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Groton Area Schedule of Events

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10:00am: Basketball: Girls 7th/8th Jamboree vs. Langford, Northwestern, Waubay-Summit, Webster MS @ Groton Area High School Arena

10:00am: Wrestling: Boys Varsity Tournament TBA vs. Clark/Willow Lake @ Clark Junior-Senior High School

Sunday, December 2, 2018

(2:00pm- 6:00pm: Open Gym, GHS Arena
Grades JK-8 2pm - 4pm; Grades 6-12 4pm - 6pm)

Monday, December 3, 2018

7:00 pm: City Council Meeting at the Groton Community Center

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



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Hunter update!!!!

Since hunter's surgery, he's doing very well, continuing to make baby steps (great leaps in our eyes). They took him off the vent for awhile for him to breath on his own, but put him back on it so he does not tire himself out. They sat him up in a chair for about an hour and a half, which I'm sure felt good. He continues to keep making movements. They will lay him back down in his bed here soon. And with any luck today and God's continued healing, we should be moved out of ICU into another neuro wing in the hospital. He is slowly starting to come around! Thank you for all the prayers and continue to keep them coming! God is a divine physician. God is good!

- Schaller Family

The Hunter Schaller gofundme page has generated nearly \$11,000 so far. If you would like to donate, [click here](#) to go to the page.

An account has been set up at First State Bank in Groton for Hunter Schaller. Anyone wanting to donate can make checks to "Hunter Schaller Benefit" and mail or drop off at the First State Bank in Groton. Hunter was involved in a motor vehicle accident on November 21st and is in ICU in Sioux Falls.



#allforHunt Fundraiser - Keychains \$10
All proceeds to go to the family. You can order at the Groton High School office, Professional Management Services, Lori's Pharmacy or BK Custom T's

HUNTER SCHALLER BENEFIT
December 5th at 4pm
Groton Legion
WALKING TACO WITH DESSERT
Free will donation

Christmas as it was in 1883

Christmas 1883 was a charitable one, from the nation's capital to Dakota Territory.

President Chester Arthur's 12-year-old daughter Nellie formed a Christmas Club with 75 children who donated money to put up a huge Christmas tree. It was decorated with expensive ornaments that would be unveiled at a charity ball for underprivileged children in Washington, D.C.

And in Dakota Territory, a committee at the Methodist Church in Hot Springs organized a Christmas program to raise funds for the needy in that town.

In Washington, D.C., the Christmas Club provided entertainment for more than 2,000 ill and homeless children. Nellie Arthur distributed gifts, including the tree ornaments.

The Methodist Church committee in Hot Springs raised \$40 for the less fortunate through its Christmas program. That's equivalent to about \$1,000 now!

"Many hearts and homes were thus made glad through the generous sacrifice of the children," read an article in the Hot Springs Weekly Star.

The Soldiers' Home in the community had two Christmas trees decorated in the national colors and bearing a sack of goodies for each veteran. Christmas evening was spent with music and games.

Activities such as putting up Christmas trees and buying gifts occurred throughout Dakota Territory.

Merchants advertised choice cigars from the Madison Cigar Factory, china dishes, glassware, lamps, silk handkerchiefs, jewelry, stoves, shopping bags, overcoats and more.

"The little girl who finds a Webber Doll 'in her stocking' at Christmas time will be the envy of all," read an ad in the Kimball Graphic for a singing doll.

Customers at the music store of J.P. Wagoner in Yankton were given a ticket for a chance to win a \$65 music box with a purchase of \$5.

In what could be seen as an early precursor to the modern "Small Business Saturday," an

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HISTORY & HERITAGE



State Archives' Gustav Johnson collection. He was a pioneer photographer in Philip and left a collection of 2,816 glass plates. The photograph was probably taken in the 1910s, according to the manuscript archivist. (Photo South Dakota State Historical Society)

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advertisement by Emiel Brauch in the Turner County Herald in Hurley advocated shopping at home.

"As usual I am coming to the front with as fine a lot of Holiday goods as ever have been brought to Turner County. Do not labor under the impression that you can do better by sending your money to some eastern town," the ad read.

Brisk holiday sales were reported by newspapers in Dakota Territory.

In Wilmot, shoppers spent about \$1,000 the day before Christmas.

"Monday (Dec. 24) was a beautiful day and the streets were crowded with teams. Our merchants did a rushing business," stated the Kimball Graphic.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day brought church services and visits by Santa Claus.

All of Kimball packed the Presbyterian Church on Christmas Eve, according to the Kimball Graphic.

"The Christmas tree excited universal expressions of admiration which it well merited, for a more beautiful one we never remember of seeing. It reached nearly to the ceiling and the graceful limbs were strained to the utmost to sustain the many elegant presents grouped artistically upon the branches." Santa Claus entered the church at the end of a program and spent an hour distributing 367 presents.

"It was with happy faces the great crowd dispersed feeling that Christmas eve had been the event of the year," stated the Kimball Graphic.

The proprietor of the Bradley House in Mitchell served a Christmas dinner of 61 different dishes to 162 people.

At the Clifton House in Clifton, Sully County, oysters were served for Christmas dinner.

People in Canton spent Christmas Day skating on the Big Sioux River.

Nellie Arthur received a pair of diamond earrings from her father as a Christmas present in 1883. Although her father's term of office ended in 1885, Nellie returned to Washington, D.C. for many years to preside over the Christmas Club.

And, of course, the traditions of visits from Santa Claus, shopping, putting up Christmas trees and giving to the less fortunate also continued in Dakota Territory.

This moment in South Dakota history is provided by the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation, the nonprofit fundraising partner of the South Dakota State Historical Society at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. Find us on the web at www.sdhsf.org. Contact us at info@sdhsf.org to submit a story idea.

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Help Wanted

Looking for full-time and part-time labor in Hecla area. Pressure washing livestock trailers and hog barns. Also working in hog barns as needed, training is provided. Must be able to lift at least 50 lbs. Would require some evenings. Must have good work ethic and references. Full-time benefits of health insurance and 401K, part-time has 401K. Contact Cole at 994-2201.

Groton Prairie Mixed

Team Standings: Coyotes 45, Cheetas 44, Foxes 41 ½ Chipmunks 41 ½ Jackelopes 37, Shih Tzus 31

Men's High Games: Brad Larson 225, Brad Waage 216, 211, Tony Madsen 201

Women's High Games: Brenda Waage 189, Karen Spanier 177, Dar Larson 172

Men's High Series: Brad Waage 582, Brad Larson 577, Roger Colestock 527

Women's High Series: Vicki Jorgensen 465, Brenda Waage 440, Vicki Walter 439

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Northern falls to Moorhead in NSIC opener, three Wolves notch individual wins

Aberdeen, S.D. – The Northern State University wrestling team dropped the NSIC opener 25-12 to MSU Moorhead Friday evening. With the loss, the Wolves slide to 1-1 on the year and 0-1 in the league.

Northern State was down 6-0 heading into the third match of the evening, following two decision loss at 125 and 133 pounds. Ninth ranked Kolton Roth took to the mat versus Mason Schulz, and battled into the third period. The freshman went down early in the first, but battled for the reversal to end the period. Roth chose bottom to begin the second, and scrambled his way to a pin with just nine seconds remaining in the second. His six point victory tied the match score up for the Wolves.

No. 12 Caden Moore made it back-to-back wins for the Wolves grinding out a 12-5 victory over No. 9 Joe Schumacher. Moore had control through a majority of the match notching four takedowns and two escapes, as well as two penalty points. The freshman nearly came away with a major decision, after racking up over three minutes of riding time.

Diego Gallegos notched the second decision victory for the Wolves at 197-pounds. The sophomore took a 2-0 lead late in the first period and did not look back. He tacked on an escape point in the two and added another takedown and a point of riding time in the third. His 6-1 win over Logan Rhode was the final victory of the night for the Wolves.

NSU returns to action Saturday morning from the MSUM Dragon Open. Competition kicks off at 10 a.m. from Nemzek Fieldhouse.

Winter Storm Likely To Disrupt Weekend Travel

PIERRE, S.D. – Travel is expected to be impacted as winter's first major storm makes its way across South Dakota this weekend.

The National Weather Service said the storm will start late Friday night and continue into Sunday, moving west to east. The storm will feature freezing rain, snow and high winds. The heaviest snow will be located in southern South Dakota – south of Spearfish, Pierre and Sioux Falls. Wind gusts of 25 to 35 miles per hour will cause blowing and drifting snow with reduced visibility.

Those conditions will make travel difficult. The freezing rain will lead to icy roads and black ice conditions. Among the roads impacted will be Interstate 90 from Murdo to Sioux Falls. Those who are traveling are advised to get to their destinations by Friday night or consider making alternate plans.

Travelers are reminded that Department of Transportation crews will plow as long as conditions allow and with the significant forecasted snow totals and high winds, it will take some time for them to get roads clear and open again. If an interstate is closed, do not assume other highways are in any better condition.

People who must travel are strongly encourage to visit <https://www.safetravelusa.com/sd/>, call 511 or download the SDDOT 511 app to check the latest road conditions and travel advisories before heading out.

The state Departments of Public Safety and Transportation remind travelers to take the following safety precautions:

Travel during the day and use highly traveled roads and highways when possible.

If the interstate is closed, secondary roads are not going to be any better and may be worse.

Keep family and friends informed of your travel schedule and route.

If you travel, wear a seatbelt. Keep a winter weather survival kit in your car and a charged cell phone with location turned on in your car, but don't rely on the phone to get you out of trouble.

If you get stranded, stay with your vehicle.

Consider stocking food and water if you are in a remote area of the state.

Take care of livestock and outdoor animals ahead of the storm.

· Be flexible and cancel travel plans if weather conditions warrant.

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Today in Weather History

December 1, 1985: A storm system with heavy snow, strong winds, and blizzard conditions visited the region on December 1st through 2nd. Most of the snow fell in Minnesota. Snowfall across Minnesota increased from the south during the early morning of December 1st and had spread across most of the state by late morning. Winds in the west central and southwest part of the state increased to 40 to 50 mph causing blizzard conditions. By late morning, drifts had reached 3 feet, and snow plows were pulled off roads from the southwest into central Minnesota due to restricted visibilities. The winds continued through the evening, gradually diminished during the morning of December 2nd. High winds and cold temperatures broke power lines and caused power outages over portions of southern and west central Minnesota during the afternoon of December 1st and the morning of December 2nd. Many highways were impassable, and numerous businesses and schools were closed on the morning of December 2nd until residents could dig out. There were a few travelers that became stranded for up to 6 hours in their vehicles. Traffic accidents also accounted for some injuries and a few deaths. Further west, in South Dakota, strong winds gusted to around 40 mph and produced ground blizzard conditions over most of the state. The low visibilities, road conditions, and strong winds stranded a family for 25 hours south of Colome in Tripp County and another family for eight hours near Lee's Corner in Brule County. Many roads were blocked in the central and western parts of the state, and no travel was advised in the east. The blowing and drifting snow reduced visibilities to near zero and many accidents were reported. The strong winds, along with the previous day's snowfall, caused some damage, including the collapse of the roof of a large barn south of Bemis in Deuel County. Many church services were canceled on December 1, as were many schools on December 2. Temperatures became frigid during the morning of December 2 in the northwest part of the state. Camp Crook in Harding County reported a low of -36 F. Pierre had 2 inches of snow, Aberdeen, Castlewood, Clark, and Redfield had 3 inches, Bryant had 4 inches, Clear Lake, Milbank, and Wilmot had 8 inches. Timber Lake fell to -24F on the 2nd while McLaughlin fell to -30F.

December 1, 1992: A storm system caused numerous traffic accidents and stranded several hundred travelers on December 1st across northeast South Dakota and west central Minnesota as Interstate 29 was closed between Watertown and Sisseton. Slush on roadways became ice as high wind gusts were up to 60 mph and snowfall of one to four inches brought blizzard conditions to some areas. Several semi-trucks jackknifed and many cars ran into ditches, causing minor injuries. At the same time, strong northwest winds further west in central and north central South Dakota gusted up to 67 mph on the 1st. The high winds shattered windows and blew down trees and signs. The wind rolled a van into a car, causing damage to both vehicles. A wind-blown dumpster damaged another vehicle. The wind also blew toppers off several pickup trucks, causing some damage.

December 1, 2007: A strong low-pressure area moving across the central plains brought widespread heavy snowfall of 6 to 12 inches across northeast South Dakota. The snow began between 4 and 8 am and ended between 7 and 9 p.m. on December 1st. The heavy snow mainly affected travel and Saturday activities. Snowfall amounts included, 6 inches at Clark, Conde, Faulkton, Redfield, and Watertown, 7 inches at Groton, Roscoe, and Sisseton, 8 inches at Britton, Summit, Bryant, 9 inches at Aberdeen and Kidder, and 12 inches at Big Stone City.

December 1, 2006: An early winter storm produced more than 6 inches of snow along a 1,000-mile long path from central Oklahoma to northern Michigan. This storm also produced significant freezing rain which impacted the St. Louis area. An estimated 500 or more homes and businesses were without power in the St. Louis area after this storm.

1831 - The coldest December of record in the northeastern U.S. commenced. Temperatures in New York City averaged 22 degrees, with just four days above freezing, and at Burlington VT the temperature never did get above freezing. The Erie Canal was closed the first day of December, and remained closed the entire month. (David Ludlum)

1896 - The temperature at Kipp, MT, rose 30 degrees in just seven minutes, and 80 degrees in a matter of a few hours. A thirty-inch snow cover was melted in half a day. (The Weather Channel)

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Today

Tonight

Sunday

Sunday
Night

Monday



Cloudy then
Cloudy and
Blustery

Cloudy and
Blustery

Mostly Cloudy

Mostly Cloudy

Partly Sunny

High: 31 °F

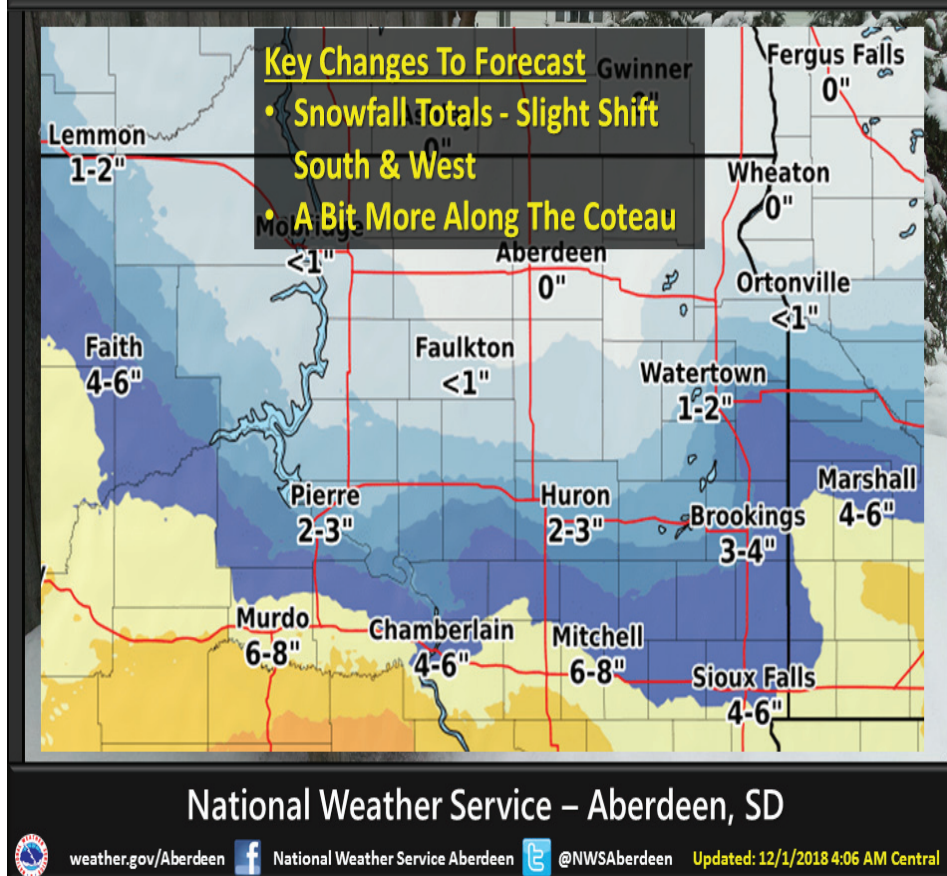
Low: 21 °F

High: 24 °F

Low: 14 °F

High: 23 °F

Expected Snow Totals – Saturday Morning Update



General trends with the system include a slight shift of where heaviest snowfall will occur to the south and west, with a sharp cut-off expected near the Pierre and Miller areas, along with just a little more snow potential for the far eastern part of the state.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 35 °F at 3:38 PM

Low Outside Temp: 29 °F at 9:59 AM

High Gust: 18 mph at 12:37 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 62° in 1969

Record Low: -22° in 1893

Average High: 31°F

Average Low: 11°F

Average Precip in Nov.: 0.73

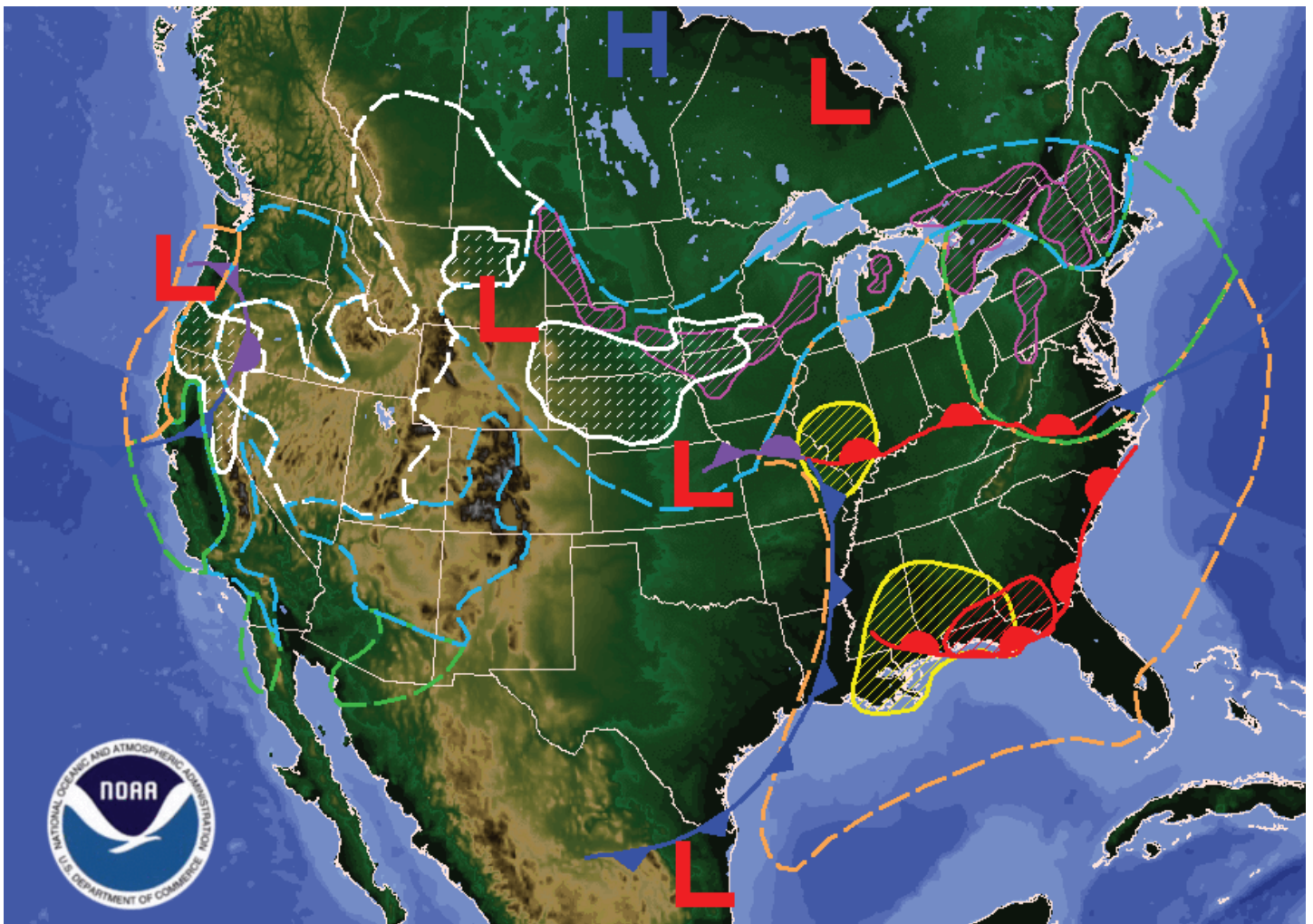
Precip to date in Nov.: 0.76

Average Precip to date: 21.20

Precip Year to Date: 15.81

Sunset Tonight: 4:52 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:54 a.m.



Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Sat, Dec 01, 2018, issued 4:01 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Tate 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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A REASON TO BE GLAD

The word glad in Scripture carries with it the idea of happiness and joyfulness, pleasure and freedom. In Gods Word, however, there is a source for gladness: the Lord. The Psalmist writes, For You make me glad by Your deeds, O Lord; I sing for joy at the works of your hands.

This source for our gladness does not come from anything we have done or accomplished or any ladder of success that we might have climbed. It does not come from wealth that we may have accumulated or records we have set. It does not come from any amount of power we have because of our position. The gladness that the Psalmist writes about comes from what God has done for us.

Another Psalmist wrote, But may all who search for You be filled with joy and gladness. May those who love Your salvation repeatedly shout, The Lord is great. And another Psalmist said, Let the godly rejoice. Let them be glad in Gods presence.

We often set goals for ourselves that we think will bring a sense of well-being and fulfillment to us - the if only statements we make: If only I can get a promotion I will be satisfied, or If only we had a larger home our family would be happy, or If only...If only... and the list goes on.

