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**OPEN:** Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave. It takes cardboard, papers and aluminum cans.



Coming Up on GDILIVE.COM

## Groton Area Elementary

# Spring Concert

Tuesday, April 16

7 p.m.



## Come Help us Celebrate Dick's 80th Birthday



**Spread the word!**  
**Groton American Legion**  
**Friday, April 19th, 3-7 p.m.**  
**Coffee and Cupcakes at 3 p.m.**  
**Beef / Fish Taco Bar at 5 p.m.**

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## Tuesday, April 16

City Council moved to Tuesday, April 23  
DI Pork Loin Meal, 5-7 p.m., HS Gym.  
7:00pm: Elementary Spring Concert at Groton Area High School  
Varsity track meets scheduled for Tuesday at Webster and Deuel are cancelled.  
3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.: Elementary PAC Cookie Dough Pickup

*Upcoming*  
**COMMUNITY  
EVENTS**

## Wednesday, April 17, 2019

9:00am- 2:00pm: NSU Math Contest at Northern State University (66th Annual Northern State University Mathematics Contest)  
7:00 p.m.: Stations of the Cross at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

## Thursday, April 18, 2019

**Cancelled:** Track: 7th/8th Meet at Groton Area High School  
6:30 p.m.: Tuff Tigers Wrestling Awards at Groton Area Elementary Commons Area

## Friday, April 19, 2019

3 p.m.-7 p.m.: Dick Kolker's 80th Birthday celebration at the Legion  
No School - Good Friday  
7 p.m.: Community Good Friday service at the United Methodist Church

## Saturday, April 20

10 a.m.: Easter Egg Hunt at the City Park

## Monday, April 22

No School - Easter Vacation

## Tuesday, April 23

**Cancelled:** Track meet in Groton  
7 p.m.: City Council meeting at the Groton Community Center  
8 p.m.: School Board meeting at the multipurpose room.  
2:15 p.m.: Tour of Kindness program at Groton Area Elementary. Justine Kougal began the Tour of Kindness last year when her daughter turned 2, she was born with Treacher Collins Syndrome, the same as Auggie in the movie Wonder. She is traveling around the Midwest to schools throughout the region to spread the word of kindness and making the choice to Be The Difference and Choose Kind to kids and adults alike. The public is invited to attend.

## Thursday, April 25, 2019

10:00am: Golf: Girls Varsity Meet @ Redfield Golf Course  
3:30pm: Track: 7th/8th Meet @ Milbank High School

## Friday, April 26, 2019

1:00pm: Track: Varsity Meet @ Sisseton High School

## Saturday, April 27, 2019

Prom at Groton Area High School

## Sunday, April 28, 2019

2 p.m. - 5 p.m.: Bridal Shower for Emily Kern at Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
5:30 p.m.: Princesses Prom Grand March at the GHS Gym

## Monday, April 29, 2019

2:00pm: Track: 7th/8th Meet @ Redfield Jr-Sr High School

## Tuesday, April 30, 2019

8:30am- 3:30pm: KG Roundup (Screening) at Groton Area Elementary School  
1:00pm: Track: Varsity Meet @ Milbank High School  
DI Pork Loin Meal, 5-7 p.m., HS Gym.  
7:00pm: Middle School Spring Concert

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**Groton Area's**

# KG

# Roundup

**has been rescheduled to  
April 30th**

**All scheduled times will stay the same. Please contact Heidi Krueger at the elementary school to confirm this new date.**

**605/397-2317**

## Groton City Notice

**Sump Pumps must  
be discharged  
OUTSIDE!**

**Failure to comply will result in fines.**

## Hiring High Schoolers!

If you are 16 or older and need a summer job, the Groton Rehabilitation Center has the job for you!

During the summer, you can work inside and get some experience for a CNA career in the future!

We are an equal employment opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status or any other characteristic protected by law.



1106 N 2nd Street ~ Groton, SD ~ 605-397-2365

## Community Good Friday Service

Friday, April 19, 2019  
7 p.m.  
United Methodist Church  
906 N 1st St., Groton



### Special Music

Each person coming will be given a nail which they can pound into a cross at the end of the service.

#### **Service Leaders:**

Pastor Brandon Dunham, United Methodist Church of Groton and Conde

Pastor Josh Jetto, Groton Christian & Missionary Alliance Church

Paul Kosel, Heaven Bound Ministries, Pierpont/Buffalo Lake Lutheran Church, rural Eden

There will be other participants as well who will be doing readings.

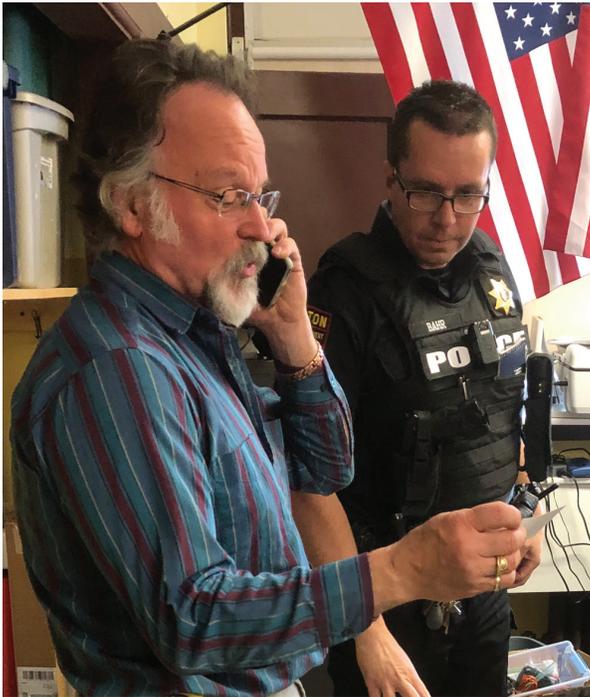


*At the end of the service, when each person has pounded in their nail, they may either remain in the sanctuary or leave in silence in order to continue contemplating the sacrifice of Jesus.*

**There will be an offering received for the  
Groton Family Crisis Fund.**

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## GT Robotics pick their winners

The GT Robotics teams held its drawings Monday evening. Police Officer Damian Bahr pulled out the winners out of the tote. Above, Jim Lane and Lee Iverson are holding the tote.

The winners are Matt Pesall with a \$50 Dairy Queen gift card, Steve Schaller won the hunting blind, Renee Brooks took the greenhouse and Amanda Morehouse received a \$50 Dairy Queen gift card. Jim Lane (left photo) calls the winners as each one is drawn so the winner can pick their prize. (Photos by Paul Kosel)

## SEAS Living Stations of the Cross

The Living Stations of the Cross will be held Wednesday, April 17, 7 p.m., at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Groton. The directors are Alexis Simon and Wyatt Locke. The members of the SEAS Youth put on an impressive performance. There will be refreshments after the event. The event will be carried live on GDILIVE.COM.

## Community Good Friday Service

The Community Good Friday Service will be held at 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Groton. There will be an offering received for the Groton Family Crisis Fund.

Each person coming to the service will be given a nail which they will pound into a cross at the end of the service. Pastor Brandon Dunham from the United Methodist Church of Groton and Conde, Pastor Josh Jetto from the Groton Christian & Missionary Alliance Church, and Paul Kosel from Heaven Bound Ministries of Pierpont/Buffalo Lake Lutheran Church of rural Eden, will be leading the service. There will be other participants as well who will be doing readings and special music will be provided. At the end of the service, when each person has pounded in their nail, they may either remain in the sanctuary or leave in silence in order to continue contemplating the sacrifice of Jesus.

## Emerald Ash Borer Homeowner and Commercial Workshops

BROOKINGS, S.D. – SDSU Extension, the City of Sioux Falls, South Dakota Department of Agriculture and the South Dakota Arborist Association have teamed up to provide homeowners and commercial applicators with Emerald Ash Borer information. The workshops will be led by City of Sioux Falls' employees Duane Stall, Forestry Supervisor, Bryan Peterson, Urban Forestry Specialist, Bret Winterfeld, GIS Specialist and John Ball, SDSU Extension Forestry Specialist & South Dakota Department of Agriculture Forest Health Specialist.



**Emerald Ash Borer larva in a Sioux Falls' ash tree.** (Courtesy SDSU Extension)

"The window to begin treatments to protect high-value ash trees from emerald ash borer is coming up soon," said John Ball, Professor, SDSU Extension Forestry Specialist & South Dakota Department of Agriculture Forest Health Specialist.

The homeowner workshops will be held April 18, 2019 at the SDSU Extension Sioux Falls Regional Center in Sioux Falls (2001 East 8th Avenue) from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and May 4, 2019 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. These sessions will cover how to identify infested trees, what treatment options are available to protect trees and the best replacement trees.

Reporting Emerald Ash Borer Treatments is Required: Commercial applicator Protocol Training Provided

The commercial applicator workshops will be held in Sioux Falls April 23 and May 7 at Laurel Oak Park, by the Picnic Shelter (3401 East 49th Street). Both workshops will begin at 9:30 a.m. with an information and demonstrations focused on how to treat trees and which ash are the best candidates for treatment. Demonstrations will be provided by Arbor-Jet, Arbor-System, Rainbow and Warne Chemical (Chem-jet).

At 1 p.m. April 23, the workshop location will transition to the Downtown Library Room A, (200 N Dakota Ave). At 1 p.m. May 7, program will transition to the City Center Room 110, (231 N Dakota Ave).

The afternoon portion of the workshop will focus on the protocol for licensed arborists to follow when treating trees in Sioux Falls. This portion of the session will provide a new and improved mobile app for arborists to record trees that are being treated in Sioux Falls. The workshops will end at 3 p.m.

Arborists licensed to work in Sioux Falls are encouraged to attend the City of Sioux Falls protocol session as reporting Emerald Ash Borer treatments is required by the City of Sioux Falls Director of Parks and Recreation.

There will be a tutorial for those that want to use this mobile app. Other reporting options will be discussed. To help manage the advancement of Emerald Ash Borer, the City of Sioux Falls is providing tags to the arborists to be used when treating trees. General information will be shared on how and where to tag trees. At the end of the session, tags will be available to pick up for this year's use.

"We have an opportunity to make this year's field season smoother than last year and we need your cooperation in keeping this insect at a manageable level," Ball said.

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## National Average Jumps 10 Cents as Spring Maintenance Ramps Up for Refiners

April 15, 2019 - Pump prices on the West Coast increased as much as 20 cents this past week, driving the national average up nearly 10 cents to \$2.83 on the week. As stocks tighten out West due to unplanned and planned maintenance, California's average jumped to \$4.00, the most expensive state average this week and a price point not seen in the Golden State since July 2014.

"We are seeing very expensive gas prices for this time of year across the country," said Marilyn Buskohl, AAA spokesperson. "Motorists are seeing prices increase as gasoline stocks decreased substantially by 7.7 million bbl amid summer-like demand readings."

Today's national average is 3 cents more than last month and 12 cents more than a year ago. South Dakota's statewide average has jumped 6 cents in a week and 26 cents in a month.

### South Dakota Average Gas Prices:

Current Avg. \$2.73

Yesterday Avg. \$2.73

Week Ago Avg. \$2.67

Month Ago Avg. \$2.47

Year Ago Avg. \$2.61

### Quick stats

The nation's top 10 largest weekly increases are: California (+20 cents), Nevada (+18 cents), Missouri (+13 cents), Oregon (+12 cents), Alaska (+12 cents), Washington (+12 cents), Utah (+12 cents), Colorado (+12 cents), Idaho (+11 cents) and Kansas (+11 cents).

The nation's top 10 least expensive markets are: Alabama (\$2.50), Mississippi (\$2.51), Arkansas (\$2.52), South Carolina (\$2.52), Louisiana (\$2.54), Texas (\$2.57), Virginia (\$2.57), Oklahoma (\$2.59), New Hampshire (\$2.59) and Missouri (\$2.60).

### Central States

With a dime or more increase, Missouri (+12 cents) and Kansas (+10 cents) had the largest one week increases among all Great Lakes and Central states and also both land on the top 10 list for largest weekly increases in the country. Within the region, gas prices range from \$2.94 in Illinois to \$2.60 in Missouri.

Gasoline stocks have been consistently tightening in the Great Lakes and Central States since last January. At that time stocks measured at 61.5 million bbl, but the latest EIA report shows total levels today at 52.2 million bbl. This - as well as regional refinery maintenance and the switchover to summer blend gasoline - have caused pump prices to jump as much as 43-cents in the last month in the region.

### Oil market dynamics

At the close of Friday's formal trading session on the NYMEX, WTI increased 31 cents to settle at \$63.89. Oil prices increased last week, and will likely continue their ascent this week, as a weaker dollar helped to push crude prices up because of the increased number of dollars needed to purchase crude on the global market. Another contributing factor to the price jumps came from reports that there was a 534,000-b/d decline in crude production by OPEC members in March, led by Saudi Arabia cutting back by 324,000 b/d.

## Schools to vote on new activities board members, football rule

By Dana Hess

For the S.D. Newspaper Association

PIERRE — Schools will vote for new board members of the South Dakota High School Activities Association and on a constitutional amendment.

Nominations were made Monday at the annual meeting of the SDHSAA.

Dan Aaker of Winner and Jordan Bauer of Rapid City Central, both activities directors, were nominated to serve a five-year term as the SDHSAA board's West River at-large member. The winner will replace Steve Morford of Spearfish who has served out his term.

Mark Murphy of Aberdeen and Randy Hartmann of Pierre were nominated to serve a four-year term as the school board member representing large schools on the SDHSAA board. The winner will serve out the remainder of the term started by Pierre School Board Member Paul Turman who took a position out of state.

Wakpala High School Principal Barry Mann was the only nominee to serve a four-year term as the Native American at-large representative on the board. That position is currently held by Crazy Horse Superintendent Silas Blaine who was appointed to fill an opening on the board until an election could be held.

The first board meeting for new members will be in August.

Member schools will also vote on an amendment to the SDHSAA Constitution regarding ejections from football games. Currently, a football player ejected for illegal contact—helmet-to-helmet contact, a blindside hit or targeting—is ejected from that game as well as the next game on the schedule.

The amendment would call for the player to sit out the equivalent of one game. If the infraction occurs in the first half, the player would sit out the second half of that game and the first half of the next game. An ejection that occurs in the second half would result in a player sitting out the next game.

