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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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Groton Area has clean sweep over Deuel

Groton Area had a clean sweep of Deuel Monday night in Clear Lake winning all of the games. C match scores were 25-9 and 25-15. Junior varsity scores were 25-11 and 24-14. Varsity scores were 25-19, 25-13 and 25-18.

Nicole Marzahn led the Tigers with 10 kills and two digs. Jennie Doeden had nine kills, two ace serves and one block. Eliza Wanner had eight kills, one ace serve and nine digs. Indigo Rogers had four kills and one block. Kaylin Kucker had three kills, 32 assists, one ace serve and nine digs. Portia Kettering had two kills, 12 assists and three digs. Miranda Hanson had two ace serves and 10 digs. Payton Maine had four ace serves and 21 digs. Tadyn Glover had eight digs.

Groton Area had 36 kills compared to 23 for Deuel, 10 ace serves compared to three for Deuel, 62 digs compared to 60 for Deuel and each team had two blocks.

Jayden TeGantvoort led the Cardinals with 11 kills, one block and one ace serve while Kendra Damm had seven kills and Saycia Time had three kills, one block and one ace serve.

The Tigers finish the regular season with a 20-9 record while Deuel falls to 6-23.

Sioux Falls man claims \$100,000 Powerball prize

PIERRE, S.D. — While many South Dakotans are dreaming of their big win, Nicholas Rollings made it a reality when he claimed a \$100,000 Powerball prize.

The Sioux Falls resident matched four of five winning numbers in addition to the Powerball during Saturday's drawing. He also doubled his prize by choosing the Power Play option.

Rollings purchased the ticket at the Gas Stop on 41st Street and Western Avenue in Sioux Falls and noted that he was enticed by the large jackpots in this weekend's drawings.

Rollings' big win was actually a pleasant surprise Monday as he thought his winning ticket was worth \$200. A state of shock soon came over him when he visited the South Dakota Lottery's Sioux Falls location as it was revealed that he was the Mount Rushmore State's latest big winner.

After Rollings' shock subsides, he plans to buy a car and pay off some bills with his prize money. He also encouraged his fellow lottery players by saying, "just take a chance and dream a little."

The excitement will continue for South Dakota Lottery players as Tuesday's Mega Millions jackpot is currently at an unprecedented \$1.60 billion while the Wednesday's Powerball jackpot is currently at \$620 million. The South Dakota Lottery reminds its players to please play responsibly and that it only takes one ticket to win.

Groton Garden Club News

The Groton Garden Club met at the Methodist church with Laurie Mitchell and Pam Rix hosting. Ten members answered role call with a Halloween memory. The pledges were recited in unison. A donation from the McKiver family in memory of Jack was presented to the group. Bev Sombke reported on the Fall Board meeting held in Milbank. The State convention will be held in Sioux Falls either April 6 or May 18, 2019. The Smokey Bear-Woodsey Owl poster contest information will be taken to the elementary school this week. An application for a grant to install sprinklers in the park circle was sent in for the "Plant America" community grant. Next meeting will be at the home of Bev Sombke with Arlis Kluess assisting on November 19; Linda Anderson will have the program. Following adjournment Bev Sombke gave the program on "The little Free Garden," a project started in Aberdeen by Mary Worlie.

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October is Finally Falling into Cheaper Gas Prices

October 22, 2018 - The national gas price average is \$2.85. That is six-cents cheaper than this month's highest price of \$2.91, which was the most expensive average during the month of October since 2014. Today's price is also four cents cheaper than last week, the same price as last month and 39-cent more than this time last year.

South Dakota Average Gas Prices:

Current Avg. \$2.892
Yesterday Avg. \$2.904
Week Ago Avg. \$2.914
Month Ago Avg. \$2.860
Year Ago Avg. \$2.480

Reduced refinery runs, due to peak maintenance season, have contributed to stable gasoline inventories amid lower demand, which is a contributing factor driving gas prices down.

"Motorists across the country are seeing gas prices more than a dime cheaper than last week, with 41 states having less expensive state averages on the week," said Marilyn Buskohl, AAA spokesperson. "Prices are falling despite market concerns about global supply and geopolitical tensions, but that could change later this month ahead of the U.S. announcement of imposed sanctions on Iran."

Quick Stats

The nation's top 10 least expensive markets are: Delaware (\$2.56), Ohio (\$2.57), South Carolina (\$2.58), Mississippi (\$2.58), Missouri (\$2.59), Alabama (\$2.60), Louisiana (\$2.60), Texas (\$2.61), Arkansas (\$2.61) and Oklahoma (\$2.61).

The nation's top 10 largest weekly decreases are: Ohio (-12 cents), Delaware (-10 cents), Michigan (-10 cents), Indiana (-10 cents), Kentucky (-8 cents), Iowa (-7 cents), Maryland (-7 cents), Illinois (-7 cents), Oklahoma (-7 cents) and Missouri (-6 cents).

Great Lakes and Central

Seven Great Lakes and Central states land on this week's top 10 list with the biggest declines for a second week: Ohio (-12 cents), Michigan (-10 cents), Indiana (-10 cents), Kentucky (-8 cents), Iowa (-7 cents), Illinois (-7 cents) and Missouri (-6 cents).

In the region, South Dakota (\$2.89) has the most expensive gas price average this week, followed by North Dakota (\$2.86) and Illinois (\$2.82). With the significant price drops this week, Ohio (\$2.57) and Missouri (\$2.59) have the cheapest price in the region and rank among the top 10 least expensive pump prices in the country.

Oil market dynamics

At the close of Friday's formal trading session on the NYMEX, WTI increased 47 cents to settle at \$69.12. The crude market mostly saw losses last week following EIA's latest weekly petroleum report, which showed domestic crude inventories grew by 6.5 million bbl. Total crude inventories now sit at 416.4 million bbl, marking the fourth week of consecutive growth and highest level since late June. The larger-than-expected growth in crude levels shocked the market, leading crude prices to fall. This week, prices could rise again due to concerns about U.S.-Saudi Arabia relations and upcoming U.S.-imposed sanctions on Iran's crude exports.

Motorists can find current gas prices along their route with the free AAA Mobile app for iPhone, iPad and Android. The app can also be used to map a route, find discounts, book a hotel and access AAA roadside assistance. Learn more at AAA.com/mobile.

AAA provides automotive, travel, and insurance services to 59 million members nationwide and nearly 97,000 members in South Dakota. AAA advocates for the safety and mobility of its members and has been committed to outstanding road service for more than 100 years. AAA is a non-stock, non-profit corporation working on behalf of motorists, who can now map a route, find local gas prices, discover discounts, book a hotel, and track their roadside assistance service with the AAA Mobile app (AAA.com/mobile) for iPhone, iPad and Android. For more information, visit www.AAA.com.



Doug Fjeldheim County Commission

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

My fellow taxpayers of Brown County:

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

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

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

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

Doug Fjeldheim

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Doug Fjeldheim County Commission

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

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

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Today in Weather History

October 23, 1995: A major fall storm hit Central and Northeast South Dakota and dropped from four inches to one foot of wet snow. The heavy wet snow combined with high winds gusting up to 50 mph snapped several thousand power poles and downed hundreds of miles of line in the counties of Buffalo, Hand, Spink, Roberts and Grant. In Day and Lyman Counties, a few poles were downed with some short lived power outages. Marshall County had no reports of damage or power outages. Several thousand people were left without power for several hours up to several days. Power was not restored to some people until the fourth of November. Portions of Interstate 90 and Interstate 29 were closed from the evening of the 23rd until the morning of the 24th leaving hundreds of motorists stranded. There were also numerous school delays and closings. Many trees and some crops were also damaged as a result of the weight of the snow and high winds. Some snowfall amounts included, 4 inches near Reliance, at Doland, and near Victor, 5 inches southeast of Stephan and at Sisseton, 6 inches south of Ree Heights and at Eden, eight inches at Waubay and Grenville, 9 inches at Clear Lake, 10 inches at Watertown, and 12 inches at Summit and Milbank. This storm was the third damaging storm to the rural electric cooperatives this year and has been called the worst natural disaster in the history of the rural electrics. The total damage estimated for the rural state electrics was \$9.5 million.

1091: The earliest known tornado in Britain, possibly the most severe on record, hit central London. The church at St. Mary le Bow was severely damaged. Four rafters, each 26 feet long were driven into the ground with such force that only four feet protruded above the surface. Other churches in the area were also demolished along with over 600 houses.

1878: One of the most severe hurricanes to affect eastern Virginia in the latter half of the 19th century struck on October 23, 1878. This storm moved rapidly northward from the Bahamas on October 22nd and hit the North Carolina coast late that same day moving at a forward speed of 40 to 50 mph. The storm continued northward passing through east central Virginia, Maryland and eastern Pennsylvania. The barometric pressure fell to 28.78". The five minute sustained wind reached 84 mph at Cape Henry. During the heaviest part of the gale, the wind at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina registered 100 mph. The instrument itself has finally blown away and therefore no further record was made.

1920: Famed research meteorologist Theodore Fujita, was born on this date in Kitakyushu City, Japan. Fujita, known as "Mr. Tornado" after developing the international standard for measuring tornado severity, also discovered microbursts.

1947: Fish fell from the sky in Marksville, LA. Thousands of fish fell from the sky in an area 1,000 feet long by 80 feet wide possibly due to a waterspout.

2015: On this day, Hurricane Patricia became the most powerful tropical cyclone ever measured in the Western Hemisphere as its maximum sustained winds reached an unprecedented 200 mph (320 kph) and its central pressure fell to 879 millibars (25.96 inches of mercury). Hurricane Patricia became the strongest Pacific hurricane on record shortly after midnight CDT early on Oct. 23. Air Force Hurricane Hunters had flown through the eye of Patricia and reported a sea-level pressure of 894 millibars as measured by a dropsonde inside the eye itself. Wind measurements suggested that the pressure measurement was not in the exact center of the eye and was probably not the absolute lowest pressure, prompting NHC to estimate the minimum central pressure at 892 millibars in its special 12:30 a.m. CDT advisory. Tropical cyclone strength comparisons are typically based on minimum central pressure. At 892 millibars, Patricia shattered the Eastern Pacific basin's previous record of 902 millibars set by Hurricane Linda in 1997. While a number of typhoons in the western North Pacific have been stronger, Patricia is now by far the strongest hurricane on record in any basin where the term "hurricane" applies to tropical cyclones – namely, the central and eastern North Pacific basins and the North Atlantic basin, which includes the North Atlantic Ocean itself plus the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea.

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Today



Sunny

High: 54 °F

Tonight



Increasing
Clouds

Low: 35 °F

Wednesday



Partly Sunny
then Chance
Rain

High: 56 °F

Wednesday
Night



Chance Rain

Low: 44 °F

Thursday



Slight Chance
Rain

High: 59 °F

Sunny & Dry Again Today

Highs 45 East – Mid 60s South

Becoming Breezy West ↷



Rain Wed/
Wed Night



National Weather Service
Aberdeen, SD

Updated: 10/23/2018 2:38 AM Central

Published on: 10/23/2018 at 2:40AM

Another sunny and dry day is expected over the forecast area. However, a system will bring light rain to the area for Wednesday and Wednesday night.

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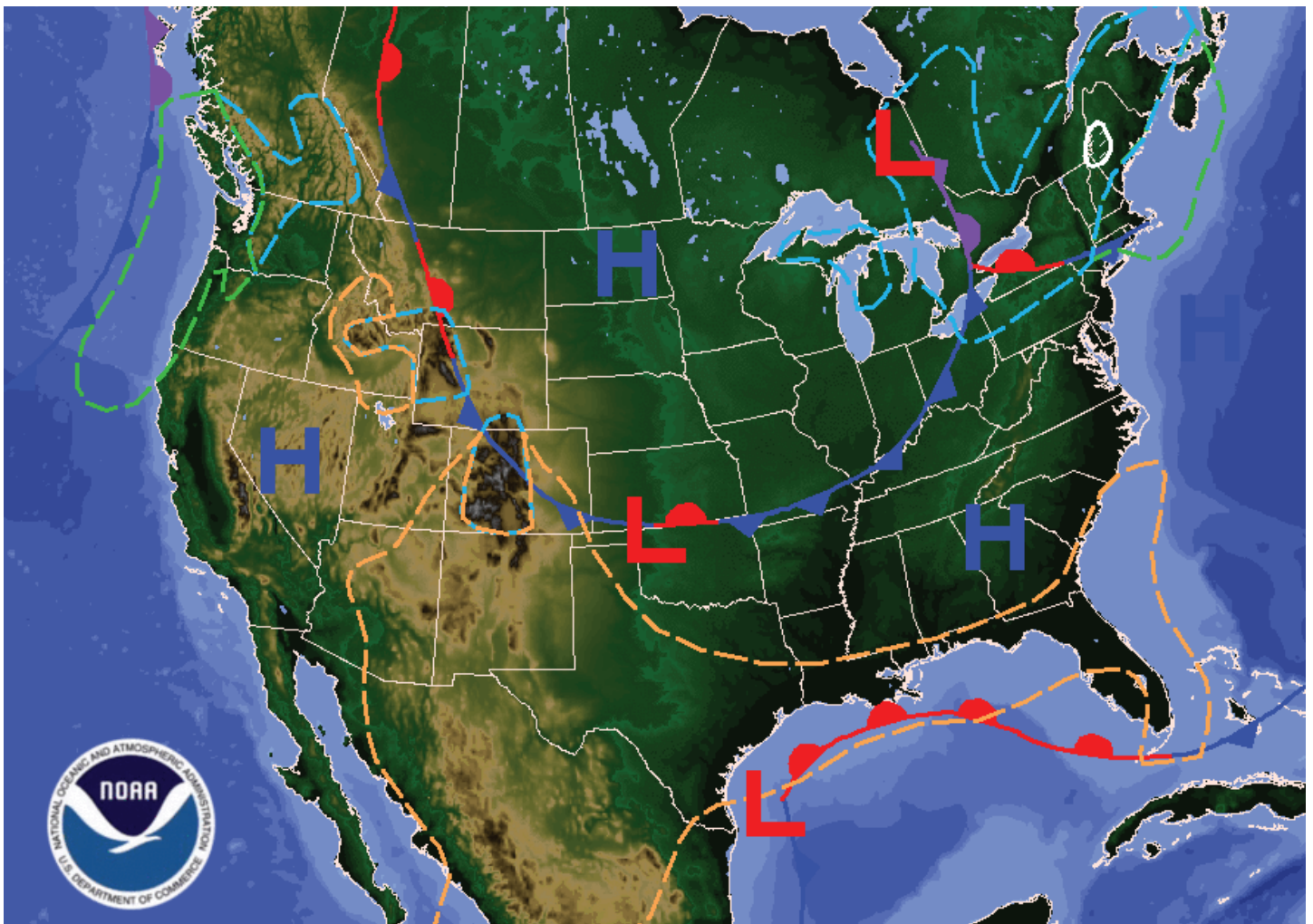
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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 59 °F at 2:52 PM
Low Outside Temp: 25 °F at 7:53 AM
High Gust: 22 mph at 3:33 PM
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 80° in 1963, 1915
Record Low: 5° in 1895
Average High: 54°F
Average Low: 30°F
Average Precip in Oct.: 1.55
Precip to date in Oct.: 1.42
Average Precip to date: 20.03
Precip Year to Date: 15.03
Sunset Tonight: 6:35 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:02 a.m.



Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Tue, Oct 23, 2018, issued 4:42 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 HIGHWAY TO HAPPINESS

Have you ever caught lightning bugs and placed them in a jar with vents in the lids so they could breathe? It was a favorite activity for children in our neighborhood. The bugs would be captured and then placed in a glass jar where their tiny bright lights would glow in the darkness of the night. After watching them go on and off for a while, they would be freed and fly off into the darkness.

Had they remained in the jar, they would have died. God, however, intended for them to be free and happy and live the life He planned for them.