But the glad that comes from God that can fill our hearts and lives comes as a result of what He has done for us: He made possible our salvation through Jesus Christ, His Son, and our Savior. Because of Him we can be glad and sing for joy, we can know that all things are working together for our good and His glory.

Prayer: How thankful we are, Lord, that we can have hearts filled with gladness because of Your love and grace. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 92:4 For You make me glad by Your deeds, O Lord; I sing for joy at the works of your hands.

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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

Yankton man recovers from procedure to implant heart device

By CORA VAN OLSON, Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — A local man risked a dangerous, life-saving surgery to be able to have more time with his family.

Jim Robinson of Yankton recently underwent a dangerous surgery to have a heart assist device implanted in his failing heart.

He has a condition called cardiomyopathy, in which the heart muscles weaken to the point where they no longer function. Robinson has been aware of the condition for some time and said that his doctor told him that his heart muscles were at 17 percent when he had the surgery.

Ultimately, people with cardiomyopathy will need a new heart, but a device can be installed surgically to help the heart along until a new one can be implanted.

"They put an LVAD in me — that's 'left-ventricular-assist device,'" Robinson told the Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan. "The doctor, Dr. Timothy Irwin (a cardiologist at Yankton Medical Clinic), started talking about one of these three years ago because of the way my heart was deteriorating. I didn't want to do a heart transplant because I was too old, so he started talking about one of these. I started looking on the internet and it scared the hell out of me."

Robinson explained that cardiac issues run in the family.

"It's genetic. I had a brother that had it, too," Robinson said. "My dad, he had bypass surgery back in the '70s and I had a brother, my oldest brother, he did have a heart transplant and he lived for 20 years. My other brother, who is still living, he is 80 now, he had to have bypass surgery. So our father left us with bad hearts."

Robinson was referred to the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, and Dr. John Y. Um.

Robinson went through all the regular testing and some additional testing to see if he qualified for the newest, third-generation LVAD.

"It's quite a procedure," Robinson said. "When I went down for testing, I went through three days of different testing, and if there's a test I didn't do, I don't know what it is — maybe a test for pregnancy."

Robinson qualified for the surgery and the newest model LVAD.

"They said, 'Now's the time. You've got to make up your mind whether you want to do it or not because you don't want to wait,'" Robinson recalled. "They said, 'If you wait until you get sick, and they have to bring you down in an air helicopter or an ambulance, your chances of making it would be about 10 percent.'"

The doctors also said there was no guarantee Robinson would even make it through the surgery.

"I told my family that I would rather die on the table trying than not try at all," he said.

If Robinson survived the surgery, the doctors warned him of a difficult and painful recovery.

"But, before you decide,' they said, 'you've got to realize up front that this is going to be the toughest thing you ever did,'" Robinson said. "You just can't imagine how tough it's going to be and you are going to have to fight like heck to get through it.' And they were right."

An LVAD comes in two pieces and is attached to the heart much the way a grommet is attached to fabric — installing it involves cutting out and removing a piece of the heart.

"They had to open me up and then take a piece of my heart out, insert one end of that (LVAD) in it and the other down at the other end of the heart," Robinson said. "Having a bypass surgery is like having a hangnail taken off compared to this."

He explained that most cardiac procedures involve breaking the ribs and chest open to expose the heart, which can make recovery quite painful.

"I know a lot of guys that have had that done and they said they'd scream with the pain when they cough or something. That was the least of my pain," Robinson said. "They busted my chest wide open, and honestly, I never knew it was there after the surgery was over with."

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Robinson's wife and family were in the waiting room during the surgery. They later told him there were 17 doctors and nurses in the operating room during the procedure.

"When I woke up, they said I would have a breathing tube in me and I wouldn't be able to talk for a few days," Robinson said. "When I woke up from the surgery, I felt like I had a heart attack, because the pain was so bad in my chest. I couldn't talk because of the breathing tube and I couldn't move my hands because they had those tied down. I started kicking my feet to get their attention, so they tied my feet down."

After a few days, medical staff removed the breathing tube and Robinson was able to speak with the doctor.

"I said, 'Doctor, I think I'm having a heart attack,'" Robinson recalled "He said, 'Well, you don't remember, but they had to take a piece of your heart out to get the LVAD into it, and that is what your pain is.' It hurt like a brand; it was not fun."

There was really no way to alleviate the pain, except to live through it and get better, Robinson said, which took about 10 days.

During his recovery, Robinson said he had to do physical therapy to increase his strength, but also occupational therapy to learn how to perform everyday tasks, like showering, while wearing the device, which is connected by a cable that runs from the heart to a battery pack outside his body.

"There's a tube coming out my side that fits into a controller that controls the LVAD and there's a battery pack on each side which fits into the controller," Robinson said. "At night, I take both batteries off and plug it in to the wall."

He also has a dressing that covers the port where the cable to the LVAD enters his chest cavity. The dressing prevents infection and must be changed a couple of times a week."

"I am a hybrid," he added. "I actually am living off of electricity. That's the only thing that keeps me going. If I didn't have electricity, I'd be dead."

Because the batteries, or controller, can theoretically fail at any time, Robinson must keep backups with him.

"I have a bag that looks like a camera bag and I've got to take it with me everywhere I go," Robinson said. "It has two extra batteries and another controller in it. So, wherever I go, I've got that bag. But you think of the alternative, which is, you know you don't want to think about that."

Despite the inconveniences of having the LVAD, Robinson does not think he wants to go through with a heart transplant.

"I'm 75 and I don't think I want to go through that, after going through this," he said. "If I can get another 10-15 years out of this, I'll be happy. It's possible with this. I've got a lot of grandkids and I've got things to do. I am not ready to give up yet."

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

World War II veteran honored at school's program

By ELIZABETH VARIN, Aberdeen American News

LEOLA, S.D. (AP) — The presentation started with a recap of World War II.

The Leola school student council read a 2016 speech titled "Pearl Harbor: 75 years later."

"For those heroes of 75 years ago, we will always be grateful," read Cadin Kallenberger. "God bless you. God bless our World War II veterans. And God bless America."

Sitting in the crowd inside the gymnasium at the Veterans Day program was 94-year-old Don Zetterlund and his wife Hazel.

Zetterlund is believed to be the last WWII veteran in Leola, and he was honored during the school's program this year, the Aberdeen American News reported.

It was a bit awkward to be recognized, Zetterlund admitted later in a phone interview. He had a lot of friends and some family members who served during WWII, but once they got back to the U.S., they

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didn't talk about it.

"There was nothing that I did that anyone else didn't do," he said.

Zetterlund was a U.S. Army medical technician, serving in France and Germany during WWII. He was in France during the Battle of the Bulge, when the German army launched a counteroffensive in the wake of the D-Day invasion of Normandy, France.

Zetterlund was drafted at 18, and said the military took everyone they could at that time.

Zetterlund and Hazel were engaged the night before he went into the service. Every time he went to mail call, he had a letter waiting for him. He can't remember what his fiance-at-the-time wrote in those letters, but it made life easier.

"That meant the most to me," he said.

Similarly, one thing from the Veterans Day program that Zetterlund said he appreciated quite a bit was the giant thank you card signed by the Leola school students. He plans to give it back to the school so the students can come back some day and see their signatures. He added he's not sure how long he's even going to be around to appreciate it.

There are some secrets that have helped him to reach 94 years old, he said. One of the big ones?

"You have to have a wife who loves you and takes care of you," he said with a laugh.

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

SD Lottery

By The Associated Press

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

Mega Millions

25-28-40-43-63, Mega Ball: 19, Megaplier: 3

(twenty-five, twenty-eight, forty, forty-three, sixty-three; Mega Ball: nineteen; Megaplier: three)

Estimated jackpot: \$190 million

Powerball

Estimated jackpot: \$183 million

Man fatally shot by law enforcement after pursuit

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Officials say a man has been fatally shot by law enforcement after firing gunshots at officers during a pursuit in western South Dakota.

The Rapid City Journal reports that the chase ended Friday after the suspect's vehicle rolled into a ditch near New Underwood. Willy Whelchel, chief deputy at the Pennington County Sheriff's Office, says the man got out of the vehicle with a weapon after it landed upside down.

Law enforcement then shot the suspect, and he died at the scene. His identity hasn't yet been released.

Whelchel says no law enforcement officers were struck by the man's bullets, which he allegedly fired during the chase. Whelchel says the pursuit started in Rapid Valley after an attempted traffic stop.

The Division of Criminal Investigation will investigate the shooting and the incident.

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

South Dakota high court denies appeal in mutilation case

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Supreme Court has denied a Sioux Falls man's appeal seeking to be re-sentenced for assaulting his ex-girlfriend and mutilating her breasts.

The state's high court affirmed Tony Ledbetter's 45-year sentence this week, the Argus Leader reported.

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Ledbetter had appealed his sentence last year because it exceeded a plea agreement by 15 years. But the high court ruled the circuit court wasn't bound by the plea deal, which had suggested a 30-year cap on his sentence.

Ledbetter was sentenced last November after pleading guilty to three counts of aggravated assault for choking his ex-girlfriend and cutting off her nipples with a pair of scissors in October 2016. Ledbetter's sentencing judge, Dough Hoffman, said he went against the plea deal because he felt it was appropriate for the survivor and community.

The high court's ruling said that Ledbetter was informed that the maximum sentence for each aggravated assault charge was 15 years. The plea deal sought to reduce each count to 10 years.

Ledbetter's attorney, David Stuart, requested the case to be re-sentenced because there was no discussion or explanation from the court that it was treating the plea agreement as a recommendation, he said.

But the high court's ruling stated that Ledbetter acknowledged he understood that the court isn't bound to accept agreements for the sentencing.

The plea deal was intended for restricting the attorneys during their argument, not the judge's sentencing, according to the high court's decision.

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

Man pleads guilty to manslaughter in Sioux Falls shooting

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Sioux Falls man who fatally shot a teen in a city park has pleaded guilty to manslaughter under a deal with prosecutors.

Other charges against 19-year-old Dylan Holler including murder were dropped, though he still could face life in prison in the August 2017 death of 17-year-old Riley Stonehouse.

Police say the fatal shooting followed a dispute over drugs.

A 17-year-old boy also was charged in adult court in the case and is to stand trial in January on charges of aiding and abetting murder, robbery and aggravated assault. His attorney is trying to get the case transferred to juvenile court, where proceedings are not public.

National Guard cyber security soldiers deploying to Maryland

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The North Dakota Army National Guard has scheduled a send-off ceremony Sunday in Bismarck for members of the 174th Cyber Protection Team.

Five soldiers are mobilizing for a yearlong stateside mission at Fort Meade in Maryland. They'll be helping the Defense Department with network security and cyber defense operations.

The unit has members from North Dakota, South Dakota, Colorado and Utah.

The send-off ceremony is at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Raymond J. Bohn Armory.

Slaying suspect won't face death penalty if convicted

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — Prosecutors won't seek the death penalty against a woman accused of fatally stabbing another woman in Aberdeen should she be convicted.

Thirty-eight-year-old Tanisha Jordan-Mondo of Aberdeen has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity in the death of 37-year-old Michelle Ladner.

Authorities found Ladner suffering from stab wounds at her apartment building on July 19. She died six days later at a Sioux Falls hospital.

Trial is set for Feb. 19-22. The American News reports Brown County State's Attorney Chris White said in court documents that the death penalty will not be pursued should Jordan-Mondo be convicted. He said the case doesn't have any of the necessary aggravating circumstances under state law.

Jordan-Mondo would face life in prison if convicted.

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

Developer sues Rapid City over water main

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A prominent Rapid City developer is suing over a leaky water main. Hani Shafai, of Dream Design International, alleges Rapid City has refused to decommission and relocate the main that he says is beneath his property illegally. The lawsuit says the main has leaked millions of gallons of water since at least 2012.

The Rapid City Journal reports Shafai says the leaky main has delayed development of his land near Highway 44 and created unnatural wetlands. One compromise proposed by Shafai is for the city to shut off the main and construct a new one. Shafai would pay for removing the old one.

City Attorney Joel Landeen says the leak has been fixed and that the line does not need to be replaced right now.

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

George H.W. Bush dies at 94; made greatest mark in Gulf War

By MICHAEL GRACZYK, Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — He was the man who sought a “kinder, and gentler nation,” and the one who sternly invited Americans to read his lips — he would not raise taxes. He was the popular leader of a mighty coalition that dislodged Iraq from Kuwait, and was turned out of the presidency after a single term. Blue-blooded and genteel, he was elected in one of the nastiest campaigns in recent history.

George Herbert Walker Bush was many things, including only the second American to see his son follow him into the nation’s highest office. But more than anything else, he was a believer in government service. Few men or women have served America in more capacities than the man known as “Poppy.”

“There is no higher honor than to serve free men and women, no greater privilege than to labor in government beneath the Great Seal of the United States and the American flag,” he told senior staffers in 1989, days after he took office.

Bush, who died at age 94 — nearly eight months after his wife of 73 years died at their Houston home — was a congressman, an ambassador to the United Nations and envoy to China, chairman of the Republican National Committee, director of the CIA, two-term vice president and, finally, president.

He was no ideologue — he spoke disparagingly of “the vision thing,” and derided the supply-side creed of his future boss, Ronald Reagan, as “voodoo economics.” He is generally given better marks by historians for his foreign policy achievements than for his domestic record, but assessments of his presidency tend to be tepid.

“Was George Bush only a nice man with good connections, who seldom had to wrest from life the honors it frequently bestowed on him?” journalist Tom Wicker asked in his Bush biography.

Wicker’s answer: Perhaps. But he said Bush’s actions in Kuwait “reflect moments of courage and vision worthy of his office.”

The Persian Gulf War — dubbed “Operation Desert Storm” — was his greatest mark on history. In a January 2011 interview marking the war’s 20th anniversary, he said the mission sent a message that “the United States was willing to use force way across the world, even in that part of the world where those countries over there thought we never would intervene.”

“I think it was a signature historical event,” he added. “And I think it will always be.”

After Iraq invaded Kuwait in August 1990, Bush quickly began building an international military coalition that included other Arab states. After freeing Kuwait, he rejected suggestions that the U.S. carry the offensive to Baghdad, choosing to end the hostilities a mere 100 hours after the start of the ground offensive.

“That wasn’t our objective,” he said. “The good thing about it is there was so much less loss of human life than had been predicted, and indeed than we might have feared.”

But the decisive military defeat did not lead to the regime’s downfall, as many in the administration had

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hoped.

"I miscalculated," Bush acknowledged. The Iraqi leader was eventually ousted in 2003, in the war led by Bush's son that was followed by a long, bloody insurgency.

Unlike his son, who never served in the military, the elder Bush was a bona fide war hero. He joined the Navy on his 18th birthday in 1942 over the objections of his father, Prescott, who wanted him to stay in school. At one point the youngest pilot in the Navy, he flew 58 missions off the carrier USS San Jacinto.

His wartime exploits won him the Distinguished Flying Cross for bravery. He was shot down on Sept. 2, 1944, while completing a bombing run against a Japanese radio tower. Eight others who were shot down in that mission were captured and executed, and several were eaten by their captors. But an American submarine rescued Bush. Even then, he was an inveterate collector of friends: Aboard the sub Finback, "I made friendships that have lasted a lifetime," he would write.

This was a man who hand wrote thousands of thank you notes — each one personalized, each one quickly dispatched. Even his political adversaries would acknowledge his exquisite manners. Admonished by his mother to put others first, he rarely used the personal pronoun "I," a quirk exploited by comedian Dana Carvey in his "Saturday Night Live" impressions of the president.

Bush was born June 12, 1924, in Milton, Massachusetts. His father, the son of an Ohio steel magnate, had moved east to make his fortune as an investment banker with Brown Brothers, Harriman, and later served 10 years as a senator from Connecticut. His mother, Dorothy Walker Bush, was the daughter of a sportsman who gave golf its Walker's Cup.

Competitive athletics were a passion for the Bushes, whether at home in Greenwich, Connecticut, or during long summers spent at Walker's Point, the family's oceanfront retreat in Kennebunkport, Maine. Bush, along with his three brothers and one sister, had lives of privilege seemingly untouched by the Great Depression.

Young Bush attended Greenwich Country Day School and later Phillips Academy at Andover, Massachusetts, where he was senior class president and captain of the baseball and soccer teams. It was there, at a dance, that he met Barbara Pierce, daughter of the publisher of McCall's magazine. George and Barbara would marry when he left the Navy in January 1945. They were together for more than seven decades, becoming the longest-married presidential couple in U.S. history. She died on April 17, 2018.

Out of the service, Bush resumed his education at Yale. Lean and 6-foot-2, he distinguished himself as first baseman and captain of the baseball team, which went to the College World Series twice. He took just 2½ years to graduate Phi Beta Kappa.

But rather than joining his father on Wall Street, in 1948 he loaded his wife and young son George W. into the family Studebaker and drove to the hot, dusty Texas oil patch to take a job as an equipment clerk for the International Derrick and Equipment Co.

He did everything from painting oil pumps and selling oilfield equipment to discovering a taste for Lone Star beer and chicken fried steaks. At first, the family lived in Odessa in a two-apartment shotgun house with a shared bathroom; by 1955, they would own a house in Midland, and Bush would be co-owner of the Zapata Petroleum Corp.

By the turn of the decade, the family — and Bush's business — had moved to Houston. There, he got his start in politics, the traditional Bush family business. A handsome and well-spoken war hero, he was sought as a candidate by both parties. He chose the Republicans.

Bush lost his first race, a 1964 challenge to Sen. Ralph Yarborough, but won a seat in the House in 1966. He won re-election in 1968 without opposition. In Congress, he generally supported President Richard Nixon and the war in Vietnam.

In 1970, he tried for the Senate again. Yarborough was upset in the Democratic primary by Lloyd Bentsen, and Bentsen defeated Bush in the general election. Eighteen years later, Bentsen would be the Democratic vice-presidential nominee on the ticket that lost to Bush and his running mate, Dan Quayle.

Nixon appointed Bush ambassador to the United Nations and, after the 1972 election, named him chairman of the Republican National Committee. Bush struggled to hold the party together as Watergate destroyed the Nixon presidency. He urged Nixon to quit one day before the president resigned in August 1974.

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Denied the vice presidency by Gerald Ford in favor of Nelson Rockefeller, Bush was given his choice of jobs and surprised Ford by asking to head the small mission in Beijing. Then, in 1975, Ford put Bush in charge of the Central Intelligence Agency, beset by congressional probing and allegations of assassination plots and domestic spying.

Bush returned to private life when the Republicans lost the presidency in 1976, but he quickly began planning his own run for the White House.

He won the first contest of 1980, the Iowa caucuses, and boasted that he had the "big mo," his slang for momentum. But Reagan, who had led the conservative movement for more than a decade, won the New Hampshire primary and the nomination. His choice of Bush as his running mate was a near thing. Reagan — still smarting from Bush's ridicule of "voodoo economics," first wanted to pick Gerald Ford, and asked Bush only after negotiations broke down. They went on to defeat Jimmy Carter and Walter Mondale.

In 1988, many Democrats assumed Bush would be easy pickings. He was the man "born with a silver foot in his mouth," as fellow Texan Ann Richards jibed at the Democrats' convention in Atlanta. He trailed Michael Dukakis by as many as 17 points that summer. Bush did little to help himself by picking Quayle, a lightly regarded junior senator from Indiana, as a running mate.

The campaign was bitter and muddy. Advised by campaign manager Lee Atwater, Bush became an aggressor, wrapping himself in patriotic themes and settings — even visiting a flag factory — while flaying Dukakis as an out-of-touch liberal. Commercials hammered Dukakis for a prison furlough policy that allowed murderer Willie Horton to rape a woman while out on a weekend pass.

Bush won by a landslide, with 40 states and a nearly 7 million vote plurality, becoming the first sitting vice president to win the White House since Martin Van Buren in 1836. He entered office with a reputation as a man of indecision and indeterminate views. A wimp, one newsmagazine suggested.

But his work-hard, play-hard approach to the presidency won broad public approval. He held more news conferences in most months than Reagan did in most years.

He pledged to make the United States a "kinder, gentler" nation and called on Americans to volunteer their time for good causes — an effort he said would create "a thousand points of light."

It was Bush's violation of a different pledge, the no-new-taxes promise, that helped sink his bid for a second term. He abandoned the idea in his second year, cutting a deficit-reduction deal that angered many congressional Republicans and contributed to GOP losses in the 1990 midterm elections.

He also set out to be "the education president," but did little more than call on states and local communities to stiffen their school standards.

Bush, an avid outdoorsman who took Theodore Roosevelt as a model, sought to safeguard the environment, signing the first improvements to the Clean Air Act in more than a decade. It was activism with a Republican cast, allowing polluters to buy others' clean air credits and giving industry flexibility on how to meet tougher goals on smog.

He also signed the landmark Americans with Disabilities Act to ban workplace discrimination against people with disabilities and require improved access to public places and transportation.

Months after the Gulf War, Washington became engrossed in a different sort of confrontation over one of Bush's nominees to the Supreme Court — Clarence Thomas, a little-known federal appeals court judge. After a former colleague named Anita Hill accused Thomas of sexual harassment, Thomas' confirmation hearings exploded into a national spectacle, sparking an intense debate over race, gender and the modern workplace. He was eventually confirmed.

Seven years of economic growth ended in mid-1990, just as the Gulf crisis unfolded. Bush insisted the recession would be "short and shallow," and lawmakers did not even try to pass a jobs bill or other relief measures.

Bill Clinton took advantage of the nation's economic fears, and a third-party bid from independent Ross Perot added to Bush's challenge in seeking a second term.

In the closing days of the 1992 campaign, Bush fought the impression that he was distant and disconnected and seemed to struggle against his younger, more empathetic opponent.

