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

Removal, Grinding, Chipping, Trimming
605-725-WOOD
Mason Dinger: 605-216-6098
Trevor Zeck: 605-216-8910



DAKOTA TREE COMPANY

Groton Area Schedule of Events

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

4:00pm: Basketball: Girls 7th/8th Game vs. Aberdeen Roncalli @ Groton Area High School (7th Grade 4pm 8th Grade 5pm)

November 21-23, 2018

No School - Thanksgiving Break

Monday, November 26, 2018

6:00pm: Wrestling: Boys JH Tournament v s .
Faulkton Area @ Faulkton High School

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

3:30pm: Debate at Groton Area High School (Sippel Novice)

6:00pm: Basketball: Girls 7th/8th Game vs. Clark/Willow Lake @ Clark Junior-Senior High School (7th grade 6pm 8th grade 7pm)

Holm hired as skating rink manager

The skating rink personnel were hired at Monday night's city council meeting. Taylor Holm was hired as the skating rink manager. The attendants are Nicole Marzahn, Andrew Marzahn, Grace Wambach, Isaac Smith, Erin Unzen, Dragr Monson, Ashley Fliehs, Shallyn Foertsch, Steven Paulson, Tanae Lipp, Lee Iverson and Anthony Schinkel.

There has been discussion on hiring a temporary police officer while a current officer is on medical leave, but to date, none have been hired.

The salary ordinance and review of the group health insurance were both tabled. Wellmark has now said they also offer a stop loss plan and the city is waiting on a quote from them.

The city will be switching to a different credit card processing company effective Jan. 1, 2019. The new rate that customers will be charged will be lowered from 3 percent to 2.65 percent and the new company will be more easily integrated into the city's bookkeeping system.

Mark Abeln was the only bidder for the 2003 White Chevy Silverado pickup with a bid of \$2,523.



**Thursday,
Nov. 29
5:30 p.m.
to 6:30 p.m.**

Groton Care & Rehab
1106 N 2nd St, Groton

Free Will Donation

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Groton Swimming Pool	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Operating Revenues:					
Admission	\$ 21,513.37	\$ 25,603.21	\$ 26,470.42	\$ 29,287.46	\$ 28,142.68
Concessions	\$ -	1347.33	\$ 1,894.70	\$ 1,541.62	\$ 1,634.90
Pop Commission					\$ 82.45
Donations		\$ 2,865.66	\$ 205.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 889.02
Sign Sales	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
<i>Total Revenues</i>	\$ 27,513.37	\$ 35,316.20	\$ 33,070.12	\$ 38,379.08	\$ 38,249.05
Operating Expenses:					
Salaries	\$ 45,282.70	\$ 63,415.21	\$ 53,915.51	\$ 67,261.14	\$ 64,067.24
Soc Sec	\$ 3,411.49	\$ 4,782.25	\$ 4,058.55	\$ 5,090.79	\$ 4,779.67
Retirement	\$ 210.76	\$ 330.95	\$ 335.52	\$ 346.32	\$ 592.33
Other Employee Benefits	\$ 358.26	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Pool Shelter					\$ 22,195.79
Testing Fees	\$ 201.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 288.49	\$ 165.00	
Publishing	\$ 175.78	\$ 162.47	\$ 63.00	\$ 3.00	
Vac Rental	\$ 466.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Repairs	\$ 3,151.23	\$ 1,324.42	\$ 1,092.98	\$ 6,505.33	
Swimming Lesson Refund					\$ 20.00
Supplies	\$ 8,730.49	\$ 6,614.79	\$ 11,500.27	\$ 14,829.81	\$ 14,562.72
Concessions For Resale	\$ -	923.83	\$ 1,306.07	\$ 546.94	\$ 1,114.82
Travel	\$ -	\$ 8.05	\$ 710.89	\$ -	
Training	\$ 2,634.00	\$ 725.00	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 1,507.60	\$ 1,440.00
Natural Gas	\$ 4,320.03	\$ 3,496.01	\$ 3,594.78	\$ 4,326.20	\$ 3,108.87
Garbage Hauling	\$ 160.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 160.00
Telephone	\$ 183.38	\$ 123.48	\$ 180.70	\$ 218.81	\$ 221.39
Minor Equipment	\$ 3,057.72	\$ 1,016.08	\$ 9,088.35	\$ 3,700.60	
Postage					\$ 4.89
Other Expenses	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75.00	
Building	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 392.84	\$ -	
Slide	\$ -	\$ 15,307.73	\$ -	\$ -	
New Signs Made	\$ 728.00	\$ 490.00	\$ 490.00	\$ -	
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$ 73,171.68	\$ 98,955.27	\$ 90,277.95	\$ 104,736.54	\$ 112,267.72
Net Loss from Operations	\$ (45,658.31)	\$ (63,639.07)	\$ (57,207.83)	\$ (66,357.46)	\$ (74,018.67)

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2018 BASEBALL REPORT

EXPENSES:	Totals	General	Legion	Jr. Legion	Jr. Teeners	U12 Boys	U10/U8 Boys	T-Ball	Girls SB (4)
Coaching Salaries	\$ 15,200.01		\$ 5,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00		\$ 3,200.01
Baseball Coordinator Salary	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00							
Softball Coordinator Salary	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00							
Groundskeeper Salaries	\$ 10,939.44	\$ 10,939.44							
Gatekeeper Salaries	\$ 924.67	\$ 924.67							
Concession Salaries	\$ 5,414.48	\$ 5,414.48				\$ 95.63	\$ 95.62		\$ 244.79
Social Security	\$ 2,790.61	\$ 1,627.82	\$ 420.75	\$ 153.00	\$ 153.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 720.00		\$ 1,160.00
Umpiring	\$ 6,480.00		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,520.00	\$ 1,280.00	\$ 462.50	\$ 337.50		
Motels, Tour Registrations, Legion Bus Insurance	\$ 3,778.93		\$ 888.93	\$ 1,933.00	\$ 157.00				\$ 759.01
Mileage	\$ 1,478.84			\$ 719.83					
Postage	\$ 292.29	\$ 292.29							
Garbage Collection	\$ 320.00	\$ 320.00							
Misc Field Expenses	\$ 4,909.85	\$ 4,909.85							
Equipment-Mower, Backstop	\$ 10,760.00	\$ 10,760.00							
Misc Equipment Expenses	\$ 5,849.78		\$ 596.97	\$ 1,279.92	\$ 1,164.20	\$ 570.64	\$ 532.23	\$ 627.03	\$ 1,078.79
Concession Supplies	\$ 65.00	\$ 65.00							
Concession Merchandise for Resale	\$ 11,244.69	\$ 11,244.69							
Split Gate Fee w/ Foundation	\$ 5,205.64	\$ 5,205.64							
Total Expenses	\$ 89,654.23	\$ 55,703.88	\$ 8,606.65	\$ 7,605.75	\$ 4,754.20	\$ 2,978.77	\$ 2,935.35	\$ 627.03	\$ 6,442.60
	General Divided	By 11 Teams	\$ 5,063.99	\$ 5,063.99	\$ 5,063.99	\$ 5,063.99	\$ 10,127.98	\$ 5,063.99	\$ 20,255.96
Grand Total Expenses	\$ 89,654.23		\$ 13,670.64	\$ 12,669.74	\$ 9,818.19	\$ 8,042.76	\$ 13,063.33	\$ 5,691.02	\$ 26,698.56

REVENUES:

	Totals	General	Legion	Jr. Legion	Jr. Teeners	U12 Boys	U10/U8 Boys	T-Ball	Girls SB (4)
Gate Fees	\$ 11,335.94	\$ 11,335.94							
Fees to Play	\$ 8,170.94		\$ 751.17	\$ 1,502.33	\$ 1,502.35	\$ 563.39	\$ 2,209.38	\$ 323.04	\$ 1,319.28
Tournament Fees	\$ 763.89					\$ 208.34	\$ 555.55		
Donations	\$ 375.00					\$ 150.00		\$ 225.00	
Umpiring Refund	\$ 655.00		\$ 225.00		\$ 160.00	\$ 200.00			\$ 70.00
Fence Advertising	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 4,900.00							
Concession Stand Receipts	\$ 17,913.65	\$ 17,913.65							
Pop Commission	\$ 1,141.20	\$ 1,141.20							
Sales of Hats, Shirts, Visors	\$ 1,146.41		\$ 93.90	173.72	\$ 159.63	\$ 97.64	\$ 225.33	\$ 114.54	\$ 281.65
Total Revenues	\$ 46,402.03	\$ 35,290.79	\$ 1,070.07	\$ 1,676.05	\$ 1,821.98	\$ 1,219.37	\$ 2,990.26	\$ 662.58	\$ 1,670.93
	General Divided	By 11 Teams	\$ 3,208.25	\$ 3,208.25	\$ 3,208.25	\$ 3,208.25	\$ 6,416.51	\$ 3,208.25	\$ 12,833.01
Grand Total Revenues	\$ 46,402.03		\$ 4,278.32	\$ 4,884.30	\$ 5,030.23	\$ 4,427.62	\$ 9,406.77	\$ 3,870.83	\$ 14,503.94

UN RECOUPED EXPENSES \$ (43,252.20)
 Less Expected Legion Reimbursement \$ 9,392.32
2018 Loss \$ (33,859.88)

Additional Revenue
 Ins Claim \$ 3,155.00
 Scrap Metal Sold \$ 561.10
 MN Twins Grant \$10,000.00
 In Faith Grant \$ 2,000.00

Additional Expenses
 MN Twins Grant/City Match \$20,000.00
 Poles \$ 5,248.00
 In Faith Grant \$ 2,000.00
 Benches (pd by firemen in 2017) \$ 599.50

Concession Stand
 Receipts \$ 17,913.65
 Salary+SS/WH \$ (5,828.70)
 Resale Items \$ (11,244.69)
 Safe Serve Test \$ (65.00)
 Pop Commission \$ 415.00
\$ 1,190.26

2017 Loss \$ (21,152.16)
 2016 Loss \$ (21,514.17)
 2015 Loss \$ (22,824.83)
 2014 Loss \$ (26,242.49)

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Groton City October 2018

1st State Bank Checking Acct	\$ 651,776.07
1st State Bank Savings Acct	\$ -
General Cash	\$ 300.00
Wells Fargo Savings Acct	\$ -
SD FIT Acct	\$ 1,210,441.10
1st State Bank Water CD	\$ 81,200.00
SD FIT Water CD	\$ 100,000.00
BB Trust CD	\$ 1,500.00
SD FIT CD	\$ 200,000.00
Cemetery Perp Care CD	\$ 32,876.69
Total	\$ 2,278,093.86

Invested In		
Cash	\$ 300.00	0.01%
1st State Bank	\$ 767,352.76	33.68%
Wells Fargo Bank	\$ -	0.00%
SD Fit	\$ 1,510,441.10	66.30%
Total	\$ 2,278,093.86	100.00%

