academic.

Others had tried before. Last year, two separate Italian police forces failed to find Mifsud in relation to yet another university funding scandal in Sicily, according to Italian court records. Mifsud was a no-show at his trial in the Sicilian port city of Palermo, where he was last month ordered to hand back more than 49,000 euros (\$56,700) in overpayments.

Maltese politicians who once smiled for pictures with Mifsud now barely seem to remember him. Roh said in his book that former associates were treating the academic "as a plague victim."

Even Mifsud's family is saying nothing.

When the AP visited Mifsud's old address in the Maltese town of Swieqi on Aug. 13, his wife Janet appeared at the balcony — only to retreat inside when she realized a reporter was at the door.

"I have no intention of ever commenting on this matter," she said in an email the next day. Twenty minutes later, the Mifsuds' adult daughter, Giulia, sent the AP an almost identical message.

Janet Mifsud has filed for divorce, according to Maltese court records seen by the AP. Few details were provided and Janet's lawyer, Carmelo Mifsud Bonnici, hung up when called for clarification. Roh said in his email that the couple had already been separated for "many, many years," that they had not seen one another in a long time and that Joseph "is a single man."

The filing did suggest Janet Mifsud hasn't heard from her husband in a while. When the AP visited the London address the divorce court document gave for Joseph Mifsud — a brick apartment building in the capital's prosperous Pimlico neighborhood — the man who answered the door said he had been living there for three years and had never seen or heard of the academic.

Mifsud's disappearance contrasts with the media offensives undertaken by many others in the orbit of the special counsel's investigation into Russian interference. Papadopoulos and his wife Simona Mangiante, in particular, post constantly to Twitter, alleging that Mifsud is part of a convoluted conspiracy-within-a-conspiracy — a Western intelligence asset masquerading as a Russian intelligence asset to fake evidence that the Trump campaign colluded with the Kremlin.

Roh makes even more unverified claims. His book describes Mifsud as being "very close" not just to Britain's MI6 but to the Italian secret services and maybe other Western services besides. The book claims Mifsud had been taking orders from unidentified people with "strong ties to the Obama Administration" and that Papadopoulos was "most probably" a secret agent planted in the Trump campaign — a charge Papadopoulos called "fantasy."

But there is one theory about Mifsud that Roh, who has a Russian wife and Russian business ties, is utterly unwilling to entertain.

"He is certainly not a Russian spy," Roh writes. In one email to the AP, he insisted that this story discuss Mifsud's "clear and evidenced Western Intelligence role" and threatened legal action if Mifsud were described as "a Russian spy, asset, cut-out etc."

Many of those who have interacted with Mifsud laugh off the idea that he could have ever been spy or an asset of any kind.

Gaiser, the Slovenian consultant, said Mifsud was too incompetent to play any significant role in whatever machinations are purported to have happened between the Trump campaign and the Russian government.

"I do not believe he's the real connection to any real scandal. I'm closer to Melania Trump than he is to Putin," Gaiser said, referring to the first lady's Slovenian background. "If they're trying to impeach the most important president in the world with Mifsud, then they have nothing."

But Ruvina, the Albanian student who Mifsud once offered to mentor, isn't so sure.

She described Mifsud as a "common, greedy person" who had "the talent of not having a visible talent." She didn't know that Mifsud had been caught up in the U.S. special counsel's investigation until the AP told her, but she said she wasn't surprised at his alleged role.

"It's always the common guys that are used to play these parts," she said.

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Angela Charlton in Moscow and Chris Mangion in Malta contributed to this report.

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'Extremely dangerous' Hurricane Willa aims for Mexico's west

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Hurricane Willa has grown rapidly into an "extremely dangerous" near-Category 5 storm in the eastern Pacific, on a path to smash into Mexico's western coast between Mazatlan and Puerto Vallarta in the coming days.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center said early Monday that Willa could "produce life-threatening storm surge, wind and rainfall over portions of southwestern and west-central Mexico beginning on Tuesday." It predicted that Willa could become a Category 5 hurricane later Monday, generating life-threatening surf and rip tide conditions.

A hurricane warning was posted for Mexico's western coast between San Blas and Mazatlan, including Las Islas Marias. Tropical storm warnings ranged from Playa Perula north to San Blas and from Mazatlan north to Bahia Tempehuaya. The center said Willa is expected make landfall late Tuesday or early Wednesday.

By early Monday, Willa had maximum sustained winds of 155 mph (249 kph) and was centered about 230 miles (370 kilometers) south of Las Islas Marias and 175 miles (280 kilometers) south-southwest of Cabo Corrientes. It was moving north at 7 mph (11 kph).

Hurricane force winds extended 30 miles (48 kilometers) from the storm's core and tropical storm force winds were up to 90 miles (145 kilometers) out.

The hurricane center said 6 to 12 inches (15 to 30.5 centimeters) of rain should fall — and some places could see up to 18 inches (46 centimeters) — on parts of Mexico's western Jalisco, western Nayarit and southern Sinaloa states. It warned of the danger of flash flooding and landslides in mountainous areas.

Farther to the south, Tropical Storm Vicente weakened but was still expected to produce heavy rainfall and flooding over parts of southern and southwestern Mexico.

By early Monday, its core was about 195 miles (310 kilometers) southeast of Acapulco with top sustained winds of 45 mph (72 kph). The hurricane center said it could produce 3 to 6 inches (7.5 to 15 centimeters) of rain in parts of Guerrero, Michoacan, Colima and Jalisco states.

In Khashoggi case: Saudi calls, 'body double' after killing

By SUZAN FRASER and JON GAMBRELL, Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — A man appearing to wear Jamal Khashoggi's clothes left the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul following his killing there, according to a surveillance video, while a member of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's entourage made four calls to the royal's office around the same time, reports said Monday.

The reports by CNN and a pro-government Turkish newspaper came just a day before Prince Mohammed's high-profile investment summit is to begin in Riyadh and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has promised that details of Khashoggi's killing "will be revealed in all its nakedness."

That yet again adds to the pressure Saudi Arabia faces over the slaying of the Washington Post columnist. The kingdom's claim on Saturday that Khashoggi died in a "fistfight" met international skepticism and allegations of a cover-up to absolve the 33-year-old crown prince of direct responsibility.

Turkish media reports and officials maintain that a 15-member Saudi team flew to Istanbul on Oct. 2, knowing Khashoggi would arrive for a document he needed to get married. Once he was inside the diplo-

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matic mission, the Saudis accosted Khashoggi, cut off his fingers, killed and dismembered the 59-year-old writer.

CNN aired surveillance footage on Monday showing the man in Khashoggi's dress shirt, suit jacket and pants. It cited a Turkish official as describing the man as a "body double" and a member of the Saudi team sent to Istanbul to target the writer. The man is seen in the footage walking out of the consulate via its back exit with an accomplice, then taking a taxi to Istanbul's famed Sultan Ahmed Mosque, where he went into a public bathroom, changed back out of the clothes and left.

The state-run broadcaster TRT later also reported that a man who entered the consulate building was seen leaving the building in Khashoggi's clothes.

In the days after Khashoggi vanished, Saudi officials initially said that he had left the consulate, implying premeditation on the part of the Saudi team.

"After Turkish authorities and the media were allowed to inspect the consulate building in its entirety, the accusations changed to the outrageous claim that he was murdered, in the consulate, during business hours, and with dozens of staff and visitors in the building," Saudi Ambassador to the U.S. Prince Khalid bin Salman, a brother of the crown prince, wrote on Oct. 8. "I don't know who is behind these claims, or their intentions, nor do I care frankly."

A separate report by newspaper Yeni Safak said Maher Abdulaziz Mutreb, a member of Prince Mohammed's entourage on trips to the United States, France and Spain this year, made the calls from the consulate. The newspaper said the four calls went to Bader al-Asaker, the head of Prince Mohammed's office. It said another call went to the United States.

Yeni Safak cited no source for the information. However, pro-government newspapers have been leaking information about Khashoggi's killing, apparently with the help of Turkish security forces. Yeni Safak reported last week that Saudi officials cut off Khashoggi's fingers and then decapitated him at the consulate as his fiancée waited outside.

