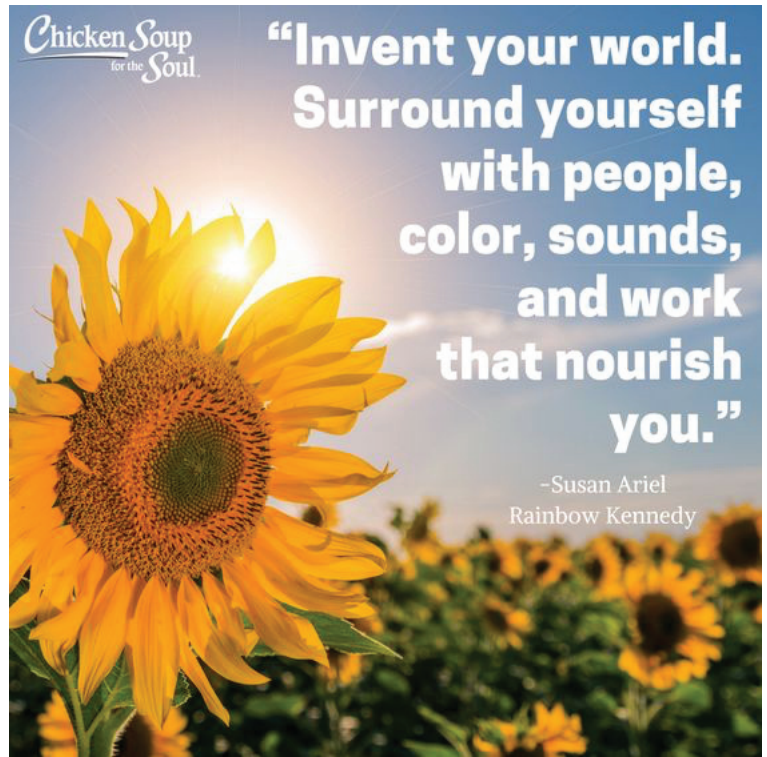


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Coming Up on GDILIVE.COM

## THE LIVING STATIONS



Wednesday, April 17  
@7:00pm

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
Catholic Church - Groton  
presented by SEAS Youth

Refreshments served.  
All are welcome!

**OPEN:** Re-  
cycling Trailer in  
Groton

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



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



**Spread the word!**  
**Groton American Legion**  
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**Coffee and Cupcakes at 3 p.m.**  
**Beef / Fish Taco Bar at 5 p.m.**

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## 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

## Wednesday, May 1, 2019

7 p.m.: Carnival of Silver Skates annual meeting at the warming house.

## Thursday, May 2, 2019

10:00am: Golf: Girls Varsity Meet @ Lee Park Golf Course

DI Pork Loin Meal, 5-7 p.m., HS Gym.

7:00pm: High School Spring Concert and Awards Night

Upcoming  
**COMMUNITY  
EVENTS**

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**Groton Area's**  
**KG**   
**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!

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## 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.**

## Elementary Spring Concert "Let's Go to the Movies"



**A very large crowd was on hand for the elementary spring concert held Tuesday evening in the GHS Gym.**

## 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](http://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.

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The fifth graders sang, "Moment of Truth."



The fourth graders sang, "Theme from Spider Man."

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The third graders sang, "Better When I'm Dancing."



The second graders sang, "Try Everything."



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The first graders sang, "We Know the Way."



The junior kindergarten/kindergarten group sang, "Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah."

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The fifth grade band performed, "Theme from Jurassic Park" and "12 The Clock Strikes."



The finale of the entire group was, "Let's Go to the Movies."



Anne Zoellner (middle) was chosen as the first ROAR (Respectful, Outstanding, Attitude, Role Model) Award. The Groton Area Elementary Parent Advisory Council (PAC) decided to introduce this award this year and to honor an elementary teacher. Zoellner also won \$500. On the right is Tara Hill, PAC vice president, and on the left is Kayla Krause, PAC president. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM)

## Rix Farms chosen as Producer of the Month

By Kelli Erickson

Rix Farms Inc, operated by Grant, Roger, and Jarrett is a family-oriented grain operation near Groton, South Dakota. Grant was able to sit down and tell us a little bit about himself and their operation before the craziness of spring sets it.

### How did you get started:

Grant graduated from South Dakota State University in 2006. He then went to work for Monsanto in Nebraska doing corn-breeding research for 2 years. He worked in the pollination fields and did testing of new hybrids before coming back to the farm in 2008. "I always knew I wanted to come back to the farm. This is home."

Grant has three kids – 5 months, 3 years, and 5 years. "I love having the kids at the farm. I can just pop my head in the house and check on them. It works well when my wife needs to run errands and I can come help watch the kids while she's out."

Between being a family man and grower, Grant is also on the Groton school board, Northeast Special Education Coop Board, and the South Dakota Corn Utilization Council. For the Corn Utilization Council, Grant will meet with legislature in July to lobby in Washington. We are fortunate to have someone so close to home be able to advocate for South Dakota agriculture.

### Why Full Circle Ag?

"They're always trying to help you out. If something happens, they are always willing to work with you. If I need something, I call Lance and he's always willing to help me out. As far as the petroleum side goes, Myron and Jim are both great. I never have to wait for anyone and it's really convenient for us to do business here. Full Circle Ag is definitely the quickest and the most reliable around."

### What has been the most useful advance in farming for you?

"Technology is getting to be more intuitive. The technology has always been there, but it hasn't been nearly as easy. Everything is more seamless. Everything is working together. That's probably the most useful. It makes the management side easier. That and cell phones!"

Thank you, Grant Rix, for taking the time out of your busy schedule to meet with us for Producer of the Month! We wish you a safe and prosperous spring and look forward to working with you for the 2019 growing season.



**Grant Rix is pictured above. Rix Farms was chosen as the Full Circle Ag Producer of the Month.** (Courtesy Photo)

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## Today in Weather History

April 17, 2006: A strong spring storm moved across the Northern and Central Plains, bringing precipitation and stiff northwest winds. Sustained winds of 30 to 50 mph, with gusts around 70 mph, were felt across a good portion of western South Dakota for more than 24 hours as the storm slowly crossed the region.

1922: Southern Illinois and Western Indiana saw two rounds of severe weather, including tornadoes. The first significant tornado occurred just before midnight on the 16 near Oakdale, Illinois. This tornado killed 4 and injured 22 others. Five additional tornadoes took place between midnight and 3 AM on the 17. During the mid-morning and early afternoon hours, two estimated F4 tornadoes caused devastation in Hedrick and near Orestes in Indiana. A postcard from one farm near Orestes was dropped near Mt. Cory, Ohio, 124 miles away.

1942: West Palm Beach, FL was soaked by 8.35 inches of rain in just two hours.

2002: The heat wave continued across the east as high pressure off the Carolina blocked a frontal boundary across the Plains. Records for the date included:

Newark, New Jersey: 97

NYC Central Park: 96

Hartford, Connecticut: 95

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: 95

Reagan National Airport, DC: 95 (Tied monthly high)

Lynchburg, Virginia: 94

Atlantic City, New Jersey: 94

Norfolk, Virginia: 93

Providence, Rhode Island: 93

Boston, Massachusetts: 93

Portland, Maine: 80

1922 - A family of at least six tornadoes caused death and destruction along parts of a 210 mile path from north of Ogden IL to Allen County OH, killing sixteen persons. A post card, picked up in Madison County IN, was found 124 miles away near Mount Cory OH. (The Weather Channel)

1953 - One of the few severe hailstorms accompanied by snow, sleet, glaze, and rain, pelted parts of Kay, Osage, Creek, Tulsa, Washington, and Rogers Counties in northeastern Oklahoma late in the day. Nearly 10,000 insurance claims were filed. (The Weather Channel)

1965 - The Mississippi River reached a flood crest at Saint Paul MN four feet higher than any previous mark. During the next two weeks record levels were reached along the Mississippi between Saint Paul and Hannibal MO. Flooding caused more than 100 million dollars damage, but timely warnings kept the death toll down to just twelve persons. (David Ludlum)

1987 - Twenty-two cities in the central U.S. reported new record high temperatures for the date. Temperatures warmed into the 70s and 80s from the High Plains Region to the Mississippi Valley, with readings in the low 90s reported in the Southern Plains Region. Tulsa OK hit 92 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)


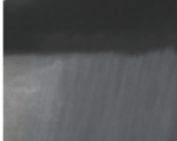



1988 - Heavy snow blanketed northern Arizona. Snowfall totals ranged up to 16 inches at Pinetop, with 10 inches reported at Flagstaff. Afternoon thunderstorms spawned a couple of tornadoes in Idaho. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Arctic cold invaded the north central U.S. Missoula MT was blanketed with four inches of snow, and Glasgow MT reported a record cold morning low of 14 degrees above zero. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1990 - High winds in northern Utah, gusting to 90 mph in Weber County, blew a trampoline through a living room window, and strong winds associated with a cold front crossing the Middle Atlantic Coast Region gusted to 75 mph in the Chesapeake Bay area of Virginia. Unseasonably cold weather prevailed in the north central U.S. Valentine NE was the cold spot in the nation with a record low of 10 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Today	Tonight	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday
				
80% → 40%	30%	30%		
Showers and Patchy Fog then Scattered Showers and Patchy Fog	Chance Showers	Chance Showers	Partly Cloudy	Sunny
High: 49 °F	Low: 37 °F	High: 56 °F	Low: 32 °F	High: 65 °F

Wet Today, Drying out Late Week



Today  
Showers mainly this morning.  
Highs 40-58°



Thursday  
Isolated/scattered showers mainly afternoon.  
Highs 50-62°



Friday  
Partly sunny and milder.  
Highs 58-75°



National Weather Service  
Updated: 4/17/2019 3:32

Published on: 04/17/2019 at 4:33AM

Widespread showers are expected this morning with isolated to scattered showers this afternoon and again on Thursday afternoon. Friday should be dry.

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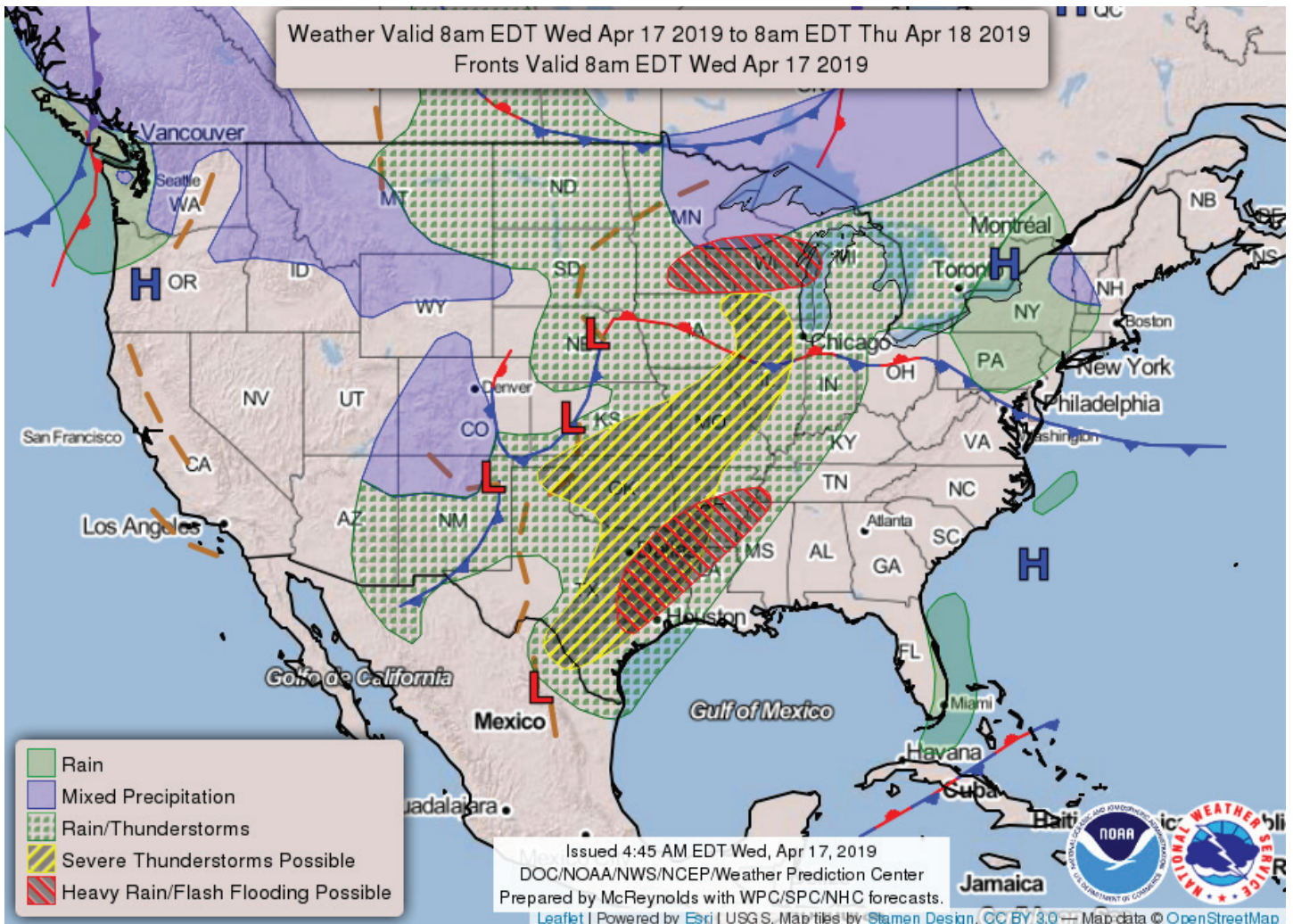
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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 63 °F at 5:09 PM**  
**Low Outside Temp: 33 °F at 6:53 AM**  
**High Gust: 12 mph at 12:12 PM**  
**Precip: 0.00**

## Today's Info

**Record High: 92° in 1913**  
**Record Low: 10° in 1953**  
**Average High: 58°F**  
**Average Low: 32°F**  
**Average Precip in April.: 0.80**  
**Precip to date in April.: 1.07**  
**Average Precip to date: 2.98**  
**Precip Year to Date: 4.04**  
**Sunset Tonight: 8:22 p.m.**  
**Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:43 a.m.**



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## ITS ALL UP TO GOD

Gods gonna get you for that!

