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*Groton United Methodist Women*

## *Salad & Dessert Buffet*

*Wednesday, May 1st*

*from 11 am - 1 pm*

*Please join us for lunch or make your own to-go!*

**Men & Women \$8 - Children 6 and under free**

**at the Groton United Methodist Church**

*Proceeds to UMW Missions*

**OPEN:** Recycling Trailer in Groton

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

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**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**



**4255 6th**

Hi, my name is Bary Keith, a Groton resident. I have just recently joined the Harr Motors sales team. I'm excited to start helping people get into the right vehicle for them. Right now, any vehicle purchased from me, until the end of April, will receive an Autostart at no charge. Give me a call (605-216-6952) or (605-725-8624) or stop out and see me at Harr Motors today!!!

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## Tuesday, April 30, 2019

8:30am- 3:30pm: KG Roundup (Screening) at Groton Area Elementary School

**Cancelled:** 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

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: United Methodist Women May Salad & Dessert Buffet at the UMC.

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

## Friday, May 3, 2019

Howard Wood Relays in Sioux Falls

4:00pm: Track: Varsity Meet @ Sisseton High School

7:00pm: FFA Banquet Groton Area High School

## Saturday, May 4, 2019

8 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Groton City-wide Rummage Sale

Howard Wood Relays in Sioux Falls

## Sunday, May 5, 2019

5:00 p.m. Groton Softball, Baseball and T-Ball parent meeting at the Legion

*Upcoming*  
**COMMUNITY  
EVENTS**

## Silver Skates Annual Meeting

Does your child enjoy ice skating?

Do you like to see community traditions continue?

Do you have creative or organizational talents waiting to be shared with others?

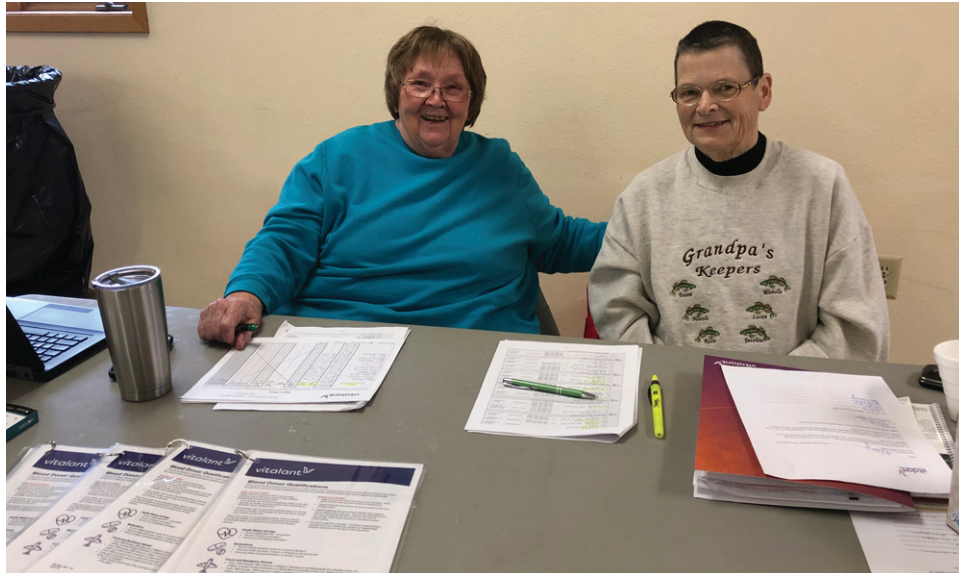
Please join us for the Carnival of Silver Skates annual meeting on Wednesday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the warming house.

Coming Up on GDILIVE.COM

**Middle School  
Spring Concert**  
**Tuesday, April 30**  
**7 p.m.**  
**GHS Gym**

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**The WELCA of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton, hosted the blood drive held Monday at the Groton Community Center. In the photo above, the greeters were June Ackman and Carol Osterman. Serving some delicious treats were Penny Stolle and Melinda Eikamp. (Photos by Paul Kosel)**



# NOW HIRING!

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# GHS Prom



**Junior Class President Payton Colestock escorted by Harrison Kieffer.** (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



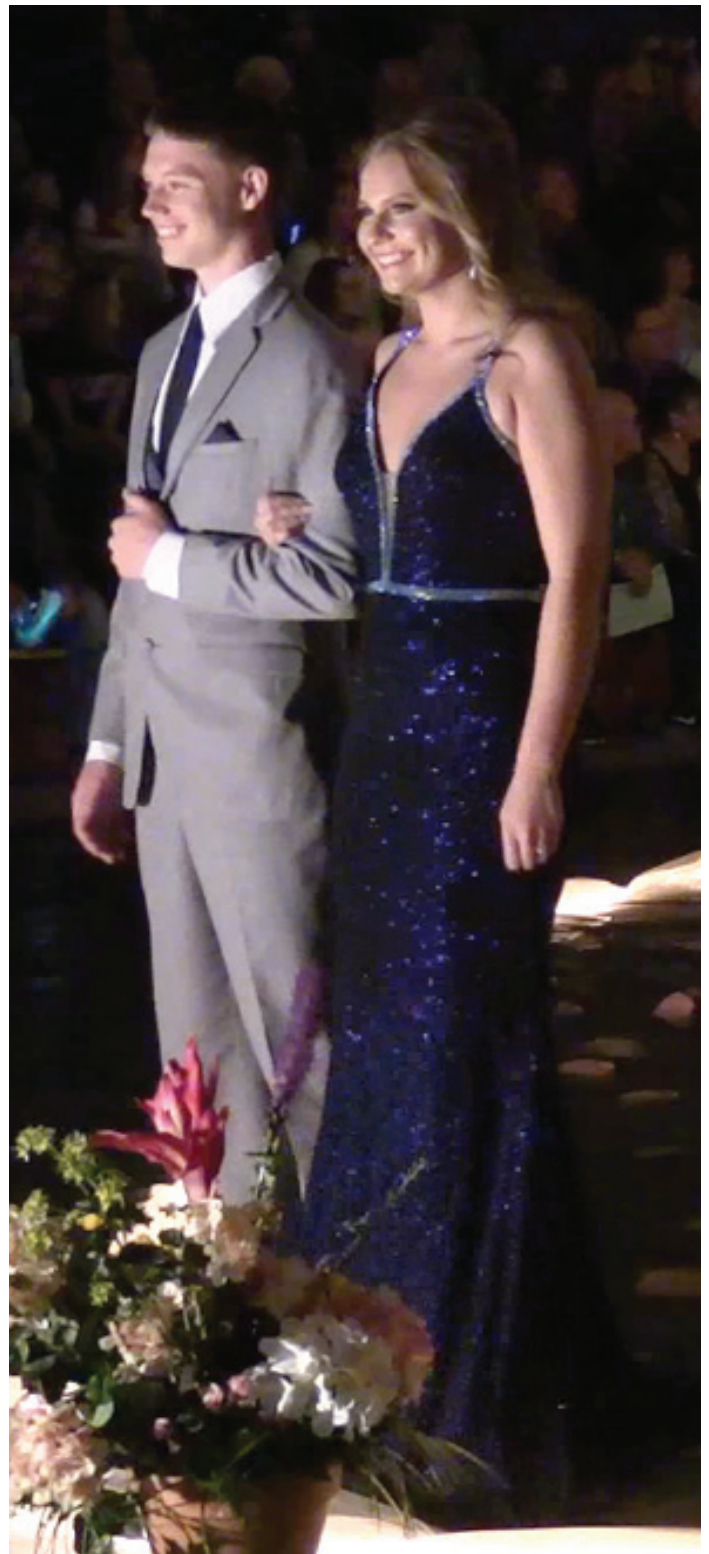
**Senior Class President Wyatt Locke escorting by Kaylin Kucker.** (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)

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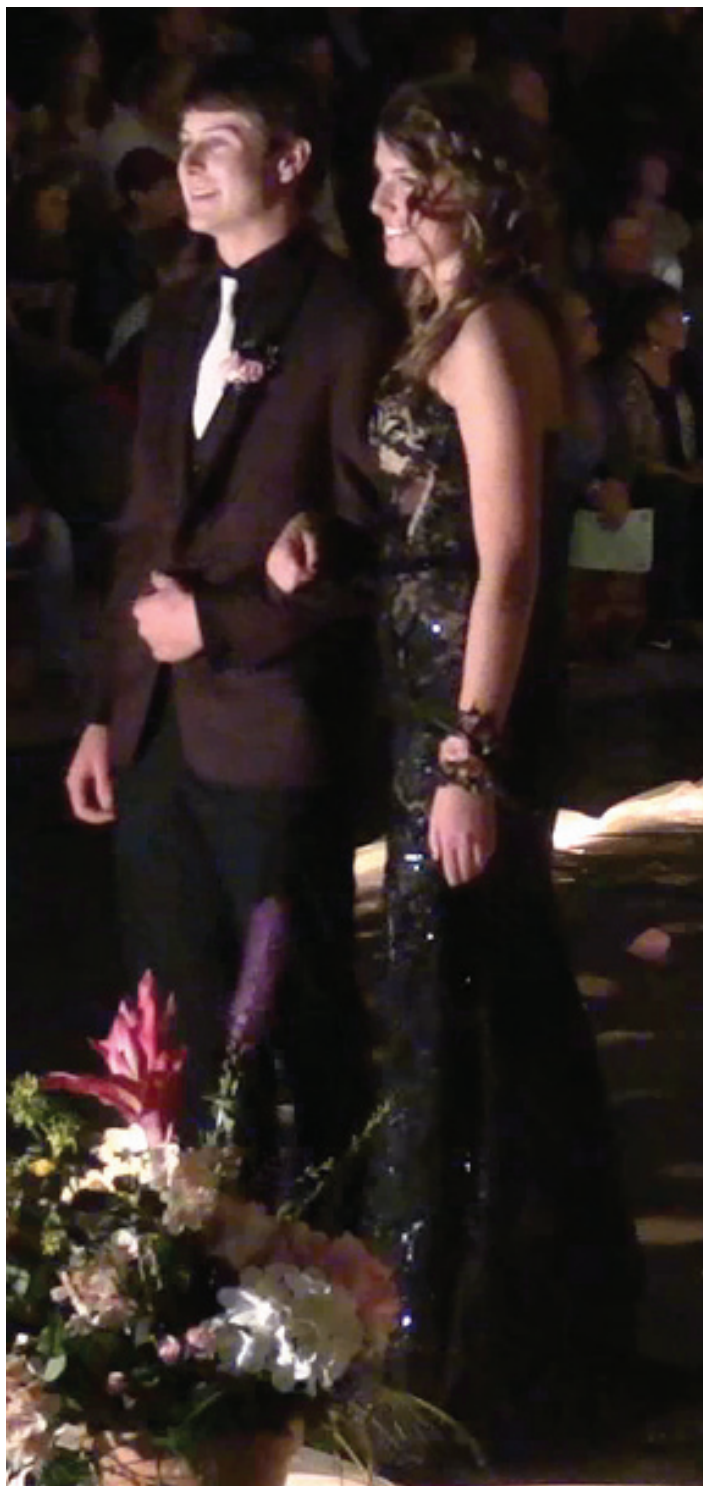
**Isaac Smith escorting Nicole Marzahn.** (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



**Paxton Bonn escorting Taylor Holm.** (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)

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**Clark Gibbs escorting Regan Leicht.** (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



**Korbin Blackmun escorting Kya Jandel.** (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



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**Cyruss DeHoet escorting Eliza Wanner.** (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



**Kaden Carda escorting Emily Thompson.** (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)

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**Ashley Garduno escorting Peyton Johnson.**

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**Jameson Stange escorting Alexis Hanten.**

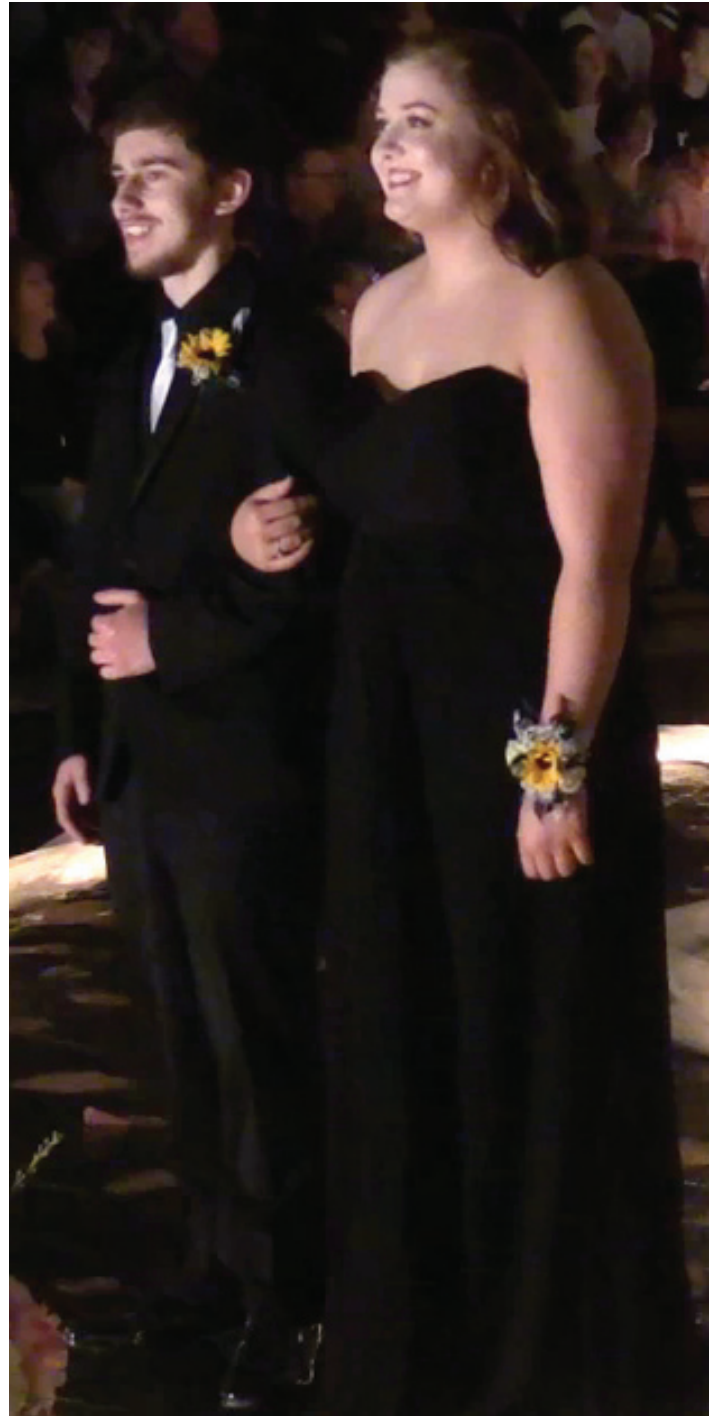
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**Colin Sprinkel escorting Cassandra Townsend.** (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