"Due to the limited number of games in football, it seemed a proportionately harsh penalty," said SDHSAA Executive Director Dan Swartos. Under the current rule, a player ejected in the first quarter of a game would sit out the rest of that game as well as the next game, roughly a quarter of the schedule for some football teams.

Constitutional amendments must receive a 60 percent approval from member schools.

Ballots will be mailed to schools by April 25 and must be returned to SDHSAA by May 30.

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## Open forum runs afoul of former SDHSAA chairman

By Dana Hess

For the S.D. Newspaper Association

PIERRE — A former chairman of the South Dakota High School Activities Association used the organization's open forum to complain about its use of the open forum procedure.

Belle Fourche Activities Director Clay Anderson told the SDHSAA board that member schools felt eliminated from the discussion of issues by the use of the open forum procedure. Recently SDHSAA board meetings have included an open forum at the start of the meeting for people who want to address the board about items that aren't necessarily on the agenda.

"I think it's hard to really know all the issues," said Anderson, who was on the SDHSAA board from 1989 to 1995 and served as its chairman in '95.

Anderson said the current board doesn't solicit information from member schools.

"I think our feedback's valuable," Anderson said. "We value being involved."

Anderson also called on board members to speak up more during meetings as their comments can spark discussions at the school level.

SDHSAA Executive Director Dan Swartos said the open forum was a new procedure that could be changed.

"I don't think it was intended to squelch input from member schools," Swartos said.

Anderson's comments came Monday at the regular April meeting of the board which immediately fol-

lowed the organization's annual meeting.

"I don't think it's working," Anderson told the board. "You have a lot of disgruntled members here."

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## Combined basketball tournaments get short reprieve

By Dana Hess

For the S.D. Newspaper Association

PIERRE — South Dakota's combined Class AA and Class A basketball tournaments are on the way out, but not as fast as athletic directors wanted.

At its meeting Monday, the South Dakota High School Activities Association Board of Directors overruled its own advisory committee and a vote of athletic directors to keep the combined tournaments for one more year. Both groups had voted to end the tournaments next year, in the 2020 season.

Coaches and fans have complained that holding the boys' and girls' tournaments on the same weekend and in the same town has taken some of the enjoyment out of the tournaments.

"We've seen a drop in revenue from one of our primary sports," said SDHSAA Assistant Executive Director John Krogstrand.

Brookings Activities Director and SDHSAA board member Randy Soma said that a swift end to the combined tournaments would lead to scheduling conflicts next year.

"As ADs, it gives us time to schedule," Soma said, regarding waiting a year to change the tournament format. "I think it comes down to a lot of us have our schedules set."

On a 7-1 vote of a first reading, the board decided to go back to the old tournament format during the 2020-2021 school year.

As it discussed changes to the athletic handbook, the board also accepted the first reading of a recommendation to eliminate basketball teams' pre-game handshake with officials and coaches.

SDHSAA Assistant Executive Director Jo Auch explained that right before the start of a game, coaches wanted their players concentrating on the game and not on whose hand they should be shaking.

Auch said it would be a while before the new rule caught on and that there were bound to be a few hands shaken before the game by one team, leaving the other team to feel unsportsmanlike.

Board member Craig Cassens of Faulkton agreed.

"It's not a negative if you don't shake hands," Cassens said. "It's not reflective of being a poor sport."

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## Instant replay heading to high school football, basketball

By Dana Hess

For the S.D. Newspaper Association

PIERRE — At its meeting Monday, the South Dakota High School Activities Association board of directors approved the first reading of two proposals that would allow officials to use instant replay in championship football and basketball games.

The use of instant replay would be severely limited in both sports.

In football it could be used on disputed scoring plays or to determine turnovers. In the last two minutes of the first half, it could be used to determine if a call impacted the status of the game clock.

In the final two minutes of the game or overtime, instant replay could be used to determine if a player was in bounds, if a catch or interception was made, when a ball is ruled dead in a loose ball situation, to determine the spot of the ball, to determine if a kick or pass was touched and if a call impacted the status of the clock.

Board member Steve Morford of Spearfish wondered how an official would garner enough experience using instant replay if it's used only in championship games.

"We're going to expect someone, in one game, to do this and do it right," Morford said. "It doesn't hap-

pen on Saturdays and Sundays and they do it every week.”

Morford also noted that an unpopular ruling from a football official in a booth away from the field would leave the officials on the field to take criticism from coaches and fans while the instant replay official is “sitting, smiling and eating Doritos.”

SDHSAA Assistant Executive Director John Krogstrand said none of the football officials he talked to about instant replay were opposed to its use.

In basketball, instant replay would be used in state tournament games on last-second shots. Instant replay would be used to determine if the shot was good for two or three points and if it was made prior to the game’s final horn.

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## **SDSU likely to host next high school football championships**

**By Dana Hess**

**For the S.D. Newspaper Association**

PIERRE — Monday the South Dakota High School Activities Association board of directors got a look at the provisions that will go into a contract with South Dakota State University to host next season’s football championship games.

Previously the board determined that work being done at the DakotaDome at the University of South Dakota, where the championship games are usually held, would limit the seats available for high school football’s biggest games.

SDHSAA has leased the DakotaDome through 2026. USD has agreed to an acknowledgement of its inability to host the championships in 2019. For that year, the \$50,000 rental fee would be waived.

A preliminary proposed agreement with SDSU calls for four games on Thursday, Nov. 14, at 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. Three games on Friday, Nov. 15, at 1:30 p.m., 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. SDSU has a home football game scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 16.

The facility rental fee will be \$6,000 per day. SDSU will provide ticket sellers/takers, ushers, parking attendants, team hosts, locker room attendants, clean-up crew, grounds crew and custodial workers.

SDHSAA will be responsible for paying for two university police department officers per game, medical staff including an ambulance, a lead stats person, lead ticket person, scoreboard operator, a public address announcer, a play clock operator and a lead facility manager.

SDSU will collect a \$5 parking fee in lots close to the stadium. Free parking will be available in lots further from the stadium.

SDHSAA Board Chairman Brian Maher of Sioux Falls said while weather may be a factor for games played outside, he was confident that it would not be too costly for the association, noting the difference between the USD lease and the agreement with SDSU.

Even if the association’s expenses are \$20,000, Maher said, “We’ve got \$30,000 to mitigate any loss. What I can’t mitigate is the student experience.”

The board will act on a contract with SDSU at its next meeting in June.

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## **Rally gets in the way of increased football practice**

**By Dana Hess**

**For the S.D. Newspaper Association**

PIERRE — Faced with a choice between fairness and player safety, the South Dakota High School Activities Association board of directors came down on the side of fairness.

At issue during Monday’s meeting was a recommendation from the in/out of season committee that tracks season start dates and rules for athletes during and between seasons. The committee recommended changing the first day of football practice to a Monday. It currently starts on a Thursday.

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The change was immediately opposed by board member Steve Morford of Spearfish who noted that the start of football practice usually coincides with the start of the motorcycle rally in Sturgis.

Morford said he recently heard a Sturgis football coach say that 90 percent of his players work during the rally.

"This (change) will not allow the West River schools the same competitive advantage," Morford said. "It's just impossible to start practice on the Monday of that week."

Board member Randy Soma, who serves on the in/out of season committee, said the rationale behind the change was to allow players three more days for heat acclimation at the start of practice.

Aberdeen Central Athletic Director Gene Brownell said there were more players to consider than just those in West River.

"We also need to look at the health of those not involved in the rally," Brownell said. West River schools could petition to start practice early "before the mob moves in on them."

Board member Jerry Rasmussen of Dakota Valley said it would be tough to determine which West River schools are affected by the rally and would be allowed to start practice early.

A vote to accept the recommendation failed on a 3-5 vote.

The board also overruled a recommendation to go to seven-man officiating crews during semifinal and championship football games.

The recommendation called for adding a field judge and a side judge to the current five-man officiating crews. Finding the officials for larger crews would be mitigated by the fact that during the semifinals and finals, there would be fewer games.

Finding those officials is "not as challenging as it may first appear," said SDHSAA Assistant Executive Director John Krogstrand. "Two extra sets of eyes just helps us get things right."

Board member Soma predicted that after seeing seven-man crews late in the year, football coaches would want seven-man crews throughout the season.

Board chairman Brian Maher of Sioux Falls agreed: "There's going to be a push for seven."

An attempt to approve the use of seven-man crews failed on a 1-7 vote.

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## SEASONAL SNOW TOTALS AS OF 4-14-19

Location	2018-2019 total through Apr 14	Seasonal Average	Record (Season)	2018-2019 Current Rank
<b>Sisseton</b>	<b>88.4"</b>	34.5"	83.8 ( <del>2010-11</del> )	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>
<b>Mobridge</b>	<b>86.8"</b>	30.4"	75.9 ( <del>1996-97</del> )	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>
<b>Watertown</b>	<b>81.9"</b>	30.3"	79.4 ( <del>2010-11</del> )	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>
Aberdeen	81.1"	38.2"	109.8 (1936-37)	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Kennebec	68.4"	31.5"	73.2 (2000-01)	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Pierre	66.3"	28.8"	82.0 (1951-52)	4 <sup>th</sup>
Wheaton	63.1"	32.7"	82.3 (1996-97)	9 <sup>th</sup>
Timber Lake	63.0"	35.4"	92.9 (1949-50)	9 <sup>th</sup>

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## Today in Weather History

April 16, 1967: Severe thunderstorms moved through areas of central and eastern South Dakota, producing large hail, damaging winds, and even a few tornadoes. The event began in the mid-afternoon hours and lasted into the evening. One of the tornadoes, an F1, formed over Lake Poinsette in Hamlin County. From there it moved from southwest to northeast, toward the northern shore, then made a loop and traveled toward the southeast. Two trailer houses and a few small buildings were damaged. 11 people were injured when a trailer house was turned over to one side, and then turned over on the other side. In Brown County, the storms produced hail 1.75 inches in diameter and 61mph winds.

April 16, 1976: A deepening low-pressure system moved northward out of Nebraska and across western South Dakota. Winds of 60 to 80 mph were reported across the area with gusts over 90 mph in southwest Minnesota. Some recorded wind speeds included 62 mph at Sioux Falls, 70 mph at Brookings, and 82 mph at Watertown. Many buildings were damaged, and many roofs were blown off and at Sioux Falls, and Huron airports planes were overturned. Across southwest Minnesota, many trees were uprooted, and several trucks were blown off of the highway. Across the area, many, barns, outbuildings, sheds, and older structures were demolished.

April 16, 2000: Heavy snow of 6 to 9 inches fell across parts of central and northeast South Dakota during the morning hours. The heavy snow caused many roads to become slushy and difficult to travel. The heavy snow also downed some tree branches. Some snowfall amounts included 6 inches at Ferney, Miller, and Webster; 7 inches at Agar, Mellette, and Twin Brooks; 8 inches at Gettysburg, and 9 inches at Faulkton.

1849: Charleston, South Carolina recorded their latest freeze ever with a temperature of 32 degrees while 6 inches of snow fell at Wilmington, North Carolina. Snow fell as far south as Milledgeville, Georgia. A damaging hard freeze occurred from Texas to Georgia devastating the cotton crop.

1851: "The Lighthouse Storm" of 1851 struck New England on this date. Heavy gales and high seas pounded the coasts of New Hampshire and eastern Massachusetts. The storm arrived at the time of a full moon, and high tide was producing unusually high storm tides. The storm was so named because it destroyed the lighthouse at Cohasset, Massachusetts. Two assistant lighthouse keepers were killed there when the structure was swept away by the storm tide.

1880 - A tornado near Marshall, MO, carried the heavy timbers of an entire home a distance of twelve miles. (The Weather Channel)

1933 - Franklin Lake, NH, was buried under 35 inches of snow. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987)

1960 - A wind gust of 70 mph was measured at the Stapleton International Airport in Denver CO, their highest wind gust of record. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - A slow moving storm system produced heavy rain over North Carolina and the Middle Atlantic Coast States. More than six inches of rain drenched parts of Virginia, and flooding in Virginia claimed three lives. Floodwaters along the James River inundated parts of Richmond VA. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

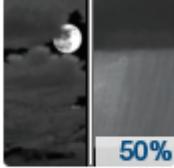
1988 - A storm in the northeastern U.S. produced a foot of snow at Pittsburg VT. Severe thunderstorms produced baseball size hail and spawned five tornadoes in the Southern High Plains Region. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - A cold front, ushering sharply colder air into the north central U.S., brought snow to parts of Montana and North Dakota. At midday the temperature at Cutbank MT was just 22 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - Thunderstorms developing along a stationary front produced large hail and damaging winds across Oklahoma, with 99 reports of large hail and damaging winds during the evening and early nighttime hours. Thunderstorms produced baseball size hail south of Carney, and wind gusts to 100 mph in the Oklahoma City area which swept away many Federal tax returns being transported from a mail cart to a waiting truck about the time of the midnight deadline. Will Rogers Airport in Oklahoma City reported a record wind gust of 92 mph. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
				
Patchy Fog then Partly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy then Chance Showers	Showers and Patchy Fog	Chance Rain	Partly Sunny
High: 55 °F	Low: 41 °F	High: 48 °F	Low: 35 °F	High: 57 °F

## Wet Weather Ahead

 **Today:** Considerable cloudiness, Isolated showers west. Highs 47-61°F

 **Wednesday:** Rain showers likely. Cool with highs 42-54°F Rainfall 0.25-0.50"

 **Thursday:** Partly sunny with isolated showers. Breezy. Highs 50-61°F

Updated: 4/16/2019 4:35 AM Central  
National Weather Service 

Published on: 04/16/2019 at 5:38AM

Rain chances are on the increase over the next couple days as a system moves into the region. Temperatures should be coolest on Wednesday due to abundant clouds and precipitation.

