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ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR WANTED

We are looking for someone with a creative mind and a passion for the elderly. If that is you, here is a great opportunity for YOU!

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➤ Update assessments and plans as needed and required by state or federal regulations

➤ Develop monthly recreation program calendars that reflect and meet the needs of facility residents

➤ Communicate facility programs to residents, staff, family and volunteers

➤ Manage facility Volunteer Program

➤ Maintain departmental documentation that reflects services provided and resident progress towards goals

➤ In coordination with social services facilitate the residents in the organization and continued development of a Resident's Council

➤ Make job assignments and set priorities

➤ Serve as member of QAA committee

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Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

Saturday, May 11, 2019

7:00pm- 9:30pm: All-School Play at GHS Gymnasium

Monday, May 13, 2019

10:00am: Girls Varsity Northeast Conference Golf Meet at the Olive Grove Golf Course, Groton. (Aberdeen Roncalli, Milbank, Redfield-Doland, Sisseton)

10:00am: Northeast Conference Junior High Track Meet at Webster

7:00pm- 10:00pm: School Board Meeting at Groton Area High School

Thursday, May 16, 2019

10:00am: Golf: Girls Varsity Meet@ Sisseton Golf Course

12:00pm: Track: Varsity Regions @ Redfield High School

Friday, May 17, 2019

12:30pm- 3:00pm: Elementary Track and Field Day at Doney Field

Sunday, May 19, 2019

2:00pm: Graduation at Groton Area High School

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

2:00pm: DARE Graduation at GHS Gymnasium

7 p.m.: City Council Meeting at the Groton Community Center

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

End of 4th Quarter - Final Day of School
12:00pm: Golf: Girls Varsity Meet @ Milbank Golf Course

Thursday, May 23, 2019

Faculty Inservice
10:00am: Golf: Girls Varsity Regions @ Milbank Golf Course

Friday, May 24, 2019

Faculty Inservice
STATE TRACK MEET @ TEA AREA

Saturday, May 25, 2019

STATE TRACK MEET @ SIOUX FALLS

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Into The Woods to be performed tonight

The Groton School Play, *Into The Woods*, will be performed tonight at 7 p.m. in the GHS Gym. It is a free-will offering for admission. The musical is two and one-half hours long and is a fantastic event to watch. These students have put a lot of hard work into this production.

Pictured in back, left to right, are Madeline Schuelke, Alexis Hanten, Tylan Glover, Julianna Kosel, Hailey Monson, Steven Paulson, Braden Freeman, Kayla Jensen, AnneMarie Smith, James Cranford, Director Austin Fordham, Micah Poor; in front, left to right, are James Brooks, Alyssa Fordham, Camryn Kurtz, Anna Bisbee, Trinity Smith, Nevaeh Pardick and Carter Barse.

(Photo by Paul Kosel)

Scholarships and Awards

Jodi Sternhagen has, once again, done a terrific job in assembling and taking the pictures of the students' awards and scholarships. This is the first batch that she has sent to us. There will be more coming, especially after graduation.



Back - Kaitlyn Kassube, Emily Thompson, Cassandra Townsend, Kaitlyn Anderson, Ashley Garduno, Payton Maine, AnneMarie Smith, Samantha Geffre, Kylie Kassube
Front - Jennie Doeden, Taylor Holm, Tylan Glover, Micah Poor, Alexis Simon

Regents Scholar Diploma

Fourteen seniors from Groton Area High School are recipients of a Regents' Scholar Diploma awarded by the South Dakota Department of Education and Cultural Affairs and the South Dakota Board of Regents.

The diplomas recognize students for academic achievement over the course of their high school career. Students earning the award automatically qualify for entry into any of South Dakota's six state-supported universities.

To earn a Regents' Scholar Diploma, students must have at least a 3.0 grade point average, no final grade below a C (2.0) and must complete four units each of English, mathematics and science, three units of social studies, two units of one modern or classical language and one-half unit each of fine arts and computer science.

The diplomas are signed by Governor Dennis Daugaard, the Secretary of State, the Department of Education Secretary, the South Dakota Board of Education President, and the Board of Regents President.