Officials in Saudi Arabia have not answered repeated requests for comment from The Associated Press in recent days, including on Monday. Saudi Arabia so far has not acknowledged or explained Mutreb's presence in Istanbul — nor that a forensics and autopsy expert was also on hand for Khashoggi's arrival at the consulate.

Last week, a leaked photograph apparently taken from surveillance footage showed Mutreb at the consulate, just ahead of Khashoggi's arrival. Mutreb's name also matches that of a first secretary who once served as a diplomat at the Saudi Embassy in London, according to a 2007 list compiled by the British Foreign Office.

Meanwhile, Saudi state media reported that both Prince Mohammed and King Salman made calls to Khashoggi's son, Salah, early on Monday morning. Statements from the agency said both the king and the crown prince expressed their condolences for Khashoggi's death.

A Saudi friend of Khashoggi who was in frequent touch with him before his death told the AP that Salah Khashoggi had been under a travel ban and barred from leaving the kingdom since last year as a result of his father's criticism of the government. The friend spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of repercussion. The Saudi statements did not acknowledge the ban.

Five Turkish employees of the consulate also gave testimonies to prosecutors on Monday, Turkish media reported. Istanbul's chief prosecutor had summoned 28 more staff members of the Saudi Consulate, including Turkish citizens and foreign nationals, to give testimony. Some Turkish employees reportedly said they were instructed not to go to work around the time that Khashoggi disappeared.

Saudi Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir on Sunday told Fox News that Khashoggi's killing was "a rogue operation" and that "we don't know where the body is."

"The individuals who did this did this outside the scope of their authority," he said. "There obviously was a tremendous mistake made and what compounded the mistake was the attempt to try to cover up. That is unacceptable to the government."

However, leading Republicans and Democrats in Congress are saying Saudi Arabia should face punishment over Khashoggi's killing. President Donald Trump also had talked about possible punishment but

said he didn't want to halt proposed arms sales to Saudi Arabia because, he maintained, it would harm U.S. manufacturers.

Britain, Germany and France issued a joint statement condemning the killing of Khashoggi, saying there is an "urgent need for clarification of exactly what happened."

In a statement Sunday, the governments said attacks on journalists are unacceptable and "of utmost concern to our three nations." They said the "hypotheses" proposed so far in the Saudi investigation need to be backed by facts to be considered credible.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel told reporters in Berlin on Sunday that she supports a freeze on arms exports to Saudi Arabia. German Economy Minister Peter Altmaier underlined that point Monday, calling for a joint European position as Germany "won't at this point approve any further arms exports because we want to know what happened."

Gambrell reported from Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Associated Press writers Aya Batrawy in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, and Geir Moulson in Berlin contributed to this report.

AP analysis: 'Obamacare' shapes opioid grant spending

By CARLA K. JOHNSON and NICKY FORSTER, Associated Press

With Republicans and Democrats joining forces again in a bipartisan effort to target the U.S. opioid crisis, an Associated Press analysis of the first wave of emergency money from Congress finds that states are taking very different approaches to spending it.

To a large extent, the differences depend on whether states participated in one of the most divisive issues in recent American politics: the health overhaul known as "Obamacare."

The AP analysis found states that expanded Medicaid under President Barack Obama's health overhaul reported spending their allocations more slowly than states that didn't expand the health insurance program to poor, childless adults.

Why? In states that expanded Medicaid, the insurance program already covers addiction treatment for nearly everyone who is poor and needs it.

Medicaid allows states to go beyond the basics with the grant money, while non-expansion states have to fill in for basic needs with fewer dollars, said Brendan Saloner, an addiction researcher at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. In effect, Medicaid expansion states had a running start on the opioid crisis, while states without the extra Medicaid funding hastened to catch up.

"Non-expansion states are dealing with populations more likely to be uninsured and more likely to need coverage for addiction treatment," Saloner said. In contrast, states with Medicaid expansion can use the grants to create new infrastructure, "asking providers to take risks by investing in new personnel, new systems and new ways of doing things," Saloner said. "The puzzle is how to keep momentum going after the funds are gone."

The Medicaid insurance expansion gives states a head start because they have "a coordinated, reliable and consistent source of coverage" for a demographic group hit hard by addiction, said Trish Riley, executive director of the National Academy for State Health Policy. "It's not grant funded. It's not stopgap," Riley said.

"Coverage matters, period," Riley said.

Thirty-three states have expanded Medicaid, receiving enhanced federal funding to cover poor adults. Historically, Medicaid has covered a large share of all addiction treatment in the U.S., more than all private insurance combined. Medicaid covers 4 out of 10 adults under age 65 with opioid addiction.

On Election Day, voters in Idaho, Nebraska and Utah will decide whether their states should expand Medicaid. Montana voters will decide on maintaining that state's expansion.

The emergency money from Congress was part of a two-year, nearly \$1 billion grant program. It was distributed according to a formula favoring states with more overdose deaths and treatment needs. California received nearly \$45 million. Texas got \$27.6 million. Florida got \$27.2 million.

States spent the money at different paces and on different services, the AP found. In total, states used

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the money to provide treatment to nearly 119,000 people with opioid addiction, including nearly 3,000 pregnant women. More than 33,000 people received recovery services, such as training and housing.

In Massachusetts, with Medicaid expansion already paying for treatment, the grant goes largely toward such recovery services. Phillip Oliver, a 48-year-old who has struggled with addiction since his early teens, is training to work in the restaurant industry; his tuition is covered by the grant.

Michael Robinson, who is in recovery from heroin addiction, got a care services coordinator, a \$500 benefit and a six-week training program in construction. Two months ago, the 25-year-old became a union carpenter and has been working on building projects across the Boston area since.

"It's a great thing they're doing," Robinson said. "The reason a lot of people stay getting high is they have nothing to look forward to. They don't have the jobs skills and the streets are all they know."

Tennessee, which has not expanded Medicaid, is spending its grant at a quicker pace than most other states, filling empty slots at treatment facilities that were instantly ready for more clients. One is Buffalo Valley Inc. with 14 locations around the state.

Thanks to the federal grant, Buffalo Valley is treating an additional 1,000 people a year with opioid addiction and without insurance. People like Tim Nolen, 36, of Nashville.

"I see it as a blessing," said Nolen, who after years addicted to pain pills is making progress with medication and counseling. "The biggest thing for me was, not having insurance, I could still get help and I didn't have to go bankrupt to get it."

The AP obtained the spending data via a Freedom of Information Act request filed with federal health officials.

The 12 months of spending totaled \$270 million, a portion of the \$1 billion Congress approved in 2016 to address opioid addiction under the 21st Century Cures Act.

To compare states, AP obtained year-end reports and analyzed actual expenditures from May 2017 through April 2018. States were required to report on money actually spent, not what they intended to spend.

In some states, structural delays — choosing contractors through competitive bidding, for example — led to less time for invoices to be submitted and paid by the end of the period. California officials said such processes and a deliberate effort to build an entirely new treatment structure explain why the state still had \$41 million of its grant left after the first 12 months.

The AP analysis found:

—States that did not expand Medicaid spent \$2,645 per patient on opioid addiction treatment on average. Expansion states spent \$1,581 per patient for treatment.

—States that did not expand Medicaid spent \$1,170 per person served on recovery support services. Expansion states spent \$446 per person served on recovery.

—States that did not expand Medicaid spent 71 percent of their grant money in the first year. Expansion states spent 59 percent of their grant money. States can get permission to carry over unspent money into the next year.

Virginia and Maine were counted as non-expansion states in AP's analysis because neither state's expansion was implemented in time to affect grant spending.

Federal officials said states had some leeway in how they categorized money spent but also got some guidance. For instance, states were instructed to categorize the opioid overdose drug naloxone under the "treatment" category.

It's too early to pinpoint whether the spending may be helping solve the crisis. The Trump administration has said a recent survey shows efforts are working. Fewer people used heroin in 2017 for the first time than the previous year. Fewer were misusing or addicted to prescription opioid painkillers. And more people were getting treatment for heroin and opioid addiction. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has released preliminary figures that appear to show a leveling off in overdose deaths.