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During a campaign visit to a grocers' convention, Bush reportedly expressed amazement when shown an electronic checkout scanner — a damaging moment that suggested to many Americans that he was disconnected from voters. Later at a town-hall-style debate, he paused to look at his wristwatch — a seemingly innocent glance that became freighted with deeper meaning because it seemed to reinforce the idea of a bored, impatient incumbent.

In the same debate, Bush became confused by a woman's question about whether the deficit had affected him personally. Clinton, with apparent ease, left his seat, walked to the edge of the stage to address the woman and offered a sympathetic answer.

"I lost in '92 because people still thought the economy was in the tank, that I was out of touch and I didn't understand that," he said. "The economy wasn't in the tank and I wasn't out of touch, but I lost. I couldn't get through this hue and cry for 'change, change, change' and 'The economy is horrible, still in recession.'

"Did I hurt when I lost the election? Sure. There's a feeling of letting others down."

This was not the first heartbreak in Bush's life, or the worst. In 1953, his 3-year-old daughter, Robin, died of leukemia. Sixty years later, he teared up when he talked about her with biographer John Meacham. "Normally I push it away, push it back," he said.

Barbara and George Bush had four sons and another daughter: John, known as Jeb, the former Florida governor who sought the Republican presidential nomination in 2016; Neil, Marvin, and Dorothy; and George, president 43 to his father's 41. The day George W. Bush took office, the elder Bush signed a letter "the proudest father in the whole wide world."

Mostly, he stayed out of the public eye. Summoned by his son, Bush joined with Bill Clinton to raise money for relief after the Southeast Asian tsunami in 2004. He piloted his speedboat, played tennis and golf. On his 72nd, 80th, 85th and 90th birthdays, he reprised his World War II parachute jumps.

Quietly, occasionally, he counseled his son, the president. Mostly, he served as a cheerleader.

On the day George W. sent forces to attack Iraq, he also sent his father a letter. "I know what you went through," he wrote.

The senior Bush responded that his son was "doing the right thing," a decision made "with strength and compassion." But he ended his note with the words of a little girl, dead a half-century.

"Remember Robin's words 'I love you more than tongue can tell,'" he wrote. "Well, I do."

See AP's complete coverage of George H.W. Bush here: <https://www.apnews.com/tag/GeorgeHWBush>

Graczyk retired from the AP in July 2018, after a 45-year career with the news service.

Presidents, others praise former President George H.W. Bush

By The Associated Press

Praise for former President George H.W. Bush, who died Friday:

(He) "was a man of the highest character. The entire Bush family is deeply grateful for 41's life and love, for the compassion of those who have cared and prayed for Dad." — Former President George W. Bush

"George H.W. Bush's life is a testament to the notion that public service is a noble, joyous calling. And he did tremendous good along the journey." — Former President Barack Obama.

"The legacy of George H.W. Bush will be forever etched in the history of America and the world. It is a lifelong record of selfless patriotic service to our nation." — James A. Baker III, secretary of state in the Bush administration.

"Through his essential authenticity, disarming wit, and unwavering commitment to faith, family, and country, President Bush inspired generations of his fellow Americans to public service_to be, in his words,

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"a thousand points of light" illuminating the greatness, hope, and opportunity of America to the world."
— President Donald Trump.

"I will be forever grateful for the friendship we formed. From the moment I met him as a young governor invited to his home in Kennebunkport, I was struck by the kindness he showed to Chelsea, by his innate and genuine decency, and by his devotion to Barbara, his children, and their growing brood." — Former President Bill Clinton.

"The world has lost a great leader; this country has lost one of its best; and I have lost one of my dearest friends. I am heartbroken." — Brent Scowcroft, Bush's national security adviser.

"Texans are genuinely honored that he (Bush) called the Lone Star State home and we collectively grieve this monumental loss. — Texas Gov. Greg Abbott.

(George H.W. Bush) tried to "create a new international order based on justice and equality among nations" ... he never "forgot the Kuwaiti people and will remain in their memory." — Kuwait's ruling emir, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah

"Remembering President George H.W. Bush and the Americans With Disabilities Act. Millions of with Disabilities and who are Deaf or HOH (hard of hearing) lives have been changed for the better as a result of his signing this landmark legislation. My condolences to his entire family RIP #georgehwBush." — Actress Marlee Matlin, who herself is deaf, via Twitter

"President George H.W. Bush was the real deal. We fought but he was gracious enough to accept my apology. Through his daughter Dorothy, my friends Ron Kaufman and Mary Matalin, I got to know him. Rest in Peace #georgehwBush" — Democratic political strategist Donna Brazile, via Twitter

"I will never forget George H.W. Bush and President Clinton meeting me in my old hometown of New Orleans to show support and raise money after Hurricane Katrina. I send my love to his family tonight." — Ellen DeGeneres, via Twitter

"As an American envoy to Beijing, as CIA Director, as Vice President for eight years and then four years as President, George H.W. Bush's statesmanship played a key role in helping to end the Cold War, which brought democracy to millions of people in Europe and diminished the threat of nuclear war. George H.W. Bush was a strong supporter of the international rules-based system, the rule of law and democratic values." — New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern

"It was a time of great change, demanding great responsibility from everyone. The result was the end of the Cold War and nuclear arms race. (My wife, Raisa, and I) "deeply appreciated the attention, kindness and simplicity typical of George and Barbara Bush, as well as the rest of their large, friendly family." — Former Soviet premier Mikhail Gorbachev

"He was in fact the first American President that I was privileged to meet. I recall being deeply touched by your father's concern for the Tibetan people and the situation in Tibet. It is truly admirable to have lived over 94 years. While nothing can replace the loss of a father, we can rejoice in the fact that his was a meaningful life, dedicated to public service. I commend your parents for encouraging their children, including you my dear friend, to devote yourselves to the service of others." — Tibetan spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama

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(President George H.W. Bush was) "a great statesman and a true friend of our country" whose "ethos of public service was the guiding thread of his life and an example to us all ... in navigating a peaceful end to the Cold War he made the world a safer place for generations to come." — British Prime Minister Theresa May

(He) "saw America's obligation to the world and honored it. I feel privileged to have worked with him, and even more privileged that he became a lifelong friend. He was, quite simply, one of the most deep-down decent people I have ever known." — John Major, British Prime Minister from 1990-1997

"We are mourning a great statesman and a friend of Germany ... (Bush) courageously seized the opportunity to end the Cold War ... he is also an architect of German unity. He supported it from the beginning without reservations. We will never forget that." — Heiko Maas, German foreign minister

"The Palace is deeply saddened by the news of the passing of former President George Herbert Walker Bush of the United States of America. Mr. George Bush, Sr. ... was credited for his foreign policy which saw the end of the Cold War. He stood for freedom and his words about the subject ring a bell until this day when he said, "The anchor in our world today is freedom, holding us steady in times of change, a symbol of hope to all the world. On behalf of the Filipino nation and people, we wish to convey our condolences and prayers to the family and friends of Mr. Bush, as well as to the government and the people of the United States of America." — Salvador S. Panelo, chief presidential legal counsel and presidential spokesperson

"Former President George H. W. Bush was passionate about strong relations between India and USA. His presence will be sorely missed. May he rest in peace." — Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, via Twitter

"The President's life was one of service, to his country and to his family ... President Bush was the embodiment of the values of the United States, standing up for what was right and fighting throughout his life for freedom from tyranny and oppression in any guise. In fighting for these values so cherished by both our nations, he was a true friend to Australia and it was Australia's honour to host him at the Australian Parliament in 1991. The President's civility, charm and warmth endeared him to his nation and to people everywhere, making him loved as much as he was admired and respected. We join with the American people to mourn his passing." — Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison

"Rosalynn and I are deeply saddened by the death of former President George H.W. Bush. His administration was marked by grace, civility, and social conscience. Through his Points of Light initiative and other projects, he espoused a uniquely American volunteer spirit, fostering bipartisan support for citizen service and inspiring millions to embrace community volunteerism as a cherished responsibility. We again extend our heartfelt condolences to the Bush family." — Former President Jimmy Carter

"A distinguished man has passed away. One who served his country for his entire life, with a weapon in his hands during wartime and in high office during peacetime." — Russian leader Vladimir Putin, via the Kremlin website

"Beginning with his posting as United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations in 1971 and continuing through his appointment as the Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the South Asia Earthquake Disaster in 2005, George H. W. Bush worked productively with and through the United Nations. Across the years I was consistently impressed by his compassion, instinct for moderation and commitment to public service." — U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres

"President George H.W. Bush accomplished historic, great achievements by contributing to peace and stability of the international community." — Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe

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“He will be long remembered in the hearts of our people for his dedication to world peace and safety while leading the efforts that brought an end to the Cold War and reconciliation between the East and West, and also for his strong efforts to bring peace to the Korean Peninsula and develop the alliance between South Korea and the United States.” — South Korean President Moon Jae-in, via Twitter

“President Bush’s calmness, leadership and close personal relationships with Helmut Kohl and Mikhail Gorbachev were decisive in restoring peace and freedom back to so many people across our Continent. We Europeans will forever remember this.” — EU Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker

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Trumps to attend state funeral for George H.W. Bush

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump on Saturday mourned the passing of former President George H.W. Bush, remembering him as a man of “sound judgment, common sense and unflappable leadership.”

In a statement issued hours after Bush’s death on Friday night, the Trumps said that Bush had “inspired generations of his fellow Americans to public service.”

Bush, who served as president from 1989 to 1993, was 94.

The White House announced Saturday morning that the Trumps would attend a state funeral for the former president at Washington’s National Cathedral.

“President Bush guided our nation and the world to a peaceful and victorious conclusion of the Cold War,” the Trumps wrote. “As President, he set the stage for the decades of prosperity that have followed.”

“And through all that he accomplished, he remained humble, following the quiet call to service that gave him a clear sense of direction.”

The Trumps were informed of Bush’s death late Friday while in Buenos Aires, Argentina, for the Group of 20 summit of rich and developing nations.

Trump, who upended the GOP establishment with his insurgent presidential campaign, has had a fractious relationship with the Bush family over the years. He ran against one of Bush’s sons, Jeb Bush, in the GOP presidential primaries in 2016, and he was sharply critical of the presidency of another son, George W. Bush.

Trump was set to speak by phone Saturday with George W. Bush, White House press secretary Sarah Sanders said, to “offer his condolences on behalf of himself, the first lady, and the entire country.” He will also designate Wednesday as a national day of mourning.

In August 2015, Trump tweeted a dig at the presidency of George H.W. Bush, writing: “The last thing we need is another Bush in the White House. Would be the same old thing (remember “read my lips, no more taxes”). GREATNESS!”

Those harsh assessments were set aside in the Trumps’ statement on Saturday.

They wrote that those whom Bush had inspired to public service were “illuminating the greatness, hope and opportunity of America to the world.”

Trump, the 45th president, paid tribute to “the life and legacy of 41.”

Royal Mail delivers: Postman, can you take this to heaven?

LONDON (AP) — A 7-year-old Scottish boy who sent a birthday card to his father in heaven has received a heart-warming reply.

A Royal Mail official responded to Jase Hyndman after seeing the card addressed: “Mr. Postman, Can you take this to heaven for my dad’s birthday.”

The Royal Mail’s Sean Milligan wrote back, saying, “This was a difficult challenge avoiding stars and other

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galactic objects on route to heaven. However, please be assured that this particular important item of mail has been delivered."

Jase's mother, Teri Copland, posted images of the letters on Facebook, which have been shared more than 260,000 times.

Copland says, "I actually cannot state how emotional he is knowing his dad got the card. ... You've just restored my faith in humanity."

At G-20, possible 'breakthrough' seen after all-night talks

By ANGELA CHARLTON, PETER ORSI and LUIS ANDRES HENAO, Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — All-night talks at the Group of 20 summit have resulted in a possible "breakthrough" on fixing the global trading system, European diplomats said Saturday as the gathering entered its crucial second and final day in the Argentine capital.

Despite deep divisions going into the summit and resistance from the United States, European Union officials said countries also are making progress on a final statement that will acknowledge problems with the World Trade Organization but commit to reforming it.

U.S. President Donald Trump has criticized the WTO and taken aggressive trade policies targeting China and the EU.

One EU official told reporters that the G-20 summit's final statement is likely to reflect 19 members supporting the Paris climate accord with the U.S. stating its opposition to it.

The official said the U.S. delegation also held up discussion of how to manage refugees and migrants, but that the final statement is expected to mention the need to manage migration on a global level.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the ongoing closed-door discussions.

Saturday will also see a highly anticipated meeting between U.S. President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping, whose nations have been embroiled in an escalating trade war with new U.S. tariffs on China goods set to take effect a month from now.

The divisions among the world's leading economies were evident from the moment Argentina's president opened the summit Friday with a call for international cooperation to solve the planet's problems.

Trump sought to use the gathering to make his own trade deals, signing a pact with Mexico and Canada to replace the North American Trade Agreement. Meanwhile, two men under heavy criticism from the West lately — Russian President Vladimir Putin and Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman — appeared to seek refuge in each other, bonding with a tough-guy hand grab as the leaders sat down around a huge round table for talks.

On Friday, a U.S. official said progress was being made on the joint statement and the White House was "optimistic" about the document as a whole.

Laura Jaitman, the Argentine Treasury official shepherding the G-20's financing talks, said leaders had made progress on finance and trade and was hopeful a joint statement would be possible.

"There's a very positive message of how trade has been an engine of growth for the next decades and how it will continue in the future providing benefits for all citizens," Jaitman said.

Argentine Foreign Minister Jorge Faurie said final communique does not require the signature of presidents.

Argentine President Mauricio Macri kicked off the summit by acknowledging divisions within the G-20 while urging world leaders to have a "sense of urgency" and take actions "based on shared interests."

Also Friday, European Council President Donald Tusk urged G-20 leaders to discuss "trade wars, the tragic situation in Syria and Yemen, and Russian aggression in Ukraine." He said the European Union is expected to extend sanctions on Moscow over its "totally unacceptable" seizure of Ukrainian ships and their crews near the Crimean Peninsula.

Russia and Ukraine have traded blame over the incident — which Trump cited in canceling a much-awaited meeting with Putin at the G-20. Russia's foreign minister regretted the move, but said "love can't be forced."

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Also looming large amid dozens of bilateral meetings in Buenos Aires was the gruesome slaying of dissident Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi in Saudi Arabia's Istanbul consulate and the participation at the summit of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who is alleged to have ordered the killing.

As soon as he arrived, bin Salman was confronted by French President Emmanuel Macron, who pressed him on the Khashoggi investigation and the Saudi-backed war in Yemen.

Saudi Arabia has denied that bin Salman played a role, but U.S. intelligence agencies concluded he ordered the killing.

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George H.W. Bush: Great on experience, not as communicator

By WALTER MEARS, AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — George Bush was a man with a matchless resume — combat pilot, diplomat, vice president, then president of the United States — but great communicator was not on the list. That was Ronald Reagan.

"Fluency in English is not something I'm often accused of," he once said, demonstrating the point.

Nor was he given to the grand designs he once dismissed as "the vision thing." He was a pragmatist, no showman. That was a style that worked for a term but not when he sought a second, losing, he thought, because he wasn't "a good enough communicator."

George Bush - the H.W. came into use later when his son George W. Bush became president - began his presidency in 1989 with a guarded declaration of independence. Guarded because conservatives never had been Bush fans and were determined to keep Republicans on the Reagan track. Independent because Bush did not want his administration seen as Reagan revisited.

"There's going to be change, but hopefully a building on what's happened," Bush said in an AP interview before his 1989 inauguration. "I'm the one calling the shots. I'm the one who's going to set the agenda."

He had overcome the political detractors who called him a wimp, a Reagan lapdog, all resume and no action.

In 1966, Bush won the first of two terms in the House from Houston, and from the start his political ideology was hard to define. He considered himself a centrist; Texas Democratic foes called him a right winger. He supported civil rights legislation despite opposition at home. Once pro-choice on abortion, he became an ardent foe of abortion rights. He later said his views had evolved.

That seemed the case on more than one issue, fodder for his critics when he got into national politics in 1980 after a succession of appointed jobs: ambassador to the United Nations, chairman of the Republican National Committee, envoy to China, director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

He was the reliable loyalist, defending and deferring to the leaders who chose him. As party chairman, he echoed Richard Nixon's Watergate denials almost to the end.

The loyalty instinct was part of Bush's Republican establishment heritage. He was the son of Prescott Bush, who served as senator from Connecticut. In the post-World War II era, centrist eastern Republicans dominated party councils. It was a system of trust in which custom counted and rules were unspoken but understood.

When Bush ran for president in 1980, he was in a field of seven Republicans led by Reagan. That's when he dismissed Reagan's budget notions as "voodoo economics," a line he would regret when as vice president he wound up defending the same program.

Bush narrowly upset Reagan in the Iowa caucuses in 1980. He claimed campaign momentum, "Big Mo" as he put it. Not for long. Reagan trounced Bush in the New Hampshire primary and easily won the nomination.

Two terms later, it was Bush's turn. Nominated to succeed Reagan, he spoke of a kinder, gentler nation — and then balanced the soft words with hard ones, in the phrase that became a trademark until he

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erased it. "Read my lips," he said. "No new taxes."

While Bush would one day write that he had no use for cutthroat politics, his 1988 campaign certainly fit the description. He did not deal with what he wanted to do as president but with the undoing of Democrat Michael Dukakis. Bush questioned Dukakis' commitment to the Pledge of Allegiance, denounced his Massachusetts policy on prison furloughs, called him an emotionless ice man beholden to liberal interest groups, blamed him for the pollution of Boston Harbor. The campaign was so negative and irrelevant that Richard M. Nixon and Barry Goldwater publicly told Bush he should deal with real issues.

No matter. Bush won easily. But he was a president without a blueprint, and within weeks of taking office he had to deny that his administration was drifting without clear purpose. He had to deal with the costly savings and loan crisis and bailout. The national debt had tripled since 1980, in part because of Reagan's tax cuts and increased military spending.

Stuck for answers, Bush reread his lips and agreed in June 1990 to "tax revenue increases" in a budget deal with congressional Democrats to curb spending and raise taxes. He knew the political risk, writing in his diary that it "could mean a one-term presidency but it's that important to the country."

But conservative outrage over the tax reversal was submerged in a foreign crisis that fall after Saddam Hussein's Iraq invaded Kuwait. Bush always said he preferred dealing with foreign policy to coping with Congress in domestic affairs, and this was his kind of issue. He put together an unprecedented international coalition, sent American forces to the Middle East, and waged the Persian Gulf War that forced Iraq out of Kuwait early in 1991. It was over quickly, a U.S. victory Bush, in retirement, described "a signature historic event."

But Saddam Hussein held power and Bush later acknowledged that he had miscalculated by expecting a regime change in Baghdad. That would not come until 2003, in the Iraq war launched by his son, President George W. Bush. Another son, Jeb Bush, made an unsuccessful run for the Republican presidential nomination in 2016.

With his 1991 war victory, the elder Bush's approval ratings soared to record highs. But while he was winning abroad, the economy had slumped into recession at home. Bush didn't seem to notice, and he would pay for that. Statistically, by 1992 the recession was over, but it didn't feel that way to many Americans still facing economic woes.

"I know times are tough," Bush said in New Hampshire. "I've known the economy is in free fall. I hope I've known it. Maybe I haven't conveyed it as well as I should."

The communication problem again. And it got no better when his aides gave him a cue card to remind him to tell voters how much he cared about their problem. Instead, he read them the card. "Message: I care."

The hard-line negative campaigner of 1988 seemed distant and aloof in 1992. In a campaign debate, a woman asked how the national debt had personally affected each candidate: Bush, Ross Perot and Bill Clinton. A confusing question, since the debt does not affect individuals personally, but the other candidates figured out answers. Bush stumbled, taking the question literally and talking about interest rates. He rambled a bit, then said: "I'm not sure I get it. Help me with the question."

Minutes later when the camera panned the stage, Bush was glancing at his watch, an everyday reflex but one that fed the opposition image of a bored, disinterested candidate.

The Democrats never let up. Bush was the candidate who didn't get it.

Clinton did, and beat him. Even so, when Bush left office, the polls showed that well over half the country approved the man, even though they had spurned the president.

Perhaps that had something to do with an attitude he did succeed in communicating:

"Don't confuse being soft with seeing the other guy's point of view."

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1991 Gulf War looms large over Bush's Mideast legacy

By HUSSAIN AL-QATARI and JON GAMBRELL, Associated Press

AL-JAHRA, Kuwait (AP) — On the outskirts of Kuwait City, the love Kuwaitis have for former U.S. President George H.W. Bush could be seen in 2016 on a billboard one Bedouin family put up to announce their son's wedding.

That son being Bush al-Widhan, born in the aftermath of the 1991 Gulf War that saw U.S.-led forces expel the occupying Iraqi troops of dictator Saddam Hussein.

"He was a real man, a lion," said Mubarak al-Widhan, the father of the Kuwaiti Bush, of the American president. "He stood for our right for freedom, and he gave us back our country."

With Bush's death, his legacy across the Middle East takes root in that 100-hour ground war that routed Iraqi forces. That war gave birth to the network of military bases America now operates across the Persian Gulf supporting troops in Afghanistan and forces fighting against the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria.

However, Bush ultimately would leave the Shiite and Kurdish insurgents he urged to rise up against Saddam in 1991 to face the dictator's wrath alone, leading to thousands of deaths. That mixed picture only extends to the presidency of his son, George W. Bush, who ordered the 2003 U.S.-led invasion of Iraq that overthrew Saddam, whom he once famously described as "the guy who tried to kill my dad one time."

"I feel tension in the stomach and in the neck ... but I also feel a certain calmness when we talk about these matters," the elder Bush once said about the 1991 Gulf War, according to biographer Jon Meacham. "I know I am doing the right thing."