There was little doubt in Sallys mind about Gods justice. Any time anyone said anything she didnt want to hear, out would come her famous threat. With red hair, pointed finger and a strong voice, she would continue, You just wait and see. Maybe not before you fall asleep. But, Id keep one eye open while I slept tonight if I were you! I know Hes coming after you for that! What you said was wrong.

Everyone on campus loved Sally. Her enthusiasm for life, her happy smile, the twinkle in her eye. Every time she uttered those words, the receiver could not help but look around for a speeding truck or bolt of lightning. Or both. She was very convincing.

However, justice belongs to God, not Sally. He is righteous. He is fair. He has no favorites. He looks at things differently than we do. Scripture reassures us that He does all things well. He will not allow others to destroy His beloved children. His Son died for them.

The righteous person is rescued from trouble, said Solomon, and it falls on the wicked instead. He knew from personal experience that when the righteous are the objects of schemes to hurt them, God will intervene at the appropriate time. Our God will never allow any injustice to go by without becoming personally involved. Even though we do not know what His justice will bring or when it will come, all of life is in His hands. He will right each wrong.

Isaiah summed it up this way: For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for Him.

Prayer: Help us, Father, to trust in Your justice. We are human, and naturally resentful and spiteful. You, however, are loving and fair and will do what is right. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Scripture For Today: Proverbs 11:8 The righteous person is rescued from trouble, said Solomon, and it falls on the wicked instead.

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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 **AP** Associated Press

### Hearing to focus on preventing more Missouri River flooding

By JOSH FUNK Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — This spring's massive flooding along the Missouri River unearthed bitter criticism of the federal agency that manages the river while devastating communities and causing more than \$3 billion in damage.

The flooding and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' actions will be the focus of a U.S. Senate hearing in western Iowa on Wednesday and critics will demand the agency make flood control its top priority. But Congress would have to act to change the Corps' priorities.

"The current river management policy needs fixing, and recent flooding makes that more urgent than ever," said Sen. Chuck Grassley, an Iowa Republican.

That sentiment is appealing in Midwestern states that have endured flooding along rivers the Corps of Engineers is charged with managing, but it may not be as popular with supporters of the Corps' other priorities such as protecting endangered species.

Congress ordered the Corps to treat all eight of its priorities equally, meaning flood control and prevention takes no precedence over protecting endangered species.

Corps officials say they work to balance all the priorities and maximize the benefit to several when possible.

The Corps has also said that much of the water that caused the flooding in March came from rain and melting snow that flowed into the Missouri River downstream of all the dams it controls. At the same time massive amounts of water was filling the reservoirs and some had to be released.

Mike Peluso, a longtime professional fisherman who runs an outdoors and guide service in North Dakota, said he doesn't want to see management of the river "swayed one way or the other" for political reasons.

"They are more populated down south, I get that," he said. "But it's the same river regardless of whether or not you've got a million people or 100,000 people. It needs to be managed from the top down."

He added, "I have a hard time believing with all the technology and brainpower we have we can't find a balance there" between flood protection and other interests like recreation.

Greg Power, fisheries division chief for the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, said he believes the Corps does "a pretty good job" of managing the Missouri River system.

"Flood control is still a high priority within the Corps, I know that," Power said. "Some of these water years are pretty incredible themselves and I would hate to be a Corps person, to be honest."



**In this Wednesday, April 10, 2019 photo, destroyed grain silos, a result of flooding, spill corn onto a muddy field, are seen on a farm in Bellevue, Neb. Extensive flooding along the Missouri River has led to blistering criticism of the Army Corps of Engineers' management of dams and levees that control conditions along the waterway. A Wednesday, April 17, 2019, field hearing in Glenwood, Iowa, before a U.S. Senate panel likely will be dominated by calls to change the Corps' priorities to put greater emphasis on protecting people and property.** (AP Photo/Nati Harnik)

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Rep. Sam Graves, whose district includes the northwestern Missouri area ravaged by flooding in March, introduced a bill this month that would remove fish and wildlife as an authorized management priority on the Missouri River and make flood control the highest priority. The bill would require revision of the Missouri River Master Manual within 90 days of enactment.

"Time and again, we continue to see fish and birds take precedence over people and property when it comes to managing the Missouri River," Graves, a Republican, said in a statement. "This latest round of flooding has devastated communities up and down the river. We already know that the management practices are contributing to it."

After touring flood damage last month in northwestern Missouri, Sen. Roy Blunt said the Corps "should be prioritizing flood control, navigation, and drinking water.

"Environmental concerns are a part of that discussion, but the priority should always be on protecting people and property," said Blunt, a Republican also from Missouri.

Lawmakers say residents are telling them the same thing. At a meeting last week with mid-Missouri farmers and levee district officials, Rep. Vicky Hartzler, another Missouri Republican, was told repeatedly that flood control needs to be the Corps' top river priority.

Robert Criss, a professor at Washington University in St. Louis who has been studying flooding for more than two decades, said there may be a more important factor than how the Corps' priorities are ranked.

The Missouri River has been made narrower over the years, Criss said, and the Corps has worked to maintain a defined channel for barge traffic even though few barges ever cross the river near Iowa and Nebraska.

"We're having this problem because we messed with the rivers too much," Criss said.

The Missouri River used to be a wide waterway with wetlands and numerous channels running alongside each other. That allowed floodwaters to spread out and cause fewer problems. Criss said the modern river forces the floodwater into a narrow channel restricted by levees that speeds up the flow and increases damage.

"The only way to make this river stop behaving so badly is to widen it out," Criss said.

Associated Press writers Jim Salter in St. Louis and Dave Kolpack in Fargo, North Dakota, contributed to this report.

## SD Lottery

By The Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — These South Dakota lotteries were drawn Tuesday:

Mega Millions

11-29-34-48-54, Mega Ball: 10, Megaplier: 2

(eleven, twenty-nine, thirty-four, forty-eight, fifty-four; Mega Ball: ten; Megaplier: two)

Estimated jackpot: \$157 million

Powerball

Estimated jackpot: \$118 million

## County prosecutor says he won't prosecute CBD oil cases

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The top prosecutor in Pennington County says he won't prosecute cases involving hemp and CBD oil, contradicting a decision by the South Dakota attorney general.

State Attorney General Jason Ravensborg recently sent a release that said industrial hemp and all forms of CBD oil remain illegal in South Dakota. Pennington County State's Attorney Mark Vargo tells the Rapid City Journal that he came to his decision after speaking with Ravensborg's staff and examining relevant state laws.

Pennington County Sheriff Kevin Thom and Rapid City Police Chief Karl Jegeris say will be following Vargo's direction and won't arrest people for CBD oil.

One owner of a Rapid City retail store that carries clothing and other products made from hemp says Ravensborg's opinion has been detrimental to his business and others.

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

## Tribes denounce North Dakota ID law in congressional hearing

By **BLAKE NICHOLSON** Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Native American voters face poor access to polling sites, discrimination by poll workers and unfair identification requirements, tribal leaders told members of Congress who traveled Tuesday to a reservation in North Dakota where voting rights were a key issue in last year's U.S. Senate race.

A House elections subcommittee's meeting at the Standing Rock reservation was the latest in a series of on-site visits across the country on voting-rights issues. Activists told the panel that obstacles still remain more than five decades after Congress passed the Voting Rights Act, which aimed to eliminate such impediments for minority voters.

"There continues to be barriers — interpersonal and systemic — at our polling locations in our tribal communities and for our Native voters across the state," said activist Prairie Rose Seminole, a member of the Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation in northwestern North Dakota.

The bulk of the two-hour hearing focused on North Dakota's voter ID requirements, which have led to two federal lawsuits by tribes who allege the rules are discriminatory and suppress the American Indian vote, which leans Democrat in a Republican-dominant state.

The voter ID dispute drew national attention last fall because of a U.S. Senate race in North Dakota that was seen as critical to Republicans' chances to keep control of the Senate. Republican Rep. Kevin Cramer defeated Democratic Sen. Heidi Heitkamp, who was seeking a second term.

North Dakota requires that a voter ID include a provable street address, which Secretary of State Al Jaeger says guards against fraud. Tribes allege the moves by state GOP leaders disenfranchised members who live on reservations where street addresses are uncommon or unknown and where post office boxes are the primary addresses.

"The state knew this and they used it to suppress tribal voters," said Charles Walker, judicial committee chairman of the Standing Rock Sioux.

State officials have denied that. The U.S. Supreme Court in October allowed the state to continue requiring street addresses on voter IDs, though Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said in a dissent that "the risk of voter confusion appears severe."

The decision led to an intense effort by tribes and advocacy groups to get tribal members to the polls



**Charles Walker, left, representing the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, testifies on 4-16-2019 in front of the House Administration Subcommittee on Elections at a field hearing in Fort Yates, N.D., related to voting rights and election administration accountability.** (Mike McCleary/The Bismarck Tribune via AP)

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with proper ID during November's general election. It was largely successful but cost the Spirit Lake and Standing Rock tribes a combined \$14,000, in part because they waived normal fees for tribal IDs.

"Fifteen dollars is milk and bread for a week for a poor family," said Turtle Mountain Chippewa attorney Alysia LaCounte, who broke down in tears during her testimony.

U.S. Rep. Rodney Davis, an Illinois Republican, noted during the hearing that Cramer won handily despite high Native American voter turnout.

Native American Rights Fund attorney Jacqueline De Leon responded: "We don't think that outrage is a get-out-the-vote strategy, right?"

"There are voter suppression issues going on throughout Indian Country that aren't nearly getting the attention or resources that were poured into North Dakota because it just so happened that Sen. Heitkamp was running for re-election, and the Senate balance of power elevated this issue to the national stage," DeLeon said.

Davis replied, "So this was all a conspiracy to beat Heidi Heitkamp?"

North Dakota Republican leaders have denied that Heitkamp's surprise 2012 win influenced state voter ID law.

OJ Semans Sr., co-executive director of the Four Directions advocacy group, which has been successful in voting rights lawsuits in South Dakota and other states, implored the subcommittee to work to increase federal dollars that states can dedicate to helping Native American voters.

"The backbone of democracy is going to be given a brace, because people are going to vote," he said.

This story has been corrected to show that Charles Walker is judicial committee chairman of Standing Rock, not the CEO of Three Affiliated Tribes.

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## Lawmaker seeks to restore South Dakota's Flaming Fountain

By SETH TUPPER Rapid City Journal

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Efforts are under way to restore flame to South Dakota's Flaming Fountain, an attraction that began life as a glorified natural-gas flare.

The fountain is just east of the Capitol building in Pierre, on the shore of Capitol Lake between memorials dedicated to South Dakota veterans who served in Korea, Vietnam and World War II.

Visitors who view the fountain are actually looking at the top of an uncapped, 1,300-foot-deep, free-flowing artesian well (the word "artesian" denotes that the well's underground water source, known as an aquifer, is under positive pressure and therefore needs no pump).

Natural gas that comes up with the water formerly sustained an awe-inspiring flame. But since at least 2008, the "eternal" flame has been flickering out with regularity, possibly due to a declining flow of gas, the Rapid City Journal reported.

After years of debate and chagrin about the flame-less fountain, the Legislature and Gov. Kristi Noem approved a bill this past winter to address the problem. The bill authorizes up to \$200,000 in private fundraising for a study into the fountain's lack of sustained flame, its diminished water flow and the risk of a potential sinkhole around the fountain.

Rep. Tim Rounds, R-Pierre, sponsored the legislation in hopes of restoring the Flaming Fountain's role as a fiery complement to the war memorials.

"To me it's hallowed ground," Rounds said. "People come to Pierre and they want to see the monuments. It's part of who we are in South Dakota. We honor our veterans."

But the Flaming Fountain didn't start out as a tribute to veterans or anyone else.

The well itself was drilled in 1909-1910, while the Capitol was under construction. The drilling was conducted by Norbeck & Nicholson, the Redfield-based firm of Peter Norbeck, who was then a legislator and went on to become a governor and U.S. senator.

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The 92-degree water from the well was used to fill man-made Capitol Lake and is still used for that purpose. The natural gas from the well was used to light and heat the Capitol, while excess gas was sold to the city of Pierre.

Eventually, the old lighting and heating systems in the Capitol were replaced by new versions, but a few offices in and around the Capitol kept using natural gas from the artesian well for various purposes.

On May 17, 1958, gas leaking from the old system caused an explosion in a small concrete building near the Capitol, where health officials housed animals for use in lab tests. The building's roof was lifted by the explosion, and two state employees — one of whom may have lit a cigarette that ignited the blast — were "severely singed," according to newspaper accounts.

The old gas lines were subsequently capped. But the artesian well continued to spew potentially hazardous natural gas, so the water and gas were diverted underground until rusting valves thwarted that solution.

In the 1960s, Ken Williams, who was the state superintendent of buildings and grounds, came up with a new idea to handle the gas. He simply set it ablaze as it emerged from the well, thereby safely burning off the gas and creating the Flaming Fountain.

"But even this failed to provide an immediate solution," said a 1967 story published in several South Dakota newspapers. "It was easy to light the fire, but keeping it burning was something else. Water from the well did not flow smoothly. As it surged out in an irregular pattern, it extinguished the flame."

Williams and his crew then fashioned a baffle out of scrap iron and installed it in the well to regulate the flow.

"The fire was lit and since that time has never died," said the 1967 story.

In the 1970s, the state received a donation to build a Vietnam veterans memorial, kicking off a decades-long process of fundraising and memorial-building that produced the modern configuration of memorials around the fountain.

By at least 2008, people began to notice that the Flaming Fountain was no longer flaming. Complaints to state officials produced little to no action until this past winter's legislation.

Rounds now hopes to organize a fundraiser and raise enough money to put out a request for proposals by this summer to study the declining gas and water flow, plus some apparent sagging around the fountain.