The 2019 GHS recipients are pictured above.



**Back - Emily Thompson, AnneMarie Smith, Kaitlyn Anderson, Kylie Kassube
Front - Cassandra Townsend, Taylor Holm, Jennie Doeden**

SD Opportunity Scholarship

The South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship was established for Regents Scholar and CTE recipients with an ACT score of 24 or greater. The scholarship provides \$6500 over four years to a qualifying student who attends an eligible higher education institution in South Dakota. While in college, students must maintain certain criteria. This scholarship is non-competitive; all students who meet the requirements and complete the application can receive the scholarship.

Seven members of the Class of 2019 have qualified for the SD Opportunity Scholarship and are pictured above.

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Scottish Rite Book Grant Scholarships

Ashley Garduno and Emily Thompson



SDSU Scholarships

These students received scholarships from SDSU

Cassandra Townsend, Emily Thompson, Kaitlyn Anderson, AnneMarie Smith



Threshing and Waldorf Scholarships

Cassandra Townsend (James Valley Threshing Association Scholarship), Josie LaMee (James Valley Threshing Association Scholarship), Miranda Hanson (Waldorf 5000 Scholarship)



Paepke Scholarships

Two Groton students were awarded the Tom and Barbara Paepke Scholarships
Micah Poor (Fine Arts Scholarship) and
Treyton Diegel (Career in Agriculture)



Back - Kylie Kassube, Cassandra Townsend, Kaitlyn Anderson, Alexis Simon, AnneMarie Smith; Front - Ashley Garduno, Tylan Glover, Taylor Holm, Micah Poor.

President's Education Awards Program

Nine students in the Class of 2019 have qualified for the President's Education Awards Program. The awards are an effort by the U.S. Department of Education to recognize outstanding educational achievement and effort. The criteria have been developed to reflect changes occurring in the schools and to provide schools with both clear guidelines and flexibility. They are meant to reflect the state, local and national efforts to raise academic standards as embodied in the National Education goals.

"It is really nice to be able to recognize these seniors. They have worked hard for four years, have exceptional grade point averages, and have performed well on standardized testing," stated Jodi Sternhagen, Groton Area High School Counselor. The President's Award for Educational Excellence is signed by the President, Secretary of Education, and the school principal. Criteria include a grade point average of 3.5 or above and standardized test achievement at the 85th percentile or higher in math or reading.

Those qualifying in the Class of 2019 are picture above.

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Back - Emily Thompson, Cassandra Townsend, Alexis Simon, Jennie Doeden, Kaitlyn Anderson, AnneMarie Smith, Kylie Kassube; Front - Ashley Garduno, Tylan Glover, Taylor Holm, Samantha Menzia.

Principal's Honor Roll

Eleven seniors in the Class of 2019 have been selected for the Principal's Honor Roll at Groton Area High School. To be eligible for this award, the seniors had to be on the honor roll at Groton Area High School every quarter for four years.

"This is a very special award," stated Jodi Sternhagen, School Counselor at Groton High School. "These students have worked very hard academically and should be commended." The seniors graduated on May 19, 2019.

This year's seniors on the Principal's Honor Roll are pictured above.



**Beck and Schuring Scholarships
Cassandra Townsend (Beck Memorial) and
Treyton Diegel (Barry Schuring Memorial)**

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Luecke and Duerre Scholarships
Taylor Holm received the Rob Luecke Memorial Scholarship and Wyatt Locke received the Richard Duerre Memorial Scholarship



Peterson Scholarships
Portia Kettering and Miranda Hanson were awarded the Jerald W. Peterson Memorial Scholarship



McKiver and Strom Scholarships
Tylan Glover received the Renee McKiver Memorial Scholarship and Kaitlyn Anderson received the Vicki Strom Memorial Scholarship



Montgomery GI Awards
Tylan Glover and Micah Poor received Montgomery GI Bill Military Tuition and Fees Awards



Cassandra Townsend, Samantha Menzia, Tylan Glover, AnneMarie Smith, Kaitlyn Anderson, Alexis Simon.