Iraq invaded Kuwait on Aug. 2, 1990, angry that the tiny neighbor and the United Arab Emirates had ignored OPEC quotas, which Saddam claimed cost his nation \$14 billion. Saddam also accused Kuwait of stealing \$2.4 billion by pumping crude from a disputed oil field and demanded that Kuwait write off an estimated \$15 billion of debt that Iraq had accumulated during its 1980s war with Iran.

A World War II fighter pilot shot down fighting against the Japanese, Bush came to view Saddam as similar to Adolf Hitler, a madman who seized neighboring Kuwait and could plunge the world into conflict if he continued into Saudi Arabia. With Vietnam still a potent memory, Bush rallied together a coalition of nations to back the U.S. as it deployed troops to the region and began bombing runs. He talked Israel out of retaliating for Iraqi Scud missiles attacks for fear of alienating Arab allies.

"This will not stand. This will not stand, this aggression against Kuwait," Bush famously warned.

And it didn't.

On Feb. 24, 1991, U.S. troops and their allies stormed into Kuwait. It ended 100 hours later. America suffered only 148 combat deaths during the whole campaign, while over 20,000 Iraqi soldiers were killed.

In the aftermath of the campaign, some called for Bush to continue into Iraq and topple Saddam. Bush in speeches encouraged Iraqis to rise up against the dictator, while privately hoping someone within his own military would depose him.

"To occupy Iraq would shatter our coalition, turning the whole Arab world against us, and make a broken tyrant into a latter-day Arab hero," Bush later said. "It would have taken us way beyond the imprimatur of international law, ... assigning young soldiers to a fruitless hunt for a securely entrenched dictator and condemning them to fight in what would be an unwinnable urban guerrilla war."

That hesitation allowed Saddam to regain the upper hand against insurgents and caused a refugee crisis in Iraq's northern Kurdish region. The dictator tauntingly installed a tile mosaic of a scowling likeness of the president at the door of Baghdad's al-Rashid Hotel, which forced entering foreign dignitaries to often step on his face just above its "Bush is criminal" caption.

Even Iran, which hated Saddam for starting their 1980s war, remained suspicious of Bush despite his pledge of "good will begets good will." Iran leaned on Lebanon's Shiite militants to help win the release American hostages like Terry Anderson of The Associated Press, but relations went no further. One of Bush's last acts as president, pardoning former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and others for their role in the Iran-Contra scandal, an offshoot of that hostage crisis.

Still, Bush's decisions in the 1991 war and its aftermath echo even now. The Kurdish crisis gave birth to

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the U.S.-imposed no-fly zone in northern Iraq that allowed the Kurds to flourish into the semi-autonomous region now demanding independence. Defense agreements with Gulf nations grew into a series of major military installations across the region. And the presence of American troops in Saudi Arabia, home to the Muslim world's holiest sites, served as a chief complaint of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden ahead of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

His son would launch the 2003 invasion of Iraq after 9/11 and become so hated in the Arab world an Iraq journalist would even throw a shoe at him during a news conference. But the elder Bush remained beloved, perhaps nowhere more than Kuwait, where Americans even today can get hugged while walking down the street. A group of Kuwaiti officials including the country's National Assembly speaker met with the former president in October 2017 to wish him well.

The former president's Kuwaiti namesake Bush al-Widhan ended up working in the country's National Guard. His name fascinated others.

"I went with my father to Cleveland, Ohio ... and the passport control clerk asked me about the name," al-Widhan recounted. "I couldn't tell him the story. My English is bad. I said: 'George Bush, George Bush. Kuwait war.' Everyone thought it was a great name."

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World waits to see if Trump-Xi dinner brings trade peace

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BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — When President Donald Trump sits down for dinner Saturday with Chinese leader Xi Jinping, their table talk will undoubtedly have a global impact. What they agree on — or don't — will determine whether stock markets rise or fall, whether the world economy gets some relief from destabilizing trade tensions, and cast judgment on the wisdom of the American leader's hard-nosed trade tactics.

Trump and Xi will be seeking a way out of a trade war between the world's two biggest economies, while also saving face for their domestic audiences at home. Trump Friday expressed optimism about a deal. "There's some good signs," he said. "We'll see what happens."

The Trump-Xi meeting is set to be the marquee event of Trump's whirlwind two-day trip to Argentina for the Group of 20 Summit after the president cancelled a sit-down with Russian President Vladimir Putin over mounting tensions between Russia and Ukraine.

Trade analysts and administration officials acknowledge it won't be easy. The United States and China are locked in a dispute over their trade imbalance and Beijing's push to challenge American technological dominance. Washington accuses China of deploying predatory tactics in its tech drive, including stealing trade secrets and forcing American firms to hand over technology in exchange for access to the Chinese market.

Trump has imposed import taxes on \$250 billion in Chinese products. If he can't get a deal with Xi, he's poised to more than double most of those tariffs Jan. 1. And he's threatened to expand tariffs to virtually everything China ships to the United States.

China, which has already slapped tariffs on \$110 billion in U.S. goods, is likely to retaliate, ramping up a conflict that is already rattling financial markets and causing forecasters to downgrade the outlook for global economic growth.

U.S. officials insist that the American economy is more resilient to the tumult than China's, but they remain anxious of the economic effects of a prolonged showdown — as Trump has made economic growth the benchmark by which he wants his administration judges.

It's unlikely the two countries will reach a full-blown resolution in Buenos Aires; the issues that divide them are just too difficult. What's more likely, analysts say, is that they reach a truce, buying time for more

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substantive talks. Whether such a cease-fire would be enough to get Trump to delay higher or expanded tariffs is unclear.

Growing concerns that the trade war will increasingly hurt corporate earnings and the U.S. economy are a key reason why U.S. stock prices have been sinking this fall.

Joining other forecasters, economists at the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development last week downgraded their outlook for global economic growth next year to 3.5 percent from a previous 3.7 percent. In doing so, they cited the trade conflict as well as political uncertainty.

Trump met Friday with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a rare trilateral meeting. The symbolism ahead of the Xi meeting was clear: the Trump administration has looked to find common cause with both nations in countering China's regional hegemony.

Earlier that day, Trump signed a revamped three-way trade deal with Canada and Mexico, fulfilling a longstanding pledge, though the agreement could face headwinds in Congress. He also held a series of formal and informal meetings and will continue those sit-downs Saturday, including with German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Last spring, it looked like Beijing and Washington might have found a peaceful resolution.

In May, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin declared the trade war "on hold" after Beijing agreed to increase its purchases of U.S. soybeans and liquefied natural gas — a move that could have put a dent in China's massive trade surplus with the United States.

But the cease-fire didn't last. Facing criticism that he'd gone soft on China, Trump backed away from Mnuchin's deal and decided to proceed with tariffs.

Now a lasting peace is likely to require the Chinese to scale back their ambitions to become a technological power. Or at least curb the strong-arm tactics.

Kudlow said the administration has been "extremely disappointed" by China's engagement in trade talks but the meeting between Trump and Xi on the sidelines of the Group of 20 summit could be a game-changer.

"Perhaps we can break through in Buenos Aires or not," he said.

Kudlow added that if the U.S. doesn't get "satisfactory" responses to its trade positions more tariffs will be imposed. He said Trump is "not going away."

"I hope they understand that," he said.

Republican Sen. Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania is skeptical: "This has been their business model for a while," Toomey told reporters this week. "They're not going to abandon it lightly."

Wiseman reported from Washington.

Chiefs cut Hunt after running back lands on NFL exempt list

By DAVE SKRETTA, AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Kansas City Chiefs released running back Kareem Hunt on Friday night after video surfaced that showed the NFL's reigning rushing champion knocking over and kicking a woman in a Cleveland hotel hallway in February.

The team issued a statement shortly after the NFL had placed Hunt on its Commissioner Exemption List that said the running back lied when asked about the incident by team officials. The team said "the video today confirms that fact. We are releasing Kareem immediately."

Hunt was at the Chiefs' facility earlier Friday in preparation for Sunday's trip to Oakland, but he was excused and sent home shortly after TMZ posted the video online. It shows Hunt being restrained several times by friends before pushing a woman to the ground, where he proceeds to kick her.

Police were called to the scene during the Feb. 10 incident, no charges were filed. The police did not respond to several requests for comment Friday night.

"Earlier this year, we were made aware of an incident involving running back Kareem Hunt. At that time, the National Football League and law enforcement initiated investigations into the issue," the Chiefs said. "As part of our internal discussions with Kareem, several members of our management team spoke directly

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to him. Kareem was not truthful in those discussions.”

The Chiefs and the NFL have been aware of Hunt’s incident since it occurred, but much like the case involving former Ravens running back Ray Rice, the shocking video brought a new dimension to the case. It showed Hunt lunging toward a woman and several others in the hotel hallway, and the second-year pro being restrained several times before knocking two people down.

While no charges were filed from the altercation, two police reports were created. Hunt is listed as the suspect in one of them and a woman, Abigail Ottinger, is the suspect in the other one.

Hunt also was involved in a June incident, according to TMZ, in which he allegedly punched a man at an Ohio resort. The man Hunt struck declined to press charges.

“I want to apologize for my actions. I deeply regret what I did,” Hunt said in a statement issued to several outlets shortly after he was released. “I hope to move on from this.”

When asked about the incidents in training camp, Hunt said “I’ve learned from it.” When asked to elaborate on what he learned, he replied: “Just be in the right place at the right time.”

Hunt led the NFL in rushing as a rookie with 1,327 yards and eight touchdowns in helping Kansas City make the playoffs. He had run for 824 yards this season, with seven touchdowns rushing and seven more receiving, in helping the Chiefs to a 9-2 start and a stranglehold on the AFC West.

Spencer Ware is expected to take over as the lead running back.

Chiefs chairman Clark Hunt was asked several times about Hunt’s incidents in the offseason, and he acknowledged that “young men are not always going to make the best decisions.”

“We have a strong support system, both with the coaching staff and also our player development that works with young guys and talks to them about the situations that they want to be in,” Clark Hunt said during training camp. “Obviously he had a very big year on the field last year. I’m sure he learned some lessons this offseason and hopefully won’t be in those kind of situations in the future.”

He won’t be as a member of the Chiefs.

Domestic violence has been a major issue in the NFL in recent years, one that struck home in Kansas City in 2012 when Chiefs linebacker Jovan Belcher killed his girlfriend before killing himself at the team’s practice facility. Belcher was later found to have suffered from CTE.

The most memorable incident came in 2014, when a video showed Rice knocking out his then-fiancee in an elevator in an Atlantic City hotel. Rice was originally suspended two games by NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, who later was heavily criticized for such a light penalty after the video was released.

Rice soon after was suspended indefinitely by the league. He won an appeal but was released by the Ravens, and the three-time Pro Bowl running back never returned to the NFL.

Last year, Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott was suspended for six games by Goodell after the league concluded following a yearlong investigation that he had several physical confrontations in the summer of 2016 with his girlfriend at the time.

The league has implemented a stronger domestic violence policy, but incidents have continued to make news. Just last weekend, the 49ers cut linebacker Reuben Foster when he was arrested on suspicion of domestic violence — he has since signed with Washington but remains on the NFL’s exempt list.

Hunt had exhibited a pattern of questionable behavior dating to his college days at Toledo, where he shattered school records but also was suspended his junior season for violating team rules.

The Chiefs chose him in the third round of last year’s NFL draft, and he was poised to spend the season as the backup before Ware went down with a season-ending knee injury in the preseason. Hunt was thrust into the starting role and fumbled on his very first carry in a game in New England, but bounced back to have one of the best seasons in franchise history.

He had six games of at least 100 yards rushing and helped Kansas City win consecutive division titles for the first time, a season that ultimately landed Hunt in the Pro Bowl.

Hunt was off to another good start this season, his rushing yardage putting him fourth in the NFL and his touchdown total trailing only the Rams’ Todd Gurley II and the Saints’ Alvin Kamara.

He was also well-liked in the locker room, despite the off-the-field distractions from this past offseason. Hunt had joined quarterback Patrick Mahomes, tight end Travis Kelce and several other Chiefs players in

attending Sporting Kansas City's playoff game on Thursday night.

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Alaska surveys damage from major earthquakes

By RACHEL D'ORO and DAN JOLING, Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Chris Riekena was driving his 7-year-old son to school when his car started acting up. As he pulled over, he realized the problem wasn't his car — it was a huge earthquake.

Riekena turned around to calm his son in the back seat and when he looked forward again, the road ahead of him was sinking into the earth. He pulled his son out of the car as light poles along the road swayed in the air.

By the time the shaking stopped Friday, the car just in front of his on the freeway was marooned on an island of asphalt with a huge chasm on both sides.

"It was probably a good 30 to 40 seconds of slow-motion disaster," said Riekena, an engineer with the Alaska Department of Transportation who later returned to the site for his job.

"Thankfully I pulled over when I did," he said. "I've walked around the site enough over the last few hours that I've replayed that a few times."

Back-to-back earthquakes measuring 7.0 and 5.7 shattered highways and rocked buildings Friday in Anchorage and the surrounding area, sending people running into the streets and briefly triggering a tsunami warning for islands and coastal areas south of the city.

No tsunami arrived and there were no reports of deaths or serious injuries.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the first and more powerful quake was centered about 7 miles (12 kilometers) north of Anchorage, Alaska's largest city, with a population of about 300,000. People ran from their offices or took cover under desks. The 5.7 aftershock arrived within minutes, followed by a series of smaller quakes.

"We just hung onto each other. You couldn't even stand," said Sheila Bailey, who was working at a high school cafeteria in Palmer, about 45 miles from Anchorage, when the quake struck. "It sounded and felt like the school was breaking apart."

Anchorage Police Chief Justin Doll said he had been told that parts of Glenn Highway, a scenic route that runs northeast out of the city past farms, mountains and glaciers, had "completely disappeared."

The quake broke store windows, knocked items off shelves, opened cracks in a two-story building downtown, disrupted electrical service and disabled traffic lights, snarling traffic.

Flights at the airport were suspended for hours after the quake knocked out telephones and forced the evacuation of the control tower. And the 800-mile Alaska oil pipeline was shut down for hours while crews were sent to inspect it for damage.

Anchorage's school system canceled classes and asked parents to pick up their children while it examined buildings for gas leaks or other damage.

Jonathan Lettow was waiting with his 5-year-old daughter and other children for a school bus near their home in Wasilla, about 40 miles north of Anchorage, when the quake struck. The children got on the ground in a circle while Lettow tried to keep them calm and watched for falling trees.

"It's one of those things where in your head, you think, 'OK, it's going to stop,' and you say that to yourself so many times in your head that finally you think, 'OK, maybe this isn't going to stop,'" he said.

Soon after the shaking ended, the school bus pulled up and the children boarded, but the driver stopped at a bridge and refused to go across because of deep cracks in the road, he said.

Gov. Bill Walker issued a disaster declaration. He was in an elevator in a high-rise Anchorage office building and said it was a "rough ride" coming down. He described the quake as a 7.2, though it was unclear why his figure differed from that of the USGS.

Walker says it will take more than a week or two to repair roads damaged by the earthquake.

"This is much more significant than that," he told reporters at a news conference.

In Kenai, southwest of Anchorage, Brandon Slaton was soaking in his bathtub when the earthquake struck. The temblor created a powerful back-and-forth sloshing that threw him out of the tub, he said.

His 120-pound mastiff panicked and tried to run down the stairs, but the house was swaying so much that the dog was thrown into a wall and tumbled down the stairs, Slaton said.

Slaton ran into his son's room after the shaking stopped. The boy's fish was on the floor, gasping, its tank shattered. Slaton put the fish in a bowl.

"It was anarchy," he said. "There's no pictures left on the walls, there's no power, there's no fish tank left. Everything that's not tied down is broke."

Alaska was the site of the most powerful earthquake ever recorded in the U.S. The 9.2-magnitude quake on March 27, 1964, was centered about 75 miles (120 kilometers) east of Anchorage. It and the tsunami it triggered claimed about 130 lives.

The state averages 40,000 earthquakes a year, with more large quakes than the 49 other states combined. Southern Alaska has a high risk of earthquakes because the Earth's plates slide past each other under the region.

Alaska has been hit by a number of powerful quakes over 7.0 in recent decades, including a 7.9 last January southeast of Kodiak Island. But it is rare for a quake this big to strike so close to such a heavily populated area.

David Harper was getting coffee at a store when the low rumble began and intensified into something that sounded "like the building was just going to fall apart." He ran for the exit with other patrons.

"People who were outside were actively hugging each other," he said. "You could tell that it was a bad one."

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Grand jury: Dallas officer's shooting of neighbor was murder

By RYAN TARINELLI, Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — A white former Dallas police officer was indicted on a murder charge Friday, nearly three months after she fatally shot an unarmed black neighbor whose apartment she said she entered by mistake, believing it to be her own.

Amber Guyger told fellow officers that she opened fire when Botham Jean appeared in the darkness.

Jean's relatives joined the district attorney for the announcement of the charge. Jean, a 26-year-old native of the Caribbean island nation of St. Lucia, attended college in Arkansas and had been working in Dallas for accounting and consulting firm PwC.

"I truly believe that she inflicted tremendous evil on my son," Jean's mother, Allison said after the announcement. "He didn't deserve it. He was seated in his own apartment."

Guyger was arrested on a manslaughter charge three days after the Sept. 6 shooting, prompting criticism that the original charge was too lenient. But Dallas County District Attorney Faith Johnson said at the time that the grand jury could upgrade the charge, which it did Friday.

"When you look at the facts of this case, we thought that it was murder all along," Johnson said.

After finishing her shift, Guyger told investigators, she returned home in uniform and parked on the fourth floor of her apartment complex's garage, rather than the third floor, where her unit was located, according to an affidavit prepared by the Texas Rangers.

She said she got to what she thought was her apartment — Jean's was directly above hers — and found the door ajar. She opened it to find a figure standing in the darkness. She said she pulled her gun and fired twice after the person ignored her commands.

Guyger, 30, has since been fired from the department, and Jean's family has filed a lawsuit against

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Guyger and the city of Dallas. The federal suit argues that Guyger used excessive force in the shooting and contends the department did not give her adequate training.

The circumstances of the shooting sparked outrage and led many to question Guyger's account. Critics, including Jean's family, also wondered why it took three days for Guyger to be charged, why she was not taken into custody immediately after the shooting and whether race played a factor in her decision to use deadly force.

After the indictment was issued, Guyger turned herself in and posted bond a second time. She had been free on bond since her arrest.

With the murder charge, she faces up to life in prison if convicted. A manslaughter charge would have brought a sentence of up to 20 years.

Her attorney, Robert Rogers, said he was not surprised by the indictment, citing the political pressure surrounding the case and a wave of "vindictive emotion" targeting his client. He said Jean's mother testified before the grand jury, which he described as highly unusual.

During a news conference Friday, Jean family attorney Lee Merritt thanked the grand jury and said murder was the appropriate charge.

"This is groundbreaking, but it is also just a start," Merritt said. "We are focused on seeing this case through (to) a proper conviction and through an appropriate sentencing."

Dallas Police Chief Renee Hall said her department continues "to feel anguish" over the shooting. She described it as a "tragic event" and asked people to pray for Jean's family.

Jean's killing thrust Dallas into the national conversation about the intersection of race and law enforcement, a dialogue revived by the high-profile trials of officers charged with murder in police shootings.

In October, white Chicago officer Jason Van Dyke was found guilty of second-degree murder in the 2014 on-duty shooting of black teenager Laquan McDonald. Van Dyke shot McDonald 16 times.

And in August, white former Dallas-area officer Roy Oliver was convicted of murder for firing into a car filled with black teenagers leaving a house party in 2017. Fifteen-year-old Jordan Edwards was fatally shot.

Back-to-back earthquakes shatter roads and windows in Alaska

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Back-to-back earthquakes measuring 7.0 and 5.7 shattered highways and rocked buildings Friday in Anchorage and the surrounding area, sending people running into the streets and briefly triggering a tsunami warning for islands and coastal areas south of the city.

No tsunami arrived and there were no immediate reports of deaths or serious injuries.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the first and more powerful quake was centered about 7 miles (12 kilometers) north of Anchorage, Alaska's largest city, with a population of about 300,000. People ran from their offices or took cover under desks. The 5.7 aftershock arrived within minutes, followed by a series of smaller quakes.

"We just hung onto each other. You couldn't even stand," said Sheila Bailey, who was working at a high school cafeteria in Palmer when the quake struck. "It sounded and felt like the school was breaking apart."

A large section of an off-ramp near the Anchorage airport collapsed, marooning a car on a narrow island of pavement surrounded by deep chasms in the concrete. Several cars crashed at a major intersection in Wasilla, north of Anchorage, during the shaking.

Anchorage Police Chief Justin Doll said he had been told that parts of Glenn Highway, a scenic route that runs northeast out of the city past farms, mountains and glaciers, had "completely disappeared." Traffic in the three lanes heading out of the city was bumper-to-bumper and all but stopped Friday afternoon as emergency vehicles passed on the shoulder.

The quake broke store windows, knocked items off shelves, opened cracks in a two-story, downtown building, disrupted electrical service and disabled traffic lights, snarling traffic. It also threw a full-grown man out of his bathtub.

Flights at the airport were suspended for hours after the quake knocked out telephones and forced the

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evacuation of the control tower. And the 800-mile Alaska oil pipeline was shut down while crews were sent to inspect it for damage.

Anchorage's school system canceled classes and asked parents to pick up their children while it examined buildings for gas leaks or other damage.

Fifteen-year-old Sadie Blake and other members of the Homer High School wrestling team were at an Anchorage school gymnasium for a tournament when the bleachers started rocking and the lights went out. People started running down the bleachers in the dark, trying to get out.

"It was a gym full of screams," said team chaperone Ginny Grimes.

When it was over, Sadie said, there was only one thing she could do: "I started crying."

Jonathan Lettow was waiting with his 5-year-old daughter and other children for a school bus near their home in Wasilla when the quake struck. The children got on the ground while Lettow tried to keep them calm.