	Beginning Cash Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers	Ending Cash Balance
General	\$ 545,763.11	\$ 57,654.88	\$ 134,669.21		\$ 545,763.11
Bed, Board, Booze Tax	\$ 18,897.84	\$ 2,436.22	\$ -		\$ 18,897.84
Baseball Uniforms	\$ 1,710.20				\$ 1,710.20
Airport	\$ 14,712.55		\$ 4,634.62		\$ 14,712.55
**Debt Service	\$ 473,755.31	\$ 6,412.42	\$ -		\$ 473,755.31
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$ 34,706.69				\$ 34,706.69
Water Tower	\$ 180,000.00				\$ 180,000.00
Water	\$ 109,835.74	\$ 25,333.80	\$ 19,546.95		\$ 109,835.74
Electric	\$ 597,513.41	\$ 119,871.74	\$ 83,935.52		\$ 597,513.41
Wastewater	\$ 166,238.88	\$ 17,227.78	\$ 27,488.00		\$ 166,238.88
Solid Waste	\$ 24,796.96	\$ 6,622.38	\$ 13,295.56		\$ 24,796.96
Family Crisis	\$ 4,326.80	\$ -			\$ 4,326.80
Sales Tax	\$ 17,651.23	\$ 7,702.21	\$ 8,809.41		\$ 17,651.23
Employment	\$ (5,363.72)	\$ -	\$ 8,261.43		\$ (5,363.72)
Utility Prepayments	\$ 23,699.67	\$ 7,798.48	\$ 347.67		\$ 23,699.67
Utility Deposits	\$ 69,494.58	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 800.00		\$ 69,494.58
Other	\$ 354.61				\$ 354.61
Totals	\$ 1,590,381.28	\$ 252,809.91	\$ 301,788.37	\$ -	\$ 2,278,093.86

**Debt to be Paid		
**2015 Refinance	\$ 2,732,687.50	by 12/1/2035
**Sewer Lagoon	\$ 46,187.03	by 1/1/2019
**West Sewer	\$ 113,415.07	by 10/15/2022
**RR Sewer Crossing	\$ 66,605.51	by 7/15/22
Total Debt	\$ 2,958,895.11	

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Today in Weather History

November 20, 1975: A storm center located in Oklahoma on Tuesday, November 18th, moved northeastward across Kansas into Iowa and Wisconsin on Wednesday the 19th and Thursday the 20th. Light rain began in the eastern half South Dakota on the morning of the 19th. The rain changed to snow during the afternoon and continued through the evening of the 20th. The winds increased, and blizzard conditions were reached by 6 pm CST on Wednesday the 19th. The snow was driven by sustained winds 40 to 50 miles per hour, gusting to 75 mph on some occasions, which reduced visibility to less than one-half mile. Heavy snow ranging from six to fifteen inches fell over an area southeast of a line from Todd to Aurora to Grant County. Traffic came to a standstill by Wednesday evening the 19th. The snow abruptly ended on the night of the 20th, but winds diminished rather slowly that night. Storm total snowfalls included 9 inches at Clear Lake and 7 inches at Watertown.

November 20, 1977: The second blizzard of the month began very early on Saturday, November 19th and continued through most of Sunday, November 20th. Wind speeds exceeding 50 mph caused much blowing and drifting snow. Visibility was reduced to near zero. Most of the roads in the northern and western parts of the state were blocked. Snowfall amounts north of Milbank and Pierre to Ardmore exceeded five inches. Most of the counties in the northwest and a significant portion of those in the north-central parts of the state reported snowfall amounts exceeding ten inches. Some drifts reached 4 to 5 feet. The highest reported snowfall was 20 inches in Eagle Butte. An eastbound train from Milbank had six freight cars derailed near Albee, in Grant County as a result of the storm. Snowfall totals from this blizzard included; 20 inches at Eagle Butte; 14 inches at Leola; 12 inches at Timber Lake and Britton; 11 inches 4NNE Victor and at Mobridge; 10 inches at 6SE McIntosh, 4W Mellette, Sand Lake, and Ipswich; 9.3 inches in Aberdeen; 9 inches 4NW Onida, at Sisseton, and 2N Onaka; 8 inches at Selby; 7 inches at McLaughlin and Waubay; 6 inches at Conde and Faulkton; 5 inches at Summit and Webster; 4 inches at Pierre, Wilmot and Highmore; and 3 inches at Watertown, Clear Lake, Miller, 3NE Raymond, Redfield, and Wheaton. The 9 inches at Sisseton helped to contribute to the snowiest November on record for Sisseton, which recorded 27.5 inches for November 1977.

1900: An unusual tornado outbreak in the Lower Mississippi Valley resulted in 73 deaths and extensive damage across Arkansas, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

1985: Kate intensified to a major Category 3 Hurricane and as she moved west of Key West, Florida with top winds of 115 mph and a minimum central pressure of 954 millibars or 28.17 inches of mercury. The next day Kate made landfall between Panama City and Apalachicola, Florida. Tides ran 8 to 10 feet above normal. Many power poles and lines were downed. Several roads were washed out.

2014: From the NWS Office in Buffalo, New York, "the epic November 17-19th 2014 lake effect event will be remembered as one of the most significant winter events in Buffalo's snowy history. Over 5 feet of snow fell over areas just east of Buffalo, with mere inches a few miles away to the north. There were 13 fatalities with this storm, hundreds of major roof collapses and structural failures, 1000s of stranded motorists, and scattered food and gas shortages due to impassable roads. Numerous trees also gave way due to the weight of the snow, causing isolated power outages. While this storm was impressive on its own, a second lake effect event on Nov-19-20 dropped another 1-4 foot of snow over nearly the same area and compounded rescue and recovery efforts. Storm totals from the two storms peaked at almost 7 feet, with many areas buried under 3-4 feet of dense snowpack by the end of the event." Click [HERE](#) for more information.

2015: Season's first snow is Chicago's largest November snowfall in 120 years starting on November 20 and ending on the 21st. The season's first snowfall dropped as much as 17 inches across Chicago's northern suburbs, and the total of 11.2 inches at O'Hare International Airport made it the largest November snowfall in 120 years.

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Today



Partly Sunny

High: 37 °F

Tonight



Mostly Cloudy

Low: 18 °F

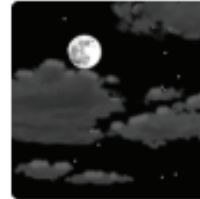
Wednesday



Partly Sunny

High: 30 °F

Wednesday
Night



Partly Cloudy



Low: 21 °F

Thanksgiving
Day

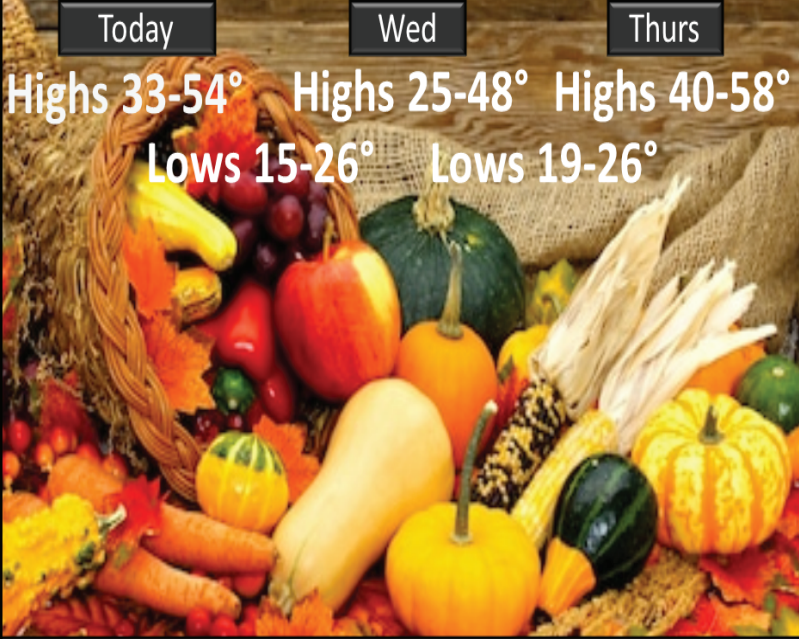


Sunny




High: 43 °F

 **Dry and Mild Thanksgiving Ahead** 

Today	Wed	Thurs
Highs 33-54°	Highs 25-48°	Highs 40-58°
Lows 15-26°	Lows 19-26°	



National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD

 weather.gov/Aberdeen  National Weather Service Aberdeen  @NWSAberdeen Updated: 11/20/2018 4:51 AM Central

Published on: 11/20/2018 at 5:04AM

It is expected to be dry over the next several days with the warmest temperatures today and on Thanksgiving Day. Highs will be in the 40s and 50s on Thanksgiving Day.

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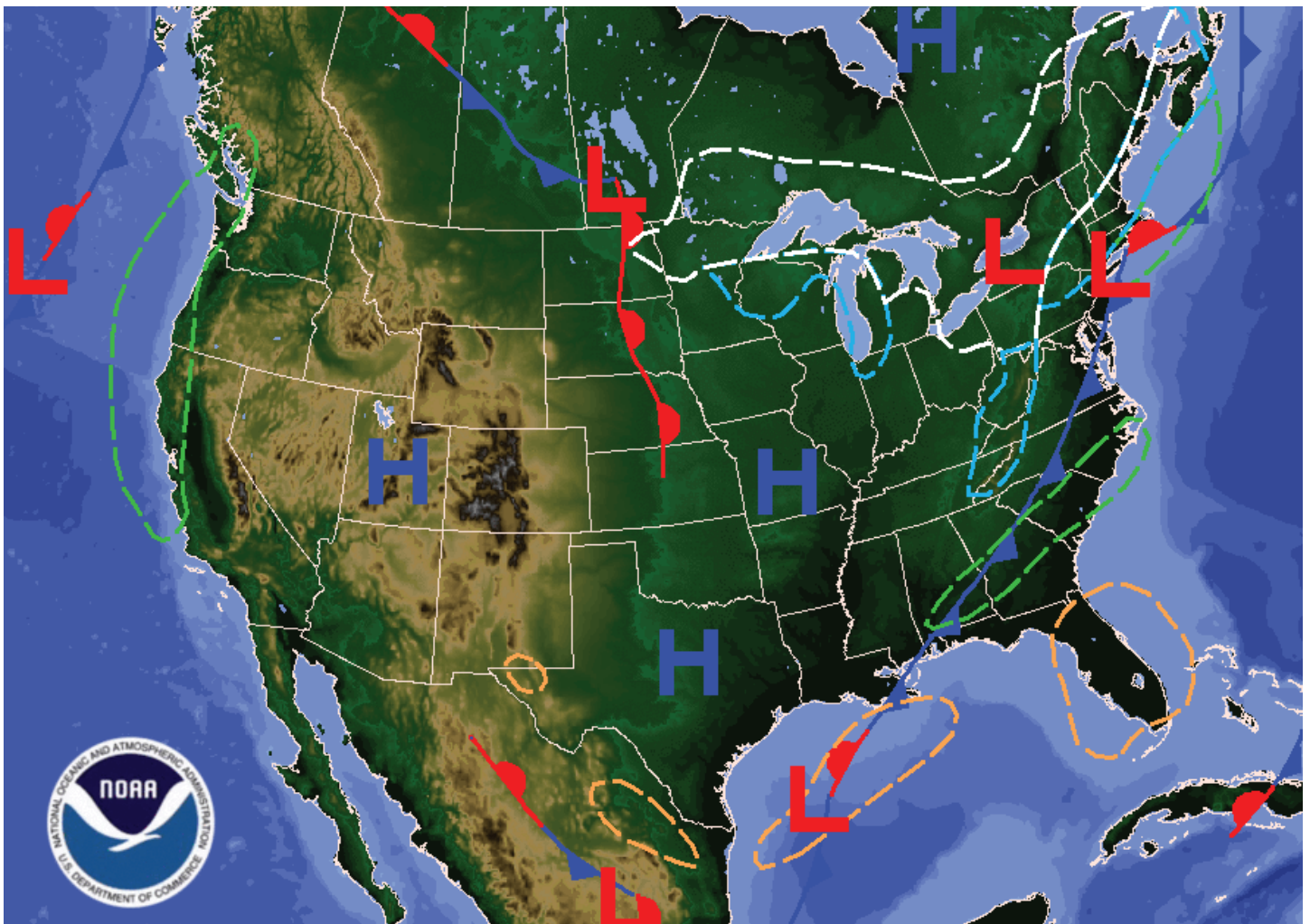
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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 26 °F at 12:00 AM
Low Outside Temp: -0.6 °F at 11:00 PM
High Gust: 20 mph at 6:04 AM
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 69° in 1962
Record Low: -12 in 1985
Average High: 37°F
Average Low: 17°F
Average Precip in Nov.: 0.50
Precip to date in Nov.: 0.76
Average Precip to date: 20.97
Precip Year to Date: 15.81
Sunset Tonight: 4:59 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:41 a.m.



Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Tue, Nov 20, 2018, issued 4:47 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

Rain
Rain and T'Storms
Rain and Snow
Snow

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

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QUIET CHRISTIANS

For many years two neighbors rode the same train to work in downtown Chicago. George went to church regularly, and if pressed, would admit to being a Christian. But he never allowed being a Christian to interfere with his life. On the other hand, Will never went to church and had no use for godly things. As they rode the train each day, they discussed business strategies, sports, politics, religion, and current events. They rarely mentioned God.

One morning Will became violently ill and was rushed to the hospital. After a series of tests, his physician informed his wife that he could not live longer than a few days - if that long. Frightened, his wife said, Perhaps we'd better call George and talk about God.

George? Talk about God? Why George? He rarely mentioned God to me or that he knew Him. So I doubt that he would be the right person to call, said Will. Without saying another word, he passed into eternity - lost.

When George heard the news, he was stunned and filled with guilt. There was nothing he could do for Will now but go to God and ask for forgiveness for not being a witness and promise to become faithful. The words of the Psalmist echoed loudly in his ears: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!

Unfortunately, the Kingdom of God is filled with too many citizens like George. They know the Lord from a distance but are unwilling to speak as His ambassadors. They believe that they have theirs and that's all that matters. But there is no denying that if indeed God has redeemed us, we will present Him faithfully to others!

Prayer: Lord, forgive us for our silence and refusal to be faithful in presenting Your message to the lost around us! In Jesus Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 107:2a Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!

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2018 Groton SD Community Events

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

News from the Associated Press

Weekend crash in Gregory County kills 61-year-old man

DALLAS, S.D. (AP) — A one-vehicle crash in Gregory County over the weekend killed a 61-year-old man. The Highway Patrol says the man lost control of his pickup truck on U.S. Highway 18 shortly after 6:30 p.m. Sunday, and the vehicle rolled in the ditch.

The man was pronounced dead at the scene about a mile west of Dallas. His name wasn't immediately released. He was alone in the pickup.

Elderly State Penitentiary inmate dies following illness

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — An elderly inmate serving lengthy sentences at the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls has died following an illness.

Corrections officials say 72-year-old Melvin Edelman died in a comfort care setting on Nov. 19.

Edelman was serving a 60-year sentence for a sexual contact with a child under 16, a 25-year sentence for first-degree rape and a consecutive 125-year sentence for first-degree rape. All of the convictions were in Lawrence County.

An autopsy will be conducted.

Burch-Manning scores 20, South Dakota beats UMBC 58-52

BIMINI, Bahamas (AP) — Trey Burch-Manning scored 20 points with four 3-pointers and South Dakota beat UMBC 58-52 on Monday night in the Bimini Jam.

Brandon Armstrong added 12 points for the Coyotes (3-2), who held UMBC to 33 percent shooting.

UMBC led 36-35 on Ricky Council II's layup early in the second half, but Armstrong hit a go-ahead 3 and the Coyotes led 48-41 on Burch-Manning's 3 with 7:20 to go. The Retrievers went scoreless for nearly 3 ½ minutes, but closed to 56-52 on Joe Sherburne's free throws with 17 seconds left before Armstrong iced it with two from the line.

UMBC led 18-12 on Brandon Horvath's free throw, but the Coyotes had a 35-31 halftime advantage on Burch-Manning's jumper.

Arkel Lamar scored 13 points and Council added 10 for UMBC (4-2), which shot 5 of 24 from long distance (21 percent).

Noem invites applications to serve in her administration

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Gov.-elect Kristi Noem is inviting the "best and brightest" to seek a job in her incoming administration.

Noem's transition website launched Monday. Noem and Lt. Gov.-elect Larry Rhoden will be sworn into office in January.

Noem says the state needs good people in government who understand the role will be about producing "real results" for South Dakota residents.

Noem, a Republican, beat Democratic state Sen. Billie Sutton in the general election. She will succeed Gov. Dennis Daugaard, who couldn't run again due to term limits.

South Dakota officials review report of paralyzing illness

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Health officials in South Dakota are investigating a reported case of a mysterious paralyzing illness that has affected dozens of children around the country.

If confirmed, the individual would be the first person in the state to contract acute flaccid myelitis. The person is a young adult who had a respiratory illness with a fever before developing muscle weakness.

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State epidemiologist Joshua Clayton says the condition affects the nervous system and causes muscles to weaken. Sometimes it is preceded by a viral infection, but there is no specific cause.

There have been 106 confirmed cases of the condition in 29 states this year. Most of the people affected by the illness have been children.

Tulane beats South Dakota State to start Gulf Coast Showcase

ESTERO, Fla. (AP) — Caleb Daniels scored 24 points, Shakwon Barrett added 19 and Tulane beat South Dakota State 84-80 on Monday to start the Gulf Coast Showcase.

Tulane had a double-digit second-half lead disappear in the final minute as SDSU took a two-point lead after a 7-0 run, but the Green Wave closed it by scoring six straight.

Daniels' 3-point play with 16 seconds left gave Tulane an 81-80 lead. After SDSU missed a shot, Barrett hit two free throws for a three-point lead. SDSU missed two free throws and Blake Paul made the first of two free throws at the other end, intentionally missing the second.

Samir Sehic had 17 points and nine rebounds for Tulane (2-1). Jordan Cornish was the fourth Tulane starter in double figures with 14.

Mike Daum made six 3-pointers and had 28 points and 13 rebounds, his fourth double-double this season, for South Dakota State (3-2). David Jenkins added three 3-pointers and 23 points.

Sioux Falls ex-fire chief pleads guilty to child porn charge

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A former Sioux Falls fire chief has pleaded guilty to one count of possessing child pornography.

The Argus Leader reports that 59-year-old Jim Sideras entered the guilty plea Monday morning. Nine remaining child pornography counts against Sideras will be dismissed.

The charge carries a maximum penalty of up to 10 years in prison. A sentencing date hasn't been set in the case.

Jury selection in Sideras' trial was set to begin this week. He was charged in May 2017 and had previously pleaded not guilty to all counts.

A defense attorney declined to comment to the newspaper. Sideras will be required to register as a sex offender.

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

Rapid City fund invests in local businesses for a decade

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A Rapid City economic development fund has been awarding millions of dollars to local businesses for more than a decade.

The taxpayer-backed Opportunity Capture Fund invested \$2 million in outdoor equipment store Cabela's from 2007 to 2009 and \$500,000 in energy company Black Hills Corp. in 2015. Smaller grants from the fund have also helped keep local companies in business, such as the \$15,000 award to brewery Lost Cabin Beer Co. in 2015, the Rapid City Journal reported.

"We started and still run with a pretty shoestring budget and this (2015 grant) allowed us a little breathing room to bring on some additional staff that we otherwise might not have been able to," said Jesse Scheitler, co-founder of Lost Cabin. "It was very valuable to Lost Cabin."

The fund allows the city to offer incentives to new companies considering moving to the area or existing companies looking to expand or relocate, according to Ben Snow, who helped administer the fund for nine years.

Snow, the Rapid City Council and a city committee tied to the fund all vetted each company's application before awarding grants from the Opportunity Capture Fund. The biggest condition for companies is to contribute high-wage job creation, Snow said.

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"A job is not just a job for us," said Snow, former president of the Rapid City Economic Development Partnership. "It has to be a higher quality. It has to have benefits. It has to have pay that's higher than what the average is."

Companies that fail to meet the conditions can have their grant award turned into a loan.

The city is also looking for applicants with capital investment and a commitment to the area.

"We're interested in how deep a root is this company planting in our community," Snow said. "That gives us more assurance they're going to be here longer."

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

Plane that crashed near Bradley dove nose-first into ground

BRADLEY, S.D. (AP) — A preliminary report by federal investigators says a small plane that crashed in northeastern South Dakota and killed the pilot dove nose-first into the ground.

The American News reports that the National Transportation Safety Board is still investigating what caused the Nov. 2 crash in Clark County that killed 47-year-old John Shoemaker, of Webster.

The Cessna 210 went down in a rural area northwest of Bradley about midday. Shoemaker was the only one on board.

The report says Shoemaker was flying from Sioux Falls to Webster, but poor weather conditions prompted him to divert to the airport in Clark. The crash happened while he was flying from Clark to Webster.

Information from: Aberdeen American News, <http://www.aberdeennews.com>

Ghosn's arrest casts doubt on Renault-Nissan alliance future

By TOM KRISHER and ANGELA CHARLTON, Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — For years, France's Renault and Japan's Nissan struggled to make money in the global auto business.

Then came Carlos Ghosn, a Renault executive who helped to orchestrate an unprecedented transcontinental alliance, combining parts of both companies to share engineering and technology costs.

Now Ghosn's arrest in Japan for alleged financial improprieties at Nissan could put the nearly 20-year-old alliance in jeopardy.

Ghosn, 64, born in Brazil, schooled in France and of Lebanese heritage, is set to be ousted later this week from his spot as Nissan chairman. He also could also lose his roles as CEO and chairman of Renault, threatening the alliance formed in 1999 that's now selling more than 10 million automobiles a year.

He's been "the glue that holds Renault and Nissan together," Bernstein analyst Max Warburton wrote in a note to investors. "It is hard not to conclude that there may be a gulf opening up between Renault and Nissan."