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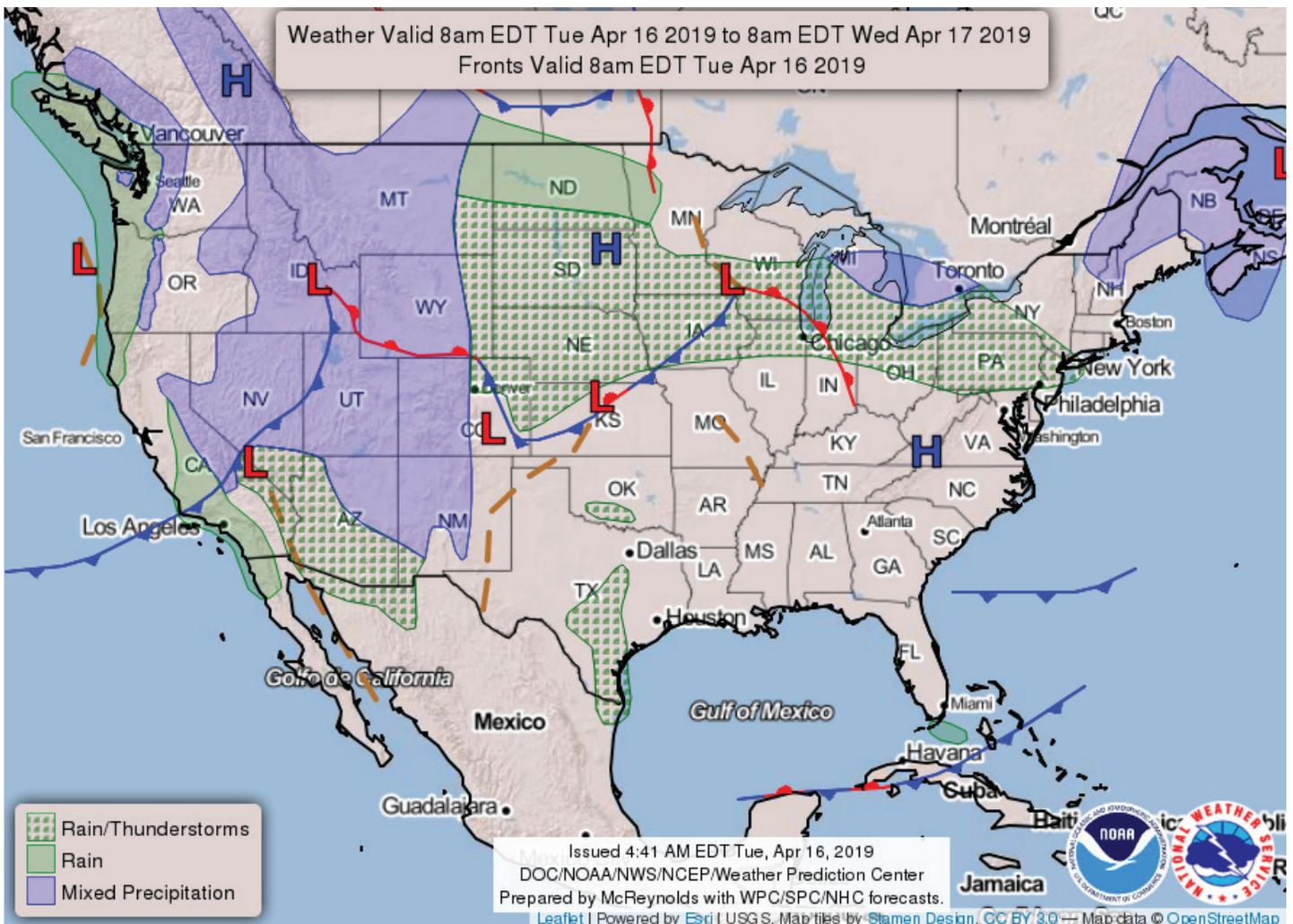
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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 51 °F at 5:53 PM**  
**Low Outside Temp: 32 °F at 12:38 AM**  
**High Gust: 22 mph at 1:21 AM**  
**Precip: 0.00**

## Today's Info

**Record High: 91° in 1913**  
**Record Low: 14° in 1953, 1899**  
**Average High: 58°F**  
**Average Low: 32°F**  
**Average Precip in April.: 0.74**  
**Precip to date in April.: 1.07**  
**Average Precip to date: 2.92**  
**Precip Year to Date: 4.04**  
**Sunset Tonight: 8:21 p.m.**  
**Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:45a.m.**



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## IS IT THE END OR THE BEGINNING?

I'm bored with it all!

Power and prestige, influence and insight, victory and valor seemed worthless to Winston Churchill as he faced death. His final words expressed hopelessness and emptiness as he slipped into a coma nine days before he died. What a tragic statement from a man who shaped the course of history as he was about to face eternity without Christ.

As he was struggling to breathe, a colleague took the hand of Michael Faraday, the brilliant chemist and scientist and asked, What will be your occupation in heaven? He replied, I shall be with Christ, and that is enough!

Two famous men who lived two world-influencing lives. However, when it came to facing death, one looked backward in despair, the other forward in a faith that was filled with hope and expectation! What a startling difference God made in their lives,

Hopes placed in men dies with them; all the promise of their power comes to nothing. Solomon shared his great wisdom with these words. He clearly stated the difference between a life lived for God, and a life lived for any other reason or purpose: One who does not live for God or know Christ personally will eventually see all of his hopes and dreams die. Living only for this life or living a life that focuses on oneself ends with a sense of hopelessness and insignificance. When this life ends, another begins in the presence of God or the depths of darkness.

What a blessed hope we have if we choose to accept the love and grace and mercy of God. Hope can be ours because of Christ. Choose Christ, find life, have hope.

Prayer: How great is Your love, Lord. As unworthy as we are, we have forgiveness of our sins, a purpose for living, and hope for the future through Your Son. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Scripture For Today: Proverbs 11:7 Hopes placed in men dies with them; all the promise of their power comes to nothing.

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## 2019 Groton SD Community Events

- 01/27/2019 Carnival of Silver Skates 2pm & 6:30pm (Last Sunday of January)
- 03/17/2019 Legion Post #39 Spring Fundraiser (Sunday closest to St. Patrick's Day, every other year)
- 04/13/2019 Easter Egg Hunt (Saturday a week before Easter Weekend)
- 04/27/2019 Fireman's Stag (Same Saturday as GHS Prom)
- 05/04/2019 Spring City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday in May)
- 05/27/2019 Legion Post #39 Memorial Day Program (Memorial Day)
- 06/13/2019 Transit Fundraiser (Thursday Mid-June)
- 06/14/2019 SDSU Golf Tournament at Olive Grove Golf Course
- 06/15/2019 Triathlon (Saturday before Father's Day)
- 06/21/2019 Best Ball Golf Tourney
- 06/22-23/2019 Groton Junior Legion Tournament
- 06/29/2019 Groton U10/U12 Round Robin Tournament
- 07/04/2019 Firecracker Golf Tourney (4th of July)
- 07/14/2019 Summer Fest/Car Show (Sunday Mid-July)
- 07/18/2019 Olive Grove Golf Course Pro Am Tournament
- 07/21/2019 Granary Ice Cream Social & Family Music Fest
- 08/02/2019 Olive Grove Golf Course Wine on Nine
- 08/09-11/2019 State Junior Legion Tournament in Groton
- 08/22/2019 First Day of School
- 09/07/2019 Fall City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday after Labor Day)
- 09/08/2019 Sunflower Classic at Olive Grove Golf Course
- 09/08/2019 Granary Living History Fall Festival
- 10/12/2019 Pumpkin Fest (Saturday before Columbus Day)
- 10/11/2019 Lake Region Marching Band Festival (2nd Friday in October)
- 10/31/2019 Trunk or Treat/Halloween on Main (Halloween)
- 11/09/2019 Legion Post #39 Turkey Shoot (Saturday closest to Veteran's Day)
- 12/07/2019 Olive Grove Golf Course Holiday Party
- 12/07/2019 Santa Claus Day at Professional Management Services
- Bingo: every Wednesday, Labor Day-Memorial Day, 6:30pm at the Legion Post #39

## 2020 Groton SD Community Events

- 4/4/2020 Easter Egg Hunt (Saturday a week before Easter Weekend)
- 4/25/2020 Fireman's Stag (Same Saturday as GHS Prom)
- 5/2/2020 Spring City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday in May)

## News from the Associated Press

### **Trial in Sioux Falls area slaying winding down**

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A jury is to begin deliberations in the trial of a man accused in a fatal shooting in the Sioux Falls area.

Testimony in Henry Little Long's trial ended Monday afternoon after the defense called just one witness. The 29-year-old defendant is accused of killing 40-year-old LaKendrick Thornton in a car last September after he got into an argument with Kelsey Roubideaux. Long and Roubideaux were both accused of driving to a rural area in Minnehaha County and leaving Thornton's body in a ditch. Roubideaux pleaded guilty to accessory to a felony last month.

The Argus Leader says the jury is expected to get the case after hearing closing arguments Tuesday.

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

### **Affidavit details fraud case of man linked to Russian agent**

By **DAVE KOLPACK** Associated Press

A South Dakota man linked to an admitted Russian covert agent is accused of obtaining at least \$2.3 million from 78 people for bogus investments dating to at least 1997, according to documents unsealed Monday.

Businessman and conservative political operative Paul Erickson, of Sioux Falls, has pleaded not guilty to 11 counts of wire fraud and money laundering. An affidavit that had previously been blocked from public view alleges that he promised returns of up to 150 percent while spending the money on personal expenses such as motels, flights and college tuition for Maria Butina, Erickson's former girlfriend.

Although some of the accusations go back 20 years, the affidavit said Erickson came to the attention of the FBI in 2016 when a woman selling land in the North Dakota oil patch told authorities that a group of investors had paid Erickson \$100,000 for the same land. The investigation led authorities to conclude that Erickson ran fraudulent schemes involving two other primary businesses, the manufacturing of a specialized wheelchair and the construction of retirement homes around the country.

Erickson's attorney, Clint Sargent, did not immediately return a phone message left Monday by The Associated Press.

The charges against Erickson, 57, appear unrelated to the case of Butina, 30, who pleaded guilty in December to trying to infiltrate conservative political groups as a Kremlin secret agent. Butina said in her plea agreement that she "sought to establish unofficial lines of communication with Americans having power and influence over U.S. politics" and that Erickson helped her as she tried to use his ties with the National Rifle Association to set up the back channels.

Some of Erickson's investors are named in the affidavit, including Mark Sanford, the former congressman and South Carolina governor. Authorities say in one instance Erickson tried to convince a woman to invest in the specialized wheelchair by telling her that Sanford put money into the company. Erickson promised the woman a return of between 125 and 150 percent on her investment, the affidavit said.

Sanford allegedly told the FBI he invested in the oil patch property and not the wheelchair.

Erickson, described by one of his victims as a "charismatic gentleman," was national political director for Pat Buchanan's challenge to President George H. W. Bush in the 1992 Republican primary. He also was a media adviser to John Wayne Bobbitt, the Virginia man whose wife cut off his penis with a kitchen knife in 1993. And he joined with Jack Abramoff, a Washington lobbyist later imprisoned for corruption, in producing an anti-communist action movie

Erickson's trial is currently scheduled for July.

## Supreme Court rejects death row appeal over anti-gay juror

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court is again rejecting a gay death row inmate's appeal that claims jurors in South Dakota were biased against him because of his sexual orientation.

The justices did not comment on Monday in leaving in place the death sentence for Charles Rhines.

Rhines was convicted in the stabbing death of a doughnut shop employee in Rapid City, South Dakota, in 1992. His appeal followed the high court's 2017 ruling that evidence of racial bias in the jury room allows a judge to consider setting aside a verdict.

Rhines claimed one juror said Rhines should not be sentenced to life in prison because he is gay and would be housed with other men.

The justices rejected a similar appeal from Rhines last year.

## Environmental group eyes new uranium mining exploration

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A group formed to protect the environment from uranium mining has an eye on a new project proposed for the Black Hills.

F3 Gold, a mining exploratory company based in Minneapolis, Minnesota, wants to begin drilling in the next two years. The Black Hills Alliance was formed in 1979 to keep uranium mining at bay. Uranium mining requires the extraction of a massive amount of water from the ground, a mix with chemicals and injection back into the ground to dissolve and extract uranium.

Alliance spokesman Bruce Ellison tells KOTA-TV they will make sure the aquifers and the people and livestock that utilize the water are protected.

## Business owner pressing for clarity on hemp products

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The owner of a Rapid City retail store that carries clothing and other products made from hemp says the South Dakota attorney general's recent statement about hemp and CBD oil has been detrimental to his business and others.

Attorney General Jason Ravnsborg recently sent a release that said industrial hemp and all forms of CBD oil remain illegal in the state. Hemporium owner Leonard Vandermate tells the Rapid City Journal customers have been calling him about that statement, including one woman who wondered if she would be in trouble for buying a purse made of hemp.

Vandermate says he pulled hemp-derived oils from the Hemporium's shelves last fall after law enforcement issued an ultimatum to stop selling the products. But, he says there needs to be a clear explanation about what products are and aren't allowed in South Dakota.

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

## Fire out, organ intact but work ahead for charred Notre Dame

By THOMAS ADAMSON Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Firefighters declared success Tuesday morning in an over 12-hour battle to extinguish an inferno engulfing Paris' iconic Notre Dame cathedral that claimed its spire and roof, but spared its bell towers.

What remained was a blackened shell of the monument immortalized in Victor Hugo's 1831 novel "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," a building that had survived almost 900 years of tumultuous French history but was devastated amid renovation works at the start of Catholic Easter week.

Its iconic twin bell towers remained visibly intact. Paris officials said the world famous 18th century organ that boasts 8,000 pipes also appeared to have survived, along with other treasures inside the cathedral, after a plan to safeguard heritage was quickly put into action.

At dawn, the twin 69-meter towers swarmed with building specialists and architects, looking tiny from the ground as they conducted analysis.

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"The entire fire is out," declared Paris firefighters' spokesman Gabriel Plus, adding that workers were currently "surveying the movement of structures and extinguishing smoldering residues."

"The task is — now the risk of fire has been put aside — about the building, how the structure will resist," said Junior Interior Minister Laurent Nunez in front of the cathedral.

One of the city's five senior vicars, Philippe Marsset, told AP: "If God intervened (in the blaze) it was in the courage of the firefighters."

"Notre Dame was destroyed but the soul of France was not," Michel Aupetit, archbishop of Paris, said on RMC radio.

Officials consider the fire an accident, possibly as a result of the restoration work taking place at the global architectural treasure, but that news has done nothing to ease the national mourning.

"Notre Dame has survived the revolutionary history of France, and this happened during building works," said influential former Culture Minister Jack Lang.

French President Emmanuel Macron pledged to rebuild the cathedral that he called "a part of us" and appealed for help to do so.

As the country woke up in collective sadness, its richest businessman, Bernard Arnault, and his luxury goods group LVMH answered that call with a pledge of 200 million euros (\$226 million).