Meanwhile, the state engineer, Stacy Langdeau, a graduate of the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology in Rapid City, asked if anyone at Mines wanted to investigate the non-flaming fountain. Her invitation led a team from Mines to install a methane sensor at the fountain in March (natural gas is composed primarily of methane).

Dan Soeder, director of the Energy Resources Initiative at Mines, said preliminary readings from the sensor indicate an inconsistent flow of natural gas from the well.

"I think it's just been flowing for so long that the gas is not a continuous phase anymore," Soeder said.

The sensor was built for lab use and was originally purchased by Soeder's former employer, the U.S. Department of Energy. The department intended to customize the sensor for use around natural gas wells, to detect gas leaking into the air.

The sensor was not being used, so the department agreed to give it to Soeder for use at Mines. He needed a place to test the device and realized the Flaming Fountain would be ideal.

A laser in the sensor is tuned to a light frequency that is blocked by methane; therefore, the amount of dimming of the laser tells the sensor how much methane is in the air.

Soeder said the gas emitting from the fountain is potentially dangerous.

"The concentrations are generally below the lower flammability limit, which is why the flame is out," Soeder said. "However, this is variable, and if someone attempts to re-light it with their trusty Zippo during a higher flow episode, they could experience a bit more of a flame than they bargained for."

Soeder hopes to conduct more testing at the fountain. His initial ideas to restore the flame include drilling a new, horizontal borehole from the existing well to intercept more natural gas.

For Rounds and the many veterans and other constituents who've spoken to him about the fountain, a solution is long overdue.

"They call it the eternal flame," Rounds said, "and we need to keep it that way."

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

## Landmark 1895 Spearfish home undergoing numerous makeovers By KAIJA SWISHER Black Hills Pioneer

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — Built by the first mayor of Spearfish, George Favorite, in 1895, the modern farmhouse is getting a facelift inside and out.

"We purchased the house in 2014," owner Melissa Haught told the Black Hills Pioneer. "I had been in the home 10 years prior and had fallen in love with its charm, the tall ceilings, and the pocket doors."

Haught said that when doing research about the two-story Victorian-style home, it was considered contemporary for its time. The house has four bedrooms, two bathrooms, 10-foot ceilings, fireplaces, hardwood floors, pocket doors, a claw-foot tub, and more. The first floor includes a kitchen, dining room, den, living room, and bathroom, with the bedrooms and second bathroom upstairs. There is also a front porch, patio, and carriage house on the property.

"Our intention is to get the home on the National (Register of Historic Places)," she said, describing that she has all of the research and paperwork completed and just needs to submit it. "I have most often heard the house referred to as the 'Fidler House,' as Ray and Nadine Fidler, of Fidler Funeral Home, lived in the house for several decades. Many people my age remember playing on the big merry-go-round that used to be in the backyard."

The Haught family began renovating the house as soon as they moved in, and Haught said that the projects already completed include the upstairs bathroom, a complete kitchen renovation that included removing a wall between the dining room and kitchen, replacing the windows, and removing a ceiling in the foyer that had been put in decades earlier.

"It is a process that takes time and money, but we love the charm of an old house," she said. "It takes patience; when you are doing most of the work yourself it is a project that is ongoing but rewarding to see your work. There is nothing quite like living in an old house with so much history and charm."

Haught added that the challenges are the time and money invested — but for her, the joys outweigh the challenges.

"I love the feel and nostalgia of living in a house that so many generations of people have called home and created history in," she said. "I love the small little quirky imperfections in an old home."

Watching the look and feel of the home transform with each project completed has been what Haught has enjoyed most so far.

"It feels like home to our family," she said. "It is cozy, and it is ours. I love that we share this connection with a house that so many others have felt as well."

Future projects on the docket include building a garage this summer, Haught said, and there is one more bathroom to renovate.

"At some point, we will renovate the carriage house in the back of the house," she said, adding that one of the things she enjoys most is knowing that there's always another project waiting. "I am always dreaming and sketching and thinking about what's next."

For others who are interested in restoration projects, Haught advised that whatever they think their budget needs to be, make it bigger.

"Take your time and do it the right way, not necessarily the easy way," she said. "Most of all, do the research to learn about the history of your house. For me it was almost like a little adventurous treasure hunt, finding the past owners and then scouring newspapers and books to discover who they were and their connection to the house, visiting with historians and longtime residents to learn what they knew. Since the home was not on any historic registry, there was not information out there already."

Haught said that she's heard from many people who tell the family that they love that the house is being restored.

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"I've heard so many positive comments and childhood stories from people in the community who know the house or people who lived in it," she said.

Haught also voiced her appreciation for the Spearfish Historic Preservation for supporting the efforts in the community to restore the old homes that are here. The Haughts' home was one of two of the first houses to receive a \$500 matching-funds reimbursement grants for paint materials and/or labor for an exterior painting project in the commission's first year of awarding the grant in 2018. Since then, Haught has joined the commission.

"It is wonderful to see people like the Haughts purchase an older home, and give it the attention it needs," Greg Dias, chair of the Spearfish Historic Preservation Commission, said. "Granted, in some cases old homes might require quite a bit of work if they've been neglected or need updating when it comes to wiring, or bringing things up to code. But, an older home is worth the effort. Chris and Melissa had the vision to look past initial appearances and see the home as it could be once they had made improvements. Typically, older homes, especially if they have survived their first century, are very well built of old growth lumber and worth the investment."

He described that keeping these older homes in good condition is great for the community.

"They're part of our legacy and significantly contribute to the character of our town," Dias said. "Amongst the many great things Spearfish has going for it, such as a vibrant downtown, a great university, and a vast array of business services, so does it have a variety of old and historic structures that give it a special flavor that draws people in. We're grateful to people like the Haughts for doing their part to preserve that character both now and for generations to follow."

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## **\$6.6 million Sioux Falls property may soon be off the market**

**By SHELLY CONLON Sioux Falls Argus Leader**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — In the heart of Sioux Falls is a \$6.6 million property owned by the state that's been on and off the market for the last five years.

Part of the South Dakota School for the Deaf property is an underutilized football field and track now mostly used when it's mowed. The other part is an aging building that houses services meant to help hundreds of deaf and hard of hearing children each year, located in a prime location with a nearby bus route and resources for the homeless half a mile away.

But for the last year and a half, despite urgency from former Gov. Dennis Daugaard and at least one offer from a church willing to pay more than the property's appraised value, the South Dakota Board of Regents has failed to sign on the dotted line.

"Quite frankly, they don't have to sell it. They can sit on it," said Brent Norgaard, Celebrate Community Church's chief operating officer. "It's housing several organizations. It's underutilized, but it's not killing them. It's not the end of the world if it doesn't, but at least from our perspective looking from the outside in, they weren't as motivated to sell it as we would've liked."

Now the regents may have plans to officially take the School for the Deaf off the market.

After years of trying to sell — and the board denying any progress has stalled out — the regents decided in February to only sell part of the property and remodel the rest, according to board meeting minutes. The decision follows two failed attempts from buyers, and at least one attempt to acquire a different property for SDSU.

It was a decision "best for all parties involved," according to meeting minutes. But the regents have been mostly mum about the difficulties behind selling the property, and the decision to walk away from the idea has left about the \$1.8 million underutilized football field on the table and at least two local church ministries left looking for other options to expand their services.

Planned renovations will better accommodate SDSU's outreach services and the additional tenants in the building, which now includes about 23,000 square feet for the state's Department of Health. The health

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department is expected to rent the building for at least 10 years, according to regents' meeting minutes. The department moved into the building within the last year.

The School for the Deaf has been under the regents' since the 1940s, Superintendent Marje Kaiser said. Kaiser's been at the school for nine years, and also serves as superintendent for the state's School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

The school started to struggle about 12 years ago when it began seeing a decline in the number of students it served on campus and when the school's dorm closed the year prior, she said.

That's when the school became more focused on offering and expanding its outreach services, Kaiser said. Currently, the school's outreach services help more than 570 students each year statewide with 11 outreach consultants total, and that number is expected to increase, she said.

SDSD also offers a couple mobile audiologists who screens and tests about 17,000 children a year as a partner for public school districts.

"We're really the kind of group of experts in the state," Kaiser said.

Until the board had decided to renovate the building, the future of where those services would be housed was in limbo, she said.

The School for the Deaf has been for sale since 2014, but it's been in a holding pattern since September 2017 when a state task force told regents not to sell the property unless someone was willing to pay more than its appraised value of \$6.6 million.

Within the last year, the property has had at least two bids from two separate church ministries, almost acquired a new building for the school and was even suggested by a Sioux Falls School District board member in July as an idea for the reconstruction of a nearby 94-year-old middle school.

At the time, the regents' president Kevin Schieffer wasn't able to go into any details about any interest from buyers, and denied the sale of the building had stalled out.

"The more visibility the story gets, the more interest it generates," Schieffer said in July 2018. "So that's good news."

Norgaard, with Celebrate, sat down with the Argus Leader last week to shed light on why the congregation had to walk away from buying the property for \$6.9 million in December after almost a full year of negotiations.

The offer would've been \$300,000 more than the building's appraised value.

"Many years ago, we thought that would be a great location," Norgaard said. "We wanted to be in the heart of the city with our mission."

Celebrate Community Church had planned to buy the property to expand its congregation, and also its outreach services, Norgaard said.

Initially, the dream was to have a campus with multiple buildings; buildings that would have served as a place for students to learn and grow, a seminary school, an after-school program and even transitional



**File-This Sept. 27, 2018, file photo shows the campus of the South Dakota School for the Deaf. The fate of the campus in Sioux Falls is unclear as the Board of Regents decides whether or not to sell the property.** (Sam Caravana/The Argus Leader via AP, File)



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housing for those in need, he said.

The property would've been ideal, but then the state started piecemealing parts of it to other buyers, he said. Yet, the main campus and football field were still available, and the church started asking about the property in January 2018, he said.

As talks continued, the church made two offers. The first was rejected by the regents because it didn't meet what it was appraised for, Norgaard said. The second came as close to signing on the dotted lines as possible with contingencies.

Ultimately, the offer fell through after the state refused to fix issues found during the inspection process. Church officials also realized they would still need to construct a large welcome center, sanctuary and parking lot, Norgaard said.

"It's an older building," Norgaard said. "We found some asbestos. The pool was broken and empty, there was a pump that needed to be replaced and there some structural things that were a problem."

The Board of Regents and the regents' realtor did not return multiple requests for comment about the inspections and property sale, and the Argus Leader has filed an open records request for more information about the alleged inspection issues.

Kaiser denied such issues with the building existed.

"These buildings have been incredibly well-maintained," Kaiser said. "The gym is an older building, but that's been extensively remodeled. There was an inspection for asbestos, but nothing that really needed to be abated and if there was, it was minor. That was within this last year."

At one point during the process, Norgaard said he walked through the campus and saw living and dead bats in the building.

Norgaard wouldn't release copies of the inspection reports made to the building, but said the church submitted a 12-point list of its most concerning issues to the regents.

"They came back and said they weren't going to make any changes," Norgaard said. "They said you have to buy it as is, the way it is, and you'll have to do your own improvements. Honestly, they were saying, 'We've stretched as far as we can go to make this a good deal for us.' But we had stretched as far as we could go to make it work for us."

The church was going to invest not only in buying the property, but also planned to spend another \$7 million or \$8 million on property improvements, most of which would have been done through donations and fundraising, he said.

But church leaders knew they weren't going to be able to go more than what was already offered, he said. The property was too much of a risk, and the church had to draw the line somewhere, he said.

"We were disappointed, but we also know they're trying to maximize their property and the values of their properties," he said. "We respected it, and they respected our views. It was a very cordial conversation. It wasn't adversarial or anything, we just couldn't get it done."

Still, little details surround what's next for the property.

The regents have yet to decide on a budget for renovations, but board meeting minutes state the regents' are looking at using up to — but not more than — \$1.7 million of its reserve funding to finance the changes because of a cash flow issue.

If the renovations cost more than \$1.5 million, then the board will look at forming a building committee on the matter.

But that still leaves Celebrate Community Church and one other ministry with questions about what direction to go.

The Sioux Falls Ministry Center is currently in negotiations for a second time regarding School for the Deaf property, said Rich Merkouris, King of Glory Church's senior pastor.

Back in January, he had a strategy for wanting to move the nonprofits in the center onto the School for the Deaf site by buying the property to also expand services and better serve some of the city's most needy.

That included the possibility of the Boys and Girls Club of the Sioux Empire moving into the building as well, CEO Rebecca Wimmer said.

The center came close to getting approval. An agenda item from Jan. 25 — never voted on by regents — laid out a plan to sell the School for the Deaf building, and then the regents would move into the former TCF Bank Building.

However, the ministry center could not pull the necessary items together to make it happen and needed more time, Merkouris said.

"We are back in negotiations right now trying to pull all the different parties together," Merkouris said. "We hope to know more by the end of this week."

He wouldn't go into further detail because real estate negotiations are protected under state law.

It remains unclear how the Sioux Falls Ministry Center fit into the regents' new plans for the property, and Merkouris said the center had not signed anything yet.

Celebrate Community Church, on the other hand, will be trying to figure out how to do the same thing planned for the SDSU campus on a smaller scale, Norgaard said.

"We had a lot of people in favor of us doing this; the mayor for one," Norgaard said. "We're going to still do that here. It might not be to the same extent, and we might have to do it in different ways, but our vision and purpose didn't change."

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## **Pine Ridge celebrates the renovations of sole grocery store**

**By LARA COOPER AND ASHLEY ENERIZ Rapid City Journal**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — After having to drive about 45 minutes to buy groceries for the past few months, Donna Dubray was first in line for the recent grand opening of Pine Ridge's sole grocery store.

"I'm excited to see what's in there, how it's made, what it all consists of, prices," the 58-year-old told the Rapid City Journal of Buche Foods.

A few spots behind her in line was five-year-old Moses and his grandmother, Melissa Zephier, who brought her hand-written shopping list. Zephier, 53, said she was looking for items that included eggs, yogurt, vegetables, snacks and birdseed.