Nissan has said it will dismiss Ghosn after he was arrested in Japan Monday for allegedly abusing company funds and misreporting his income. That opens up a leadership void at the entire alliance, for which Ghosn officially still serves as CEO and chairman.

Ghosn added Mitsubishi to the alliance two years ago after the tiny automaker was caught in a gas-mileage cheating scandal. He had even floated the idea of a full merger between the three companies.

"Today's events throw any prospect of that up in the air," Michael Hewson, chief market analyst at CMC Markets in London, wrote in a note to investors.

Nissan CEO Hiroto Saikawa has publicly resisted the idea of an outright merger. So with Ghosn out at Nissan and probably Renault as well, the companies are unlikely to get any closer.

The companies now share technology, and they save money by jointly purchasing components.

While there could be some scrutiny of the relationships between the companies, they're so intertwined now that cutting them apart would be difficult, said Kelley Blue Book analyst Michelle Krebs. "I would not

predict its demise," Krebs said of the alliance.

She said she sees further consolidation in an industry that faces unprecedented research costs for autonomous and electric vehicles, while at the same time continuing to develop cars and trucks powered by internal combustion engines.

"The last thing one of the world's biggest automakers needs is the disruption caused by an investigation into the behavior of a man who has towered over the global auto sector," said Michael Hewson, chief market analyst at CMC Markets in London.

Nissan's board is to meet Thursday to consider Ghosn's fate. Renault, where Ghosn is also CEO, said its board will hold an emergency meeting soon, and experts say it is unlikely that he will be able to stay at the company or the broader alliance.

The brash Ghosn was once viewed as a savior in the auto business with the ability to turn around the two struggling companies. In 2006 he even proposed an alliance with global giant General Motors.

Bernstein's Warburton wrote that Ghosn's once-mighty reputation has been declining for years, while Krebs said Nissan never could meet Ghosn's goal of 10 percent U.S. market share even though it has relied on "bad behavior" such as heavy discounts and sales to rental car companies.

Saikawa reiterated Nissan's commitment to the venture, while a Renault statement expressed "dedication to the defense of Renault's interest in the alliance."

Charlton reported from Paris. News Researcher Rhonda Shafner contributed from New York.

Argument at Chicago hospital erupts into deadly shooting

By AMANDA SEITZ and DON BABWIN, Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — An argument outside a Chicago hospital turned deadly when a man pulled out a gun and killed an emergency room doctor with whom he was having a domestic relationship, then ran into the hospital and fatally shot a pharmacy resident and a police officer, authorities said.

The attacker also died Monday but it was not clear if he took his own life or was killed by police at Mercy Hospital on the city's South Side, Chicago Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson said.

Chicago "lost a doctor, pharmaceutical assistant and a police officer, all going about their day, all doing what they loved," Mayor Rahm Emanuel said, fighting back tears. "This just tears at the soul of our city. It is the face and a consequence of evil."

Mercy Hospital said the staff who died were Tamara O'Neal, 38, an emergency room physician who never worked on Sunday because of her religious faith, and Dayna Less, 25, a first year pharmacy resident who had recently graduated from Purdue University.

The slain officer was identified as Samuel Jimenez, 28, who joined the department in February 2017 and had recently completed his probationary period, Johnson said. Police said he was married and the father of three children.

The identity of the gunman was not immediately released.

The chain of events that led to the shooting began with an argument in the hospital parking lot involving the gunman and O'Neal, police said.

When a friend of O'Neal tried to intervene, "the offender lifted up his shirt and displayed a handgun," Johnson said.

The friend ran into the hospital to call for help, and the gunfire began seconds later, with the attacker killing O'Neal.

After O'Neal fell to the ground, the gunman "stood over her and shot her three more times," a witness named James Gray told reporters.

When officers arrived, the suspect fired at their squad car and then ran inside the hospital. The police gave chase.

Inside the medical center, the gunman exchanged fire with officers and "shot a poor woman who just came off the elevator" before he was killed, Johnson said, referring to pharmaceutical assistant Less.

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"We just don't know how much damage he was prepared to do," Johnson said, adding that Less "had nothing to do with nothing."

Jennifer Eldridge was working in a hospital pharmacy when she heard three or four shots that seemed to come from outside. Within seconds, she barricaded the door, as called for in the building's active shooter drills. Then there were six or seven more shots that sounded much closer, just outside the door.

"I could tell he was now inside the lobby. There was screaming," she recalled.

The door jiggled, which Eldridge believed was the shooter trying to get in. Some 15 minutes later, she estimated, a SWAT team officer knocked at the door, came inside and led her away. She looked down and saw blood on the floor but no bodies.

"It may have been 15 minutes, but it seemed like an eternity," she said.

Maria Correa hid under a desk, clutching her 4-month-old son, Angel, while the violence unfolded. Correa was in the waiting area of the hospital for her mother-in-law's doctor appointment when a hospital employee told them to lock themselves in offices.

She lost track of how many shots she heard while under the desk "trying to protect her son" for 10 to 15 minutes.

"They were the worst minutes of our lives," Correa said.

The death of Jimenez comes nine months after another member of the Chicago Police Department, Cmdr. Paul Bauer, was fatally shot while pursuing a suspect in the Loop business district.

Mercy has a rich history as the city's first chartered hospital. It began in 1852, when the Sisters of Mercy religious group converted a rooming house. During the Civil War, the hospital treated both Union soldiers and Confederate prisoners of war, according to its website.

Associated Press Writer Michael Tarm contributed to this report.

For the latest developments in this story: <https://apnews.com/b86560bd9fd8414eaf1927f686d03697> .

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:

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A federal judge bars the White House from refusing asylum to immigrants who cross the U.S.-Mexico border illegally.

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A man pulls out a gun and kills a doctor with whom he was having a domestic relationship, then runs into Mercy Hospital and fatally shoots a pharmacy resident and a police officer.

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Carlos Ghosn's potential ouster as CEO and chairman casts doubt on future of Renault-Nissan alliance.

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New York City and the Washington, D.C., area will surely feel the brain drain as the online retail giant plans to hire up to 50,000 new workers.

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Potential White House hopefuls intensify their efforts to recruit operatives in the state that's home to the first caucus of the 2020 presidential nominating season.

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Biologists are trying to save the remaining half of the bright green birds with turquoise-tipped wings after the hurricane destroyed their habitat and food sources.

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Martin Scorsese is praised both for his artistic influence as a filmmaker and for his efforts to preserve and archive classic films.

10. HYPED NFL GAME ONE FOR THE AGES

The Rams outlast the Chiefs 54-51 as Los Angeles wins the highest-scoring Monday night game ever played and the first NFL game with two 50-point performances.

Judge bars US from enforcing Trump asylum ban

By NOMAAN MERCHANT, Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal judge barred the Trump administration from refusing asylum to immigrants who cross the southern border illegally.

President Donald Trump issued a proclamation on Nov. 9 that said anyone who crossed the southern border between official ports of entry would be ineligible for asylum. As the first of several caravans of migrants have started arriving at the U.S.-Mexico border, Trump said an asylum ban was necessary to stop what he's attacked as a national security threat.

But in his ruling Monday, U.S. District Judge Jon Tigar agreed with legal groups that immediately sued, arguing that U.S. immigration law clearly allows someone to seek asylum even if they enter the country between official ports of entry.

"Whatever the scope of the President's authority, he may not rewrite the immigration laws to impose a condition that Congress has expressly forbidden," said Tigar, a nominee of former President Barack Obama.

The Department of Homeland Security did not immediately comment on the ruling, which will remain in effect for one month barring an appeal. In issuing the ban, Trump used the same powers he used last year to impose a travel ban that was ultimately upheld by the Supreme Court.

If enforced, the ban would potentially make it harder for thousands of people to avoid deportation. DHS estimates around 70,000 people a year claim asylum between official ports of entry. But Tigar's ruling notes that federal law says someone may seek asylum if they have arrived in the United States, "whether or not at a designated port of arrival."

"Individuals are entitled to asylum if they cross between ports of entry," said Baher Azmy, a lawyer for the Center for Constitutional Rights, which sued the government alongside the American Civil Liberties Union. "It couldn't be clearer."

Around 3,000 people from the first of the caravans have arrived in Tijuana, Mexico, across the border from San Diego, California. U.S. Customs and Border Protection said Monday that it closed off northbound traffic for several hours at the San Ysidro crossing. It has also installed movable, wire-topped barriers, apparently to stop a potential mass rush of people.

As of Monday, 107 people detained between official crossings have sought asylum since Trump's order went into effect, according to DHS, which oversees Customs and Border Protection. Officials didn't say whether those people's cases were still progressing through other, more difficult avenues left to them after the proclamation.

DHS has said it wants asylum seekers at the southern border to appear at an official border crossing. But many border crossings such as San Ysidro already have long wait times. People are often forced to wait in shelters or outdoor camps on the Mexican side, sometimes for weeks.

ACLU lawyer Lee Gelernt said that some people seeking asylum cross between official ports because "they're in real danger," either in their countries of origin or in Mexico.

"We don't condone people entering between ports of entry, but Congress has made the decision that if they do, they still need to be allowed to apply for asylum," he said.

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Associated Press journalists Jill Colvin and Colleen Long in Washington contributed to this report.

Trump criticizes war hero for not capturing bin Laden sooner

By **ROBERT BURNS, AP National Security Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump has ignited a firestorm of criticism and charges that he is politicizing the military by faulting a war hero for not capturing al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden sooner.

Trump took shots at retired Adm. William McRaven in a weekend Fox News interview in which he also asserted that the former Navy SEAL and former commander of U.S. Special Operations Command was a “backer” of Trump’s 2016 rival, Hillary Clinton, and supporter of President Barack Obama.

“Disgusting,” the George W. Bush administration’s White House counterterrorism adviser, Fran Townsend, wrote Monday on Twitter.

Leon Panetta, who was CIA director during the bin Laden raid and later served as secretary of defense, said Trump owed an apology to McRaven and to all of those in the military and intelligence agencies who played a role in tracking down bin Laden and carrying out the risky raid into Pakistan. He called Trump’s remark “patently ridiculous.”

“It demonstrates a profound lack of understanding of how our military and intelligence agencies operate and undermines the president’s own standing as commander-in-chief,” Panetta said in a statement.

The controversy follows a pattern of concerns raised by former senior military officers about Trump’s grasp of the military’s role. Some assert that his decision to send thousands of active-duty troops to the U.S.-Mexico border shortly before the Nov. 6 midterm elections was a political stunt.

Trump also drew criticism for his decision not to visit Arlington National Cemetery on Veterans Day last week, following his trip to Europe. He said later he “should have” visited the cemetery but was too busy with official business.

McRaven told CNN he is a fan both of George W. Bush and Barack Obama, having served under them. “I admire all presidents, regardless of their political party, who uphold the dignity of the office and who use that office to bring the nation together in challenging times,” he said pointedly.