"It's one of those things where in your head, you think, 'OK, it's going to stop,' and you say that to yourself so many times in your head that finally you think, 'OK, maybe this isn't going to stop,'" he said.

Soon after the shaking ended, the school bus pulled up and the children boarded, but the driver stopped at a bridge and refused to go across because of deep cracks in the road, Lettow said.

At Chugiak High School, acting principal Allison Susel said ceiling tiles came down, books and other items fell from shelves, and water line breaks caused damage.

Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin tweeted that her home was damaged: "Our family is intact — house is not. I imagine that's the case for many, many others." She posted a video of the inside of her parents' home, with broken dishes littering the kitchen floor. A large set of antlers appeared to have fallen off a wall of the living room.

Gov. Bill Walker issued a disaster declaration. He was in an elevator in a high-rise Anchorage office building and said it was a "rough ride" coming down. He described the quake as a 7.2, though it was unclear why his figure differed from that of the USGS.

Walker says it will take more than a week or two to repair roads damaged by the earthquake.

"This is much more significant than that," he told reporters at a news conference.

Walker leaves office on Monday, and he said members of Gov.-elect Mike Dunleavy's staff had been involved with the earthquake response to ensure a smooth transition.

"This isn't a time to do anything other than take care of Alaskans, and that's what we're doing," he said.

In Kenai, southwest of Anchorage, Brandon Slaton was home alone and soaking in his bathtub when the earthquake struck. Slaton, who weighs 209 pounds, said it created a powerful back-and-forth sloshing that threw him out of the tub.

His 120-pound mastiff panicked and tried to run down the stairs, but the house was swaying so much that the dog was thrown into a wall and tumbled down the stairs, Slaton said.

Slaton ran into his son's room after the shaking stopped. The boy's fish was on the floor, gasping, its tank shattered. Slaton put the fish in a bowl.

"It was anarchy," he said. "There's no pictures left on the walls, there's no power, there's no fish tank left. Everything that's not tied down is broke."

Alaska was the site of the most powerful earthquake ever recorded in the U.S. The 9.2-magnitude quake on March 27, 1964, was centered about 75 miles (120 kilometers) east of Anchorage. It and the tsunami it triggered claimed about 130 lives.

The state averages 40,000 earthquakes a year, with more large quakes than the 49 other states combined. Southern Alaska has a high risk of earthquakes because the Earth's plates slide past each other under the region.

Alaska has been hit by a number of powerful quakes over 7.0 in recent decades, including a 7.9 last January southeast of Kodiak Island. But it is rare for a quake this big to strike so close to such a heavily populated area.

David Harper was getting coffee at a store when the low rumble began and intensified into something that sounded "like the building was just going to fall apart." He ran for the exit with other patrons.

"People who were outside were actively hugging each other," he said. "You could tell that it was a bad one."

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Trump vs the world _ G-20 summit stumbles on trade, climate

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BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Divisions among the world leading economies emerged from the moment their leaders gathered Friday in Argentina: Donald Trump struck his own deals and angered allies, and the leaders of Russia and Saudi Arabia bonded amid criticism from European powers.

U.S. negotiators blocked progress at the Group of 20 summit on managing migration, slowing climate change, and streamlining how world trade is governed, according to European officials involved in the discussions.

Security concerns also weighed on the two-day talks in Buenos Aires. Argentina's security minister said eight gasoline bombs were discovered in an area of the capital several miles from the summit venue where a protest in the afternoon drew thousands of demonstrators who held up banners with slogans like "Go away G-20" and "Go away Trump."

The whole point of the G-20 — formed in the wake of the global financial crisis a decade ago — is finding ways to solve global problems together, but diplomats in Buenos Aires struggled to find enough things all the leaders agree on.

Trump sought to use the summit to make his own trade deals, and angered the Argentine hosts by misconstruing their position on China's trade practices.

Meanwhile, two men under heavy criticism from the West lately — Russian President Vladimir Putin and Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman — appeared to seek refuge in each other, bonding with a tough-guy hand grab as the leaders sat down around a huge round table for talks.

Argentine President Mauricio Macri kicked off the summit by acknowledging divisions within the G-20 while urging world leaders to have a "sense of urgency" and take actions "based on shared interests."

Diplomats from the Group of 20 countries were haggling hard over a final summit statement, with deep divisions over what language to use on the Paris climate accord and the World Trade Organization.

Two European officials involved in the discussions said the U.S. was stymieing progress on both.

So an unorthodox solution emerged: An official in the French president's office said the statement may have language that sets the U.S. apart. For example, a draft says 19 of the participants agree on the importance of upholding the Paris climate accord, but the U.S. doesn't.

Asked about the European concerns, a U.S. official said progress was being made on the joint statement and the White House was "optimistic" about the document as a whole.

Later the Argentine official shepherding the G-20 finance talks, treasury official Laura Jaitman, said Trump was "very active and committed" in the dialogue and said progress was made in Friday's talks on finance and trade.

"There's a very positive message of how trade has been an engine of growth for the next decades and how it will continue in the future providing benefits for all citizens," Jaitman said.

Argentine Foreign Minister Jorge Faurie said trade talks were moving forward and nations were continuing to work on climate change wording.

Despite Trump's dismissal of concerns about global warming, China, France and the United Nations came together Friday to pledge their support for the Paris climate accord. Their declaration was meant to encourage other G-20 members to do the same, and to provide a boost for an upcoming U.N. climate summit.

Overall the G-20 summit is meant to focus on issues such as labor, infrastructure, development, financial stability, climate sustainability and international commerce.

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But as the gathering got underway, those themes seemed like afterthoughts, overshadowed by contentious matters from the U.S.-China trade dispute to the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

Russia and Ukraine have traded blame over the weekend seizure of Ukrainian ships and their crew — which Trump cited in canceling a much-awaited meeting with Putin at the G-20. Russia's foreign minister regretted the cancellation, but said "love can't be forced."

Also looming large amid dozens of bilateral meetings in Buenos Aires: The gruesome slaying of dissident Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi in Saudi Arabia's Istanbul Consulate and how the Saudi crown prince, who is alleged to have ordered the killing, is received by world leaders.

As soon as he arrived, the crown prince was confronted by French President Emmanuel Macron, who pressed him on the Khashoggi investigation and the Saudi-backed war in Yemen.

Bin Salman told Macron not to worry, but Macron countered, "I am worried."

Saudi Arabia has denied that bin Salman played a role, but some leaders were concerned about seeming to legitimize a man who U.S. intelligence agencies concluded ordered the killing. Trump's administration, however, has made clear it does not want to torpedo the longstanding U.S. relationship with Riyadh.

It is the prince's first significant appearance overseas since the killing. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who has been sharply critical of Saudi Arabia over the incident, is also in attendance.

Leaders of the United States, Canada and Mexico, meanwhile, met in the morning to sign a trade deal replacing the North American Free Trade Agreement that was struck following months of tough negotiations that analysts say left a bitter taste among the partners.

It must still be ratified by lawmakers in all three countries, and passage in the U.S. could face a tough road in the House of Representatives after Democrats won a majority in November midterm elections.

While Trump canceled his meeting with Putin, the U.S. president was still scheduled to meet with Chinese President Xi Jinping, but analysts were not optimistic about prospects for a major breakthrough on the two countries' trade disputes a month before U.S. tariffs on Chinese goods are set to ramp up.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel arrived late after her plane suffered a technical problem.

British Prime Minister Theresa May's attendance at the summit marked the first time a U.K. prime minister has visited Argentina's capital. The only other prime minister to visit the country was Tony Blair, who went to Puerto Iguazu in 2001. The two countries have long been at odds over the South Atlantic islands known as the Falklands in Britain and the Malvinas in Argentina.

Faurie, the Argentine foreign minister, said the recent establishment of more flights to the disputed islands was a positive development.

"We are not withdrawing our historic claim," he added. "The focus of this opportunity is in the reestablishment of trust."

In downtown Buenos Aires, meanwhile, thousands of demonstrators flooded the 9 de Julio Avenue waving flags and holding up banners. Several marched topless with colorful national flags of summit countries painted on their chests.

About 22,000 police officers and other security forces are guarding the leaders during the summit.

Argentina is the first South American country to host the G-20, and officials have the added challenge of ensuring that chaos is better contained than it was at last year's meeting in Hamburg, Germany, where clashes broke out between police and protesters.

Argentine authorities have said they will not tolerate violence or allow the gathering to be disrupted.

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FanDuel pays out bets on Alabama to win title ahead of game

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ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Roll in dough, Tide!

FanDuel sportsbook is paying out bets from people who picked Alabama to win the college football

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national championship — over a month before the game will be played.

The company announced Friday night it is treating the top-ranked Crimson Tide as the winners already, and paid out single-game bets to customers' online or mobile accounts. Those who made bets in person can bring their winning slips to that location to be paid.

Alabama also is being marked as a winner on parlay bets that included the necessity of it winning the title. FanDuel says the move could cost it \$400,000. Should Alabama not win the national championship, FanDuel will pay out bets on whichever team wins the title.

It says it wants to reward customers for betting on a team with odds that were so lopsided it was difficult to make money.

"It has been a dominant season for the Crimson Tide and our traders have seen enough," the company said in a statement Friday night.

The payout involved all future bets on Alabama to win it all that were made before 5 p.m. Friday. The Tide opened at nearly 2-to-1 odds before the season started, or plus 195, meaning a \$100 bet would return \$195.

But its season has been so dominating that Alabama is now listed at minus 280, meaning a gambler would have to put up \$280 of his or her own money in a bet to win \$100 on Alabama.

The point spread on most of its games has been in the 20- to 30-point range, with one game against Citadel going off with Alabama as a 53.5 point favorite. (They did not cover that spread). And money line bets on Alabama, meaning a bet on them just to win the game without doing so by a certain amount of points, have often been astronomical.

"It's a way to reward our customers for betting on Alabama when the odds were really hard to make any money doing it," said FanDuel spokesman Kevin Hennessy.

It's also a way for the company to grab attention as it attempts to gain market share in the rapidly growing legal U.S. sports betting market. FanDuel in September agreed to pay out an \$82,000 bet to a New Jersey customer that its computers mistakenly promised on what should have been a low-odds development on a Denver Broncos-Oakland Raiders game.

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In GM country, workers aren't abandoning Trump - so far

By SARA BURNETT, Associated Press

LORDSTOWN, Ohio (AP) — Since General Motors announced its decision this week to shut down its hulking Lordstown plant — the anchor of this northeast Ohio town — workers on the line have had nothing but questions. Will they have jobs come spring? Should they put in for transfers and move their families to Texas or Tennessee? How much should they spend on Christmas?

One they haven't yet answered: Who is to blame?

It was working-class voters like these who bucked the area's history as a Democratic stronghold and backed Donald Trump in 2016, helping him win the White House with promises to put American workers first and bring back disappearing manufacturing jobs. Whether they stick with him after the GM news and other signs that the economy may be cooling could determine Trump's political future.

For now, many people here are still behind the man who won them over with his sky-high promises. But they took those pledges seriously, and still expect him to fulfill them.

"Do I feel like there's still time to put down Twitter and stop doing what he's doing and focus on us? Yeah," said Tommy Wolikow, who followed in his father's footsteps to work at GM Lordstown before he was laid off on the same day as Trump's inauguration.

The 36-year-old father of three was in the crowd at a 2017 rally in Youngstown when Trump boasted he would bring jobs back.

"Don't sell your house," the president said — and Wolikow took him at his word. But things only got worse. He's since started traveling to Trump rallies to draw attention to the troubles in Lordstown and elsewhere where he says promises haven't been kept. But he says he will support Trump again if he sees

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action, not just words.

"If you help get jobs back here in our community ... you'll have my vote," he said.

GM said Monday it would cut up to 14,000 workers in North America and marked five plants for possible closure, including the Lordstown plant, which previous rounds of layoffs already had left operating with just one shift. Once-full parking lots around the plant now sit largely empty. Assembly plants in Detroit and Ontario and transmission plants near Baltimore and in Warren, Michigan, also could be shuttered.

Michigan, like Ohio, was among the states with large numbers of once-reliably Democratic union workers who backed Trump two years ago. But Michigan seemed to be swinging back to the left in the November midterm election, when Democrats won the governor's office and other statewide races and picked up two congressional seats.

Ohio seemed to be holding firm for the GOP. Democratic Sen. Sherrod Brown — a possible 2020 presidential candidate — won re-election, but Republicans won the governor's race and four other statewide offices for the third straight time, an outcome Ohio Democratic Party Chairman David Pepper attributed partly to Ohioans' loyalty to the president. "The Trump factor," he said.

In northeast Ohio, where Democrats for decades took 60 percent or more of the vote, the GOP picked up steam. While statewide Democratic candidates won in Mahoning County, where Youngstown is located, it was by much smaller margins than four years ago. County GOP Chairman Mark Munroe credits Trump and a "newfound sense of optimism."

"If anything, support for the president has gotten stronger," he said. "People have an appreciation for what the president has done. I think he'll do even better in 2020."

The Trump presidency has coincided with factory job gains, although not in some of the traditional manufacturing centers that he promised to revive. The number of people working in factories has not passed the totals of a decade ago, right before the 2008 financial crisis forced a crushing wave of layoffs.

Ohio has shed auto-making jobs on Trump's watch, while Michigan, California and Kentucky have seen growth.

Trump does appear to be getting credit for the economy, even from those who aren't personally benefiting.

With low unemployment and a largely strong stock market until relatively recently, nearly two-thirds of midterm voters nationwide considered the economy to be good, according to VoteCast, the Associated Press' survey of the electorate. And while just 44 percent of voters said they approved of his job performance overall, 55 percent gave him high marks on the economy.

In rural and small-town America, the heart of Trump's support, a solid majority — 58 percent — of voters making less than \$50,000 said they approve of his handling of the economy. That's only a slightly smaller share than rural voters overall.

In Ohio, backing for Trump and his handling of the economy was strong. Even as voters nearly split evenly on their opinion of Trump overall, 57 percent gave him good marks on the economy.

"I don't think he can perform miracles," said Lordstown Mayor Arno Hill, a Trump supporter who, like others in this community near Youngstown, is hopeful GM will assign the plant another product to replace the Chevy Cruze, a model workers here produce but the company is abandoning. He blames market forces, not Trump or GM, and says the community is otherwise doing well.

"If we were giving out grades, I'd give (Trump) a B right now," Hill said. "If Lordstown gets another product, I'll give him an A."

Trump criticized GM and the company's chief executive officer, Mary Barra, after the shutdown announcement, noting on Twitter that the company isn't closing plants in China or Mexico.

"The U.S. saved General Motors, and this is the THANKS we get!" he wrote. The president also said this week he wants to cut federal subsidies for the company, and signaled he may place tariffs on car imports.

The White House has not clarified those comments, and there are questions about whether the president has the authority to act without congressional approval.

Union leaders and Democratic officials say Trump should have done more, and sooner. After the latest round of layoffs in July, Union President Dave Green sent a letter to Trump asking him to get involved and

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noting a large number of union members voted for him. Trump's silence on the situation, Green wrote, was "disturbing."

Trump this week pinned blame on others, including Brown, telling The Wall Street Journal the senator "didn't get the point across" to GM. Brown said the president should stop "pointing fingers" and called on him to sit down and discuss ways to save the plant.

News like the GM announcement could sway opinion and create a line of attack for a Democratic candidate. And there are other indications of U.S. economic trouble: Sales of new U.S. homes dropped in October by almost 9 percent, and the number of unsold, newly built homes on the market reached its highest level since 2009.

Tim O'Hara, vice president of United Auto Workers 1112, says whether support for Trump continues is a matter of "wait and see, like everything else." He said he believes a Democrat still has a chance to win in Ohio if that candidate talks about issues people care about, like jobs and trade.

O'Hara, who backed Hillary Clinton in 2016, retired from the plant earlier this year after 41 years, though his wife still works there. He said a lot of people in the area "seemed to buy in to Trump" two years ago, and he agreed most are still with the president.

"But worst-case scenario — let's say the plant closes for good — I don't know what their opinion is going to be at that point," he said.

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Mueller is back - and so are questions about Trump, Russia

By CHAD DAY, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Robert Mueller is back.

After a quiet few months in the run-up to the midterm elections, the special counsel's Russia investigation is heating up again with a string of tantalizing new details emerging this week.

None of it answers the central question: Did Donald Trump and his campaign coordinate with Russia to help him win America's 2016 presidential election. But the new evidence does make clear that some in Trump's orbit recognized his Russia connections were a problem — so they lied about them.

Mueller has indicated there are more criminal charges to come.

Here's a look at the key lines of inquiry, what we know and what we don't.

WHAT'S THE LATEST?

It's been a busy week.

On Thursday, Michael Cohen, the longtime Trump lawyer and legal fixer, pleaded guilty to lying to Congress about his efforts during the 2016 campaign to line up a Trump Tower Moscow project. The plea was significant because it prominently featured Trump and conversations he and his family had with Cohen about the project.

Prosecutors did not accuse Trump or his grown children of any wrongdoing. But Cohen said he lied to be consistent with Trump's "political messaging."

The surprise plea came just days after prosecutors revealed that former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort's separate plea deal fell apart over allegations that he lied to investigators, a development that could lead to new charges .

Draft court documents made public this week also revealed that Mueller made a plea offer to Jerome Corsi, a conservative writer and conspiracy theorist. The documents accused Corsi of lying about his discussions with Trump confidant Roger Stone about WikiLeaks during the 2016 campaign.

American intelligence agencies and Mueller have said Russia was the source of hacked material released by WikiLeaks during the campaign that damaged Hillary Clinton's presidential effort. Mueller's office is trying to determine whether Corsi and Stone had advance knowledge of WikiLeaks' plans.

Corsi has denied lying and rejected the plea offer. Stone has also denied having any contact with WikiLeaks

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or knowledge of its plans.

WHAT DO WE KNOW FOR SURE?

There were a lot of contacts between Russia and people close to Trump. And the Kremlin mounted a large-scale operation that sought to hurt Hillary Clinton and help Trump, according to Mueller and U.S. intelligence agencies .

In public court filings, Mueller has woven a narrative of events that he believes are significant. They include contacts between a little-known campaign foreign policy adviser and Russian intermediaries, conversations the president and his family had with Cohen about a proposed Trump Tower Moscow and contacts between senior advisers in Trump's incoming administration and Russian officials during the transition period.

Much of that has become public because key participants — Cohen, ex-National Security Adviser Michael Flynn and ex-Trump campaign foreign policy adviser George Papadopoulos— lied to federal agents about it.

WHAT REMAINS UNKNOWN?

Mueller has yet to answer definitively the central questions in the Russia probe.

Did any Trump associates coordinate with Russia in an attempt to sway the 2016 presidential election? And did the president cross the line and obstruct justice in his efforts to stymie the Russia investigation?

Mueller's team is also intently focused on WikiLeaks and whether anyone close to Trump or his campaign knew in advance about the group's plans to release the material hacked by Russia.

WHO HAS BEEN ACCUSED OF CRIMES?

Thirty-three people and three companies.

Since Mueller's appointment in May 2017, he's obtained guilty pleas from seven people including five involved in the Trump campaign. Flynn and Papadopoulos both admitted to lying about their contacts with Russians or Russian intermediaries.

Mueller also brought a series of charges against Manafort over undisclosed foreign lobbying on behalf of Ukraine and millions of dollars that were never reported to the IRS. Manafort was convicted by a jury of eight felony counts. His right-hand man, Rick Gates, took a plea deal , and Mueller brought obstruction charges against Konstantin Kilimnik, a Manafort associate who prosecutors say has ties to Russian intelligence.

In addition, Mueller has brought sweeping indictments against Russians. That includes charging 13 Russians and three companies with orchestrating a covert effort to flood American social media with disinformation to sow discord during the U.S. election campaign. One company is fighting the charges. Twelve Russian intelligence officers were also accused of hacking Democratic organizations during the 2016 campaign.

WHAT ABOUT TRUMP?

The president is angry to the point of boiling about the Mueller probe — and he's hinted he may do something about it.

Trump has heightened his attacks in recent weeks, blasting the special counsel as corrupt and unethical. He's even accused Mueller of pressuring people to lie.

In a tweet, Trump floated the idea of giving those caught up in the investigation some "relief ." And this week, he said he hasn't ruled out a pardon for Manafort.

All of this came as his attorneys turned over Trump's written answers to Mueller's questions about his knowledge of any ties between his campaign and Russia.

WHEN WILL WE FIND OUT MORE?

It's not clear.

Mueller's indictments and guilty pleas are not announced ahead of time. The special counsel also hasn't

said when he will complete any report of his findings.

But there are several deadlines coming up where Mueller will have to disclose at least some new details about his investigation.

Next week, prosecutors will have to disclose what lies they say Manafort told them after he agreed to cooperate. Prosecutors will also have to lay out the nature of the cooperation by Cohen and Flynn in the next few weeks.

All of those filings will be closely watched to see what they say about where Mueller is going.

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Tariff tensions shadow US, Canada, Mexico trade pact signing

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BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — President Donald Trump signed a revised North American trade pact with the leaders of Canada and Mexico on Friday, declaring the deal a major victory for workers. But tensions over tariffs, looming GM layoffs and questions about the pact's prospects in Congress clouded the celebratory moment.

The U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement is meant to replace the 24-year-old North American Free Trade Agreement, which Trump has long denigrated as a "disaster." The leaders signed the new deal on the sidelines of the Group of 20 summit in Buenos Aires after two years of frequently blistering negotiations. Each country's legislature still must approve.

"This has been a battle, and battles sometimes make great friendships, so it's really terrific," Trump said, before lining up next to Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and outgoing Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto to sign three copies of the deal — Trump using a black marker for his signature scrawl.

The signing came at the beginning of a packed two days of diplomacy for the American president that will conclude with high-stakes talks Saturday with Chinese President Xi Jinping on ways to ease an escalating trade war between the two countries.

"There's some good signs," Trump said. "We'll see what happens."