Its like that with us. God planned a special life for each of us: a life of happiness. But happiness only comes from being free. Some think that happiness and pleasure are synonymous. They are not. Happiness is not derived from possessions nor destroyed by poverty. There is a story of a king who wanted the shirt off of the back of the happiest man in his kingdom. They found the man, but he did not have a shirt. He only had a ragged cloak.

Happiness is not what happens to us. Happiness is what happens within us. It is the by-product of what is lived in agreement with the will of God. Life in His will brings us freedom from being contained by the things of the world. Happiness fills lives that are regulated by the Word of God. Following His Word and His way will bring pleasure and peace to His children.

Psalm 1:1 promises a blessed - or - a happy life to those who delight in and obey His law. His law will set us free from being contained and controlled by worldly things.

Prayer: Father, may we set our eyes on things above, not the things of this world, and find Your happiness. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 1:1 Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers.

2018 Groton SD Community Events

- Groton Lion's Club Bingo- Wednesday Nights 6:30pm at the Groton Legion (Year Round)
- Nov./Dec./Jan./Feb./Mar. Groton Lion's Club Wheel of Meat- Saturday Nights 7pm at the Groton Legion (Fall/Winter Months)
- 1/27/2019 Carnival of Silver Skates 2pm & 6:30pm
- 4/13/2019 Easter Egg Hunt (Saturday a week before Easter Weekend)
- 5/4/2019 Spring City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday in May)
- 5/27/2019 Groton American Legion Post #39 Memorial Day Program at the Cemetery, Lunch to follow at the American Legion (Memorial Day)
- Transit Fundraiser (Middle Thursday in June)
- SDSU Golf at Olive Grove
- 6/15/2019 Triathlon (Saturday before Father's Day)
- 7/4/2019 Firecracker Golf Tourney (4th of July)
- 7/14/2019 Summer Fest
- 9/7/2019 Fall City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday after Labor Day)
- 10/12/2019 Pumpkin Fest (Saturday before Columbus Day)
- 10/11/2019 Lake Region Marching Band Festival (2nd Friday in October)
- 10/31/2018 Trunk or Treat (Halloween)
- 11/10/2018 Groton American Legion Post #39 Turkey Shoot (Saturday closest to Veteran's Day)
- 12/01/2018 Olive Grove Golf Course 2018 Holiday Party
- Best Ball Golf Tourney
- SDSU Golf Tourney
- Sunflower Golf Tourney
- Santa Claus Day
- Fireman's Stag
- Tour of Homes
- Crazy Dayz/Open Houses
- School Events

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News from the Associated Press

Fall enrollment increases in Sioux Falls schools

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Officials say Sioux Falls crowded school classroom problem is only getting worse.

Fall enrollment is nearly 24,000 in kindergarten through 12th grade. That's 135 additional students this year. KELO-TV reports the biggest enrollment increase is at the high school.

Superintendent Brian Maher says that along with a growing school district, the enrollment population is more diverse. Maher says that trend needs to be embraced. He says 62 percent of the students are white, but that number continues to decline.

Information from: KELO-TV, <http://www.keloland.com>

Monday's Scores By The Associated Press

Volleyball

Alcester-Hudson def. Viborg-Hurley, 25-19, 25-21, 25-14
Arlington def. DeSmet, 25-15, 25-19, 25-15
Avon def. Gayville-Volin, 23-25, 25-12, 15-25, 26-24, 15-8
Baltic def. Flandreau, 25-20, 25-21, 25-22
Canistota def. Freeman, 25-14, 25-20, 8-25, 26-28, 15-11
Chamberlain def. Jones County, 25-17, 25-15, 25-12
Clark/Willow Lake def. Sisseton, 25-20, 25-18, 25-15
Corsica/Stickney def. Marty Indian, 25-9, 25-10, 20-25, 25-23
Dakota Valley def. Tea Area, 22-25, 25-13, 25-20, 25-21
Dell Rapids def. Beresford, 28-26, 23-25, 25-22, 23-25, 15-7
Estelline/Hendricks def. Elkton-Lake Benton, 25-22, 25-15, 25-22
Ethan def. Tripp-Delmont/Armour, 25-16, 25-17, 25-16
Florence/Henry def. Waubay/Summit, 25-15, 25-14, 25-15
Gregory def. Andes Central/Dakota Christian, 26-24, 25-23, 20-25, 23-25, 16-14
Groton Area def. Deuel, 25-19, 25-13, 25-18
Hamlin def. Britton-Hecla, 25-14, 25-21, 25-12
Harding County def. Bison, 25-13, 25-18, 25-21
Hill City def. Belle Fourche, 25-19, 21-25, 25-23, 26-24
Ipswich def. Herreid/Selby Area, 26-24, 22-25, 25-23, 25-21
Kadoka Area def. Rapid City Christian, 25-19, 23-25, 21-25, 25-15, 15-11
Kimball/White Lake def. Colome, 25-6, 25-20, 25-23
Lemmon def. Dupree, 25-16, 22-25, 25-18, 26-28, 15-11
Lower Brule def. Tiospaye Topa, 25-23, 25-17, 25-13
Lyman def. Stanley County, 27-25, 24-26, 25-19, 25-19
Madison def. Parkston, 25-17, 25-17, 25-23
McCook Central/Montrose def. Hanson, 25-18, 25-18, 25-16
Menno def. Scotland, 25-20, 22-25, 25-19, 25-22
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland def. Lake Preston, 16-25, 25-14, 18-25, 25-18, 15-13
Philip def. New Underwood, 25-17, 25-18, 25-14
Pine Ridge def. Edgemont, 27-25, 25-19, 26-24

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Potter County def. Eureka/Bowdle, 25-22, 25-16, 25-12
Redfield/Doland def. Wolsey-Wessington, 25-19, 25-17, 25-16
Sioux Falls Christian def. Lennox, 25-19, 25-16, 25-15
Sioux Valley def. Garretson, 25-18, 16-25, 25-20, 25-16
St. Thomas More def. Red Cloud, 25-12, 25-18, 25-10
Timber Lake def. Edmunds Central, 25-21, 22-25, 23-25, 25-14, 15-8
Valentine, Neb. def. Bennett County, 25-19, 25-19, 22-25, 25-18
Wagner def. Burke, 25-17, 18-25, 25-16, 25-20
Webster def. Wilmot, 21-25, 25-20, 25-23, 25-15
Wessington Springs def. Hitchcock-Tulare, 25-12, 25-15, 18-25, 27-25
White River def. St. Francis Indian, 25-10, 25-12, 25-14
Winner def. Platte-Geddes, 25-21, 11-25, 25-17, 25-13

Democrat to debate with rare shot at governor's race win

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The first debate in South Dakota's race for governor comes as Republican Kristi Noem is trying to punch holes in hard-charging Democrat Billie Sutton's moderate image.

Noem, a four-term congresswoman, is favored to become the conservative state's first female governor. But Sutton got a boost in the past week with endorsements that included the state's largest newspaper, the Sioux Falls Argus Leader, and the nonpartisan Cook Political Report recently moved the race into top-tier territory.

Sutton, a state senator and former professional rodeo cowboy paralyzed in a 2007 rodeo accident, would be the first Democrat to hold the office in decades. He has portrayed Noem as a Washington politician working for special interests.

Here's a look at some issues likely to come up at Tuesday evening's debate on KELO-TV:

POLITICAL SWIPES

The political jabs filling the airwaves are almost sure to surface. Noem's campaign has dubbed Sutton a "Bernie Sanders liberal hiding under a cowboy hat," played up his support for Hillary Clinton in the 2016 presidential race and called his campaign "one big lie."

Meanwhile, Sutton, a self-described "pro-life and pro-Second Amendment" moderate, has aired a television ad featuring a Republican saying Noem has taken millions of dollars from special interests and "doesn't work for us." Another Sutton ad says Noem is the "worst of Washington."

TAXES

Noem might invoke her campaign's allegation that Sutton supports a state income tax, a claim that Sutton has denied. It's a delicate subject in heavily conservative South Dakota, which is one of only seven states without such a tax. An Associated Press Fact Check of the allegation found it mostly false.

If elected, Sutton has said he wouldn't propose tax increases, but didn't promise to reject tax hikes that make it to his desk, according to the Argus Leader. Sutton's campaign has said Noem supported tax and fee increases when she served in the South Dakota Legislature.

GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY

Transparency is a key issue for both candidates in the wake of major financial misconduct scandals that grabbed South Dakota headlines. (Neither one was involved.) Noem has offered a sunshine initiative that includes having state and local government board meetings livestreamed, creating a property tax toolkit that would allow taxpayers to see where their money goes and supporting a reporter shield law.

Sutton has proposed toughening lobbying and self-dealing laws, creating a stronger state ethics commission and working to make government documents such as emails, correspondence and calendars public records under South Dakota law.

HEALTH CARE

Noem is likely to renew her campaign's attack on Sutton for wanting to "expand Obamacare in South

Dakota.” That’s a reference to Sutton’s support for expanding the Medicaid health coverage program for poor and disabled people.

Outgoing Republican Gov. Dennis Daugaard had supported opening the program to roughly 50,000 more poor residents, but ultimately abandoned plans for expansion in 2017 after a discussion with then-Vice President-elect Mike Pence. Noem opposes Medicaid expansion, and her ad says it would increase costs for taxpayers.

Sutton campaign manager Suzanne Jones Pranger said in a recent statement that Sutton supports using existing federal resources to make sure South Dakotans can afford health care coverage.

Kristi Noem outraises Billie Sutton in governor campaign

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Republican U.S. Rep. Kristi Noem is significantly outraising and outspending her Democratic challenger, state Sen. Billie Sutton, in the South Dakota governor’s race, according to campaign finance reports filed Monday in the heavily conservative state.

The pre-general election finance reports show Noem raised more than \$2.2 million through Oct. 17, while Sutton brought in about \$1.4 million. Noem reported spending about \$2.7 million compared to Sutton’s roughly \$1.6 million in expenditures.

Just weeks before Election Day, Sutton had a banked cash advantage, reporting more than \$640,000 in his account. Noem had over \$550,000 on hand. Both candidates have received tens of thousands of dollars in additional donations since the pre-general reporting deadline.

Noem campaign manager Justin Brasell said in a statement that people have rallied around Noem’s vision for the state.

“They appreciate that she is who she says she is: a commonsense leader who will be ready to govern on Day One,” he said.

Sutton’s campaign said in a statement that he’s outraised any other Democrat running for governor in state history, but didn’t acknowledge taking in less money than Noem. Sutton is seeking to become the state’s first Democratic governor elected in over 40 years.

Sutton, a state senator and former professional rodeo cowboy, said in the statement that people are contributing, volunteering and taking part in politics like never before and that he believes the campaign has the momentum to win the race. The fundraising reports come after Sutton’s campaign recently received a boost from endorsements by the Rapid City Journal and the Sioux Falls Argus Leader.

In the pre-general campaign finance document, Sutton reported taking in about \$1.2 million from individual contributors — over \$100,000 more than Noem. But the four-term congresswoman raised nearly \$975,000 from out-of-state or federal political action committees, compared to \$23,500 for Sutton.

Noem’s haul included \$500,000 from the Republican Governors Association-funded RGA Right Direction PAC, more than \$250,000 from a committee that took in donations from a fundraiser for Noem featuring President Donald Trump and \$100,000 from Vice President Mike Pence’s Great America Committee.

Noem reported spending about \$1.7 million on advertising, while Sutton’s campaign spent about \$1.1 million.

Noem’s running mate, Larry Rhoden, also significantly outraised Democratic lieutenant governor candidate Michelle Lavalley. Rhoden ended the period with about \$108,000 on hand compared to Lavalley’s roughly \$57,000 bank balance.

In the race for South Dakota attorney general, the candidates reported similar fundraising numbers, but Republican Jason Ravensborg ended the fundraising period with significantly more cash on hand than Democratic candidate Randy Seiler.

Ravensborg raised roughly \$155,000 through Oct. 17, while Seiler brought in nearly \$150,000 through Oct. 21. But Ravensborg reported having more than \$155,000 in the bank compared to Seiler’s roughly \$62,000 campaign account balance.

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Unharvested crops slow South Dakota pheasant hunters

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Unharvested crops slowed hunters in parts of eastern South Dakota during opening weekend of the pheasant season.

State pheasant specialist Emmett Keyser says hunters had to change their strategy.

Keyser tells KELO Radio that birds will hang out in the crops that are still in the field until late in the day, then will come back in the grass. He says that prompted a lot of hunters to delay their walks until late in the day.

Many farmers are behind in harvesting because of the wet fall.

The state's annual brood survey showed a 47 percent increase in population for South Dakota's 100th pheasant season.

Information from: KELO-AM, <http://www.keloam.com>

South Dakota Prep Polls

By The Associated Press

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

Class 11AAA

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs	
1. Sioux Falls O'Gorman	(7)	8-1	84	1	
2. Brandon Valley	(6)	7-2	83	3	
3. Sioux Falls Washington	(8)	7-2	81	2	
4. Sioux Falls Roosevelt	-	7-2	46	4	
5. Watertown	-	6-3	19	5	

Others receiving votes: Rapid City Central 2.

Class 11AA

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs	
1. Pierre	(21)	7-2	119	1	
2. Yankton	-	5-4	72	3	
3. Harrisburg	-	5-4	90	2	
4. Brookings	-	5-4	49	4	
5. Mitchell	-	4-5	19	5	

Others receiving votes: Huron 10, Sturgis 1.

Class 11A

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs	
1. Tea Area	(19)	8-1	103	T2	
2. Madison	(2)	8-1	78	T2	
3. Dakota Valley	-	8-1	71	1	
4. West Central	-	5-4	39	4	
5. St. Thomas More	-	6-3	18	5	

Others receiving votes: Dell Rapids 4, Todd County 2.

SD Secretary of State encourages voter registration

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's secretary of state is encouraging state residents to register to vote for the Nov. 6 election.

The registration deadline is 5 p.m. Monday. Voters are set to decide races for governor, U.S. House and state attorney general, not to mention other statewide offices and the Legislature. There are also five measures on the ballot.

Residents must fill out and sign a voter registration form and get it to their county auditor's office.

Current registered voters can confirm their registration status at the Secretary of State's office voter information portal , which also allows voters to look up their polling place and view a sample ballot.

Secretary of State Shantel Krebs says South Dakotans value their right to vote and appreciate the freedom to voice opinions at the ballot box.

Company gauges interest for boosting Dakota Access capacity

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The developer of the Dakota Access pipeline is gauging shippers' interest in a possible expansion of the volume of crude oil moved through the pipeline from 500,000 barrels to 570,000 barrels per day, despite ongoing tribal efforts to shut the pipeline down.

Texas-based Energy Transfer Partners began seeking commitments from shippers to transport additional oil on Friday. The pipeline's permit in North Dakota allows it to ship up to 600,000 barrels per day. North Dakota produced nearly 1.3 million barrels of oil per day in August, the most recent month for which data is available.

Companies can increase pipeline capacity by adding a chemical to make oil flow more easily, or by adding more pumping power or pumping stations, according to North Dakota Pipeline Authority Director Justin Kringstad.

Company spokeswoman Vicki Granado told The Bismarck Tribune that an expansion would require minimal modifications to the actual pipeline system.

Dakota Access was subject to prolonged protests during its construction in North Dakota in late 2016 and early 2017 because it crosses beneath the Missouri River, just north of the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation. The tribe draws its water from the river and fears pollution. ETP insists the pipeline is safe. That tribe and three others are fighting in federal court to get the pipeline shut down.

The pipeline has been moving North Dakota oil through South Dakota and Iowa to a shipping point in Illinois since June 2017. From there it goes to the Gulf Coast through the Energy Transfer Crude Oil Pipeline, which ends at Nederland, Texas.