Principal's Student Service Award

Six seniors at Groton Area High School, have been nominated for the Principal's Student Service Award. To be eligible for this award the students had to document exemplary community service during high school and complete an application and essay. The award winners in 2019 are pictured above.

"These students have made significant contributions to our community," stated School Counselor Jodi Sternhagen. "They have always been willing to volunteer when help is needed. When we've needed someone to help with a project, these students have stepped forward. Community service is extremely important in today's world and they have shown that they can make a difference."

The students' service areas included: peer tutoring, participating in the Food Drive, tutoring, helping youth, organizing events, and helping with youth activities such as coaching and refereeing. Each student received a pin from the National Association of Secondary School Principals for service.

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Lions Scholarships

The Groton Lions Club awards several scholarships to Groton seniors.

Back - Dave Pigors, Steve Gebur, Karyn Babcock, Nancy Larsen, Topper Tastad
Front Cassandra Townsend, Samantha Geffre, Taylor Holm, Shyla Larson, Jillian Barton, Treyton Diegel



Outside Scholarships

These four Groton students received scholarships from organizations
Emily Thompson (Dakotah Bank), Miranda Hanson (Day County Conservation District),
AnneMarie Smith (PEO International Star), Jeremy Johnson (Healthcare Plus Federal Credit Union)

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Harms Memorial- The Brenda Harms Memorial Scholarships
Recipient Alexis Simon, Sarah Harms, Recipient Ashley Garduno, Mike Harms



Roger Hendrickson Memorial Scholarships
Recipients Micah Poor and Alexa Hickenbotham presented by Gatlin Johnson

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Hopps Dow Scholarships
Taylor Holm and AnneMarie Smith



**James Valley
Telecommunications
Bob Peterson Memorial
Telecommunications
Scholarship**
AnneMarie Smith



Kiwanis Scholarship
Larry Schelle, Groton Kiwanis, with AnneMarie Smith



Grace Scholarship
Lee Schinkel presents the 2019 Susan Clawson Grace Scholarship to Ashley Garduno

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FCCLA scholarships

Kylie Kassube, Kaitlyn Anderson, Samantha Menzia, Taylor Holm, Shyla Larson, Shannon Wiedrick



FFA Alumni Scholarships

Cassandra Townsend, Josie LaMee, Alexis Simon, Jillian Barton, Miranda Hanson

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Full Circle Ag Scholarship
Lance Frohling presents the Full Circle Ag Scholarship to Treyton Diegel



Community Service Scholarships
Kaitlyn Anderson (Groton Parent Advisory Committee) and AnneMarie Smith (Groton Kiwanis)



Girls and Boys State
These 2019 graduates from Groton attended Boys and Girls State 2018
Shyla Larson, Samantha Menzia, Micah Poor, Taylor Holm, Alexis Simon, Kaitlyn Anderson

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College Scholarships

These students received college scholarships

Back - Ashley Garduno (University of Northwestern, St. Paul), Samantha Menzia (St. Cloud State University), Taylor Holm (University of Sioux Falls), Tylan Glover (American Musical and Dramatic Academy - AMDA), Jillian Barton (Presentation College)

Front - Kyle Kassube (Northern State University), Payton Maine (Grand Canyon University Phoenix), Kaitlyn Kassube (Minnesota State University Moorhead)

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**Kay and David Donovan
Memorial Scholarship**
Treyton Diegel with Richard Donovan



**Anthony O'Brokaw
Scholarship**
Miranda Hanson



Emmanuel Lutheran Faith Forever Scholarships
Kylie Kassube, Portia Kettering, Clark Gibbs, Cassandra Townsend, Kaitlyn Kassube

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Columbia American Legion Auxiliary Scholarships
Micah Poor, American Legion Auxiliary representative Cara Dennert,
Jeremy Johnson)



**Brown County 4H Leaders
Association Scholarships**
Cassandra Townsend, Kaitlyn Anderson,
Josie LaMee



**Chamber and Civic Department
Scholarships**
Samantha Menzia (Conde Civic Department)
and Miranda Hanson (Groton Chamber of
Commerce)



AnneMarie Smith, American Legion representative Bob Wegner, Micah Poor

American Legion Citizenship Award

AnneMarie Smith and Micah Poor, seniors at Groton Area High School, have been selected to receive the 2019 American Legion Citizenship Award. The basis for the award is honor, courage, scholarship, leadership, and service. AnneMarie and Micah received medals from the Groton American Legion Post #39.