Dubray and Zephier were two of the dozens of people who poured into Buche Foods, a family-owned company with grocery stores in Mission, Wagner and Gregory.

Last November, the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council voted to award the operating contract for the grocery store to Buche Foods, replacing a company that had run the Sioux Nation Shopping Center since it opened about 50 years ago.

"In my opinion the community has been without a fully stocked grocery store since the holidays in 2018" when Sioux Nation stopped re-stocking some food, said RF Buche, president of Buche Foods.

On Jan. 22, Buche Foods began busing people twice a day, Monday-Friday, to a grocery store in Martin, about 45 minutes from Pine Ridge. Sioux Nation officially closed in early February and Buche Foods was allowed to begin renovations March 12. Buche Auto Parts opened March 25 while the hardware and grocery stores recently opened.

While some residents took advantage of the shuttles to Martin during the store closure, others schlepped to another grocery store themselves. No grocery store in Pine Ridge meant spending more on gas bills said Dubray, who drove to Chadron, Neb., Rapid City, or "wherever you could get the best deals." Other shoppers said they made the trip to Gordon, Neb., about 40 minutes from Pine Ridge.

Buche said his team worked as quickly as it could to reopen the store. "What we've accomplished in 27 days is unheard of, and we've done it through blizzard, flooding."

"The whole building was gutted and everything was replaced," said Marla Underbaggage, a custodian who's worked at the Pine Ridge grocery store for more than a dozen years. It's a "complete makeover."

Underbaggage, 54, shook hands with each customer as they were let into the store at 11 a.m. and greeted by staff wearing bright red shirts with the Oglala Sioux Tribe flag as well as drummers and singers.

Inside, the customers found a store with new flooring, paint, refrigerators and decor. Areas are labeled

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in English and Lakota, such as the frozen food/wóyute tasáka section and the checkout/wakázuzu area. "This is a community store and it just brings two cultures together," Buche said of the bilingual signage. New products include organic produce, food for people with diabetic and gluten-free diets, TVs, gift cards, microwaves, lottery tickets, and T-shirts celebrating Lakota culture, people and schools. The \$2 million worth of renovations was completed by the Buche Foods team, local contractors and a refrigeration company, Buche said. Most Sioux Nation employees were re-hired by Buche, given a 4% raise and allowed to carry over their years of service for insurance purposes. Tina Bettelyoun, 51, said she ended up buying "more than I needed" at the store. "There's a bigger section, it's just really a nice store. It's like being in Chadron or Rapid City." Bettelyoun and her 22-year old daughter, Talon, said the food prices are cheaper at Buche Foods, and there are new products such as pre-cut fruit. Beau Big Crow, 36, walked out of the store carrying bags full of Wheaties boxes covered in photos of local basketball teams. The news that Buche Foods had the special cereal boxes "leaked out" on social media, said Big Crow, who's son, Beau Jr., plays on the Red Cloud team. Big Crow said he hopes to return to buy the new organic and health foods. "It's a big step from what it used to be," he said of Pine Ridge's new grocery store. "I have always believed that this community deserves better," Buche said.

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

## Jury convicts man in fatal shooting in Sioux Falls area

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A man has been found guilty in a fatal shooting in the Sioux Falls area. The Argus Leader reports that jurors deliberated for about two hours Tuesday before convicting Henry Little Long on charges of second-degree murder and first-degree manslaughter. Authorities say the 29-year-old Long killed 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 Minnehaha County area and leaving Thornton's body in a ditch. Roubideaux pleaded guilty to accessory to a felony last month. Her testimony was the focus of the three-day trial. Long's lawyer said she lied on the stand and was under the influence of meth the night of the shooting. Prosecutors said she was a credible witness.

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

## South Dakota winter wheat crop still in decent shape

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's winter wheat crop remains in decent shape after severe flooding in the state. The Agriculture Department says in its weekly crop report that winter wheat is rated 4% poor, 43% fair, 50% good and 3% excellent. The wet spring has boosted soil moisture. The report says that topsoil moisture supplies statewide are rated 99% adequate to surplus, and subsoil moisture is 98% in those categories.

## Sister was on the phone with woman when she was shot

HARTFORD, S.D. (AP) — The sister of a South Dakota woman who was fatally shot while driving on a Missouri interstate with her two children says she was on the phone with her at the time of the shooting. In an interview with NBC's "Dateline," Kara Renken says her sister, Melissa Penskey, was talking about a vehicle that was swerving all over the road and a semi that had gone into the ditch before she went silent two or three minutes later. Authorities say Peskey was killed by a bullet fired from outside the car along a rural stretch of I-70 near

Boonville last December causing the vehicle to crash. Her children, ages 5 and 11, were not seriously hurt. The Hartford real estate agent was on her way to visit a friend in South Carolina when she was shot.

## A look at what was saved, what was lost in Notre Dame fire

By The Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — More than simply an iconic cathedral and jewel of Gothic architecture, Notre Dame was a treasure trove, housing priceless and irreplaceable marvels of immense religious, artistic, musical, historical and architectural value.

Some were lost to humanity forever in the blaze that ravaged the Paris cathedral Monday. Others were spared, at least in part, or saved before the flames consumed the roof and spire.

A look at what is known about Notre Dame's treasures and their fate.



**This photo dated Tuesday April 16, 2019, issued Wednesday April 17, 2019, by the Paris City Hall, shows artefacts rescued from the Notre Dame blaze in Paris. French President Emmanuel Macron ratcheted up the pressure by setting a five-year deadline to restore the 12th-century landmark. Macron is holding a special Cabinet meeting Wednesday dedicated to the Notre Dame disaster, which investigators believe was an accident possibly linked to renovation work.** (Henri Garat/Ville de Paris via AP)

### CROWN OF THORNS

Regarded as the cathedral's most sacred relic, Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo says the Crown of Thorns was saved. It is purported to be a relic of the crown placed on the head of Jesus Christ at his crucifixion, obtained and brought to Paris by King Louis IX in the 13th century. It is made of rushes wrapped into a wreath and tied with gold filament. Since 1896 it has been kept under glass and only occasionally displayed. Paris Deputy Mayor Emmanuel Gregoire said it was among pieces quickly transported to a "secret location" by officials after the fire. Hidalgo also said on Twitter that the tunic of St. Louis, a long shirt-like garment from the 13th century and believed to have belonged to King Louis IX, was also rescued.

### FRAGMENT OF THE HOLY CROSS AND NAIL

The 24-centimeter (9.45-inch) piece of wood and 9-centimeter-(3.5-inch)-long nail are purported to be from the cross on which Jesus Christ was crucified. The wood fragment is kept in a glass case. The fate of the two relics is not known.

### THE ORGAN

The impressive organ dating to the 1730s and boasting an estimated 8,000 pipes did not burn and is intact, but nobody knows yet whether it was damaged by the heat or water. "The organ is a very fragile instrument," Bertrand de Feydeau, vice-president of the Fondation du Patrimoine which protects France's cultural heritage, tells The Associated Press. He says the organ has "incredible" sound, with "very rich

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colors," and there is a waiting list of more than two years of organists wanting to play it. Each pipe was individually cleaned during a 2013 refurbishment.

## THE ROOF

The cathedral's roof was built using a lattice of giant beams cut from trees in primeval forests in the 12th and 13th centuries. Experts say France no longer has trees big enough to replace the ancient wooden beams that burned in the Notre Dame fire. Feydeau told France Info radio that the cathedral's roof cannot be rebuilt exactly as it was before the fire because "we don't, at the moment, have trees on our territory of the size that were cut in the 13th century." He said the restoration work will have to use new technology to rebuild the roof.

## THE BELLS

In the wake of the French Revolution, the cathedral was declared a "Temple of Reason" as part of an anti-clerical movement. All of the original bells were destroyed and replaced — except for one, called Emmanuel and weighing 13 tons. In 2013, as the cathedral celebrated its 850 years with a refurbishment, nine huge new bells replaced the 19th-century ones. The peal of the cathedral's bells has long been famous. Quasimodo was the cathedral's bell-ringer in Victor Hugo's 1831 novel "The Hunchback of Notre Dame." The extent of any damage to the bells and their support structure is unclear.

## PAINTINGS

About a dozen large paintings of religious scenes, called "Mays" and dating from between 1630 and 1708, hung in Notre Dame. French Culture Minister Franck Riester says the cathedral's greatest paintings will be removed starting Friday. "We assume they have not been damaged by the fire but there may be damage from the smoke," he said.

## STATUES

Last week, 16 religious statues got a lucky escape from Monday's blaze: they were removed from the top of Notre Dame for the first time in over a century to be taken for cleaning. The removal was part of a restoration of the cathedral's towering spire, now gone. The 3-meter-tall copper statues represent the 12 apostles and four evangelists.

## STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

The cathedral's three famed rose windows date to the 13th century. The director of the United Nations cultural organization says it's too early to tell whether they are unscathed. Audrey Azoulay tells The Associated Press art experts haven't yet been able to assess the site yet after the blaze, though she has received encouraging reports. Notre Dame is part of a UNESCO heritage site.

## 10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press

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

### 1. DONATIONS POUR IN FOR NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL

Nearly \$1 billion in global contributions have been made to restore the fire-ravaged, 12th century landmark in Paris, and France's president wants the work completed in five years.

### 2. COLUMBINE THREAT BY WOMAN WITH GUN SHUTS DENVER-AREA SCHOOLS

Authorities are searching for 18-year-old Sol Pais, who they say has made threats and is "infatuated" with the 1999 mass shooting at Columbine High School.

### 3. SCHOOL SHOOTINGS' EFFECTS ON POLICE OFFICERS UNDERSTUDIED

But 20 years after Columbine, some states are beginning to recognize the psychological impact of mass shootings on law enforcement officers, the AP finds.

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#### 4. TRUMP CHANGING CUBA POLICY

The administration is expected to announce that it will allow lawsuits against foreign companies doing business in properties seized from Americans after Cuba's 1959 revolution.

#### 5. WHAT COULD TAKE A LONG TIME

Democrats' demands for a full, unredacted version of special counsel Robert Mueller's report are likely to prompt a political and legal battle that could last for months, if not much longer.

#### 6. WHO IS LEADING INDONESIA ELECTIONS

President Joko Widodo is on track to win a second term, an apparent victory for moderation over the ultra-nationalistic rhetoric of his rival Prabowo Subianto.

#### 7. SPY TARGETED KASPERSKY LAB CRITICS

American and British cybersecurity experts have been targeted in an apparent effort to gather intelligence about critics of the Russian antivirus firm, the AP learns.

#### 8. MORE THAN A GOLD GIFT BOX OF CHOCOLATES

Godiva is rolling out over the next six years 2,000 cafes that will serve a complete menu of items like the croiffle, a croissant and waffle hybrid.

#### 9. STARS COME OUT FOR DEMOCRATS

From Ben Affleck and Susan Sarandon to Anna Wintour and Willie Nelson, celebrities are giving money and lending star power to 2020 presidential candidates.

#### 10. LIGHTNING STRIKE: BLUE JACKETS SWEEP BOLTS

Tampa Bay became the first team in the expansion era, which began in 1967-68, to go winless in the first round of the playoffs after leading the NHL in points during the regular season.



**The sun rises between the two towers of Notre Dame cathedral Wednesday, April 17, 2019 in Paris. Nearly \$1 billion has already poured in from ordinary worshippers and high-powered magnates around the world to restore Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris after a massive fire.** (AP Photo/

Francois Mori)

## Unofficial results show Widodo leading Indonesia race

By NINIEK KARMINI Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Indonesian President Joko Widodo is on track to win a second term, preliminary election results showed Wednesday, in apparent victory for moderation over the ultra-nationalistic rhetoric of his rival Prabowo Subianto.

Vote counts from five independent survey groups showed that Widodo has a clear election lead over the former general, Subianto. The so-called "quick counts" from reputable survey organizations that use a sample of polling stations have been reliable in past elections.

With 50% to 80% of sample polling stations counted, the survey organizations showed Widodo winning about 55% of the vote.

Tens of millions of Indonesians cast votes in the presidential and legislative elections after a campaign that pitted the steady progress of Widodo's government against Subianto's fear-based rhetoric that predicted the country would fall apart without his strongman leadership.

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The election was a huge logistical exercise with 193 million people eligible to vote, more than 800,000 polling stations and 17 million people involved in ensuring polls ran smoothly. Helicopters, boats and horses were used to get ballots to remote and inaccessible corners of the archipelago.

Pre-election polls consistently gave a large lead of as much as 20 percentage points to Widodo and his running mate, conservative cleric Ma'ruf Amin, though analysts said the race was likely tighter.

"I've voted for Jokowi because five years in office was not enough for him to complete his brilliant programs for infrastructure, health and education," said Eko Cahya Pratama, 43, after voting in Tangerang on the outskirts of Jakarta.

"For me, this country is better to be managed by a man with a clean track record rather than a dirty one in the past," he said.

Widodo's campaign highlighted his progress in poverty reduction and improving Indonesia's inadequate infrastructure with new ports, toll roads, airports and mass rapid transit. The latter became a reality last month in chronically congested Jakarta with the opening of a subway.

A strident nationalist, Subianto ran a fear-based campaign, highlighting what he sees as Indonesia's weakness and the risk of exploitation by foreign powers or disintegration.

"He deserves to get my vote because I was impressed with his commitment to create a clean government and a great nation," said Aneka Karoine, 43, after she and her husband voted for Subianto and his running mate, tycoon Sandiaga Uno. "I believe they will lead our country better than the current leader."

Subianto voted not long after 8 a.m. in Bogor in West Java province, one of his strongholds of support, and told reporters he was confident of winning despite trailing in the polls.

"I promised that we will work for the good of the country," he said. "If it's chaos or not, it's not coming from us. But I guarantee that we don't want to be cheated anymore, that Indonesian people don't want to be cheated anymore."

Widodo, who voted in Jakarta, held up a finger dipped in indelible ink to show reporters and said his next stop was playing with his grandson and eating with his wife, Iriana Widodo.