**Colby Merkel escorting Chloe Brand.** (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)

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**Grady O'Neill escorting Isabelle Weisenburger.** (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



**AnneMarie Smith (right) escorting Chloe Daly.** (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)

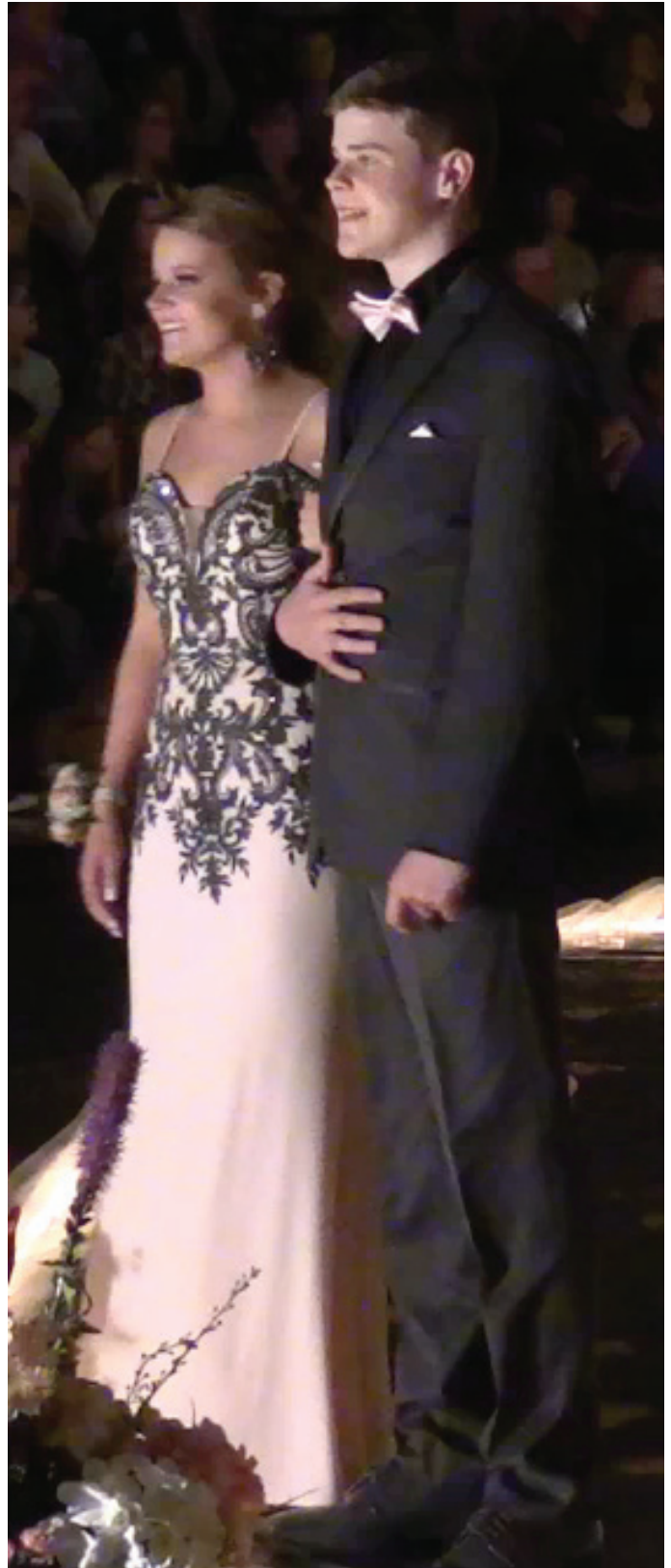
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**Peyton Johnson escorting Kylie Kassube.**

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**Wyatt Hearnen escorting Kaitlyn Kassube.**

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**Cole Johnson escorting Portia Kettering.**  
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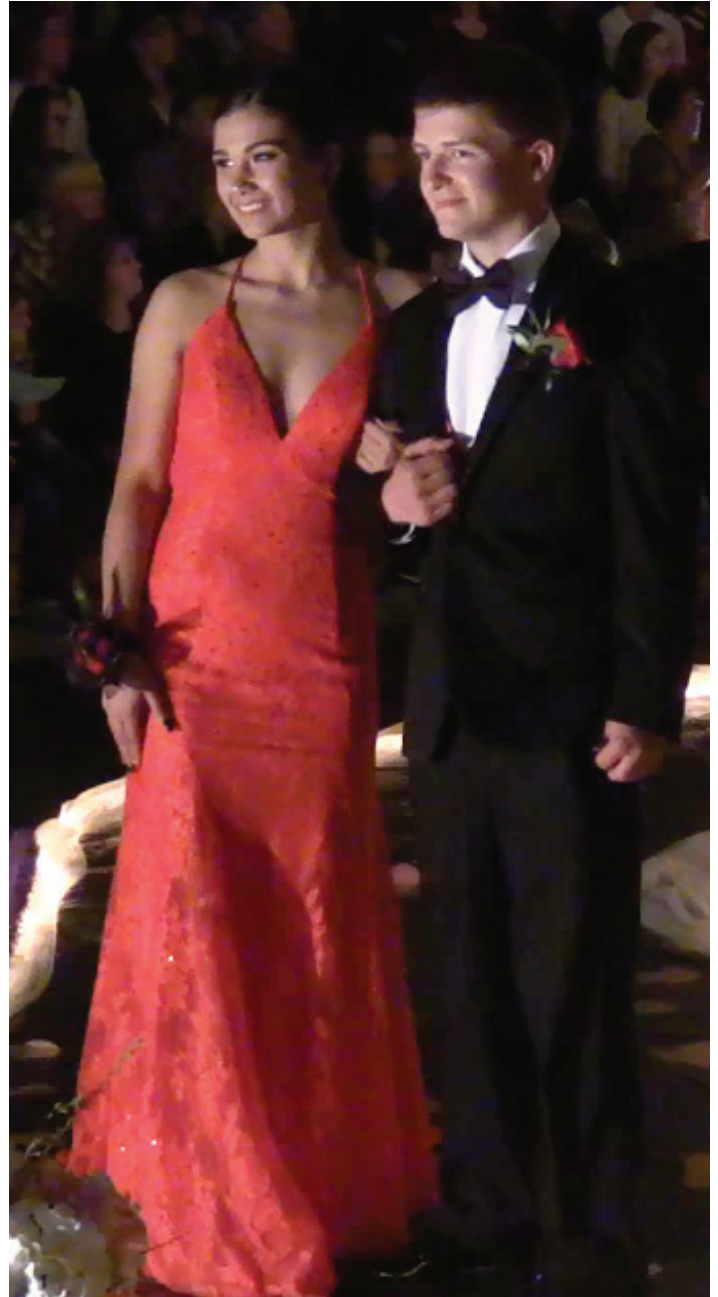
**Tylan Glover escorting Haven Bruner.** (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)

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**Josh Burgard escorting Miranda Hanson.**  
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**Jeremy Johnson escorting Payton Maine.**  
(Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)

**A DVD of the 2019 GHS Prom is available from the Groton Daily Independent. Cost is \$20 (plus shipping if mailed out). Email [paperpaul@grotonsd.net](mailto:paperpaul@grotonsd.net) to place your order.**

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**Kaden Kurtz escorting Sam Geffre.** (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



**Kayla Jensen escorting Kim Kohrs.** (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



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**Jamie Ruiz de Medona Maroto escorting Madeline Flihs.** (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



**Jackson Cogley escorting Alexis Simon.** (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)

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**Anthony Schinkel escorting Trista Keith.**

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**Micah Poor escorting Indigo Rogers.** (Photo

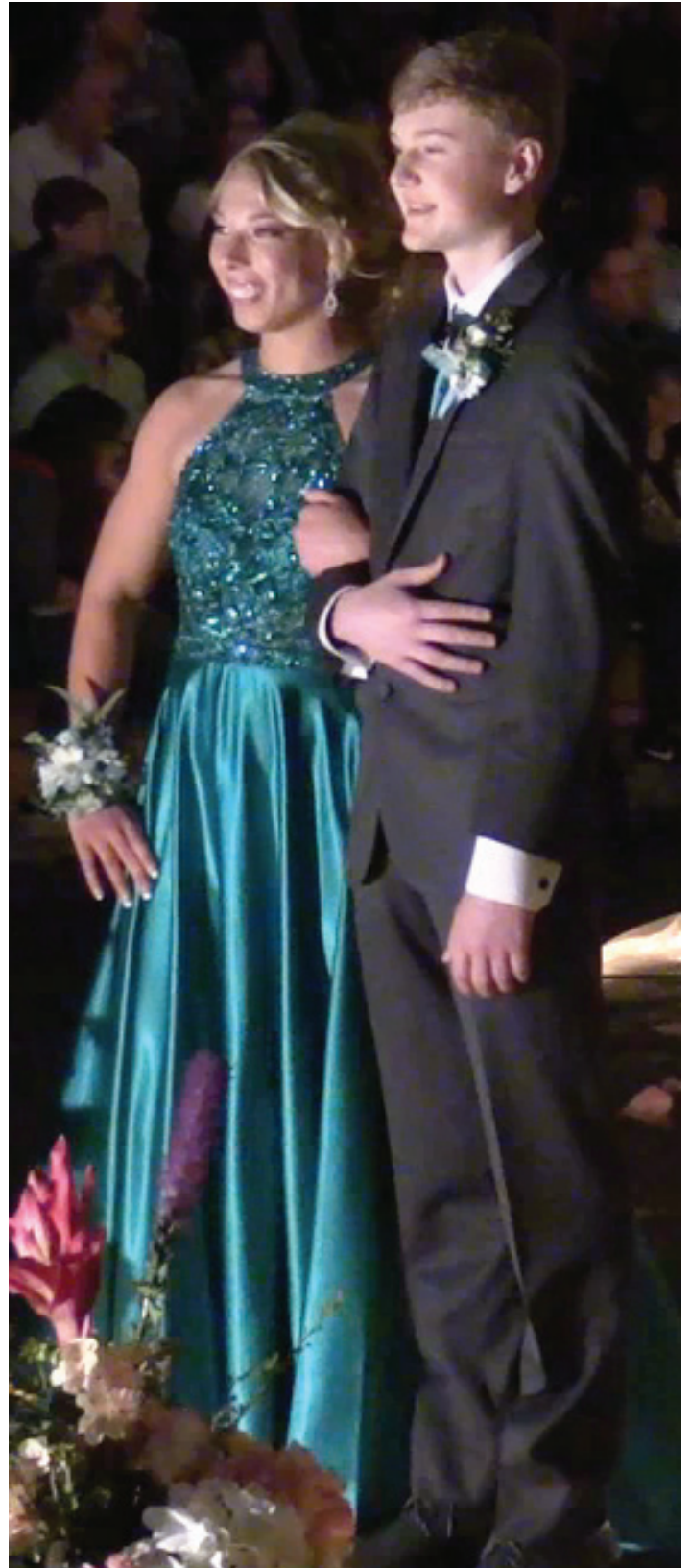
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**Noah Forkel escorting Tadyn Glover.** (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



**Cade Guthmiller escorting Kaycie Hawkins.** (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)

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**Treyton Diegel escorting Emily Blocker.** (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



**Dragr Monson escorting Madeline Schuelke.**  
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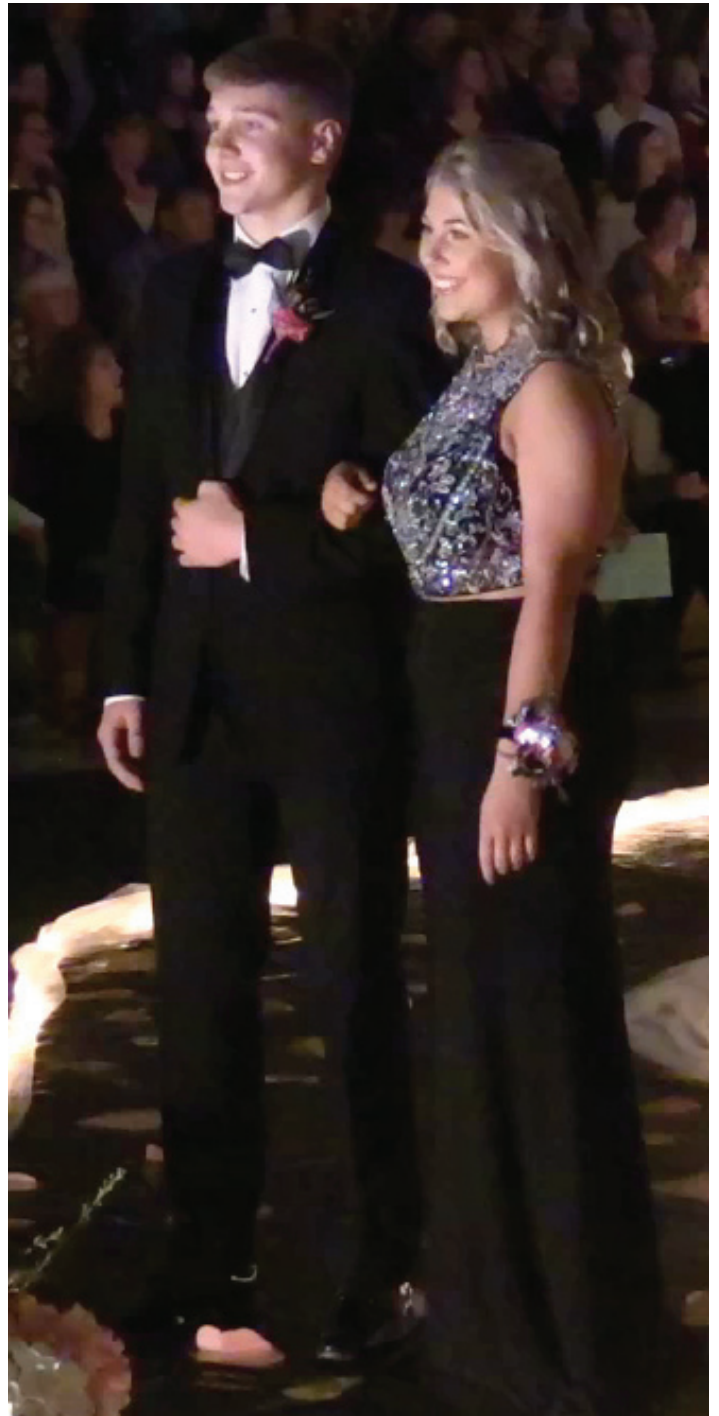
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**Brodyn DeHoet escorting Jennie Doeden.**