AnneMarie plans to attend South Dakota State University in Brookings and is the daughter of Steve and Carol Smith of Groton. Micah plans to attend the University of Minnesota Twin Cities and is the son of David and Anissa Poor of Stratford.

The Life of Clara Barondeau



Mass of Christian Burial for Clara Barondeau, 96, of Aberdeen and formerly of Conde will be 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 14th at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Groton. Father Mike Kelly will officiate. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Aberdeen under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Visitation will be held at the chapel on Monday from 5-6 p.m. with a rosary at 6:00 p.m.

Clara passed away May 8, 2019 at Avera Mother Joseph Manor, Aberdeen.

Clara Janet Deis was born May 1, 1923 at Onaka, SD to Lorenz and Thera Fiest Mitzel Deis. She attended school in Onaka. While growing up she helped her father on the family farm.

Clara was united in marriage to Lewis Albert Barondeau on January 10, 1943 at Be Ventura Mission in Ventura, California where Lewis was stationed in the army.

They later moved to South Benning, Georgia and when Lewis was transferred to Europe during World War II, Clara lived with her sister Theresa Schmidt in Aberdeen, SD. While in Aberdeen, Clara worked as a nurse's aide at St. Luke's

Hospital.

When the war ended, Clara and Lewis moved to his family farm near Onaka, SD. They farmed there for four years and then moved to a farm northeast of Conde, SD. They lived and farmed there for 43 years. Clara and Lewis sold their beloved farm to their daughter, Rosemary and husband, Lynn Sanderson in 1992 and built Clara's dream house in Conde.

The couple shared 65 years of marriage before Lewis passed away on November 4, 2008. In September of 2009, Clara sold her home and moved to Aberdeen where she enjoyed the daily activities of living at Davis Court. Clara later moved to Nano Nagle Village, and spent the last 4 years of her life living at Mother Joseph Manor in Aberdeen, SD.

Clara was a lifelong member of the Catholic Daughters of America, and also a member of St. John The Baptist Catholic church in Conde for 51 years where she was an active member of the Altar Society. Clara was a life long member of the Conde Legion Auxiliary, a member of Conde Civic Development for several years, and a member of the Turton VFW Legion Auxiliary.

Clara enjoyed being a homemaker and working alongside of her husband in the fields, and raising Herford cattle, chickens, and pigs. Clara will always be remembered for her delicious home cooked meals, caramel rolls, and apple kuchen. She was a second mother to Dale Wilkerson, a neighbor and classmate of her son, Lewis, who lived with the family during his high school years. Clara was a special aunt to her sister Theresa's children; Janet Schile, Ron, David, and Chuck Schmidt. They spent many summers helping Clara and Lewis while enjoying farm life.

Clara is survived by her children, Lewis (Candy) Barondeau of Lutherville, MD; Dwain (Judy) Barondeau of Bismarck, ND; Rosemary Sanderson of Conde, SD; and Margie (Dale) Washnok of Aberdeen, SD. Clara's grandchildren and great grandchildren, Diana (Mike) Phillips of Arnold, MD and sons Grayson and Owen; Bradley (Katharine) Barondeau of Ft. Wayne, ID and daughter Maddie; Amy (Jeff) Ladd of St. Louis, MI; Chris Barondeau of Washburn, ND; Jennifer (Rob) Hyk and sons Dane and Hudson of Sioux Falls, SD; Andria(Chris) Bender and daughter Margot and son Gavin of Sioux Falls, SD; Jacob Sanderson and son, Hunter of Lisbon, ND; Rebecca Washnok of Harrisburg, SD; and James(Katie) Washnok and son Jett of Aberdeen, SD. Clara's sister-in-laws Mary Barondeau of Aberdeen, SD and Rhea Joyce Barondeau of Faulkton, SD. Clara is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Clara was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Lewis; four brothers, seven sisters; her son-in-law Lynn Sanderson, and her special nephew David Schmidt.