With North Dakota's oil production projected to keep climbing, the state will need to add more pipeline capacity, Kringstad said.

"Every expansion at this point is going to assist in keeping the market strong in North Dakota," he said. "But long-term, it will take some substantial new investment to continue to keep North Dakota oil connected to new markets."

Semitrailer fire at gas station prompts highway shutdown

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — A semitrailer fire at a gas station led to the temporarily shutdown of U.S. Highway 12 near Aberdeen.

The American News reports that the blaze occurred about 11:15 a.m. Sunday. Gas station employees shut down the diesel pumps, but law enforcement officials closed off a mile section of the highway to traffic as a precaution.

Firefighters put out the fire and the highway was reopened just before noon. No injuries were reported.

Public school teachers in Rapid City still without contract

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Public school teachers in Rapid City are still without a contract for the current academic year.

The Rapid City Journal reports that the teachers union and the school board failed to come to an agreement during an Oct. 9 meeting. They'll now meet with a state Labor Department judge for a hearing in Pierre.

The judge's findings won't be binding under state law, and the school district can impose its last, best contract offer.

The Rapid City Education Association maintains that the contract offered by the district last summer doesn't stick to a salary schedule promised by the district.

The district says it needed to dip into money typically used for large infrastructure projects to fund expenses last year.

Both sides say they still hope to reach an agreement.

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

Saudi investment forum opens under haze of Khashoggi's death

By AYA BATRAWY, Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — A high-profile economic forum in Saudi Arabia began on Tuesday in Riyadh, the kingdom's first major event on the world stage since the killing of writer Jamal Khashoggi at the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul earlier this month.

Khashoggi's death loomed large over the Future Investment Initiative forum and coincided with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's claim Tuesday that Saudi officials murdered Khashoggi in their consulate after plotting his death for days. The Turkish leader demanded the kingdom reveal the identities of all involved in the killing, regardless of rank.

Saudi Arabia, which for weeks maintained Khashoggi had left the consulate, on Saturday acknowledged he was killed there in a "fistfight." Turkish media and officials say a 15-member Saudi team was flown in to kill Khashoggi and accosted the writer in the consulate, cutting off his fingers before killing and dismembering the 59-year-old Washington Post columnist who wrote critically about Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

As the Riyadh conference opened, Saudi Energy Minister Khalid Al-Falih described the killing as "abhorrent" in his speech.

The forum kicked off without some of its keynote speakers after numerous Western executives and officials cancelled plans to attend over Khashoggi's Oct. 2 slaying.

"As we all know, these are difficult days for us in the kingdom of Saudi Arabia," Al-Falih said to attendees seated in the forum's ornate hall.

"Nobody in the kingdom can justify it or explain it. From the leadership on down, we're very upset at what has happened," he added, referring to Khashoggi's slaying.

The forum is the brainchild of Prince Mohammed and is aimed at drawing more foreign investment into the kingdom to help create desperately needed jobs for millions of young Saudis entering the workforce in the coming years.

International pressure is mounting against the prince, who did not attend the start of forum. Critics suspect the powerful crown prince ordered Khashoggi's killing or at the least had knowledge of it.

Despite the absence of key executives and speakers from the United States and other Western partners, some \$50 billion in deals were signed Tuesday at the forum with Russian and Asian businesses and officials eager to do business with the kingdom.

"Those partners who are here with us today to continue that journey with us are certainly going to look back and find out ... how committed the kingdom is to its partners that stay the course," Al-Falih said, just moments before several deals were inked on stage.

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The forum last year grabbed headlines when Prince Mohammed wowed the crowd of global business titans with pledges to lead the ultraconservative kingdom toward "moderate Islam." He also announced plans to build a \$500 billion futuristic city in the desert.

At the time, Prince Mohammed spoke on stage alongside Stephen Schwarzman of U.S. private equity firm Blackstone.

Schwarzman is among those who've backed out of attending this year. Others include U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, who met with Prince Mohammed separately before the forum, according to Saudi state television.

Among its many investments domestically and abroad, Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund, which the crown prince oversees, has invested \$20 billion in a U.S.-focused infrastructure fund with Blackstone.

The Public Investment Fund has also invested \$3.5 billion in ride-sharing firm Uber, whose CEO Dara Khosrowshahi also backed out of attending this year's forum.

Lubna Olayan, a Saudi businesswoman moderating the forum's first session Tuesday, opened with remarks about Khashoggi.

"As we gather here in Riyadh this morning, it is natural that our thoughts tend to focus on recent events surrounding the death of Jamal Khashoggi — a writer, a journalist and a Saudi journalist known to many of us," said. "May he rest in peace."

She added that such "terrible acts ... are alien to our culture and DNA." Some in the crowd applauded her remarks.

Directors of the Saudi, Russian and United Arab Emirates' sovereign wealth funds took part in the opening panel. Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan headlined another session, with Jordan's King Abdullah expected to speak at the forum on Wednesday.

"I think this conference will open the gateways to Asian and Russian investment in the Saudi economy regardless, irrespective if the crisis gets resolved or not," said Ayham Kamel of Eurasia Group.

Turkish president: Saudis plotted writer's killing for days

By **SUZAN FRASER, ZEYNEP BILGINSOY and CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA, Associated Press**

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Saudi officials murdered journalist Jamal Khashoggi in their Istanbul consulate after plotting his death for days, Turkey's president said Tuesday, contradicting Saudi Arabia's explanation that the writer was accidentally killed. He demanded that the kingdom reveal the identities of all involved, regardless of rank.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan also said he wants Saudi Arabia to allow 18 suspects that it detained for the Saudi's killing to be tried in Turkish courts, setting up further complications with the Saudi government, which has said it is conducting its own investigation and will punish those involved.

"To blame such an incident on a handful of security and intelligence members would not satisfy us or the international community," Erdogan said in a speech to ruling party lawmakers in parliament.

"Saudi Arabia has taken an important step by admitting the murder. As of now we expect of them to openly bring to light those responsible — from the highest ranked to the lowest — and to bring them to justice," the Turkish president said.

Erdogan's speech was previously pitched as revealing the "naked truth" about Khashoggi's slaying. Instead it served merely to put a named source to information already circulated by anonymous officials and the Turkish press in the days since the columnist for The Washington Post walked into the Saudi consulate in Istanbul.

However, he kept pressure on the kingdom with his demands for Turkish prosecution of the suspects as well as punishment for the plot's masterminds.

"All evidence gathered shows that Jamal Khashoggi was the victim of a savage murder. To cover up such a savagery would hurt the human conscience," he said.

Erdogan didn't mention Saudi Arabia's assertive Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman in his speech, though officials linked to the royal have been implicated in the killing. The kingdom has said the heir-apparent of

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the world's top oil exporter was not involved, but any major decision must be signed off by the highest powers within its ruling Al Saud family.

International skepticism has intensified since Saudi Arabia said on Saturday that Khashoggi died in a brawl. The case has shocked the world and raised suspicions that a Saudi hit squad planned Khashoggi's killing after he walked into the consulate on Oct. 2, and then attempted to cover it up.

Before Erdogan's announcement, top Turkish officials said Turkey would clarify exactly what happened to Khashoggi and a stream of leaks to national and international media has increased pressure on Saudi Arabia, which is hosting a glitzy investment conference this week that many dignitaries have decided to skip because of the scandal.

Saudi Arabia said it arrested suspects and that several top intelligence officials were fired over the killing, but critics alleged that the punishment was designed to absolve Prince Mohammed of any responsibility.

On Monday, leaked surveillance video showed a man strolling out of the diplomatic post hours after Khashoggi disappeared into the consulate, apparently wearing the columnist's clothes as part of a macabre deception to sow confusion over his fate.

The new video broadcast by CNN, as well as a pro-government Turkish newspaper's report that a member of Prince Mohammed's entourage made four calls to the royal's office from the consulate around the same time, put more pressure on the kingdom. Meanwhile, Turkish crime-scene investigators swarmed a garage Monday night in Istanbul where a Saudi consular vehicle had been parked.

Saudi Arabia's foreign minister, meanwhile, said Tuesday the investigation into the killing of Khashoggi would produce the truth about what happened and that his country was committed to ensuring "that the investigation is thorough and complete and that the truth is revealed and that those responsible will be held to account."

Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir, in Indonesia, also pledged that mechanisms will be put in place so that "something like this can never happen again."

Associated Press writer Jon Gambrell contributed from Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Authorities: Explosive device found near George Soros' home

BEDFORD, N.Y. (AP) — An object that appeared to be an explosive device was found in a mailbox at the home of George Soros, the billionaire philanthropist who has donated heavily to liberal causes and is a frequent target of unfounded right-wing conspiracy theories.

The Bedford Police Department said it responded to the address in the hamlet of Katonah at 3:45 p.m. Monday after an employee of the residence opened the package.

The person placed the package in a wooded area and called police, who alerted the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms and Explosives.

Bedford police said the FBI's terrorism task force was investigating.

The FBI's New York field office said on Twitter that it was "conducting an investigation at and around a residence in Bedford, NY. There is no threat to public safety, and we have no further comment at this time."

Neither local nor federal authorities would say whether the object was capable of exploding.

A message emailed to Soros' foundation wasn't immediately returned.

Soros, who made his fortune in hedge funds, frequently donates to liberal causes and is vilified on the right.

Recently, conservative critics have, without evidence, accused him of secretly financing a caravan of Central American migrants to make their way north toward Mexico and the U.S.

Others have falsely accused him of being a Nazi collaborator during World War II, when he was a child in Hungary.

Activists frequently post the addresses of homes he owns in Westchester County, north of New York City, on social media sometimes accompanied by ill wishes.

FBI officials didn't respond to requests for more information late Monday.

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. ERDOGAN: SAUDI WRITER'S MURDER PLANNED

Turkey's president says Jamal Khashoggi was the victim of a "savage murder." He added that Saudi authorities must reveal, regardless of rank, who planned the killing and that they must be tried in Turkish courts.

2. ECONOMIC FORUM UNDERWAY IN RIYADH

Saudi Arabia's annual foreign investment gathering has seen many top business leaders and officials drop out over Khashoggi's slaying.

3. WHERE REFUGEE CUTS SLOW RESURGENCE

Trump administration policies are starting to have an effect on struggling, shrinking cities like Buffalo, New York, which depends on such newcomers to invigorate its economy.

4. MIGRANT CARAVAN DISPUTES TRUMP'S ASSERTION

Many Central Americans trekking toward the U.S. border bristle at suggestions there could be "terrorists" among them.

5. 'IT'LL BRING US EVEN CLOSER TOGETHER'

China opens the world's longest sea-crossing bridge — 34 miles — linking Hong Kong to the mainland, a feat of engineering carrying immense economic and political significance.

6. WILLA CLOSING IN ON MEXICAN COAST

Authorities rush to evacuate low-lying areas and set up shelters as the "extremely dangerous" Category 4 hurricane heads toward Mexico's Pacific coast.

7. WHAT WINNING LOTTERY COMES DOWN TO

Simple math and very long odds will determine who will capture the \$1.6 billion Mega Millions jackpot and the \$620 million Powerball prize.

8. EXPERTS: SEX AND GENDER AREN'T THE SAME

Variation in gender identity is a normal part of human diversity, doctors and scientists say, outlining how to provide supportive medical care for transgender youth.

9. TWITTER MOVES AGAINST ALEX JONES AGAIN

The microblogging site removes some accounts thought to be used to circumvent a ban on the conspiracy-monger and Infowars.

10. FALL CLASSIC UNDERWAY TONIGHT

Boston's Chris Sale is slated to toss the first pitch of the World Series as the favored Red Sox take on the Dodgers, seeking their first title since 1988.

Trump refugee cuts slow resurgence of cities like Buffalo

By MICHAEL HILL, Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — When thousands of others fled the struggling Rust Belt city of Buffalo, refugees poured in to fill the void and invigorate the economy.

Blighted blocks were tidied up by new arrivals from Iraq. Shops selling Ethiopian cuisine opened and employers snapped up workers from Myanmar and South Sudan. More than 12,000 refugees arrived in the area in 10 years, helping stymie decades of dizzying population loss.

But as the Trump administration throttles the flow of refugees into the United States and the president increases his anti-immigration rhetoric ahead of the midterm elections, Buffalo and other cities that rely on the new arrivals are beginning to feel the pinch.

"The number of refugees coming into Buffalo now is stalled and that hurts not only my business, but other businesses in town," said Larry Christ, chief operating officer of lighting manufacturer LiteLab, where

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six languages are spoken on the assembly floor. "Like a car, you need gas to fuel movement forward."

Big, burgeoning cities like San Diego and Dallas accept more refugees, but their arrival can resonate more in smaller, shrinking cities like Buffalo and Syracuse. This old steel and shipping hub had been locked in a long, losing struggle to keep people from leaving for places with less snow and more jobs.

Enter refugees and immigrants.

Refugees relocated with the help of four separate agencies settle into empty homes and fill jobs at hotels, restaurants and factories. Buffalo, a city that lost more than half its population since its post-war peak of around 580,000, is now hovering close to 260,000 people.

"We buy a house that is very old, so we get it cheaper in this way," said Nadeen Yousef, who fled from Iraq with her husband and four children in 2006. "And we fix it every year."

Yousef spoke from her booth at the West Side Bazaar, a retail space that was packed on a recent day with a lunch-time crowd buying halal food, bubble tea and dim sum served by refugee operators. The bazaar serves as an incubator for refugee and immigrant entrepreneurs, some of whom open their own shops selling food from Laos or clothes from Africa.

Yousef comes in after her 5 a.m. shift at a supermarket bakery to spend the afternoon selling handcrafted macrame products and international clothes.

The refugee reduction comes as some 7,200 Central American migrants in Mexico continue their trek toward the U.S. border. President Donald Trump has seized on the moment to renewed Twitter attacks against Democrats on for what he has called "pathetic" immigration laws.

Trump last year cited national security in slashing the annual cap on refugee arrivals to the U.S. from 110,000 to a historically low 45,000. Only 22,491 refugees entered the country last year amid a tougher review process.

The effect in the Buffalo region has been dramatic.

A metropolitan area that welcomed 1,934 refugees two years ago took in 686 last year and is on track to receive fewer than 450 people this year, according to an analysis of refugee placement data by the Fiscal Policy Institute. Arrivals could dip more this coming year now that the Trump administration lowered the refugee cap again for this budget year, to 30,000.

Refugees can cost money for localities in the short term, though there's research showing they pay more in taxes than they receive in benefits over years. Some local politicians have criticized refugees' cost and the potential security risk of hosting people from Syria.

But support for refugees is broad in Buffalo, a Democrat-dominated city. The Buffalo metropolitan area's growth rate has lagged behind the national average. But more single-family homes are selling for more money compared to earlier this decade.

There are multiple reasons for the uptick, but many see refugees as a crucial cog for growth.

"We need this influx of refugees or we just become a flat economy again," said Democratic state Assemblyman Sean Ryan.

The agencies in Buffalo help refugees learn English, find housing and land jobs. At the International Institute of Buffalo, Caitlin Monan recently prepped a room full of recent arrivals for questions they might face during job interviews. She handed out a worksheet that listed such questions as: Tell me about yourself? Do you have transportation?

"These are questions that every single interviewer will ask," Monan told the class. "These are good to practice."

Employers like Christ at Litelab and Avanti Advanced Manufacturing owner Jim Wei say they've had success with the refugees they hired. Christ recalled one applicant who was so committed, he biked to a job interview in snowy February. And more than a quarter of the high-end lighting company's 153 employees are refugees.

Litelab assembly floor worker Majid Al Iessa once helped the U.S. Army in Iraq before fleeing the war-torn country. Now his two children are in school and he has a home in the suburbs.

"I like Buffalo," he said, then laughs. "Just the snow is too hard."

Wei and Christ are among city employers having a tougher time filling jobs. Landlord Michael Maywalt,

who credits refugees with helping renew the city's Black Rock neighborhood, is noticing fewer refugee families seeking to rent his properties.