A communique said that the Arnault family was "in solidarity with this national tragedy, and join in the reconstruction of this extraordinary cathedral, a symbol of France, of its heritage and togetherness."

Businessman Francois-Henri Pinault and his billionaire father Francois Pinault also said they were immediately giving 100 million euros from their company, Artemis, to help finance repairs.

A statement from Francois-Henri Pinault said "this tragedy impacts all French people" and "everyone wants to restore life as quickly as possible to this jewel of our heritage."

The 12th-century church is home to relics, stained glass and other works of art of incalculable value, and is a leading tourist attraction. Its organ dates to the 1730s and was constructed by Francois Thierry.

"The organ is a very fragile instrument, especially its pipes. It has not burnt, but no one can tell whether it has been damaged by water. Nobody knows if it is a functioning state or will need to be restored," Bertrand de Feydeau, a senior French heritage preservation official, told the AP.

Paris Deputy Mayor Emmanuel Gregoire described authorities' "enormous relief" at the salvaging of pieces such as the purported Crown of Christ, which were quickly transported to a "secret location" by officials after the fire.

Religious statues that were removed last week from the cathedral roof as part of a restoration of the



**This photo provided on Tuesday April 16, 2019 by the Paris Fire Brigade shows fire fighters working at the burning Notre Dame cathedral, Monday April 15, 2019. Experts assessed the blackened shell of Paris' iconic Notre Dame Tuesday morning to establish next steps to save what remains after a devastating fire destroyed much of the cathedral that had survived almost 900 years of history.**

(Benoit Moser, BSPP via AP)

monumental Paris church's towering spire were also spared.

The 3-meter-tall copper figures, which looked over the city from Notre Dame's 96-meter-high peak, were sent to southwestern France for work that is part of a 6 million-euro (\$6.8 million) renovation project on the cathedral spire and its 250 tons of lead.

On Thursday, the public got a first ground-level look at the statues, representing the 12 apostles and four evangelists, when a huge crane lowered them onto a truck.

John Leicester contributed to this story.

## Notre Dame fire shows the power of monuments to the French

By RAF CASERT Associated Press

STRASBOURG, France (AP) — Monuments are the emotional backbone of France. That accounts for the despair over a blaze that killed no one, yet seared the collective soul. It is the power Notre Dame had — still has, despite the charred scars on its Gothic walls.

It is not only the unique beauty of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, the palaces of Versailles or Mont Saint-Michel proudly facing the sea that make monuments the epitome of France — it is also the sense of nationhood they represent.

"It is the epicenter of our lives," French President Emmanuel Macron said of the 12th-Century Cathedral.

"It is what we are," added historian Camille Pascal on CNews.

When one such monument goes up in flames, the country weeps — literally in the case of another historian on national radio, even before the full extent of the damage became clear.

Across the nation, the pain was equally felt, especially because just about every region has a similar treasure to cherish.

In the eastern city of Strasbourg, which has an equally stunning cathedral made of red stone reminiscent of the glow the fire reflected on the towers of Notre Dame in Monday's twilight, solidarity was immediate.

"All our heart is with Paris and Notre Dame," the city said in a statement. Several European Union leaders were in town, gathering to address their legislature and discuss treaties, laws and regulations.

"The burning of the Notre Dame Cathedral has again made us aware that we are bound by something more important and more profound than treaties," said EU Council President Donald Tusk early Tuesday.

For all, it was clear the monument transcended its religious meaning and instead was a symbol of European civilization.

For President Macron too, such is the aura of national monuments that his whole agenda was turned



**FILE - In this Thursday July 7, 2011 file photo, the peloton passes the world heritage site Mont Saint-Michel, a rocky tidal island which holds a monastery, during the sixth stage of the Tour de France cycling race. Monuments are the emotional backbone of France. That accounts for the despair over a blaze that killed no one, yet seared the collective soul. It is the power Notre Dame had — still has, despite the charred scars on its Gothic walls.** (AP Photo/Laurent

Cipriani, File)

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upside down in minutes. After months of violent protests by the yellow vest movement, on Monday evening he was finally to make a solemn televised statement from the Elysee on how to fix the nation's social fabric.

No sooner had news of the fire spread than Macron canceled all plans for the TV address and he was heading over to the burning cathedral a few miles up the Seine river that slices Paris in two. The nation fully understood.

Instead of addressing social inequality he was announcing an immediate national fundraising campaign to restore the building.

"I tell you solemnly tonight: This cathedral, we will rebuild it, all together," Macron said in front of the smoldering church. "Without a doubt it is a part of our French destiny."

Since the church has become such a symbol of European culture, Tusk said the whole EU should help.

"I call on all 28 member states to take part in this task. I know that France could do it alone, but at stake here is something more than just material help," he said.

France has had to come to the aid of its monuments before. With many churches and monuments ravaged by the 1789 revolution, Eugene Viollet-le-Duc inspired a restoration drive during the 19th century that left monuments from Notre Dame to Mont St. Michel and the walled medieval city of Carcassonne the envy of the world.

And at the same time, beyond providing national pride, he helped France become of the top tourist nations in the world, which now adds some 200 billion euros annually to the nation's GDP.

The draw of the French monuments was already there when U.S. chronicler Mark Twain visited Notre Dame a century and a half ago.

Mischievously, he wrote in "The Innocents Abroad": "We recognized the brown old Gothic pile in a moment; it was like the pictures."

He continued: "We loitered through the grand aisles for an hour or two, staring up at the rich stained-glass windows embellished with blue and yellow and crimson saints and martyrs, and trying to admire the numberless great pictures in the chapels," he said of some of the attractions.

That picture had endured through the decades since. It changed indelibly on Monday.

## In the heart of Paris, watching a symbol of France burn

By LORI HINNANT Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — I started running toward the source of the yellow smoke without knowing what it was — only that it was coming from the island in the middle of the Seine at the heart of so much of Paris' history. Past bookshops and cafes, I rounded the corner to see flames creeping across the rooftop of Notre Dame Cathedral. I caught my breath and rubbed my stinging eyes.

At that point, the roads leading to the cathedral, about 400 meters (yards) away were still open and the fire looked like it might just end up becoming another small scar on a building that had survived so much already.

A few dozen pedestrians gathered around at first, watching the flames lick their way toward the nave. Soon it was hundreds of people, sobered by the smoke belching from one of the world's most recognizable symbols of France.

The nearly 900-year-old cathedral has endured the French Revolution, the Nazi occupation and countless bouts of unrest before and since. Now, its ashes were falling from the sky in gritty flecks damped by fire hoses that appeared increasingly futile as new sections of the building caught fire.

Panicked by the burgeoning crowd, police officers shouted hoarsely for bystanders to back away and leave room for the dozens of fire trucks that wailed toward us. But the tourist season is upon Paris, and among the hundreds murmuring around me I heard seven or eight familiar languages and others, less familiar. Eyes reddened by smoke started to fill with tears, yet none of us could stop watching the torched cathedral.

On the metro, the conductor warned that the station 'Cit ' was closed by police order.

"They can't even bear to say it's Notre Dame," an old man mumbled as he crossed the platform.

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For Paris schoolchildren, Notre Dame is a required outing. A class in my daughter's school took the metro to Cité on Monday afternoon, doubtless grumbling and fidgeting the entire way. They were almost certainly among the last for years to come to pierce the cathedral's grand dimness, to crane their necks at the rose windows and contemplate whether to light a candle.

For tourists, it's as unmissable as the Eiffel Tower and a lot easier to get in. But few are the visitors who can boast of climbing the 380 steps to the top, with the gargoyles perched so close you can almost touch their grimaces and imagine yourself a modern-day Quasimodo, Victor Hugo's hunchback who felt protected by the monsters he resembled. And only a handful ever visit the loft of the pipe organ and its cramped antechamber.

For many living in Paris, Notre Dame is a lovely part of the view that in the rush of day-to-day errands can easily go unnoticed. It is also the backdrop of the city's inner workings. Its wide plaza is where many go after standing in line for their residency cards or filing a police report at the prefecture. The benign shadow of its towers falls over us as we deliver paperwork to the courthouse and escape for fresh air.

With cell phone cameras held aloft, we wept from the knowledge that something we believed immortal was crumbling into ash and dust.

Now, the smell of charred wood and stone reaches to the city's edge.

"On the face of this aged queen of our cathedrals, by the side of a wrinkle, one always finds a scar," Hugo wrote in his paean to the edifice.

Those of us who witnessed Monday's fire shake the ashes of Paris history from our hair and clothes and wonder how deep the wound will cut this time.



**People standing on the banks of the river Seine watch as flames and smoke rise from Notre Dame cathedral as it burns in Paris, Monday, April 15, 2019. Massive plumes of yellow brown smoke is filling the air above Notre Dame Cathedral and ash is falling on tourists and others around the island that marks the center of Paris.** (AP Photo/Thibault Camus)

## Trump keeps attacking as redacted Russia report due Thursday

By MICHAEL BALSAMO and JONATHAN LEMIRE Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The president isn't waiting. As Washington counts down the final hours until publication of the redacted special counsel report — now expected Thursday — Donald Trump stepped up his attacks in an effort to undermine potential disclosures on Russia, his 2016 campaign and the aftermath.

He unleashed a series of tweets Monday focusing on the previously released summary of special counsel Robert Mueller's conclusions — including a crucial one on obstruction of justice that Trump again misrepresented — produced by Attorney General William Barr.

"Mueller, and the A.G. based on Mueller findings (and great intelligence), have already ruled No Collusion, No Obstruction," Trump tweeted. "These were crimes committed by Crooked Hillary, the DNC, Dirty Cops and others! INVESTIGATE THE INVESTIGATORS!"

Press secretary Sarah Sanders repeatedly tried to make the same case on TV talk shows on Sunday. But the political battle is far from finished over the special counsel's investigation of Russian efforts to help

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Trump in 2016 and whether there was cooperation with his campaign.

Democrats are calling for Mueller himself to testify before Congress and have expressed concern that Barr will order unnecessary censoring of the report to protect the president. The House Judiciary Committee, led by Rep. Jerry Nadler of New York, is poised to try to compel Barr to turn over an unredacted copy as well as the report's underlying investigative files.

The Justice Department announced Monday that it expects to release the redacted version Thursday morning, sending the findings of the nearly two-year probe to Congress and making them available to the public.

Mueller officially concluded his investigation late last month and submitted the confidential report to Barr. Two days later, the attorney general sent Congress a four-page letter that detailed Mueller's "principal conclusions."

In his letter, Barr said the special counsel did not find a criminal conspiracy between Russia and Trump associates during the campaign. However, contrary to Trump's false claim, Mueller did not reach a conclusion on whether Trump obstructed justice. Instead, Mueller presented evidence on both sides of that question. Barr said he did not believe the evidence was sufficient to prove that Trump had obstructed justice, but he noted that Mueller's team did not exonerate the president.

Portions of the report being released by the Justice Department will be redacted to protect grand jury material, sensitive intelligence, matters that could affect ongoing investigations and damage to the privacy rights of third parties, the attorney general has said.

The scores of outstanding questions about the investigation have not stopped the president and his allies from declaring victory.

They have painted House Democrats' investigations as partisan overreach and have targeted news outlets and individual reporters they say have promoted the collusion story. The president himself seethed at a political rally that the whole thing was an attempt "to tear up the fabric of our great democracy."

He has told confidants in recent days that he was certain the full report would back up his claims of vindication but was also convinced the media would manipulate the findings in an effort to damage him, according to two Republicans close to the White House not authorized to speak publicly about private conversations. In the waiting game's final days, the White House continued to try to shape the narrative.

"There was no obstruction, which I don't know how you can interpret that any other way than total exoneration," press secretary Sanders said on "Fox News Sunday."

While the president unleashed his personal grievances, his team seized on any exculpatory information in Barr's letter, hoping to define the conversation in advance, according to White House officials and outside advisers who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss private deliberations.

The victory lap was deliberately premature, they said.



**A motorcade carrying Attorney General William Barr arrives at the Department of Justice, Monday, April 15, 2019, in Washington. Attorney General William Barr told Congress last week he expects to release his redacted version of special counsel Robert Mueller's Trump-Russia investigation report "within a week."** (AP Photo/Patrick Semansky)

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But Trump's inner circle knows there will likely be further releases of embarrassing or politically damaging information. Barr's letter, for instance, hinted that there would be at least one unknown action by the president that Mueller examined as a possible act of obstruction. A number of White House aides have privately said they are eager for all Russia stories, good or bad, to fade from the headlines. And there is fear among some presidential confidants that the rush to spike the football in celebration could backfire if bombshell new information emerges.

Trump and his allies also continue to attack the origins of the Russia investigation, portraying it as an effort by Democrats and career officials in the Justice Department to bring him down.

"The Mueller Report, which was written by 18 Angry Democrats who also happen to be Trump Haters (and Clinton Supporters), should have focused on the people who SPIED on my 2016 Campaign, and others who fabricated the whole Russia Hoax. That is, never forget, the crime." Trump tweeted Monday.

His long-asserted accusation — though not supported by evidence — that his campaign was spied upon was given new life last week when Barr, testifying before Congress, said he thinks "spying did occur" in 2016.

Barr may have been referring to a surveillance warrant the FBI obtained in the fall of 2016 to monitor the communications of former Trump campaign aide Carter Page, who has not been charged with any wrongdoing. The warrant was obtained after Page had left the campaign and was renewed several times. Critics of the Russia investigation have seized on the fact that the warrant application cited Democratic-funded opposition research, done by a former British spy, into the Trump campaign's ties to Russia.

Barr later softened his tone to "I am not saying improper surveillance occurred."

The attorney general's comments have frustrated Democrats, already anxious for the release of the full, uncensored report and concerned that Barr may withhold pertinent information. The report could provide new information that could prompt further investigations or even consideration of impeachment proceedings, a tricky political calculation since Mueller did not conclude there was collusion or obstruction.

The Russia probe began on July 31, 2016, when the FBI opened a counterintelligence investigation into Russia's efforts to influence the presidential campaign and whether anyone on the Trump campaign was involved. That probe was prompted by former Trump campaign foreign policy adviser George Papadopoulos' contacts with Russian intermediaries, including a Maltese professor who told the young aide that the Russians had dirt on Hillary Clinton in the form of emails.

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## AP source: Officials consider new penalty for visa overstays

By JILL COLVIN and COLLEEN LONG Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Top administration officials have been discussing ways to increase pressure on countries with high numbers of citizens who overstay short-term visas, as part of President Donald Trump's growing focus on immigration heading into his re-election campaign.