Clara requested all her grandchildren to be her Pall Bearers.

Honorary Pall Bearers are all the staff at Mother Joseph Manor

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Jonathan Doeden is double NEC Champion

Jonathan Doeden took first place in both hurdle events on Friday at the Northeast Conference Track Meet held at Hamlin High School. Isaac Smith was a runner-up in the 3200m run. Third place winners were Nicole Marzahn in the long jump and Isaac Smith in the 1600m run. In fourth place were Nicole Marzahn in the triple jump, Jennie Doeden in both the discus and shot put, Kenzie McInerney in the long jump and Grady O'Neill in the shot put. Fifth place finishers were Kenzie McInerney in the 400m dash, Kaycie Hawkins in the discus, the boys 400m relay team and the boys 1600m relay team. In sixth place were Payton Maine in the 100m hurdles and Taylor Holm in the discus. Seventh place winners were girls 1600m relay team, Thomas Cranford in the 200m dash and the boys 800m relay team. In eighth place were Payton Maine in the 200m dash, the girls 400m relay team, the girls 800m relay team, the girls 1600m relay team, the girls 1600m sprint medley relay team and Austin Jones in the triple jump.

Girl's Division

Team Points: 1, Hamlin, 163; 2, Milbank, 156.5; 3, Roncalli, 140.5; 4, Webster Area, 81; 5, Redfield/Doland, 61; 6, Groton Area, 48; 7, Deuel, 37; 8, Sisseton, 23; 9, Clark/Willow Lake, 21; 10, Britton-Hecla, 9.

100m Hurdles: (Prelims) 4, Payton Maine, 17.69; 9, Cassandra Townsend, 18.64; 12, Jayla Jones, 19.40. (Finals): 6, Payton Maine, 17.60.

300m Hurdles: 11, Cassandra Townsend, 58.10.

100m Dash: 21, Jayla Jones, 14.60; 23, Emilie Thurston, 15.47; 24, Riley Leicht, 15.48.

200m Dash: 8, Payton Maine, 29.39; 19, Jayla Jones, 30.46; 30, Paloma Fernandez, 36.45.

400m Dash: 5, Kenzie McInerney, 1:05.53; 17, Emma Schinkel, 1:16.43; 18, Regan Leicht, 1:18.36.

800m Run: 16, Anna Fjeldheim, 3:00.64; 19, Regan Leicht, 2:13.20.

4x100m Relay: 8, Groton (Allyssa Locke, Trista Keith, Emilie Thurston, Riley Leicht), 1:01.65.

4x200m Relay: 8, Groton (Allyssa Locke, Trista Keith, Emilie Thurston, Riley Leicht), 2:13.09.

4x400m Relay: 7, Groton (Payton Maine, Cassandra Townsend, Emma Schinkel, Kenzie McInerney), 4:48.31.

4x800m Relay: 8, Groton (Regan Leicht, Anna Fjeldheim, Emma Schinkel, Aspen Johnson), 12:16.81.

1600m Spring Medley: 8, Groton (Allyssa Locke, Trista Keith, Emilie Thurston, Aspen Johnson), 5:29.80.

High Jump: 8, Nicole Marzahn, 4-6.

Long Jump: 3, Nicole Marzahn, 14-11; 4, Kenzie McInerney, 14-10.25; 21, Allyssa Locke, 11-11.5.

Triple Jump: 4, Nicole Marzahn, 30-05.75.

Discus: 4, Jennie Doeden, 100-01; 5, Kaycie Hawkins, 98-10; 6, Taylor Holm, 98-10.

Shot Put: 4, Jennie Doeden, 33-0.5; 10, Kaycie Hawkins, 30-5.25; 13, Maddie Bjerke, 28-9.

Boy's Division

Team Points: 1, Milbank, 160; 2, Hamlin, 100; 3, Redfield/Doland, 93; 4, Webster Area, 77.5; 5, Clark/Willow Lake, 67; 6, Aberdeen Roncalli, 60; 7, Sisseton, 56; 8, Groton Area, 52; 9, Deuel, 48.5; 10, Britton-Hecla, 27.