For the new North American trade deal, legislative approval is the next step. That could prove a difficult task in the United States, especially now that Democrats — instead of Trump's Republicans — will control the House come January. Democrats and their allies in the labor movement are already demanding changes.

Within hours of the signing, Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer said the deal must have stronger labor and environmental protections in order to get majority support in Congress and "must prove to be a net benefit to middle-class families and working people."

Democratic House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi — who is seeking to become House speaker in the new year — quipped, "The trade agreement formerly known as Prince — no, I mean, formerly known as NAFTA, is a work in progress."

Still, Trump projected confidence, saying: "It's been so well reviewed I don't expect to have very much of a problem."

Trump is describing USMCA as a landmark trade agreement. But most companies are just relieved that it largely preserves the status quo established by NAFTA: a regional trade bloc that allows most products to travel between the United States, Canada and Mexico duty free. During the negotiations, Trump repeatedly threatened to pull out, a move that would have disrupted businesses that have built complicated supply chains that straddle the borders of the three countries.

The new agreement does make some changes to the way business is done in North America. It updates the trade pact to reflect the rise of the digital economy since the original NAFTA took effect nearly a quarter century ago. It gives U.S. dairy farmers a bit more access to the protected Canadian market.

The biggest changes target the auto industry. The new deal encourages auto companies to invest or expand in the United States and Canada, not low-wage Mexico, by requiring that 40 percent of a car's content be made where auto workers earn at least \$16 an hour; otherwise, the cars won't qualify for

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USMCA's duty-free treatment.

Trudeau said the deal "lifts the risk of serious economic uncertainty" and said Canada worked hard for a "new, modernized agreement." But he also used the ceremony to call on Trump to remove steel and aluminum tariffs the U.S. slapped on Canada and Mexico. Trudeau also referenced recent downsizing moves by GM in North America as a "heavy blow."

Pena Nieto, who will hand off to his successor Saturday, said he was honored to be at the signing on the final day of his administration, calling it the culmination of a long process "that allow us to overcome differences and to conciliate our visions."

Before Trump arrived in Argentina he injected additional drama into the proceedings by canceling a planned meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin. Also of interest was whether Trump would have an encounter with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who was attending amid global dismay over the murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

Trump gathered with the leaders for a traditional group photo, but did not appear to acknowledge Putin or the crown prince as he walked by. A senior White House official said Trump and bin Salman exchanged pleasantries during a subsequent leaders' session. The official spoke on condition of anonymity due to the sensitive nature of the crown prince's situation.

Trump told reporters later: "We had no discussion. We might, but we had none."

The president insisted he canceled his meeting with Putin because of Russia's actions in Ukraine and not because of the federal investigation into Russian interference in his own election.

White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders made the same point: "On the basis of what took place with respect to the ships and the sailors, that was the sole reason."

Trump announced via Twitter Thursday that he was canceling the planned meeting with Putin over Russia's seizure of Ukrainian vessels. The abrupt announcement came not long after his former lawyer, Michael Cohen, admitted lying to Congress to cover up that he was negotiating a real estate deal in Moscow on Trump's behalf during the Republican presidential primary in 2016. The news ensured any meeting with Putin would have put a spotlight on the U.S. special counsel's investigation into whether the Trump campaign colluded with Moscow during the election. Trump has denied any wrongdoing.

Russia's foreign minister Sergey Lavrov called the cancellation a missed opportunity, saying in remarks from Buenos Aires that were carried by Russian state television that he doubted "this move would help settling a number of important international problems." He added: "Love can't be forced."

Trump opened Friday with a cordial meeting at the Casa Rosada with Argentine President Mauricio Macri, a longtime business acquaintance. Posing for photos in the gilded Salon Blanco, Trump said they would discuss trade, military purchases and other issues.

The U.S. businessman-turned-politician noted he had worked with Macri's father on real estate developments and joked that when he and Macri first met they'd never have imagined their future roles on the world stage.

Trump and First Lady Melania Trump concluded the evening with the other leaders at a formal dinner and cultural performance at Teatro Colon.

Associated Press writers Rob Gillies in Toronto and Deb Riechmann, Darlene Superville and Paul Wiseman in Washington contributed to this report.

Snubbed by Trump, Putin charms other players at G20

By ANGELA CHARLTON and VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV, Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Russia is putting on a brave face after U.S. President Donald Trump abruptly junked a summit with Russian President Vladimir Putin. It's all about internal U.S. politics and "anti-Russian hysteria," Russian officials shrug.

But Trump's snub was a clear kick to Putin just as he arrived at a Group of 20 summit where Western leaders banded together to denounce Russia's actions in Ukraine.

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So Putin turned elsewhere for attention.

He subbed Turkey's president for the time slot he had reserved for Trump, and sought to strengthen his alliance with China and other non-Western economies. And he cozied up at Friday's round-table talks to Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, somewhat of a fellow outcast at the G-20 over his suspected role in the killing of a dissident Saudi journalist.

Putin and Trump "said hi to each other," according to the Russian leader's spokesman — but didn't shake hands or otherwise interchange, even during the "family photo" when leaders rub elbows as they get into place and usually exchange small talk.

Putin himself hasn't publicly addressed Trump's rejection, but hinted at the potential fallout if the leaders of the world's two biggest nuclear powers can't talk to each other: Putin said in Buenos Aires that the U.S. intention to opt out of a Cold War-era nuclear pact "creates risks of an uncontrollable arms race."

As the summit opened, European leaders lined up to criticize what one called Russia's "aggression" on Ukraine — the weekend seizure of Ukrainian ships and crew members near Crimea. The Group of 7 foreign ministers issued a statement demanding the seamen's release.

The standoff was the official reason that Trump cancelled his meeting with Putin, calling what's happening in Ukraine "very bad."

The Russian interpretation of the cancellation, however, echoed that of some of Trump's critics at home, who noted the move came amid new challenges for Trump in the probe into Russia's alleged role in his 2016 election campaign.

"If the domestic situation and the pressure from Russophobes like Ukraine and its sponsors prevents the U.S. president from developing normal ties with the Russian president ... we will wait for another chance," Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said, adding "love can't be forced."

Prominent Russian lawmaker Leonid Slutsky called Trump's cancellation — announced unexpectedly on Twitter just hours before the G-20 kicked off — "a show." He said Trump probably fears that if he meets with Putin, his domestic rivals "will call him a Russian agent."

Isolated by Western democracies, Putin pushed instead to inject new strength into the so-called BRICS grouping of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.

"The five can, for a good reason, play a more significant role in the global financial system, strive to continue the reform of the IMF and strengthen our influence in the Fund," Putin said at a BRICS meeting.

He wasn't avoiding Western critics, though. Putin met France's president Friday — carefully drawing a map of Ukraine's coastline to explain Russia's claims that its seizures of the Ukrainian ships was justified — and will see Germany's chancellor Saturday.

Still, what Putin really wants is to make a deal with Trump.

The Russian leader, who views global politics as a cynical power play, sees himself as a consummate negotiator who can advance Moscow's interests through strong personal contacts with foreign leaders.

He repeatedly voiced a belief that Trump sincerely wants to improve ties with Russia but has been prevented from doing so by his political foes.

"Playing the Russian card has become a convenient tool for solving internal political problems," Putin said recently. "I hope it will end someday. Maybe it will happen in 2020 when the next U.S. presidential election is held and he will no longer have to constantly look back at those who engage in anti-Russian rhetoric."

Putin's wish list is topped by a desire to see an end to crippling anti-Russian sanctions imposed by the U.S. and its allies for Russia's annexation of Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula, its support for separatist insurgents in eastern Ukraine and other actions by Moscow.

Putin also wants to talk to Trump about his intention to opt out of the 1987 Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty over alleged Russian violations. Putin strongly denied any Russian breaches of the pact.

The Russian leader has warned that if the United States deploys intermediate-range missiles that are currently banned under the treaty to Europe, Russia will have to target the nations that would host them.

Such weapons are seen as extremely destabilizing as they take just a few minutes to reach targets, leaving virtually no time for decision-makers and dramatically increasing the possibility of a nuclear conflict

over a false attack warning or technical glitch.

There was a risk that the Trump-Putin meeting could have worked out badly for both of them.

After the summit with Putin in July, Trump was widely criticized for failing to publicly denounce Russia's interference in the 2016 U.S. election and appearing to accept Putin's denials of such activity. More anti-Russian sanctions followed and relations soured further.

Isachenkov reported from Moscow.

Marriott security breach exposed data of up to 500M guests

By MICHELLE CHAPMAN and MAE ANDERSON, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Hackers stole information on as many as 500 million guests of the Marriott hotel empire over four years, obtaining credit card and passport numbers and other personal data, the company said Friday as it acknowledged one of the largest security breaches in history.

The full scope of the failure was not immediately clear. Marriott was trying to determine if the records included duplicates, such as a single person staying multiple times.

The affected hotel brands were operated by Starwood before it was acquired by Marriott in 2016. They include W Hotels, St. Regis, Sheraton, Westin, Element, Aloft, The Luxury Collection, Le Méridien and Four Points. Starwood-branded timeshare properties were also affected. None of the Marriott-branded chains were threatened.

The crisis quickly emerged as one of the biggest data breaches on record.

"On a scale of 1 to 10 and up, this is one of those No. 10 size breaches. There have only been a few of them of this scale and scope in the last decade," said Chris Wysopal, chief technology officer of Veracode, a security company.

By comparison, last year's Equifax hack affected more than 145 million people. A Target breach in 2013 affected more than 41 million payment card accounts and exposed contact information for more than 60 million customers.

Security analysts were especially alarmed to learn that the breach began in 2014. While such failures often span months, four years is extreme, said Yonatan Striem-Amit, chief technology officer of Cybereason.

It was unclear what hackers could do with the credit card information. Though it was stored in encrypted form, it was possible that hackers also obtained the two components needed to descramble the numbers, the company said.

For as many as two-thirds of those affected, the exposed data could include mailing addresses, phone numbers, email addresses and passport numbers. Also included might be dates of birth, gender, reservation dates, arrival and departure times and Starwood Preferred Guest account information.

"We fell short of what our guests deserve and what we expect of ourselves," CEO Arne Sorenson said in a statement. "We are doing everything we can to support our guests and using lessons learned to be better moving forward."

The breach of personal information could put Marriott in violation of new European privacy laws, as guests included European travelers.

Marriott set up a website and call center for customers who believe they are at risk.

The hackers' access to the reservation system could be troubling if they turn out to be, say, nation-state spies rather than con artists simply seeking financial gain, said Jesse Varsalone, associate professor of cybersecurity at the University of Maryland University College.

Reservation information could mean knowing when and where government officials are traveling, to military bases, conferences or other destinations abroad, he said.

"There are just so many things you can extrapolate from people staying at hotels," Varsalone said.

The richness of the data makes the hack unique, Wysopal said.

"Once you know someone's arrival, departure, room preferences," that could be used to incriminate a person or for a reputation attack that "goes beyond your traditional identity theft or credit-card theft," he

said.

It isn't common for passport numbers to be part of a hack, but it is not unheard of. Hong Kong-based airline Cathay Pacific Airways said in October that 9.4 million passengers' information had been breached, including passport numbers.

Passport numbers are often requested by hotels outside the U.S. because U.S. driver's licenses are not accepted there as identification. The numbers could be added to full sets of data about a person that bad actors sell on the black market, leading to identity theft.

And while the credit card industry can cancel accounts and issue new cards within days, it is a much more difficult process, often steeped in government bureaucracy, to get a new passport.

But one redeeming factor about passports is that they are often required to be seen in person, said Ryan Wilk of NuData Security. "It's a highly secure document with a lot of security features," he said.

Email notifications for those who may have been affected begin rolling out Friday.

When the merger was first announced in 2015, Starwood had 21 million people in its loyalty program. The company manages more than 6,700 properties across the globe, most in North America.

While the first impulse for those potentially affected by the breach could be to check credit cards, security experts say other information in the database could be more damaging.

The names, addresses, passport numbers and other personal information "is of greater concern than the payment info, which was encrypted," analyst Ted Rossman of CreditCards.com said, citing the risk that thieves could open fraudulent accounts.

An internal security tool signaled a potential breach in early September, but the company was unable to decrypt the information that would define what data had possibly been exposed until last week.

Marriott, based in Bethesda, Maryland, said in a regulatory filing that it was premature to estimate what financial impact the breach will have on the company. It noted that it does have cyber insurance, and is working with its insurance carriers to assess coverage.

Elected officials were quick to call for action.

The New York attorney general opened an investigation. Virginia Sen. Mark Warner, co-founder of the Senate Cybersecurity Caucus, said the U.S. needs laws that limit the data companies can collect on customers and ensure that companies account for security costs rather than making consumers "shoulder the burden and harms resulting from these lapses."

Chapman reported from Newark, New Jersey.

Trump admin approves seismic surveys for Atlantic drilling

By **MATTHEW DALY**, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration on Friday authorized use of seismic air guns to find oil and gas formations deep underneath the Atlantic Ocean floor, reversing Obama administration policies and drawing outrage from critics who say the practice can disturb or injure whales, sea turtles and other marine life.

The National Marine Fisheries Service said it has authorized permits under the Marine Mammal Protection Act for five companies to use air guns for seismic surveys in the mid-Atlantic, from Delaware to central Florida.

The surveys are part of President Donald Trump's bid to expand offshore drilling in the Atlantic. The plan has drawn opposition from East Coast lawmakers and governors, who say it could hurt commercial fishing and tourism.

Seismic surveys have not been conducted in the region for at least 30 years.

Seismic air guns fire intense blasts of compressed air into the seabed every 10 to 12 seconds, for weeks or months at a time. The blasts reflect back information about buried oil and gas deposits, as well as potential seafloor hazards and sand and gravel resources for beach restoration.

The blasts are so loud they can disturb or injure endangered whales and other marine mammals and

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increase the risk of calves being separated from their mothers, environmental groups say.

Industry groups counter that seismic surveys have been conducted in the U.S. and around the world for decades, with little adverse impacts.

Administration officials said that under terms of the law that protects marine life, the permits would allow "harassment" of whales and sea turtles but would not allow companies to kill them.

Survey vessels will be required to have observers on board to listen and watch for marine life and alert operators if a protected species comes within a certain distance, officials said, and acoustic monitoring will be used to detect those swimming beneath the ocean surface.

Surveys will be shut down when certain sensitive species or groups are observed and penalties can be imposed for vessels that strike marine animals, officials said.

None of those precautions were enough for environmental groups and East Coast lawmakers who decried the surveys as cruel and unnecessary. The Trump administration's call for offshore drilling has generated widespread, bipartisan opposition from states up and down the Atlantic seaboard.

"Seismic testing risks injuring and killing critically endangered species, severely disrupting economically important fisheries and threatening the Jersey shore," said Rep. Frank Pallone, a New Jersey Democrat who is set to lead the powerful House Energy and Commerce Committee in January.

Pallone called an environmentally sound coast critical to New Jersey's economy and said lawmakers from both parties "will work tirelessly to fight this reckless decision by the Trump administration."

Diane Hoskins, campaign director at the environmental group Oceana, said approval of the seismic surveys "flies in the face of massive opposition to offshore drilling and exploration from over 90 percent of coastal municipalities in the proposed blast zone."

The Obama administration rejected the permits last year because of the known harm seismic air gun blasting causes, Hoskins said.

"President Trump is essentially giving these companies permission to harass, harm and possibly even kill marine life, including the critically endangered North Atlantic right whale — all in the pursuit of dirty and dangerous offshore oil," she said, vowing ongoing opposition.

The American Petroleum Institute, the largest lobbying group for the oil and gas industry, hailed the administration's action and said seismic surveys are just "one of many steps along a rigorous permitting process" that helps to ensure that any future drilling in the Mid-and South Atlantic would be properly managed and conducted to have minimal impact on the marine environment.

The surveys are needed to ensure oil and gas companies "can make the discoveries of resources that our economy will need for decades to come," the group said in a statement.

Ukraine bars entry to Russian men of fighting age **By YURAS KARMANAU and NATALIYA VASILYEVA, Associated Press**

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukraine toughened its stance in its increasingly tense confrontation with Russia on Friday, banning entry to all Russian men of fighting age in what Ukraine's president said was an effort to prevent the Kremlin from destabilizing the country.

The ban will last 30 days — as long as the martial law introduced this week in much of Ukraine after Russia seized three Ukrainian naval vessels and their crews.

The naval incident further escalated the tug-of-war that began in 2014 when Russia annexed Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula and supported separatist rebels in eastern Ukraine. It also has prompted global concern and renewed Western criticism of Russia, with the U.S. and its allies expressing support for Ukraine.

Yet, both sides could gain from this. By opening fire on the Ukrainian vessels, Moscow reinforced its message that Crimea is Russian for good. In Ukraine, President Petro Poroshenko is likely to benefit from the martial law he imposed. His approval ratings have been plummeting ahead of March's presidential election, and playing up the Russian threat could help him get re-elected.

In a meeting with security officials, Poroshenko said the ban targeting men between the ages of 16 and 60 should prevent Russian servicemen disguised as civilians from sneaking into the country as they did

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in Ukraine's east, where Moscow backed the separatist insurgency with troops and weapons in a conflict that has left more than 10,000 people dead.

Ukraine long has imposed entry restrictions on Russian men and the latest move will further tighten them, hurting bilateral trade and other exchanges across the nearly 2,300-kilometer (1,425-mile) border.

Residents of towns and villages on both sides of the frontier make regular cross-border trips to see relatives and shop at local markets, but they won't be able to do so for the duration of the ban.

Cultural exchanges were also caught in cross-fire. Bolshoi Theater's soloist Andrei Merkuriev said he was denied entry to Ukraine to attend a ballet show that he staged in the southern port city of Odessa.

In Russia, officials and lawmakers reacted with dismay but said that they wouldn't retaliate to avoid hurting ordinary Ukrainians.

Poroshenko's move follows Thursday's decision by U.S. President Donald Trump to scrap his much-anticipated meeting with Russian leader Vladimir Putin at the G-20 summit in Buenos Aires. Trump said it wasn't appropriate for him to meet with Putin since Russia hasn't released the Ukrainian ships and their crews.

The latest confrontation began last weekend as the three small vessels tried to pass through the narrow Kerch Strait separating Russia's mainland from Crimea. The Russian coast guard refused to let them pass from the Black Sea into the Sea of Azov, and after many tense hours of maneuvering fired on the Ukrainian boats and seized them along with 24 crewmen. Ukraine charged that its ships were in international waters, while Russia claimed the boats were violating its border.

A Crimean court ruled this week that the Ukrainian seamen will remain behind bars for two months pending Russia's investigation into the clash. Activists said they have been taken to a jail in Moscow.

Russia's Foreign Ministry spokeswoman, Maria Zakharova, claimed Friday that Moscow had demonstrated an exemplary patience, trying to prevent the Ukrainian ships from coming through for most of the weekend.

"Not a single country in the world except us would spend the entire day running after those madmen in its territorial waters, calling them, asking who they were and trying to stop them," she said.

There were signs tensions wouldn't be letting up any time soon. Russian RT television on Friday broadcast footage of a convoy of massive vehicles carrying long-range Bal anti-ship missiles moving toward Kerch, near the area where the naval incident occurred.

Meanwhile, a separate fight has been brewing between Kiev and Moscow over the Orthodox Church.

For centuries, the Ukrainian church has been part of the Russian Orthodox Church. Now, it's moving close to forming an independent church, a momentous step pushed by Poroshenko that would split the world's largest Orthodox denomination. The Russian Orthodox Church and Russian authorities have strongly condemned the move, warning it could trigger sectarian violence.

Ukrainian authorities have sought to portray the Russian Orthodox in Ukraine as supporting Russian-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine — claims that have been rejected by its clerics.

Ukraine's domestic security agency SBU said Friday it had searched the home of Father Pavlo, who leads the ancient Pechersk Monastery in Kiev, for supposedly "inciting hatred," accusations he vehemently denied. The Pechersk Monastery, the main spiritual center of Ukraine, is under the jurisdiction of the Russian Orthodox Church.

"I'm feeling the pressure from all sides. But I would like to assure you that I am part of the holy church and I do not recognize any other church," Father Pavlo said, speaking by the ornate gilded altar at one of the monastery's cathedrals.

The search of the cleric's home came a day after Poroshenko announced that the Constantinople patriarchy had approved a decree granting the Ukrainian Orthodox Church independence from the Russian Orthodox Church, a major boost to the president's approval ratings as he runs for re-election.

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TV holiday joy means 'Wonderful Life,' Reba, romance, Santa

By LYNN ELBER, AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In need of a jolt of holiday joy? Or a comforting spot of romance or silliness or spirituality?

Television has you covered. There are classic old movies ("It's a Wonderful Life") and a sleigh full of new wannabes; Christmas carols galore; the majesty of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir; and, for New Year's Eve homebodies, Manhattan's Times Square ball drop among the possibilities.

Here are some of the highlights to consider (all times EST):

MOVIES:

— "The Christmas Chronicles," streaming now on Netflix. A scheme by a sister and brother (Darby Camp, Judah Lewis) to get videotape of Santa (Kurt Russell) in action turns into a wild Christmas Eve. Oliver Hudson and Kimberly Williams-Paisley also star.

— "Christmas at Pemberley Manor," 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, Hallmark. New York party planner Elizabeth Bennett (Jessica Lowndes) finds her plans for a small town's holiday festival threatened by a billionaire (Michael Rady) lacking good cheer. But, shades of Jane Austen, love may save the day.

— "Merry Wishmas," 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, TV One. A successful businesswoman (Tamela Mann) visits her South Carolina hometown for a break but becomes enmeshed in local drama. David Mann, Kim Fields and Towanda Braxton co-star.

— "Life-Size 2," 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, Freeform. Francia Raisa ("grown-ish") stars as Grace, the young CEO of a toy maker headed for financial trouble. But help is on the way, from a doll (Tyra Banks) magically brought to life.