The administration could introduce new travel restrictions on nationals from those countries, according to two people familiar with the plans who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to disclose private conversations.

The idea, which was first reported by The Wall Street Journal, is just one of many under discussion by an administration that is increasingly desperate to satisfy a president who has been angry about the influx of migrants at the border as he tries to make good on his 2016 campaign promises and energize his base going into 2020.

The ideas have ranged from the extreme — including Trump's threat to shut down the southern border and consideration of again separating children from parents — to more subtle tweaks to the legal im-

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migration system, including efforts to clamp down on visa overstays, which, according to the nonpartisan Center for Migration Studies, exceed illegal border crossings.

Plans are also in the works to have border patrol agents conduct initial interviews to determine whether migrants seeking asylum have a "credible fear" of returning to their homelands. Border patrol agents are the first officials who come into contact with migrants, and the thinking is that they'll be less sympathetic than asylum officers. And officials have been considering raising asylum standards and changing the court system so that the last people in are the first to have their cases adjudicated. Some of the ideas have been proposed, rejected and then proposed again.

The administration has also been weighing targeting the remittance payments sent home by people living in the country illegally. And White House aide Stephen Miller in particular has been pushing Homeland Security officials to move forward with plans to punish immigrants in the country legally for using public benefits, such as food stamps.

White House spokesman Hogan Gidley said both are topics of focus for the White House.

"It is a top priority for the administration, as has been for two years, to reduce overstay rates for visas and the visa waiver program — and it's well known that the administration is working to ensure faithful implementation of immigration welfare rules to protect American taxpayers," he said.

At the same time, Trump suggested Monday that his threat to send migrants to so-called sanctuary cities in an apparent effort to exact revenge on Democratic foes is taking effect, even though it remains unclear whether such a plan is feasible.

"Those Illegal Immigrants who can no longer be legally held (Congress must fix the laws and loopholes) will be, subject to Homeland Security, given to Sanctuary Cities and States!" Trump tweeted just days after aides insisted the plan had been shelved.

Neither the White House nor the Department of Homeland Security responded to requests for comment on what, if anything, had changed Monday. And it's unclear whether Homeland Security has taken any steps to implement the contentious plan. Lawyers there had previously told the White House that the idea was unfeasible and would be a misuse of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement funds.

ICE is already strapped for cash and resources, and some believe such a plan would actually end up doing the migrants a favor by placing them in locations that make it easier for them to put down roots and stay in the country. Trump has recently gutted DHS's leadership amid frustrations over agency pushback against the White House on immigration matters.

Democrats on Monday demanded that White House and agency officials turn over internal documents on the administration's deliberations over the sanctuary city plan.

"Not only does the administration lack the legal authority to transfer detainees in this manner, it is shocking that the president and senior administration officials are even considering manipulating release decisions for purely political reasons," read a letter signed by three House committee chairmen.



**President Donald Trump walks towards the steps of Air Force One at Andrews Air Force Base in Md., Monday, April 15, 2019. Trump is heading to Minnesota for a tax day event.** (AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

Trump, meanwhile, has insisted he has “the absolute legal right to have apprehended illegal immigrants transferred to Sanctuary Cities.”

He continued to rail about the situation at the border during an appearance in Minnesota on Monday and made the case that the issue could be a winning one for Republicans in 2020, telling the crowd that the GOP could “retake the House” over this issue. Many moderate Republicans urged Trump to avoid harsh immigration talk in the lead-up to the 2018 midterm elections, warning that it could hurt the party’s chances, especially in the suburbs.

The Republicans wound up losing the House.

U.S. officials say a flood of migrant families, largely from Central America, is overwhelming the south-western border. The U.S. Border Patrol said the 53,000 families apprehended in March set a record, though Democrats say the administration is worsening the problem by aggressively detaining people caught entering illegally and limiting the number of applicants for refugee status who are processed.

Associated Press writer Alan Fram contributed to this report.

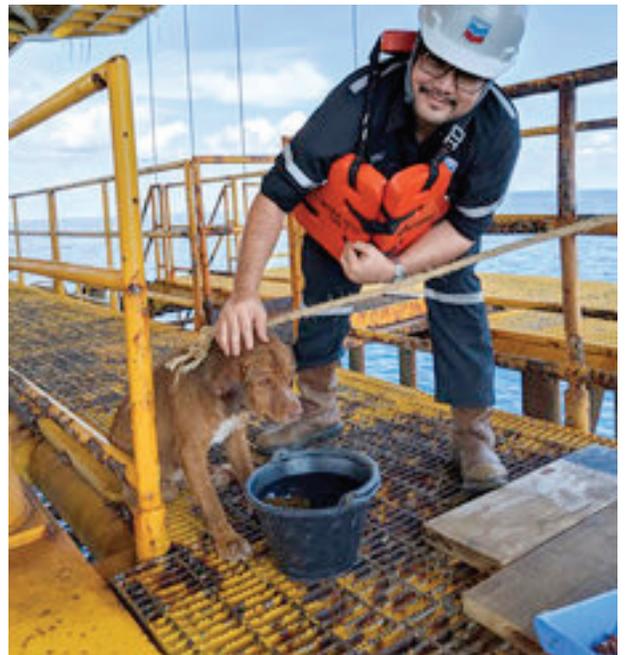
## Dog rescued while swimming 135 miles off Thailand

BANGKOK (AP) — A dog found swimming more than 220 kilometers (135 miles) from shore by workers on an oil rig crew in the Gulf of Thailand has been returned safely to land.

A worker on the rig belonging to Chevron Thailand Exploration and Production, Vitisak Payalaw, said on his Facebook page that the dog was sighted last Friday swimming toward the platform.

The crew managed to rescue the dog by putting a rope around its neck and hauling it up. He said the crew speculated it might have fallen off a fishing trawler, and dubbed him “Boon Rod,” or “Survivor.”

The dog landed Monday at the southern port of Songkhla and was declared in good shape after being delivered to the animal protection group Watchdog Thailand.



**In this Friday, April 12, 2019, photo, a dog is taken care by an oil rig crew after being rescued in the Gulf of Thailand. The dog found swimming more than 220 kilometers (135 miles) from shore by an oil rig crew in the Gulf of Thailand was returned safely to land. Vitisak Payalaw, stationed on the rig belonging to Chevron Thailand Exploration and Production, said on his Facebook page the dog was glimpsed Friday swimming towards the platform, where it got a grip on a pole at sea level. (Vitisak Payalaw via AP)**

## Columbine survivors raise children in world shaped by attack

By KATHLEEN FOODY, ALLEN G. BREED and P. SOLOMON BANDA Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Dropping her kids off at school used to be the hardest part of Kacey Ruegsegger Johnson's day. She would cry most mornings as they left the car, and relied on texted photos from their teachers to make it through the day.

Now, the mother of four — and Columbine shooting survivor — sees mornings as an opportunity. She wakes early, makes breakfast and strives to send a clear message before her kids leave home: I adore you.

Twenty years after teenage gunmen attacked Columbine High School, Ruegsegger Johnson and other alumni of the Littleton, Colorado, school have become parents. The emotional toll of the shooting that killed 12 classmates and a teacher has been amplified by fears about their own kids' safety, spiking each time yet another shooter enters yet another school.

"I'm grateful I have the chance to be a mom. I know some of my classmates weren't given that opportunity," Ruegsegger Johnson said, tears springing to her eyes. "There are parts of the world I wish our kids never had to know about. I wish that there would never be a day I had to tell them the things I've been through."

As the survivors of Columbine entered adulthood, they watched the attacks at their school and so many others — Virginia Tech, Sandy Hook, Parkland — alter the American classroom.

Drills teaching students to "lock down" inside classrooms became routine. Schools formed teams to assess threats, particularly from students. Security firms forged a multibillion-dollar industry, introducing surveillance video, panic buttons and upgraded doors and locks. And police changed their strategies for responding to a gunman intent only on killing.

Some of the Columbine survivors find comfort in students being shielded by high fences or locked doors. Others find themselves frustrated by the ready acceptance of active-shooter drills in schools.

Now, many of these students-turned-parents grapple with crippling fear dwarfing pride as their children walk into their own schools.

Ruegsegger Johnson has developed her own ritual for the school drop-off. On a recent sunny spring morning, she helped her kids find their book bags and tie their shoes before ushering them to the car. She prayed aloud as they neared the school, giving thanks for a beautiful morning and asking for a day of learning and friendship.

As always, she made a silent addition: Keep them safe.

The prospect of Amy Over's 13-year-old daughter starting high school could have triggered a panic attack in the not-too-distant past. But now she's focused on helping the girl prepare for the unexpected.

She coaches her daughter when she ventures to places outside her mom's control: Where is the closest exit? What street are you on? Who is around you?

"I never want my kids to feel an ounce of pain, the way that I felt pain," Over said. "I know that that's something that I can't control. And I think that's hard on me."

Over was in the Columbine cafeteria when the gunmen approached the school, targeting students eating lunch outside. She escaped with no physical injuries, but has struggled emotionally for years.

Therapy and family support helped. But waving goodbye to her daughter on the first day of preschool triggered a panic attack — the first of many. She was diagnosed with chronic panic disorder, resumed therapy and found new strategies for her life as a mother of two.

Over's daughter, Brie, was 11 when her mother first told her about Columbine, a few days before the anniversary. That April 20, they visited the school for a memorial ceremony that included a reading of the names of the 13 people killed. Afterward, the Overs walked together through the quiet school.

Here is where she hid in the cafeteria, Amy Over showed her daughter. And that is the staircase where she last saw her basketball coach, Dave Sanders, who died in a classroom awaiting rescue after valiantly trying to help evacuate the school.

For Over, opening up to her daughter was cathartic and so they have continued to attend annual memo-

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rial events, now imbued with a gentler tone with the girl by her side.

"It's a day of reflection," Over said. "It's a day of love and hope. And I get to share that with my daughter."

Though it sometimes seems mass shootings inside schools are a commonplace occurrence, they are relatively rare, and statistics show the number has not substantially increased since 2000.

But that is of little consolation to a swath of American parents. About 2 in 10 parents said they are not at all or not very confident in their children's safety while at school, while a third of parents are very or extremely confident, according to a March survey by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Austin Eubanks, who survived being shot in the Columbine library, is among those who doesn't fear the schools his sons, ages 13 and 9, attend.

Instead, he laments that active-shooter drills, video surveillance and armed guards are all too routine for them — as natural as a tornado drill was for him growing up in Oklahoma.

"We are so unwilling to actually make meaningful progress on eradicating the issue," said Eubanks, who remains scarred by watching his best friend, Corey DePooter, die. "So we're just going to focus on teaching kids to hide better, regardless of the emotional impact that that bears on their life. To me, that's pretty sad."

Isolation, depression, addiction and suicide are among the larger dangers he sees facing his kids' generation, and he knows firsthand the damage those can cause.

For more than a decade after the attack, Eubanks was addicted to prescription pain medication. He got sober in 2011 and began repairing his family, including his relationship with his sons and their mother. He works at an addiction treatment facility and travels the country telling his story.

At home in Colorado, he tries to help his sons become attuned to pain others may be feeling. He encourages them to talk to an adult when peers seem so angry or afraid that they may need help. He tries to remember that — for them — all of the changes in schools are just normal.

He was horrified by videos that Marjory Stoneman Douglas students shot in Parkland, Fla., as they hid inside a classroom while a gunman moved through the halls of the high school. He has urged his own boys to always try to escape first — whatever it takes — even if the drills advise staying put.

"These are my children, and what I care about most is their safety," he said. "And I know that for them, in a situation like that, getting away from it as quickly as possible is the best likelihood of success."

When Kacey Ruegsegger Johnson's daughter Mallory was 8, a classmate saw her mom on a Denver news station. Mallory had a question: Was her mother famous?



**In this March 27, 2019, photo, Kacey Ruegsegger Johnson poses for a portrait at her home in Cary, N.C. Ruegsegger Johnson, now a mother of four, survived a shotgun blast during the 1999 shootings at Colorado's Columbine High School that left 12 students, one teacher, and both gunmen dead. The emotional toll of the shooting, joined by fears about their own kids' safety, spikes each time yet another shooter enters another school.** (AP Photo/Allen G. Breed)

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Ruegsegger Johnson knew it was time for the conversation she and her husband had anticipated for years. During a family vacation, she pulled her oldest daughter aside for a private talk — the one that finally explained the scars marking Ruegsegger Johnson's right shoulder and why she was unable to reach up toward high shelves or use her right arm to lift the kids.

In 1999, Kacey Ruegsegger was reading a magazine in the school library when a teacher entered, shouting that someone had a gun. The junior crouched under a computer desk, pulling a chair in front of her body. She felt well-hidden, but the shooters' taunting voices and the sound of gunshots grew louder and got closer. Then one of the gunmen leaned down and fired a shotgun at her.

The blast shredded her right shoulder. She tried not to move or cry out, praying the shooter would believe she was dead and walk away. When the pair left the library, other students helped her flee.

For the last 20 years, she has lived with post-traumatic stress disorder, along with physical pain. She worked as a nurse until the injuries to her arm forced her to stop.

Ruegsegger Johnson was thrilled to become a mother, but struggled to leave her infant daughter at daycare during church services. She considered home schooling, terrified that sending her children into a school was akin to exposing them to danger.

Leaning on her religious faith and family support, she worked hard to push the terror down as her children got older. She avoided media coverage of school violence and became a resource for other survivors of shootings. She grew tired of living in fear and unwilling to let her past affect her kids' experience.

Though she still struggles occasionally, she resolved to make mornings before school a positive time, focused on building her children up. And she finds at least some comfort in their school's evacuation plans and security measures. She told her children that lockdown drills were like fire drills — practice to keep them safe from an unlikely danger.

But when Mallory confessed to feeling afraid that "a bad person" could still find her in the evacuation location used during one drill, Ruegsegger Johnson flashed back to herself crouched under that computer desk in the Columbine library.

"The bad guys found me, and I thought I had a really great hiding spot," she said. "So what am I going to say to a little girl who has that same fear that the bad guy might find her? It was a really hard moment for me."

Breed reported from Cary, North Carolina. Associated Press researcher Jennifer Farrar in New York and writer Reese Dunklin in Dallas contributed to this report.