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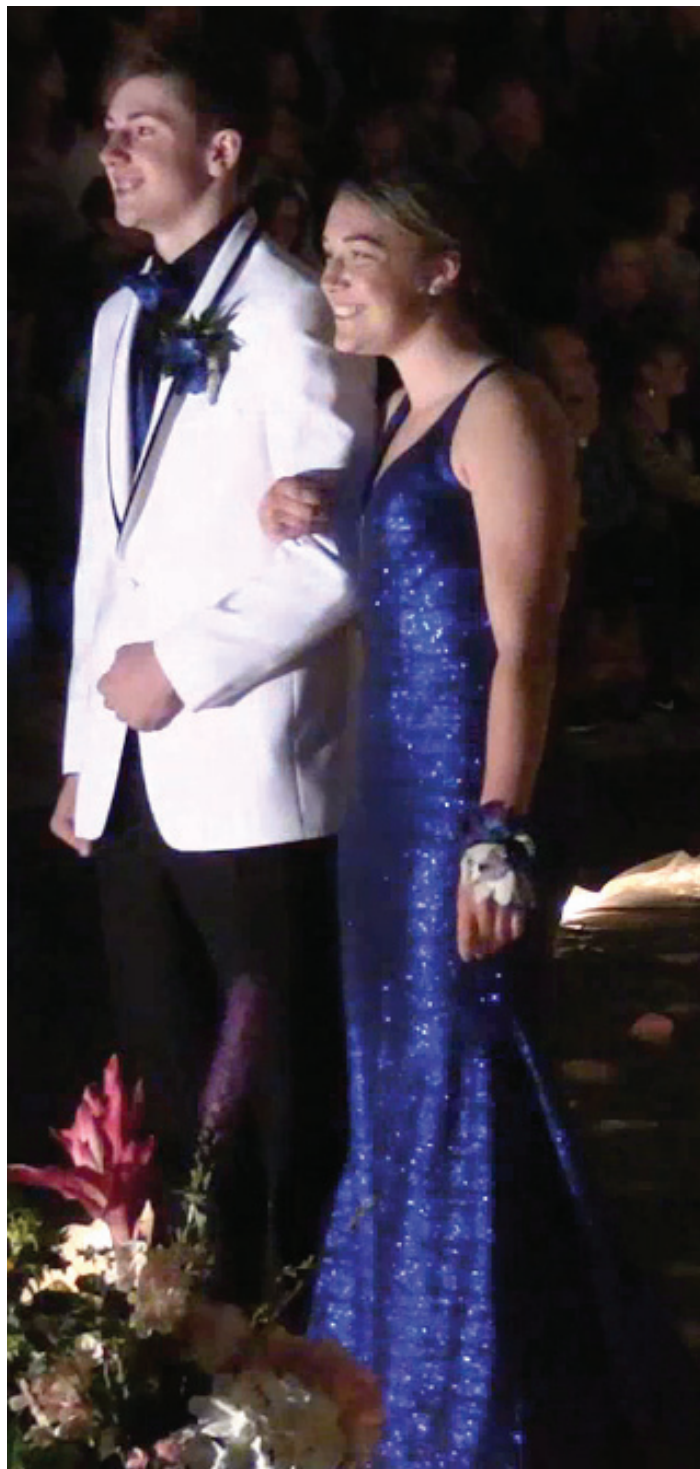


**Jonathan Doeden escorting Tanae Lipp.** (Photo

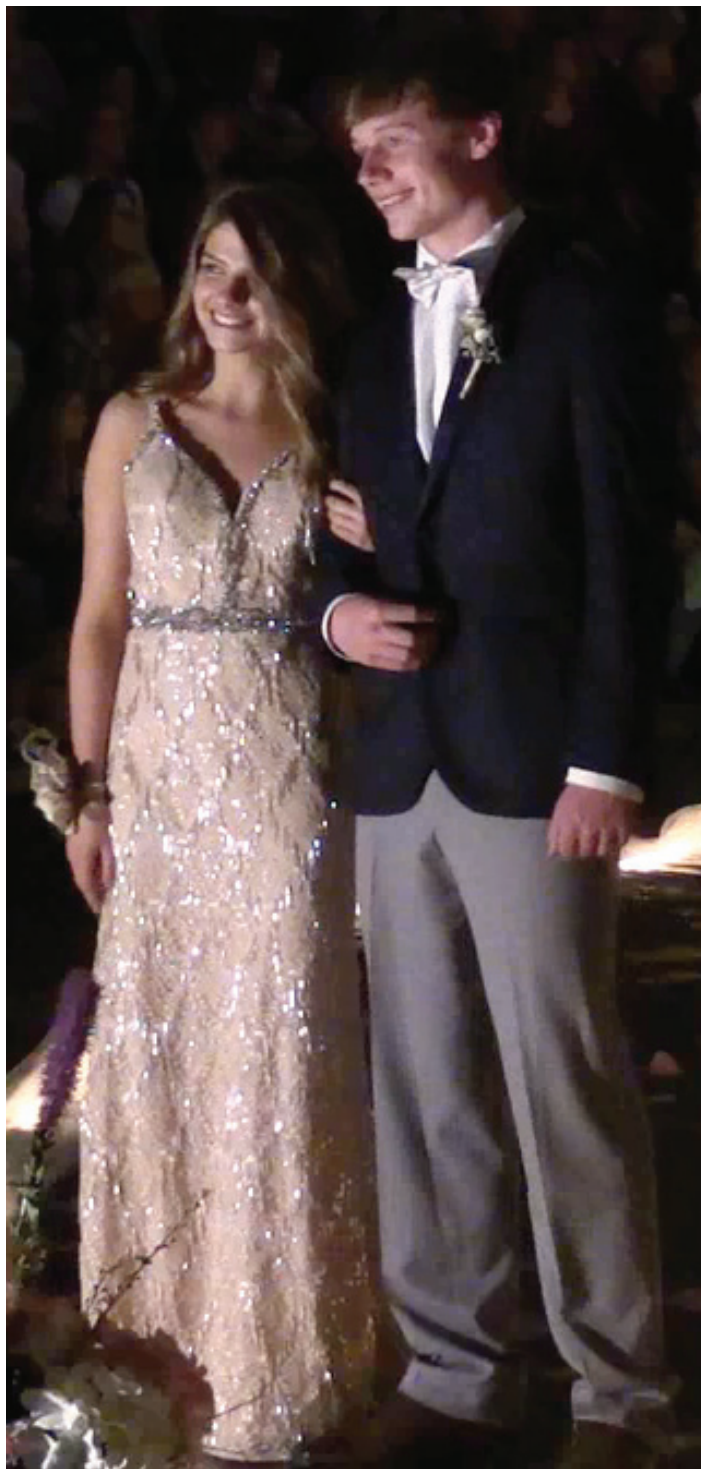
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**Garret Schroeder escorting Hannah Schmierer.** (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



**Austin Jones escorting Rachel Salem.** (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)

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**Chandler Larson escorting Claire Davidson.**

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**Noah Poor escorting Megan Flihs.** (Photo lifted

from GDILIVE.COM Video)

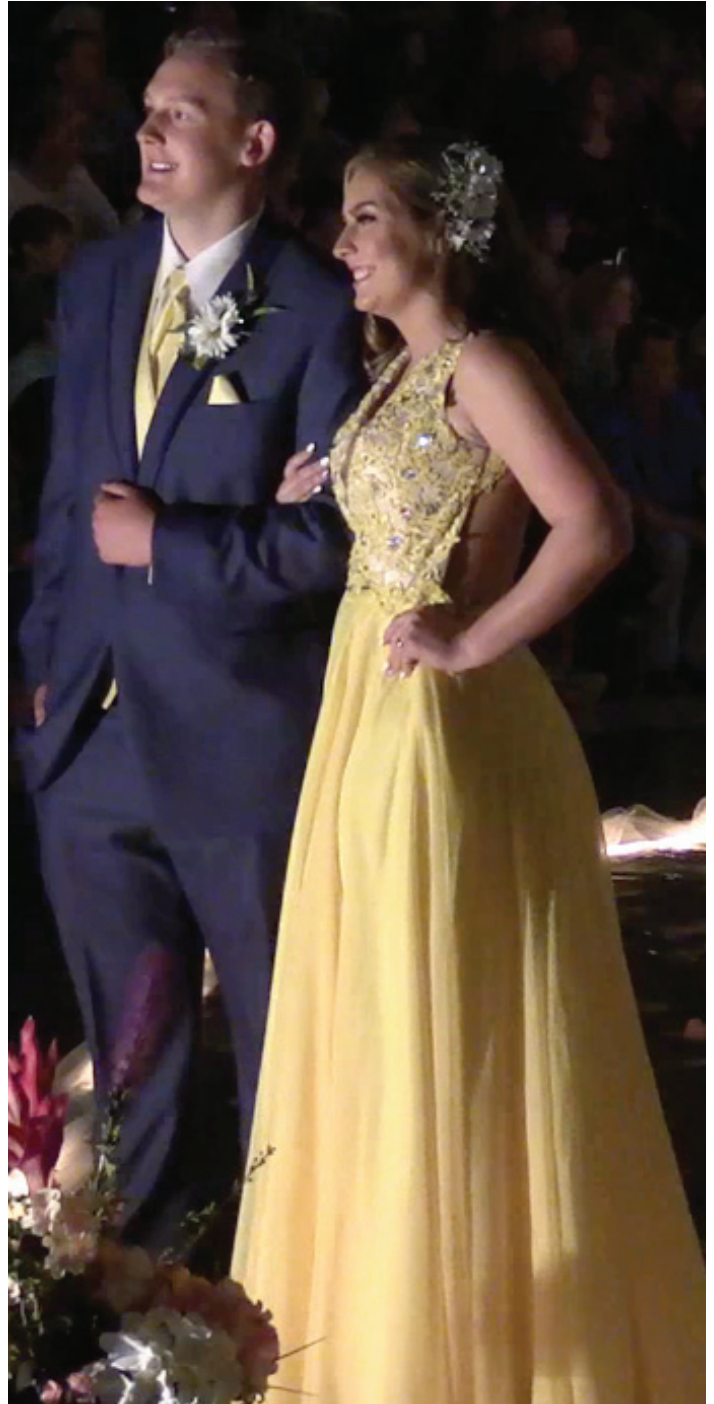
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**Hunter Schaller escorting Hannah Sahli.**

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**Bryce Peterson escorting Caitlynn Barse.**

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**Riley Thurston escorting Paloma Fernandez.**

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**Steven Paulson escorting Ashley Fliehs.** (Photo

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**Maggie Crosby escorting Gabby Merkel.** (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



**Thomas Cranford escorting Kenzie McInerney.** (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



**At the Northwestern School prom, Ezekiel Duncan escorted Julianna Kosel.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

## **Dolan comes to Groton from Aberdeen Roncalli**

Former Aberdeen Roncalli Athletic Director and head boys' basketball coach, Brian Dolan, is making the move to Groton with the start of the next school year.

He will replace Joe Schwan as the athletic director and Justin Hanson as the head boys coach. Hanson and Schwan both resigned from their respective positions. Dolan was the athletic director and head boys coach at Roncalli for the past two years, turning in his resignation April 16th.

Dolan was also responsible for spearheading Groton's Ava Tunheim memorial game at Roncalli this past winter with all of the gate receipts going to the Tunheim memorial.

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## Today in Weather History

April 30, 1942: A tornado hit three farms near the northeastern edge of Castlewood. One barn was blown apart, and debris was swept into the house, killing one person. Damage from the estimated F2 tornado was \$20,000.

April 30, 2011: An unyielding low-pressure system moving across North Dakota brought high winds to much of central into parts of northeast South Dakota. Northwest winds of 35 to 50 mph with gusts to over 60 mph occurred from the morning to the late evening of the 30th. The high winds did cause some property damage across the region. A semi was tipped over on Highway 50 in Buffalo County; a large sign was brought down in Highmore, with some damage to security lights and twisted traffic signals in Pierre. Some of the highest wind gusts included 59 mph at Eagle Butte, 61 mph at Oacoma, 66 mph in Corson County, and 69 mph at Hayes in Stanley County.

1888: 246 people died in the world's deadliest hailstorm in India. Hailstones were reportedly the size of baseballs. 1600 domesticated animals at Moradabad perished.

1924: A significant tornado outbreak occurred from Alabama to Virginia on the 29 through the 30th. 26 tornadoes were of F2 intensity or greater. A total of 111 people were killed, and over 1,100 injured. An estimated F4 tornado tore through Steedman and Horrell Hill, SC. This tornado killed 55 people.

1953: An F4 tornado 300 yards in width leveled homes on the north side of Warner-Robins Georgia, and barracks on the south side of the Warner-Robins Air Force Base. 19 people were killed and were 300 injured. Estimated damage was \$15 million.