McRaven previously had drawn widespread attention for lambasting Trump for repeatedly calling the news media the “enemy of the people.” McRaven had said the president’s words were “the greatest threat to democracy” in his lifetime. When this was raised in the Fox News interview, Trump lashed out at McRaven, who organized and executed the bin Laden raid in Pakistan in May 2011 as head of the secretive Joint Special Operation Command.

“Wouldn’t it have been nice if we got Osama bin Laden a lot sooner than that, wouldn’t it have been nice?” Trump said.

Asked whether military leaders were not due credit for having killed the al-Qaida leader, Trump said, “They took him down but - look, look, there’s news right there, he lived in Pakistan, we’re supporting Pakistan, we’re giving them \$1.3 billion a year, which we don’t give them anymore, by the way, I ended it because they don’t do anything for us, they don’t do a damn thing for us.”

In Gaza every week, more protests and a rising casualty toll

By **TODD PITMAN, Associated Press**

MALAKA, Gaza Strip (AP) — Atalla Fayoumi hobbles on crutches across the sunbaked plain near Israel’s perimeter fence in the Gaza Strip, gazing toward plumes of smoke that have begun rising from a clutch of burning tires in the distance.

The 18-year-old Palestinian’s right leg was amputated after Israeli soldiers shot him here in April at one of the mass demonstrations against Israel’s long blockade of Gaza that are held every week. Yet he has kept returning to the protests — just like thousands of other desperate, unemployed men who feel they have nothing left to lose.

Eight months after the demonstrations began, there appears to be no end to what has become a pre-

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dictable routine that has killed dozens. Over the next few hours, Fayoumi knows the crowds will swell into the thousands. They'll burn so many tires, the sky will turn black. They'll attack the fence with stones and firebombs, Israeli gunfire will ring out, and Palestinian ambulance sirens will wail non-stop.

By the time it is over, at least 80 Palestinians will be wounded and three will be dead.

At sunset, Fayoumi and the others will abruptly turn around and walk home, while the Israelis will emerge from their positions and march the other way.

In a week, like clockwork, they will be back, poised for the deadly ritual to start all over again.

The Gaza Strip has been the front line of confrontations between Palestinians and Israel for generations. But the territory has been brought to its knees over the last decade by three punishing wars with Israel and an air, sea and land blockade.

The 11-year blockade, imposed by Israel and Egypt, is aimed at weakening Hamas, the militant group that seized power in Gaza from the internationally-backed Palestinian Authority in 2007. But its impact is felt by all. Raw sewage flows directly onto once-scenic Mediterranean beaches, tap water is undrinkable, and electricity is available just a few hours a day. Over half the Gaza Strip's 2 million people are unemployed, and most residents cannot leave what has become, in essence, a mass prison, even for medical reasons.

The blockade and growing anger over the harsh living conditions have put enormous pressure on Hamas, which is trying to redirect it toward Israel with relentless protests, said Mkhaimar Abusada, an associate professor of political science at Gaza's al-Azhar University.

"But it's a very slippery slope," Abusada said. "Because they're not going to stop until the siege is lifted — or there is another war."

That almost happened this month, when an Israeli raid into Gaza left seven Palestinian militants and a senior Israeli military officer dead. The raid prompted Hamas and other armed groups to fire hundreds of rockets and mortar shells into Israel, triggering a devastating wave of Israeli airstrikes in return — the heaviest fighting here since a 2014 war.

Both parties pulled back from the brink with a truce, and Hamas kept last Friday's protests restrained — though not enough to keep 40 Palestinians from being wounded.

While most Gazans see the protests as the inevitable reaction to Israel's siege, Israel has a different view altogether.

"We don't see them as protests ... we're not seeing somebody exercising their democratic right to gather and voice their opinion," said Israeli military spokesman Lt. Col. Jonathan Conricus. "We are confronting attacks, violent attacks along our security fence from an entity, Gaza, that is controlled by a terrorist organization, Hamas."

Since they began March 30, Israeli troops — using live ammunition against Palestinians mostly armed with rocks — have killed more than 170 people and shot nearly 6,000 others, among them scores of children. Thousands more have been wounded during the protests by tear gas or rubber-coated bullets. On the Israeli side, one soldier has been killed by a sniper and six others wounded.

Every Friday, there are more.

It is 2:30 p.m. in Malaka, one of five protest sites along the border, and several boys are practicing for a fight.

They are flinging large rocks onto a barren field with homemade slingshots. One of them, 17-year-old Ahmed al-Burdaini, shows off a bucket filled with fragments of steel rebar he says he spent the week collecting from the rubble of homes destroyed in past Israeli airstrikes.

"We want to use it against them," he says proudly.

Another boy points across the frontier and writes in a reporter's notebook: "This Is Our Land." It is a reference to another demand of the protests, that Palestinians be allowed to return to lands lost during the 1948 war that created the Jewish state — a demand Israel rejects outright.

The perimeter fence itself is a few hundred meters (yards) away. Israeli soldiers on the other side peer out from bunkers built atop pyramid-shaped berms along the fence.

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The protest site is still largely empty, but people are trickling in. Among them is the amputee, Fayoumi, who says he was throwing rocks near the fence and was shot as he rushed to help a wounded friend. A few days earlier, speaking at a clinic run by Doctors Without Borders, he swore he would keep participating in the protests despite his wounds. But why risk it?

"Because I want to die," he said.

He would prefer for the blockade to be lifted so he could leave Gaza to get a new, prosthetic leg. But if that doesn't happen, "what's the point of living?"

The sun is bearing down intensely when a couple dozen Palestinians roll a few tires toward the fence and set them on fire. The first gunshots ring out at 3:14 p.m., in the standard Israeli response to the start of the protests. An armored Israeli jeep at the edge of the fence fires a volley of tear gas canisters that leave white arcs trailing across the sky as they fall. The protesters are unfazed.

Among the growing crowds is an incongruous sight: five street vendors pushing dilapidated food carts hawking seeds, nuts, and frozen slushies. One is affixed with a cheap wooden speaker blaring traditional Bedouin music. It gives the protest the atmosphere of a country fair.

Vendor Adam Badwan, 17, has a simple explanation for coming: "Business is good here, much better than in town."

Plainclothes Hamas security agents appear. A local television crew arrives with flak jackets and helmets. A single ambulance pulls up.

After Friday noon prayers, around 4 p.m., Hamas dispatches huge buses to many mosques to bring supporters to the border. But many more come on their own — on foot, in cars, motorcycles, bikes and wheelchairs. Within one hour, at least 13,000 people are gathered along the border.

Dr. Khalil Siam is standing inside a medical triage tent about a kilometer (half a mile) from the border when the ambulance sirens begin to howl just after 5 p.m.

The first one to arrive drops off a 22-year-old man who was shot in the left leg. The second brings an 18-year-old, blood streaming from his bandaged face, who was struck by shrapnel.

When the third comes shortly after, bearing a 31-year-old shot in the chest, there is shouting and panic — and no doubt the most dangerous phase of the protests has begun. The bullet has punctured the man's lung, and he is lowered gently onto a gurney as eight doctors and nurses gather round.

One of the doctors inserts a clear tube into the man's chest, and within seconds, blood and liquid is draining into a blue plastic bowl on the floor.

"Keep breathing! Keep breathing!"

"Every Friday we wait for the injuries, and every Friday it's always the same," says Siam. "They always come."

Outside, a convoy of vehicles passes. Young men are standing on them, thrusting fists in the air, their faces hidden with scarves and white Guy Fawkes masks. It is the "Burning Tire Unit" — and soon it will fill a vast section of the frontier with a wall of fire and billowing sheets of smoke.

A few dozen meters (yards) away, five men in checkered, black and white headscarves are performing a traditional folk dance with their arms crossed for a captivated crowd under a massive tent. Behind them, in the distance, the border fence looks like a war zone; the sky is completely black, burning tires are shooting flames into the air, and gunfire is ringing out every few minutes.

But nobody is looking toward the border, and few notice the steady stream of ambulances that are crisscrossing the adjacent road, non-stop. Here, vendors are selling corn on the cob and peanuts, and fathers are balancing children on their shoulders.

In the sky behind the stage, four kites flutter in the wind, several with flaming, incendiary trails; such kites have burned thousands of acres of Israeli farmland and set vehicles alight.

Colorful balloons also float overhead; Israel says they have found them on the other side of the fence, tied to small, homemade bombs.

It is 5:45 p.m. now, and the air is growing cooler. The dancers are soon replaced by a poet, then a play

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featuring two actors dressed as Israeli guards who shove a Palestinian prisoner to the ground. At one point, the prisoner tells the guard: "Resistance is not terrorism."

The crowd applauds.

By 6 p.m., at the border, all hell is breaking loose.

Hundreds of hard-core protesters are swarming the 12-foot-high fence. The wall of smoke has allowed some, armed with wire cutters, to clip through the rolls of barbed wire. One man is hanging from the top of the fence, shaking it back and forth with the weight of his body. Another is hanging from the other side, and yet another is trying to melt the fence with a flaming tire.

The noise here is constant, like a waterfall. Men are blowing whistles. Others are screaming at the top of their lungs.

"Allahu akbar!" — God is great!

Most are throwing rocks over the fence, thrusting their fists in the air, taking selfies, making the V sign for Victory. There are women too, wearing black and waving Palestinian flags. There is a man with a speaker on his back, playing Palestinian music to encourage them. Some boys pick up smoking tear gas canisters and smack them back over the fence with tennis rackets.

Every time a gunshot rings out, the crowds duck, like a school of fish darting in unison. Sometimes a man falls, and within seconds he is surrounded by medics in orange uniforms, who bandage him on the spot and rush him on a stretcher to the ambulances waiting in the rear.

Further back stands a vast sea of spectators. One, an older man named Khalil Ayesh, is sitting inside a light blue Subaru with his family, as if he has come to a drive-in movie. He was in the same spot last week, watching intently as an Israeli drone crisscrossed the sky like a black spider, dropping tear gas on the crowds from above.

"I bring them every week," Ayesh said of the three children in the back seat — his son and daughter, and his daughter's neighbor, "so they can understand what this struggle is about."

After the sun sets, the crowds dissipate rapidly as two black drones circle overhead. At 6:52 p.m., a huge blast a kilometer (half a mile) from the frontier sends shards of concrete and debris hurling into the air. Eight minutes later, it happens again. Later, in a statement, the Israeli army will say that aircraft and a tank struck two Hamas watchtowers after one of their soldiers was wounded by a pipe bomb.

It is time to go.

At the medical tent, it is now pitch dark, and the last casualty arrives at 7:24 p.m. It is a man, bleeding from the head, who has been hit by a tear gas canister.

Siam says his team treated 25 people on this Friday, mostly for gunshot wounds. Half were shot in the leg, the others in the chest, stomach, back, pelvis. One doctor had to take leave when his nephew arrived, shot in the head.

Almost every Friday protest in Gaza is followed by at least one funeral on Saturday. This week, there are three.

One, for an 11-year-old boy named Shady Abdel-al, is remarkable because it is quiet. Funeral processions here typically are accompanied by young men doing something they usually avoid at the border: firing Kalashnikov rifles into the sky.