Christ is still filling jobs and Maywalt is still renting apartments. But there's a palpable sense of concern among refugee advocates about the sustainability of Buffalo's modest resurgence.

"What I worry about is," said International Institute executive director Eva Hassett, "Where are the people who are going to take the jobs, start the businesses and buy the houses?"

Over 7K-strong, migrant caravan pushes on; still far from US

By MARK STEVENSON, Associated Press

TAPACHULA, Mexico (AP) — Thousands of Central American migrants resumed an arduous trek toward the U.S. border Monday, with many bristling at suggestions there could be terrorists among them and saying the caravan is being used for political ends by U.S. President Donald Trump.

The caravan's numbers have continued to grow as they walk and hitch rides through hot and humid weather, and the United Nations estimated that it currently comprises some 7,200 people, "many of whom intend to continue the march north."

However, they were still at least 1,140 miles (1,830 kilometers) from the nearest border crossing — McAllen, Texas — and the length of their journey could more than double if they go to Tijuana-San Diego, the destination of another caravan earlier this year. That one shrank significantly as it moved through Mexico, and only a tiny fraction — about 200 of the 1,200 in the group — reached the California border.

The same could well happen this time around as some turn back, splinter off on their own or decide to take their chances on asylum in Mexico — as 1,128 have done so far, according to the country's Interior Department.

While such caravans have occurred semi-regularly over the years, this one has become a particularly hot topic ahead of the Nov. 6 midterm elections in the U.S., and an immigrant rights activist traveling with the group accused Trump of using it to stir up his Republican base.

"It is a shame that a president so powerful uses this caravan for political ends," said Irineo Mujica of the group Pueblo Sin Fronteras — People Without Borders — which works to provide humanitarian aid to migrants.

Some have questioned the timing so close to the vote and whether some political force was behind it, though by all appearances it began as a group of about 160 who decided to band together in Honduras for protection and snowballed as they moved north.

"No one is capable of organizing this many people," Mujica said, adding that there are only two forces driving them: "hunger and death."

Earlier in the day Trump renewed threats against Central American governments and blasted Democrats via Twitter for what he called "pathetic" immigration laws.

In another tweet, he blamed Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador for not stopping people from leaving their countries. "We will now begin cutting off, or substantially reducing, the massive foreign aid routinely given to them," he wrote.

A team of AP journalists traveling with the caravan for more than a week has spoken with Hondurans, Guatemalans and Salvadorans, but has not met any Middle Easterners, who Trump suggested were "mixed in" with the Central American migrants.

It was clear, though, that more migrants were continuing to join the caravan.

Ana Luisa Espana, a laundry worker from Chiquimula, Guatemala, joined the caravan as she saw it pass through her country.

Even though the goal is to reach the U.S. border, she said: "We only want to work and if a job turns up in Mexico, I would do it. We would do anything, except bad things."

Denis Omar Contreras, a Honduran-born caravan leader also with Pueblo Sin Fronteras, said accusations that the caravan is harboring terrorists should stop.

"There isn't a single terrorist here," Contreras said. "We are all people from Honduras, El Salvador,

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Guatemala and Nicaragua. And as far as I know there are no terrorists in these four countries, at least beyond the corrupt governments."

The migrants, many of them with blistered and bandaged feet, left the southern city of Tapachula in the early afternoon Monday under a burning sun bound for Huixtla, about 25 miles (40 kilometers) away.

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

Carlos Leonidas Garcia Urbina, a 28-year-old from Tocoa, Honduras, said he was cutting the grass in his father's yard when he heard about the caravan, dropped the shears on the ground and ran to join with just 500 lempiras (\$20) in his pocket.

"We are going to the promised land," Garcia said, motioning to his fellow travelers.

Motorists in pickups and other vehicles have been offering the migrants rides, often in overloaded truck beds, and a male migrant fell from the back of one Monday and died.

"It is the responsibility of the driver, but it is very dangerous, and there you have the consequences," Mexican federal police officer Miguel Angel Dominguez said, pointing to a puddle of blood around the man's head.

Police started stopping crowded trucks and forcing people to get off.

Caravan leaders have not defined the precise route or decided where on the U.S. border they want to arrive, but in recent years most Central American migrants traveling on their own have opted for the most direct route, which takes them to Reynosa, across from McAllen.

Late Sunday, authorities in Guatemala said another group of about 1,000 migrants had entered that country from Honduras.

Red Cross official Ulises Garcia said some injured people refused to be taken to clinics or hospitals.

"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.

Roberto Lorenzana, a spokesman for El Salvador's presidency, said his government hopes tensions over the caravan decrease after the U.S. elections.

"We have confidence in the maturity of United States authorities to continue strengthening a positive relationship with our country," Lorenzana said.

Asked if he thinks Trump will follow through on his threat to cut aid to El Salvador, he said, "I don't know. Of course the president has a lot of power, but they will have to explain it there to the different government structures."

Lorenzana added that El Salvador has significantly reduced violence, a key driver of migration, and that the flow of Salvadoran migrants has dropped 60 percent in two years.

U.N. deputy spokesman Farhan Haq said large numbers of migrants were still arriving in Mexico and were "likely to remain in the country for an extended period."

The first waves of migrants began arriving in the southern town of Huixtla after an exhausting eight-hour trek and quickly staked out grassy spots in the town square to bed down overnight.

Marlon Anibal Castellanos, a 27-year-old former bus driver from San Pedro Sula, Honduras, roped a bit of plastic tarp to a tree to shelter his wife, 6-year-old son and 9-year-old daughter.

Castellanos said the family walked for six hours until they could go no farther. They saw the dead man who fell from the truck, and the danger of being on the road was troublesome, out in the middle of the countryside far from an ambulance or medical care should the kids to pass out in the heat.

"It's hard to travel with children, Castellanos said."

Associated Press writers Peter Orsi in Mexico City, Edie Lederer at the United Nations and Marcos Aleman in San Salvador, El Salvador, contributed to this report.

Police search for man they say killed U of Utah student

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Police are searching for a man they say shot and killed a University of Utah student outside of a dormitory on campus Monday, the Salt Lake Tribune reported.

The female student's body was found about 9 p.m. in a car near the medical towers, University of Utah Police Lt. Brian Wahlin said. The man they are searching for and the student had "a previous relationship," Wahlin said.

The man is 37 years old, roughly 6 foot, 3 inches tall and weighs 250 pounds, police said. He was last seen wearing a gray beanie, black pants, white shoes and a white hoodie.

Dozens of police officers on campus had the situation under control, Wahlin told the Tribune.

"We've got the campus secure at this point in time," he told reporters shortly after 11 p.m.

About 11:40 p.m., the university says it lifted the lockdown of the campus.

"It was really scary to look out the window and see. I saw 15 to 20 police officers right where we're standing right now," Tyler Olsen, a student who lives in family housing near the shooting scene, told the Deseret News. "I mean, you're in your home, but nowhere feels safe in that moment."

Last month, an ex-convict pleaded guilty to killing a University of Utah student from China using a gun stolen after another slaying. Austin Boutain, 24, was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

He and his wife were charged with hatching a carjacking plot that led to the October 2017 death of Chenwei Guo, whose parents live in Beijing and were devastated over the death of their only son at age 23.

Red Sox happy to be asleep at the ballpark

By RONALD BLUM, AP Baseball Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Think the Red Sox are asleep at the ballpark? You may be right.

Catching some Zzzzs during downtime could help Boston be more alert during the first coast-to-coast World Series in 20 years.

A sleep room was opened last year at Fenway Park, adjacent to the gym next to the home clubhouse. Two bunk beds contain four queen-sized mattresses.

Steve Pearce used it before hitting a double off Houston ace Gerrit Cole and scoring the tying run during the Game 2 win in the AL Championship Series.

"I was like, I am exhausted. I went upstairs and I took a nap. I didn't even hit BP that day," he remembered. "Don't fight. Just go take a nap, and that's actually better for you than trying to play a game running on fumes."

Boston's World Series opener against the Los Angeles Dodgers on Tuesday night is just the start of the final stretch of an 8½-month endurance test. Six weeks of spring training is followed by 162 games in 186 days and then a postseason of up to 4½ weeks. Even the fittest, sturdiest players are knackered.

Now add in a 2,611-mile flight to the West Coast after Game 2 and a return East possibly between Games 5 and 6.

No wonder the Red Sox put a new-wave space into the oldest park in the majors.

Because in an industry where little expense is spared in seeking the smallest edge, it may be important to figure in box springs along with box scores.

"Comfy beds, comfy pillows. Really dark. It's a good area if you want some peace and quiet," All-Star infielder and outfielder Brock Holt said. "It's a good place to have just to kind of wind down and get out of all the hustle and bustle, what's going around the clubhouse, and just kind of get some quiet time."

The room, about 12 feet by 12 feet, is similar to freshman college housing — with a darkened window that keeps out ambient light. There is a wood floor, and each bunk bed has a five-step ladder. Above are a pair of slightly yellow lights and an air duct that creates a sound a bit like white noise.

Reliever Joe Kelly heads there whenever he feels tired.

"It's amazing. I love it," he said. "It's cold. Dark. Great beds. Very useful."

A 2017 paper by Northwestern University researchers Alex Song, Thomas Severini and Ravi Allada pub-

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lished in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Science examined travel by big league teams from 1992-2011.

"We observed that jet-lag effects were largely evident after eastward travel with very limited effects after westward travel," the authors wrote. "Jet lag impacted both home and away defensive performance. Remarkably, the vast majority of these effects for both home and away teams could be explained by a single measure, home runs allowed."

Their recommendation: "A starting pitcher scheduled for a game in which the team is jet lagged might travel to the game location a few days ahead of the team, to adjust to the new time zone."

While many clubs send the next day's starter to the following city ahead of the team, the pitcher usually travels just a day in advance.

The rest of the team, those players grind it out.

"There are times when your body is just not 100 percent. There are sometimes you're exhausted," Pearce said. "Sometimes you just need to shut your eyes for about 30 minutes. And with a small locker room like ours, it's good to get up there and just hide out for a little bit."

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Mega Millions, Powerball prizes come down to math, long odds

By **SCOTT McFETRIDGE, Associated Press**

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — For all the anticipation about whether someone will finally snag the gigantic Mega Millions and Powerball jackpots, the games come down to two things: simple math — and very long odds.

But there are some quirks and surprises about the math equations that likely will soon vault someone into stratospheric wealth after the jackpots grew for months without a winner.

WHAT ARE THE JACKPOTS?

The biggest quirk starts with this fact: The advertised \$1.6 billion Mega Millions prize — the world's largest ever lottery jackpot — and \$620 million Powerball prize aren't quite real. That is, those are the amount you'd be paid if you chose an annuity, doled out over 29 years. Nearly every winner opts for cash, which is the amount of money the lottery folks actually have in the bank ready to pay out to the company that would fund the annuity.

The cash option is still massive, at \$904 million for Mega Millions and \$354.3 million for Powerball. But those numbers aren't splayed across billboards and shown in countless mini marts across America.

POTENTIAL COMBINATIONS

The dismal odds of winning the Mega Millions jackpot — 1 in 302.5 million — mean there are 302.5 million potential number combinations, or a little less than one combination for each of the 328 million people living in the U.S. For last Friday's drawing, about 59 percent of possible combinations were taken. But by Tuesday night's drawing, officials estimate that 75 percent will be sold.

That would mean a 25 percent chance of no winner. If that happens, it's likely even more combinations would be covered before the next drawing three days later. Officials don't have an estimate on how many tickets would be sold for that potential drawing, and they haven't said how large the estimated prize would be. Could it reach \$2 billion?

The odds of winning Powerball are 1 in 292.2 million.

AS THE GRAND PRIZE INCREASES, SO DO WINNER NUMBERS

The odds of winning don't change as jackpots get larger, but the chance that more than one winner will share the prize do. When so many people rush to play as a jackpot soars, the chances increase that two or three tickets — of the millions of tickets sold — will match. Of the five largest jackpots awarded in the U.S., three went to multiple winners. The largest single prize went to a 2017 player from Massachusetts who celebrated a \$758.7 million Powerball payday.

TWO JACKPOTS, ONE WINNER?

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If the odds of winning either Mega Millions or Powerball don't seem gigantic enough, how about winning them both? Spend \$4 on a ticket for each game and it could happen. But the odds aren't especially favorable, at about 1 in 88 quadrillion (that's 88,000,000,000,000,000).

LUCKY NUMBERS

For Mega Millions, players choose six numbers: five from a range of white balls, numbered 1 to 70, and one number for the Mega Ball, with a range of 1 to 25. What numbers have come up most? Since 2010, that honor goes to the number 2, with 92 hits, followed by the numbers 20, 11, 31 and 17. The most hit Mega Ball number is 9.

Lottery officials are quick to point out that the number selection is random, so there's no reason that what hit in the past will be selected again. The game also has changed over the years, so some numbers included weren't always in the mix.

LUCKY STATES

Not surprisingly, the most Mega Million jackpot winners in the past five years have come from states with the largest populations. New York, with the nation's fourth-largest population, leads with seven winners. The No. 1 population state of California is second in Mega Millions winners with six, while Illinois is third with four winners.

Still, there are some quirks, as Georgia has the eight-largest population and three winners and Washington state has two winners but only the 13th largest population. Texas has the nation's second-largest population, yet players have only bought winning Mega Millions tickets in the state twice in the past five years. And let's hear it for Rhode Island, the smallest population state to have won a Mega Millions jackpot in the past five years.

AMERICA IS NO. 1

For those with an international bent, the current Mega Millions jackpot has surpassed all lottery jackpot records — so it's not only the largest lottery prize in U.S. history, it's now the world's largest.

The annual El Gordo national lottery in Spain advertises a larger total prize pool, but the money is divided up into many prizes, according to Seth Elkin, a spokesman for the Maryland lottery, which currently takes questions about the Mega Millions drawing.

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For the AP's complete coverage of the lottery: <https://apnews.com/Lottery>

China opens mega-bridge linking Hong Kong to mainland

By **DAKE KANG**, Associated Press

ZHUHAI, China (AP) — China on Tuesday opened the world's longest sea-crossing bridge linking Hong Kong to the mainland, a feat of engineering carrying immense economic and political significance.

Chinese President Xi Jinping presided over a ceremony in the city of Zhuhai to open the 55-kilometer (34-mile)-long bridge linking it to the semi-autonomous regions of Hong Kong and Macau. Digital fireworks exploded on a screen behind him as leaders of the three cities watched.

The \$20 billion bridge took almost a decade to build while incurring major delays and cost overruns. It includes an undersea tunnel allowing ships to pass through the Pearl River delta, the heart of China's crucial manufacturing sector.

Its opening will cut travel time across the delta from several hours to just 30 minutes, something China hopes will bind the region together as a major driver of future economic growth. Heavily regulated traffic using permits issued under a quota system will begin flowing on Wednesday.

The bridge forms a physical link between the mainland and Hong Kong, an Asian financial hub that was handed over from British to Chinese control in 1997 with the assurance it would maintain its own legal and economic system for 50 years.

That carries major political significance for Xi's administration, which has rejected calls for political liber-

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alization in Hong Kong, sparking fears Beijing will clamp down further on civil liberties before the end of the "one country, two systems" arrangement in 2047.

The bridge's opening also comes a month after the inauguration of a new high-speed rail link from Hong Kong to mainland China that runs along a different, shorter route. That line has vastly decreased travel times but also raised concerns about Beijing's growing influence because mainland Chinese law applies within part of the line's Hong Kong terminus.

To Claudia Mo, a Hong Kong democratic politician, the bridge's political significance outweighs its practical usefulness.

"It's not exactly necessary, because Hong Kong is connected to mainland China in every way already, by land, by air, by sea," Mo told The Associated Press.