1905 - The town of Taylor, in southeastern Texas, was deluged with 2.4 inches of rain in fifteen minutes. (The Weather Channel)

1910 - The temperature at Kansas City, MO, soared to 95 degrees to establish a record for the month of April. Four days earlier the afternoon high in Kansas City was 44 degrees, following a record cold morning low of 34 degrees. (The Weather Channel) (The Kansas City Weather Almanac)

1963 - A tornado, as much as 100 yards in width, touched down south of Shannon, MS. The tornado destroyed twenty-seven homes along its eighteen mile path, killing three persons. Asphalt was torn from Highway 45 and thrown hundreds of yards away. Little rain or snow accompanied the tornado, so it was visible for miles. (The Weather Channel)

1973 - The Mississippi River reached a crest of 43.4 feet, breaking the previous record of 42 feet established in 1785. (David Ludlum)

1987 - A storm off the southeast coast of Massachusetts blanketed southern New England with heavy snow. Totals of three inches at Boston MA, 11 inches at Milton MA, and 17 inches at Worcester MA, were records for so late in the season. Princeton MA was buried under 25 inches of snow. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)


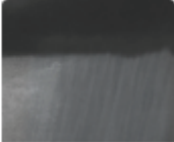



1988 - Thunderstorms produced large hail and high winds in central Texas. Baseball size hail was reported at Nixon, and wind gusts to 70 mph were reported at Cotulla. Heavy rain in Maine caused flooding along the Pemigewassett and Ammonoosuc Rivers. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather in Arkansas, Louisiana and eastern Texas, with more than 70 reports of large hail and damaging winds. Softball size hail was reported at Palestine TX. Hail as large as tennis balls caused ten million dollars damage around Pine Bluff AR. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - A storm system crossing northern New Mexico blanketed parts of the Rocky Mountain Region and the Northern High Plains with heavy snow, and produced blizzard conditions in central Montana. Much of southern Colorado was buried under one to three feet of snow. Pueblo tied an April record with 16.8 inches of snow in 24 hours. Strong canyon winds in New Mexico, enhanced by local showers, gusted to 65 mph at Albuquerque. Afternoon temperatures across the Great Plains Region ranged from the 20s in North Dakota to 107 degrees at Laredo TX. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
				
20% → 70%	70% → 20%	60%	50%	
Slight Chance Showers then Showers Likely	Showers Likely then Slight Chance Showers	Showers Likely	Chance Rain	Partly Sunny
High: 46 °F	Low: 37 °F	High: 48 °F	Low: 35 °F	High: 58 °F



 **Cloudy & Cool Yesterday... now we add Light Rain**

**TODAY**

Rain Showers pushing into central - northeastern SD & west central MN

**HIGHS: 40s**

 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION  
Aberdeen, SD 4/30/2019 3:27 AM  

Published on: 04/30/2019 at 4:29AM

After a cloudy and cool Monday, light rain will be added today, as increased moisture moves in from the southwest. Highs will only be in the 40s, which is still 10 to 20 degrees below normal for this time of year. A few light snow showers may mix in early this morning, and again Wednesday morning over portions of central South Dakota.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 46 °F at 11:42 AM**

**Low Outside Temp: 34 °F at 7:15 AM**

**High Gust: 22 mph at 11:39 AM**

**Precip: 0.01**

## Today's Info

**Record High: 98° in 1992**

**Record Low: 5° in 1966**

**Average High: 64°F**

**Average Low: 38°F**

**Average Precip in April.: 1.76**

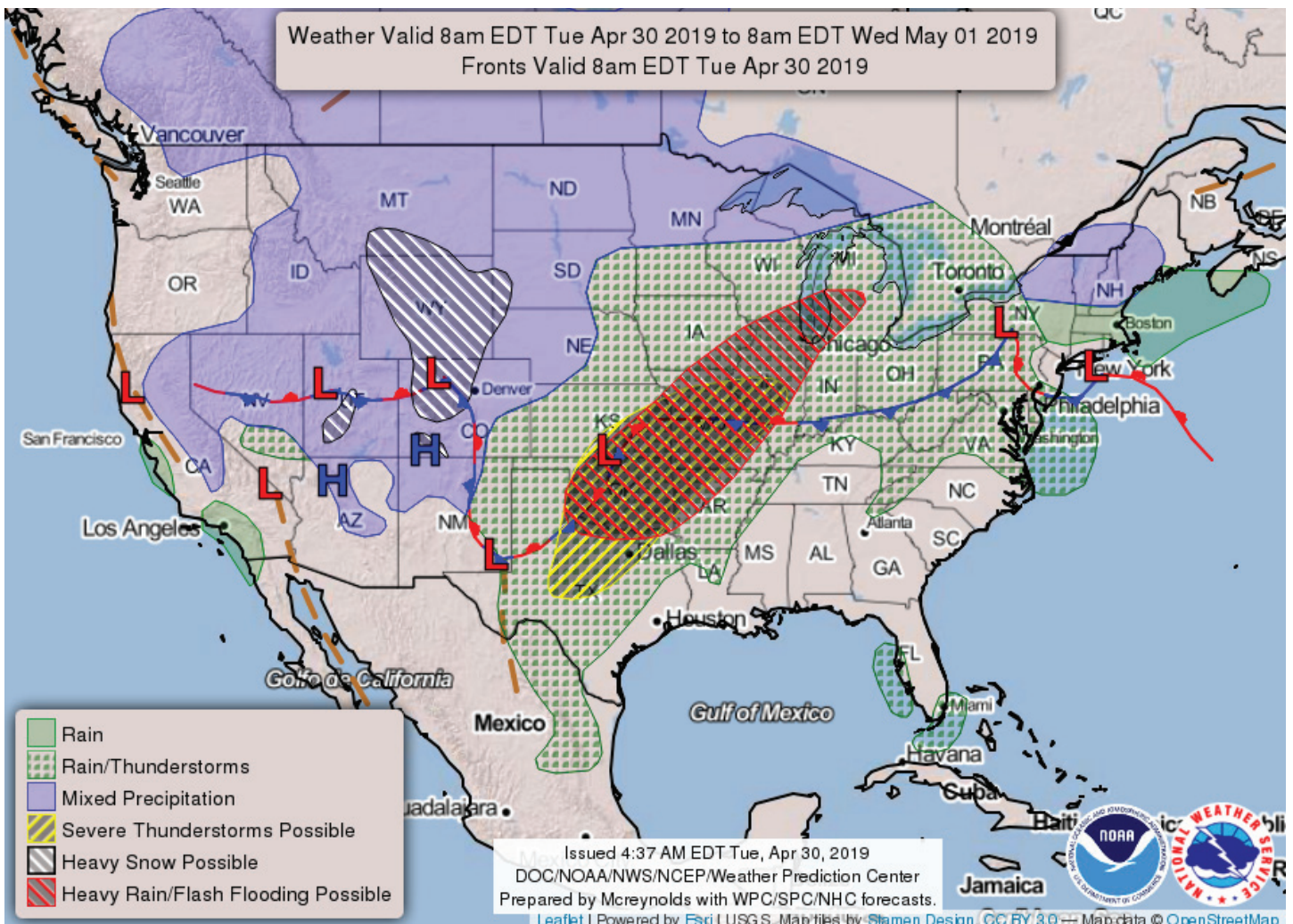
**Precip to date in April.: 1.50**

**Average Precip to date: 3.94**

**Precip Year to Date: 4.54**

**Sunset Tonight: 8:39 p.m.**

**Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:22 a.m.**



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## NOW OR LATER OR BOTH?

Its really rather obvious: the righteous will receive rewards while living. Its also obvious that the sinner and the wicked will receive much more repayment for their lifestyle.

While not stated quite so obviously, it is clear that someone will pass judgment on both, and both will be compensated for what they have done or not done, and how they have lived. And the judge will compensate both of them.

While in court recently, I was careful to watch the proceedings and the actions of the judge. To some, he said, Your behavior has surprised me, and Im going to reduce your sentence as a reward. To others, he said, You have broken the law once again. Therefore, your parole is revoked, and you are going back to prison.

Judges have the power to sanction those who are under their control or jurisdiction. A sanction can be a reward for exceeding expectations or requirements. Or a sanction may be given as punishment for disobeying or breaking the law or regulations.

Some look at the Proverbs as being too simplistic or too good to be true. For example, If the righteous receive their due on earth, how much more the ungodly and the sinner.

Take note of on earth. This is a bold statement that God is active - here and now - in rewarding or punishing - everyone - righteous or wicked. Also, these sanctions are both positive and negative. Finally, rewards from God will be handled judiciously - today and in the future!

Prayer: Father, help us to realize that You, our Judge, are watching us constantly, continuously, and, carefully. Help us to live godly lives and please You Always! In Jesus Name, Amen.

Scripture For Today: Proverbs 11:31 If the righteous receive their due on earth, how much more the ungodly and the sinner.

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## 2019 Groton SD Community Events

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

## 2020 Groton SD Community Events

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



## News from the Associated Press

### **Murder trial of Mitchell man moved to Yankton County**

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — The trial of a Mitchell man accused of suffocating his wife has been moved from Davison County to Yankton County.

The Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan reports Judge Chris Giles recently concluded 40-year-old James Brinker couldn't get a fair trial in Davison County.

Brinker is to stand trial in Yankton County in November for the October 2017 death of his 39-year-old wife, Marie. He has pleaded not guilty to murder and manslaughter.

Authorities allege Brinker wrapped his wife in a blanket, placed her on a mattress, then put a sock in her mouth and tied a belt around her head to hold the sock in place.

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

### **Sheriff seeks dismissal from lawsuit over anti-protest laws**

By **BLAKE NICHOLSON** Associated Press

A western South Dakota sheriff is seeking to be dismissed from a lawsuit challenging new state laws that target disruptive demonstrations by anti-oil pipeline activists.

Attorney Rebeca L. Mann said Pennington County Sheriff Kevin Thom must enforce state laws but isn't responsible for defending them.

"Pennington County is not a proper party to defend the constitutionality of state statutes nor should it be burdened with the expense of defending statutes it has no power to change," Mann argued in court documents filed last week.

Pennington County is one of eight South Dakota counties along the route of TransCanada Corp.'s planned Keystone XL pipeline to move Canadian crude through Montana and South Dakota to Nebraska, where it would connect with lines to Gulf Coast refineries. The \$8 billion project has the backing of President Donald Trump but is being fought in the courts by opponents.

Activists and American Indian tribes also plan on-the-ground protests against construction. Such protests against the Dakota Access oil pipeline in North Dakota in 2016 and 2017 resulted in 761 arrests and cost the state and Morton County \$38 million. Texas-based pipeline developer Energy Transfer Partners also is seeking to recover millions of dollars in protest-related damages from Greenpeace, an effort the environmental group is fighting.

In March, South Dakota Republican Gov. Kristi Noem and GOP leaders passed legislation allowing officials to pursue criminal or civil penalties from demonstrators who engage in "riot boosting," which is defined in part as encouraging violence during a riot. Noem has said the law is meant to address problems caused by "out-of-state rioters funded by out-of-state interests."

The American Civil Liberties Union and tribes contend the law stifles free speech, and the ACLU is suing Noem, Attorney General Jason Ravnsborg and Thom in federal court on behalf of activists.

Thom is named as a defendant because he's sheriff in the county in which the activists are working, according to Courtney Bowie, legal director for the ACLU of South Dakota, North Dakota and Wyoming. Plaintiffs include the Rapid City-based NDN Collective nonprofit, which advocates for indigenous peoples and climate change awareness.

Mann argued "there is no jurisdictional basis for suing Sheriff Thom to challenge the constitutionality of state statutes." She also argued more broadly that since activists have pledged peaceful protests against Keystone XL, there is no "realistic fear of prosecution." Attorneys for Noem and Ravnsborg made a similar argument earlier this month.

Plaintiffs' attorneys have not yet responded to Thom's argument, but Bowie in a statement to The As-

sociated Press said "our complaint alleges a chilling of free speech, which is itself an injury that our clients have suffered and continue to suffer."

"They do not have to wait for prosecution to bring a claim and, with the way the laws are written, they are subject to later civil or criminal liability for their organizing work," Bowie said.

The law states that people who solicit or pay someone to break the law or be arrested would be subject to paying three times the amount that would compensate for the detriment caused. The ACLU maintains it fails to adequately describe the speech or conduct that could subject protesters and organizations to penalties.

Follow Blake Nicholson on Twitter at: <http://twitter.com/NicholsonBlake>

## Another weekend search for girl turns up no clues

ROCKERVILLE, S.D. (AP) — Six teams of searchers and dogs spent the weekend looking once again for a 9-year-old girl who ran away from a children's home in South Dakota nearly three months ago.

Pennington County Sheriff's Capt. Tony Harrison says they will continue to search for Serenity Dennard until she is found. He says the weekend search did not yield any results.

Serenity ran away from the Black Hills Children's Home on Feb. 3. Numerous searches have been conducted since then.

The search changed from a rescue to a recovery effort not long after the girl went missing. The sheriff's office said Serenity likely wouldn't have survived if she was outside in subzero temperatures.

Harrison tells KOTA-TV they have investigated hundreds of leads in the case.

Information from: KOTA-TV, <http://www.kotatv.com>

## Midco Completes Successful CBRS Spectrum Access System Trial Testing

SIOUX FALLS, S.D.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Apr 29, 2019--This week, Midco ® and Telrad Networks successfully completed initial Citizens Broadband Radio Service (CBRS) testing on a market trial license with the Federated Wireless Spectrum Controller, a spectrum access system (SAS). The testing proves that Midco's next-generation LTE network can communicate with the SAS for the purpose of dynamic spectrum sharing, allowing Midco to continue closing the Digital Divide in rural America.

This press release features multimedia. View the full release here: <https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20190429005075/en/>

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requires SAS systems to manage and assign spectrum on a dynamic, as-needed basis across three tiers of users. This helps to increase spectrum efficiency within the CBRS, 3.5 GHz spectrum band. Midco tested with the Federated Wireless Spectrum Controller at three sites in rural Minnesota and North Dakota, covering approximately 1,348 rural residents and businesses. The test ensured that the Telrad equipment – both base stations and customer premises equipment (CPE) – could successfully communicate with the Spectrum Controller to request spectrum and that the SAS could successfully assign that spectrum.

The final FCC SAS testing and verifications are wrapping up, making way for initial commercial deployments. Midco will be ready to immediately deploy high-speed fixed LTE wireless broadband throughout its rural footprint, providing rural customers with speeds of up to 100 Mbps downloads and 20 Mbps uploads without any data caps.