## 10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press undefined

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

### 1. FIRE OUT BUT MUCH WORK AHEAD FOR DAMAGED NOTRE DAME

Experts are assessing the blackened shell of Paris' iconic cathedral to establish next steps to save what remains after a devastating fire destroyed much of the almost 900-year-old building.

### 2. REDACTED SPECIAL COUNSEL REPORT COMING THIS WEEK

Trump is stepping up his attacks in an effort to undermine potential disclosures on Russia, his 2016 campaign and the aftermath.

### 3. WHAT IS AMERICA'S NEW BUZZWORD

"Redacted." The U.S. government has a long history of withholding everything from the most sensitive information to the most harmless trivia.

### 4. 'I'M GRATEFUL I HAVE THE CHANCE TO BE A MOM'

Twenty years after teenage gunmen attacked Columbine High School in suburban Denver, alumni like Kacey Ruegsegger Johnson have become parents.

### 5. LIBYA ON VERGE OF ALL-OUT WAR

A former general is marching on the capital, Tripoli, where heavily armed militias have joined forces to

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prevent a return to one-man rule.

## 6. INDONESIA TO HEAD TO POLLS

About 193 million residents are eligible to decide who leads the Southeast Asian nation, which is an outpost of democracy and is forecast to be among the world's biggest economies by 2030.

## 7. VENEZUELA FACING 'NEW NORMAL'

It is in this South American country that two men say they are president and the worst nationwide blackouts play havoc with the lives of millions.

## 8. OFFICIALS CONSIDER NEW PENALTY FOR VISA OVERSTAYS

The Trump administration could introduce new travel restrictions on nationals from countries whose citizens overstay their visas, sources tell the AP.

## 9. CLIPPERS MAKE NBA PLAYOFF HISTORY

Lou Williams and Los Angeles rally from 31 points down to stun the Warriors 135-131 — the largest postseason comeback in NBA history.

## 10. 'MARY TYLER MOORE SHOW' ACTRESS DIES

Georgia Engel, who played the charmingly innocent, small-voiced Georgette on the sitcom and amassed a string of other TV and stage credits, is dead at age 70.



**This aerial photo provided Tuesday April 16, 2019 by the Paris Fire Brigade shows Notre Dame cathedral burning, Monday April 15, 2019. Experts assessed the blackened shell of Paris' iconic Notre Dame Tuesday morning to establish next steps to save what remains after a devastating fire destroyed much of the cathedral that had survived almost 900 years of history.** (Benoit Moser/BSPP via AP)

## Redaction nation: US history brims with partial deletions

By HILLEL ITALIE AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Somewhere in the shadows of federal bureaucracy, there was an issue about the drinking habits of Augusto Pinochet.

The National Security Archive, an advocate for open government, had for years tried to gain access to intelligence files about the Chilean dictator, his human rights abuses and his ties to the United States. In 2003, the Defense Intelligence Agency declassified documents that included a biographical sketch of Pinochet assembled in 1975, two years after he seized power. Parts of the sketch had been blacked out, "redacted," for national security. The archive had no trouble discovering that the missing information included Pinochet's liking for scotch and pisco sours.

"The sketch been published in full by the government in 1999," notes Tom Blanton, director of the archive. But, he says, "all it takes to change that is a single objection."

The censoring of government reports isn't new, but since Robert Mueller turned in his report last month on alleged ties between Russian officials and Donald Trump presidential campaign, "redacted" has joined "collusion" and "obstruction" as a national buzzword. Attorney General William Barr's announcement that he would release a "redacted" version of Mueller's findings, expected Thursday, will likely set off a long debate over what's behind the darkened blotches.

Barr's stated guidelines range from protecting intelligence sources to the privacy of those not under in-

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vestigation. But over the past few decades, the government has redacted everything from the most sensitive information to the most harmless trivia.

"We believe there are real secrets, common-sense secrets, like names of people in the field who would be killed or specifications of weapons or systems," Blanton says. "But redactions also are overused."

David Cole, legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union, says any government official who ever had a security clearance will say the same thing: Whether under Clinton, Bush or Obama, "the problem of overclassification is rampant."

"It's partly the consequence of what is safest for the government to do," Cole says. "If you make a mistake and disclose something you shouldn't have, that mistake is public. If you decide to keep something secret that doesn't need to be secret, that mistake is private."

The secrecy reflex is as old as the country: The American government itself was created behind closed doors, and windows. Framers of the Constitution gathered at the Pennsylvania State House from May to September in 1787 and, anxious to speak freely, were so resolved to keep the public away they kept windows shut (in pre-air conditioned times) even on the hottest days. No official transcripts were logged, and much of our understanding of the debate has been shaped by James Madison's (revised) notes, which didn't come out until 1836, after Madison and fellow delegates were dead.

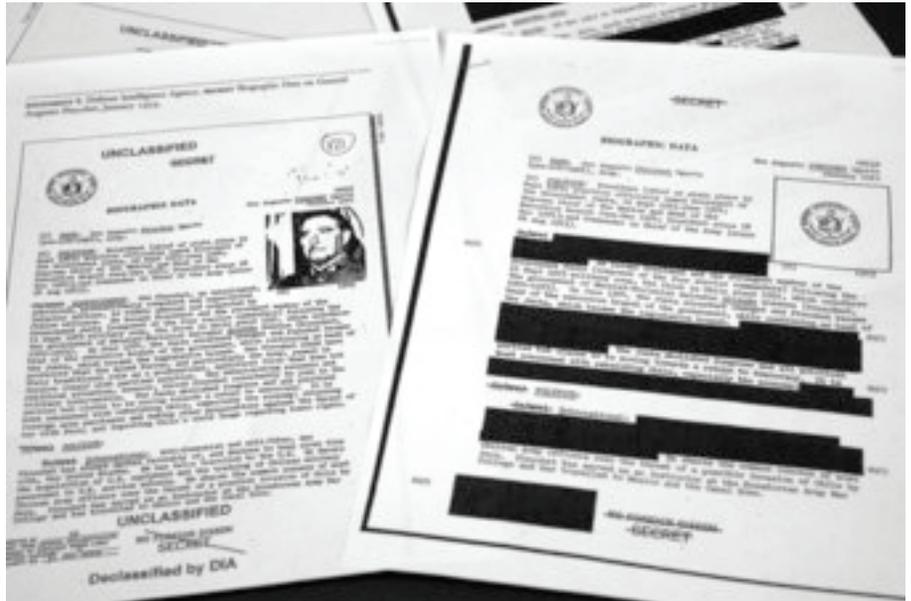
"I think they are pretty reliable," historian Gordon Wood says of Madison's notes. "But they may only account for a fraction of what was said at the convention."

At the time of the Constitution's drafting, there was no system for classifying government documents and no process for the public to obtain them. Our redaction nation formed over the course of the 20th century as the federal government expanded, the country became an international superpower and means of communication and surveillance grew more sophisticated. By the start of the Cold War, just after World War II ended, new bureaucracies such as the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Security Council were defined by what they couldn't, or wouldn't, reveal.

"In 1947, when you have creation of the CIA and the NSC, you have the production of literally billions of papers and billions of secrets contained within them," says Tim Weiner, whose "Legacy of Ashes: The History of the CIA" won the National Book Award in 2007. "And the machinery of secrecy far outstripped the ability to demand an open government."

For years, the general public had few means to request records, and little awareness of how much it wasn't being told.

The Freedom of Information Act wasn't enacted until 1966, and broad demands for accountability only



**The redacted, right, and the unredacted versions of the biographical intelligence file report on Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet from 1975 is photographed on April 15, 2019, in Washington. In 2003, the Defense Intelligence Agency declassified the documents that included a biographical sketch of Pinochet. Attorney General William Barr's announcement that he would release a "redacted" version of Mueller's findings will likely set off a long debate over what's behind the darkened patches.** (AP Photo/Jon

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began with the jarring revelations of the 1970s: years of official deceit about the Vietnam War as detailed in the Pentagon Papers; the Watergate scandal which forced President Nixon to resign; the Senate's Church Committee of 1975-76, which confirmed reports of the government's history of backing the assassination of foreign leaders.

Ever since, it's been an exhausting process of keeping up.

Names and events change, whether the assassination of President John F. Kennedy or the torture of prisoners during the Iraq War, but millions of documents each year continue to be classified. The NSA and others have even compiled lists of some of the more unlikely information to be withheld:

—Some files from World War I, including a method for opening sealed letters without detection and a formula for German secret ink, were not declassified until 2011. "When historical information is no longer sensitive, we take seriously our responsibility to share it with the American people," CIA Director Leon Panetta said at the time. (The release followed years of lawsuits and formal requests).

—The redaction in 2014 of remarks about the Cuban Missile Crisis made 50 years earlier by Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev. The remarks were made in a public speech.

—FBI files about Marilyn Monroe's alleged Communist sympathies were redacted until 2012, 50 years after her death and more than 20 years after the Cold War ended.

Sometimes, history itself is censored. Daniel Ellsberg, the former defense department analyst famous for leaking the Pentagon Papers, remembers the long process to make all of the documents public. The Pentagon Papers were a Defense Department-commissioned study about U.S. policy in Vietnam from 1945-67. It took decades, long after the Vietnam War ended, for the full report to come out. When it did, Ellsberg noticed that one of the sections originally redacted referred to the so-called Haiphong Massacre of 1946.

"The French attacked Haiphong and killed 6,000 people," Ellsberg says. "The entire reference was whited out. The government didn't want people to know that an ally was seeking to conquer and colonize Vietnam."

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## Bernie Sanders releases 10 years of long-awaited tax returns

By **JUANA SUMMERS** and **STEPHEN BRAUN** Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders on Monday released 10 years of his long-anticipated tax returns as he campaigns for the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination.

The returns provide a more detailed look at Sanders' finances than when he ran for president in 2016. The release also confirms that Sanders' income crossed the \$1 million threshold in 2016 and 2017, though he reported less earnings in his most recent return.

His 2018 return reveals that he and his wife, Jane, earned more than \$550,000, including \$133,000 in income from his Senate salary and \$391,000 in sales of his book, "Our Revolution: A Future to Believe In." Sanders' campaign said in a news release that he paid 26% effective tax rate in 2018.

During his first presidential bid, Sanders released just one year of his tax returns despite primary rival Hillary Clinton pushing him to follow her lead and release multiple years of tax information. He declined to do so, disclosing only his tax return for 2014. Tax transparency has been in the spotlight as Donald Trump bucks decades of presidential tradition by declining to show voters his tax filings and House Democrats seek to force him to turn them over.

During a Fox News Channel town hall on Monday, Sanders said that he'd increased his income by publishing a book — he's written two with campaign themes — and that he wouldn't apologize for that. He also challenged Trump to release his tax returns.

"I guess the president watches your network a little bit, right?" Sanders said to the moderators. "Hey, President Trump. My wife and I just released 10 years. Please do the same."

The filings show that Sanders, who throughout his career has called for an economy and government that works for everyone and not just the 1 percent, is among the top 1 percent of earners in the U.S. According to the liberal-leaning Economic Policy Institute, families in the U.S. earning \$421,926 or more a

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year are part of this group.

In a statement accompanying the release, Sanders said that the returns show that his family has been "fortunate," something he is grateful for after growing up in a family that lived paycheck to paycheck.

"I consider paying more in taxes as my income rose to be both an obligation and an investment in our country. I will continue to fight to make our tax system more progressive so that our country has the resources to guarantee the American Dream to all people," Sanders added.

Sanders, 77, has also listed Social Security payments for each year of the decade of tax returns he made available Monday. By 2018, his wife, 69, was also taking Social Security, providing the couple with nearly \$52,000 for the year.

Sanders' status as a millionaire, which he acknowledged last week, was cemented in his 2017 statement. That year, Sanders disclosed \$1.31 million income, combined from his Senate salary and \$961,000 in book royalties and sales. His higher income in two of the three most recent years could potentially prompt questions from voters about his frequent criticisms of the influence that millionaires and billionaires have over the political process.

Sanders and his wife disclosed \$36,300 in charitable contributions in 2017, but their return does not detail each individual contribution. That same year, the couple announced publicly that they had donated \$25,000 as a grant to launch the Sanders Institute, a nonprofit educational organization aligned with the senator's political and ideological interests.

Jane Sanders was a co-founder of the nonprofit, along with her son, David Driscoll, who became the institute's executive director. Sanders and his wife put the institute on hiatus last month amid criticism that the nonprofit blurred lines between family, fundraising and campaigning. Jane Sanders said the nonprofit would cease operations beginning in May "so there could not even be an appearance of impropriety."

A number of Sanders' rivals for the Democratic presidential nomination — including Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand of New York, Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, Kamala Harris of California and Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota — have released tax records to varying degrees. Gillibrand was the first candidate to release her 2018 tax returns, and her campaign released a video in which she called on other candidates to join her.

Warren, who has also already released her 2018 tax returns, made public 10 years of tax information last year. Harris released 15 years of tax returns over the weekend. Klobuchar released her 2018 tax return on Monday and said in a campaign video that she hoped Trump, who spent the day campaigning in Minnesota, would release his own taxes on his trip to the state. (He didn't.)



**Presidential candidate and U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) speaks to a gathering of the Pennsylvania Association of Staff Nurses and Allied Professionals at Mohegan Sun Pocono in Plains Twp., Pa. on Monday, April 15, 2019.**

(Christopher Dolan/Times-Tribune via AP)

## 'Mary Tyler Moore Show' actress Georgia Engel dies at 70

By LYNN ELBER AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Georgia Engel, who played the charmingly innocent, small-voiced Georgette on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and amassed a string of other TV and stage credits, has died. She was 70.

Engel died Friday in Princeton, New Jersey, said her friend and executor, John Quilty. The cause of death was unknown because she was a Christian Scientist and didn't see doctors, Quilty said Monday.

"I know the world will be sad and sorry. She touched so many people," said her agent, Jacqueline Stander.

Engel was best known for her role as Georgette on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," the character who was improbably destined to marry pompous anchorman Ted Baxter, played by Ted Knight.

Engel also had recurring roles on "Everybody Loves Raymond" and "Hot in Cleveland." She was a five-time Emmy nominee, receiving two nods for the late Moore's show and three for "Everybody Loves Raymond."

She was "the sweetest, kindest, dearest woman. And crazy talented. I will miss her," Valerie Bertinelli, who starred in "Hot in Cleveland," said in a Twitter post.

Georgia Bright Engel was born in July 1948 in Washington, D.C., to parents Benjamin, a Coast Guard officer, and Ruth Engel. She studied theater at the University of Hawaii.