"But they still need it as a political symbol or icon to remind Hong Kong people ... that you are connected to the motherland, with this very grand bridge. It's almost like an umbilical cord."

In Zhuhai, however, sentiments revolved around economic growth and national pride.

Airline pilot Liu Gang said he'd been eagerly anticipating the opening of the bridge, calling it a symbol of the mainland's increasingly close ties with Hong Kong and Macau.

"It'll bring us even closer together, make us more flexible, economically and in many other ways. We're now one family," Liu said Monday afternoon while strolling along a walkway and shooting photos of the structure.

Luo Fengzhi, who works in real estate, cited the bridge as evidence of China's growing economic and engineering prowess.

"For Chinese people, this makes them feel proud," she said. "I hope that every patriotic Chinese person can come and see this great feat of engineering, and I welcome foreigners to come and see for themselves as well."

AP Explains: The growing migrant caravan on way to US border

TAPACHULA, Mexico (AP) — The caravan of Central American migrants moving through Mexico toward the U.S. border has bloomed to more than 7,000 people. Here's why the caravan is bigger than previous ones and drawing so much attention.

WHAT IS THE CARAVAN?

The caravan is largely made up of young men and women with children fleeing Central America's violence, poverty and corruption. Most are from Honduras, but hundreds have also joined from El Salvador and Guatemala.

Over the years, Mexican advocacy groups organized such caravans to draw attention to the plight of asylum seekers, mostly from Central America.

But this year's migrant caravan appears to be the biggest ever. Unlike past caravans that were organized mostly in Mexico, this one started spontaneously in Honduras with about 160 people leaving from the gang-plagued city of San Pedro Sula.

The group grew to more than 1,600 by the time it reached the Guatemalan border, fueled by word of mouth and media coverage even as U.S. President Donald Trump tweeted criticism of the caravan.

Migrants have increasingly banded together to travel through Mexico, believing the dangerous journey is safer to make in large numbers. Dozens of Central American migrants have been kidnapped by gangs demanding money or shaken down by police. Some have been killed along the way.

The caravans have also become more popular as smugglers up their prices, charging more than \$10,000 to cross a U.S.-Mexico border that is fortified by drones, cameras and agents.

HOW IS THIS ONE DIFFERENT?

For years an annual caravan was organized by advocacy groups in southern Mexico around Easter to draw attention to the plight of Central American migrants.

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But since Trump took office in 2017, the caravans have grabbed attention in the United States and grown from only a few hundred to more than 1,000 people.

Earlier this year, a smaller caravan made its way to Tijuana, where more than 200 people presented themselves at the border and applied for asylum in the United States. The others returned home, tried to sneak into the United States or were deported by the U.S. or Mexico.

With just two weeks before the Nov. 6 midterm elections in the U.S., Trump has seized on the migrant caravan to make border security a political issue and energize his Republican base.

Trump has accused Democrats of failing on border policy and said the United States will "begin cutting off" foreign aid to Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador for not stopping their people from migrating. He said he is also considering using the U.S. military to seal off the border.

As Trump has tweeted his criticisms, the caravan has continued to grow.

WHO IS BEHIND THE CARAVAN?

It's unclear exactly how the caravan started in Honduras, but it appears to have no formal leadership.

"No one is capable of organizing this many people. Nobody," said Irineo Mujica of Pueblo Sin Fronteras (People Without Borders), which is providing support to the group. "It's an exodus."

Many Mexicans have turned out to help the migrants, handing out food and sometimes clothes in each town where they stop.

WHAT'S NEXT?

The caravan is slowly advancing into Mexico. The group is at least 1,140 miles (1,830 kilometers) from the nearest border crossing — McAllen, Texas — and the length of the journey could more than double if the migrants go to Tijuana-San Diego, on the other side of the country.

The caravan earlier this year shrank significantly as it moved through Mexico, and only a tiny fraction — about 200 of the 1,200 in the group — reached the California border.

Trump says the migrants will not be allowed to enter. However, U.S. law affords those fleeing violence the right to apply for asylum.

Trump blasts caravan, says he's cutting Central American aid

By ZEKE MILLER and JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump declared Monday the U.S. will begin cutting aid to three Central American countries he accused of failing to stop thousands of migrants heading for the U.S. border. But across his administration there was no indication of any action in response to what he tweeted was a "National Emergency."

For hours on Monday, White House officials were unable to provide an explanation for the president's threats, which reflected both his apparent frustration with the migrant caravan and his determination to transform it into Republican election gains. Federal agencies said they'd received no guidance on the president's declaration, issued as he attempts to make illegal immigration a focus of next month's midterm elections.

If Trump should follow through with his threat to end or greatly reduce U.S. aid, that could worsen the poverty and violence that are a root cause of the migration he has been railing against, critics said.

Trump tweeted, "Sadly, it looks like Mexico's Police and Military are unable to stop the Caravan heading to the Southern Border of the United States." He added without evidence that "criminals and unknown Middle Easterners are mixed in."

"I have alerted Border Patrol and Military that this is a National Emergency," he wrote. "Must change laws!"

Associated Press journalists traveling with the caravan for more than a week have spoken with Hondurans, Guatemalans and Salvadorans but have not met any of the "Middle Easterners" that Trump claimed had "mixed in" with the Central American migrants. It was clear, though, that more migrants were continuing to join the caravan.

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Trump's tweets marked the latest escalation of his efforts to thrust immigration politics into the national conversation in the closing weeks of the congressional elections. He and his senior aides have long believed the issue — which was a centerpiece of his winning presidential campaign — is key to revving up his base and motivating GOP voters to turn out in November.

"Blame the Democrats," he wrote. "Remember the midterms."

At a campaign rally in Houston on Monday night, he falsely accused Democrats of "encouraging millions of illegal aliens to break our laws, violate our borders and overwhelm our nation."

Trump for months has sought to use foreign aid as a cudgel more broadly, threatening to withhold humanitarian and other aid from "enemies of America" and using it to pressure foreign governments to bend to his will. On Monday, he said he would be making good on his threat.

"Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador were not able to do the job of stopping people from leaving their country and coming illegally to the U.S. We will now begin cutting off, or substantially reducing, the massive foreign aid routinely given to them," he wrote.

He added later at the White House: "We have been giving so much money to so many different countries for so long that it's not fair and it's not good. And then when we ask them to keep their people in their country, they're unable to do it."

However, it was unclear whether the president's tweets had any policy implications.

A Pentagon spokesman, Army Lt. Col. Jamie Davis, said the Pentagon had received no new orders to provide troops for border security. And a State Department official said the agency had not been given any instructions on eliminating or reducing aid to Central American countries.

Last April, Defense Secretary James Mattis authorized up to 4,000 members of the National Guard to help the Department of Homeland Security with southern border security, and approximately 2,100 were sent under the control of border state governors. That number, Davis said, has not changed.

The Pentagon also said it was going ahead with plans to include Honduras among the South American nations that will be visited this fall by the USNS Comfort, a hospital ship that Mattis has dispatched to help relieve stress on medical care systems as a result of refugee flows from Venezuela. The Comfort began treating patients in Ecuador on Monday and is scheduled to make stops in Peru, Colombia and Honduras, according to Pentagon spokesman Col. Rob Manning.

"The deployment reflects the United States' enduring promise of friendship, partnership and solidarity with the Americas," Manning said.

Asked what the administration was doing to operationalize the president's tweet, White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders told reporters Monday evening that "we're continuing to look at all options on the table."

"The president wants to make sure we're doing everything we can to secure and protect our borders and that's exactly what he's been talking about," she said.

It is Congress, not the president, that appropriates aid money. The White House would have to notify Congress if it wanted to cut or reallocate aid, which could delay or complicate the process.

Rep. Eliot Engel, the top-ranking Democrat on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said Monday that "my colleagues and I will not stand idly by as this administration ignores congressional intent."

The three countries received about \$500 million from the U.S. in fiscal year 2017. That money funds programs that promote economic development and education, as well as supporting democracy and human rights, among other issues. It was not immediately clear how much money Trump now hopes to cut, though the administration already had been pushing to reduce the government's global aid and foreign operations budget by about 30 percent for fiscal 2019 that began Oct 1.

Paul O'Brien, the vice president for policy and advocacy at Oxfam America, said that any attempts to decrease aid to the Central American countries would be "devastating" since the U.S. is a key investor in the region, funding programs on issues ranging from workforce development to reducing violence and improving human rights. In addition, other investors look to the U.S. as a guide.

"If you take that money away or you make it unpredictable, you're actually going to foster the very conditions that are driving people toward migration," said O'Brien, who accused Trump of "essentially seeking

to use migrants as a political chip.”

Last month, Vice President Mike Pence said that over the last year alone more than 225,000 people from the three Central American countries had attempted to illegally enter the United States, accounting for more than half of those apprehended at the southern border.

Cutting aid could also undermine what the Trump administration has identified as a key foreign policy goal: challenging China’s emergence as a strategic rival in the region.

The governments of Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador did not immediately respond to Trump’s threat. Jimmy Morales, president of Guatemala, planned to travel to Tecun Uman on his country’s border with Mexico late Monday.

On a three-day campaign swing to Western states last week, Trump raised alarm over thousands of migrants traveling through Mexico to the U.S. and threatened to seal off the U.S.-Mexico border if they weren’t stopped.

As the migrants continued their northward march about 900 miles (1,450 kilometers) from the U.S. border, Trump blamed Democrats for their movement — despite the fact that Republicans currently control the White House, the House and Senate.

“Every time you see a Caravan, or people illegally coming, or attempting to come, into our Country illegally, think of and blame the Democrats for not giving us the votes to change our pathetic Immigration Laws!” he wrote.

Associated Press writers Robert Burns, Matthew Pennington and Matthew Lee contributed to this report.

Category 4 Hurricane Willa threatens Mexico’s Pacific coast

By MARIA VERZA, Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A potential catastrophic Hurricane Willa swept toward Mexico’s Pacific coast with winds of 145 mph (230 kph) Monday night, threatening a stretch of high-rise resort hotels, surfing beaches and fishing villages.

Farther south, Mexican officials reported 12 deaths related to heavy rains from Tropical Storm Vicente.

After briefly reaching Category 5 strength, Willa’s maximum sustained winds weakened some. But it remained “extremely dangerous” and was forecast to bring “life-threatening storm surge, wind and rain-fall” to parts of west-central and southwestern Mexico ahead of an expected Tuesday landfall, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said.

Hotel workers started taping up windows, and officials began evacuating people and shuttered schools in a low-lying landscape where towns sit amid farmland tucked between the sea and lagoons. A decree of “extraordinary emergency” was issued for 19 municipalities in Nayarit and Sinaloa states, the federal Interior Department announced.

Officials said 7,000 to 8,000 people were being evacuated from low-lying areas, mostly in Sinaloa state.

The hurricane was expected to pass over or near the Islas Marias — a set of islands about 60 miles (96 kilometers) offshore that include a nature preserve and a federal prison — early Tuesday.

Forecasters said Willa would then blow ashore in the afternoon or evening somewhere along a 140-mile (220-kilometer) stretch extending from the resort town of Mazatlan to San Blas.

It was projected to weaken somewhat before hitting land but was still expected to be extremely dangerous.

Yamile Bustamante, assistant general manager at the Crown Plaza de Mazatlan, said hotel executives were not ruling out the possibility of evacuating guests but were awaiting instructions from authorities.

The governments of Sinaloa and Nayarit ordered coastal region schools to close and began preparing emergency shelters.

Enrique Moreno, mayor of Escuinapa, a municipality of about 60,000 people on Willa’s track, said officials were trying to evacuate everybody in the seaside village of Teacapan. He estimated 3,000 were affected but he expected some would try to stay.

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"The people don't want to evacuate, but it's for their security," he said.

About 60 miles (100 kilometers) up the coast in Mazatlan, with a metropolitan-area population of about 500,000, Mayor Jose Joel Boucieguez said officials prepared shelters and were closely monitoring low-lying areas. Mazatlan is a popular vacation spot and home to a large number of American and Canadian expatriates.

Late Monday, Willa was centered about 85 miles (140 kilometers) southwest of the Islas Marias and 195 miles (310 kilometers) south-southwest of Mazatlan. It was moving north at 9 mph (15 kph).

Hurricane-force winds extended 35 miles (55 kilometers) from the storm's center, and tropical storm-force winds were up to 125 miles (205 kilometers) out.

The U.S. hurricane center warned that Willa could bring 6 to 12 inches (15 to 30 centimeters) of rain — with up to 18 inches (45 centimeters) in some places — to parts of Jalisco, Nayarit and Sinaloa states, with flash flooding and landslides possible in mountainous areas.

Farther south, Tropical Storm Vicente weakened and was expected to dissipate soon, but it still dropped heavy rainfall that caused dangerous flooding in southern and southwestern Mexico.

Officials in Oaxaca state said seven adults and five children had lost their lives in drownings or mudslides.

Familiar 2016 figures deployed as midterms hit last 2 weeks

By KEN THOMAS, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump is battling Democrats for control of Congress. But you might think it's 2016 all over again.

As the 2018 midterms shifted to the final two weeks of campaigning, Trump staged a large Monday night rally in Houston, Ted Cruz's hometown, to help the Texas senator and his 2016 presidential rival fend off a tough challenge from Democratic Rep. Beto O'Rourke.

During the 2016 primaries, Trump mocked Cruz as "Lyin' Ted," insulted his wife's appearance and suggested Cruz's father played a role in the Kennedy assassination. Cruz assailed Trump as a "sniveling coward" and told Trump to leave his wife alone. But campaigns have a way of letting bygones be bygones.

Democrats dispatched former President Barack Obama to Las Vegas to help Nevada Democrats while former Vice President Joe Biden was barnstorming Florida. Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, who tried to wrestle the 2016 Democratic nomination from Hillary Clinton, was in Wisconsin, one of the states that propelled Trump to his stunning upset.

And California Sen. Kamala Harris, a potential 2020 presidential candidate, kicked off a two-day trip to Iowa, her first to the home of the nation's first presidential caucus.

Democrats are trying to flip nearly two dozen House seats to regain control of that chamber. Republicans are trying to maintain a slim Senate majority and defend several governors' mansions.

A look at midterm campaign activities Monday:

PELOSI PREDICTS

House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi says if the election were held today, her party would "handily" win back control of the House. But she's raising the possibility of an unpredictable finish to the midterms, adding, "I can only speak in the present tense because you never know."

Democrats have been wary about potential foreign interference in next month's elections, concerned that Russia might again try to sow discord in the political system. House Democrats are expected to reopen the investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election if they win the majority.

Pelosi told CNN's Dana Bash at CITIZEN by CNN political forum that Democrats will "own the ground" to produce a large voter turnout, promising lower prescription drug costs and infrastructure spending if Democrats win back the House.

Asked if she believes House Democrats will elect her speaker again if they regain the majority, Pelosi says, "It's up to them to make that decision, but I feel pretty comfortable where I am on it."

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SANDERS IN WISCONSIN

Former presidential candidate Bernie Sanders told college students and other young supporters in Wisconsin that they could “transform” the nation if they show up and vote in the upcoming fall elections.

Sanders headlined an early voting rally at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee aimed at defeating Republican Gov. Scott Walker and re-electing Sen. Tammy Baldwin, D-Wis. Organizers said more than 1,100 people were at the rally.

“Let’s tell Trump and his friends — let’s tell Trump and Walker and all of these guys — that we want a government and an economy based on justice, we want a government and an economy that represents all of us and not the 1 percent,” Sanders said alongside Baldwin.

Wisconsin is one of the campaign’s epicenters. Trump is returning to the state Wednesday for a rally with Walker and Leah Vukmir, Baldwin’s Republican opponent. Obama is coming to Milwaukee Friday for an early voting event.

Polls show Walker’s race against state education chief Tony Evers to be a toss-up, while Baldwin has consistently led Vukmir.