Asked if he was feeling optimistic about the results of Wednesday's vote, Widodo said: "Always. We should stay optimistic at work."



**A woman shows her inked finger after casting her ballot at a polling station during the election in Jakarta, Indonesia, Wednesday, April 17, 2019. Voting is underway across Indonesia in presidential and legislative elections Wednesday after a campaign that pitted the moderate incumbent against an ultranationalist former general.** (AP Photo/Tatan Syuflana)

## Shock, sadness, but no panic: Minutes that saved Notre Dame

By LORI HINNANT Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Fueled by a lattice of centuries-old timbers, the fire moved hungrily across Notre Dame's rooftop toward the cathedral's iconic spire. It belched yellow smoke, spitting out gritty particles of wood, stone, lead and iron and wanted more. Far below, their vision obscured by fumes and tears, firefighters, priests and municipal workers passed treasures hand-to-hand, hoping the speed of desperation could outrun the flames.

They had 66 minutes.

The first alarm sounded at 6:20 p.m., silencing the priest and a few hundred worshippers and tourists inside.

"Everyone was immobilized by shock for maybe a minute," said Johann Vexo, who was in the organ loft for Monday Mass. Shock, but no panic. The rear doors opened and within a few minutes, the cathedral was empty, he told Ouest-France newspaper.

For 23 minutes, it seemed like a false alarm. Then at 6:43 p.m. a second smoke detector went off and the fire showed its face, flickering in the wooden timbers and visible to anyone looking north from Paris' Left Bank.

The first firetrucks lumbered through rush-hour traffic, blasting their two-tone sirens at full volume to reach the island that is the historic and geographic heart of Paris. For that first half-hour, it looked like the fire couldn't possibly leave more than a small age mark on the nearly 900-year-old building — more akin to the inevitable wear on stone's rough edges than the fury of the French Revolution that left it in ruins for decades.

Across the Seine in City Hall, Mayor Anne Hidalgo glanced out the window during an evening meeting to see a yellow cloud blotting out the sky. She rushed to the island.

"I came here and felt powerless as the flames overtook the cathedral," she said Tuesday.

Bridge after bridge along the Seine filled with somber onlookers, all facing the cathedral built for the ages. They dotted the stone walkways that line the river. They wept as flames overtook the rooftop spire.

Below it, nestled deep in the cathedral, was the treasure chest, keeper of Notre Dame's most sacred relics.

Firefighters cracked the chest open, pulling out the Crown of Thorns revered as the one worn by Jesus Christ at his crucifixion. Made of rushes wrapped into a wreath and tied with gold filament, it had been kept under glass since 1896. The tunic of St. Louis, believed to have belonged to King Louis IX, came out of the chest along with fragments of the cross and a nail, said Patrick Chauvet, rector of Notre Dame Cathedral.

The relics were safe.

Then came the artwork.

"We had to get them, in the smoke, as debris was falling to protect them," Gen. Jean-Claude Gallet of the fire brigade told BFM television.

At 7:49 p.m., the 19th-century spire that was the architectural masterpiece of Eugène Emmanuel Viollet-le-



**In this combination of photos, flames and smoke rise as the spire on the Notre Dame Cathedral collapses during a fire in Paris, Monday, April 15, 2019.**

(AP Photo/Diana Ayanna)



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Duc and his post-Revolutionary restoration broke apart and fell through the nave. The bronze weathercock tumbled, taking with it three relics sealed inside in 1935.

It had been 66 minutes since the first flames were spotted.

The sky above the cathedral flamed orange, and the fire lurched toward Notre Dame's iconic towers, then slipped inside.

As darkness fell, 20 firefighters climbed inside the two towers "at great risk to their lives, to attack the fire from the inside and save the building," said Laurent Nunez, deputy interior minister.

The spire was lost. Could Notre Dame itself be saved? From inside and out, firefighters fought the battle of their lives — a battle for the ages.

At 9:49 p.m. Nunez voiced the fear that haunted Paris and beyond. The smell of smoke had long since reached beyond the city center, permeating homes and apartments miles (kilometers) away. Sirens wailed ceaselessly. Hundreds of firefighters were doing their utmost. And, Nunez said, no one knew whether it would be enough.

The 20 firefighters struggled on in the towers. Red-hot embers floated down from the glowing hole where the spire once stood, settling on the blackened marble floor and the pile of debris that was all that was left of the spire. It had been "a masterwork of Viollet-le-Duc" and a tribute to what restoration could achieve, said Kevin Murphy, an expert on historical restoration from Vanderbilt University. It was gone, as were the roof's irreplaceable ancient wooden beams, cut from trees that were alive a millennium ago.

At 11:23 p.m., the fire chief said the rest of the structure, including the cathedral's twin bell towers, had been saved. It had been within 30 minutes of collapse.

It took 10 more hours for the last flames to be put out. The spire's bronze rooster, long a symbol of France, was found Tuesday, deformed by the heat but recognizable nonetheless.

"Beyond emotion, beyond words, beyond tears," Christophe Castaner, France's interior minister, said Tuesday as he visited the cathedral, "What I want to express is the pride of the men and women who committed to saving Notre Dame."

## US to allow lawsuits over properties seized by Castro's Cuba

By **DEB RIECHMANN** and **MICHAEL WEISSENSTEIN** Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Stepping up pressure on Cuba, the Trump administration will allow lawsuits against foreign companies doing business in properties seized from Americans after the island's 1959 revolution, a senior administration official said.

The move marks a change in more than two decades of U.S. policy on Cuba.

President Donald Trump has been taking steps to isolate embattled Venezuela President Nicolas Maduro, who is holding power with help from other countries, including Cuba, China and Russia. The new policy against Havana could deal a severe blow to Cuba's efforts to draw foreign investment and could spawn international trade disputes between the U.S. and Europe.

The administration official who provided details of the shift spoke on the condition of anonymity ahead of the official announcement Wednesday by the State Department.

After that announcement, national security adviser John Bolton is expected to discuss the new policy during a midday speech Wednesday in Miami, which is home to thousands of exiles and immigrants from Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua.

The speech at the Bay of Pigs Veterans Association is to be delivered on the 58th anniversary of the United States' failed 1961 invasion of the island, an attempt to overthrow the Cuban government.

Johana Tablada, Cuba's deputy director of U.S. affairs, said on Twitter: "Before they try to euphorically ride a wave of wickedness and lies, they should take a dose of reality. The world has told John Bolton and the U.S. government to eliminate the criminal blockade against Cuba and the Helms-Burton Act."

The 1996 act gave Americans the right to sue the mostly European companies that operate out of hotels, tobacco factories, distilleries and other properties that Cuba nationalized after Fidel Castro took power. The act even allows lawsuits by Cubans who became U.S. citizens years after their properties were taken.

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Canada, France, Spain, Great Britain and other countries with large investments in Cuba have ferociously protested the law and threatened to sue in the World Trade Organization if Washington tries to interfere with the business ties between Cuba and another sovereign nation.

"The extraterritorial application of the U.S. embargo is illegal and violates international law," said Alberto Navarro, the European Union ambassador to Cuba. "I personally consider it immoral. For 60 years the only thing that's resulted from the embargo is the suffering of the Cuban people."

U.S. airlines and cruise lines that bring hundreds of thousands of travelers to Cuba each year appear to be exempt from the key provision of the Helms-Burton Act.

Every U.S. president since Bill Clinton has suspended the key clause to avoid those trade clashes and a potential mass of lawsuits that would prevent any future settlement with Cuba over nationalized properties. Cuba has said it is willing to reimburse the owners of confiscated properties, but only if the communist government is also reimbursed for billions of dollars in damages generated by the six-decade U.S. trade embargo.

The announcement comes at a moment of severe economic weakness for Cuba, which is struggling to find enough cash to import basic food and other supplies following a drop in aid from Venezuela, and a string of bad years in other key economic sectors.

Foreign investment in Cuba increased slightly in recent years, but it remains far below the levels needed to recapitalize the island's dilapidated, often collapsing infrastructure. The Trump administration's decision is not expected to drive out major foreign players like Pernod-Ricard of France, which makes Havana Club rum, or Spanish hotel chains Melia or Iberostar, but it could prove a major obstacle to new investment from foreign companies.

"It will harm prospective investment in Cuba. It will not cause people who are invested in Cuba already to pull out now," said Phil Peters, director of the Arlington, Virginia-based Cuba Research Center, who advocated for closer relations with Cuba and has consulted for U.S. companies looking to invest.

Peters said he also believed the new measure could hurt the Trump administration's effort to force Maduro from power with help from allies like Spain.

"There are plenty of countries that are interested in helping Venezuela find a soft landing after Maduro, but they are not interested in waging an economic war on Cuba," Peters said.

The U.S. official said the administration also plans to start enforcing the section of the act that allows the U.S. to deny entry visas to Cubans and citizens of other countries involved in trafficking in the confiscated property.



**FILE - In this Feb. 18, 2019, file photo, national security adviser John Bolton speaks to the Venezuelan American community in Miami. The Trump administration is poised to step up pressure on Cuba by allowing lawsuits against foreign companies doing business in properties seized from Americans after the island's 1959 revolution. The move marks a change in more than two decades of U.S. policy on Cuba. It could deal a severe blow to Cuba's efforts to draw foreign investment, and spawn international trade disputes between the U.S. and Europe.** (AP Photo/Luis M. Alvarez, File)

Weissenstein reported from Havana. Associated Press writer Andrea Rodriguez in Havana contributed to this report.

## School shootings' effects on police officers understudied

By P. SOLOMON BANDA Associated Press

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — The first SWAT team members to see the horror in the Columbine High School library had to step around bodies and ignore a wounded student's plea for help as they searched for shooters they didn't know had already died by their own hands.

As member Grant Whitus put it, officers carried something home with them that day, a level of trauma and a sense of futility that stayed with them for years and may have contributed to the team's demise.

"It was just beyond anything I'd ever thought I'd see in my career," he said of the 1999 shooting that left 12 students and a teacher dead and remains locked in the nation's memory. "So many children were dead."

Amid the emotional toll of what it experienced, the Jefferson County Regional SWAT team began to fall apart. By 2002, only three members of the 10-person team remained. The others were reassigned or left the department.

On the 20th anniversary of Columbine, the effects of trauma and turmoil experienced by law enforcement authorities who respond to school shootings are still largely unknown. Experts say agencies are reluctant to let researchers interview officers and dredge up potentially painful memories.

Many officers also view seeking psychiatric help as a sign of weakness — particularly in elite units like SWAT — and see their own mental health as secondary when civilians are affected by school shootings and other grave loss.

"That's what they signed up for, right? To deal with this violence and see these violent outcomes," said labor attorney Eric Brown, who handles cases for Newtown, Connecticut, police officers. "So there's not a lot of empathy for them when they show the signs of PTSD or other mentally disabling side effects."

But attitudes are starting to change. A group of global law enforcement administrators recently began work on a set of uniform guidelines for psychological care for SWAT teams and other officers who respond to the worst of the worst carnage.

State legislatures also are taking note, with four states, including Colorado, recently passing laws to extend workers' compensation for mental health to police officers and other first responders.

After the Columbine shooting, Jefferson County Regional SWAT team members went through a group debriefing and were offered department-paid therapy. But due to the stigma attached, therapy wasn't an accepted option, said Whitus, who added some officers would ask him, "What's it going to take before you crack?"

"My response is, 'I will never crack. No matter what happens, no matter what I see, no matter what I do, I will never crack,'" Whitus said of his attitude at the time. He thought seeing a therapist "would have been my own weakness."

Whitus stayed on the team, but he didn't escape unscathed — he was divorced within a year as he dove into rebuilding the team and changing how the department responds to active shooter situations.

He rose to become head of the team, but then tragedy struck again in 2006 when it responded to a shooting at Platte Canyon High School in the town of Bailey, southwest of Denver. A man entered the school, took several female students hostage and sexually assaulted them, then fatally shot one student and himself as SWAT officers moved in.

After that, there was another exodus from the SWAT team, with eight of the 12 sheriff's department members leaving — including Whitus — over the next three years.

Also with the team that day was Al Joyce, a post-Columbine recruit who volunteered 500 hours in a year as a reserve officer to get hired with the Golden Police Department west of Denver.

Joyce was part of the team that stormed the classroom and saw the aftermath of the shooting. It wasn't long before the nightmares began and he started drinking heavily to avoid them. He ended up leaving the

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SWAT team, divorcing his wife and withdrawing from the world.

"I wanted to just shut down, turn off," he said. "It didn't work out so well."

By 2013, he was out of law enforcement and homeless. He moved back to his parents' home in Maine. He's now in therapy and works a low-stress job as a cashier.

Current Jefferson County Regional SWAT leadership declined to comment for this article. But Sgt. Sean Joselyn, who was recruited by Whitus and was a member of the team at Platte Canyon, said attitudes had been changing because of Columbine. The team had "check-in" meetings in the months after, but he doesn't recall members talking about how they felt and doesn't know why so many left.

Several years later, Joselyn rose to team leader until he was reassigned in 2017. He said he encourages openness and trains officers to consider post-traumatic stress an injury that needs to be treated.

"I think it's bigger than what we realize," Joselyn said.

Part of the issue, experts say, is that mental health services and resources available to officers after traumatic events like school shootings vary widely from police agency to police agency across the U.S.

Most provide stress debriefings immediately after mass shootings. But researcher Michele Galietta, an associate psychology professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, said those meetings should instead take place months later to see how an officer is doing after returning to a normal routine. Studies show getting back to a normal routine after a traumatic event helps with overcoming the potential for lasting effects, she said.

Meanwhile, the International Association of Chiefs of Police said in March it is in the early stages of developing policies for police departments for providing psychological care following "critical incidents." A voluntary accreditation organization, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, offers a standard for employee assistance programs that include peer-to-peer counseling and confidential therapy.

School shootings can be particularly hard to cope with.

"The more severe the violence, the more innocent the victim and the more the officers feel that they were helpless to respond — and maybe just sheer body count as a fourth ingredient — that's going to produce a perfect storm of demoralization, anger and despair," said Laurence Miller, a clinical forensic and police psychologist in Boca Raton, Florida.