Midco is a leading provider of reliable, high-speed internet via wired and fixed wireless technology. In 2018, Midco began offering fixed wireless services and was provisionally awarded by the FCC approximately \$38.9 million in the Connect America Fund (CAF) Phase II Auction. This funding will help Midco pass more than 100,000 homes with high-speed, fixed wireless broadband. Midco's CAF commitment is

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only one phase of its Midco Edge Out strategy in which it “edges out” high-speed internet from its fiber backbone in urban areas. Midco Edge Out will help close the Digital Divide using fixed wireless technology.

Midco partnered with Telrad Networks to provide its next generation fixed wireless LTE network. Telrad is a global provider of innovative, feature-rich TD-LTE solutions in the sub-6 GHz market. Their wireless solutions meet the connectivity needs of millions of end users through operators, ISPs and enterprises around the world.

For purposes of the market trial testing, Midco and Telrad worked with Federated Wireless. The Federated Wireless Spectrum Controller delivers software-defined spectrum through a cloud-based SAS, protects federal incumbents with a redundant network of Environmental Sensing Capability (ESC) sensors, and provides a robust set of lifecycle management tools with real-time visibility for optimizing and monetizing CBRS services.

“Midco provides an ideal example of how shared spectrum can cost-effectively deliver secure high-speed mobile services in rural areas that have been hard to reach in the past,” said Iyad Tarazi, President and CEO, Federated Wireless. “We are proud to partner with Telrad to support Midco with an end-to-end CBRS solution for delivering the latest wireless technology to their customers.”

#### About Midco

Founded in 1931, Midco is a leading provider of reliable, high-speed internet via wired and fixed wireless technology. By 2025, Midco will deploy 10G, the next great leap for broadband – while also expanding its fixed wireless network to rural areas. The company also delivers cable TV including MidcoSN (a regional sports network), voice, home security, data center and advertising services, plus wholesale networking solutions. Midco serves 385,000 homes and business in more than 400 communities in Kansas, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Visit [Midco.com](http://Midco.com) to learn more about Midco and how the company gives back to the communities it serves.

#### About Telrad Networks

Telrad Networks is a global provider of innovative LTE telecom solutions, boasting over 300 4G deployments in 100 countries. Telrad stands at the forefront of the technology evolution with TD-LTE solutions and a path to 5G in the sub-6 GHz market. Since 1951, the company has been a recognized pioneer in the telecom industry, facilitating the connectivity needs of millions of end-users through operators, ISPs and enterprises around the world. ( [www.telrad.com](http://www.telrad.com) )

#### About Federated Wireless

Federated Wireless is leading the wireless industry through the shared spectrum revolution, eliminating the decades-old problem of spectrum scarcity. The company offers the industry’s only end-to-end Spectrum Controller, enabling government and commercial users to securely share the same spectrum band. Headquartered in Arlington, Virginia, and with offices in Boston and Silicon Valley, Federated Wireless is removing the multi-billion-dollar price tag associated with spectrum access, allowing for the creation of new wireless carriers and business models. For more information, visit: [www.federatedwireless.com](http://www.federatedwireless.com).

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## 1 killed in head-on crash in Kingsbury County

ARLINGTON, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Highway Patrol says one person died when a pickup truck and van collided in Kingsbury County over the weekend.

The patrol says the pickup driven by a 15-year-old boy was westbound on Highway 14 Saturday afternoon when it crossed the center line and hit the eastbound van head on.

The van driver, a 29-year-old man, died at the scene. The teenage driver was not seriously injured.

## Judge: School board fight doesn't belong in federal court

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A judge has ruled a Rapid City woman's fight to be on the local school board doesn't belong in federal court.

Federal Judge Karen Schreier did not rule on the merits of LaFawn Janis' argument that the Rapid City Area Schools should not have disqualified her petition to run since she had a sufficient number of signatures.

KOTA-TV reports Schreier granted a motion to dismiss the case from Assistant Superintendent David Janak, who rejected Janis' petition. The judge says the matter belongs in state court.

Information from: KOTA-TV, <http://www.kotatv.com>

## Trump says he wants asylum seekers to pay a fee to apply

By JILL COLVIN Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump is proposing charging asylum seekers a fee to process their applications as he continues to try to crack down on the surge of Central American migrants seeking to cross into the U.S.

In a presidential memorandum signed Monday, Trump directed his attorney general and acting homeland security secretary to take additional measures to overhaul the asylum system, which he insists "is in crisis" and plagued by "rampant abuse."

The changes are just the latest in a series of proposals from an administration that is struggling to cope with a surge of migrant families arriving at the southern border that has overwhelmed federal resources and complicated Trump's efforts to claim victory at the border as he runs for re-election. Most of those arriving say they are fleeing violence and poverty, and many request asylum under U.S. and international law.

As part of the memo, Trump is giving officials 90 days to come up with new regulations to ensure that applications are adjudicated within 180 days of filing, except under exceptional circumstances.

And he is directing officials to begin charging a fee to process asylum and employment authorization applications, which do not currently require payment.

The White House and Department of Homeland Security officials did not immediately respond to questions about how much applicants might be forced to pay, and it is unclear how many families fleeing poverty would be able to afford such a payment.

A spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, at a regular U.N. briefing in Geneva on Tuesday, said he had no information on the fees and other measures in the proposal from Trump. But seeking asylum, spokesman Charlie Yaxley said, "is a fundamental human right, and people should be allowed to exercise those rights when seeking to seek asylum."

Trump's memo says the price would not exceed the cost of processing applications, but officials did not



**President Donald Trump speaks as he welcomes members of the Baylor women's basketball team, who are the 2019 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball National Champions, to the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, Monday, April 29, 2019.** (AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

immediately provide an estimate for what that might be.

Trump also wants to bar anyone who has entered or tried to enter the country illegally from receiving a provisional work permit and is calling on officials to immediately revoke work authorizations when people are denied asylum and ordered removed from the country.

The Republican president also is calling on Homeland Security to reassign immigration officers and any other staff "to improve the integrity of adjudications of credible and reasonable fear claims, to strengthen the enforcement of the immigration laws, and to ensure compliance with the law by those aliens who have final orders of removal."

Arrests along the southern border have skyrocketed in recent months, with border agents making more than 100,000 arrests or denials of entry in March, a 12-year high.

Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen resigned in early April amid Trump's increasing frustration over how many Central American families were crossing the U.S.-Mexico border.

Associated Press writer Colleen Long contributed to this report.

## Venezuela's Guaidó takes to streets in military uprising

By SCOTT SMITH Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaidó took to the streets with activist Leopoldo Lopez and a small contingent of heavily armed soldiers early Tuesday in a bold call for the military to rise up and oust socialist leader Nicolas Maduro.

"I want to tell the Venezuelan people: This is the moment to take to the streets and accompany these patriotic soldiers," said Lopez in his first public appearance since being detained in 2014 for leading anti-government protests. "Everyone should come to the streets, in peace."

Lopez said he has been freed by members of the military responding to an order by Guaidó, whom the U.S. and dozens of other governments recognize as Venezuela's rightful leader.

As Lopez spoke, there were sporadic efforts with tear gas to break up the protesters who gathered on a highway overpass in wealthier eastern Caracas. It appeared to have been fired from inside the Carlota air base. But more people gathered as they sensed what could be their strongest opportunity yet to overthrow the government.

"It's now or never," said one of the young soldiers, his face covered in the blue bandanna preferred by the few dozen soldiers who stood alongside Guaidó and Lopez.

Socialist party boss Diosdado Cabello downplayed the significance of the rebellion, saying most of Caracas was in complete calm. He called on government supporters to amass at the presidential palace to



**Uprising soldiers stands outside La Carlota air base in Caracas, Venezuela, Tuesday, April 30, 2019. Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaidó appeared in a video with a small contingent of armed soldiers and formerly detained opposition activist Leopoldo Lopez calling for Venezuelans to take to the streets to oust President Nicolas Maduro. (AP**

Photo/Ariana Cubillos)

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defend Maduro from what he said was a U.S.-backed coup attempt.

The tumultuous events started when Guaidó appeared in an early morning video shot next to the air base. He was surrounded by the heavily armed soldiers backed by a few armored vehicles

Guaido said soldiers who had taken to the streets were protecting Venezuela's constitution.

Venezuelan Information Minister Jorge Rodriguez said on Twitter that Maduro's government is confronting a small "coup attempt" led by military "traitors" backed by right-wing opponents.

Joshua Goodman in Cucuta, Colombia, contributed to this report.

## 10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press undefined

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

### 1. VENEZUELA'S GUAIDO LEADS MILITARY UPRISING

Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaido takes to the streets with detained activist Leopoldo Lopez and a small contingent of soldiers in a military uprising; the government says it is confronting a small "coup attempt" led by military "traitors."

### 2. TRUMP SUES BANKS

The president and his family file suit against Deutsche Bank and Capital One in an attempt to block congressional subpoenas for his business records.

### 3. 'HE IS NOW PART OF THE HISTORY OF EVIL'

The suspect in a fatal attack on a California synagogue was a star scholar, athlete and musician whose embrace of white supremacy and anti-Semitism surprised those who knew him.

### 4. END OF AN ERA IN JAPAN

Japanese Emperor Akihito announces his abdication at a palace ceremony, as the nation embraces the end of his reign with reminiscence.

### 5. DROUGHT HITS PANAMA CANAL SHIPPING

The restrictions on how deep the vessels can reach below the surface means large ships must pass through with less cargo, which translates into lower revenue for the voyages.

### 6. WHAT HAS BIPARTISAN SUPPORT

Trump and the Democratic leaders of Congress are coming together in search of a plan to fix the country's crumbling infrastructure.

### 7. MEMORY CENTER TAKES VISITORS THROUGH AFGHAN WAR

The Afghanistan Center for Memory and Dialogue seeks to salvage, protect and share memories and stories of civilian victims of the country's four decades of wars.



**Hannah Kaye, the daughter of shooting victim Lori Kaye, center, holds the hand of her father, Howard Kaye, during funeral services, Monday, April 29, 2019, in San Diego. Lori Kaye was killed when a man opened fire several days earlier inside a synagogue near San Diego, as worshippers celebrated the last day of a major Jewish holiday.** (AP Photo/

Gregory Bull)

## 8. BIDEN LAYS BLUEPRINT FOR 2020

The former vice president says strengthening unions and promoting social and economic unity can restore Democrats to the White House.

## 9. MUSEUM CONDEMNS USE OF ITS ART BY GERMAN PARTY

An American art museum is demanding that a far-right party stop using one of its paintings, portraying a 19th-century slave auction, in a campaign poster.

## 10. TONY AWARD NOMINATIONS TO BE ANNOUNCED

The exuberant "Be More Chill", the adult "Hadestown" or "Tootsie," the crowd-pleasing show based on the movie, could be favorites for best new musical.

## Trump sues banks to block House subpoenas for records

By MICHAEL BALSAMO Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump, his family and the Trump Organization filed a lawsuit against Deutsche Bank and Capital One in an attempt to block congressional subpoenas seeking their banking and financial records.

The lawsuit by Trump, sons Donald Jr. and Eric and daughter Ivanka was filed Monday in federal court in New York. The Trump Organization and the Donald J. Trump Revocable Trust are among the other plaintiffs.

Two House committees subpoenaed Deutsche Bank and several other financial institutions earlier this month as part of investigations into the Republican president's finances.

House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff, D-Calif., said at the time that the subpoenas were part of an investigation "into allegations of potential foreign influence on the U.S. political process." He has said he wants

to know whether Russians used laundered money for transactions with the Trump Organization. Trump's businesses have benefited from Russian investment over the years.

The Trumps want a federal judge to declare the subpoenas unlawful and unenforceable. The lawsuit also seeks to block the financial institutions from disclosing information and complying with the subpoenas.

"The subpoenas were issued to harass President Donald J. Trump, to rummage through every aspect of his personal finances, his businesses, and the private information of the President and his family, and to ferret about for any material that might be used to cause him political damage," the lawsuit said.

The suit also charges that the congressional committees — the House intelligence committee and the House Financial Services Committee — "ignored the constitutional limits on Congress' power to investigate" and that the subpoenas "lack any legitimate legislative purpose."

When the subpoenas were issued April 15, Eric Trump, executive vice president of The Trump Organization, called the subpoenas "an unprecedented abuse of power and simply the latest attempt by House Democrats to attack the President and our family for political gain."



**President Donald Trump speaks during a Make America Great Again rally on Saturday, April 27, 2019, in Green Bay, Wis.** (William Glasheen/The Post-Crescent via AP)

Deutsche Bank, a German asset management firm, has lent Trump's real estate organization millions of dollars over time.

"We remain committed to providing appropriate information to all authorized investigations and will abide by a court order regarding such investigations," Deutsche Bank spokeswoman Kerrie McHugh said in a statement Tuesday.

Capital One did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

This story has been corrected to show Trump wants a judge to declare the subpoenas unenforceable, not enforceable.

## Emperor announces abdication as Japan marks end of era

By MARI YAMAGUCHI Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — Japanese Emperor Akihito announced his abdication at a palace ceremony Tuesday in his final address, as the nation embraced the end of his reign with reminiscence and hope for a new era.

"Today, I am concluding my duties as the emperor," Akihito said as he stood in front of the throne, as other members of the royal family and top government officials watched.

"Since ascending the throne 30 years ago, I have performed my duties as the emperor with a deep sense of trust in and respect for the people, and I consider myself most fortunate to have been able to do so. I sincerely thank the people who accepted and supported me in my role as the symbol of the state," Akihito said in his last official duty as emperor.

As he walked out of the room following his speech and officials were taking away the imperial regalia in a box, Akihito turned around, paused and bowed to the audience.

His reign runs through midnight, when his son Crown Prince Naruhito, who observed Akihito's abdication ceremony, becomes the new emperor and his era begins.

Naruhito will formally ascend the Chrysanthemum throne on Wednesday. In a separate ceremony he will receive the imperial regalia of sword and jewel as well as the imperial seals as proof of his succession as the nation's 126th emperor, according to official palace count, which historians say could include mythical figures until around the 5th century.

Naruhito's wife Masako and daughter Aiko are barred from the ceremony because they are female members of the royal family, a palace tradition that the government upheld despite criticism that it is out of step with modern values.