‘OVERRATED’ O’ROURKE

Trump blasted Texas Rep. Beto O’Rourke as “highly overrated” as he departed the White House for a Houston rally in support of Cruz.

Trump told reporters that he initially thought the Democratic congressman, who has mounted a strong challenge against Cruz in GOP-friendly Texas, “must be something a little special. He’s not.”

The president said he now gets along “very well” with Cruz after their 2016 primary feud. Trump offered more complimentary nicknames for Cruz — “I call him Texas Ted” — and told reporters he has replaced his “Lyn’ Ted” putdown with “Beautiful Ted.”

RESETTING THE ‘MORAL COMPASS’

Biden called the midterms a fight for “the soul of America” during a swing through Florida, saying the nation had a chance to reset “the moral compass of this country.”

Biden said Monday at the University of South Florida in Tampa that Trump’s actions at home and abroad didn’t reflect basic American values of decency.

He called Florida’s Republican gubernatorial candidate, former Rep. Ron DeSantis, a Trump acolyte. He praised Andrew Gillum, the Democrats’ candidate for governor, as one of the nation’s most exciting young leaders.

IMMIGRATION POLITICS

Democratic Sen. Kamala Harris of California, a potential 2020 presidential contender, said Trump’s assertion that he would begin “cutting off, or substantially reducing” aid to Central American nations over a migrant caravan headed to the U.S. border would yield no political advantage to Republicans.

Speaking to reporters after her first public event in Iowa, Harris said there was “absolutely not” a benefit for Republicans from the administration’s rhetoric.

“What our country wants, and what the people of our country want, is they want leaders who are focused on the challenges that they face every day, like can they put food on the table and pay the bills by the end of the month, consistently every month of the year,” Harris said amid a day of campaign stops promoting Iowa Democrats. “That’s what people want us to be talking about and thinking about and the priorities they want us to have, not vilifying some group for the sake of fearmongering and politics.”

OBAMA IN VEGAS

Obama said he wants Las Vegas and Nevada to be the “capital of voting” as he sought to energize Democrats ahead of the November midterm elections.

The former president referenced Trump’s policies as he warned against apathy, telling Democrats at a Las

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Vegas rally that all they needed to do was “look at what the Republicans have done the past two years.”

Obama said by the time he had left office, wages were rising and poverty was falling “and that’s what I handed off to the next guy. So when you hear all this talk about ‘economic miracles’ right now — remember who started it.”

The former president said he believed in a “fact-based reality and a fact-based politics. I don’t believe in just making stuff up.” Obama was rallying Democrats for Senate candidate Jacky Rosen, a freshman congresswoman from the Las Vegas-area, and gubernatorial candidate Steve Sisolak.

TRUMP IN TEXAS

Trump said nobody helped him more to cut taxes and regulation than Texas Sen. Ted Cruz.

At a political rally in Houston, Trump said Cruz has “become a really good friend of mine.” Cruz is running for re-election in the midterms against Democratic Rep. Beto O’Rourke.

Speaking before Trump took the stage, Cruz also made clear that the conflict was behind them and that the two were working together. His biggest applause came when he predicted that “in 2020, Donald Trump will be overwhelming re-elected.”

Associated Press writer Scott Bauer in Milwaukee, Mike Schneider in Tampa, Zeke Miller in Washington and Thomas Beaumont in Ankeny, Iowa, contributed to this report.

Trump ‘not satisfied’ with explanations of Khashoggi death

By DEB RIECHMANN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump said Monday he’s not satisfied with the explanations he’s heard about the death of Saudi writer Jamal Khashoggi and is awaiting reports from U.S. personnel returning from the region.

Khashoggi, who lived in the United States and wrote critically about the Saudi royal family, died earlier this month at the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul. Saudi Arabia said he was killed in a fistfight, but Turkish officials said the 59-year-old Washington Post columnist was attacked and killed by a 15-man Saudi team.

Asked if he believed Saudi Arabia’s explanation, Trump said, “I am not satisfied with what I’ve heard.”

“We’re going to get to the bottom of it. We have people over in Saudi Arabia now. We have top intelligence people in Turkey. They’re coming back either tonight or tomorrow,” Trump told reporters on the South Lawn of the White House before leaving for a political rally in Texas.

“We’re going to know a lot over the next two days about the Saudi situation,” said Trump. “It’s a very sad thing.”

Trump spoke Sunday with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who is the son of Saudi King Salman.

“He says he is not involved nor is the king,” Trump told USA Today in an interview aboard Air Force One Monday en route to a political rally in Texas. The newspaper said Trump declined to say whether he believed the crown prince’s denials. If their involvement was proven, Trump said: “I would be very upset about it. We’ll have to see.”

Trump characterized Khashoggi’s incident as a “plot gone awry” and told the newspaper he didn’t think the writer was deliberately lured into the consulate to be killed.

When he was asked late last week whether he thought Saudi Arabia’s claim that Khashoggi died in a fistfight was credible, the president answered: “I do. I do.”

That statement rankled members of Congress and former government officials who have accused Riyadh of trying to cover up the truth behind Khashoggi’s death or hide any evidence that the kingdom, particularly the crown prince, authorized it.

Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky, who has been trying to coax Trump into ending arms sales to Saudi Arabia, said Monday that it’s “laughable” to believe the crown prince was not involved in Khashoggi’s death.

Trump said any U.S. response should not involve scrapping billions of dollars in arms sales, which would

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hurt U.S. defense industries and eliminate U.S. jobs. "I don't want to lose all of that investment that's being made in our country," he said.

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said Trump will continue to demand answers. "He'll make a determination on what he wants to do once he feels like he has all of the information that he needs," she said.

Whatever the U.S. response, U.S. ties with its Gulf ally have hit rough waters. The Khashoggi affair also has threatened to upend the relationship of Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner with the crown prince.

The two men — both in their 30s, both trusted aides of older, familial leaders — struck a bond last spring and consulted with one another frequently in private calls in the months that followed. The crown prince, who is known in diplomatic circles as "MBS," has drawn some praise in the West for his moves to modernize the kingdom and criticism for his government's arrests of rivals and critics.

Trump now plays down the relationship, saying the crown prince and Kushner are "just two young guys." But their back-channel relationship unnerved many in the Trump administration and Washington foreign policy establishment who feared that the White House was betting too big on the crown prince.

Kushner on Monday fended off criticism that the Trump administration was giving Saudi Arabia cover. He said administration officials have their "eyes wide open."

"We're getting facts in from multiple places and once those facts come in, the secretary of state will work with our national security team to help us determine what we want to believe, what we think is credible and what we think is not credible," Kushner told CNN.

Even Trump, however, admits that Kushner's work on trying to craft peace between Israel and the Palestinians has been set back by Khashoggi's death. "There are a lot of setbacks. This is a setback for that," Trump told The Washington Post in a weekend phone interview.

Bruce Riedel, a former Middle East specialist for the CIA and National Security Council, said the Trump administration "desperately wants the Istanbul affair to go away and the MBS-Jared bromance obscured."

An administration official who regularly deals with Kushner pushed back against claims that Kushner and the crown prince are joined at the hip. The official was not authorized to discuss the relationship and spoke only on condition of anonymity.

The official said the two had spoken since the crisis erupted and said Kushner's comment that he had told the crown prince to be "transparent" is an accurate reflection of the conversation, which took place before the Saudis' most recent explanation for Khashoggi's death.

The official said Kushner — like other members of the administration, including Trump — believes Saudi Arabia should suffer some sort of consequence, but said Kushner also believes the U.S.-Saudi relationship "shouldn't be blown up" because of the Khashoggi matter.

Gerald Feierstein, a former ambassador to Yemen and a top-ranking U.S. diplomat for Middle East policy for three years, said keeping the back channel between Kushner and the crown prince now might "prove to be unsustainable." Feierstein, now with the Middle East Institute, said he thinks that U.S. relations with Saudi Arabia should be in the hands of professional diplomats, not the president's adviser.

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Leaked video shows Khashoggi 'body double' after killing

By SUZAN FRASER, AYSE WIETING and JON GAMBRELL, Associated Press

ISTANBUL (AP) — Just hours after writer Jamal Khashoggi was killed in the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul, a man strolled out of the diplomatic post apparently wearing the columnist's clothes as part of a macabre deception to sow confusion over his fate, according to surveillance video leaked Monday.

The new video broadcast by CNN, as well as a pro-government Turkish newspaper's report that a member of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's entourage made four calls to the royal's office from the consulate around the same time, put ever-increasing pressure on the kingdom. Meanwhile, Turkish

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crime-scene investigators swarmed a garage Monday night in Istanbul where a Saudi consular vehicle had been parked.

All this came on the eve of Prince Mohammed's high-profile investment summit in Riyadh, which has seen a raft of the world's top business leaders decline to attend over the slaying of the writer for The Washington Post.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, who said he would not attend the conference, met with the crown prince on Monday night. The Saudi foreign ministry tweeted out a photo of the two men meeting, and U.S. Treasury spokesman Tony Sayegh said in a separate tweet that Mnuchin raised the Khashoggi investigation in his discussions with the crown prince.

Meanwhile, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has promised that details of Khashoggi's killing "will be revealed in all its nakedness" in an address he'll make before parliament on Tuesday.

"We are faced with a situation in which it was a brutally planned (killing) and efforts were made to cover it up," said Omer Celik, a spokesman for Turkey's ruling Justice and Development Party. "God willing, the results will be brought into the open, those responsible will be punished and no one will dare think of carrying out such a thing again."

The kingdom's announcement Saturday that Khashoggi died in a "fistfight" was met with international skepticism and allegations of a cover-up to absolve the 33-year-old crown prince of direct responsibility.

U.S. President Donald Trump told reporters at the White House on Monday that he was "not satisfied with what I've heard," regarding Khashoggi's death. He added: "We will know very soon."

Turkish media reports and officials maintain that a 15-member Saudi team flew to Istanbul on Oct. 2, knowing Khashoggi would enter the consulate to get a document he needed to get married. Once he was inside, the Saudis accosted Khashoggi, cut off his fingers, killed and dismembered the 59-year-old writer, according to Turkish media reports.

Surveillance video on CNN showed the man in Khashoggi's dress shirt, suit jacket and pants, although he wore a different pair of shoes. 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 walks out of the consulate via its back exit with an accomplice, then takes a taxi to Istanbul's famed Blue Mosque, where he goes to a public bathroom, changes back out of the clothes and leaves. He later eats dinner with his accomplice and goes back to a hotel, where footage shows him smiling and laughing.

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

In the days after Khashoggi vanished, Saudi officials initially said he had left the consulate by its back door. Saudi Ambassador to the U.S. Prince Khalid bin Salman, a brother of the crown prince, wrote Oct. 8 that Khashoggi had left, and that claims the kingdom "have detained him or killed him are absolutely false, and baseless."

The fact that the Saudi team would allegedly have a man walking around in Khashoggi's clothes would suggest a premeditated plot to kill the writer.

A separate report Monday by newspaper Yeni Safak said Maher Abdulaziz Mutreb, a member of Prince Mohammed's entourage seen on trips to the U.S., 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 or the presence of a forensics and autopsy expert at the consulate before Khashoggi arrived.

Last week, a leaked photo 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

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a diplomat at the Saudi Embassy in London, according to a 2007 list compiled by the British Foreign Office.

By nightfall, Turkish police began searching an underground car parking garage in Istanbul's Sultangazi district. Surveillance footage on TRT showed what Turkish security officials described as suspicious actions, including an image of a man moving a bag from one vehicle to another.

Meanwhile, Saudi state media reported that both Prince Mohammed and King Salman made calls to Khashoggi's son, Salah, early Monday. 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 testimony to prosecutors 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.

Fraser reported from Ankara, Turkey, and Gambrell reported from Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Associated Press writers Aya Batrawy in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, and Geir Moulson in Berlin contributed.

World Series Game 1 to be cold one for Dodgers, Red Sox

By BEN WALKER, AP Baseball Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Hooting and hollering, Chris Taylor and a couple of Dodgers took aim at the Green Monster. With their arms, not bats.

Standing in left field, they kept throwing balls at a small, square space in the scoreboard, shouting every time a miss clanged off the metal letters.

"I've got good aim!" Taylor shouted after he finally tossed one through, ending the contest Monday.

A lot of fun for Los Angeles, frolicking at Fenway Park during a World Series workout.

Might not look, sound and feel so friendly come Game 1 on Tuesday night.

"It's a completely different atmosphere," Boston reliever Heath Hembree cautioned. "Are they going to feel the Monster breathing down on them?"

Goes beyond the ballpark, too.

"I think the biggest challenge for a team coming in here is you're playing the Boston Red Sox," pitcher Nathan Eovaldi said.

That's the part Clayton Kershaw will focus on, trying to contain Mookie Betts, J.D. Martinez and a team that blitzed to a team-record 108 wins, then breezed through the AL playoffs.

A three-time NL Cy Young Award winner, Kershaw has never pitched at Fenway. But he went through a drill in bullpen Sunday night, going through his entire routine on the mound — even going to his mouth and wiping his hand before taking the ball out of his glove — without throwing a single pitch. On Monday, he loosened up in a cutoff T-shirt and ski cap.

"Check this one off as far as pitching tomorrow, but I don't really think about the history part of it too much, honestly," he said.

The view from the other dugout certainly is more inviting.

"It's a lot better wearing the white uniforms," said Chris Sale, who starts the opener for Boston. "It's not an easy place to play as a visitor."

"This ballpark definitely brings its challenges in terms of it's different. It's not your standard wall out in center field, just kind of a half-oval. We have ... nooks and crannies and some sharp edges and some different things going on out there," he said. "I could definitely see how this could raise some challenges for a team that doesn't play here a lot."

Fans saw that earlier in the playoffs.

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A relative stranger to the 37-foot-high wall, Yankees left fielder Andrew McCutchen misplayed a carom in the AL Division Series. Shortstop Didi Gregorius wandered far into the outfield, retrieved the carom and made a long relay — and wound up hurting his elbow, an injury that required Tommy John surgery.

During the AL Championship Series, Houston left fielder Marwin Gonzalez got lost out there and banged hard into the scoreboard, which isn't padded. He was down for a while.

"Crazy bounces, all the odd angles. Off the scoreboard, off the numbers," said Dodgers starter Rich Hill, who previously pitched for the Red Sox.

"Or you hook one down the line toward Pesky's Pole, it's probably less than 200 feet down there," he said. "There's not a park like this."

Taylor made a sensational catch in left-center field Saturday night as the Dodgers beat Milwaukee in Game 7 of the NLCS. He's played at Fenway, albeit a few years ago with Seattle.

"I'll feel it out," he said.

The Red Sox and Dodgers are meeting in the World Series for the first time since 1916. The Dodgers haven't played an interleague game at Fenway since 2010, meaning Yasiel Puig, Cody Bellinger and Max Muncy will be getting their first looks on the field. Rookie Walker Buehler visited a couple times while he played in the amateur Cape Cod League.

Red Sox reliever Brandon Workman appreciates the oldest park in the majors, which opened about a week after the Titanic sank in 1912.

"There are some unique features here. The triangle in center field. The wall, of course," he said.

"I've never been in the visitors' clubhouse, but I hear it's tiny. That's OK by me, I'm on the other side."

At least the weather is supposed to be decent enough. For late October in the Northeast, no doubt.

It's supposed to be around 50 for Sale's first pitch, with temperatures dropping into the upper 40s. A little cooler for Game 2 on Wednesday night when David Price starts for Boston against Hyun-Jin Ryu.

Before that, Dodgers second baseman Brian Dozier intends to speak to his teammates, sharing the knowledge he learned over seven seasons with Minnesota.

"We actually have a long meeting coming up and I'm going to touch on that with a few different things," he said. "How to play the wall that I learned even as a shortstop my rookie year. I'm going to touch on that to make sure."

"There's no park similar to this," he said. "Balls down the line hit the stands. Flyballs can get lost. I guess my message is don't let yourself be surprised by anything that happens here."