Beyond post-traumatic stress, second-guessing about a department's response and other factors can cause turmoil within law enforcement agencies.

After the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting that left 17 dead in February 2018, Florida's governor removed Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel for his alleged failure to properly train his deputies on how to respond to active shooters, tactics changed because of Columbine. Five of the department's



**In this April 9, 2019, photo, Grant Whitus poses for a portrait at his home in Lake Havasu City, Ariz. Whitus' marriage fell apart a year after he led his SWAT team into Columbine High School's library, where he was the first to find the dead children's bodies.** (AP Photo/John Locher)

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top command staff resigned, some citing Israel's removal. Israel is appealing his removal to the Florida Supreme Court.

Six members of the Broward County SWAT team also left within a year, including its two top commanders, and many were reassigned within the team, according to documents released under an Associated Press public records request.

After the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting where 20 children and six adults died, more than a dozen police officers took time off, and one was too traumatized to return to work.

That Newtown, Connecticut, officer, Tom Bean, was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, and the department agreed to pay him \$380,000 after the police union and Brown, the labor attorney, took the case to arbitration.

Brown said all the officers experienced post-traumatic stress, but the department lacked proper procedures for dealing with it, especially with providing paid time off.

"There was no process in place from a legal point of view or even from sort of a system's point of view within the department of dealing with it," Brown said. "Those officers who responded to that call should have immediately been put out on leave to get immediate aid to deal with the aftereffects of what they saw."

Newtown Police Department Lt. Aaron Bahamonde said mental health care policies and practices were in place at the time of the shooting, and they were boosted afterward. They include making counselors available for officers and for "group sit-downs" after traumatic events, along with working with mental health providers to identify officers at risk.

Bahamonde said there's a "blank check" for officers to get the services they need. "We're not going to sweep it under the rug," he said.

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Whitus now lives in Lake Havasu, Arizona, but still works to prevent school shootings through a business that places armed security guards in private schools. He also operates a security company for marijuana businesses.

He said he'd like to see all officers exposed to traumatic situations undergo mandatory counseling, which would give those who need it a chance to get therapy without stigma, since everybody would be required to participate.

That might help prevent future SWAT teams from falling apart like his did — twice.

Meanwhile, researchers say a new generation of police officers is rising to leadership positions, which is starting to change attitudes toward mental health.

Organizations such as Blue H.E.L.P., which tracks police officer suicide, have started to advocate for better mental health care for officers. One of the group's board members is a high-ranking member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Since 2017, four states — Colorado, Texas, Vermont, South Carolina — have passed laws to extend workers' compensation to first responders for mental health issues such as PTSD, according to the National Council of State Legislatures. Another five states — Alabama, New Hampshire, Minnesota, Connecticut and Florida — have legislation pending this year. About a dozen more considered and rejected similar measures.

But barriers remain, including a culture within some SWAT teams that makes it taboo for members to talk to outsiders or even each other when they're struggling. It's a culture that Whitus admits he once contributed to.

"If they told me, I'd be like, 'What's wrong with you? You're a SWAT guy,'" he said. "So I'm part of the problem."

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Associated Press writer Dave Collins in Hartford, Connecticut, contributed to this report.

## Columbine threat by woman with gun shuts Denver-area schools

By KATHLEEN FOODY and COLLEEN SLEVIN Associated Press

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — Denver-area public schools will be closed Wednesday as authorities search for a young Florida woman who flew to the city and bought a gun after becoming “infatuated” with the mass shooting at Columbine High School.

The FBI said Sol Pais, 18, is “considered to be extremely dangerous” and “made threats to commit an act of violence in the Denver metropolitan area” just days before the 20th anniversary of the attack that killed 13 people.

All schools in the Denver area were urged to tighten security because the threat was deemed “credible and general,” said Patricia Billinger, a spokeswoman for the Colorado Department of Public Safety. Columbine and more than 20 other schools outside Denver lock their doors for nearly three hours Tuesday afternoon before Wednesday’s complete closures were announced.

The Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office and the FBI say Pais traveled to Colorado from Miami on Monday night and bought a pump-action shotgun and ammunition.

Denver Public Schools said that all facilities and programs will be closed Wednesday, and there will be no afternoon activities or athletic competitions. The district said the decision to close campuses was in collaboration with other Denver metro-area school districts due to the ongoing safety concern.

On Tuesday, some schools released their students after additional security was called in and canceled evening activities or moved them inside.

“We always have heightened awareness close to high-profile anniversaries like this,” Billinger said.

Authorities said Pais was last seen near Columbine -- in the Jefferson County foothills outside Denver -- wearing a black T-shirt, camouflage pants and black boots. They appealed for anyone seeing her to call an FBI tip line at 303 630-6227, and said she is too dangerous to be approached by civilians. The alert also said police who come into contact with her should detain her and evaluate her mental health.

“This has become a massive manhunt ... and every law enforcement agency is participating and helping in this effort,” Dean Phillips, special agent in charge of the FBI in Denver, said late Tuesday night.

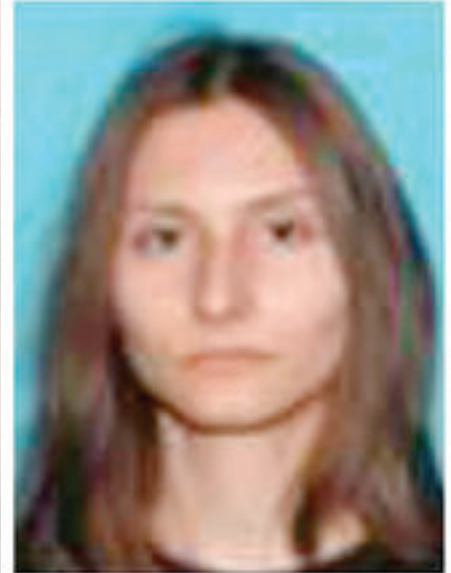
The FBI’s Rocky Mountain Safe Streets Task Force issued a notice Tuesday describing Pais as “infatuated with (the) Columbine school shooting.”

Sheriff’s spokesman Mike Taplin said the threats she made were general and not specific to any school.

The Denver Post reported that a call to a phone number listed for Pais’ parents in Surfside, Florida, was interrupted by a man who identified himself as an FBI agent and said he was interviewing them.

Surfside Police Sgt. Marian Cruz confirmed that her parents last saw her on Sunday and reported her missing on Monday. The Miami Herald and WTVJ are reporting that neighbors say the teen is a senior at Miami Beach High School.

The Associated Press left messages at two numbers listed for Pais’ relatives in Florida, while another



**This combination of undated photos released by the Jefferson County, Colo., Sheriff’s Office on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 shows Sol Pais. On Tuesday authorities said they are looking for Pais, suspected of making threats on Columbine High School, just days before the 20th anniversary of a mass shooting that killed 13 people.** (Jefferson

County Sheriff’s Office via AP)

number was disconnected.

Two teenage gunmen attacked Columbine on April 20, 1999, killing 12 classmates and a teacher.

Associated Press writer Thomas Peipert in Denver contributed to this report.

## Long-lost Kafka works could emerge after messy legal battle

By ARON HELLER Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — A long-hidden trove of unpublished works by Franz Kafka could soon be revealed following a decade-long battle over his literary estate that has drawn comparisons to some of his surreal tales.

A district court in Zurich upheld Israeli verdicts in the case last week, ruling that several safe deposit boxes in the Swiss city could be opened and their contents shipped to Israel's National Library.

At stake are untouched papers that could shed new light on one of literature's darkest figures, a German-speaking Bohemian Jew from Prague whose cultural legacy has been hotly contested between Israel and Germany.

Though the exact content of the vaults remains unknown, experts have speculated the cache could include endings to some of Kafka's major works, many of which were unfinished when they were published after his death.

Israel's Supreme Court has already stripped an Israeli family of its collection of Kafka's manuscripts, which were hidden in Israeli bank vaults and in a squalid, cat-filled Tel Aviv apartment. But the Swiss ruling would complete the acquisition of nearly all his known works, after years of lengthy legal battles over their rightful owners.

The saga could have been penned by Kafka himself, whose name has become known as an adjective to describe absurd situations involving inscrutable legal processes. Kafka was known for his tales of everyman protagonists crushed by mysterious authorities or twisted by unknown shames. In "The Trial," for example, a bank clerk is put through excruciating court proceedings without ever being told the charges against him.

"The absurdity of the trials is that it was over an estate that nobody knew what it contained. This will hopefully finally resolve these questions," said Benjamin Balint, a research fellow at Jerusalem's Van Leer Institute and the author of "Kafka's Last Trial," which chronicles the affair. "The legal process may be ending, but the questions of his cultural belonging and inheritance will remain with us for a very long time."

Kafka bequeathed his writings to Max Brod, his longtime friend, editor and publisher, shortly before his death from tuberculosis in 1924 at the age of 40. He instructed his protege to burn it all unread.

Brod ignored his wishes and published most of what was in his possession — including the novels "The Trial," "The Castle" and "Amerika." Those works made the previously little-known Kafka posthumously one



**FILE - In this file photo taken on Oct. 5, 2014, a library official shows celebrated author Franz Kafka's Hebrew vocabulary notebook at Israel's National Library in Jerusalem. A long-hidden trove of unpublished works by Franz Kafka could soon be revealed following a decade-long battle over his literary estate that has drawn comparisons to some of his surreal tales.** (AP Photo/Sebastian Scheiner, File)

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of the most celebrated and influential writers of the 20th century.

But Brod, who smuggled some of the manuscripts to pre-state Israel when he fled the Nazis in 1938, didn't publish everything. Upon his death in 1968, Brod left his personal secretary, Esther Hoffe, in charge of his literary estate and instructed her to transfer the Kafka papers to an academic institution.

Instead, for the next four decades, Hoffe kept the papers stashed away and sold some of the items for hefty sums. In 1988, for instance, Hoffe auctioned off the original manuscript of "The Trial" at Sotheby's in London. It went for \$1.8 million to the German Literature Archive in Marbach, north of Stuttgart.

When Hoffe died in 2008 at age 101, she left the collection to her two daughters, Eva Hoffe and Ruth Wiesler, both Holocaust survivors like herself, who considered Brod a father figure and his archive their rightful inheritance. Both have since also passed away, leaving Wiesler's daughters to continue fighting for the remainder of the collection.

Jeshayah Etgar, a lawyer for the daughters, downplayed the significance of the potential findings in Zurich, saying they were likely replicas of manuscripts Hoffe had already sold. Regardless, he said the ruling was the continuation of a process in which "individual property rights were trampled without any legal justification." He said his clients legitimately inherited the works and called the state seizure of their property "disgraceful" and "first degree robbery."

Israel's National Library claims Kafka's papers as "cultural assets" that belong to the Jewish people. Toward the end of his life, Kafka considered leaving Prague and moving to pre-state Israel. He took Hebrew lessons with a Jerusalem native who eventually donated her pupil's vocabulary notebook to the library. In recent years, the library also took possession of several other manuscripts the courts had ordered Hoffe's descendants to turn over.

"We welcome the judgment of the court in Switzerland, which matched all the judgments entered previously by the Israeli courts," said David Blumberg, chairman of the Israel National Library, a nonprofit and non-governmental body. "The judgment of the Swiss court completes the preparation of the National Library of Israel to accept to entire literary estate of Max Brod, which will be properly handled and will be made available to the wider public in Israel and the world."

Other scholars question Israel's adoption of Kafka, noting that he was conflicted about his own Judaism. The German Literature Archive, for instance, has sided with Hoffe's heirs and aimed to purchase the collection itself, arguing the German-language writings belong in Germany. Dietmar Jaegle, an archive official, said he would not comment on the Zurich verdict as he had not yet seen it.

Balint cautioned that the contents of the hidden archive may not live up to everyone's expectations.

"It is very unlikely we are going to discover an unknown Kafka masterpiece in there, but these are things of value," Balint said, noting the fierce competition over any original Kafka material. "There is something about the uncanny aura of Kafka that is attracted to all this."

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## Stars from Susan Sarandon to Ben Affleck donate to 2020 Dems

By BRIAN SLODYKO Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — From Ben Affleck and Susan Sarandon to Anna Wintour and Willie Nelson, celebrities lined up to give money — and a dash of star power — to their favorite Democratic presidential candidates ahead of this week's first quarter fundraising deadline.

For months, candidates in the crowded field of more than a dozen contenders have aggressively courted key figures in music, television, publishing and film, who are one of the party's most reliable sources of campaign cash. Although many donors remain on the sidelines, contributing to lackluster fundraising hauls, an early snapshot included in the campaign finance reports submitted to the Federal Election Commission this week offers a glimpse of who is drawing attention from entertainment industry in the early stages of the race.

"When you talk about Hollywood, yes, we are talking about movie stars and writers and directors, but



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we are also talking about people with decades of experience with presidential campaigns," said Yusef Robb, a longtime California political strategist. "Earning support from somebody with a lot of connections in the political world couples with their star power, which people in the chattering classes notice."

California Sen. Kamala Harris has long-standing relationships with major entertainment industry figures in her home state. But former Texas Rep. Beto O'Rourke, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders and South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg are also among the candidates who count celebrities as donors.

So far, few donors are bundling large sums of money for candidates by asking their friends, family and colleagues to give, too. But many have given individually, which is limited under campaign finance law to a \$2,800 contribution during the primary election, followed by another \$2,800 earmarked for the general election campaign.

Last month, Harris was feted at the Pacific Palisades home of director J.J. Abrams and his wife, Katie McGrath, in a gathering attended by Hollywood powerbrokers, including TV hitmaker Shonda Rhimes. Harris also has received money from Affleck, who gave \$2,800; actress Eva Longoria, who gave \$5,400; composer Quincy Jones, who gave \$2,800; and former "Mad Men" star Jon Hamm, who gave \$1,000.