Many people gathered outside the palace compound hours before the ceremony despite unseasonably wet and cold weather, and even though they were not allowed to look inside.

"We came because today is the last day of (the emperor's era of) Heisei, and we feel nostalgic," said



**Japan's Emperor Akihito speaks during the ceremony of his abdication in front of other members of the royal families and top government officials at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo, Tuesday, April 30, 2019. The 85-year-old Akihito ends his three-decade reign on Tuesday as his son Crown Prince Naruhito, left, will ascend the Chrysanthemum throne on Wednesday.**

(Japan Pool via AP)



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Akemi Yamauchi, 55, standing outside the palace with her husband.

"We like the current emperor. He has worked hard for the people, he is very thoughtful, and kind to everyone," said her husband, Kaname. The couple came from Kyoto, Japan's ancient capital where emperors lived until about 150 years ago.

Messages have come from global leaders.

South Korean President Moon Jae-in expressed gratitude in a letter to Akihito for his emphasis on peace and contributions to developing relations between Seoul and Tokyo. U.S. President Donald Trump expressed appreciation for his contribution to the two countries' close relations. Trump had a courtesy meeting with Akihito during his 2017 Japan visit and will be the first foreign leader in May to meet the new emperor.

Japanese television talk shows displayed a countdown to the midnight transition, and programming was dominated by the abdication and looking back at major events in Akihito's era, including a massive 2011 tsunami, a deadly earthquake in Kobe in 1995, and the Tokyo subway nerve gas attack in 1995 that shook Japan's sense of safety and confidence.

Security was extremely tight around the palace and across downtown Tokyo, with thousands of police mobilized. Police arrested a man on Monday night on suspicion of placing a pair of kitchen knives last week on the school desk used by Akihito's grandson.

Still, Japan was in festive mood over a change in an imperial era not caused by death. Many people visited shrines and temples to receive stamps dated on the last day of Akihito's era of Heisei, or "achieving peace." Some amusement parks and shops offered free admission and special deals, while customers had their last Heisei meals at restaurants. Naruhito's era of Reiwa, or "beautiful harmony" begins Wednesday.

"The emperor has finished his duties and he is passing the baton to the crown prince, so it's time for celebration," said Mitsuhiro Sugita, a 67-year-old green tea maker.

Akihito, 85, took the throne in 1989 and devoted his career to making amends for a war fought in his father's name while bringing the aloof monarchy closer to the people.

With his commoner-born wife, Empress Michiko, he reached out to the people, especially those who faced handicaps and discrimination, as well as those hit by disasters, illuminating the hardships of people often overlooked by society.

Akihito was the first emperor to marry a commoner, one of many changes he brought to the palace. The couple also chose to raise their three children instead of leaving them with palace staff, and decided to be cremated upon their deaths in a smaller tomb side by side, also a tradition-breaking step.

Jeff Kingston, Asian studies director at Temple University's Japan campus, says Akihito has served as Japan's "chief emissary of reconciliation," while acting as "consoler in chief" in reaching out to the people. Akihito was also a "strong advocate of the vulnerable and the marginalized in the Japanese society," he said. "I think the people really warmed to him and felt that the monarchy was relevant to their lives because of these efforts by Akihito."

Recent media surveys have shown public support for the imperial family at 80%, the highest ever for the institution.

Such respect did not come overnight. Akihito grew up during World War II and was 11 when his father Hirohito announced the end of the war on radio. Akihito embraced his role as peacemaker and often represented his father on reconciliatory missions as a young crown prince, decades before he became the emperor himself.

He is the first emperor in Japan's modern history whose era did not have a war. Though he has avoided outright apologies, he has stepped up his expressions of regret in carefully scripted statements on the war.

Akihito visited China in 1992 and offered what was considered the strongest expression of regret over the war. He also visited the Philippines and other Pacific islands conquered by Japan that were devastated in fierce fighting as the U.S.-led allies took them back.

That leaves his son Naruhito — the first emperor born after World War II — largely free of the burden of the wartime legacy, allowing him to seek his own role. Naruhito has said he would largely emulate his father's pacifist stance and compassion for the people, but also said he hopes to seek a role of his own,

possibly in issues related to water, which he studied at Oxford University in the early 1980s. That, or disaster resilience, or the environment, could appeal more to a people predominantly from postwar generations.

Akihito will be known as the emperor emeritus and will no longer have official duties. He won't even attend his son's succession rituals so as not to interfere with the serving emperor.

Akihito is expected to enjoy his retirement, going to museums and concerts, or spending time on his goby research at a seaside imperial villa. Akihito and Michiko will move to a temporary royal residence before eventually switching places with Naruhito.

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## Infrastructure bringing together Trump, Democratic leaders

By KEVIN FREKING Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The last time President Donald Trump sat down with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer, the president walked out in a huff and dismissed their government shutdown talks as a “total waste of time.”

Nearly four months later, the leaders are coming together again Tuesday, this time in search of a plan to fix the country's crumbling infrastructure. It's seen as the one issue with the best chance for the two sides to work together this Congress — and even that isn't given good odds for a fruitful ending.

The meeting plays out against the backdrop of high tensions over escalating Democratic investigations following the release of special counsel Robert Mueller's report into Russian meddling. Lawmakers and the Republican president also have on eye on the 2020 elections, meaning every provision of an infrastructure package — including how to pay for it — will be made with that in mind.

More than one “infrastructure week” already has come and gone over the past two years with nothing to show for it. Still, advocates for an infrastructure package boost see a narrow window for action.

“I think a deal can be had if everybody is willing to put their battle axes away for a period,” said former Republican Rep. Bill Shuster of Pennsylvania, who served as chairman of the House's transportation committee for six years.

A compromise could offer political benefits to both sides. Trump's re-election prospects are tied to a strong economy that would get another boost from new road and bridge projects. House Democrats have



**FILE - In this Jan. 25, 2019, file photo, Senate Minority Leader Sen. Chuck Schumer of N.Y., accompanied by Speaker Nancy Pelosi of Calif., left, calls on a reporter during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington. President Donald Trump and Pelosi and Schumer are coming together in search of a plan to fix the country's crumbling infrastructure. It's seen as the issue with the best chance for the two sides to work together \_ though the odds aren't good.** (AP Photo/Andrew Harnik, File)

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passed an array of bills that have gone nowhere in the GOP-controlled Senate.

Pelosi has dozens of new Democratic House members who won in competitive districts, said Shuster, and "they need to be able to go home next year and say they've accomplished something."

But the two sides also have some competing priorities that will complicate matters. The president and Republican leaders want to speed up the permitting process for building energy and transportation projects and that's not on most Democratic lawmakers' to-do lists. Democrats are looking for ways to pay for greater infrastructure spending without adding to the national debt, and that could mean higher fuel taxes.

The Trump White House has sent conflicting signals on that issue. On Friday, the president tweeted that California's recent 12-cent increase in the state's gas tax was "causing big problems on pricing for that state. Speak to your Governor about reducing." When asked if Trump could support a higher federal gas tax, economic adviser Larry Kudlow said Monday, "He hasn't made up his mind on any of that yet."

Pelosi and Schumer on Monday sent Trump a letter setting out their priorities, including a call for "substantial, new and real revenue" and investments to make infrastructure more resilient to climate change. Neither of those bolsters confidence in prospects for a deal. Several Democratic lawmakers from committees with jurisdiction on infrastructure issues are also expected to attend the White House meeting, but no Republican lawmakers.

Committees in both chambers of Congress have started to lay the groundwork for an infrastructure bill through hearings, with Democratic lawmakers hoping to have legislation ready for consideration by June or July.

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will give every House lawmaker a chance to share their infrastructure priorities on Wednesday.

Then, the committee's chairman, Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., will lead a delegation to visit a dilapidated, century-old tunnel that connects New Jersey and New York. Experts say a new tunnel is essential to ensuring reliable rail travel throughout the Northeast, but the price tag will be steep.

The infrastructure issue has aligned the nation's top business groups and unions, a rarity in Washington. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has proposed increasing the federal fuel tax 5 cents a year for five years, then allowing it to increase with inflation. The federal tax on gasoline now stands at 18.3 cents per gallon and at 24.3 cents per gallon for diesel fuel. The last time the federal gas tax went up was in 1993.

Ed Mortimer, a vice president at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, said the group would have the back of lawmakers who face criticism back home for supporting a higher federal gas tax.

"We're going to support any elected official willing to have a serious discussion and vote to raise revenue for infrastructure," Mortimer said.

Rep. Earl Blumenauer, D-Ore., plans to introduce a bill incorporating the chamber's wishes to gradually raise the fuel tax by 25 cents and then allow the tax to rise with inflation. The bill will also call for eventually replacing the gas tax in favor of a system where drivers pay a user fee based on distance traveled.

"That's the ultimate solution. We can't do that in less than 10 years, but we need to lay the foundation for it," Blumenauer said.

So far this year, Alabama, Arkansas, Ohio and Virginia have enacted gas tax increases, although Virginia's only applies to a portion of the state. Some 30 states have done so since 2013. Blumenauer said many of the states that approved gas tax increases are led by Republicans, and he hopes they'll make their voices heard to Congress.

But it's unclear whether Blumenauer will get support from Republican members of Congress, or even top Democratic leaders.

Schumer advocated Monday for rescinding portions of the tax cut bill Republicans passed in 2017 to pay for infrastructure.

"By reversing only the most egregious giveaways in President Trump's tax bill, those given to the wealthiest of the wealthy, and raising the corporate tax cut a smidge we could finance the entirety of a \$1 trillion infrastructure bill," Schumer said.

\_\_\_ AP Congressional Correspondent Lisa Mascaro contributed to this report.

## John Singleton found a perfect marriage of movie and moment

By ANDREW DALTON AP Entertainment Writer



**FILE - This July 13, 1991 file photo shows filmmaker John Singleton, who made the movie "Boyz N The Hood," in Los Angeles. Oscar-nominated filmmaker John Singleton has died at 51, according to statement from his family, Monday, April 29, 2019. He died Monday after suffering a stroke almost two weeks ago.**

(AP Photo/Bob Galbraith, File)

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rarely have a filmmaker and a moment been so perfectly matched as John Singleton and the summer of 1991.

When "Boyz N the Hood" was released that July, Singleton took what had become a cultural obsession — South-Central Los Angeles and the young black men growing up in it — and imbued them with a depth, humor and humanity lacking in the scare stories and songs that up to that point had defined them to much of the world.

Singleton died Monday at age 51, after having a stroke earlier this month.

Nearly 30 years earlier he was fresh outta film school and in his early 20s when he took elements of his own upbringing, bathed in the hip-hop culture of the late 80s and early 90s, and emerged with "Boyz N the Hood," which would give him a groundbreaking Academy Award nomination and a permanent place in the American film pantheon.

Stories about gang violence and the drug trade were a constant on newscasts at the time, and in the developing 1992 presidential race candidates angled to show they would be toughest on street crime.

N.W.A, with its explosive beats and stinging rhymes, told such tales from the inside. The group was breaking up in 1991, but its influence was at its apex. Singleton took his title from a song by one member, Eazy-E, and cast another, Ice Cube, as one of his three leads in his acting debut.

Singleton took yet another approach to the same stories. He was as interested in boys as the hood. He begins with his central characters as grade-schoolers trying to exist in an environment that refuses to let them be kids.

The first act plays like an urban version of Rob Reiner's "Stand by Me" from five years earlier, with kids walking along railroad tracks and trying to out-swear one another. One line, "y'all wanna see a dead body?" suggests the similarity was deliberate.

Seven years later we see the same boys as young adults. Ice Cube is a Crips gang member who plays dominoes and speaks wisdom: "Either they don't know, don't show, or don't care about what's going on in the hood," he says as the film ends.

Cuba Gooding Jr. is a standout at school and work who navigates a neighborhood that threatens to pull him down.

Lawrence Fishburne as Gooding's stern, politically woke father, Jason "Furious" Styles, made for one of the more memorable dads in screen history, his angry gaze making for many memes two decades later.

It also featured a small role for young Regina King, who would shine alongside Janet Jackson in Singleton's follow-up, "Poetic Justice," in 1993, and like Gooding would go on to win an Oscar.

Singleton made all of them both feel real, sympathetic and lovable, without sacrificing any of the harshness of their lives or the ways some had to lash out against their circumstances.

It was the first look at this world for some audiences. For others, it was the first time they saw themselves. "Boyz N The Hood was a seismic event," filmmaker Brandon David Wilson said on Twitter. "I literally saw friends from elementary and middle school in the film playing bit parts. It was filmed in my neighborhood.

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I'm an L.A. native, but it wasn't until BNTH that I saw (asterisk)my(asterisk) L.A. onscreen."

Less than a year after the movie came out, the 1992 LA riots broke out, making the circumstances shown in the movie feel all the more vital. Singleton was outside the courthouse at the time of the Rodney King beating verdict, which triggered the riots, and told local news cameras that trouble was likely to follow. He died April 29, the 27th anniversary of that day.

Ice Cube made note of the date in paying tribute to Singleton Monday.

"Your passion for telling our stories from our point of view was more than an obsession, it was your mission in life," Ice Cube said in a statement. "On April 29, 1992 you were on TV warning the world what was to come. I'm sad today, cause on this April 29th who will warn the world what's to come?"

That same year, Singleton became the first black filmmaker, and the youngest person ever, to be nominated for an Oscar for best director. It appeared that recognition for and support for black filmmakers was a burgeoning trend.

But nearly 30 years later only five more — Lee Daniels, Barry Jenkins, Jordan Peele, Steve McQueen and Spike Lee — had been nominated, and none had won.

Most of those men paid effusive tribute to Singleton on social media Monday.

"John Singleton's Films Will Live On Forever," Lee said on Instagram.

Dozens of copycats of "Boyz N the Hood" would come in the ensuing years, with none finding its balance of grit, craft and heart.

Singleton didn't quite find it either. As with Orson Welles and "Citizen Kane" half a century earlier, it can be difficult for a filmmaker who finds a perfect moment to find another one, and no other Singleton film would get close to the same adulation.

But "Boyz N the Hood" has never left the public's memory.

In 2002, it was added to the National Film Registry by the Library of Congress, which called it "an innovative look at life and the tough choices present for kids growing up in South Central Los Angeles."