110m Hurdles: (Prelims) 2, Jonathan Doeden, 15.19; 12, Paxton Bonn, 19.13. (Finals): 1, Jonathan Doeden, 14.94.

300m Hurdles: 1, Jonathan Doeden, 32.31.

100m Dash: 15, Thomas Cranford, 11.70; 20, Kaden Kurtz, 12.07; 26, Wyatt Hearnen, 12.94.

200m Dash: 7, Thomas Cranford, 23.91; 16, Darien Shabazz, 24.47; 26, Wyatt Hearnen, 27.27.

400m Dash: 13, Mitchell Koens, 59.54; 19, Jackson Cogley, 1:00.61.

800m Run: 14, Jamie Ruiz de Medina, 2:28.44; 19, Cyruss DeHoet, 2:46.96; 20, Kannon Coats, 2:47.33.

1600m Run: 3, Isaac Smith, 4:53.59; 12, Jacob Lewandowski, 5:25.76.

3200m Run: 2, Isaac Smith, 11:04.44.

4x100m Relay: 5, Groton (Darien Shabazz, Kaden Kurtz, Austin Jones, Thomas Cranford), 46.96.

4x200m Relay: 7, Groton (Darien Shabazz, Kaden Kurtz, Austin Jones, Thomas Cranford), 1:38.52.

4x400m Relay: 5, Groton (Jonathan Doeden, Kaden Kurtz, Austin Jones, Mitchell Koens), 3:50.33.

4x800m Relay: 9, Groton (Anthony Schinkel, Jamie Ruiz de Medina, Cyruss DeHoet, Kannon Coats), 10:39.34.

1600m Sprint Medley: 9, Groton (Jackson Cogley, Wyatt Hearnen, Jacob Lewandowski, Anthony Schinkel), 4:33.49.

High Jump: 11, Paxton Bonn, 5-4; 12, Jackson Cogley, 5-2.

Long Jump: 15, Darien Shabazz, 17-2.75; 20, Mitchell Koens, 15-1.50; 24, Paxton Bonn, 14-3.75.

Triple Jump: 8, Austin Jones, 35-9.50; 11, Jackson Cogley, 35-0.75; 16, Paxton Bonn, 32-10.50.

Discus: 4, Grady O'Neill, 114-10; 10, Caleb Ferney, 104-11.

Shot Put: 9, Grady O'Neill, 39-4; 15, Caleb Ferney, 36-6.25.

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Emma and Liam Repeat as Social Security's Top Baby Names for 2018 Jacob and Abigail Fall Out of Top 10

Liam and Emma are once again America's most popular baby names in 2018. This is the second time Liam is atop the boys list and the fifth year in a row for Emma. Two long timers on the list, Jacob and Abigail, toppled out of the top 10 for the first time since 1992 and 2000. There are two new names in this year's top 10—Lucas for the first time ever, and Harper makes her way back on the list.

Here are the top 10 boys and girls names for 2018:

- Boys:
- 1) Liam
 - 2) Noah
 - 3) William
 - 4) James
 - 5) Oliver
 - 6) Benjamin
 - 7) Elijah
 - 8) Lucas
 - 9) Mason
 - 10) Logan

- Girls:
- 1) Emma
 - 2) Olivia
 - 3) Ava
 - 4) Isabella
 - 5) Sophia
 - 6) Charlotte
 - 7) Mia
 - 8) Amelia
 - 9) Harper
 - 10) Evelyn

For all of the top baby names of 2018, and to see where your name ranks, go to Social Security's website, www.socialsecurity.gov.

While you are there, Acting Commissioner Nancy A. Berryhill encourages everyone to enjoy the baby names list and create a my Social Security account at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount. my Social Security is a personalized online account that people can use beginning in their working years and continuing while receiving Social Security benefits.

Social Security beneficiaries can have instant access to their benefit verification letter, payment history, and complete earnings record by establishing a my Social Security account. Beneficiaries also can change their address, start or change direct deposit information, and print a replacement SSA-1099 online. People receiving benefits can request a replacement Medicare card online.