Though the Health Ministry initially reported Abdel-al was shot by Israeli fire, the Israeli army claimed he was accidentally struck by a rock thrown by protesters. Two Gaza rights groups say he died after being hit "with a solid object."

During his funeral, Gaza's political complexity is laid bare. His body has been wrapped in a yellow flag with a grenade and automatic rifle on it; it belongs to Fatah, the party of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and a bitter rival to Hamas.

Abdel-al's mother, Isma, says she told the boy not to go, but he boarded a bus to the border organized by Hamas, whose supporters were teaching him the Quran.

As the boy's body is carried through the neighborhood, it is surrounded by a sea of yellow flags. But

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when it reaches the mosque, there is another huge group of teenagers waiting with the green flag of Hamas. Hassan Walli, a Fatah official, is with the family as the distraught father stands over his son, kissing him on the forehead.

"We will never break the siege this way," Walli says, shaking his head. "The only way we can do it is with Palestinian unity."

It is Sunday in Gaza, and Atalla Fayoumi is sitting on the small bed in his small room, showing off pictures of himself at Friday's protest.

He is proud that he went. Proud that he stood up for the Palestinian cause. But when asked if having a job would have changed anything, his answer is clear: "I would never have gone."

After his injury, Fayoumi received a payment of US\$200 from Hamas. It was spent long ago, he says, on medical bills.

Now he has nothing. No work. No hope. And little else to lose.

Next Friday, he says, he will return to the protests again.

Associated Press writer Fares Akram in Gaza City, Gaza Strip, contributed to this report.

Trump pressed to levy harsh US response to Khashoggi killing

By DEB RIECHMANN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump faces increasing pressure to take tougher measures against Saudi Arabia over the killing of writer Jamal Khashoggi.

Trump says that Saudi Arabia is a "spectacular ally" and that he's not convinced that Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the kingdom's de facto leader, was directly responsible for the Oct. 2 slaying of the editorial columnist for The Washington Post inside the Saudi consulate in Istanbul.

But there are increasing calls for more action amid a growing consensus that the crown prince, who controls virtually all major levers of power in Saudi Arabia, must have known about the operation.

The pressure is coming from Democrats and Republicans in Congress and U.S. allies abroad.

France's top diplomat said Monday that his country was mulling sanctions against Saudi Arabia. Germany on Monday announced that it has banned 18 Saudi nationals from entering Europe's border-free Schengen zone because of their suspected connections to the killing. German officials, who earlier banned new weapons exports to Riyadh, also said they are halting previously approved arms exports.

Over the weekend, Trump called reports that the crown prince ordered the killing "premature." He said that it was "possible" and that it was also possible that people will never know the truth.

"Donald Trump just says, 'Will anybody really know?' as if our intelligence agencies are incapable of making an assessment," Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., said Monday.

He said CIA Director Gina Haspel and National Intelligence Director Dan Coats need to "come out and provide the American people and the Congress with a public assessment of who ordered the killing of Jamal Khashoggi."

Saudi Arabia's top diplomat insists that the crown prince had "absolutely" nothing to do with Khashoggi's death, but U.S. intelligence officials have concluded that he ordered the killing, according to a U.S. official familiar with the assessment. Others familiar with the case caution that while it's likely that the crown prince had a role in the death, there continue to be questions about the degree to which he was involved.

Vice President Mike Pence told reporters that Trump on Tuesday would review information about Khashoggi's death and then make his decisions about the United States' "enormously important strategic relationship" with Saudi Arabia, which is aligned with the United States in pushing back against Iran.

The president leaves Tuesday to spend Thanksgiving at Mar-a-Lago, his estate in Palm Beach, Florida. The following week, the president and the crown prince will attend the Group of 20 summit in Buenos Aires. Saudi media reported Monday that the crown prince will be present, bringing him face-to-face with Trump and leaders from Turkey, Canada and Europe, among others.

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The United States has stepped up its opposition to Saudi Arabia's war against Houthi rebels in neighboring Yemen. Saudi airstrikes in the war in Yemen have killed thousands of civilians.

In recent weeks, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Defense Secretary Jim Mattis have called for a cease-fire in Yemen, and the U.S. has announced it would stop refueling Saudi Arabian aircraft fighting the Houthis. The U.S. also has sanctioned 17 Saudi officials suspected of being responsible for or complicit in the killing.

Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., says sanctioning people who are already imprisoned — including some facing the death penalty in connection with the killing — will have little effect. Paul said the president should cut off arms sales to the kingdom, an action that Trump has repeatedly said he did not want to take.

Late last week, a bipartisan group of senators introduced legislation that calls for suspending weapons sales to Saudi Arabia; sanctions on people who block humanitarian access in Yemen or support the Houthi rebels; and mandatory sanctions on those responsible for Khashoggi's death.

"There must be a transparent, credible investigation into Khashoggi's murder," New Jersey Sen. Bob Menendez, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said in introducing the bill with two Democratic and three Republican colleagues.

"On Yemen, the administration's recent decision to suspend U.S. aerial refueling for the Saudi coalition absent an actual strategy for ending this conflict is empty action," he said.

Some foreign policy experts advocate for a complete reset on relations with Riyadh.

Emile Nakhleh, a former member of CIA's senior intelligence service, said that since the crown prince assumed power three years ago, he has turned his country into a "strongman autocracy" that can't be trusted.

"His ruthless power grab, repression of potential challengers within his family, and crackdown on all opposition to his policies and projects inside and outside of Saudi Arabia have put American-Saudi relations at risk," Nakhleh wrote in an op-ed Monday in the online intelligence newsletter The Cipher Brief. "He feels empowered to crush his potential rivals within the ruling family by his close relationship to President Trump and Jared Kushner."

Kushner, the president's son-in-law, has worked with the crown prince on various issues, including on how to end the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians.

This story has been corrected to show Trump will be in Florida, not New Jersey.

Rams outlast Chiefs 54-51 in record Monday night showdown

By GREG BEACHAM, AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Even before the fourth lead change of the fourth quarter, well before the 1,001st yard of combined offense was tallied, the Kansas City Chiefs and the Los Angeles Rams already knew this was a classic.

Two powerhouse NFL teams at the peak of their brilliance dueled deep into the night at an ecstatic Coliseum, racking up eye-popping numbers that stretched the box score and credulity.

There were 14 touchdowns, including three by defensive players. There were 56 first downs. There were 105 points, with 50 from each team — the first time that's ever happened in an NFL game.

In the final moments, the Rams did just enough to leave with a win they'll savor for years.

And if these teams meet again at the Super Bowl in 2 1/2 months, the Chiefs will remember the sting from coming up just short.

Jared Goff threw a 40-yard touchdown pass to Gerald Everett for the go-ahead score with 1:49 to play, and the Rams outlasted the Chiefs for a 54-51 victory Monday night in a showdown that somehow surpassed the hype.

"It was a crazy game, crazy game," said Goff, who passed for 413 yards and four touchdowns and even ran for another score. "It seemed like whoever had the ball at the end was going to win the game. There was times where we felt like we were going to put the knife in and finish them, and there were times

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where it was the other way around, where we had to claw back into it.”

Patrick Mahomes passed for a career-high 478 yards with six touchdown passes in his latest jaw-dropping effort for the Chiefs (9-2), but he also threw two interceptions in the final 1:18 as the Rams (10-1) claimed the highest-scoring Monday night game ever played.

The highest-scoring game in the league this season was an offensive fantasia of ingenious scheming from mastermind coaches Andy Reid and Sean McVay — along with 21 combined penalties to keep things interesting. The second half was an extended thriller featuring 59 combined points.

Both teams scratched out fourth-quarter leads, only to see them evaporate. Mahomes hit Tyreek Hill with a 73-yard TD pass just when the Rams appeared to be pulling away early in the fourth, and Goff replied with two late TD passes to Everett, a backup tight end with 31 career catches before this game.

“It was a whirlwind,” McVay said. “I feel like I might need a couple of beverages to relax tonight, but it was great. This is what you love so much about the game.”

And this game was ultimately decided by defense: Marcus Peters and Lamarus Joyner came up with late interceptions as the Rams stopped Mahomes’ final efforts.

“It’s always fun to play against real good teams,” Mahomes said. “You get to go out there and have fun ... (but) it’s the same as when we played New England. You can’t make mistakes against great teams. You need to limit your mistakes, but be aggressive.”

The Coliseum’s first Monday night game since 1985 was staged on short notice after the NFL moved the matchup from Mexico City to Los Angeles six days ago due to poor field conditions at Azteca Stadium. The Rams used the opportunity to give free tickets to thousands of first responders and families recovering from the dual tragedies of nearby wildfires and a mass shooting in Thousand Oaks.

Those fans got an incredible treat for their reward — and if the video-game-like spectacle they saw turns out to be a Super Bowl preview, Atlanta will get an All-Madden-level show as well.

“It was just cool,” said Todd Gurley, whose 13-game touchdown streak somehow ended in this offensive showcase. “It was a last-minute game and everybody (came) out in support. Had the families here, had the responders, so it was just a great overall crowd and it was good for the city.”

This game has loomed in capital letters on the NFL’s regular-season schedule ever since these teams confirmed their status as offensive powerhouses in September. The Rams and Chiefs are the league’s biggest favorites along with New Orleans and New England — the teams responsible for the only other losses by Los Angeles and Kansas City this season.

Mahomes had the most prolific passing game in the NFL this year, but he and Goff both made key mistakes.

Rams linebacker Samson Ebukam returned Mahomes’ fumble and a one-armed interception for the first two TDs of his NFL career, while Kansas City’s Allen Bailey returned Goff’s fumble for a go-ahead touchdown early in the fourth quarter.

“It was electric,” Ebukam said. “It’s hard to describe, because I’m still like in a game mode right now. I haven’t calmed down yet, so it hasn’t really all sunk in yet.”

BIG FINISH

The final seven minutes were particularly frantic and sweet: After Chris Conley caught his second TD pass from Mahomes for a 51-47 lead with 2:47 to play, Goff replied with a 75-yard TD drive in 58 seconds, hitting Everett down the Rams’ frenzied sideline.

Peters — the former Pro Bowl cornerback traded by Kansas City to Los Angeles last winter — then intercepted Mahomes’ underthrown ball near midfield with 1:18 to play, but the Rams only managed to take 14 seconds off the clock on their next three plays.

The Coliseum roiled in anticipation of a big finish by Mahomes, but the Chiefs were pushed back to their 13 with 50 seconds left thanks to a booming punt by Johnny Hekker. Joyner intercepted Mahomes’ final desperate heave with 13 seconds left.

“We can learn from this,” Reid said. “We can’t give up 21 points on turnovers. Have to take care of the football. We created some turnovers and points, (but had) too many penalties. We’ll heal up and get set to go for the stretch run.”

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TIMELY DEFENSE

For all the offensive brilliance on display, both defenses made game-changing plays as well.