In the shadow of the bitter fight over Brett Kavanaugh's Supreme Court confirmation, Congress passed the bipartisan Support for Patients and Communities Act, which includes multiple provisions to address the opioid crisis and reauthorizes the Cures Act grants through 2021. President Donald Trump is expected to sign the measure.

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Debbie Hillin of Buffalo Valley in Tennessee said she worries Congress won't continue the grants beyond that.

"It's an overwhelming concern. I still got people calling every day that I can't get into treatment services," Hillin said.

Johnson is an Associated Press medical writer and Forster is an AP data journalist. Associated Press writer Philip Marcelo contributed from Boston.

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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. MIGRANTS PUSH DEEPER INTO MEXICO

The caravan swells to an estimated 5,000 after many Honduran migrants find ways to cross from Guatemala as Mexican police block the official border crossing.

2. SAUDI KINGDOM EXPRESSES CONDOLENCES TO FAMILY

The official outreach to the slain Jamal Khashoggi's son comes as international pressure on Riyadh intensifies after it acknowledged the journalist was killed at the Saudi consulate in Istanbul under disputed circumstances.

3. 'OBAMACARE' SHAPES OPIOID GRANT SPENDING

The AP analysis finds states that expanded Medicaid reported spending emergency money from Congress more slowly than states that didn't expand it.

4. MALTESE ACADEMIC IN TRUMP PROBE GONE MISSING

But this is not the first time Joseph Mifsud, who allegedly dropped the first hints of Russian interference into the U.S. presidential election, has gone to ground, an AP investigation finds.

5. SWING VOTERS LEFT OUT IN HOT TEXAS SENATE RACE

Ted Cruz courts Republican powerbrokers while Democrat Beto O'Rourke rocks with Willie Nelson and campaigns with a Kennedy.

6. WILLA STRENGTHENS IN EASTERN PACIFIC

Forecasters say the Category 4 storm is on a path that could potentially bring landfall on a stretch of Mexico's western coast in the coming days.

7. WHAT TAIWAN'S PRESIDENT IS CALLING FOR

Tsai Ing-wen presses for a quick, transparent probe into the cause of the island's worst train crash in nearly three decades, one that killed 18 people and injured more than 180 others.

8. 'PRIORITIZE THE MOST IMPORTANT MATTERS FIRST'

House Democrats are expected to re-open the investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election if they sweep to power in November, but Rep. Adam Schiff says the scope should be narrow.

9. 'SEINFELD,' 'VEEP' ACTRESS HONORED

After a 35-year career and with two iconic TV characters to her name, Julia Louis-Dreyfus is honored with the Mark Twain Prize for lifetime achievement in comedy.

10. CHIEFS THUMP BENGALS

Patrick Mahomes throws for 358 yards and four touchdowns and Kansas City (6-1) rebounds from its only loss by throttling Cincinnati 45-10.

Julia Louis-Dreyfus gets a top award for comedy

By ASHRAF KHALIL, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a 35-year acting career and with two iconic television characters to her name — Elaine Benes of “Seinfeld” and foul-mouthed Vice-President Selina Meyer — Julia Louis-Dreyfus has been honored with the Mark Twain Prize for lifetime achievement in comedy.

On Sunday night at Washington’s Kennedy Center, the 57-year-old actress received a stream of testimonials from celebrities including Jerry Seinfeld, Stephen Colbert and 2010 Mark Twain recipient Tina Fey, touching on the multiple aspects of her career.

“We both started comedy in Chicago,” said Fey, paying tribute by tracking the similarities between their lives.

“We both moved on to ‘Saturday Night Live.’ We both lost our virginity to Brad Hall,” referring to Louis-Dreyfus’ husband and former SNL cast mate, sitting next to the honoree. Fey praised the “secret precision” of her comedy and her willingness to make her Seinfeld character so flawed.

“Julia let Elaine be selfish and petty and sarcastic and a terrible, terrible dancer,” Fey said. “Julia’s never been afraid to be unlikable -- not on screen and not in person.”

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WASHINGTON (AP) — House Democrats are expected to reopen the investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election if they win the majority in November. But they would have to be selective in what they investigate.

California Rep. Adam Schiff, the top Democrat on the House intelligence panel, has said his party would have to "ruthlessly prioritize the most important matters first."

The Republican-led Intelligence Committee was the only House panel to investigate Russian meddling, and its investigation is now closed. Republicans say they found no evidence of collusion between Russia and President Donald Trump's campaign.

Democrats say Republicans ignored key facts and important witnesses and want to restart parts of the investigation if they win the House. But some Democrats also worry that there could be a political cost if they overreach.

Schiff and other lawmakers say they are closely watching special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation and the Senate's Russia probe to look for gaps that they could fill. And if Mueller issues any findings, their investigative plans could change.

"My sense is that we want to be precise," says California Rep. Eric Swalwell, a Democratic member of the intelligence panel.

Here's a look at what Democrats are likely to investigate if they take the House majority.

MONEY LAUNDERING

Schiff has repeatedly said a priority for Democrats would be investigating whether Russians used laundered money for transactions with the Trump Organization.

Trump's businesses have benefited from Russian investment over the years. Schiff said he wants to know whether "this is the leverage that the Russians have" over Trump.

Other committees might also want to look into money laundering, including the House Financial Services panel.

It's unclear whether Mueller is probing money laundering related to the president's business.

MORE WITNESSES

The Democrats issued a list in March of several dozen people whom the committee hadn't yet interviewed when the Russia investigation was shut down. Democrats would want to call in some — but probably not all — of those witnesses. Former Trump campaign advisers Michael Flynn, Paul Manafort, Rick Gates, and George Papadopoulos are among them. They all pleaded guilty to various charges in the Mueller probe and have cooperated with prosecutors.

Important witnesses whose credibility Democrats have questioned might also be called back. That in-

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cludes Trump's former personal lawyer, Michael Cohen, who pleaded guilty in federal court in August to campaign-finance violations and other charges, and prominent Trump supporter Erik Prince, who met with Russians during the campaign. Prince was defiant in an interview with the intelligence panel in December.

"I believe there are those who were less than candid with us," says Illinois Rep. Mike Quigley, a Democratic member of the committee, referring to Cohen and Prince, among others.

Democrats have said they also want additional documents that Republicans refused to subpoena.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

House Republicans limited their Russia investigation to the intelligence panel, which traditionally conducts most of its business in secret. Democrats would probably spread the investigation over several other committees, opening it up and allowing for public hearings with top Trump officials.

Texas Rep. Joaquin Castro, a Democratic member of the intelligence panel, says they would try to be more transparent. The Republican investigation was "a way to keep everything behind closed doors," he said.

Democrats would also push to provide interview transcripts to Mueller, a step Republicans had resisted. The committee recently voted to make most of its Russia transcripts public, but it's unclear when that will happen.

DONALD TRUMP JR.

Democrats have pushed for more information about the president's son, Donald Trump Jr., and communications with his father and other aides related to a June 2016 meeting between Trump campaign officials and a Russian lawyer.

According to phone records he provided to Congress, Trump Jr. had a call with a blocked number several days before the meeting took place; he said he didn't recall with whom. Democrats want to subpoena additional phone records because Trump Jr. has insisted he didn't alert his father to the meeting beforehand. They also want more information about his communications with former Trump communications aide Hope Hicks.

Democrats may also look into direct messages on Twitter between Trump Jr. and WikiLeaks, the website that released emails from top Democratic officials during the 2016 campaign. Trump Jr. has released those direct messages, in which the website urged him to publicize its leaks.

TRUMP'S TAXES

Democrats in the majority would probably push for the release of Trump's tax returns, a task that would be up to the House Ways and Means Committee. Trump broke a decadeslong tradition by declining to release his returns during the campaign. The Republican House and Senate have declined to ask for them.

Lawmakers hope that access to Trump's taxes would reveal information about his financial entanglements with other countries, among other things. But getting them may not be easy. The tax-writing committees in Congress can obtain tax records from the IRS under the law, but it is possible the Trump administration would refuse to hand them over, prompting a court fight.