Dodgers reliever Ryan Madson said he isn't too worried about the ballpark oddities. Easy for him to say — he was part of bullpens that won World Series championships in Philadelphia and Kansas City.

"None of that factors into what we're talking about," he said, adding with a smile, "we hope not."

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Treaty exits and extensions top Trump adviser's Moscow talks

By NATALIYA VASILYEVA and VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV, Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — U.S. President Donald Trump's national security adviser met in Moscow with top Russian officials Monday, less than 48 hours after Trump declared he intended to pull the United States out of a 1987 nuclear weapons treaty.

National Security Adviser John Bolton and his Russian counterpart, Security Council chairman Nikolai Patrushev, discussed arms control agreements, Syria, Iran, North Korea and the fight against terrorism, according to the Security Council.

During the talks, Patrushev emphasized the importance of maintaining the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty, the Security Council said in a statement carried by Russian news agencies.

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

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He warned Saturday that the U.S. will begin developing such weapons unless Russia and China agree not to possess or develop them. China wasn't a party to the pact that was signed in 1987 by U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

"Russia has not adhered to the agreement," Trump said Monday. "We have more money than anybody else by far, we'll build it up until they come to their senses."

"I'm terminating the agreement because they violated the agreement," Trump said, adding that his action was "a threat to whoever you want, and it includes China, and it includes Russia and it includes anybody else that wants to play that game."

Bolton noted in an interview with the Russian business daily Kommersant that the U.S. was concerned both with Russia's violation of the pact and China's intermediate-range missile capabilities. He also added that it would be unrealistic to expect Beijing to accept any limits.

In Monday's talks with Bolton, Patrushev reaffirmed Russia's "readiness for joint work to consider mutual complaints regarding the treaty's implementation," the Security Council said.

"It was underlined that its abrogation would deal a serious blow to the entire international system of nuclear non-proliferation and arms control," the council's statement said.

Patrushev and Bolton also discussed a possible five-year extension of another pivotal arms control agreement between Russia and the U.S. — the New START Treaty that went into force in 2011 and is set to expire in 2021, the statement said.

Bolton also held talks later in the day with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and is set to meet with President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday.

Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, warned Monday that the U.S. withdrawal from the treaty would "make the world a more dangerous place."

He added that Russia would have to take countermeasures to "restore balance" if the U.S. opts out of the agreement.

Peskov reaffirmed Moscow's strong denial of any treaty violations.

"We categorically disagree with the claim that Russia has violated the INF Treaty," he said. "Russia has fully adhered to the treaty's provisions."

He noted that Russia long has voiced concern about what it sees as U.S. violations of the treaty. Russia has charged that U.S. missile defense facilities in Romania could be modified to house ground-to-ground intermediate-range cruise missiles.

NATO spokeswoman Oana Lungescu said Monday that the military alliance has repeatedly expressed concern about Russia's nuclear-capable 9M729 missile.

"In the absence of any credible answer from Russia on this new missile, allies believe that the most plausible assessment would be that Russia is in violation of the INF Treaty," she said.

Lungescu didn't comment on Trump's threat to withdraw from the treaty, saying only that the "allies continue consultations."

The European Union warned Trump to assess the potential impact of abandoning a 40-year-old arms control agreement.

The EU said that along with urging Russia to stick to the treaty, it encouraged "the United States to consider the consequences of its possible withdrawal from the INF on its own security, on the security of its allies and of the whole world."

The bloc described the treaty as an essential cornerstone of Europe's security structure, adding, "the world doesn't need a new arms race that would benefit no one and on the contrary, would bring even more instability."

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres "still hopes that the two countries will engage to solve the disagreements," U.N. deputy spokesman Farhan Haq said Monday.

Haq noted that Guterres has urged the U.S. and Russia to resolve their dispute over the INF, to extend the New START treaty and to take new steps to reduce nuclear stockpiles.

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Fury over reported federal plan targeting transgender people

By DAVID CRARY and RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — LGBT leaders across the U.S. reacted with fury Monday to a report that the Trump administration is considering adoption of a new definition of gender that would effectively deny federal recognition and civil rights protections to transgender Americans.

"I feel very threatened, but I am absolutely resolute," Mara Keisling, executive director of the National Center for Transgender Rights, said at a news conference convened by more than a dozen activist leaders. "We will stand up and be resilient, and we will be here long after this administration is in the trash heap."

The activist leaders, speaking amid posters reading "#Won'tBeErased", later addressed a protest rally outside the White House.

On Sunday, The New York Times reported that the Department of Health and Human Services was circulating a memo proposing that gender be defined as an immutable biological condition determined by a person's sex organs at birth. The proposal would define sex as either male or female, and any dispute about one's sex would have to be clarified through genetic testing, according to the Times' account of the memo.

For LGBT-rights leaders, it's the administration's latest attack on transgender Americans. They also cite an attempt to ban them from military service; a memo from Attorney General Jeff Sessions concluding that civil rights laws don't protect transgender people from discrimination on the job; and the scrapping of Obama-era guidance encouraging school officials to let transgender students use school bathrooms that matched their gender identities.

President Donald Trump briefly addressed the latest controversy as he left the White House for a political trip to Houston, but left unclear how his administration plans to proceed.

"We have a lot of different concepts right now," Trump said. "They have a lot of different things happening with respect to transgender right now — you know that as well as I do — and we're looking at it very seriously."

Trump added: "I'm protecting everybody."

The Cabinet agency had acknowledged months ago that it was working to rewrite a federal rule that bars discrimination in health care based on "gender identity." It cited a Texas-based federal judge's opinion that the original rule went too far in concluding that discrimination based on gender identity is a form of sex discrimination, which is forbidden by civil rights laws.

The department said Monday it would not comment on "alleged leaked documents." It did release a statement from Roger Severino, head of its Office for Civil Rights, saying his agency was reviewing the issue while abiding by the 2016 ruling from the Texas-based federal judge, Reed O'Connor.

LGBT activists, who pledged legal challenges if the reported memo leads to official policy, said several other courts had issued rulings contrary to O'Connor's.

"For years, courts across the country have recognized that discriminating against someone because they are transgender is a form of sex discrimination, full stop," said Diana Flynn, Lambda Legal's litigation director. "If this administration wants to try and turn back the clock by moving ahead with its own legally frivolous and scientifically unsupportable definition of sex, we will be there to meet that challenge."

Shannon Minter, a transgender attorney with the National Center for Lesbian Rights, called the reported plan a "cynical political ploy to sow discord and energize a right-wing base" before the Nov. 6 election.

UCLA legal scholar Jocelyn Samuels, who ran the HHS civil rights office in the Obama administration, said the Trump administration would be going beyond established law if it adopted the policy in the memo.

"What they are saying is you do not get to decide your sex; it is the government that will decide your sex," said Samuels.

Omar Gonzalez-Pagan, a lawyer with Lambda Legal, said the proposed rule change appears to still be

undergoing White House review. It would need to be signed off by the departments of Justice, Labor and Education, which are also involved with civil rights enforcement.

He said "the purpose of this rule is to erase transgender people from existence, to write them off from federal law, and to institute a definition that is contrary to case law, contrary to medical and scientific understanding, and contrary to the lived experience of transgender people."

While social mores enter into the debate, medical and scientific experts have long recognized a condition called "gender dysphoria" — discomfort or distress caused by a discrepancy between the gender that a person identifies as and the gender at birth. Consequences can include severe depression. Treatment can range from sex-reassignment surgery and hormones to people changing their outward appearance by adopting a different hairstyle or clothing.

According to an estimate by the Williams Institute at the UCLA School of Law, there are about 1.4 million transgender adults in the United States.

Crary reported from New York

In a prison and a temple, Oregonians help detained migrants

By ANDREW SELSKY, Associated Press

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — With the sun bearing down, Norm and Kathy Daviess stood in the shade of a prison wall topped with coiled razor wire, waiting for three immigrants to come out.

It's become an oddly familiar routine for the Air Force veteran and his wife, part of an ad hoc group of volunteers that formed in recent months after the Trump administration transferred 124 immigrants to the federal prison in rural Oregon, a first for the facility.

The detainees were among approximately 1,600 immigrants apprehended along the U.S.-Mexico border and then transferred to federal prisons in five states after President Donald Trump's "zero tolerance" policy left the usual facilities short of space.

Almost half of those sent to the prison outside Sheridan, an economically struggling town 50 miles (80 kilometers) southwest of Portland, on May 31 are from India, many of them Sikhs — part of an influx of Indian nationals entering the U.S. in recent years. They also came from Nepal, Guatemala, Mexico and a dozen other countries.

"Zero tolerance" made Sheridan an unusual way station for migrants from around the world. Now, those who pass an initial screening and post bond are being released. And Norm and Kathy Daviess, along with more than 100 other volunteers — retirees, recent college graduates, lawyers, clergy — have lined up to help.

"The best part of this is seeing the big smile on their face, to be out, to have this burden done with," said Kathy Daviess, 71, who wore a floppy white hat as she and her husband stood outside the prison on a recent afternoon. As drivers, the two are ready to go to the prison, a half-hour from their hometown of Dundee, at a moment's notice and often wait there for hours as the detainees are processed.

The freed migrants generally travel onward in a day or two to other states where they have relatives or friends. The volunteers provide transportation, interpreter services, legal counseling, food, shelter and moral support. They raised more than \$12,000 to pay bonds for migrants who couldn't come up with the money themselves.

A Sikh temple in nearby Salem also offers the immigrants religious and other services, and a place to recover.

Many of the detainees made long, dangerous journeys to reach the U.S., and all either turned themselves in to seek asylum or were nabbed by border agents when they arrived. Since "zero tolerance" took effect in May, everyone who enters the country illegally is charged with a crime.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions said the crackdown is necessary to eliminate illegal immigration and because abuse of the asylum system has caused a surge in illegal border crossings.

"For those who crossed the border illegally, those were the consequences brought upon them," said

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Sheridan Mayor Harry Cooley, who worked at the Oregon prison for 21 years and is not among the volunteers. He was less certain about migrants who request asylum at points of entry, noting it isn't illegal.

"It would be unfathomable if they were detaining those people rather than just turning them away," Cooley said, but then added it seemed justifiable to detain the immigrants while their stories are verified. "The previous policy was catch and release, which I definitely don't agree with."

The prison is Sheridan's largest employer, though the town of 6,000 has paid little attention to the migrant issue, the mayor said.

The volunteers are mostly from other communities in the Willamette Valley, including Salem and Portland, Oregon's largest city.

Kathy Daviess said she got involved because "we've got a legal system, and it's supposed to apply to everyone." Her husband, who spent his career with the Air Force in uniform and as a contractor, felt the immigrants were being denied due process.

The migrants were granted access to lawyers after the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon filed a lawsuit alleging they were held largely incommunicado. The detainees told federal public defenders they were initially confined to cells for up to 23 hours a day. "It's not right. We don't do that," Norm Daviess said.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement declined to comment, citing pending litigation.

Kathleen Moss, from nearby Carlton, said it's been rewarding to coordinate around 60 drivers and people offering respite centers.

"It's kind of taken over my life," the nutritionist and advocate for foster children said.

To help the immigrants seek asylum, making a case that they fled dangerous conditions back home, Innovation Law Lab has "plugged in" 80 volunteer attorneys, legal assistants and other specialists, said Victoria Bejarano Muirhead, development director of the Portland group.

Volunteers have watched detainees emerge from the prison, surveying the nearby forests, hills and fields for the first time since they arrived.

One man borrowed a phone to make a video call to his wife in Nepal as Katy Mitchell, who manages Innovation Law Lab's operations in Sheridan, gave him a ride.

"I couldn't understand their conversation in Nepali, but I could understand the love and excitement in their voices seeing each other's faces and talking for the first time in many months," Mitchell said. "He sat there clutching his heart with the biggest grin on his face and she couldn't stop giggling with joy."

On a recent day, Carlos Marroquin, from El Salvador, and Abdoulaye Camara, from Mauritania, watched the countryside, tinged in autumnal colors, flash by as volunteer Cynthia McCracken drove them from the prison.

"It's been so long, waiting for this moment," Marroquin, sporting a fresh haircut and wearing jeans and a plaid shirt, said in Spanish with a big grin. "I feel an enormous gratitude for all these people, because they helped us in an incredible way: the community, lawyers."

McCracken, of Newberg, Oregon, took Marroquin and Camara to the Dasmesh Darbar Sikh temple in Salem, where they showered, ate and relaxed. She noted she's driven 12 men from the prison gates.

Freed immigrants often sit outside on the temple grounds, taking in the fresh air near a driveway lined with red, white, yellow and pink flowers.

"It's wonderful. I think it's a dream," Karandeep Singh, an immigrant from India, said inside the temple as music featuring the soft patter of tabla drums filtered from a speaker. An ornate Persian carpet lay at his feet.

For Mitchell, being involved in the team effort has been bittersweet.

"I feel lucky to be witness to this joy, but pained to know the suffering it's rooted in," she said.

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World Series Bark Park: Porcello's pup romps around Fenway

By **BEN WALKER, AP Baseball Writer**

BOSTON (AP) — Fresh from his World Series workout, Rick Porcello was far from dog tired. So the Red Sox pitcher took his new puppy for a romp at a popular park — Fenway Park . Porcello watched in amusement as 4-month-old Bronco the German shepherd explored the yard Sunday. The pup sniffed outside the Boston dugout, zig-zagged across the outfield grass and ran next to the Green Monster.

"I got him a couple days before the playoffs," Porcello said. "As soon as I saw him, I knew I wanted him to be in my life."

The 2016 AL Cy Young Award winner didn't have to look far to find him. Bronco's dad is Drago, a 7-year-old service dog owned by Fenway Park head groundskeeper Dave Mellor.

Drago was on the field, as usual, with Mellor after the Red Sox held a short practice two days before Game 1 against the Los Angeles Dodgers. Bronco was named because of his active nature, his tail wagging a mile a minute, and roamed from corner to corner with Drago.

"Who's a good dog?" Porcello called as they ran past.

To the delight of a tour group in the stands, Bronco dashed toward a worker's wheelbarrow and then veered off. After about 20 minutes, Porcello scooped up the playful pup and carried him off the bark park.

Bronco was among a litter of five born this summer to Lisle, another of Mellor's dogs. Red Sox infielder Ian Kinsler also adopted a littermate, Quinn, and pairing her with a boxer the family already had at home.

"You see Dave with Drago out there on the field, you can see he's a special dog," Kinsler said Monday. "When Dave said one was available, there was no doubt we were getting her."

Porcello said his parents always had dogs around the house when he was growing up in New Jersey. Mostly they had Labradors, and one of their pooches was named Kirby, for Hall of Famer Kirby Puckett.

It's a busy time for Porcello, and right now Bronco is living with a trainer in nearby New Hampshire.

"Once the season is over, he'll come live with me and get acclimated," Porcello said. "I can't wait to have a dog in the house."

Drago is always by Mellor's side, on and off the field. Twice in his life, Mellor has been hit by cars, resulting in dozens of surgeries. Drago helps Mellor cope with the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder.

"We're a team," he said.

Mellor has been grooming the Red Sox lawn since 2001, and said many fans wonder whether his dog was named for former Boston pitcher Dick Drago.

It'd be a good story, he allowed, but not accurate.

"He was born in Slovakia," Mellor said. "They told us his name means 'precious' in Slovakian."

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Ex-NFL player out of prison after 18 years for murder plot

By **STEVE REED, AP Sports Writer**

Rae Carruth is a free man.

The former NFL wide receiver was released from prison Monday after serving more than 18 years for conspiring to murder the mother of his unborn child.

The Carolina Panthers' 1997 first-round draft pick was released from Sampson Correctional Institution in Clinton, North Carolina, after completing his sentence of 18 to 24 years.