Her prolific career included guest appearances on a variety of series, including "The Love Boat," "Fantasy Island," "Coach" and "Two and a Half Men." Her "Hot in Cleveland" role reunited her with Betty White, her co-star in "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" (1972-77) and "The Betty White Show" (1977-78).

Engel appeared on Broadway in plays and musicals including "Hello, Dolly!," "The Boys from Syracuse" and, most recently, "The Drowsy Chaperone" in 2006-07. She starred in an off-Broadway production of "Uncle Vanya" in 2012.

Engel could be as upbeat as the fictional Georgette, as was demonstrated during a panel discussion last year promoting the 2018 PBS special, "Betty White: First Lady of Television."

She recalled that a possible "Everybody Loves Raymond" spinoff set to include her and Fred Willard never come to fruition, which she called a great disappointment.

"But if that hadn't happened," she said, "I wouldn't have been able to star" in writer-actor Bob Martin's "Drowsy Chaperone," which led to her custom-tailored role in Martin's "Half Time." The musical, about older adults who school themselves in hip hop to perform in half-time shows, was staged in New Jersey last year.

"It's given me such joy," said Engel, who had hoped to see it move to Broadway.



**FILE - In this Aug. 30, 1992, file photo, Mary Tyler Moore, right, is joined by former "Mary Tyler Moore Show" co-star Georgia Engel, left, who played Georgette, at New York's Russian Tea Room, as the two reunited during an Emmy Awards screening party Moore hosted at the famous New York restaurant. Engel died Friday, April 12, 2019, in Princeton, N.J., at age 70.** (AP Photo/Malcolm

Clarke, File)

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Her real-life voice was as sweet as the one familiar from her screen roles. "What you see is what you get. That's not a character voice — that's our girl," a smiling White said in a 2012 interview with Engel, calling her a "pure gold" friend and colleague.

Engel's final credited television appearance came last year in the Netflix series "One Day at a Time."

Funeral services for Engel, whose survivors include her sisters Robin Engel and Penny Lusk, will be private, Quilty said.

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## Warriors squander 31-point lead, Clippers tie series at 1-1

By JANIE McCAULEY AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Lou Williams led the Los Angeles Clippers to the largest postseason comeback in NBA history.

Landry Shamet hit a go-ahead 3-pointer with 16.5 seconds left, Stephen Curry couldn't answer on the other end, and the Clippers somehow rallied from 31 points down on the road to stun the Golden State Warriors 135-131 on Monday night and even their first-round playoff series at one game apiece.

The comeback topped a 29-point rally by the Los Angeles Lakers in the 1989 Western Conference semi-finals over Seattle. The Clippers confirmed it's the best comeback ever.

"That's a record we didn't necessarily want to have. We'll take it," Williams said. "You're competitive and you get lost in the game. Once you cut the lead to 12, you cut the lead to 10, then you realize you've got a game going. I'm one of those guys who can get hot."

Curry scored 29 points and put the Warriors up 131-128 with 58 seconds left before Shamet's dagger on a night the two-time defending NBA champions lost DeMarcus Cousins to a leg injury in the first quarter.

"We changed a couple things offensively and defensively in the third on the fly. It worked out for us. But I thought it was our spirit more than anything," Clippers coach Doc Rivers said. "Just every single guy. I loved the end of the game."

Williams tied the game on a jumper with 1:10 to play then Curry immediately answered. Williams scored again at 46 seconds and finished with 36 points and made 8 of 10 free throws in as the teams combined for 64 fouls and 76 free throws attempted.

"When I say we stopped playing, we stopped playing, like defense, offense, execution-wise we were not as engaged as we needed to be," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said. "We got exactly what we deserved. The Clippers were great. They executed, they were hungry, they stayed connected. They were together."

Cousins injured his left quadriceps muscle in the first quarter and was done for the game, but Golden State's depth shined and the Warriors built a 23-point halftime lead they pushed to a 31-point advantage before failing to hold off Los Angeles late.

Williams' jumper and three-point play with 5:34 left pulled the Clippers within 120-117 then he rebounded his own miss and scored the putback at the 5:05 mark and cut it to 121-119.

"The wheels fell off," Curry said.

Cousins was scheduled to undergo an MRI exam after the injury in just his second career playoff game following a nine-year wait. The big man returned in January from a nearly year-long absence following surgery for a torn left Achilles tendon.

He won't play in Game 3 on Thursday at Staples Center and Cousins' entire postseason is in serious doubt. Kerr said Cousins will be out "a while."

"There's a pretty significant quad injury," Kerr said.

Cousins hobbled to the locker room at the 8:09 mark of the first quarter. At the 8 1/2-minute mark Cousins stole the ball from Patrick Beverley in the back court and tried to retrieve the loose ball when went down in front of the Golden State bench and grabbed at his left quad.

LeBron James tweeted prayers for Cousins, who fouled out of Saturday's 121-104 Game 1 win with nine points, nine rebounds and four assists in 21 minutes.

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Kevon Looney picked up the bulk of the extra minutes in Cousins' absence and scored a career-high 19 points making all six of his shots but the Warriors had their seven-game postseason winning streak snapped that dated to last year's run to a repeat championship. Durant had 21 points, five rebounds and five assists, Klay Thompson scored 17 points and Draymond Green 14 with nine assists.

Curry followed up a 38-point performance in Game 1 that gave him the most 3s in postseason history with another nice showing but Golden State hurt itself with too many miscues.

The Warriors committed 21 turnovers in Game 1, then 22 more Monday — nine by Durant.

"We let our guard down. We weren't the aggressors anymore. We didn't deserve to win that game," Thompson said.

Los Angeles wanted to do a better job stopping the late bursts each quarter the Warriors had in Game 1, and the Clippers were somehow able to claw their way back.

Both coaches challenged their teams to be more poised in Game 2 following the ejections of Beverley and Durant in the opener. Beverley again pushed the limits but the sides avoided a testy encore, and he fouled out with 4:33 to go to roaring cheers from the sellout crowd. Kevin Durant fouled out at 1:21 with a third straight offensive foul.

## DURANT'S APOLOGY

At morning shootaround, Durant apologized for being tossed from Game 1.

The two-time reigning finals MVP has two technicals, and if he reaches seven during the postseason it brings an automatic one-game suspension.

"I don't want to disappoint my coaches and my fan base and owners who expect me to be out on the floor, so I apologize for being thrown out the game," Durant said. "Just keep my mouth shut, just play the game. Simple."

## DOC APPRECIATES GOOD DEED

Doc Rivers dropped \$2,000 cash on the street in San Francisco earlier in the day — and offered a pre-game "shoutout" to the man with the integrity to return the money.

"Kept walking, didn't know it. The guy tapped me on the back and said, 'that's your money,'" Rivers shared. "I don't know a lot of places that that would happen, but it happened today, so whoever that was he could have had free tickets if you hadn't ran away."

## TIP-INS

Clippers: Williams scored 17 points in the third to match Chris Paul's postseason franchise record done May 5, 2014, against Oklahoma City. ... The L.A. backups scored another 83 points after getting 65 in the opener. In fact, in Game 1, Harrell (26) and Williams (25) were the first teammates to come off the bench and score 25 or more points in a postseason game since bench stats began in 1970-71, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.



**Los Angeles Clippers guard Lou Williams (23) celebrates with Patrick Beverley during the second half of Game 2 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series against the Golden State Warriors in Oakland, Calif., Monday, April 15, 2019.** (AP Photo/Jeff Chiu)

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Warriors: With his 129th career playoff game, Durant passed Kerr for 73rd place on the NBA's all-time list. ... C Andrew Bogut (419) moved by Clifford Ray (411) for sixth place on the Warriors' career postseason rebounds list.

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## **In Libya, a rogues' gallery of militias prepare for war**

**By RAMI MUSA and SAMY MAGDY Associated Press**

BENGAZI, Libya (AP) — Libya is on the verge of an all-out war involving a rogues' gallery of militias, many of which are little more than criminal gangs armed with heavy weapons.

The country slid into chaos after the 2011 uprising, in which rebels overthrew and killed longtime dictator Moammar Gadhafi and looted his vast arsenal. Even more weapons have flowed in since then, despite a U.N. arms embargo, as Arab states have backed local allies and Western nations have partnered with militias to combat extremists and stem the flow of migrants.

A former general is now marching on the capital, Tripoli, where an array of militias — which have fought each other in the past — have for now joined forces to prevent a return to one-man rule. The fighting has already killed around 150 people, according to U.N. figures. The International Crisis Group, a Washington- and Brussels-based think tank, said last week that the two main coalitions "appear equally matched," with fighter jets, gunships and heavy artillery.

### **HIFTER'S ARMY**

The self-styled Libyan National Army, led by Field Marshal Khalifa Hifter, launched a surprise offensive to retake Tripoli on April 5. Hifter's opponents view him as an aspiring dictator, and one of his commanders is wanted by the International Criminal Court for war crimes, accused of dozens of extrajudicial killings.

Hifter, who served as a military officer under Gadhafi before defecting in the 1980s, has presented himself as a strong leader who can unify the country. He has spent the last few years battling extremist groups and other rivals in eastern Libya with aid from the United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Russia and France. He now controls most of eastern Libya, including the country's main oil facilities, and has recently made inroads across the south.

His forces include the remnants of Gadhafi's army as well as tribal fighters and ultra-conservative Islamists known as Salafists. They appear more like a regular army than their adversaries, with uniforms and a clear chain of command. The LNA is allied with other militias from the western city of Zintan that were driven out of Tripoli in 2014.

Hifter's forces boast MiG fighter jets supplied by neighboring Egypt, as well as drones, attack helicopters and mine-resistant vehicles.

Their heavy weapons and air power give them an advantage in open areas. But they have struggled in urban combat, and their campaigns in the east have left a swath of destruction in Benghazi and other cities. A similar scenario could play out in Tripoli, with local militias luring Hifter's forces into the city and fighting block by block.

### **TRIPOLI MILITIAS**

The U.N. and Western nations support a transitional government set up in Tripoli in 2016 and led by Fayeza Sarraj, a technocrat with no military experience. His government was forced to court powerful militias for its own protection, and these groups have vowed to repel Hifter's forces.

Wolfram Lacher, a Libya expert at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs, says the main Tripoli militias dominate Sarraj's government and have infiltrated its institutions to pillage state resources. In a report published last year, he described them as "criminal networks straddling business, politics and administration."

They include the Special Deterrent Force, led by Salafist commander Abdel-Rauf Kara, which controls the entrances to Tripoli as well as Matiga, the capital's only functioning airport. The Nawasi Brigade, led

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by Salafist Mustafa Qadro, controls the naval base that houses Serraj's government.

The Tripoli Revolutionaries Brigade is led by Haitham al-Tajuri, who was a bus driver before the 2011 uprising but now tools around the capital in a white Mercedes SUV, sporting clothes by Versace and Dolce & Gabbana. His forces control much of Tripoli, including the southern outskirts.

A U.N. report in 2016 said al-Tajuri and his associates had threatened Central Bank employees in order to receive letters of credit worth more than \$20 million. His group was also behind the brief kidnapping of a former prime minister in 2017.



**FILE - This Sept. 21, 2018 file photo, shows fighters under the UN-backed government on the front lines during clashes in southern Tripoli. Libya is on the verge of an all-out war involving a rogues' gallery of militias, many of which are little more than criminal gangs armed with heavy weapons. The self-styled Libyan National Army, led by Field Marshal Khalifa Hifter, launched a surprise offensive to retake Tripoli on April 5, 2019 from the transitional government supported by U.N. and Western nations led by Fayed Sarraj.** (AP Photo/Mohamed Ben Khalifa, File)

## MISRATA AND ZAWIYA

The western towns of Misrata and Zawiya saw some of the heaviest fighting during the 2011 uprising and boast powerful local militias allied with the U.N.-backed government.

The Misrata militias secured U.S. military support for their campaign against the Islamic State group in 2016, eventually driving the extremists from their main stronghold in the central city of Sirte. The Misratans also have a large number of tanks they captured from Gadhafi's forces in 2011.

Zawiya is home to the Martyrs of Victory Brigade, another powerful militia that has joined the alliance against Hifter. Militiamen from Zawiya captured 100 of Hifter's fighters the day after he launched his offensive.

The leader of the Martyrs of Victory Brigade, Mahmoud Kachlaf, is under U.N. sanctions for allegedly running a large migrant smuggling network. He is accused of working with the commander of the Libyan coast guard in Zawiya to intercept boats run by rival smuggling networks and then detain, abuse and exploit migrants.

## LIBYA DAWN

A loose alliance of militias, including some affiliated with the Muslim Brotherhood group, seized Tripoli in 2014 after their rivals won disputed parliamentary elections. The new parliament relocated to eastern Libya and later allied itself with Hifter, resulting in competing governments.

The militias, known as Libya Dawn, are widely believed to have received support from Turkey and Qatar, which are also believed to have backed Islamist factions during the 2011 uprising.

The Steadfastness Front, led by militia leader Saleh Badi, is seen as the successor to the alliance, which fractured after the U.N.-backed government was established. He is under U.N. and U.S. sanctions for repeatedly attacking forces allied with Serraj's government, most recently last August. But for now, he is siding with them against Hifter.

## MIGRANT PATROLS

After 2011, Libya emerged as a major conduit for refugees and migrants fleeing war and poverty in Africa for a better life in Europe. Thousands of migrants have perished while trying to cross the Mediterranean in overcrowded boats while others have been detained and abused by smugglers and armed groups.

The European Union has provided aid to Serraj's government to help stem the flow of migrants, and Italy has provided vessels and training to the Libyan coast guard.

The Associated Press reported in 2017 that Italy had reached an agreement with the U.N.-backed government to pay militias implicated in trafficking to prevent migrants from departing from the port city of Sabratha. Security officials at the time warned that the groups would use the aid to buy arms and recruit fighters.

Magdy reported from Cairo.

## **AP-NORC Poll: Low confidence in schools to respond to gunman** **By EMILY SWANSON, CAROLYN THOMPSON and HANNAH FINGERHUT Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Twenty years after the Columbine High School shooting made practicing for armed intruders as routine as fire drills, many parents have only tepid confidence in the ability of schools to stop a gunman, according to a new poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

And while most Americans consider schools less safe than they were 20 years ago, the poll finds a majority say schools aren't at fault for shootings. Bullying, the availability of guns, the internet and video games share more of the blame.