ISSUES RELATED TO COLLUSION

Since Republicans closed the Russia investigation earlier this year, Democrats on the intelligence panel have conducted some of their own investigations despite not having subpoena power. They have made some progress in probing Cambridge Analytica, a data analytics firm once employed by the Trump campaign that improperly gained access to data from millions of social media profiles. They have also investigated Republican operative Peter W. Smith, who worked to obtain Democrat Hillary Clinton's emails from Russian hackers, according to The Wall Street Journal. Smith died shortly after talking to the paper.

PROTECTION FOR ROBERT MUELLER

A Democratic House would probably try to move legislation to protect special counsel Mueller. Trump has repeatedly criticized Mueller and his investigation, calling it a witch hunt. Prompted by concerns that Trump

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may try to fire Mueller, the GOP-led Senate Judiciary Committee approved legislation in April that would give any special counsel a 10-day window to seek expedited judicial review of a firing. The bill would put into law existing Justice Department regulations that a special counsel can only be fired for good cause.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has refused to take up the bill in the Senate. But House Democrats would be expected to pass their own special counsel protection bill if they take the majority.

Growing caravan of migrants pushes deeper into Mexico

By MARK STEVENSON, Associated Press

TAPACHULA, Mexico (AP) — Thousands of Honduran migrants hoping to reach the U.S. stretched out on rain-soaked sidewalks, benches and public plazas in the southern Mexico city of Tapachula, worn down by another day's march under a blazing sun.

Keeping together for strength and safety in numbers, some huddled under a metal roof in the city's main plaza Sunday night. Others lay exhausted in the open air, with only thin sheets of plastic to protect them from ground soggy from an intense evening shower. Some didn't even have a bit of plastic yet.

"We are going to sleep here in the street, because we have nothing else," said Jose Mejia, 42, a father of four from the Honduran city of San Pedro Sula. "We have to sleep on the sidewalk, and tomorrow wake up and keep walking. We'll get a piece of plastic to cover ourselves if it rains again."

Adela Echeverria, 52, a single mother of three, teared up as she spoke about her plight.

"One of my companions went to look for some plastic," she said. "We are used to sleeping like this, taking care of each other. We don't want to be separated."

The group's advance has drawn strong criticism from U.S. President Donald Trump, who lashed out again Sunday at the Democratic Party over what he apparently sees as a winning issue for Republicans a little over two weeks ahead of midterm elections.

After blaming the Democrats for "weak laws" on immigration a few days earlier, Trump said via Twitter: "The Caravans are a disgrace to the Democrat party. Change the immigration laws NOW!"

In another tweet, he said the migrants would not be allowed into the United States.

Mexican President-elect Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador suggested Sunday that the United States, Canada and Mexico work out a joint plan for funding development in the poor areas of Central America and southern Mexico.

"In this way we confront the phenomenon of migration, because he who leaves his town does not leave for pleasure but out of necessity," said Lopez Obrador, who takes office Dec. 1.

The migrant caravan, which started out more than a week ago with less than 200 participants, has drawn additional people along the way and it swelled to an estimated 5,000 Sunday after many migrants found ways to cross from Guatemala into southern Mexico as police blocked the official crossing point.

Later in the day, authorities in Guatemala said another group of about 1,000 migrants had entered that country from Honduras.

In interviews along the journey, migrants have said they are fleeing widespread violence, poverty and corruption in Honduras. The caravan is unlike previous mass migrations for its unprecedented large numbers and because it largely began spontaneously through word of mouth.

Migrants received help Sunday from sympathetic Mexicans who offered food, water and clothing. Hundreds of locals driving pickups, vans and cargo trucks stopped to let them clamber aboard.

Civil defense officials for Mexico's southern state of Chiapas said they had offered to take the migrants by bus to a shelter set up by immigration officials about 5 miles (7 kilometers) outside Tapachula, but the migrants refused, fearing that once they boarded the buses they would be deported.

Ulises Garcia, a Red Cross official, said some migrants with injuries from their hard trek refused to be taken to clinics or hospitals, because they didn't want to leave the caravan.

"We have had people who have ankle or shoulder injuries, from falls during the trip, and even though we have offered to take them somewhere where they can get better care, they have refused, because they fear they'll be detained and deported," Garcia said. "They want to continue on their way."

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Garcia said he had seen cases of swollen, lacerated and infected feet. But "they are going to continue walking, and their feet won't heel as long as they keep walking," he said.

Jesus Valdivia, of Tuxtla Chico, Mexico, was one of the many who pulled his pickup truck over to let 10 or even 20 migrants hop in at a time, sometimes causing vehicles' springs to groan under the weight.

"You have to help the next person. Today it's for them, tomorrow for us," Valdivia said, adding that he was getting a valuable gift from those he helped: "From them we learn to value what they do not have."

Passing freight trucks were quickly boarded by dozens of migrants, and straining tuk-tuks carried as many as a half-dozen.

Brenda Sanchez of San Pedro Sula, Honduras, who rode in Valdivia's truck with three nephews ages 10, 11 and 19, expressed gratitude to "God and the Mexicans who have helped us."

Bolton faces tense talks with Russia over nuclear treaty

By JIM HEINTZ, Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — U.S. National Security Adviser John Bolton faces two days of high-tension talks in Moscow beginning Monday after President Donald Trump announced his intention to withdraw from a landmark nuclear weapons treaty.

Trump's announcement that the United States would leave the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces, or INF, treaty brought sharp criticism on Sunday from Russian officials and from former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, who signed the treaty in 1987 with President Ronald Reagan.

Trump said Russia has violated terms of the treaty that prohibit the U.S. and Russia from possessing, producing or test-flying ground-launched nuclear cruise missiles with a range of 500 to 5,500 kilometers (300 to 3,400 miles).

Russia has repeatedly denied allegations that it has produced and tested such a missile.

Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov was quoted as telling state news agency Tass that leaving the treaty "would be a very dangerous step."

It would "cause the most serious condemnation from all members of the international community who are committed to security and stability."

Konstantin Kosachev, head of the foreign affairs committee in Russia's upper house of parliament, said on Facebook that a U.S. withdrawal from the treaty would mean "mankind is facing full chaos in the nuclear weapons sphere."

"Washington's desire to turn back politics cannot be supported. Not only Russia, but also all who cherish the world, especially a world without nuclear weapons, must declare this," Gorbachev was quoted as telling the Interfax news agency.

Western reaction was mixed.

British Defense Secretary Gavin Williamson said the U.K. stands "absolutely resolute" with Washington on the issue and called on the Kremlin to "get its house in order," according to the Financial Times.

German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said that Trump's announcement "raises difficult questions for us and Europe," but noted that Russia hasn't cleared up allegations of violating the treaty.

The Kremlin hasn't directly commented on Trump's statement, but spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Sunday that "after the last statements, explanations of the American side will be required." Bolton and Russian President Vladimir Putin will meet on Tuesday. On Monday, Bolton meets with Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov.

U.S. Senator Bob Corker, a member of Trump's Republican Party, warned that withdraw from the INF could lead to undoing other arms treaties. But he suggested that Trump's statement could be aimed at pressuring Moscow rather than a firm determination to leave the treaty.

"Maybe this is just a move to say, look ... if you don't straighten up we're moving out of this," he said Sunday on CNN. "And I hope that's the case."

Sen. Rand Paul, also a Republican, pointed the finger at Bolton, saying on Fox News that he is likely the one advising Trump to withdraw and "I don't think he recognizes the important achievement of Reagan and Gorbachev on this."

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The prospect of withdrawing from the INF adds to the substantial tensions between Washington and Moscow, including allegations of Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential election and sanctions imposed over Russia's involvement in the eastern Ukraine conflict.

On Friday, the U.S. announced criminal charges against a Russian for alleged attempts to influence next month's midterm elections.

The treaty helps protect the security of the U.S. and its allies in Europe and the Far East, but has constrained the U.S. from developing new weapons.

The U.S. will begin developing them unless Russia and China agree not to possess or develop the weapons, Trump said. China isn't a party to the pact.