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## Drought hits Panama Canal shipping, highlights climate fears

By **JUAN ZAMORANO** and **ARNULFO FRANCO** Associated Press

GATÚN, Panama (AP) — An intense drought related to this year's El Nino phenomenon has precipitously lowered the level of Panama's Gatun Lake, forcing the country's Canal Authority to impose draft limits this week on ships moving through the waterway's recently expanded locks.

The restrictions on how deep the vessels can reach below the surface means large ships, primarily from the United States and China, must pass through with less cargo, which translates into lower revenue for the voyages. The driest period in memory for the canal basin is also hitting small indigenous villages that depend on tourism along the tributaries of the inter-oceanic passage.

The economic hit to canal operators stands to be minor — an estimated \$15 million this year, compared with the \$2.5 billion in revenue generated in 2018. But the drought and the resulting restrictions highlight the difficulties Panama faces in satisfying increased demand for fresh water to feed the canal while irrigating fields and keeping the taps flowing in the capital as climate change threatens more extreme weather events.

"This year I do not think there will be problems with drinking water ... due to the resources we have," Steve Paton, who heads the long-term climate monitoring program at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, said, referring to an accumulation of rainfall from the last rainy season.

"As for the future, it is difficult to forecast," Paton continued. "But we are observing in the canal area that climatic events are becoming increasingly extreme. ... The biggest droughts and the eight or nine largest storms have occurred in the last 20 years, in the same way that 2014 to 2016 were the driest years in the canal's history."

El Nino is a recurring phenomenon in which warm ocean temperatures in the Pacific lead to drier than

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usual conditions in some areas and wetter in others.

Carlos Vargas, vice president of environment and water for the Canal Authority, said recently that Gatun — one of the largest artificial lakes in the world, with an area of 168 square miles (436 square kilometers) — was 4.6 feet (1.4 meters) below normal levels for this time of year. It has dropped more than a half foot (0.2 meters) since early April. A smaller lake that also supplies the waterway, Alajuela, was 7.2 feet (2.2 meters) below usual.

"These low levels in the Panama Canal are the product of four or five months of almost zero precipitation," Vargas told The Associated Press. "It really has been the driest dry season we've had in the history of the canal. The flow of rivers to the lake is down 60%."

That forced the Canal Authority to notify customers in early April that the maximum freshwater draft of 44 feet (13.41 meters) for Neopanamax vessels would be a foot less beginning at the end of the month. It marks the fourth reduction in drafts imposed during the current dry season, which runs from January through April. When water levels are optimal, maximum draft for those ships is about 50 feet (15.2 meters).

The limits affect only the Cocoli and Agua Clara Locks, a multibillion-dollar project inaugurated in 2016 to accommodate the larger Neopanamax ships. On average, 7 1/2 vessels move through those locks daily, though there have been days with as many as 12 crossings.

The canal charges shipping companies based on a vessel's capacity and also a percentage of the cargo it carries, so lighter ships mean less profit for everyone.

The Canal Authority has had to deal with extreme weather patterns in the past. A severe dry season also associated with El Nino in 2015-2016 affected the crossing of cargo in the old locks and cost \$40 million in revenue.

The canal and most Panamanians rely on rains over a watershed of nearly 1,300 square miles (more than 3,000 square kilometers) — covered with forests, rivers and lakes — that generates 95% of the water consumed by Panama City and Colon, whose metro areas combined are home to nearly half the country's population of just over 4 million.

Panama has one of the highest levels of annual rainfall among tropical countries. Last year marked one of the highest amounts of rainfall on record for the basin, which experts say has helped cushion the ravages of the current drought.

"Gatun and Alajuela lakes have been below optimum levels, but on the other hand it could have been much worse," Paton said.

The canal is promoting short-term drought measures such as suspending generation of hydroelectric power at Gatun as well as water recycling via tubs in the new locks that cut water use by 60%.

"This has helped us alleviate the effect for the moment," Vargas said. "In the medium term, we will continue with reforestation programs in the basin" that have already resulted in more than 17,000 acres (7,000 hectares) of plantings.

Paton forecast that the canal has enough water to last at least 18 years, although if extreme climate patterns persist, water could reach precariously low levels within 15 years.

The Canal Authority says it needs more water reserves to cushion the impact of extreme events. Canal administrator Jorge Luis Quijano has said that before considering another set of locks, an additional source on the scale of Gatun or Alajuela would be necessary. The lakes fill when it rains heavily, but there is no place to store that surplus during the dry season.

During a recent boat tour of Gatun, numerous tree trunks flooded more than a century ago when the lake was created were dried out and exposed to the sun.

Water supply for citizens so far has not been affected by the drought, but small indigenous communities scattered along the Gatun's tributaries have been hit.

Telvinia Tascón, an artisan in San Antonio Wounaan on the Gatun River, said tourists typically visit every day to buy handicrafts, but lately the outboard motorboats are having trouble navigating the depleted channels and the logs and mud at the docks.

Relief for them — and canal operators — could come by late May or mid-June, when torrential rains from the wet season fill the lakes.

"This is the strongest drought we can recall," Tascón said. "For me it's sad. This never happened to us."

## **Chewy.com hopes to overcome gnawing Wall Street memories**

NEW YORK (AP) — PetSmart's online pet store Chewy is selling its stock in an initial public offering that may revive memories of the days when its breed of internet retailing seemed like a lost cause.

The Dania Beach, Florida, company is setting out to raise \$100 million, but that figure listed in documents filed Monday is likely to change in the weeks ahead as Chewy's bankers gauge investor demand for the IPO. If all goes according to plan, Chewy's share will trade under the ticker symbol "CHWY."

It marks the latest IPO in a parade of unprofitable technology companies led by ride-hailing services Uber and Lyft trying to persuade investors that they are mining markets that eventually will turn into money makers.

Chewy, which hasn't been profitable since it was founded in 2011, stands out from the rest of the crowd because of its involvement in online pet sales — a niche that turned into a financial wasteland as hundreds of internet companies imploded after raising billions of dollars during the late 1990s.

Pets.com emerged as most prominent of at least nine online pet stores born during that era. It collapsed nearly 19 years ago with the ignominious distinction of leaving behind a sock puppet as its most valuable asset. The puppet, which starred in expensive TV commercials, eventually sold for \$125,000 in Pets.com's liquidation sale and became the mascot for an auto lender providing financing to people with bad credit.

Chewy may also have to overcome that specter, given it lost \$267.9 million last year on revenue of \$3.53 billion.

However, much has changed since the days of Pets.com, including how much we pamper our pets. Americans spent \$72.6 billion on food, vet visits and other pet related services last year, according to the American Pet Products Association, more than triple the amount spent two decades ago.

Chewy will also be able to point to shifts in shopping habits and the evolutionary changes in technology that have made e-commerce a much more viable concept than it was 20 years ago.

Millions of consumers now routinely order everything from dog food to diapers online, a trend that has helped establish online retailing pioneer Amazon.com as one of the world's most valuable companies. But it took Amazon years before it consistently made money.

While Amazon's success could help Chewy woo investors, it also poses potential challenges, too. Amazon also sells pet supplies in its stores and offers free two-day shipping to its more than 100 million households that subscribe to its Prime membership.

Chewy thinks it can turn the financial corner by expanding its in-house brands, increasing its pet pharmacy offerings and venturing beyond the U.S. market. The company, which was bought by PetSmart in 2017 for more than \$3 billion, operates seven U.S. warehouses where orders are packed and shipped to shoppers.

## **Rod Rosenstein submits letter of resignation to Trump**

**By ERIC TUCKER and MICHAEL BALSAMO Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein submitted his resignation Monday after a two-year run defined by his appointment of a special counsel to investigate connections between President Donald Trump's campaign and Russia.

His last day will be May 11, ending a tumultuous relationship with Trump and a tenure that involved some of the most consequential, even chaotic, moments of the president's administration.

When Trump wanted to fire then-FBI Director James Comey, who was overseeing the Russia probe, Rosenstein wrote the memo that the White House used to justify the dismissal. But eight days later, Rosenstein took a step that Trump feared would end his presidency: appointing Robert Mueller as special counsel. The move made Rosenstein the frequent target of Republican wrath and angry Trump tweets and left him repeatedly appearing on the verge of being fired.

Yet in the end, he was largely in Trump's corner.

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He joined Attorney General William Barr in determining that Trump had not obstructed the Mueller investigation — reaching a conclusion that Mueller himself pointedly did not make. He defended Barr against criticism that he was spinning Mueller's findings in the president's favor and stood silently behind him as Barr praised Trump's cooperation at a news conference before a redacted version of the report was released.

In his resignation letter to Trump, Rosenstein paid tribute to the Justice Department's accomplishments and to Trump himself, even praising the sense of humor of a man who once retweeted an image that showed Rosenstein and other officials jailed for treason.

"I am grateful to you for the opportunity to serve; for the courtesy and humor you often display in our personal conversations; and for the goals you set in your inaugural address: patriotism, unity, safety, education, and prosperity, because 'a nation exists to serve its citizens,'" Rosenstein wrote to Trump.

Rosenstein's departure had been expected following the confirmation of William Barr as attorney general. Barr praised Rosenstein on Monday for having "navigated many challenging situations with strength, grace, and good humor." The White House nominated a replacement for the No. 2 slot, Deputy Transportation Secretary Jeffrey Rosen, weeks ago.

In his resignation letter, Rosenstein said the median tenure for the position is 16 months; Rosenstein will have served about two years by the time he leaves.

Rosenstein had intended to leave around mid-March but stayed on for the completion of Mueller's investigation. He was part of a small group of department officials who reviewed the report and helped shape its public release after Mueller submitted the document last month. Integral to the start of the probe, Rosenstein was also present for the very end. After Mueller didn't reach a conclusion on whether Trump had obstructed the investigation, Barr and the deputy stepped in and determined the evidence wasn't enough to support such an allegation.

The deputy attorney general position is a hugely significant job, responsible for overseeing the Justice Department's daily operations and the work of United States attorneys across the country. But it's largely an anonymous, behind-the-scenes position. Rosenstein even joked about telling one of his daughters when he took the job not to expect to see his picture in the newspapers.

That wasn't the case, though, for Rosenstein, who was thrust into Justice Department drama even before his arrival on the job because of Attorney General Jeff Sessions' earlier recusal from the Russia probe.

The tumult continued in May 2017 when his memo lambasting Comey's handling of the Hillary Clinton email investigation laid the groundwork for the FBI chief's firing, though Rosenstein privately made clear that he was unhappy that the White House publicly characterized the termination as his idea instead of Trump's, according to Mueller's report. Trump later said he would have fired Comey even without the Justice Department's recommendation and that he was thinking of "this Russia thing" at the time.

Rosenstein appointed Mueller one week later, supervised his work and routinely defended the investigation against attacks from congressional Republicans and from Trump, who often blasted the probe as a "witch hunt."

Over the next two years, with Sessions recused from the Russia investigation because of his work on the Trump campaign, Rosenstein set the boundaries of Mueller's investigation, approved investigative steps and, in place of the rarely seen special counsel, twice announced criminal indictments from the Justice Department podium against Russians accused of election interference.

The investigation overshadowed the rest of Rosenstein's work even as he talked up the president's agenda, including announcements on combating violent crime and opioid addiction.

"The Department of Justice made rapid progress in achieving the Administration's law enforcement priorities — reducing violent crime, curtailing opioid abuse, protecting consumers, improving immigration enforcement, and building confidence in the police — while preserving national security and strengthening federal efforts in other areas," Rosenstein wrote in his resignation letter.

Though Rosenstein's exit was orderly, and he endured in the job well beyond Sessions, his relationship with the president waffled over time and his job often appeared in the balance.

That was especially true last September after The New York Times reported that he had discussed se-



cretly recording Trump and invoking a constitutional amendment to remove him from office.

The Justice Department issued statements disputing the reporting, but former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe — who was in the room — has said he got the sense that Rosenstein was “counting votes” about which Cabinet members he could enlist in the effort to oust Trump. Rosenstein arrived at the White House days after the news reports expecting to be fired, but he was instead allowed to stay on after private conversations with Trump’s then-chief of staff, John Kelly, and the president himself.

The president also lashed out in April 2018 after the FBI raided the office of his former personal lawyer, Michael Cohen, and months later retweeted the image that showed Rosenstein, Comey and other investigators behind bars.

In his resignation letter, Rosenstein made a perhaps oblique reference to those chaotic moments and the media attention surrounding them.

“We enforce the law without fear or favor because credible evidence is not partisan, and truth is not determined by opinion polls,” Rosenstein wrote. “We ignore fleeting distractions and focus on the things that matter, because a republic that endures is not governed by the news cycle.”

Read Rosenstein’s resignation letter: <https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/5982854-Deputy-AG-Rod-Rosenstein-s-resignation-letter.html>

## **Beto O’Rourke unveils climate plan with Yosemite as backdrop**

**By KATHLEEN RONAYNE and WILL WEISSERT Associated Press**

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate Beto O’Rourke on Monday announced his first major policy initiative, a \$5 trillion plan to combat climate change that he says will keep the Earth from sliding past the point of no return in less than a generation.

The former Texas congressman unveiled his proposal from California’s Yosemite National Park, a dramatic backdrop for a move he hopes can jumpstart a campaign that began to much national fanfare but has seen some of that luster fade in recent weeks.

The plan calls for increasing taxes on “corporations and the wealthiest among us” and “ending the tens of billions of dollars of tax breaks currently given to fossil fuel companies” while offering federal grants to encourage innovative housing and transportation improvements.

It includes \$1.5 trillion in direct federal funding, while seeking to incentivize an additional \$3.5 trillion from states, private capital and other sources over 10 years to improve aging infrastructure nationwide and to take “significant actions to defend communities” preparing for intensified floods, droughts, hurricanes, fires and other natural disasters fueled by a changing climate.



**Democratic presidential candidate and former Texas congressman Beto O’Rourke listens to environmental advocates Monday, April 29, 2019, in Yosemite National Park, Calif.** (AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez)

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Like others in the packed field of Democrats seeking the White House, O'Rourke promised to sign climate change-fighting executive orders on the first day of his presidency — including rejoining the 2016 Paris Agreement, from which President Donald Trump withdrew the U.S.