People age 18 and older who are not receiving benefits can also sign up for a my Social Security account to get their personalized online Social Security Statement. The online Statement provides workers with secure and convenient access to their Social Security earnings and benefit information, and estimates of future benefits they can use to plan for their retirement.

Additional Baby Names Information:

Social Security began compiling the baby name list in 1997, with names dating back to 1880. At the time of a child's birth, parents supply the name to the agency when applying for a child's Social Security card, thus making Social Security America's source for the most popular baby names.

Each year, the list reveals the effect of pop-culture on naming trends. Royalty seems to have influenced parents in 2018.

Meghan was the fastest rising girls' name, moving 701 spots to number 703 from number 1,404 in 2017. This jump speaks to the popularity of Meghan Markle, an American who joined the royal family when she married Prince Harry in 2018. Tune in next year to see how newborn Archie influences Moms and Dads in 2019. The name Archie actually reappears in the top 1,000 in 2018 for the first time since 1988, and he will likely continue climbing up the list after the latest royal news.

Winter is coming for "Game of Thrones" fans. The name Yara voyaged 314 spots from number 986 in 2017 to number 672 in 2018 on the girls' side. Followers of the hit HBO show know this probably is due to Yara Greyjoy, a character on the popular series.

For the boys, Genesis is the fastest rising name for 2018, shuffling his way 608 spots to number 984 from number 1,592 in 2017. There has been a resurgence of classic names in the top 10 baby names in recent years, so perhaps Genesis is a harkening back to the classic English rock band led by Phil Collins. Speaking of Genesis, award winning Grammy singer and coach on "The Voice," Alicia Keys named her son Genesis after his birth.

Please visit www.socialsecurity.gov to view the entire list.

The agency is proud to announce Instagram as its newborn social media channel. The new addition arrived in April and will share information and resources that can help you and your loved ones.

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Today in Weather History

May 11, 1966: Late season snow fell in parts of north central and northeast South Dakota and into west central Minnesota. Amounts include; 4 inches in Timber Lake; 3 in Eureka, 2 NNW of Mobridge, and Roscoe; and 2 inches in Artichoke Lake MN, Pollock, and Waubay.

May 11, 1998: Torrential rains of 2 to 4 inches with some amounts nearing 5 inches fell across a large part of Brown, Marshall, Day, Spink, and Clark counties on the evening of the 11th. This round of heavy rain only exacerbated the already extensive flooding occurring from many years of above-average precipitation. Day County was most affected by this round of heavy rain where area lakes were already at new record levels. Blue Dog, Waubay, Rush, and Bitter Lake in Day County were just a few of the lakes hard hit. In fact, extensive sandbagging was done around Blue Dog Lake to save many homes. Some residents of Blue Dog Lake said they had never seen the lake so high in over 35 years of living there. Many more roads become flooded after this heavy rain event and will remain so for quite some time. Spots on U.S. Highway 12 and U.S. Highway 25 become flooded near Holmquist and Webster. Also, more of U.S. Highway 212, 4 miles east of Clark was flooded. There remained only one road opened to the town of Grenville in northeastern Day County. In all five counties, the rising water took away many more acres of farm and pastureland, as well as drowning many crops that had already been planted. One farmer in Spink County said sixty percent of his farm was under water. Some farmhouses and outbuildings became surrounded by water leaving some families stranded. After this heavy rain, around sixty percent of the crop and pastureland in Day County and one-third of it in Spink County had been inundated by a swollen water table and several years of above normal precipitation. Overall, the continued flooding has had a tremendous impact on the economy in the five county areas. Some rainfall amounts on this day include; 4.7 inches just north of Crocker in Clark County; 4.52 at Webster; 4.01 at Doland; 3.81 at Waubay NWR; 3.60 at Turton; 2.63 at Conde; 2.60 at Groton; 2.41 at Clark; and 2.18 inches at Aberdeen.