"We'll have to develop those weapons, unless Russia comes to us and China comes to us and they all come to us and say 'let's really get smart and let's none of us develop those weapons,' but if Russia's doing it and if China's doing it, and we're adhering to the agreement, that's unacceptable," he said.

Trump didn't provide details about violations. But in 2017, White House national security officials said Russia had deployed a cruise missile in violation of the treaty. Earlier, the Obama administration accused the Russians of violating the pact by developing and testing a prohibited cruise missile.

Russia has repeatedly denied that it has violated the treaty and has accused the U.S. of not being in compliance.

Defense Secretary James Mattis has previously suggested that a Trump administration proposal to add a sea-launched cruise missile to Washington's nuclear arsenal could provide the U.S. with leverage to try to persuade Russia to come back in line on the arms treaty.

Russia's Foreign Ministry said in February that the country would only consider using nuclear weapons in response to an attack involving nuclear or other weapons of mass destruction, or in response to a non-nuclear assault that endangered the survival of the Russian nation.

Trump's decision could prove controversial with European allies and others who see value in the treaty, said Steven Pifer, a former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine and now a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution who focuses on nuclear arms control.

"Once the United States withdraws from the treaty, there is no reason for Russia to even pretend it is observing the limits," he wrote in a post on the organization's website. "Moscow will be free to deploy the 9M729 cruise missile, and an intermediate-range ballistic missile if it wants, without any restraint."

In the past, the Obama administration worked to convince Moscow to respect the INF treaty, but made little progress.

"If they get smart and if others get smart and they say 'let's not develop these horrible nuclear weapons,' I would be extremely happy with that, but as long as somebody's violating the agreement, we're not going to be the only ones to adhere to it," Trump said.

Thomas Strong in Washington contributed to this report.

Khashoggi's killing threatens Trump dreams for Mideast peace

By JOSEF FEDERMAN, Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — In recent months, the Trump administration has repeatedly put off the release of its long-awaited Mideast peace plan. Now, the death of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi at the hands of Saudi agents may put the plan into a deep freeze.

Saudi Arabia's powerful crown prince, Mohammed bin Salman, was meant to be the linchpin of the plan, providing key diplomatic cover to both Israelis and Palestinians. But with the Saudi prince's credibility facing serious questions following Khashoggi's death, President Donald Trump may soon have to rethink his Mideast strategy.

"It definitely complicates their plans to release their proposal, if indeed they have one," said Dan Shapiro, who served as President Barack Obama's ambassador to Israel.

Trump took office promising a new approach to peace making between Israel and the Palestinians.

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Criticizing decades of failure by his predecessors, he named a Mideast team headed by his son-in-law and adviser Jared Kushner. The team has deep ties to Israel and the West Bank settler movement.

The Trump administration notably refused to endorse the establishment of a Palestinian state, distancing itself from the two-state solution favored by the international community for more than two decades.

Instead, Kushner's team turned to the Saudis, hoping that the kingdom's deep pockets and prestige in the Arab world could somehow help bring the Israelis and Palestinians together.

Kushner struck up a special relationship with the crown prince, portraying him as a swashbuckling force, a leader who could help modernize a troubled region. Last year, Kushner paid a secret visit to Saudi Arabia to discuss his strategy for Israel and the Palestinians.

But long before the current crisis over Khashoggi's death, the peace plan ran into trouble.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas was invited to Saudi Arabia twice last year to talk to Prince Mohammed about the emerging American proposal.

Palestinian officials say that in briefings with the Saudis, Abbas raised objections after concluding the plan would fall far short of his goal of establishing an independent state in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem.

Aides say Abbas believes the Americans want to keep him quiet by attracting large sums of money from Gulf Arab investors to develop the Palestinian economy. With the Palestinian front quiet, the United States could then proceed with the broader aim of creating an Israeli-Saudi alliance to serve as a regional counterweight to Iran.

In the meantime, his relations with the Americans have deteriorated. Abbas severed ties with the White House after the U.S. recognized Jerusalem as Israel's capital last December and then moved its embassy to the holy city. Relations worsened as the U.S. cut hundreds of millions of dollars of direct and indirect aid to the Palestinians.

Amid this backdrop, Abbas has already said he will not accept the White House initiative, arguing that Trump is unfairly biased in favor of Israel.

At the same time, Prince Mohammed's credibility has taken a beating with a series of questionable decisions in recent months. He has pushed for an unsuccessful blockade of Qatar, led a bloody and unpopular war in neighboring Yemen and abruptly cut off ties with Canada after its foreign minister criticized Saudi Arabia.

Although the prince has not been directly implicated in the death of Khashoggi at a Saudi Consulate in Turkey, the slaying has raised further questions about his suitability to lead.

A U.S. official familiar with the peace effort said the team remains committed to its plan and does not expect the crisis surrounding the Khashoggi killing to affect it.

The official added, however, that the team has not yet discussed the matter since the Saudis confirmed Khashoggi's death over the weekend, and plans a discussion in the coming days. He said it remains unclear when the proposal will be made public. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the issue with the media.

Israel and the Palestinians, wary of antagonizing the Saudis, also have said little about Khashoggi's killing. Israel has not commented, though Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu last week boasted in speeches about improved behind-the-scenes ties with moderate Arab countries, an apparent reference to Saudi Arabia. Abbas, meanwhile, expressed his "absolute confidence" in the Saudis last week.

Shapiro, the former U.S. ambassador, said that even if Trump agrees to work with the Saudis, the weakened Prince Mohammed is not in a position to "break taboos" and push the Palestinians into making concessions that are unpopular in the Arab world.

And on the international stage, he said other actors, including the U.S. Congress and the Europeans, will have deep misgivings about engaging with the crown prince, who is known by his initials MBS.

"That Saudi partner needs to be predictable, needs to be reliable, needs to be responsible. What this incident tells us is that that's not the Saudi partner we have right now," he said. "None of them are likely to sit with MBS anytime soon to strategize on regional matters and he will be seen as a pariah."

Mkhaimer Abusada, a Palestinian analyst, said he thinks the Khashoggi killing will have a "huge effect" on the crown prince's own behavior as well.

"I think from now on, he is going to count his steps carefully and stop being that impulsive," he said. "The Palestinians will reject the U.S. peace plan when it's officially on the table and MBS will not be in any good position to wield any pressure on the Palestinians to accept it."

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Julia Louis-Dreyfus feted for career achievement in comedy

By ASHRAF KHALIL, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a 35-year acting career and with two iconic television characters to her name -- Elaine Benes of "Seinfeld" and foul-mouthed Vice-President Selina Meyer--Julia Louis-Dreyfus has been honored with the Mark Twain Prize for lifetime achievement in comedy.

On Sunday night at Washington's Kennedy Center, the 57-year-old actress received a stream of testimonials from celebrities including Jerry Seinfeld, Stephen Colbert and 2010 Mark Twain recipient Tina Fey--touching on the multiple aspects of her career.

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Florida's culture clash pits Gillum against Trump voters

By STEVE PEOPLES, Associated Press

THE VILLAGES, Fla. (AP) — President Donald Trump's loyalists here at Florida's premier retirement community fear Andrew Gillum.

It has nothing to do with his race, they insist, when asked about the 39-year-old Democrat who could become the state's first African-American governor. Instead, The Villages' deeply conservative residents are convinced a Gillum victory would trigger an era of high crime, higher taxes and moral failing.

"He'll kill everything that's good about Florida," says Talmadge Strickland, a 66-year-old retired firefighter wearing a "Trump 2020" baseball cap at a rally for Gillum's opponent. "He will hurt us; he will physically hurt us with his socialist mentality."

In an era defined by deep political partisanship, there's perhaps no state where the divide runs deeper than Florida, which is in the grip of a fierce culture clash over guns, race, climate change and the president. Gillum sits at the center of the melee, his campaign a proxy for the larger fight between Democrats and President Donald Trump's GOP.

Gillum's fate is inexorably linked to fellow Democrats whose success could determine control of Congress. That's especially true for three-term Democratic Sen. Bill Nelson, who could benefit from Gillum's appeal among young voters and minorities.