Aaron Donald forced two fumbles while sacking Mahomes, and Ebukam returned the first for a TD in the second quarter. The Rams' unsung outside linebacker then made a spectacular one-armed interception at the line of scrimmage in the third quarter before returning it 25 yards for a score, powering over Mahomes to reach the end zone.

INJURIES

Chiefs: WR Sammy Watkins had one catch for 4 yards against his former team after missing last week's game with a foot injury.

Rams: CB Troy Hill, WR Brandin Cooks and Peters all went to the locker room early in the second half with cramps. They all returned.

UP NEXT

Chiefs: Bye week, followed by a trip to Oakland on Dec. 2.

Rams: Bye week, followed by a trip to Detroit on Dec. 2.

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California gunman's life was both unremarkable and troubled

By **AMANDA LEE MYERS** and **JUSTIN PRITCHARD**, Associated Press

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — At first, the outlines of the mass shooter's 28 years appeared unremarkable.

Ian David Long enlisted in the Marines out of high school and married at 19. Within five years, he was honorably discharged, divorced and in college.

As the picture sharpened, troubling details emerged — the kinds of clues that, in hindsight, make people wonder out loud whether the impulse that led Long to kill 12 people at a country music bar had been forming in plain sight.

Neighbors avoided him. He made them uncomfortable, and then there were the fits of aggressive yelling and property destruction at the home Long shared with his mom. One of his high school coaches says he scared her.

Others who interacted with Long at different stops — high school classmates, Marines in his regiment, professors — struggled to recall much about him. Meanwhile, family who did know him and investigators who are learning his story aren't talking publicly.

One thing that has leaked out: During the Nov. 7 massacre at the Borderline Bar & Grill, Long posted on social media about whether people would think he was insane.

Authorities haven't settled on a theory of why Long opened fire, then killed himself. Reconstructing a motive may take weeks, or much longer.

"We may never know what was in his head," said Tricia Benson, who grew up and still lives in the Los Angeles suburb of Thousand Oaks. "We may never know what that darkness was."

Long's desire to join the Marines dated at least to high school.

It was a life goal that helped rescue him from consequences when, a decade ago, Long allegedly assaulted a track coach.

One day at practice, Dominique Colell was asking who owned a lost a cellphone. Long said it was his. When she didn't immediately hand it over, she said, he grabbed her rear and midsection.

Another time, Long mimicked shooting her in the head.

"I literally feared for myself around him," said Colell, who no longer coaches at Newbury Park High School. She wanted to kick Long off the team. Another coach argued the black mark could jeopardize his goal of join the military. Long, a sprinter, was allowed to stay.

Neither the school nor its district has responded to requests for comment.

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A third coach, Evie Cluke, recalled profanity-laced tirades that forced people to back away.

"The warning signs were there," Cluke said.

In one calm moment, she asked Long why he wanted to enlist.

"When you hear somebody say they want to be in the military because they want to kill people in the name of our country, that's chilling," Cluke said.

Long's family had a military pedigree. His grandfather was a Naval Academy graduate who served 30 years and retired with the rank of commander.

Long enlisted a few months after high school graduation. It was 2008.

Stationed in Hawaii, Long became a machine gunner. Two weeks before he returned from a seven-month deployment in Afghanistan in 2011, he legally separated from his wife of two years.

Authorities with the Ventura County Sheriff's Department have publicly speculated that, like many veterans, Long suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder.

No such diagnosis has been confirmed. A spokeswoman for the Department of Veterans Affairs said Long wasn't enrolled in health care there.

The theory that something fundamental about Long changed in the Marines does not persuade Thomas Burke, who served in Long's regiment and is now a pastor. Though the two did not know each other, Burke said he has recently spoken with their mutual friends.

"Really what this was more about was his own loneliness and isolation," Burke said.

Long left the service in 2013 and enrolled at California State University, Northridge. During three years at the school about a half-hour drive from Thousand Oaks, he took classes that lead to becoming a physical trainer or rehab specialist.

Students in the school's physical therapy club did not recall Long. Campus police have no record of him. Professors said they have no helpful insights.

"An unremarkable student in good standing," Konstantinos Vrongistinos, a professor in the Department of Kinesiology, wrote in email.

For reasons that remain unclear, Long dropped out.

After the shooting, Facebook and Instagram scrubbed his accounts from public view.

But Long's posts bothered at least one high school acquaintance.

Raven Chavanne ran track with Long. She was turned off by his personality, but like many high school classmates, they were connected on Facebook.

Around the time Long left college in 2016, Chavanne said she unfriended him because she didn't like what he was writing — though she couldn't remember the details.

"I was like, 'Who is this guy posting this? Oh, it's Ian,'" said Chavanne.

What Long did over the past two years is largely a public mystery.

In April, one particularly alarming uproar on the Longs' property prompted an intervention.

"It sounded to me like the man was out of his head," said Tom Hanson, a next-door neighbor who called 911.

Deputies summoned a mental health specialist, who interviewed Long. A 72-hour involuntary psychiatric commitment requires an "imminent" threat of harm, and the specialist concluded his behavior wasn't extreme enough.

The standard can be tough to meet, said Marisa Randazzo, who has interviewed five mass shooters as the former chief research psychologist for the U.S. Secret Service. "We don't want laws that somebody can be taken in because of something they said over Thanksgiving dinner," she said.

Hanson, the neighbor on a quiet block in a city often ranked as one of California's safest, said he sympathized with Long's mother.

"I think she was all the time overwhelmed by this guy," Hanson said. "You never knew when he was going to go off."

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Amazon HQ expansion means tough fight for talent

By ALEXANDRA OLSON, AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — When tech giants like Amazon expand, other companies don't just worry about losing business. They also fret about hanging on to their employees.

Some of the industries that have defined New York City and the Washington, D.C., area will face increased competition for talent when Amazon sets up shop in their territory, with plans to hire 50,000 new workers amid the tightest job market in decades.

The expansion comes at time of fierce demand for computer programmers, mobile app developers, data scientists and cybersecurity experts. Salaries keep rising as companies from banks to retailers seek new technology professionals to expand their online presence and automate operations. Particularly in demand are software developers, with many switching jobs each year. Even some banks have eased up on their dress codes to project a hipper image.

"It's a very competitive market in New York," said William Lynch, president of the New York-based fitness tech company Peloton. "It really requires you to be smart about how you are reaching the new hiring pipeline."

Tech employment in the U.S. has grown by an average of 200,000 new jobs each year since 2010, a trend that is expected to continue for at least the next decade, according to an industry report from Computing Technology Industry Association, or CompTIA, which analyzes data from the Labor Department and other sources. The figure includes all people employed by tech companies, as well as tech professionals in other industries.

In New York, big banks are among the biggest employers of computer technology professionals. J.P. Morgan Chase employs 50,000 people in technology and hired its first artificial intelligence research chief in May. Goldman Sachs has said one-quarter of its employees work in engineering-related roles. Amazon's traditional retail rivals are striving to expand their online business and develop new technologies to improve operational efficiency.

But young professionals are flocking to tech companies, lured by the idea of changing the way people do everything from buying homes to exercising.

"In the past, the traditional career path has been to go into financial services, investment banking and consulting. What we see now is a surge of interest in tech companies," said Dan Wang, a professor of Business and Sociology at Columbia University.

Amazon will begin recruiting in a few months for its two new headquarters in New York's Long Island City and the Washington suburb of Arlington, seeking talent to support an empire that has expanded to include cloud computing services, advertising and, video streaming and TV production. The company expects to hire about 25,000 people over several years for each location. The average salary will be about \$150,000 a year.

Amazon's move is only the most dramatic example of technology companies expanding their presence in the East Coast. Instagram opened a new office in New York over the summer and plans to hire hundreds of engineers. Google is reportedly looking to add 12,000 more employees in New York City.

Amazon, now 24 years old, will have to contend with New York's thriving startup scene, where companies flush with venture capital offer young people big roles and the chance to upend new industries.

That's the kind of pitch prospective employees hear from Peloton, which announced plans Monday to move into bigger headquarters in midtown Manhattan in 2020. The fitness tech company, which received \$550 million in new investment in August, will be hiring thousands of people across locations in the next years, especially in technology, marketing and sales, said Lynch, the company president. It currently has nearly 100 positions open in New York City.

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"We are aware of Amazon and it's amazing for New York City. But Google has been here. We've been recruiting against Google for a long time," Lynch said.

The scramble for talent goes beyond tech workers. Technology companies employ more than 3.7 million people in supporting roles like marketing and financing, according to CompTIA.

That panorama is top of mind for people like Dimple Bansal, a business graduate student at Columbia University who is focusing her studies on technology strategy. Last spring, she took an internship at Airbnb and over the summer she interned at Google.

"Tech is a growing landscape. I think it's exciting to bridge the divide between pure technology skills, and to bring the business mindset to these companies that are touching so many lives," said Bansal, 27.

Financial institutions have stepped up their recruiting strategies, trying to present their companies as innovation hubs for products from mobile apps to AI solutions for fraud reduction.

J.P. Morgan announced plans earlier this year to open a financial technology campus in California's Bay Area. Goldman holds online coding challenges as part of its recruitment efforts and launched an in-house incubator to allow employees to develop ideas.

Wang, the Columbia professor, said startup fashion brands could benefit from partnerships if Amazon leverages its New York location to venture into the luxury market. But Wang said that could mean a competition for workers from rivals like Walmart-owned Jet.com, which currently has job openings for dozens of engineers in its New Jersey headquarters, across the Hudson River from New York.

"If I were working at Jet.com, I would be very tempted by Amazon," Wang said.

As technology firms spread out, young professionals can be choosy about where they live, another incentive for companies like Amazon to set up shop in trendy urban centers.

Based on an analysis of the revisions in job listings made on its online professional network, LinkedIn calculated 13 percent of the workers specializing in software leave their employers for another job each year.

Mathew Calkins, a 25-year-old machine learning engineer who works in Washington, D.C., for the consulting firm Booz Allen Hamilton, is moving to New York to work at Google later this year. He saw New York City as a thriving technical hub with more diversity than many of its West Coast counterparts.

"I didn't want to move to San Francisco and have everyone I hang out with be other engineers making six figures," Calkins said.

Calkins said recruiters who reach out to him nearly every day on LinkedIn rarely focus on "what's important to me and a growing number of folks in the tech market" — the chance to make an impact. Instead, employers tout compensation and perks.

"They all sound the same," Calkins said.

Even if they can retain their employees, some of the smaller companies might struggle attract new talent needed to expand, said Carrie Duarte, a Partner and Workforce of the Future Leader at PwC. Their best bet is to tout the chance to be a big fish in a small pond, she said.

Kestrel Linder, CEO of the Washington, D.C., startup GiveCampus, said has learned that he can lure prospective employees to his online educational fundraiser by offering comparable salaries and more autonomy.

"Working at a startup while it is still growing is a perishable opportunity," Linder said. "The giant companies aren't going anywhere."

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Rain could hamper search for victims of California wildfire

By SUDHIN THANAWALA and JANIE HAR, Associated Press

CHICO, Calif. (AP) — It's been 12 days since Christina Taft started the frantic search for her mother Victoria, who refused to evacuate their Paradise home as flames neared, and six days since she gave authorities a cheek swab to identify remains that are likely her mother's.