O'Rourke had previously praised the Green New Deal, an ambitious but longshot initiative backed by some of the most liberal Democrats in Congress which calls for the U.S. to reach net-zero carbon emissions by 2030. But the plan announced Monday wants to achieve that goal by 2050, while promising to get halfway there in just the next 11 years.

"This country needs direction when it comes to meeting the single greatest threat that we've ever faced," O'Rourke told reporters after a walking tour of Yosemite Valley, past pine trees and through the mist from a rushing waterfall.

The Sunrise Movement, the environmental group behind the Green New Deal, said in a statement that O'Rourke's proposal "gets a lot right" but "gets the science wrong," and expressed dismay that he was backing off previous support for net-zero emissions by 2030.

The campaign of Washington Gov. Jay Inslee, who has made climate change the center of his 2020 platform, highlighted a 2016 vote O'Rourke took while in Congress against banning the use of federal money to research offshore oil drilling potential near the Gulf of Mexico. O'Rourke's campaign has said he would not cast the same vote today.

"Voters have a right to look closely at Democratic candidates' plans to separate rhetoric from results on climate change," Aisling Kerins, Inslee's campaign manager, said in a statement.

The announcement came during O'Rourke's first visit as a presidential candidate to California, a state that's experiencing more destructive and deadlier wildfires due in part to climate change. A blaze last summer caused a partial shutdown of Yosemite, and O'Rourke on Sunday met privately with firefighters in Mariposa County who battled it for weeks.

He toured the park, famous for its breathtaking vistas and giant sequoia trees, with Anne Kelly, director of the University of California-Merced's Yosemite Field Station and Leslie Martinez, an environmental justice advocate from the state's Central Valley, where O'Rourke planned to campaign later Monday. Kelly explained that the famously resilient sequoias are beginning to show signs of stress from a recent, multiyear drought.

O'Rourke called his first visit to Yosemite a "religious experience."

"Driving in, there are no words that could express what I was seeing or the way that I was feeling," he said. "And then to learn about some of the challenges that Yosemite faces ... the composition of what we are seeing around us is changing literally before our eyes."

O'Rourke stopped to talk to a few visitors as he concluded the walk, most of whom were not from California or even the United States.

Later, he drove a van several hours to a community college in Modesto, where he heard from local farmers, environmental activists and legislative aides about the valley's efforts to improve the polluted air and water that plagues many of its communities. He's the first Democratic contender to travel to the Central Valley this year.

"Just showing up in the Central Valley is huge," said Jessica Self, head of the local Democratic Party. "Right there is a huge, 'Wow, I'm going to take this guy seriously, I'm going to see what he has to say.'"

O'Rourke also campaigned in Los Angeles and San Francisco, but his swing included no fundraisers typical for presidential hopefuls visiting the state.

"It is unusual to come to California, where there are so many Democratic donors, and decide not to raise money," said Rose Kapolczynski, who managed former U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer's campaigns.

O'Rourke opened his campaign last month to large crowds in key early states such as Iowa and New Hampshire but also in battleground areas that included Pennsylvania, Michigan and Ohio, as well as solid early fundraising. But he's since seen some of the buzz around his upstart campaign die down.

He may be hoping his "I'll-campaign-anywhere" style is novel enough to sprawling California to gain attention. The state moved its 2020 presidential primary to March with the goal of gaining more sway in the nominating contest. But with nearly 40 million people to reach in California alone, breaking through is tough for any candidate.

"We're the black hole of politics," said Bob Mulholland, a Democratic National Committee member from California who is supporting Harris. "Almost anything you do in this state, no one notices."

Weissert reported from Washington.

## Slowing digital-ad growth could force change on Google

By RACHEL LERMAN AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — While Google has dominated the online ad market for almost the entirety of its existence, its first quarter earnings report suggests that competitors may be nipping at its heels.

Investors pushed down the stock of Google's parent company, Alphabet, more than 7% in after-hours trading Monday after it reported revenue that fell short of analyst expectations. That dip could shave more than \$65 billion from Alphabet's market value if it holds when the markets open Tuesday.

Google's advertising revenue, its key moneymaker, grew by 15 percent to \$30.7 billion — slower than investors had hoped. Its digital-ad rivals Facebook and Amazon, meanwhile, both reported strong earnings last week, adding to the investor surprise when Alphabet stumbled despite a strong economy.

Alphabet executives deflected concerns of growing competition on a conference call with analysts Monday, instead suggesting that fluctuating currency rates and changes to Google ad products during the quarter led to the slowdown. The online-ad industry is also still in a yearslong shift to phone and tablet ads and away from ones aimed at desktop users. Ads for mobile devices bring in less money.

Still, the results sparked concerns that Google's enormously profitable advertising machine might be starting to sputter. Some analysts suggested it's a signal that Google might need to diversify its business more quickly.

"Does this put more pressure on Google to make more aggressive bets on cloud?" asked Wedbush Securities analyst Dan Ives.

Google executives highlighted the company's cloud-computing business as one of its fastest growing segments during the Monday call. But the cloud currently accounts for only a small slice of Alphabet's overall revenue. The company reported \$5.4 billion in "other" revenue, which includes cloud, hardware and Play Store purchases.

Hardware sales also slowed during the quarter for the Pixel phone, Google chief financial officer Ruth Porat said on Monday's call, reflecting a broader industry slowdown in smartphone sales.

Alphabet reported a first-quarter profit of \$8.3 billion, down 6% from \$8.9 billion in the year-earlier period. Profit amounted to \$11.90 per share, well above Wall Street estimates of \$10.60.

That figure doesn't include an expected charge of \$1.7 billion to account for a European Union antitrust fine. The fine was imposed in March for anti-competitive practices in Google's advertising business, referring to a specific exclusivity practice Google now says it has ended.

Google and Facebook, along with other internet companies, are feeling rising heat from regulatory bodies around the world as people and governments question their privacy practices. Some regulators express concern that the largest companies are so big that they're stifling competition.

Including the fine, Alphabet's profit of \$6.7 billion fell short of analyst estimates. Excluding advertising commissions that Google pays to customers, Alphabet's overall revenue was \$29.5 billion — also falling short of the \$30 billion analysts were expecting.

Alphabet also reported widening losses in its "Other Bets" category — a broad segment that includes experimental ventures such as self-driving car business Waymo and internet-balloon subsidiary Loon. Losses grew to \$868 million from \$571 million a year ago.

## Asian stocks mixed after new Wall Street high

By JOE McDONALD AP Business Writer

BEIJING (AP) — Asian stock markets were mixed Tuesday after Wall Street hit a new high and Chinese factory grew in April but below the previous month's pace.

Benchmarks in Hong Kong, Seoul and Sydney declined while Shanghai advanced. Japanese markets were closed for a holiday.

Two surveys showed Chinese factory activity expanded in April but below March's pace. That disappointed investors who expected the monthly purchasing managers' indexes to come in at least at the previous month's level, confirming China's economic downturn is bottoming out.

"Softer than expected, manufacturing PMI out of China sets the region up for decline," said Jingyi Pan of IG in a report.

Wall Street's benchmark Standard & Poor's 500 index moved further into record territory on Monday after Commerce Department data indicated the U.S. economy is growing but not too fast.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng lost 0.5% to 29,748.76 and Seoul's Kospi declined 0.6% to 2,203.98.

The Shanghai Composite Index gained 0.4% at 3,075.74 while Sydney's S&P-ASX 200 shed 0.5% to 6,329.30. Benchmarks in New Zealand and Southeast Asia advanced while Taiwan declined.

In China, the monthly purchasing managers' index released by the magazine Caixin showed factory activity fell to 50.2 on a 100-point scale from March's 50.8. A separate index by the China Federation of Logistics & Purchasing declined 0.4 points to 50.1, just above the 50-point line that indicates activity is accelerating.

That suggests some of March's improvement was due to the rebound from the Lunar New Year holiday, when factories close for up to two weeks, said William Adams of PNC Financial Services Group. But he noted it was the second-strongest reading since October.

"The worst of China's slowdown in late 2018 and early 2019 is over," said Adams in a report.

The S&P 500 edged up 0.1% on Monday to 2,943.03. Big gains for banks led the way on hopes for bigger profits from making loans, but losses for high dividend stocks held indexes in check.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose less than 0.1% to 26,554.39. The Nasdaq composite gained 0.2% to 8,161.85.

Both the S&P 500 and Nasdaq closed at record highs.

A Commerce Department report showed the economy is growing but not too fast.

Consumer spending jumped 0.9% in March, the biggest gain in nearly a decade. But the same report also showed that the Federal Reserve's preferred measure of price changes remains well below its target.

Low inflation gives the central bank more leeway to hold off on raising interest rates. It was the Fed's pledge earlier this year to be patient on rates that sent stocks surging. The Federal Reserve will meet again on interest rates this week, and most investors expect it to make no changes.

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude lost 8 cents to \$63.42 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract gained 20 cents on Monday to close at \$63.50 per barrel. Brent crude, used to price international oils, fell 22 cents to \$71.32 per barrel in London. The contract rose 11 cents the previous session to \$71.54.

CURRENCY: The dollar edged down to 111.56 yen from Monday's 111.65 yen. The euro was little changed at \$1.1187.

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## Today in History

By The Associated Press undefined

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, April 30, the 120th day of 2019. There are 245 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 30, 1975, the Vietnam War ended as the South Vietnamese capital of Saigon fell to Communist forces.

On this date:

In 1789, George Washington took the oath of office in New York as the first president of the United States.

In 1803, the United States purchased the Louisiana Territory from France for 60 million francs, the equivalent of about \$15 million.

In 1812, Louisiana became the 18th state of the Union.

In 1900, engineer John Luther "Casey" Jones of the Illinois Central Railroad died in a train wreck near Vaughan, Mississippi, after staying at the controls in a successful effort to save the passengers.

In 1912, Universal Studios had its beginnings as papers incorporating the Universal Film Manufacturing Co. were filed and recorded in New York State.

In 1945, as Soviet troops approached his Berlin bunker, Adolf Hitler committed suicide along with his wife of one day, Eva Braun.

In 1968, New York City police forcibly removed student demonstrators occupying five buildings at Columbia University.

In 1970, President Richard M. Nixon announced the U.S. was sending troops into Cambodia, an action that sparked widespread protest.

In 1973, President Richard Nixon announced the resignations of top aides H.R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman, Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst and White House counsel John Dean, who was actually fired.

In 1983, blues singer and guitarist Muddy Waters died in Westmont, Ill., at age 68.

In 1993, top-ranked women's tennis player Monica Seles was stabbed in the back during a match in Hamburg, Germany, by a man who described himself as a fan of second-ranked German player Steffi Graf. (The man, convicted of causing grievous bodily harm, was given a suspended sentence.)

In 2004, Arabs expressed outrage at graphic photographs of naked Iraqi prisoners being humiliated by U.S. military police; President George W. Bush condemned the mistreatment of prisoners, saying "that's not the way we do things in America."

Ten years ago: Riding a crest of populist anger, the House approved, 357-70, a bill to restrict credit card practices and eliminate sudden increases in interest rates and late fees. Chrysler filed for bankruptcy protection; the federal government pledged up to \$8 billion in additional aid and to back warranties. The Iraq war formally ended for British forces as they handed control of the oil-rich Basra area to U.S. commanders. A man drove his car into a crowd of parade spectators in Amsterdam, killing seven people in an attempt to attack the Dutch royal family (the attacker, Karst Tate, died of his injuries).

Five years ago: Iraq voted in its first nationwide election since U.S. troops withdrew in 2011. Police in Northern Ireland arrested Sinn Fein (shin fayn) party leader Gerry Adams over his alleged involvement in the Irish Republican Army's 1972 abduction, killing and secret burial of a 38-year-old Belfast widow, Jean McConville (Adams was released without charge). A lawyer for Toronto Mayor Rob Ford said Ford would take a leave of absence to seek help for substance abuse.

One year ago: Central Americans who traveled in a caravan through Mexico to the U.S. border near San Diego began turning themselves in to U.S. authorities to seek asylum in a challenge to the Trump administration. New details emerged on a rift between White House Chief of Staff John Kelly and President Donald Trump, with one former administration official saying Kelly had privately called Trump "an idiot." (Trump announced in December that Kelly would be leaving at the end of the year.) The Time's Up campaign, devoted to helping women in the aftermath of sexual abuse, called for further investigation

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into allegations that singer R. Kelly had sexually abused women. (R. Kelly would be charged in February with 10 counts of aggravated sexual abuse; investigators alleged that he had abused three girls and a woman starting in the late 1990s.)

Today's Birthdays: Actress Cloris Leachman is 93. Singer Willie Nelson is 86. Actor Burt Young is 79. King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden is 73. Movie director Allan Arkush is 71. Actor Perry King is 71. Singer-musician Wayne Kramer is 71. Singer Merrill Osmond is 66. Movie director Jane Campion is 65. Movie director Lars von Trier is 63. Former Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper is 60. Actor Paul Gross is 60. Basketball Hall of Famer Isiah Thomas is 58. Country musician Robert Reynolds is 57. Actor Adrian Pasdar is 54. Rock singer J.R. Richards (Dishwalla) is 52. Rapper Turbo B (Snap) is 52. Rock musician Clark Vogeler is 50. Rhythm-and-blues singer Chris "Choc" Dalyrimple (Soul For Real) is 48. Rock musician Chris Henderson (3 Doors Down) is 48. Country singer Carolyn Dawn Johnson is 48. Actress Lisa Dean Ryan is 47. Rhythm-and-blues singer Akon is 46. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jeff Timmons (98 Degrees) is 46. Actor Johnny Galecki is 44. Singer-musician Cole Deggs (Cole Deggs and the Lonesome) is 43. Actor Sam Heughan is 39. Actor Kunal Nayyar is 38. Rapper Lloyd Banks is 37. Actress Kirsten Dunst is 37. Country singer Tyler Wilkinson (The Wilkinsons) is 35. Actress Dianna Agron is 33. Country singer Brandon Lancaster is 30. Rapper/producer Travis Scott is 28.

Thought for Today: "The trouble with our age is all signposts and no destination." — Louis Kronenberger, American author (1904-1980).