As early voting begins in Florida this week, that link is tenuous.

"New voters and infrequent voters are everything to us winning," Gillum told The Associated Press when asked about his impact on Nelson's race. "I think they will vote for both of us, and that will be to his benefit."

Young people and minorities are traditionally among the least reliable voters, particularly in midterm elections. Meanwhile, white voters in place like The Villages are lining up behind his opponent, former Republican Rep. Ron DeSantis.

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The electorate in Florida this year is especially unpredictable due to an unusual collision of events: a massive hurricane, the nation's deadliest high school shooting and Gillum's historic candidacy.

DeSantis has benefited from Trump's occasional backing on social media, including after the debate. And Gillum is scheduled to campaign this week alongside former Vice President Joe Biden and 2016 presidential nominee Hillary Clinton. In the interview, he noted he's been in touch with former President Barack Obama, who may campaign on his behalf.

Gillum acknowledged some Florida voters might oppose him because of his race, but insisted "that voter is not the majority of the people in our state."

During Sunday night's CNN debate, he accused his Republican opponent of fanning racial animus ever since DeSantis first warned Florida voters not to "monkey this up" by electing Gillum.

"The 'monkey up' comment said it all," Gillum charged. "He has only continued in the course of his campaign to draw all the attention he can to the color of my skin. The truth is, you know what, I'm black. I've been black all my life. So far as I know, I will die black."

Meanwhile, a small, but significant portion of the state's Republican base remains consumed by recovery efforts almost two weeks after Hurricane Michael devastated the Panhandle. The secretary of state extended early voting hours, but both sides expect a drop in turnout across the heavily-Republican region as residents struggle without electricity and lodging in many cases.

Nelson's challenger, Gov. Rick Scott, has yet to resume any campaign activities since the storm made landfall.

The state's other trauma — a school shooting earlier this year that left 17 students and staff dead at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland — looms over the races. Backed by the fortune of Democratic billionaires Tom Steyer and Michael Bloomberg, Florida's young people are fighting to be heard.

Those rallying behind Gillum in recent days include 16-year-old Sari Kaufman, a Parkland survivor who spent Sunday canvassing for the Democratic gubernatorial candidate.

In an interview, Kaufman suggested young people are more excited about Gillum than Nelson, particularly because of Gillum's status as a younger candidate running statewide for the first time.

"If he is successful and other candidates are successful, it will mean that my fellow classmates didn't die in vain," Kaufman said.

African-American leaders are also working to reverse their community's typical drop-off in midterm elections. NAACP President Derrick Johnson said his organization is "microfocused" on boosting black turnout this fall. A statewide canvassing effort is underway across Florida, where organizers hope to bump black turnout by at least 5 percent from four years ago.

It was easy to find evidence of Gillum's influence among so-called low-propensity voters in recent days, as activists from more than a half dozen competing groups scoured the state to ensure they cast ballots.

Anne Fazio, a 19-year-old Jacksonville student, was among thousands of people contacted at home over the weekend by the Koch-backed Americans For Prosperity's massive door-knocking push. Standing at her front door, she didn't hesitate when a conservative volunteer asked whether she was going to vote.

"I'm voting for Andrew Gillum," Fazio said, praising his support for gun control and expanding Medicaid coverage for hundreds of thousands of low-income residents.

Asked by the AP whether she would support Nelson, she said: "I think I'll probably vote for him — he's a Democrat, right?"

The Republican DeSantis is making little effort to expand his coalition as he embraces Trump and his policies in a state the president carried by 1 point.

DeSantis vowed during Sunday's debate to work closely with the Trump administration, while noting that Gillum has called for Trump's impeachment. "You've got to be able to work with the administration," DeSantis declared.

He also dismissed Parkland students' calls for stronger efforts to reduce gun violence when asked about his opposition to modest gun control measures passed by Florida's Republican-led legislature in the wake of the Parkland shooting.

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DeSantis said local law enforcement and school officials "let them down" by not acting sooner to detain the shooter and address his mental health issues sooner.

Meanwhile, a flood of money is shaping the Florida elections.

Since the beginning of September alone, each side has dumped more than \$44 million into television advertising for the governor's race. While that may be the most in the country, it's a fraction of the spending in Florida's Senate contest, according to political operatives tracking media spending.

Paced by the Scott campaign's \$50 million, the Republican side has invested nearly \$79 million in television spending since April compared to Democrats' \$49 million behind Nelson.

Back at The Villages, the attack ads against Gillum appeared to be resonating with retirees gathered for a Saturday DeSantis appearance that drew about 400.

"He scares me, I'm sorry," 75-year-old retiree Suzanne Zimmerman, a member of Villagers for Trump, said of Gillum.

His race has nothing to do with her fear, she said.

"Although Gillum does say that there are too many white men in government," Zimmerman added. "So that's unfortunate that he is actually a racist."

Both sides ignoring swing voters in hot Texas Senate race

By WILL WEISSERT, Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — With Mike Pence and Donald Trump Jr. already visiting the state and the president himself coming Monday, Ted Cruz is convening a veritable parade of Republican powerbrokers in the final weeks of the Texas Senate campaign to ensure Democrat Beto O'Rourke doesn't upset him.

O'Rourke is countering with the opposite. He's blowing off the Democratic Party's political luminaries and instead cranking up the cool — rocking with Willie Nelson, securing shout-outs from star rappers and road-tripping with a 38-year-old Kennedy whose family name still has its mystique.

While their approaches seem divergent, both candidates are opting to sacrifice one goal to accomplish another. They're trying to fire up the loyalists they see as key to victory, even if it means slighting moderates and undecided voters — energizing the right and the left while ignoring the middle.

"There's a common misconception that elections are mostly decided by so-called 'swing voters,'" O'Rourke's campaign wrote in its "Plan to Win." Cruz has for months noted that there are more Texas Republicans than Democrats, so if he guards against conservative complacency, he wins.

Both may be onto something. A recent Quinnipiac University poll that showed Cruz leading the race by 9 points also found that, among likely Texas voters who could name a Senate candidate, 96 percent had made up their minds.

"There are many of us who argue there is no middle and there are no swing voters left," said Texas Democratic consultant Colin Strother.

O'Rourke hasn't completely written off non-Democratic voters, trumpeting bipartisanship at rallies. But he hasn't softened a platform of universal health care, gun control, decriminalizing marijuana and offering a \$10,000-per-child federal grant for pre-kindergarten.

"Beto is saying, 'Hey look, you're all welcome here, but this is what I believe,'" Strother said.

After spending months hitting rural corners of the state that other Democrats gave up on decades ago, O'Rourke is now largely sticking to reliably blue venues such as college campuses, a Willie Nelson concert in Austin, a Houston show featuring rapper Bun B, Texas-Mexico border concerts and rallies and a Dallas sunrise jog.

The recent Austin City Limits festival was so choked with "Beto for Texas" T-shirts that it sometimes seemed the lanky Senate hopeful was headlining along with Metallica. And as R&B star Khalid won an American Music Award this month, he declared from the stage, "Shout-out to Beto."

"He's representing everyone and not just a certain group of people," said 18-year-old Anoosha Adtani, who joined a line of students snaking out the door when O'Rourke appeared at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

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Not on the schedule are ex-Vice President Joe Biden and former Secretary of State John Kerry, though they've pitched in on Democratic campaigns elsewhere. Liberal powerhouses like Sanders, Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez also haven't stumped for O'Rourke.

Instead, he's brought in Massachusetts Rep. Joe Kennedy III, who is enough of a greenhorn nationally that Cruz has made fun of him, laughing about how Kennedy drove O'Rourke between events and saying, "It may be the first time in history anyone's ever asked a Kennedy to drive." That raised in peoples' minds the deadly, 1969 car crash on Chappaquiddick Island involving Sen. Ted Kennedy, Joe's great-uncle.

With his party controlling the White House and Congress, Cruz now touts a Republican status quo he attempted to torch as a tea party firebrand. In addition to the Trump administration's top brass, fellow Texan John Cornyn, the Senate's No. 2 Republican, hosted a Washington fundraiser for Cruz despite their past policy clashes. Fox News host Sean Hannity and ex-Texas Gov. Rick Perry, now Trump's secretary of energy, also campaigned for him this weekend.