— "Holiday Inn," 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, Turner Classic Movies. Fred Astaire and Bing Crosby star in this 1942 classic as entertainers who compete in romance.

— "Santa's Boots," 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, Lifetime. Holly (Megan Hilty) is trying to rescue her family's department store and solve the mystery of the handsome Santa (Noah Mills) who bolted, leaving only a boot.

— "It's a Wonderful Life," 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 24, NBC. Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed star in Frank Capra's 1947 fable about appreciating one's life, whatever path it takes. Lionel Barrymore's Mr. Potter and Henry Travers' Clarence the angel are part of the journey.

STOCKING STUFFERS

— "Great Performances: Irving Berlin's Holiday Inn — The Broadway Musical," 8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, PBS. A stage adaptation of the 1942 movie features "White Christmas" and more of Berlin's score.

— "A Charlie Brown Christmas," 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, ABC. Charles M. Schulz's timeless crew is back in the 1965 special that finds Charlie Brown confronting the materialism of Christmas with the help of Linus and, less successfully, Lucy.

— "Ken Jeong Cracks Christmas," Wednesday, Dec. 12, BuzzFeed's YouTube channel. The self-labeled holiday fanatic explores holiday pop-culture myths and more with guests Angela Kinsey, Joel McHale and Harry Schum Jr.

— "Lidia Celebrates America: A Heartland Holiday Feast," 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18, PBS (check local listings). Renowned chef Lidia Bastianich hits the road to seek holiday inspiration from different cultures and regions.

— "A Home for the Holidays: The 20th Anniversary," 8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 21, CBS. The spotlight is again on adoptions of children in foster care, with families sharing their stories and music stars providing the soundtrack.

— "A Christmas Story Live!" 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, Fox. Maya Rudolph, Matthew Broderick and Jane Krakowski star in this repeat airing of the 2017 TV musical inspired by the 1983 movie and a Broadway production. Andy Walken plays BB-gun loving Ralphie.

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

— "CMA Country Christmas," 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10, ABC. Host Reba McEntire is joined by Tony Ben-

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nett, Brett Eldredge, Amy Grant, Diana Krall, Martina McBride, Brad Paisley, The Isaacs and others, with classic songs and new collaborations part of the two-hour show.

— "Pentatonix: A Not So Silent Night," 10 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10, NBC. The vocal group is joined by Kelly Clarkson, the Backstreet Boys, Maren Morris and Penn & Teller on a musical exploration of Las Vegas.

— "Darci Lynne: My Hometown Christmas," 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, NBC. Singer-ventriloquist Darci Lynne Farmer, an "America's Got Talent" champion, celebrates the holiday with guests including Kristin Chenoweth, Toby Keith, Hunter Hayes and electronic violinist Lindsey Stirling.

— "Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir," Monday, Dec. 17, PBS and BYUtv (check local listings). Actress-singer Sutton Foster is the guest artist and Hugh Bonneville ("Downton Abbey") is the narrator for an evening including carols and a reading of the Christmas story from the Book of Luke.

— "Great Performances from Vienna: The New Year's Celebration 2019," 9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 1, PBS. Bonneville is back as host of this Vienna Philharmonic concert with conductor Christian Thielemann, featuring Strauss family waltzes and the Vienna City Ballet.

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— "That's Entertainment!" marathon, 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, TCM. Hosts Ben Mankiewicz, Eddie Muller, Alicia Malone and Dave Karger present the trio of films that revisit the MGM studio's glory days.

— "Live from Lincoln Center: New York Philharmonic New Year's Eve with Renee Fleming," 9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31. The orchestra and opera great Fleming join in a celebration of classical music and dance.

— "NBC's New Year's Eve," 10 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, NBC. Hosts Carson Daly and Chrissy Teigen will be joined by Leslie Jones in New York City, with Keith Urban hosting and performing from Nashville's Bicentennial State Park. More artists were to be announced.

— "Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve with Ryan Seacrest 2019," 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, ABC. The special hosted by Seacrest promises five-plus hours of performances and updates on celebrations around the world. Jenny McCarthy will be on hand to share her observations.

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AP FACT CHECK: 11 Trump climate goofs and 1 correct claim

By **SETH BORENSTEIN, AP Science Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's elemental. President Donald Trump got his facts about earth, water, air and fire wrong as he and his aides spent a week attacking the White House climate report.

In interviews and off-the-cuff remarks, public statements and briefings, the president and the White House made a dozen discernible claims about the National Climate Assessment that the White House quietly issued on the day after Thanksgiving. Only one was supported by facts.

Here are 11 ways that the president bungled the basics of climate change, the Earth and of science itself. At the end of this list, you can read what the White House got right.

TRUMP: "I don't believe it," he said Monday. Then on Tuesday he told The Washington Post: "One of the problems that a lot of people like myself, we have very high levels of intelligence, but we're not necessarily such believers."

THE FACTS: The president implies that belief is essential to the climate change issue. What to do about it is a matter of debate. But science, unlike faith, works regardless of whether someone believes it.

"Science is not a belief system," said University of Georgia meteorology professor Marshall Shepherd, a past president of the American Meteorological Society. He added that if someone doesn't believe in gravity, "guess what happens if you fall off a ladder."

TRUMP: "And when you're talking about an atmosphere, oceans are very small," he told The Washington Post.

THE FACTS: Oceans are plainly huge. About two-thirds of Earth's surface is ocean. The overall atmosphere that circles the globe is bigger and deeper, but the oceans are much weightier. Also, 90 percent of

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the heat added in recent decades to the climate system from global warming has gone into the oceans, said Stanford University climate scientist Noah Diffenbaugh.

Added Princeton University geosciences professor Michael Oppenheimer: "The oceans' mass is about 300,000 times more than the atmosphere."

TRUMP: "If you go back and if you look at articles, they talked about global freezing, they talked about at some point the planets could have freeze to death, then it's going to die of heat exhaustion." — Post interview.

THE FACTS: The president is referring to the 1970s when some mainstream media articles were speculating that the planet was cooling because of increasing air pollution blocking the sun, said Oregon State University climate scientist Phil Mote.

Even then, when much less was known about climate change, 44 peer-reviewed scientific papers published between 1965 and 1979 said the world was warming and only seven talked of cooling, according to a 2008 study in the Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society.

TRUMP: "As to whether or not it's man-made and whether or not the effects that you're talking about are there, I don't see it — not nearly like it is." — Post interview.

THE FACTS: The climate assessment from his White House said more than 90 percent of the warming is from humans. The climate report said "there are no credible explanations" for the changing climate other than human causes. Other international and national science reports say the same thing.

SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS, Trump press secretary: The report is "not based on facts. ... it's not data driven."

THE FACTS: That's not so. Data, including observations of temperature, sea level rise and numerous other indicators, are throughout the report.

"The report is deeply grounded in facts," Stanford's Diffenbaugh said. "In fact, much of the evidence in the report arises from historical climate changes that have already been observed through direct measurements, making the report deeply data driven."

SANDERS: "Modeling the climate is an extremely complicated science that is never exact" and the report is "based on modeling, which is extremely hard to do when you're talking about the climate."

THE FACTS: "It may not be exact but the modeling is good enough to know we have a serious problem," said University of Illinois atmospheric sciences professor Donald Wuebbles, one of the authors of the climate assessment. "We design airplanes and cars with inexact models so being exact is not a necessity."

LINDSAY WALTERS, deputy press secretary: "The report is largely based on the most extreme scenario, which contradicts long-established trends by assuming that, despite strong economic growth that would increase greenhouse gas emissions, there would be limited technology and innovation, and a rapidly expanding population."

THE FACTS: The report addresses different scenarios. The worst scenario, used by scientists for more than a decade, is often thought of as business as usual and for years was the trajectory Earth was on. Another scenario is based on moderate cuts globally in emissions, which are more than have been achieved or even pledged in the 2015 Paris agreement. The Earth is now somewhere between those two scenarios. The report also includes a "very low scenario," which is far from what's happening now.

For example, when addressing how warm the globe will get, the report gives three scenarios and three ranges of temperatures.

WALTERS: "To better assess the potential future effects of climate change, we need to focus on improving the transparency and accuracy of our modeling and projections."

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THE FACTS: "No one has hidden anything," said University of Oklahoma meteorology professor Jason Furtado. "All studies referred to in the report are available in published journals and accessible to all who want them. All studies funded with federal monies are public domain, including all coding and data/model output produced."

TRUMP: "You look at our air and water and it's right now at a record clean. But when you look at parts of Asia and when you look at South America, and when you look at many other places in this world, including Russia, including just many other places, the air is incredibly dirty." __ Post interview.

THE FACTS: He's wrong about record clean air. Trump's own Environmental Protection Agency's data show that in 2017, among 35 major U.S. cities, there were 729 cases of "unhealthy days for ozone and fine particle pollution." That's up 22 percent from 2014 and the worst year since 2012. Data for 2018 is not complete, but this month in California people were wearing breathing masks to filter out the wildfire-caused pollution in Northern California.

When it comes to smog, in 2016 the United States averaged 66 parts of ozone per billion parts of air, when weighted by population density, according to the State of Global Air 2018 report by the Health Effects Institute. That's worse than Russia, Japan and Brazil. When averaged out for population, China's smog level was the same as the U.S. But America was far cleaner than all those countries for another air pollutant: soot.

TRUMP: "I mean, we take thousands of tons of garbage off our beaches all the time that comes over from Asia. It just flows right down the Pacific, it flows, and we say where does this come from?" __ Post interview.

THE FACTS: Singling out Asia for America's dirty Pacific beaches is an evasion.

Pacific currents do bring some trash from Asia, most noticeably during the 2011 tsunami, but it is rare that scientists can trace trash to a specific geographic location, said oceanographer Kara Lavender Law at the Sea Education Association, who said Trump's "statement is not supported by the data."

Americans dirty their own coastlines because "we produce double more trash per person than most of the people living in Southeast Asia," said Jenna Jambeck, a University of Georgia environmental engineering expert who studies marine debris.

TRUMP: "The fire in California, where I was, if you looked at the floor, the floor of the fire they have trees that were fallen, they did no forest management, no forest maintenance, and you can light — you can take a match like this and light a tree trunk when that thing is laying there for more than 14 or 15 months. And it's a massive problem in California." __ Post interview.

THE FACTS: Good luck lighting a dead tree with a match. More broadly, the lack of forest management — by which he means clearing dead trees and brush — is not the main cause of the worst California wildfires. A severe, years-long drought and rising temperatures are at the core of the problem.

"Both the US Forest Service and the CalFire have fuel reduction programs, so it's incorrect to say that there's 'no forest management,'" said Phillip Dennison, a fire science professor at the University of Utah. "In the specific cases of the Camp and Woolsey Fires, forest management practices were not a primary factor in determining the size of the fires or the destruction that they wrought."

"As anyone who has built a campfire knows, you don't use a match to ignite a log, not matter how dry it is," Dennison said. "Instead you use kindling to get the fire hot enough to burn the log. For fire danger, we're much more concerned about the fine fuels — the small stuff — than we are tree trunks. Fine fuels carry fires forward."

WALTERS: The United States is "leading the world in reducing carbon dioxide emissions."

THE FACTS: "This is actually true," said Glen Peters, research director at the Center for International Climate Research in Norway. Whether calculating from 2005 or 2010, the U.S. has cut more carbon dioxide emissions than Europe, while China and India's emissions have gone up. China's emissions are slowing

and close to peaking.

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Charges in death of anti-gang crusader who lost her daughter

By MICHAEL R. SISAk, Associated Press

CENTRAL ISLIP, N.Y. (AP) — A woman who drove her SUV over a New York mother saluted by President Donald Trump for her crusade against MS-13 gang violence pleaded not guilty Friday to a charge of criminally negligent homicide.

Annamarie Drago, a 58-year-old nurse, surrendered to police in the morning and appeared in court with her hands cuffed behind her back.

She also faces charges of criminal mischief and petit larceny in the Sept. 14 confrontation that led to the death of Evelyn Rodriguez, who became a symbol in the fight against gang violence after her 16-year-old daughter, Kayla Cuevas, was hacked and beaten to death along with a friend on a suburban Long Island street.

Prosecutors said Rodriguez was killed as she angrily confronted Drago for trashing a memorial set up for the second anniversary of the girl's death near the spot where she was slain.

The fatal SUV strike was recorded by a television news crew that was rolling as dignitaries, including a congressman, prepared to head to the scene in Brentwood for a vigil.

Drago, a mother of two, stood silently in a gray winter coat as her lawyer entered the plea on her behalf. The top charge carries a maximum penalty of four years in prison.

Her lawyer, Stephen Kunken, called the matter a "tragic accident" and said Drago extended her condolences to Rodriguez's family.

Drago hid in the corner of an elevator, surrounded by court officers, after she was freed following the hearing. She ignored shouted questions from reporters.

"When all the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident are revealed, it will be shown that my client's actions that day were neither intentional nor reckless," Kunken said. "She is hopeful, and I am confident, that she will be found not guilty of any criminal conduct."

Assistant District Attorney Marc Lindemann said Drago was selling her mother's home near where Kayla's body was found in 2016 and was worried the memorial would scare off the buyers.

Drago tossed candles in the trash, popped balloons decorated with messages such as "My Angel" and "Mommy and Daddy Love You" and stuffed a large floral arrangement in her car hours before the deadly confrontation, Lindemann said.

A neighbor saw the destruction and alerted Rodriguez, who showed up with Kayla's father, Freddy Cuevas. According to prosecutors, Rodriguez demanded that Drago return what was taken.

Video of the confrontation showed Rodriguez, 50, and Cuevas shouting and gesturing and standing in front of Drago's car, blocking her from driving away.

Rodriguez was about a half-step from the front tire and Cuevas was circling around the back when the vehicle lurched forward, striking her. Drago remained at the scene and called 911.

"As she put up the memorial, Evelyn had no idea that she would be joining Kayla that day," Lindemann said in court.

Drago's sale of the home closed the day of Rodriguez's funeral. Drago's cut was \$19,000, Lindemann said.

"This is not a case where anyone is left wondering what happened," Suffolk County District Attorney Tim Sini said. "We know exactly what happened here. The question was: Let's make sure we have all the answers, that we know all the circumstances before we make a decision as how to proceed."

Rodriguez's death came two years to the day after her daughter's body was found, a short distance from the corpse of her best friend, 15-year-old Nisa Mickens.

Their deaths brought sudden attention to a string of killings of teenagers in the Long Island suburbs that had largely gone unnoticed and, in some cases, uninvestigated by police.

After he became president, Trump visited Brentwood and vowed a national crackdown on MS-13. He recognized Rodriguez, Cuevas and Mickens' parents at the State of the Union address in January. After Rodriguez died, he tweeted condolences to her family and friends.

Freddy Cuevas said after the arraignment that "justice was served today, in a way."

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China's Uighurs told to share beds, meals with party members

By **DAKE KANG and YANAN WANG, Associated Press**

ISTANBUL (AP) — The two women in the photograph were smiling, but Halmurat Idris knew something was terribly wrong.

One was his 39-year-old sister; standing at her side was an elderly woman Idris did not know. Their grins were tight-lipped, mirthless. Her sister had posted the picture on a social media account along with a caption punctuated by a smiley-face.

"Look, I have a Han Chinese mother now!" his sister wrote.

Idris knew instantly: The old woman was a spy, sent by the Chinese government to infiltrate his family.

There are many like her. According to the ruling Communist Party's official newspaper, as of the end of September, 1.1 million local government workers have been deployed to ethnic minorities' living rooms, dining areas and Muslim prayer spaces, not to mention at weddings, funerals and other occasions once considered intimate and private.

All this is taking place in China's far west region of Xinjiang, home to the predominantly Muslim, Turkic-speaking Uighurs, who have long reported discrimination at the hands of the country's majority Han Chinese.

While government notices about the "Pair Up and Become Family" program portray it as an affectionate cultural exchange, Uighurs living in exile in Turkey said their loved ones saw the campaign as a chilling intrusion into the only place that they once felt safe.

They believe the program is aimed at coercing China's 10 million Uighurs into living secular lives like the Han majority. Anything diverging from the party's prescribed lifestyle can be viewed by authorities as a sign of potential extremism — from suddenly giving up smoking or alcohol, to having an "abnormal" beard or an overly religious name.

Under Chinese President Xi Jinping, the Uighur homeland has been blanketed with stifling surveillance, from armed checkpoints on street corners to facial-recognition-equipped CCTV cameras steadily surveying passers-by. Now, Uighurs say, they must live under the watchful eye of the ruling Communist Party even inside their own homes.

"The government is trying to destroy that last protected space in which Uighurs have been able to maintain their identity," said Joanne Smith Finley, an ethnographer at England's Newcastle University.

The Associated Press spoke to five Uighurs living in Istanbul who shared the experiences of their family members in Xinjiang who have had to host Han Chinese civil servants. These accounts are based on prior communications with their family members, the majority of whom have since cut off contact because Uighurs can be punished for speaking to people abroad.

The Uighurs abroad said their loved ones were constantly on edge in their own homes, knowing that any misstep — a misplaced Quran, a carelessly spoken word — could lead to detention or worse. In the presence of these faux relatives, their family members could not pray or wear religious garbs, and the cadres were privy to their every move.

The thought of it — and the sight of his sister, the old woman and their false smiles — made Idris queasy.

"I wanted to throw up," said the 49-year-old petroleum engineer, shaking his head in disgust.

"The moment I saw the old woman, I thought, 'Ugh, this person is our enemy.' If your enemy became your mother, think about it — how would you feel?"

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Tensions between Muslim minorities and Han Chinese have bubbled over in recent years, resulting in violent attacks pegged to Uighur separatists and a fierce government crackdown on broadly defined "extremism" that has placed as many as 1 million Muslims in internment camps, according to estimates by experts and a human rights group.

Uighurs say the omnipresent threat of being sent to one of these centers, which are described as political indoctrination camps by former detainees, looms large in their relatives' minds when they are forced to welcome party members into their homes.

Last December, Xinjiang authorities organized a "Becoming Family Week" which placed more than 1 million cadres in minority households. Government reports on the program gushed about the warm "family reunions," as public servants and Uighurs shared meals and even beds.

Another notice showed photos of visitors helping Uighur children with their homework and cooking meals for their "families." The caption beneath a photo of three women lying in bed, clad in pajamas, said the cadre was "sleeping with her relatives in their cozy room."

A different photo showed two women "studying the 19th Party Congress and walking together into the new era" — a nod to when Xi's name was enshrined in the party constitution alongside the likes of Deng Xiaoping and Mao Zedong.

Becoming Family Week turned out to be a test run for a standardized homestay program. The Xinjiang United Front Work Department said in February that government workers should live with their assigned families every two months, for five days at a time.

The United Front, a Communist Party agency, indicates in the notice that the program is mandatory for cadres. Likewise, Idris and other interviewees said their families understood that they would be deemed extremists if they refused to take part.

Cadres, who are generally civilians working in the public sector, are directed to attend important family events such as the naming of newborns, circumcisions, weddings and funerals of close relatives. They must have a firm grasp of each family member's ideological state, social activities, religion, income, their challenges and needs, as well as basic details on immediate relatives, the notice said.

Families were to be paid a daily rate of 20 to 50 yuan (\$2.80 to \$7.80) to cover the cost of meals shared with their newfound relatives. Some families might be paired with two or three cadres at a time, according to the notice, and the regularly mandated house calls could be supplanted with trips to the local party office.

A February piece on the Communist Party's official news site said: "The vast majority of party cadres are not only living inside villagers' homes, but also living inside the hearts of the masses."

Overseas Uighurs said the "visits" to their relatives' homes often lasted longer than five days, and they were closely monitored the whole time. The cadres would ask their family members where they were going and who they were meeting whenever they wanted to leave the house.

"They couldn't pray," said Abduzahir Yunus, a 23-year-old Uighur originally from Urumqi, Xinjiang's capital. "Praying or even having a Quran at home could endanger the whole family."

Yunus, who now lives in Istanbul, said his father used to lament to him about being visited three to four times a week by the administrator of his neighborhood committee, a middle-aged Han Chinese man. The surprise house calls began in 2016, and it was "impossible to say no," Yunus said. They often coincided with times traditionally designated for prayer.

"Their aim is to assimilate us," Yunus said. "They want us to eat like them, sleep like them and dress like them."

After Yunus's parents and older brother were detained, only Yunus's sister-in-law and 5-year-old brother remained in the house. Around the beginning of 2018, the Han Chinese man started staying with them full-time.

Uighurs said they were particularly repulsed by the thought of male visitors living under the same roof as their female relatives and children — a practice contrary to their faith. Women and kids are sometimes the only ones left at home after male family members are sent to internment camps.

In recent years, the government has even encouraged Uighurs and Han Chinese to tie the knot.

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Starting in 2014, Han-Uighur spouses in one county were eligible to receive 10,000 yuan (\$1,442) annually for up to five years following the registration of their marriage license.

Such marriages are highly publicized. The party committee in Luopu county celebrated the marriage of a Uighur woman and a "young lad" from Henan in an official social media account in October 2017. The man, Wang Linkai, had been recruited through a program that brought university graduates to work in the southern Xinjiang city of Hotan.

"They will let ethnic unity forever bloom in their hearts," the party committee's post said. "Let ethnic unity become one's own flesh and blood."

Not all "Become Family" pairings involve Han Chinese visitors. A Uighur cadre named Gu Li said she regularly pays visits to a Uighur household, staying three to five days at a time.

"We've already started calling each other family," she said in a telephone interview from Xinjiang. "China's 56 ethnic groups are all one family."

Gu said civil servants of many ethnicities — Uighur, Han and Kazakh — participate in the program.

All government employees in the region are required to conduct such visits in order to better understand villagers' needs, according to Gu: "Because we're always sitting in our offices, we don't know what they really need. Only through penetrating the masses can we truly serve them."