O'Rourke, a former punk rocker, received \$2,800 from a fellow Texan, country music icon Nelson, as well as \$1,850 from Grateful Dead bassist Phil Lesh and \$2,800 from Dave Matthews Band violinist Boyd Tinsley. He also took in \$5,600 from Vogue editor-in-chief Wintour, \$1,500 from comedian and "Breaking Bad" actor Bob Odenkirk, \$2,500 from Texas film director Richard Linklater and \$350 from "Saturday Night Live" star Cecily Strong.

Sanders received \$2,700 from actor and comedian Danny DeVito, \$2,800 from actress Susan Sarandon, \$2,500 from piano player Norah Jones and \$1,000 from Foo Fighters guitarist Christopher Shiflett. Jonathan Fishman, drummer for the jam band Phish, which was formed in Sanders' home state of Vermont, gave \$1,000, while Thomas Middleditch from HBO's "Silicon Valley" gave \$500, records show.

Buttigieg, whose campaign raked in \$7 million after emerging as an unexpected hit, has also started to draw celebrity attention. "West Wing" star Bradley Whitford gave \$2,000, actor Ryan Reynolds donated \$250, NFL network broadcaster Rich Eisen gave \$500 and "Game of Thrones" executive producer Carolyn Strauss chipped in \$250.

Buttigieg also drew at least one contribution from an unusual source. James Murdoch, the son of conservative media mogul Rupert Murdoch, whose Fox News is closely allied with President Donald Trump, cut Buttigieg a \$2,800 donation, records show.



**FILE - In this March 3, 2019, file photo, actor Ben Affleck attends the world premiere of "Triple Frontier" at Jazz at Lincoln Center in New York. From Ben Affleck and Susan Sarandon to Anna Wintour and Willie Nelson, celebrities lined up to give money to their favorite Democratic presidential candidates.** (Photo by Evan Agostini/Invision/AP, File)

## \$1 billion raised to rebuild Paris' Notre Dame after fire

PARIS (AP) — Nearly \$1 billion has already poured in from ordinary worshippers and high-powered magnates around the world to restore the fire-ravaged Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, after the French president set a controversial five-year deadline to get the work done.

Construction teams brought in a huge crane and a delivery of planks of wood to the site Wednesday morning. Firefighters are still examining damage and shoring up the structure after Monday's fire collapsed the cathedral's spire and destroyed the roof.

French President Emmanuel Macron ratcheted up the pressure by setting a five-year deadline to restore the 12th-century landmark. Macron is holding a special Cabinet meeting Wednesday dedicated to the Notre Dame disaster, which investigators believe was an accident possibly linked to renovation work.

Bells will toll at cathedrals around France on Wednesday evening in honor of the monument. Remarkably, no one was killed in the fire, after firefighters and church officials speedily evacuated the site during a mass.

Presidential cultural heritage envoy Stephane Bern told broadcaster France-Info on Wednesday that 880 million euros (\$995 million) has been raised in just a day and a half since the fire. Contributions came from near and far, rich and poor — from Apple and magnates who own L'Oreal, Chanel and Dior, to Catholic parishioners and others from small towns and cities around France and the world.

The French government is gathering donations and setting up a special office to deal with big-ticket offers.

Some criticism has already surfaced among those in France who say the money could be better spent elsewhere, on smaller struggling churches or workers.

Meanwhile Macron's 5-year deadline — which happens to coincide with the 2024 Paris Olympics, which the government wants to make a major showcase — struck many as unrealistic.

Pierluigi Pericolo, in charge of restoration and security at the St. Donatian basilica in Nantes, said it could take two to five years just to secure Notre Dame, given its size.

"It's a fundamental step, and very complex, because it's difficult to send workers into a monument whose vaulted ceilings are swollen with water," he said on France-Info. "The end of the fire doesn't mean the edifice is totally saved. The stone can deteriorate when it is exposed to high temperatures and change its mineral composition and fracture inside."

Some 30 people have already been questioned in the investigation, which the Paris prosecutor warned would be "long and complex." Among those questioned are workers at the five construction companies involved in work renovating the church spire and roof that had been under way when the fire broke out.

A plan to safeguard the masterpieces and relics was quickly put into action after the fire broke out.

The Crown of Thorns, regarded as Notre Dame's most sacred relic, was among the treasures quickly transported after the fire broke out, authorities said. Brought to Paris by King Louis IX in the 13th century, it is purported to have been pressed onto Christ's head during the crucifixion.



**Fire fighters wait at a balcony of Notre Dame cathedral Wednesday, April 17, 2019 in Paris. Nearly \$1 billion has already poured in from ordinary worshippers and high-powered magnates around the world to restore Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris after a massive fire.** (AP Photo/Francois Mori)

The cathedral's famous 18th-century organ that boasts more than 8,000 pipes also survived. Some of the paintings and other art works are being dehumidified, protected and eventually restored at the Louvre.

## Trump vetoes measure to end US involvement in Yemen war

By DEB RIECHMANN Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump vetoed a resolution passed by Congress to end U.S. military assistance in Saudi Arabia's war in Yemen.

The veto — the second in Trump's presidency — was expected, and Congress lacks the votes to override it. But passing the never-before-used war powers resolution was viewed as a milestone for lawmakers, who have shown a renewed willingness to assert their war-making authority after letting it atrophy for decades under presidents from both parties.

"This resolution is an unnecessary, dangerous attempt to weaken my constitutional authorities, endangering the lives of American citizens and brave service members, both today and in the future," Trump wrote in explaining his Tuesday veto.

Congress has grown uneasy with Trump's close relationship with Saudi Arabia as he tries to further isolate Iran, a regional rival.

Many lawmakers also criticized the president for not condemning Saudi Arabia for the killing of Jamal Khashoggi, a Saudi who lived in the United States and had written critically about the kingdom. Khashoggi went into the Saudi consulate in Istanbul last October and never came out. Intelligence agencies said Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman was complicit in the killing.

The U.S. provides billions of dollars of arms to the Saudi-led coalition fighting against Iran-backed rebels in Yemen. Members of Congress have expressed concern about the thousands of civilians killed in coalition airstrikes since the conflict began in 2014. The fighting in the Arab world's poorest country also has left millions suffering from food and medical care shortages and has pushed the country to the brink of famine.

Trump said the measure was unnecessary because except for counterterrorism operations against Islamic State militants and al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, the United States is not engaged in hostilities in or affecting Yemen.

He said there were no U.S. military personnel in Yemen accompanying the Saudi-led coalition fighting Iran-backed Houthis, although he acknowledged that the U.S. has provided limited support to the coalition, including intelligence sharing, logistics support, and — until recently — in-flight refueling of non-U.S. aircraft.

The president also said that the measure would harm bilateral relations and interferes with his constitutional power as commander in chief.

He said the U.S. is providing the support to protect the safety of more than 80,000 Americans who live in certain areas of the coalition countries subject to Houthi attacks from Yemen.

"Houthis, supported by Iran, have used missiles, armed drones and explosive boats to attack civilian and



**FILE - This April 10, 2019, file photo shows a view of the site of an airstrike by Saudi-led coalition in Sanaa, Yemen. President Donald Trump on Tuesday vetoed a bill passed by Congress to end U.S. military assistance in Saudi Arabia's war in Yemen.** (AP Photo/Hani Mohammed, File)

military targets in those coalition countries, including areas frequented by American citizens, such as the airport in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia," Trump said. "In addition, the conflict in Yemen represents a 'cheap' and inexpensive way for Iran to cause trouble for the United States and for our ally, Saudi Arabia."

House approval of the resolution came earlier this month on a 247-175 vote. The Senate vote last month was 54-46.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi issued a statement Tuesday night saying: "The conflict in Yemen is a horrific humanitarian crisis that challenges the conscience of the entire world. Yet the President has cynically chosen to contravene a bipartisan, bicameral vote of the Congress and perpetuate America's shameful involvement in this heartbreaking crisis."

Pelosi added: "This conflict must end, now. The House of Representatives calls on the President to put peace before politics, and work with us to advance an enduring solution to end this crisis and save lives."

Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., said Trump's veto "shows the world he is determined to keep aiding a Saudi-backed war that has killed thousands of civilians and pushed millions more to the brink of starvation."

Kaine accused Trump of turning a blind eye to Khashoggi's killing and the jailing of women's rights activists in Saudi Arabia.

"I hope my colleagues will show we won't tolerate the Trump administration's deference to Saudi Arabia at the expense of American security interests by voting to override this veto," Kaine said.

The top Republican on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Rep. Michael McCaul of Texas, acknowledged the dire situation in Yemen for civilians, but spoke out in opposition to the measure when it was passed. McCaul said it was an abuse of the War Powers Resolution and predicted it could disrupt U.S. security cooperation agreements with more than 100 countries.

David Miliband, President of the International Rescue Committee, a humanitarian aid group, said: "This veto by President Trump is morally wrong and strategically wrongheaded. It sets back the hopes for respite for the Yemeni people, and leaves the U.S. upholding a failed strategy."

Trump issued his first veto last month on legislation related to immigration. Trump had declared a national emergency so he could use more money to construct a border wall. Congress voted to block the emergency declaration and Trump vetoed that measure.

## Rebuilding Notre Dame will be long, fraught and expensive

By JILL LAWLESS and RAF CASERT Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Notre Dame in Paris is not the first great cathedral to suffer a devastating fire, and it probably won't be the last.

In a sense, that is good news. A global army of experts and craftspeople can be called on for the long, complex process of restoring the gutted landmark.

The work will face substantial challenges — starting immediately, with the urgent need to protect the inside of the 850-year-old cathedral from the elements, after its timber-beamed roof was consumed by flames.

The first priority is to put up a temporary metal or plastic roof to stop rain from getting in. Then, engineers and architects will begin to assess the damage.

Fortunately, Notre Dame is a thoroughly documented building. Over the years, historians and archeologists have made exhaustive plans and images, including minutely detailed, 3-D laser-scanned re-creations of the interior.

Duncan Wilson, chief executive of the conservation organization Historic England, said Tuesday that the cathedral will need to be made secure without disturbing the debris scattered inside, which may provide valuable information — and material — for restorers.

"The second challenge is actually salvaging the material," he said. "Some of that material may be reusable, and that's a painstaking exercise. It's like an archaeological excavation."

Despite fears at the height of the inferno that the whole cathedral would be lost, the structure appears intact. Its two rectangular towers still jut into the Paris skyline, and the great stone vault stands atop

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heavy walls supported by massive flying buttresses. An edifice built to last an eternity withstood its greatest test.

Tom Nickson, a senior lecturer in medieval art and architecture at London's Courtauld Institute, said the stone vault "acted as a kind of fire door between the highly flammable roof and the highly flammable interior" — just as the cathedral's medieval builders intended.

Now, careful checks will be needed to determine whether the stones of the vaulted ceiling have been weakened and cracked by the heat. If so, the whole vault may need to be torn down and re-erected.

The cathedral's exquisite stained-glass rose windows appear intact but are probably suffering "thermal shock" from intense heat followed by cold water, said Jenny Alexander, an expert on medieval art and architecture at the University of Warwick. That means the glass, set in lead, could have sagged or been weakened and will need minute examination.

Once the building has been stabilized and the damage assessed, restoration work can begin. It's likely to be an international effort.

"Structural engineers, stained-glass experts, stone experts are all going to be packing their bags and heading for Paris in the next few weeks," Alexander said.

One big decision will be whether to preserve the cathedral just as it was before the fire, or to take a more creative approach.

It's not always a straightforward choice. Notre Dame's spire, destroyed in Monday's blaze, was added to the Gothic cathedral during 19th-century renovations. Should it be rebuilt as it was, or replaced with a new design for the 21st century?

Financial and political considerations, as well as aesthetic ones, are likely to play a part in the decision.

Getting materials may also be a challenge. The cathedral roof was made from oak beams cut from centuries-old trees. Even in the 13th century, they were hard to come by. Nickson said there is probably no country in Europe with big enough trees today.

Alternatives could include a different type of structure made from smaller beams, or even a metal roof — though that would be unpopular with purists.

The restored building will have to reflect modern-day health and safety standards. But Eric Salmon, a former site manager at the Paris cathedral, said it is impossible to eliminate all risk.

"It is like a street accident. It can happen anywhere, anytime," said Salmon, who now serves as technical director at the Notre Dame cathedral in Strasbourg, France.

The roof of Strasbourg's Notre Dame was set ablaze during the 1870 Franco-Prussian War. It took up to five years to restore the wooden structure. Nowadays the roof is split into three fire-resistant sections to make sure one blaze can't destroy it all. Smoke detectors are at regular intervals.

Still, Salmon said that what worked in Strasbourg may not be suitable for Paris. Each cathedral is unique.



**A hole is seen in the dome inside Notre Dame cathedral in Paris, Tuesday, April 16, 2019. Firefighters declared success Tuesday in a more than 12-hour battle to extinguish an inferno engulfing Paris' iconic Notre Dame cathedral that claimed its spire and roof, but spared its bell towers and the purported Crown of Christ.** (Christophe Petit Tesson, Pool via AP)

"We are not going to modify an historic monument to respect the rules. The rules have to be adapted to the building," he said.

Experts agree the project will take years, if not decades. Audrey Azoulay, director-general of UNESCO, the United Nations' cultural organization, said restoring Notre Dame "will last a long time and cost a lot of money." A government appeal for funds has already raised hundreds of millions of euros (dollars) from French businesses.

But few doubt that Notre Dame will rise again.

"Cathedrals are stone phoenixes — reminders that out of adversity we may be reborn," said Emma Wells, a buildings archaeologist at the University of York.

"The silver lining, if we can call it that, is this allows for historians and archaeologists to come in and uncover more of its history than we ever knew before. It is a palimpsest of layers of history, and we can come in and understand the craft of our medieval forebears."

Casert reported from Strasbourg, France. Angela Charlton in Paris and Gregory Katz in London contributed to this story.

Full AP coverage at <https://apnews.com/NotreDameCathedral>

## Head of Foxconn announces Taiwan presidential bid

By RALPH JENNINGS Associated Press

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Terry Gou, chairman of the world's largest contract assembler of consumer electronics, including Apple's iPhones, said Wednesday he intends to run for president of Taiwan, bringing his pro-business and China-friendly policies to what is expected to be a crowded field for next year's election.