Still, George W. Bush lives in Dallas but isn't hitting the trail on Cruz's behalf, underscoring how he'd rather have Trump supporters than traditional, country-club Republicans.

A three-term El Paso congressman, O'Rourke has stayed within striking distance despite his party not winning any of Texas' nearly 30 statewide offices for almost 25 years. His crunch-time strategy is to mobilize 5.5 million people who "are very likely to vote for Beto if they vote, but who might not vote unless we contact them." That means prioritizing those who moved to Texas from other states and often settled in urban areas, and millennials who are "the most diverse, most progressive generation in American history," according to his playbook.

Chairman James Dickey said the Republican Party of Texas has been similarly contacting new and past sympathetic voters for months, not just in the race's final weeks.

"We have a very clear process that has worked very well," Dickey said.

Texas added 1.6-plus million registered voters since 2014's midterm elections, with young voters helping to power that surge. But Austin Republican analyst Derek Ryan noted that four years ago, only about 14 percent of the newly registered voters under 20 wound up casting ballots.

O'Rourke, though, insists that courting youth is no fool's errand.

"Young people have been coming out to our events in record numbers," he said after the San Antonio event. "I'm going where the leaders are."

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Mega Millions players would spend \$1.6B on bills, charity

CHICAGO (AP) — With the Mega Millions lottery jackpot at a record \$1.6 billion, people are snapping up tickets across the U.S.

The Powerball jackpot also has climbed. It's up to an estimated \$620 million for Wednesday's drawing. That would make it the fifth-largest jackpot in U.S. history.

But much of the focus has been on Tuesday's Mega Millions drawing and what would be the largest jackpot prize in U.S. history.

From San Diego to New York, people are dreaming of how they would spend the money should they beat the astronomical odds of winning.

Little Rock, Arkansas, housekeeper LaCrystal White initially said her first order of business would be to pay off bills and student loans, then buy herself a house and car. But the 34-year-old quickly reconsidered.

"Well, first I'm going to give something back to charity. That's what I'm going to do," White said. "I am. I'm going to give back to charity and then I'm going to splurge. Put up college funds for my kids and just set myself up for the rest of my life."

Then she told everyone who was at the gas station where she bought two Mega Millions tickets on Sunday that she would give them \$1 million each if she won. She went on to add that she planned to buy

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more tickets later.

Arkansas is one of 44 states where the Mega Millions is played. It's also played in Washington, D.C., and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Nathan Harrell was in downtown Chicago for work Saturday when he stopped in at a 7-Eleven and handed the clerk two \$20 bills — one for 10 Powerball tickets at \$2 each and the other for 10 Mega Millions at \$2 each. It's been a few years since he's spent anything on the lottery.

"It's gotta be in the news for me to think about it," the 36-year-old, who works in finance and lives on the city's North Side, said.

He said he and his wife have talked over the years about what they'd do if they won, and she said she'd keep working. "So she probably wouldn't want me to quit my job," he said.

Harrell said that as he rode the train to work, he had thought about what else he would do. He figures he'd set up a trust fund for his two children.

"We wouldn't sweat the small stuff anymore," he said. "Nothing crazy, but who knows."

In Phoenix, Tim Masterson, a 41-year-old scientist, ran into Kings Beer & Wine, an upscale convenience store and beer bar, to buy seven Mega Millions tickets while his family waited in the car outside.

Masterson paused when asked what he'd do with the money if he won. After looking at the wide variety of beers and ales on the shelves, he said: "I'd buy a brewery."

Nebraska mom Michelle Connaghan said she had mentioned the huge Mega Millions jackpot to her children, which led to a discussion of what the family would do with all that money.

"Other than paying off bills and taking care of family, I think I'd have the most fun going around and doing surprise good deeds for people," said Connaghan, 48, as she picked up pizza for her family and a Mega Millions lottery ticket at an Omaha convenience store. "I think that would be wonderful, to have the ability to help somebody who really needs it.

"And I'm sure we'd take some pretty awesome vacations while we were going around doing our surprise good deeds."

In New York City's financial district, Juan Ramirez, 69, said he would retire from at least one of his jobs. He works as a school maintenance worker and shorter order cook.

"I'd spend it carefully. I'd be prepared before I cash in, go see a financial adviser," he said, saying he would invest the money.

"I've got two jobs. I'd retire from one, maybe two. When I win the billion dollars, I will decide which one to quit.

"I would donate some money to charity, think about the homeless, people with less than me. I would help somebody."

Guillermo Carrillo, 42, of San Diego, works as a roofer and as a dishwasher at a restaurant.

Carrillo, who was buying tickets in suburban National City, dreams of buying a house for his mother in his native Guatemala. Then he would give money to each of his five sisters — also in Guatemala — to spend however they like. His five brothers would get nothing, he said.

For himself, he would buy a house in the San Diego area and replace his old pickup with a new one in his preferred color, red. He would also travel. Tops on his list are Paris, Spain, the ruins in Machu Pichu, Peru, and, of course, Guatemala.

"It's a lot of money and I hope we win," he said.

Dan Higgins isn't typically a lottery player, but he decided to give it a try as he grabbed a coffee at a 7-Eleven in the Brighton neighborhood of Boston on Sunday.

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"When it gets over a billion dollars it becomes compelling, so for \$2 to potentially get \$1.6 billion, that would be a pretty nice return on that investment," said Higgins, 51, who lives in nearby Brookline.

First on his agenda, should he win: putting in his two weeks' notice at his sales job. Other than that, he says he would take care of the education of his two kids, who will be entering college soon.

"That's obviously an awful lot of money, so I would really just help out my family in any way I could and probably buy a big house on the ocean somewhere."

At an Exxon store in Nashville, Tennessee, clerk Quin Newsom said nearly everyone who comes in is buying a Mega Millions ticket — including herself.

Asked what she would do if she won, the 22-year-old said, "I would split it with my co-workers. We're going to retire from here. And then I'd go to the Bahamas."

Beyond that: "I would invest in something, to keep the money rolling in. ... You gotta think with it."

Earl Howard, a lifelong New Yorker, said he plays the lottery "anytime it's big," even though he has never won anything. The odds of winning the Mega Millions grand prize are about one in 302 million.

"I'm still gonna do it. It doesn't matter what the odds are. You got to be in it to win it, and if you don't try you won't succeed," Howard said while shopping at a 7-Eleven in Brooklyn.

Asked what he would do with the money, Howard said: "Move out of New York. Take care of my mother and my kids and my wife. That's it. Save the rest. Nobody won't know I won."

Contributing to this report were Associated Press reporters Hannah Grabenstein in Little Rock, Arkansas; Sara Burnett in Chicago; Anita Snow in Phoenix; Margery Beck in Omaha, Nebraska; Ron DePasquale and Julie Walker in New York; Elliot Spagat in San Diego; Alanna Durkin Richer in Boston; and Travis Loller in Nashville, Tennessee.

'Halloween' scares up \$77.5 million in ticket sales

By LINDSEY BAHR, AP Film Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Forty years after he first appeared in theaters, Michael Myers is still drawing huge audiences for a good scare.

Universal Pictures said Sunday that "Halloween" took in an estimated \$77.5 million in ticket sales from North American theaters.

It captured first place at the box office with the second-highest horror opening of all time, behind last year's "It."

It also marked the second highest October opening ever behind "Venom's" \$80.3 million launch earlier this month.

The studio also says it's the biggest movie opening ever with a female lead over 55, in star Jamie Lee Curtis.

David Gordon Green directed "Halloween," which brings back Curtis as Laurie Strode and Nick Castle as Michael Myers and essentially ignores the events of the other sequels and spinoffs aside from John Carpenter's original.

Reviews have been largely positive for the new installment, with an 80 percent fresh rating on Rotten Tomatoes and a B+ Cinema Score from audiences that were mostly older (59 percent over 25) and male (53 percent). Internationally, "Halloween" earned \$14.3 million from 23 markets.