Lee Wisdom, a mother of two in Downingtown, Pennsylvania, believes students and staff have been trained as much as possible to prepare for an attack, but worries schools are still vulnerable to things beyond their control, like a parent holding the door for a stranger or a child sneaking his father's gun in a backpack.

"As far as inside the school, we're doing all we can to keep students safe," she said. "It is the outside of the school and the people who are coming in and out that I think are the weak link," said Wisdom, who sees school violence as a product of violent video games, TV shows and the internet's opportunities to bully and isolate.

Half of Americans blame students being bullied a great deal for school shootings. Roughly a third say the same of the internet and television, music and video games.

By and large, schools themselves are less likely to be blamed: 59% put not much or no blame on schools for the shootings. While roughly 4 in 10 say schools have at least some responsibility, just 9% attribute a great deal of blame.

In the years since two Colorado teenagers gunned down 12 classmates and a teacher in the Denver suburb of Littleton, schools across the country have fixated on planning for threats that before had been unimaginable.

Teachers and students practice fleeing and hiding during realistic shooter scenarios inside school buildings fortified by bolted doors, bulletproof glass and security cameras.

But shootings haven't stopped, and a little over a year after an armed ex-student allegedly killed 17 people at Florida's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, the survey finds a large majority, 67%, say schools have become less safe. Only 13% say schools have become safer during the last 20 years. The rest say they are about the same.

Along the same lines, despite all of the planning, drills and expense, only about a third of parents are extremely or very confident that their children are safe in school, or that the school could respond to an active shooter. About 4 in 10 parents are moderately confident in their child's safety and the school's potential response, while about 2 in 10 have little or no confidence.

And parents of school-age children are especially likely to blame shootings on schools themselves, compared with other adults, 49% to 36%.

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Nearly half of Americans strongly blame shootings on the availability of guns, and a majority, 67%, want to see the nation's gun laws made stricter.

Still, Washington has had little appetite for federal gun reforms despite surges in activism following Columbine and the 2012 shooting deaths of 20 children and six adults inside Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. Last year's shooting in Parkland, Florida, brought a shift in the political landscape, with the shooting's young survivors leading a national movement aimed not only at gun reform but a new generation of voters.

Before the Democratic-controlled House in February approved a measure requiring federal background checks for all firearms sales, it had been nearly 25 years since Congress had considered major gun control legislation.

The bill faces dim prospects in the Republican-controlled Senate and President Donald Trump has threatened to veto it, saying it would impose unreasonable requirements on gun owners.

James Kiefer, 75, doesn't think the availability of guns is as much of a problem as the violence children are exposed to in movies and video games from a young age.

"By the time they're 16 or 17, they're pretty much indoctrinated," the Three Rivers, Michigan, resident said.

"If somebody's going to do something like that, no matter if the guns are available or not, they're going to find a way to do it," he added.

To make schools safer, majorities of Americans believe lockdown drills, armed security guards, metal detectors and anti-bullying campaigns work.

However, the post-Columbine generation, for whom many of those things were routine, are much less likely than older adults to think that those steps would make schools safer.

"What the survey data tell us is that we need to take the next step in our safety efforts to purposefully and strategically communicate how successful our efforts have been in making schools safe, secure places where students can be their authentic selves and learn at their best," said Bob Farrace of the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Nor are younger adults as convinced that either stricter gun laws or arming teachers — another subject of political debate — is the answer, even though they are about as likely as those older to support stricter gun laws in the United States. While 44% of adults under 30 say tightening gun laws would improve school safety, 60% of adults over 30 say the same. Half of adults under 30 say arming trained teachers would actually make schools less safe, compared with about a third of those over 30.

"A well-trained teacher with a sidearm could greatly affect what happens in a classroom situation like that," said the Republican-leaning Kiefer, who retired from the trucking business. "There are enough qualified teachers that can be armed that can help solve problems."

A federal school safety commission assembled by Trump in response to the Parkland shooting said it should be left to states and schools to decide whether schools should arm staff members, but the presi-



**FILE - In this June 15, 1999, file photo, tape marks the line in front of the doors to the library in Columbine High School as members of the media took their first trip through the school in the southwest Denver suburb of Littleton, Colo. Twelve students and one teacher were killed in a murderous rampage at the school on April 20, 1999, by two students who killed themselves in the aftermath.** (AP Photo/David Zalubowski, File)

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dent's Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, who led the commission, said schools should "seriously consider" the option. The commission's December report steers schools to federal funding that can be used for firearm training.

The poll finds Republicans far more likely than Democrats to say armed teachers would make schools safer, 62% to 22%. By contrast, 79% of Democrats, and just 35% of Republicans, think tightening gun laws would improve school safety.

It also finds a racial divide over arming teachers. Close to half of white Americans and half of Hispanic Americans think that would make schools safer, while only about 2 in 10 black Americans say the same.

About 80 percent of white and Hispanic Americans think armed security guards make schools safer, compared with about half of black Americans.

Farrace said in an email that school safety should be a community effort, with law enforcement and public health agencies working to identify potential shooters and intervene before they act.

"We're under a common illusion," he said, "that the only way to prevent carnage in schools is a military-style response at the point of attack."

Thompson reported from Buffalo, N.Y.

The AP-NORC poll of 1,063 adults was conducted Mar. 14-18 using a sample drawn from NORC's probability-based AmeriSpeak Panel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 4.1 percentage points.

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## Notre Dame hailed as monument to the 'best of civilization'

By JOCELYN NOVECK AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Notre Dame, a survivor of wars and revolutions, has stood for centuries as not merely the greatest of the Gothic cathedrals and a towering jewel of Western architecture.

It has stood, in the words of one shell-shocked art expert, as "one of the great monuments to the best of civilization."

And so it was that across the globe Monday, a stunned and helpless art world wept alongside the people of France as a massive fire ravaged the beloved cathedral.

"Civilization is just so fragile," said Barbara Drake Boehm, senior curator at the Metropolitan Museum of Art's medieval Cloisters branch in New York, her voice shaking as she tried to put into words what the cathedral meant. "This great hulking monument of stone has been there since 1163. It's come through so many trials."

"It's not one relic, not one piece of glass — it's the totality," she said, struggling to find words expansive enough to describe the cathedral's significance. "It's the very soul of Paris, but it's not just for French people. For all humanity, it's one of the great monuments to the best of civilization."

Boehm spoke shortly before the Paris fire chief announced that firefighters had been able to finally save the structure, including its two main towers. Much of the roof was destroyed.

The exact cause of the blaze wasn't known, but French media quoted the fire brigade as saying it was "potentially linked" to a 6 million euro (\$6.8 million) renovation project on the church's spire and its 250 tons of lead. The Paris Prosecutor's office, which was investigating, said it was treating it as an accident.

Construction on Notre Dame — French for "Our Lady" — began in the 12th century and continued for nearly 200 years. It sustained damage and fell into neglect during the French Revolution, but received renewed attention following the 1831 publication of Victor Hugo's novel "The Hunchback of Notre-Dame." This led to two decades of restorations, including the cathedral's famous flying buttresses and a reconstructed spire.

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While most kings were crowned elsewhere, Napoleon Bonaparte made sure he was crowned there in 1804, and married there in 1810.

Experts note that Notre Dame is an aesthetically smooth synthesis of different centuries. "It all blends together so harmoniously," said Nancy Wu, a medieval architecture expert and educator at the Met Cloisters. She said she was struck by delicacy of the structure, as well as that in the three stunning stained-glass rose windows, and the elegant exterior carvings.

"There are a lot of details that remind one of intricate lace," she said, "even though it's a building of cold hard stone."

Aside from the structure, art experts were concerned about the fate of countless priceless artworks and artifacts inside, including relics like the crown of thorns, which is only occasionally displayed. Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo later said on Twitter that the crown of thorns and the tunic of St Louis were among the artifacts saved.

"This cathedral has a number of elements that are not just famous but religiously significant," said Julio Bermudez,

professor at the school of architecture and planning at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. "One of course is the crown of thorns ... the faithful believe this is the crown that the Savior put on his head. It's kept in a very safe place. But you know the fire is tremendously damaging." He also expressed concern about the beautiful stained-glass windows, which he called "really irreplaceable."

Those worried about the cathedral's durability could, perhaps, take solace in one of Notre Dame's more fascinating survival stories. In 1977, workers demolishing a wall in another part of Paris discovered 21 heads belonging to 13th-century statues from the cathedral. The kings of Judea, which were a prime example of Gothic art, had been taken from Notre Dame during the French Revolution and guillotined by antiroyalists who mistakenly thought they represented French kings.

The heads, which were thought to be lost, are now displayed in the capital's Cluny Museum.

The mourning was not limited to the art world. Religious leaders, too, expressed deep sorrow over the devastation.

Cardinal Timothy Dolan, the archbishop of New York, said he was praying for Notre Dame, which he called "second maybe to St. Peter's Basilica, (in) ... the ability of a church to lift our minds and hearts back to the Lord."

"For the French, my God, for the world, Notre Dame Cathedral represents what's most notable, what's most uplifting, what's most inspirational about the human project," he said.

Boehm, at the Cloisters, found herself thinking about how the cathedral is at once of the past, and of the present — a living, vibrant building, despite its age.

"When you step inside it, you have at once the sense of everything that came before, and everything that's still current," she said.



**FILE - This 1911, file photo shows the Notre Dame Cathedral, on the island called Ile de la Cite in Paris. Art experts around the world reacted with horror to news of the fire that ravaged cathedral on Monday, April 15, 2019. One shell-shocked art expert is calling the beloved Gothic masterpiece 'one of the great monuments to the best of civilization.'** (AP Photo/File)

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## Today in History

By The Associated Press undefined

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, April 16, the 106th day of 2019. There are 259 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 16, 2007, in one of America's worst school attacks, a college senior killed 32 people on the campus of Virginia Tech before taking his own life.

On this date:

In 1789, President-elect George Washington left Mount Vernon, Virginia, for his inauguration in New York.

In 1862, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln signed a bill ending slavery in the District of Columbia. The Confederacy conscripted all white men between the ages of 18 to 35.

In 1889, comedian and movie director Charles Chaplin was born in London.

In 1945, during World War II, a Soviet submarine in the Baltic Sea torpedoed and sank the MV Goya, which Germany was using to transport civilian refugees and wounded soldiers; it's estimated that up to 7,000 people died.

In 1947, the cargo ship Grandcamp, carrying ammonium nitrate, blew up in the harbor in Texas City, Texas; a nearby ship, the High Flyer, which was carrying ammonium nitrate and sulfur, caught fire and exploded the following day; the blasts and fires killed nearly 600 people. At the South Carolina statehouse, financier Bernard M. Baruch declared: "Let us not be deceived — we are today in the midst of a cold war."

In 1962, New Orleans Archbishop Joseph Rummel excommunicated three local Roman Catholics for fighting racial integration of parochial schools.

In 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. wrote his "Letter from Birmingham Jail" in which the civil rights activist responded to a group of local clergymen who had criticized him for leading street protests; King defended his tactics, writing, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

In 1972, Apollo 16 blasted off on a voyage to the moon with astronauts John W. Young, Charles M. Duke Jr. and Ken Mattingly on board.

In 1986, dispelling rumors he was dead, Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi (MOO'-ah-mar gah-DAH'-fee) appeared on television to condemn the U.S. raid on his country and to say that Libyans were "ready to die" defending their nation.

In 1996, Britain's Prince Andrew and his wife, Sarah, the Duchess of York, announced they were in the process of divorcing.

In 2003, the Bush administration lowered the terror alert level from orange to yellow, saying the end of heavy fighting in Iraq had diminished the threat of terrorism in the United States.

In 2008, the Supreme Court upheld, 7-2, the most widely used method of lethal injection, allowing states to resume executions after a seven-month halt. Pope Benedict XVI was welcomed by President George W. Bush as only the second pontiff to visit the White House (after John Paul II) and the first in 29 years.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama issued a statement saying CIA officials who'd used harsh interrogation tactics during the Bush administration would not be prosecuted; the president traveled to Mexico, where he pledged to help the country in its battle against drugs and violence. The crew of the cargo ship Maersk Alabama, who'd thwarted pirates off the Somali coast, returned to the U.S.; ship's captain Richard Phillips, held hostage for five days, arrived in Kenya aboard the USS Bainbridge. U.N. nuclear experts who'd been ordered to leave by North Korea departed the country. The Cleveland Indians ruined the Yankees' first game at their new stadium by beating New York 10-2.

Five years ago: More than 300 people, mostly students, died when a South Korean ferry, the Sewol, sank while en route from Incheon to the resort island of Jeju; 172 people survived.

One year ago: The New York Times and The New Yorker won the Pulitzer Prize for public service for breaking the Harvey Weinstein scandal with reporting that galvanized the #MeToo movement. Rap star Kendrick Lamar was awarded the Pulitzer for music, becoming the first non-classical or non-jazz artist to win the prize. American pastor Andrew Brunson went on trial in Turkey in a case that strained ties

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between that country and the United States; he denied accusations that he aided terror groups or spied against Turkey. (Brunson was convicted but sentenced to time served and was freed from house arrest in October to return to the United States.) Actor Harry Anderson, best known for playing an off-the-wall judge working the night shift of a Manhattan court room on the comedy series "Night Court," was found dead in his North Carolina home; he was 65.

Today's Birthdays: Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI is 92. Actor Peter Mark Richman is 92. Singer Bobby Vinton is 84. Denmark's Queen Margrethe II is 79. Basketball Hall of Famer Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is 72. Former Massachusetts first lady Ann Romney is 70. NFL coach Bill Belichick is 67. Rock singer and former politician Peter Garrett is 66. Actress Ellen Barkin is 65. Actor Michel Gill is 59. Rock musician Jason Scheff (Chicago) is 57. Singer Jimmy Osmond is 56. Rock singer David Pirner (Soul Asylum) is 55. Actor-comedian Martin Lawrence is 54. Actor Jon Cryer is 54. Rock musician Dan Rieser is 53. Actor Peter Billingsley is 48. Actor Lukas Haas is 43. Actress-singer Kelli O'Hara is 43. Actress Claire Foy (TV: "The Crown") is 35. Figure skater Mirai Nagasu is 26. Actress Sadie Sink is 17.

Thought for Today: "The only graceful way to accept an insult is to ignore it; if you can't ignore it, top it; if you can't top it, laugh at it; if you can't laugh at it, it's probably deserved." — Russell Lynes, American writer (1910-1991).