The Foxconn Technology chairman who also ranks among Taiwan's richest people with a fortune estimated by Forbes at \$7.8 billion is seeking the opposition Nationalist Party's nomination for the 2020 presidential race against an incumbent hampered by low public approval ratings.

"I am willing to participate in the primary election," Gou said at the party headquarters in Taipei.

"If I am not chosen, it means I didn't work hard enough."

He told reporters earlier in the day he was inspired by the Chinese sea goddess Matsu to seek office. "Three days ago Matsu came to me in a dream. She told me she hoped the people will have a better life."

"Peace, stability, economy and future — these words are the script of my religion," Gou said.

Gou's candidacy would be the first for a Taiwan business mogul and may appeal to Taiwanese who want a different leadership style, said Liang Kuo-yuan, president of Polaris Research Institute, a think tank in Taipei. Middle class Taiwanese dissatisfied with stagnating incomes are most likely to vote for



**Terry Gou, chairman of the world's largest contract assembler of consumer electronics, during a press conference at the Nationalist Party's headquarters in Taipei, Taiwan, Wednesday, April 17, 2019. Gou said Wednesday he intends to run for president of Taiwan, bringing his pro-business and China-friendly policies to what is expected to be a crowded field for next year's election.** (Eiichi Shiozawa/Kyodo News

via AP)

him, he said.

"He will value timeliness and if something has run its course, he will quit it," Liang said. "We will see efficiency and control of costs."

Gou is likely to face criticism from China skeptics in Taiwan over Foxconn's 12 factories in nine Chinese cities, said Huang Kwei-bo, vice dean of the international affairs college at National Chengchi University in Taipei.

Manufacturing costs less in China than in Taiwan, where Foxconn is headquartered. Foxconn factories employ hundreds of thousands of people in China and have a reputation for sometimes harsh work conditions.

Gou, the 68-year-old son of a police officer who moved to Taiwan after the Communist takeover of the mainland in 1949, began his career in plastics before branching out into electronics and later mobile phones.

China claims sovereignty over self-ruled Taiwan and has threatened to take it by force if it deems necessary. More than 80 percent of Taiwanese oppose unification with China, the island government's Mainland Affairs Council said in January.

Despite that, the Nationalists favor closer ties with Beijing, largely as a way of recharging the island's high-tech economy through access to China's massive economy.

"He's got some problems he's got to solve, especially his relations with China, both political and business," Huang said.

China despises current President Tsai Ing-wen for refusing to endorse its claim to Taiwan as a part of Chinese territory and has cut all ties with her government while seeking to isolate it diplomatically. Recent months have seen China step up military drills around Taiwan in what is seen as an effort to intimidate the island's 23 million people into backing pro-China parties.

Gou also has a reputation at Foxconn for being strict with employees, Huang said. "His personality is sort of the same as (U.S. President Donald) Trump: 'What I say, is what goes,'" Huang said.

Foxconn announced in 2017, to much fanfare, that it planned to invest \$10 billion in Wisconsin and hire 13,000 people to build an LCD factory that could make screens for televisions and a variety of other devices.

AP video journalist Johnson Lai contributed to this report.

## Apple, Qualcomm settle bitter dispute over iPhone technology

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Apple and mobile chip maker Qualcomm have settled a bitter financial dispute centered on some of the technology that enables iPhones to connect to the internet.

The surprise truce announced Tuesday came just as the former allies turned antagonists were facing off in a federal court trial that was supposed to unfold over the next month in San Diego. The resolution abruptly ended that trial, which also involved Apple's key iPhone suppliers.

The deal requires Apple to pay Qualcomm an undisclosed amount. It also includes a six-year licensing agreement that likely involves recurring payments to the mobile chip maker.

Investors reacted as if it were a resounding victory for Qualcomm. The San Diego company's stock soared 23% to close Tuesday at \$70.45. Apple shares edged up 2 cents to \$199.25.

Neither Apple nor Qualcomm would comment beyond a brief statement announcing they had resolved their differences. Details about how much Apple and its iPhone suppliers will be paying Qualcomm could emerge in court documents or when the companies announce their latest financial results. Apple is due to report its quarterly results on April 30 while Qualcomm is scheduled to release its numbers on May 1.

Apple had been seeking at least \$1 billion for money that Qualcomm was supposed to rebate as part of an earlier licensing agreement. Apple had begun to have misgivings about that deal as it added more features to its increasingly popular line-up of iPhones.

Qualcomm was seeking \$7 billion for unpaid royalties it contended it was owed for its patented technology in the iPhone. Apple's iPhone suppliers, including Foxconn and Pegatron, wanted another \$27 billion

from Qualcomm.

The dispute was clearly beginning to hurt all parties involved, motivating them to settle, said technology industry analyst Patrick Moorhead of Moor Insights & Strategy.

"Both Apple and Qualcomm got deeper into this than they wanted to," Moorhead said.

Qualcomm also held another bargaining chip: It makes the modem chips needed for future smartphones to work with the next generation of high-speed wireless networks known as "5G." Two of Apple's biggest rivals, Samsung and Huawei, are already getting ready to introduce 5G models. The iPhone would have been at a disadvantage if it didn't have a pipeline to Qualcomm's chips.

Falling behind the competition isn't something Apple can afford with its iPhone sales already falling .

"Ultimately, Apple realized this was more about two kids fighting in the sandbox and they have bigger issues ahead with 5G and iPhone softness versus battling Qualcomm in court," Wedbush Securities analyst Daniel Ives wrote in Tuesday research note.

Apple had already lost an earlier battle with Qualcomm last month when a federal court jury in San Diego decided the iPhone maker owed Qualcomm \$31 million for infringing on three of its patents.

Qualcomm still faces other potential fallout from its demands to be paid royalties in addition to the fees it charges for its mobile chips. The Federal Trade Commission has accused the company of using its royalty system to stifle competition in the mobile chip market in another case in which Apple played a central role.

A trial about the FTC's lawsuit wrapped up in a San Jose, California, court in January, but the judge still hasn't issued a ruling.

## Asian shares edge lower despite encouraging China GDP data

By ELAINE KURTENBACH AP Business Writer

TOKYO (AP) — Major share benchmarks were mostly lower in Asia on Wednesday after China announced its economy grew at a 6.4% annual pace in the last quarter.

Japan's Nikkei 225 index gained 0.3% to 22,289.32 and the Shanghai Composite was almost unchanged at 3,252.42. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index fell 0.3% to 30,047.39 while the S&P ASX 200 in Australia lost 0.3% to 6,252.30.

Shares rose in Taiwan and Singapore.

The 6.4% growth rate for January-March was in line with Beijing's official annual target for a 6-6.5% expansion and suggests government efforts to halt a slowdown are working.

However, it matched the previous quarter for the weakest growth since 2009 and did little to spur buying enthusiasm.

"It's not entirely clear what is behind this strength. Growth in industrial sales for export edged up last month from 4.2% year-on-year to 5.7% but doesn't stand out as especially strong," Julian Evans-Pritchard of Capital Economics said in a commentary.

"Domestic demand has picked up too, but likewise, the gains appear more modest than those in industrial output," it said.

Meanwhile, Japan released trade data for March showing its exports fell 2.4% from a year earlier, while the trade surplus sank 33%.

On Wall Street, stocks closed slightly higher Tuesday, erasing modest losses from the day before. The gains followed a rally in overseas stock indexes and came as investors sized up the latest batch of company earnings reports.

Financial stocks led the way higher as bond yields rose, which drives interest rates higher, enabling banks to make more money on loans. BlackRock and Progressive led the sector after each company reported solid quarterly results.

Qualcomm powered technology sector stocks higher, gaining 23.2% in its best day in 20 years, on news the chipmaker and Apple had settled their bitter legal dispute centered on some of the technology that enables iPhones to connect to the internet.

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Companies that posted encouraging results helped put traders in a buying mood Tuesday.

The S&P 500 rose 0.1% to 2,907.06. The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 0.3% to 26,452.66. The Nasdaq composite added 0.3% to 8,000.23. The index had not closed above 8,000 points since October.

The Russell 2000 index of small-cap stocks picked up 0.2% to 1,582.79.

But analysts expect first-quarter results for S&P 500 companies overall to be the weakest in nearly three years.

"The markets are prepared for this year-over-year decline that everyone is expecting in earnings," said Erik Davidson, chief investment officer at Wells Fargo Private Bank. "Unless we have some significant misses, we should be doing OK."

The yield on the 10 year Treasury note rose to 2.59% from 2.55% late Monday. The 10 year Treasury yield has been climbing since late last month, when it fell to 2.37% amid a crescendo of worries that global economic growth was slowing.

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude oil rose gained 41 cents to \$64.45 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It gained 1% to settle at \$64.05 per barrel on Tuesday. Brent crude, the international standard, added 22 cents to \$71.94 per barrel. It picked up 0.8% to close at \$71.72 per barrel in London.

CURRENCIES: The dollar slipped to 111.95 Japanese yen from 112.01 yen. The euro strengthened to \$1.1303 from \$1.1282.

AP Business Writer Alex Veiga contributed.

## Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, April 17, the 107th day of 2019. There are 258 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 17, 1972, the Boston Marathon allowed women to compete for the first time; Nina Kuscsik was the first officially recognized women's champion, with a time of 3:10:26.

On this date:

In 1492, a contract was signed by Christopher Columbus and a representative of Spain's King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, giving Columbus a commission to seek a westward ocean passage to Asia.

In 1521, Martin Luther went before the Diet of Worms (vohrms) to face charges stemming from his religious writings. (Luther was later declared an outlaw by Holy Roman Emperor Charles V.)

In 1861, the Virginia State Convention voted to secede from the Union.

In 1924, the motion picture studio Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer was founded, the result of a merger of Metro Pictures, Goldwyn Pictures and the Louis B. Mayer Co.

In 1961, some 1,500 CIA-trained Cuban exiles launched the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in an attempt to topple Fidel Castro, whose forces crushed the incursion by the third day.

In 1964, Geraldine "Jerrie" Mock became the first woman to complete a solo airplane trip around the world as she returned to Columbus, Ohio, after 29 1/2 days in her Cessna 180. Ford Motor Co. unveiled the Mustang at the New York World's Fair. The first game was played at New York's Shea Stadium; the Pittsburgh Pirates defeated the Mets, 4-3.

In 1969, a jury in Los Angeles convicted Sirhan Sirhan of assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

In 1970, Apollo 13 astronauts James A. Lovell, Fred W. Haise and Jack Swigert splashed down safely in the Pacific, four days after a ruptured oxygen tank crippled their spacecraft while en route to the moon.

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In 1973, Federal Express (later FedEx) began operations as 14 planes carrying 186 packages took off from Memphis International Airport, bound for 25 U.S. cities.

In 1986, at London's Heathrow Airport, a bomb was discovered in the bag of Anne-Marie Murphy, a pregnant Irishwoman about to board an El Al jetliner to Israel; she'd been tricked into carrying the bomb by her Jordanian fiance, Nezar Hindawi. The bodies of kidnapped American Peter Kilburn and Britons Philip Padfield and Leigh Douglas were found near Beirut; they had been slain in apparent retaliation for the U.S. raid on Libya.

In 1991, the Dow Jones industrial average closed above 3,000 for the first time, ending the day at 3,004.46, up 17.58.

In 1993, a federal jury in Los Angeles convicted two former police officers of violating the civil rights of beaten motorist Rodney King; two other officers were acquitted. Turkish President Turgut Ozal died at age 66.

Ten years ago: A day after U.N. inspectors left North Korea, U.S. experts monitoring the communist country's nuclear program also departed after Pyongyang expelled them and threatened to restart its reactor in anger over U.N. criticism of its recent rocket launch. Richard Phillips, the cargo ship captain rescued by Navy snipers from the clutches of Somali pirates, made a triumphant return to his home state of Vermont, insisting, "I'm not a hero, the military is."

Five years ago: Ukraine and Russia agreed on a tentative halt to violence and to calm tensions along their shared border after more than a month of Cold-War style military posturing triggered by Moscow's annexation of Crimea. Nobel Prize-winning author Gabriel Garcia Marquez, 87, died in Mexico City.

One year ago: Barbara Bush, who was both a first lady and the mother of a president, died in Houston at the age of 92; she was survived by her husband, George H.W. Bush, with whom she had the longest marriage of any presidential couple in American history - a marriage of more than 73 years. A Southwest Airlines jet made an emergency landing in Philadelphia after the jet apparently blew an engine, got hit by debris and lost a window; a woman sitting near the window was pulled partially out of the plane and later died. Americans were given an extra day to file their taxes after key elements of the IRS website crashed on deadline day.

Today's Birthdays: Actor David Bradley is 77. Composer-musician Jan Hammer (yahn HAH'-mur) is 71. Actress Olivia Hussey is 68. Actor Clarke Peters is 67. Rapper Afrika Bambaataa is 62. Actor Sean Bean is 60. Former NFL quarterback Boomer Esiason (eh-SY'-uh-suhn) is 58. Actor Joel Murray is 57. Rock singer Maynard James Keenan is 55. Actress Lela Rochon (LEE'-lah rohn-SHAHN') is 55. Actor William Mapother is 54. Actress Leslie Bega is 52. Actor Henry Ian Cusick is 52. Actress Kimberly Elise is 52. Singer Liz Phair is 52. Director/producer Adam McKay is 51. Rapper-actor Redman is 49. Actress Jennifer Garner is 47. Country musician Craig Anderson is 46. Singer Victoria Adams Beckham is 45. Actress-singer Lindsay Korman is 41. Actor Tate Ellington is 40. Actor Nicholas D'Agosto is 39. Actor Charlie Hofheimer is 38. Actress Rooney Mara is 34. Actress Jacqueline MacInnes Wood is 32. Actor Paulie Litt is 24. Actress Dee Dee Davis is 23.

Thought for Today: "I think America is richer in intelligence than any other country in the world; and that its intelligence is more scattered than in any country of the world." — Will Durant, American historian (1885-1981).