Blumhouse, the shop behind "Get Out" and numerous other modestly budgeted horror films, co-produced "Halloween" with Miramax. It cost only \$10 million to make.

"You take the nostalgia for 'Halloween,' especially with the return of Jamie Lee Curtis, and you combine that with the Blumhouse brand and its contemporary currency in the genre and it just made for a ridiculously potent combination at the box office this weekend," said Jim Orr, Universal's president of domestic distribution.

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With 10 days to go until the holiday, including another weekend, the studio expects "Halloween" to enjoy a much longer life than typical horror films that usually drop off significantly after the first weekend.

"Halloween" was enough to bump the comic-book film "Venom" out of the No. 1 spot and into third place. In its third weekend in theaters, it collected \$18.1 million, bringing its domestic total to \$171.1 million.

Meanwhile "A Star Is Born" held on to second place in its third weekend with \$19.3 million. The Bradley Cooper and Lady Gaga drama has grossed \$126.4 million from North American theaters and is cruising to break \$200 million worldwide Sunday.

Damien Chazelle's Neil Armstrong biopic "First Man" tumbled to fifth place in its second weekend earning \$8.6 million, down 46 percent from its launch.

It was a particularly busy week at the box office as critically acclaimed films such as the young adult adaptation "The Hate U Give" and the Robert Redford swan song "The Old Man & The Gun" expanded nationwide after a few weeks in limited release.

"The Hate U Give," now in 2,303 locations, placed sixth with \$7.5 million, and "The Old Man & The Gun" took 10th with \$2.1 million from 802 locations.

A number of well-received indies also made their debuts. At the top was Jonah Hill's directorial debut "Mid90s," which opened in four theaters with \$249,500 (or a \$62,375 per theater average).

The Melissa McCarthy film "Can You Ever Forgive Me," about the literary forger Lee Israel, grossed \$150,000 in five locations.

October has never been a particularly strong box office month, but 2018 has helped to change that. The weekend was up nearly 72 percent from the same weekend last October and the year to date is up nearly 11 percent.

"The industry is on a major roll right now," said comScore senior media analyst Paul Dergarabedian. "Audiences are responding to movies big and small right now — You can have your cinematic fast food and fine dining all at once right now. The movie-going experience is as viable and relevant as ever."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

1. "Halloween," \$77.5 million (\$14.3 million international).
2. "A Star Is Born," \$19.3 million (\$22.8 million international).
3. "Venom," \$18.1 million (\$32.3 million international).
4. "Goosebumps 2: Haunted Halloween," \$9.7 million (\$6.2 million international).
5. "First Man," \$8.6 million (\$13.4 million international).
6. "The Hate U Give," \$7.5 million.
7. "Smallfoot," \$6.6 million (\$14 million international).
8. "Night School," \$5 million (\$1.5 million international).
9. "Bad Times At The El Royale," \$3.3 million (\$2.5 million international).
10. "The Old Man & The Gun," \$2 million.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at international theaters (excluding the U.S. and Canada), according to comScore:

1. "Venom," \$32.3 million.
2. "A Star Is Born," \$22.8 million.
3. "Project Gutenberg," \$14.7 million.
4. "Halloween," \$14.3 million.
5. "Smallfoot," \$14 million.
6. "First Man," \$13.4 million.
7. "Goosebumps 2: Haunted Halloween," \$6.2 million.
8. "The Spy Who Dumped Me," \$5.7 million.
9. "Lost, Found," \$5.3 million.
10. "Hichki," \$4 million.

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Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Monday, Oct. 22, the 295th day of 2018. There are 70 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 22, 1979, the U.S. government allowed the deposed Shah of Iran to travel to New York for medical treatment — a decision that precipitated the Iran hostage crisis.

On this date:

In 1746, Princeton University was first chartered as the College of New Jersey.

In 1797, French balloonist Andre-Jacques Garnerin (gahr-nayr-AN') made the first parachute descent, landing safely from a height of about 3,000 feet over Paris.

In 1811, composer and piano virtuoso Franz Liszt was born in the Hungarian town of Raiding (RY'-ding) in present-day Austria.

In 1928, Republican presidential nominee Herbert Hoover spoke of the "American system of rugged individualism" in a speech at New York's Madison Square Garden.

In 1934, bank robber Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd was shot to death by federal agents and local police at a farm near East Liverpool, Ohio.

In 1962, in a nationally broadcast address, President John F. Kennedy revealed the presence of Soviet-built missile bases under construction in Cuba and announced a quarantine of all offensive military equipment being shipped to the Communist island nation.

In 1981, the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization was decertified by the federal government for its strike the previous August.

In 1986, President Reagan signed into law sweeping tax-overhaul legislation.

In 1991, the European Community and the European Free Trade Association concluded a landmark accord to create a free trade zone of 19 nations by 1993.

In 2001, a second Washington, D.C., postal worker, Joseph P. Curseen, died of inhalation anthrax.

In 2002, bus driver Conrad Johnson was shot to death in Aspen Hill, Md., in the final attack carried out by the "Beltway Snipers."

In 2014, a gunman shot and killed a soldier standing guard at a war memorial in Ottawa, then stormed the Canadian Parliament before he was shot and killed by the usually ceremonial sergeant-at-arms.

Ten years ago: Wall Street tumbled again as investors worried that the global economy was poised to weaken. The major indexes fell more than 4 percent, including the Dow Jones industrial average, which finished with a loss of 514 points. The fishing vessel Katmai sank in the Bering Sea off Alaska's Aleutian Islands, killing seven crewmen; four survived. India launched its first mission to the moon to redraw maps of the lunar surface. (India lost contact with its lunar satellite Chandrayaan-1 last August.) The Philadelphia Phillies won Game 1 of the World Series, defeating the Tampa Bay Rays 3-2.

Five years ago: The United States defended drone strikes targeting al-Qaida operatives and others, rejecting reports by Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International questioning the legality of attacks

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that the groups asserted had killed or wounded scores of civilians in Yemen and Pakistan.

One year ago: The latest allegations of sexual harassment or assault in Hollywood targeted writer and director James Toback; the Los Angeles Times reported that he had been accused of sexual harassment by 38 women. U.S.-backed fighters in Syria captured the country's largest oil field from the Islamic State group, marking a major advance against the extremists. Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe scored a major victory in national elections that decisively returned his ruling coalition to power.

Today's Birthdays: Black Panthers co-founder Bobby Seale is 82. Actor Christopher Lloyd is 80. Actor Derek Jacobi is 80. Actor Tony Roberts is 79. Movie director Jan (yahn) de Bont is 75. Actress Catherine Deneuve is 75. Rock musician Leslie West (Mountain) is 73. Former Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour is 71. Actor Jeff Goldblum is 66. Rock musician Greg Hawkes is 66. Movie director Bill Condon is 63. Actor Luis Guzman is 62. Actor-writer-producer Todd Graff is 59. Rock musician Cris Kirkwood is 58. Actor-comedian Bob Odenkirk is 56. Olympic gold medal figure skater Brian Boitano is 55. Christian singer TobyMac is 54. Singer-songwriter John Wesley Harding (Wesley Stace) is 53. Actress Valeria Golino is 52. Comedian Carlos Mencia is 51. Country singer Shelby Lynne is 50. Reggae rapper Shaggy is 50. Movie director Spike Jonze is 49. Rapper Tracey Lee is 48. Actress Saffron Burrows is 46. Actress Carmen Ejogo is 45. Former MLB player Ichiro Suzuki is 45. Actor Jesse Tyler Ferguson is 43. Christian rock singer-musician Jon Foreman (Switchfoot) is 42. Actor Michael Fishman is 37. Talk show host Michael Essany is 36. Rock musician Rickard (correct) Goransson (Carolina Liar) is 35. Rock musician Zac Hanson (Hanson) is 33. Actor Corey Hawkins is 30. Actor Jonathan Lipnicki is 28. Actress Sofia Vassilieva (vas-ihl-lee-A'-vuh) is 26. Actor Elias Harger is 11.

Thought for Today: "There is no such thing as notoriety in the United States these days, let alone infamy. Celebrity is all." — Christopher Hitchens, Anglo-American author and essayist (1949-2011).