As with many of the government's other initiatives in Xinjiang, the "Pair Up and Become Family" program is presented as a way to rescue Muslim minorities from poverty. Public servants show up at homes bearing bags of rice and gallons of cooking oil, and their duties include helping with chores and farm work.

Xu Jing, an employee at Turpan city's environmental bureau, recounted her shock after entering her assigned relative's home. Xu said the only light in the residence came from a small window, and she realized that Xasiyet Hoshur wasn't lying when she said she lived on 3,000 yuan (\$433) a year.

"But it's OK, everything is getting better," Xu wrote in her reflection, published on Turpan's government site. Hoshur's daughter was attending university on a 5,000 yuan (\$722) national scholarship.

On the one hand, China maintains that employment and living standards are key to warding off the temptations of religious extremism. On the other hand, official descriptions of the visitation and homestay program are laden with suggestions that the ethnic minority families are uncivilized and that their way of life needs to be corrected.

One notice, first highlighted by University of Washington ethnographer Darren Byler, focused on a Uighur family's use of a raised, cloth-covered platform for eating and working. In traditional Uighur culture, this setup is preferable to a table, but the testimonial published by the Xinjiang Communist Youth League said frequent use of the platform was "inconvenient" and "unhealthy."

The post quoted a cadre saying: "Even though we already purchased a TV and rice oil for our relatives, after living with our relatives for a few days, we still insisted on using our own money to buy our relatives a table and lamp."

In the People's Daily, a Uighur baker in Kashgar named Ablimit Ablipiz was quoted praising the party for improving his habits. "Ever since these cadres started living in my home, we've picked up a lot of know-how about food safety and hygiene," Ablipiz said.

Uighurs must also conform culturally. Over the Lunar New Year, an important Chinese holiday not traditionally celebrated by Uighurs, cadres encouraged households to hang lanterns and sing "red songs," ballads honoring the party's revolutionary history. Byler said families could not ask whether the meat was halal and acceptable to Muslims when they had to make or eat dumplings for the festival.

Thousands of miles away, in Turkey, Uighur relatives in exile watch what is happening with dread.

Earlier this year, Ablikim Abliz studied a photo of his uncle's family gathered around a table. Clad in thick winter jackets, his uncle and the smiling Han Chinese man beside him both held chubby-faced children in their laps.

His uncle had posted the photo to his WeChat page along with the caption "Han Chinese brother."

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The 58-year-old Abliz said his entire extended family in China has been sent to internment camps. When he saw his uncle's photo, his first reaction was relief. If his uncle had been assigned a Han family member, Abliz thought, that meant he was safe.

But the consolation was short-lived. A friend who tried to visit his uncle in Turpan this summer told Abliz that his uncle's front door was boarded up and sealed with police tape. Abliz has not been able to reach any of his family members since.

As for Idris, he fears that his sister is living under immense pressure with her Han Chinese "mother." Shortly after her sister's first post about her new relatives, a friend responded on WeChat: "I also have one! You guys better be careful!"

The same friend later posted photos of herself and a Han Chinese woman doing a Chinese fan dance, playing the drums and wearing traditional Han clothing.

His sister would never have volunteered for such a program, Idris said. She and his younger sister had been trying to get passports to bring their children to Turkey and reunite with Idris, but their applications were not accepted.

Last summer, both of his sisters deleted him on WeChat. A few months later, his aunt deleted him, too. For more than a year, Idris has not been able to communicate with his relatives. He wonders, with growing unease, how they're getting along with their new "family."

As 1 brother thrived, the other struggled before slayings

By WAYNE PARRY and MARYCLAIRE DALE, Associated Press

FREEHOLD, N.J. (AP) — A New Jersey businessman was financially sound and had no reason to kill his brother's family, defense lawyers said Friday, but an emerging picture of their lives suggests their bond as business partners could have frayed as one thrived and the other struggled years after a serious car accident.

Paul Caneiro, 51, limped into court Friday to plead not guilty to killing Keith Caneiro, 50; Keith's wife, Jennifer; and their two young children two days before they were to host Thanksgiving at their sleek \$1.5 million mansion in Colts Neck. He also pleaded not guilty to arson charges stemming from the fires set at both their homes.

Prosecutors have called the motive for the slayings "financial." However, defense lawyers said they have no evidence Paul Caneiro was financially strapped. He owns a \$550,000 suburban home with an in-ground pool and a white Porsche convertible parked in the driveway, and helped run two family businesses.

"Paul Caneiro loved his brother, loved his sister-in-law like a sister, loved those children, and would never do anything to harm them," attorney Mitchell Ansell said after Friday's hearing. "There's no reason on earth for him to have harmed them."

His client said little in court except to answer "yes," "no" or "I do" to a series of procedural questions.

A friend said that the accident about five years ago left Paul Caneiro "immobilized" for a time, and that he'd had repeated surgeries, and taken painkillers, for injuries to his back, legs and knees.

"He was never, never the same person after he got in that accident," the friend, New York-based hairstylist Demetris Potamianos, said Thursday. "It was bad. It was bad for a very long time."

Paul Caneiro moved out of his family's Ocean Township home for about six months this year but had recently moved back in, said Potamianos, 44, who has been friends with the extended Caneiro family for years. He called them smart, close-knit and unassuming.

"I know it looks very bad (for) Paul at this point, but knowing both of the families, I can't put it together why would he do this horrific crime," he said. "(Keith) was just a simple person. Why would somebody get jealous of him? ... He was never a show-off."

The killings have startled the affluent horse-country community of Colts Neck, home to Bruce Springsteen and where former "Daily Show" host Jon Stewart and his wife run an animal sanctuary.

Authorities say Paul Caneiro shot his brother, shot and stabbed his sister-in-law, and stabbed the children before dawn Nov. 20, then set the mansion on fire and returned home to set fire to his own home as his

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wife and two adult daughters slept upstairs. After his arrest in that fire the next day, his lawyers said his family believed he had rescued them.

They were not in court Friday, lawyer Robert Honecker said, because their testimony wasn't needed when Caneiro waived a detention hearing.

Caneiro sat stone-faced as Assistant Prosecutor Christopher Decker read the charges. A judge ordered him to remain at the Monmouth County jail at least until a hearing in late January.

The brothers had started a computer consulting business in Brooklyn that had grown to have 26 employees by 2001, with clients including Citibank. They had renamed it Square One, and moved to the quieter New Jersey suburbs. They married and started families - with each brother standing up for the other at their weddings - and added a pest control company along the way.

Paul Caneiro was lately a frequent presence at their small offices in Asbury Park, where Square One now had just a few employees, while Keith Caneiro more often worked from home.

In recent years, Keith Caneiro had earned undergraduate and graduate degrees through Columbia University; started working out with a trainer and lost weight; and spent time with his family on Greece's Aegina island, where his wife's father grew up and they hoped to retire.

Aspire Fitness owner Brian Bott said Keith was a fun-loving fixture in the mornings since joining the gym four years ago. He was excited about some job interviews he had lined up since getting his master's degree this year. Bott did not know if Keith hoped to move on or continue working with Paul on the side.

"Every once in a while, he'd talk about business, or having a stressful day at work. But nothing relative to something like this," said Bott, who posted an online video after the deaths of Keith doing push-ups with his young daughter Sophia on his back.

Jennifer Caneiro also worked out there, as did Paul's wife and daughters. But Paul was hampered by mobility issues. He hadn't been able to travel to Greece for the family excursions but hoped to be well enough to go soon, according to Potamianos, who's also from Aegina.

Prosecutors haven't elaborated on the alleged financial motives behind the crimes. They said Paul Caneiro set the fire at his own home to destroy evidence and to make it appear someone was targeting his extended family. He was at the police station being interviewed about that fire when the smoldering fire erupted at his brother's house just after noon, hours after investigators think it was set, and the bodies were discovered.

Funerals for the family, including 11-year-old Jesse and 8-year-old Sophia, are planned Sunday.

Jennifer Caneiro's father, Vlassis Karidis of New York City's Staten Island, told Potamianos in a text last week: "I lost everything I had in this life. And you lost friends that really, really loved you."

"I broke down in tears," Potamianos said.

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Saudi prince gets chummy, stern receptions at G-20 summit

By PETER ORSI, Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — All eyes were on Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman at the Group of 20 summit on Friday as he made his first major overseas appearance since the killing of a dissident journalist in his country's consulate in Istanbul.

Would he be welcomed warmly? Or shunned after U.S. intelligence agencies concluded he ordered the grisly slaying of Jamal Khashoggi, which his country denies? So far, it's been a mixed bag.

Russian President Vladimir Putin and bin Salman shared a chummy, enthusiastic greeting, beaming widely and clapping hands in something of a cross between a handshake and a high-five. The crown prince patted Putin's hand three times for emphasis as the two leaders took their seats next to each other.

Putin and bin Salman are among the two most controversial figures at the summit in Buenos Aires, having both come under international criticism recently, and they seemed to bond over the shared experience. In Putin's case, it was about his country's weekend seizure of Ukrainian ships and their crews near Crimea.

However, French President Emmanuel Macron took a cooler, more confrontational stance when he came

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face-to-face with the Saudi crown prince.

In a seemingly awkward and tense exchange, Macron pressed bin Salman on the Khashoggi investigation and the Saudi-backed war in Yemen.

Bin Salman told Macron not to worry, but Macron replied, "I am worried."

An official in Macron's office said the exchange captured on video and transcripts circulating on social media "show well the president's firm stance."

She did not question the authenticity of the transcripts, which included Macron saying to the prince, "You never listen to me," "Because I told you ..." and "I am a man of my word."

Another French official said Macron confronted bin Salman as soon as he saw him enter, calculating that it was better to address his concerns than to ignore them or shun the prince.

Both officials spoke on condition they not be named in line with standard French government policy.

U.S. President Donald Trump has made it clear that he doesn't want to jeopardize the longstanding relationship between Washington and Riyadh.

Asked if he had talked to bin Salman on Friday, Trump replied: "We had no discussion. We might, but we had none."

A senior White House official said the two exchanged pleasantries.

Saudi-owned broadcaster Al Arabiya posted video on Twitter showing a cordial handshake between bin Salman and Chinese President Xi Jinping as the two held a bilateral meeting.

Associated Press writer Angela Charlton in Buenos Aires contributed to this report.

Cohen confesses to lying about Trump Tower Moscow deal

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The surprise plea agreement with President Donald Trump's former lawyer made clear that prosecutors believe Michael Cohen was continuing to pursue the Trump Tower Moscow project weeks after his boss had clinched the Republican nomination for president and while investigators believe Russians were meddling in the 2016 election on his behalf.

Cohen confessed in his guilty plea that he lied to Congress about the Moscow real estate deal he pursued on Trump's behalf during the heat of the 2016 Republican campaign. He said he lied to be consistent with Trump's "political messaging."

Cohen said he discussed the proposal with Trump on multiple occasions and with members of the president's family, according to documents filed by special counsel Robert Mueller, who is investigating Russian interference in the presidential election and possible coordination with the Trump campaign. Cohen acknowledged considering traveling to Moscow to discuss the project.

There is no clear link in the court filings between Cohen's lies and Mueller's central question of whether the Trump campaign colluded with Russia. And nothing said in court on Thursday, or in associated court filings, addressed whether Trump or his aides had directed Cohen to mislead Congress.

Still, the case underscores how Trump's business entity, the Trump Organization, was negotiating business in Moscow well beyond the point that had been previously acknowledged and that associates of the president were mining Russian connections during the race.

Trump, who's in Argentina for the Group of 20 summit, on Friday blasted the investigation in which Cohen pleaded guilty. In a tweet, Trump recalled "happily living my life" as a developer before running for president after seeing the "Country going in the wrong direction (to put it mildly)."

"Against all odds," he continued, "I decide to run for President & continue to run my business-very legal & very cool, talked about it on the campaign trail. Lightly looked at doing a building somewhere in Russia. Put up zero money, zero guarantees and didn't do the project. Witch Hunt!"

The Cohen revelation comes as Mueller's investigation is showing fresh signs of aggressive activity. Earlier this week, Mueller's team accused Trump's former campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, of lying after his own guilty plea, which Manafort denies. The special counsel continues to investigate whether campaign associates had advance knowledge of hacked emails becoming public. Another potential target, Jerome

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Corsi, has rejected a plea offer and faces a possible indictment. Last week, Trump for the first time provided Mueller with responses to written questions.

Cohen is the first person charged by Mueller with lying to Congress, an indication the special counsel is prepared to treat that offense as seriously as lying to federal agents and a warning shot to dozens of others who have appeared before lawmakers.

Cohen told two congressional committees last year that the talks about the tower project ended in January 2016, a lie he said was an act of loyalty to Trump. In fact, the negotiations continued until June 2016, Cohen acknowledged.

His court appearance Thursday marked the latest step in his evolution from trusted Trump consigliere to prime antagonist. Prosecutors say Cohen is cooperating with Mueller and has met with his team at least seven times. It is the second time the lawyer's legal woes have entangled Trump, coming months after Cohen said the Republican president directed him to make hush money payments to two women who said they had sex with Trump.

Trump on Thursday called Cohen a "weak person" who was lying to get a lighter sentence and stressed that the real estate deal at issue was never a secret and never executed. His lawyer Rudy Giuliani said that Cohen was a "proven liar" and that Trump's business organization had voluntarily given Mueller the documents cited in the guilty plea "because there was nothing to hide."

"There would be nothing wrong if I did do it," Trump said of pursuing the project. "I was running my business while I was campaigning. There was a good chance that I wouldn't have won, in which case I would have gone back into the business, and why should I lose lots of opportunities?"

He said the primary reason he didn't pursue it was "I was focused on running for president."

About an hour later, Trump canceled a planned meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin at the Group of 20 summit.

During the campaign, while publicly espousing a conciliatory relationship with Putin, Trump was repeatedly dismissive of claims that he had connections to the Kremlin, an issue that flared as especially sensitive in the summer of 2016 after the Democratic National Committee and a cybersecurity company asserted that Moscow was behind a punishing cyberattack on the party's network.

"I have a great company. I built an unbelievable company, but if you look there you'll see there's nothing in Russia," Trump said at a July 2016 news conference.

"But zero, I mean I will tell you right now, zero, I have nothing to do with Russia," he said.

Mueller's team included a question about Russian real estate deals in a list of queries presented earlier this year to Trump's lawyers, but it was not immediately clear whether it was among the questions Trump answered last week. If he did answer questions on the topic, Trump could have problems if the responses deviate from prosecutors' factual narrative.

The Cohen case in New York is the first charge filed by the special counsel since the appointment of Matthew Whitaker, who has spoken critically about the investigation, as acting attorney general with oversight of the probe. Whitaker was advised of the plea ahead of time, according to a person familiar with the investigation.

The nine-page charging document traces behind-the-scenes communication about a project that had first been discussed more than 20 years ago. It almost became reality in October 2015 when an obscure Russian real estate developer signed a letter of intent sent by Cohen for a 15-floor hotel, condominium and retail complex in Moscow.

Cohen looped in Trump's adult children Donald Trump Jr. and Ivanka Trump, copying them on emails about it in late 2015, according to a person close to the Trump Organization. In one email, Ivanka Trump even suggested an architect for the building, the person said. The company's email traffic about the project ends in January 2016, said the person, who wasn't authorized to speak publicly and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

On Jan. 14, 2016, just weeks before the Republican party caucuses in Iowa, Cohen emailed the office of Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov asking for help getting the Trump Tower Moscow project off the ground. He later had a 20-minute phone call with one of Peskov's assistants and asked for help "in secur-

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ing land to build the proposed tower and financing the construction," prosecutors say.

The dialogue continued over the next several months with the Republican primaries in full swing.

In early May, prosecutors say, Cohen and Felix Sater, an executive who worked on and off for the Trump Organization, discussed having Trump visit Russia after the Republican National Convention. They also discussed the possibility of Cohen meeting in June with Putin and Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev.

On June 9, 2016, Trump Jr., Manafort and Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, met with a Kremlin-connected lawyer at Trump Tower in New York about getting "dirt" on Democrat Hillary Clinton. Around that time, prosecutors say, Sater sent Cohen several messages about the project and Cohen said he wouldn't be traveling then to Russia.

On June 14, the DNC announced that its computer networks were penetrated by Russian hackers.

Cohen and prosecutors referred to Trump as "Individual 1" throughout Thursday's proceedings. Cohen said he lied out of loyalty to "Individual 1."

Cohen said he also lied about his contacts with Russian officials and lied when he said he never agreed to travel to Russia in connection with the project and never discussed with Trump plans to travel to Moscow to support the project.

Thursday's charges were handled by Mueller, not the federal prosecutors in New York who handled Cohen's previous guilty plea in August to other federal charges involving his taxi businesses, bank fraud and campaign work for Trump. Cohen is to be sentenced Dec. 12. Guidelines call for little to no prison time on the new charge.

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Today in History By The Associated Press

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Today is Saturday, Dec. 1, the 335th day of 2018. There are 30 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 1, 1955, Rosa Parks, a black seamstress, was arrested after refusing to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Alabama, city bus; the incident sparked a year-long boycott of the buses by blacks.

On this date:

In 1824, the presidential election was turned over to the U.S. House of Representatives when a deadlock developed between John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, William H. Crawford and Henry Clay. (Adams ended up the winner.)

In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln sent his Second Annual Message to Congress, in which he called for the abolition of slavery, and went on to say, "Fellow-citizens, we can not escape history. We of this Congress and this Administration will be remembered in spite of ourselves."

In 1941, Japan's Emperor Hirohito approved waging war against the United States, Britain and the Netherlands after his government rejected U.S. demands contained in the Hull Note.

In 1942, during World War II, nationwide gasoline rationing went into effect in the United States; the goal was not so much to save on gas, but to conserve rubber (as in tires) that was desperately needed for the war effort.

In 1952, the New York Daily News ran a front-page story on Christine Jorgensen's sex-reassignment surgery with the headline, "Ex-GI Becomes Blonde Beauty".

In 1965, an airlift of refugees from Cuba to the United States began in which thousands of Cubans were allowed to leave their homeland.

In 1969, the U.S. government held its first draft lottery since World War II.

In 1989, Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev met with Pope John Paul II at the Vatican.

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In 1990, British and French workers digging the Channel Tunnel between their countries finally met after knocking out a passage in a service tunnel.

In 1992, a judge in Mineola, New York, sentenced Amy Fisher to 5 to 15 years in prison for shooting and seriously wounding her lover's wife, Mary Jo Buttafuoco (buh-tuh-FYOO'-koh). (Fisher served seven years.)

In 1997, a 14-year-old boy opened fire on a prayer circle at Heath High School in West Paducah, Kentucky, killing three fellow students and wounding five; the shooter is serving a life sentence.

In 2004, Tom Brokaw signed off for the last time as principal anchor of the "N-B-C Nightly News"; he was succeeded by Brian Williams.

Ten years ago: The National Bureau of Economic Research officially declared the U.S. to be in a recession; the Dow industrials lost 679 points to end a five-day win streak. President-elect Barack Obama announced his national security team, including Hillary Rodham Clinton as secretary of state, Eric Holder as attorney general and Janet Napolitano as homeland security secretary; Obama also said that Robert Gates would stay on as defense secretary. Actor Paul Benedict, who played English neighbor Harry Bentley on "The Jeffersons," died on Martha's Vineyard, Mass. at age 70.

Five years ago: A New York City commuter train rounding a riverside curve derailed, killing four people and injuring more than 70 (federal regulators later said a sleep-deprived engineer had nodded off at the controls just before taking the 30 mph curve at 82 mph, causing the derailment). Edward J. "Babe" Heffron, 90, whose World War II service as a member of Easy Company was recounted in the book and television miniseries "Band of Brothers," died in Stratford, New Jersey.

One year ago: Retired general Michael Flynn, who served as President Donald Trump's first national security adviser, pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI about reaching out to the Russians on Trump's behalf; he said members of the president's inner circle had, at times, directed his contacts. (Sentencing is scheduled for Dec. 18, 2018.) The president dismissed as "fake news" reports that he wanted to oust Secretary of State Rex Tillerson. (Trump replaced Tillerson with CIA Director Mike Pompeo in March, 2018.)

Today's Birthdays: Actor-director Woody Allen is 83. World Golf Hall of Famer Lee Trevino is 79. Singer Dianne Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 79. Country musician Casey Van Beek (The Tractors) is 76. Television producer David Salzman is 75. Rock singer-musician Eric Bloom (Blue Oyster Cult) is 74. Rock musician John Densmore (The Doors) is 74. Actress-singer Bette Midler is 73. Singer Gilbert O'Sullivan is 72. Former child actor Keith Thibodeaux (TV: "I Love Lucy") is 68. Actor Treat Williams is 67. Country singer Kim Richey is 62. Actress Charlene Tilton is 60. Actress-model Carol Alt is 58. Actor Jeremy Northam is 57. Actress Katherine LaNasa is 52. Producer-director Andrew Adamson is 52. Actor Nestor Carbonell is 51. Actress Golden Brooks is 48. Actress-comedian Sarah Silverman is 48. Actor Ron Melendez is 46. Contemporary Christian singer Bart Millard (MIL-urd) is 46. Actor-writer-producer David Hornsby is 43. Singer Sarah Masen is 43. Rock musician Brad Delson (Linkin Park) is 41. Actor Nate Torrence is 41. Rock/Christian music singer-songwriter Mat Kearney is 40. Rock musician Mika Fineo (Filter) is 37. Actor Riz Ahmed (Film: "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story") is 36. Actor Charles Michael Davis is 34. R&B singer-actress Janelle Monae is 33. Actress Ashley Monique Clark is 30. Pop-rock-rap singer Tyler Joseph (Twenty One Pilots) is 30. Actress Zoe Kravitz is 30. Pop singer Nico Sereba (Nico & Vinz) is 28. Actor Jackson Nicoll is 15.

Thought for Today: "The only people who attain power are those who crave it." — Erich Kastner, German author and poet (1899-1974).