Carruth did not speak to reporters as he left prison wearing a knit cap and an unzipped jacket on a chilly morning with temperatures in the high 30s. There was a smattering of applause when he got into a white SUV and was whisked away. He was taken to an undisclosed location.

The 44-year-old Carruth will be on a nine-month post-release program, according to North Carolina Department of Public Safety spokesman Jerry Higgins. He would need special permission from a case officer to leave the state or the country during that span but is free to go wherever he pleases after nine months.

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Carruth was found guilty of orchestrating a plot to kill Cherica Adams on Nov. 16, 1999, in Charlotte, North Carolina, to avoid paying child support. Adams was shot four times while driving her car but managed to make a 911 call that helped implicate Carruth.

Adams went into a coma and died less than a month later after the shooting.

The child she was carrying, Chancellor Lee Adams, was delivered by emergency cesarean section but suffers from permanent brain damage and cerebral palsy.

Carruth has never admitted guilt in Adams' murder, but in a complex 15-page letter to WBTV-TV in Charlotte in February he wrote that "I feel responsible for everything that happened. And I just want (Saundra Adams) to know that truly I am sorry for everything."

Carruth's former attorney, David Rudolf, did not immediately return phone calls Monday seeking comment about Carruth's release and plans.

Last week, Carruth told WSOC-TV in Charlotte in a telephone interview, "I just truly want to be forgiven."

He went on to say he was "somewhat frightened" about his release, adding that "I'm nervous just about how I'll be received by the public. I still have to work. I still have to live. I have to exist out there and it just seems like there is so much hate and negativity toward me."

Carruth has repeatedly said he wants to have a relationship with his son, who remains in the custody of his grandmother, Saundra Adams, who has raised him since birth. Adams had previously said she would be there when Carruth got out of prison, but she was not present Monday.

Carruth's arrest on charges of conspiracy and attempted murder nine days after the shooting sent shockwaves throughout the Panthers organization.

The team released Carruth and the NFL suspended him indefinitely after he fled the Charlotte area after posting \$3 million bail and was found by federal authorities hiding in the trunk of a car in Tennessee, about 500 miles from Charlotte.

Panthers center Frank Garcia played with Carruth for more than two seasons. He said players were stunned when they heard the news of Carruth's possible involvement in the murder, about 20 miles from the team's downtown stadium in the affluent section of South Charlotte.

"It would be like finding out the guy sitting in the cubicle next to you at work was arrested for murder," Garcia said. "You just don't always know people as well as you think you do."

Garcia said Carruth was a little shy, and mostly kept to himself. But he said Carruth had a passion for helping kids, including reading books to elementary school students.

It was a difficult time in Panthers history.

Some players were called out of football practice to testify at the trial. Those not involved would spend time huddling in the players' lounge watching the trial on Court TV.

"That is one time where you were actually hiding from the cameras," Garcia said. "You just wanted to stay low and not be involved. All along you're asking yourself, 'Did I miss any signs? How is somebody capable of this?'"

While in jail Carruth worked as a barber, making about \$1 per hour, the Department of Public Safety said.

That's a far cry from the four-year, \$3.7 million contract Carruth signed with the Panthers after being drafted — although he never collected all of that money since he was released in the third year of his deal.

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Anywhere but Washington: Why DC stories rarely film in DC

By ASHRAF KHALIL, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's a hobby among District of Columbia locals: Picking apart glaring geographic and architectural inaccuracies in movies and television shows set in Washington.

One of the most famous is the 1987 film "No Way Out," where Kevin Costner escapes pursuers by taking a subway from Georgetown. No subway station has ever existed in the tony neighborhood. The opening credits of the new Amazon show "Jack Ryan" show the title character biking to work via a route that

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makes no geographic sense.

The reason for this disconnect is simple: Few TV shows or movies actually film in Washington. That's something district officials are trying to change. They scored one success last summer with the filming of the Wonder Woman sequel in the district. And they have a high-profile ally in author George Pelecanos, who has set all 20 of his crime novels in the Washington area and is on a personal mission to turn the nation's capital into a film hub.

But they have difficulties overcome. Other cities offer more generous tax incentives. Filmmakers say Washington can be a difficult place for them—the entire district is a no-fly zone for helicopters and drones. Those seeking film permits must sometimes contend with several overlapping police forces: the district's Metropolitan Police, National Parks Service police, the United States Capitol Police and the Secret Service.

So Washington-centric series like "House of Cards" or "Veep" typically come to the District just to shoot what locals call the "postcard shots" of the monuments or the White House, then do their principal filming elsewhere. "The Americans" was set in Washington, but filmed in Brooklyn; "NCIS" has been set in Washington for 16 seasons, but fakes the district in southern California. "The Post" was filmed in Brooklyn and "Lincoln" was filmed in Richmond, Virginia—the capital of the Confederacy.

But Angela Gates, director of Washington's Office of Cable Television, Film, Music and Entertainment, feels like the district is on a roll after the "Wonder Woman" shooting.

"That says a lot about how far we've come," Gates said. "When you do a project well, word of mouth starts to get around."

Gates said 2016 was a turning point. That's when Mayor Muriel Bowser reinstated Washington's dormant tax rebate program. A production spending more than \$250,000 filming in the district can apply for a rebate of up to 35% of taxable expenditures, with further incentives for hiring local residents. Her office also helps secure permissions from law enforcement.

"We have a seat at the table now," Gates said. "These are game-changing times for us."

Pelecanos' support has also helped. His popularity is surging due to his work as a writer on "The Wire." Now he's the executive producer of the HBO show "The Deuce." He recently completed an independent film, "DC Noir," based on his stories, and made a point of filming in all eight of Washington's wards.

"The city's beautiful, and it hasn't really been exploited yet," said Pelecanos, who grew up just outside the district in Silver Spring, Maryland, but regularly came into Washington to work in his father's diner.

Pelecanos recalls many inaccuracies in Washington-based movies and shows, but he has a particular peeve about fire escapes. It bothers him when movies purportedly set in the district show apartment buildings with New York-style zigzag escapes.

"Baltimore or New York can look like D.C. to anybody but Washingtonians," said Kyle David Crosby of Pictureshow Productions, who worked on "DC Noir."

Still, competing against film hotspots like Georgia, Louisiana and New Mexico is hard. Washington's funding package is relatively modest—about \$5 million per year.

Vans Stevenson, senior vice president for state government affairs for the Motion Picture Association of America, said Washington's rebate funding is dwarfed by most of its rivals.

"They've put some money in it, but it's still not competitive," he said.

Still Stevenson said Washington has "a wonderful track record" and enjoys "a good reputation of being able to accommodate productions."

Crosby said the difficulties of filming in Washington are often exaggerated. It can sometimes take a little longer to secure permission, but generally the process works. However certain sites like the Vietnam Memorial are off-limits and, "You're not putting a camera crew on the steps of the Capitol ever. You're just not," he said.

Crosby said local filming increased after the tax rebates were reinstated, with movies like "Jackie" and "Spider-Man: Homecoming" filming there. But he describes a chicken-and-egg problem: there's a shortage of specialized equipment because there aren't enough productions to justify keeping them in Washington.

"For now if you're going to do a major project here, you're bringing most of your trucks from outside,"

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he said.

The same goes for behind-the-camera talent and technical crew. Crosby describes the local talent pool as wide, varied and accomplished, but not particularly plentiful.

On "DC Noir," Pelecanos said he employed 60 interns from Howard University's film department to give them professional experience. Chadwick Boseman, the "Black Panther" star, is a Howard graduate, as is Bradford Young, the first black cinematographer to be nominated for an Oscar for 2017's "Arrival." But Howard assistant professor Jami Ramberan said the lack of local work is "a huge reason that many of our students leave."

Pelecanos said productions like the "Wonder Woman" sequel boost Washington's reputation, but what would really help the city is television.

"What you need is an ongoing series that lasts for five or six years," he said. "We need to get it to the point where people are working all year long for many years."

Attracting those projects often comes down to money. Pelecanos said that unless you're a location ideologue like him, the production incentives generally determine filming locations.

For now, bringing major productions to Washington remains a hard sell.

Pelecanos recalls pitching a film based on his novel "Hard Revolution," which depicts the 1968 riots after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. where large swaths of Washington were set ablaze.

"I told them, 'I have one catch. If we're going to do this, it has to be 100 percent filmed in Washington,'" he said. "The whole room went silent."

The deal didn't go through.

Asian shares retreat as Chinese growth concerns sink in

By ANNABELLE LIANG, Associated Press

SINGAPORE (AP) — Asian stocks slid on Tuesday as worries about softening Chinese growth rattled investors, following a rally that was not picked up by Wall Street overnight.

KEEPING SCORE: Japan's Nikkei 225 index gave up 2.0 percent to 22,154.29 and the Kospi in South Korea tumbled 2.4 percent to 2,108.77. The Shanghai Composite index, which closed more than 4 percent higher in the previous session, fell 1.4 percent to 2,616.55. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index dropped 2.0 percent to 25,622.83. Australia's S&P-ASX 200 dipped 0.9 percent to 5,852.00. Shares fell in Taiwan and throughout Southeast Asia.

WALL STREET: Broad losses for banks, health care and energy companies pulled most U.S. indexes lower after early gains on Monday. The S&P 500 index suffered its fourth straight loss, dropping 0.4 percent to 2,755.88. The Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 0.5 percent to 25,317.41, while the Nasdaq composite finished 0.3 percent higher at 7,468.63. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks shed 0.2 percent to 1,539.00, its lowest close since April.

U.S. EARNINGS: Traders are readying for a flurry of earnings reports that would show how American businesses are coping with rising interest rates, inflation and the impact of trade disputes. Close to 17 percent of companies on the S&P 500 have reported earnings for the third quarter, and over half of them did better than expected. This week, big names like Caterpillar, Amazon, Microsoft, Twitter and Google's parent company, Alphabet, will post their latest results.

CHINESE ECONOMY: Chinese benchmarks led a rebound by Asian markets on Monday, but investors have since started to price in weaker-than-expected performance in the third quarter. China's economy grew at a 6.5 percent annual pace, its slowest since 2009, official data showed. The Trump administration has raised tariffs on most Chinese goods sold to the U.S., ranging from soybeans to electric cars and whiskey.

ANALYST'S TAKE: "Asian markets opened lower following weak U.S. session overnight, as rising geopolitical uncertainties outweigh earnings optimism," Margaret Yang, market analyst at CMC Markets in Singapore, said in an interview.

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude lost 12 cents to \$69.24 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract added 8 cents to settle at \$69.36 a barrel in New York. Brent crude,

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used to price international oils, fell 33 cents to \$79.50 per barrel. In the previous session, it gained 5 cents to \$79.83 a barrel.

CURRENCIES: The dollar weakened to 112.57 yen from 112.82 yen on Monday. The euro fell to \$1.1457 from \$1.1465.

AP Business Writer Alex Veiga contributed to this report.

Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 23, the 296th day of 2018. There are 69 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 23, 1983, 241 U.S. service members, most of them Marines, were killed in a suicide truck bombing at Beirut International Airport in Lebanon; a near-simultaneous attack on French forces killed 58 paratroopers.

On this date:

In 1707, the first Parliament of Great Britain, created by the Acts of Union between England and Scotland, held its first meeting.

In 1915, tens of thousands of women paraded up Fifth Avenue in New York City, demanding the right to vote.

In 1942, during World War II, Britain launched a major offensive against Axis forces at El Alamein (el ah-lah-MAYN') in Egypt, resulting in an Allied victory.

In 1944, the World War II Battle of Leyte (LAY'-tee) Gulf began, resulting in a major Allied victory against Japanese forces.

In 1956, a student-sparked revolt against Hungary's Communist rule began; as the revolution spread, Soviet forces started entering the country, and the uprising was put down within weeks.

In 1958, Boris Pasternak was named winner of the Nobel Prize in literature. (However, Soviet authorities pressured Pasternak into relinquishing the award.)

In 1973, President Richard Nixon agreed to turn over White House tape recordings subpoenaed by the Watergate special prosecutor to Judge John J. Sirica.

In 1987, the U.S. Senate rejected, 58-42, the Supreme Court nomination of Robert H. Bork.

In 1991, Cambodia's warring factions and representatives of 18 other nations signed a peace treaty in Paris.

In 1995, a jury in Houston convicted Yolanda Saldivar of murdering Tejano singing star Selena. (Saldivar is serving a life prison sentence.)

In 2001, the nation's anthrax scare hit the White House with the discovery of a small concentration of spores at an offsite mail processing center.

In 2006, former Enron CEO Jeffrey Skilling was sentenced by a federal judge in Houston to 24 years, four months for his role in the company's collapse. Eventually 10 years was cut off Skilling's prison sentence, and he was released to a halfway house in Aug. 2018.

Ten years ago: Badgered by lawmakers on the House Oversight Committee, former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan denied the nation's economic crisis was his fault but conceded the meltdown had revealed a flaw in a lifetime of economic thinking and left him in a "state of shocked disbelief." The Tampa Bay Rays evened the World Series at one game apiece by beating the Philadelphia Phillies, 4-2.

Five years ago: A defensive Obama administration acknowledged its problem-plagued health insurance website didn't get enough testing before going live; it said technicians were deep into the job of fixing major computer snags, but provided no timetable. German Chancellor Angela Merkel called President Barack Obama to complain about allegations U.S. intelligence had targeted her cellphone. (The White House said it wasn't monitoring and wouldn't monitor Merkel's communications, but conspicuously didn't

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say they had never been monitored.) The Boston Red Sox took the World Series opener, beating the St. Louis Cardinals 8-1.

One year ago: New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman announced a civil rights investigation into the Weinstein Co., amid sexual harassment and assault allegations against its founder, Harvey Weinstein. As Republicans searched for ways to finance tax cuts, President Donald Trump promised that the popular 401(k) retirement savings program would not be touched. Sen. John McCain said he didn't consider Donald Trump to be a draft-dodger, but told ABC's "The View" that the system that allowed Trump and other wealthy Americans to use medical deferments to avoid military service during the Vietnam War was wrong.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Philip Kaufman is 82. Soccer great Pele (pay-lay) is 78. Rhythm-and-blues singer Barbara Ann Hawkins (The Dixie Cups) is 75. Former ABC News investigative reporter Brian Ross is 70. Actor Michael Rupert is 67. Movie director Ang Lee is 64. Jazz singer Dianne Reeves is 62. Country singer Dwight Yoakam is 62. Community activist Martin Luther King III is 61. Movie director Sam Raimi is 59. Parodist "Weird Al" Yankovic is 59. Rock musician Robert Trujillo (Metallica) is 54. Christian/jazz singer David Thomas (Take 6) is 52. Rock musician Brian Nevin (Big Head Todd and the Monsters) is 52. Country singer-musician Junior Bryant is 50. Actor Jon Huertas is 49. Movie director Chris Weitz is 49. CNN medical reporter Dr. Sanjay Gupta is 49. Bluegrass musician Eric Gibson (The Gibson Brothers) is 48. Country singer Jimmy Wayne is 46. Actress Vivian Bang is 45. Rock musician Eric Bass (Shinedown) is 44. TV personality and host Cat Deeley is 42. Actor Ryan Reynolds is 42. Rock singer Matthew Shultz (Cage the Elephant) is 35. TV personality Meghan McCain ("The View") is 34. Rhythm-and-blues singer Miguel is 33. Actress Masiela Lusha (MAH'-see-ella loo-SHA') is 33. Actress Emilia Clarke is 32. Actress Briana Evigan is 32. Actress Inbar Lavi is 32. Actress Jessica Stroup is 32. Neo-soul musician Allen Branstetter (St. Paul & the Broken Bones) is 28. Actress Taylor Spreitler is 25. Actress Amandla Stenberg is 20.

Thought for Today: "Be content with what you are, and wish not change; nor dread your last day, nor long for it." — Marcus Aurelius, Roman emperor (CE 121-CE 180).