She still hasn't received confirmation that her mother is dead, and says she's been frustrated by what she feels is a lack of communication from Butte County officials.

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"They said they found remains, they didn't say her remains. They won't confirm it to me the whole time," Taft said Monday.

With 79 people killed in the nation's deadliest wildfire in at least a century, there are still nearly 700 names on the list of those unaccounted for. While it's down from nearly 1,000 the day before, it is inexact, progress has been slow, and the many days of uncertainty are adding to the stress.

More than a dozen people are marked as "unknowns," without first or last names. In some cases, names are listed twice or more times under different spellings. Others are confirmed dead, and their names simply haven't been taken off yet.

Survivors and relatives of those caught in the fire in Northern California are using social media to get the word out: In some cases, to post that their loved ones were safe; in others, to plead for help.

"Aunt Dorothy is still missing. There has been confusion going on at the Sheriff's office regarding her whereabouts because she was taken off the list," a man wrote on Facebook on Monday.

"I have an uncle and two cousins that I have not been able to make contact with," one woman wrote on Facebook, with their names. "Any info would be appreciated."

Butte County Sheriff Kory Honea has said he released the rough and incomplete list in hopes that people would contact authorities to say they are OK. He has called it "raw data" compiled from phone calls, emails and other reports.

"We put the list out. It will fluctuate. It will go up. It will go down because this is in a state of flux," Honea said Monday. "My view on this has been that I would prefer to get the information out and start working to find who is unaccounted for and who is not. I would put progress over perfection."

Officials have also culled reports from the earliest hours of the disaster, when fire knocked out mobile phone communications and thousands fled, some to safe shelter that was hundreds of miles away.

Honea said his office was working with the Red Cross to account for people entering and leaving shelters. Evacuees are also helping authorities narrow the list, sometimes by chance.

Robert James Miles, who lost his Paradise trailer in the blaze, was staying at a shelter in Chico where people posted names of those they hadn't heard from. Miles said he alerted a Red Cross worker Saturday that he recognized eight names on the board as friends he knew were OK.

"Two of them were in the shelter," he said with a chuckle.

Owen and Phyllis Suihkonen understand the chaos. Their family is scattered after they lost their home to the wildfire, as did their two adult children.

Phyllis Suihkonen, 69, says she spotted the names of two friends on the list of unaccounted people, and doesn't know if they are safe. But her daughter has seen names of friends who are OK and called sheriff's officials to let them know.

"I'm concerned," Phyllis said. "But like I said, there's been other friends' names on the list that have been accounted for and taken off."

Meanwhile, those searching for bodies were in a race against the weather, as rain was forecast for Wednesday. The precipitation could help knock out the flames, but it could also hinder the search by washing away fragmentary remains and turning ash into a thick paste.

The fire, which burned at least 236 square miles (611 square kilometers) and destroyed nearly 12,000 homes, was 70 percent contained on Monday.

Alcatraz Island, San Francisco's cable cars, the Oakland Zoo and other San Francisco Bay Area area attractions were closed Monday because of smoke from the blaze some 140 miles (225 kilometers) away. Several San Francisco museums over the weekend offered free admission to give people something to do indoors.

California Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones said it is "way too early" to estimate the damage done by the wildfire. But for perspective, he said the Northern California fires that gutted 6,800 homes last year resulted in \$12.6 billion in insured losses.

"It's going to be a long and painful process," he said.

Har reported from San Francisco.

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Associated Press journalists Kathleen Ronayne in Sacramento, California, and Paul Elias and Jocelyn Gecker in San Francisco also contributed to this report.

Asian stocks slide after Wall Street losses, Nissan arrest

By **JOE McDONALD, AP Business Writer**

BEIJING (AP) — Asian stocks slid Tuesday after tech losses dragged down Wall Street and Nissan's chairman was arrested on charges of financial misconduct.

KEEPING SCORE: The Shanghai Composite Index fell 1 percent to 2,675.69 and Tokyo's Nikkei 225 lost 0.9 percent to 21,633.54. Hong Kong's Hang Seng retreated 1.3 percent to 26,023.02 and Seoul's Kospi shed 0.7 percent to 2,086.50. Sydney's S&P-ASX 200 declined 0.8 percent to 5,649.40 and benchmarks in Taiwan, New Zealand and Southeast Asia also retreated.

WALL STREET: Apple, Microsoft and Amazon sustained some of the worst losses as technology companies tumbled again, leading to broad losses. The Dow Jones Industrial Average briefly fell 500 points. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 1.7 percent to 2,690.73. The Dow sank 1.6 percent to 25,017.44. It was down as much as 512 earlier. The Nasdaq composite skidded 3 percent to 7,028.48. Boeing, a major exporter, gave up 4.5 percent. Apple fell 4 percent and Amazon gave back 5.1 percent.

NISSAN: Nissan said Chairman Carlos Ghosn, who engineered a turnaround at the automaker, was arrested and will be fired on charges he underreported his income and misused company funds. Nissan said Ghosn and another senior executive, Greg Kelly, were accused of offenses involving millions of dollars that were discovered during an investigation set off by a whistleblower. Kelly also was arrested. The scandal threw into question Ghosn's future as leader of the Renault-Nissan-Mitsubishi alliance, which sold 10.6 million cars last year, more than any other manufacturer. U.S.-traded shares of Nissan lost 5.8 percent, while Renault shares dropped 8.4 percent in Paris.

U.S.-CHINA TRADE: Investors focused on simmering trade tension between Washington and Beijing after the two governments clashed at a weekend conference. The two countries have raised tariffs on billions of dollars of each other's goods in a fight over China's technology policy. Presidents Donald Trump and Xi Jinping are due to meet this month at a gathering of the Group of 20 major economies. At the weekend meeting in Papua New Guinea, Trump's vice president, Mike Pence, criticized Beijing for intellectual property theft, forced technology transfers and unfair trading practices.

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude lost 13 cents to \$57.07 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract gained 52 cents on Monday to \$57.20. Brent crude, used to price international oils, fell 24 cents to \$66.55 per barrel in London. It added 3 cents the previous session to \$66.79.

CURRENCY: The dollar edged up to 112.59 yen from Monday's 112.53 yen. The euro declined to \$1.1452 from \$1.1454.

Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 20, the 324th day of 2018. There are 41 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 20, 1945, 22 former Nazi officials went on trial before an international war crimes tribunal in Nuremberg, Germany. (Almost a year later, the International Military Tribunal sentenced 12 of the defendants to death; seven received prison sentences ranging from 10 years to life; three were acquitted.)

On this date:

In 1789, New Jersey became the first state to ratify the Bill of Rights.

In 1910, the Mexican Revolution of 1910 had its beginnings under the Plan of San Luis Potosi issued by Francisco I. Madero.

In 1947, Britain's future queen, Princess Elizabeth, married Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, at West-

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minster Abbey.

In 1967, the U.S. Census Bureau's Population Clock at the Commerce Department ticked past 200 million.

In 1969, the Nixon administration announced a halt to residential use of the pesticide DDT as part of a total phaseout. A group of American Indian activists began a 19-month occupation of Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay.

In 1975, after nearly four decades of absolute rule, Spain's Generalissimo Francisco Franco died, two weeks before his 83rd birthday.

In 1976, the boxing drama "Rocky," starring Sylvester Stallone, premiered in New York.

In 1982, in one of college football's oddest finales, the University of California used five laterals to score a disputed winning touchdown on the last play of a game against Stanford, 25-20.

In 1985, the first version of Microsoft's Windows operating system, Windows 1.0, was officially released.

In 1998, forty-six states embraced a \$206 billion settlement with cigarette makers over health costs for treating sick smokers.

In 2000, lawyers for Al Gore and George W. Bush battled before the Florida Supreme Court over whether the presidential election recount should be allowed to continue.

In 2003, Michael Jackson was booked on suspicion of child molestation in Santa Barbara, Calif. (Jackson was later acquitted at trial.) Record producer Phil Spector was charged with murder in the shooting death of an actress, Lana Clarkson, at his home in Alhambra, California. (Spector's first trial ended with a hung jury in 2007; he was convicted of second-degree murder in 2009 and sentenced to 19 years to life in prison.)

Ten years ago: Sen. Ted Stevens, the chamber's longest-serving Republican, delivered his swan song address following his failed re-election bid; he was saluted by his colleagues as a staunch friend and teacher. The U.N. Security Council voted unanimously to impose new sanctions aimed at reducing the arms flowing into Somalia and the lawlessness and piracy that were flourishing there.

Five years ago: Secretary of State John Kerry said the U.S. and Afghanistan had agreed on the language of a bilateral security pact that would clear the way for thousands of U.S troops to train and assist Afghan forces after the NATO combat mission ended in 2014. Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn signed legislation allowing same-sex weddings in his state.

One year ago: President Donald Trump announced that he was designating North Korea, which he called a "murderous regime," as a state sponsor of terror. CBS News suspended Charlie Rose, and PBS stopped distribution of his nightly interview show, after a Washington Post report carried accusations of sexual misconduct from eight women. Nebraska regulators approved an alternative route for the proposed Keystone XL pipeline, the last major regulatory hurdle facing the project's operator.

Today's Birthdays: Actress-comedian Kaye Ballard is 93. Actress Estelle Parsons is 91. Comedian Dick Smothers is 80. Singer Norman Greenbaum is 76. Former Vice President Joe Biden is 76. Actress Veronica Hamel is 75. Broadcast journalist Judy Woodruff is 72. Actor Samuel E. Wright is 72. Singer Joe Walsh is 71. Actor Richard Masur is 70. Opera singer Barbara Hendricks is 70. National security adviser John Bolton is 70. Actress Bo Derek is 62. Former NFL player Mark Gastineau is 62. Reggae musician Jimmy Brown (UB40) is 61. Actress Sean Young is 59. Pianist Jim Brickman is 57. Rock musician Todd Nance (Widespread Panic) is 56. Actress Ming-Na is 55. Actor Ned Vaughn is 54. Rapper Mike D (The Beastie Boys) is 53. Rapper Sen Dog (Cypress Hill) is 53. Actress Callie Thorne is 49. Actress Sabrina Lloyd is 48. Actor Joel McHale is 47. Actress Marisa Ryan is 44. Country singer Dierks (duhkr) Bentley is 43. Actor Joshua Gomez is 43. Actress Laura Harris is 42. Olympic gold medal gymnast Dominique Dawes is 42. Country singer Josh Turner is 41. Actress Nadine Velazquez is 40. Actress Andrea Riseborough is 37. Actor Jeremy Jordan is 34. Actor Dan Byrd is 33. Actress Ashley Fink is 32. Rock musician Jared Followill (Kings of Leon) is 32. Actress Jaina Lee Ortiz is 32. Actor Cody Linley is 29. Pop musician Michael Clifford (5 Seconds to Summer) is 23.

Thought for Today: "There is no greatness where there is not simplicity." — Leo Tolstoy, Russian author (1828-1910).