Additional heavy rain of 2 to 4 inches fell mainly during the evening of the 11th across southern and central Hand County. Many creeks in the area became rushing torrents through the night and the day of the 12th. Also, low-lying areas and a lot of crop and pastureland were flooded. Some businesses and homes in the Miller, Saint Lawrence, Ree Heights, and Vayland areas were flooded. Some sandbagging was done to try and save some properties in Miller. U.S. Highway 14 at the east end of Miller was flooded over for several hours along with many other streets, county and township roads in southern and central Hand County. Many of the roads were damaged as the result of the flooding. Some people in Miller said they had never seen it flood this bad in 35 years. Some rainfall amounts include; 3.99 inches at Miller; 3.10 inches 3 miles south of Ree Heights; and 2.65 at Ree Heights.

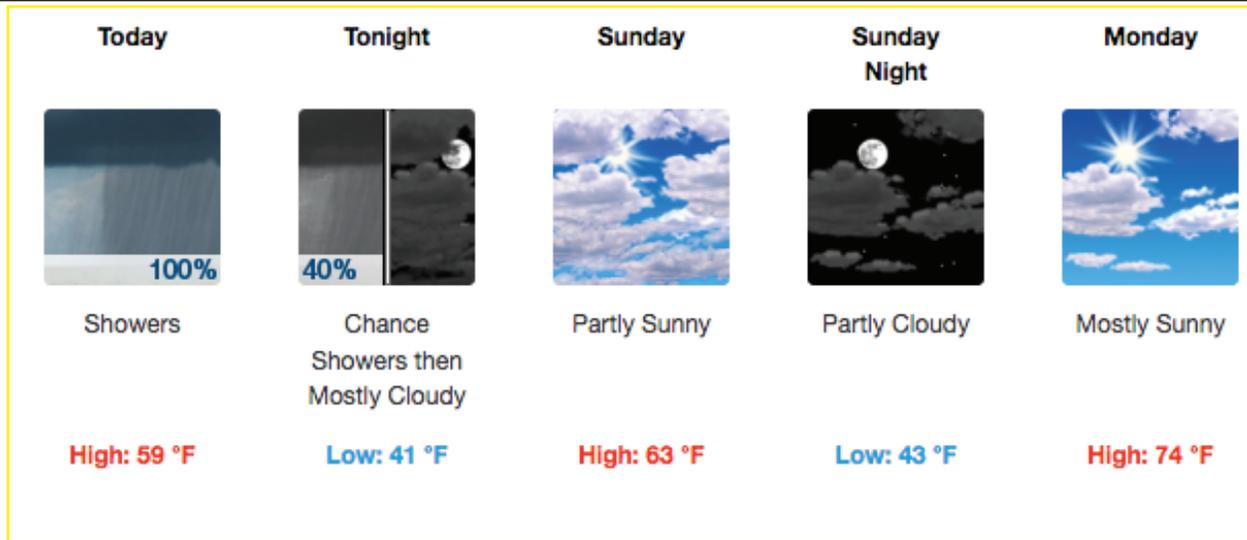
1865: A tornado touched down in Philadelphia around 6 PM ET, killing one person and injuring 15 others. There was a considerable destruction of property, with 23 houses blown down, damage to the Reading Railroad depot, with the water tank, carried 150 yards. Fairmont Park was damaged to the amount of \$20,000.

1934: A tremendous dust storm affected the Plains as the Dust Bowl era was in full swing. According to The New York Times, dust "lodged itself in the eyes and throats of weeping and coughing New Yorkers," and even ships some 300 miles offshore sawdust collect on their decks.

1953: A terrifying F5 tornado rips through downtown Waco, Texas, killing 114 people and injuring nearly 600 more. More than 850 homes, 600 businesses, and 2,000 cars are destroyed or severely damaged. Losses have been estimated at \$41 million. The tornado is the deadliest in Texas history and the tenth deadliest in the US.

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Cool...Showers/Storms Today

Today	Sunday	Monday
		
Showers/Storms Highs Mid 50s to around 60	Isolated Showers Far East Highs 60s	Warmer Highs 70s

National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD

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An upper level low pressure area will bring numerous showers to the region today along with a few thunderstorms. It will be mostly cloudy and cool with highs in the mid 50s to around 60.

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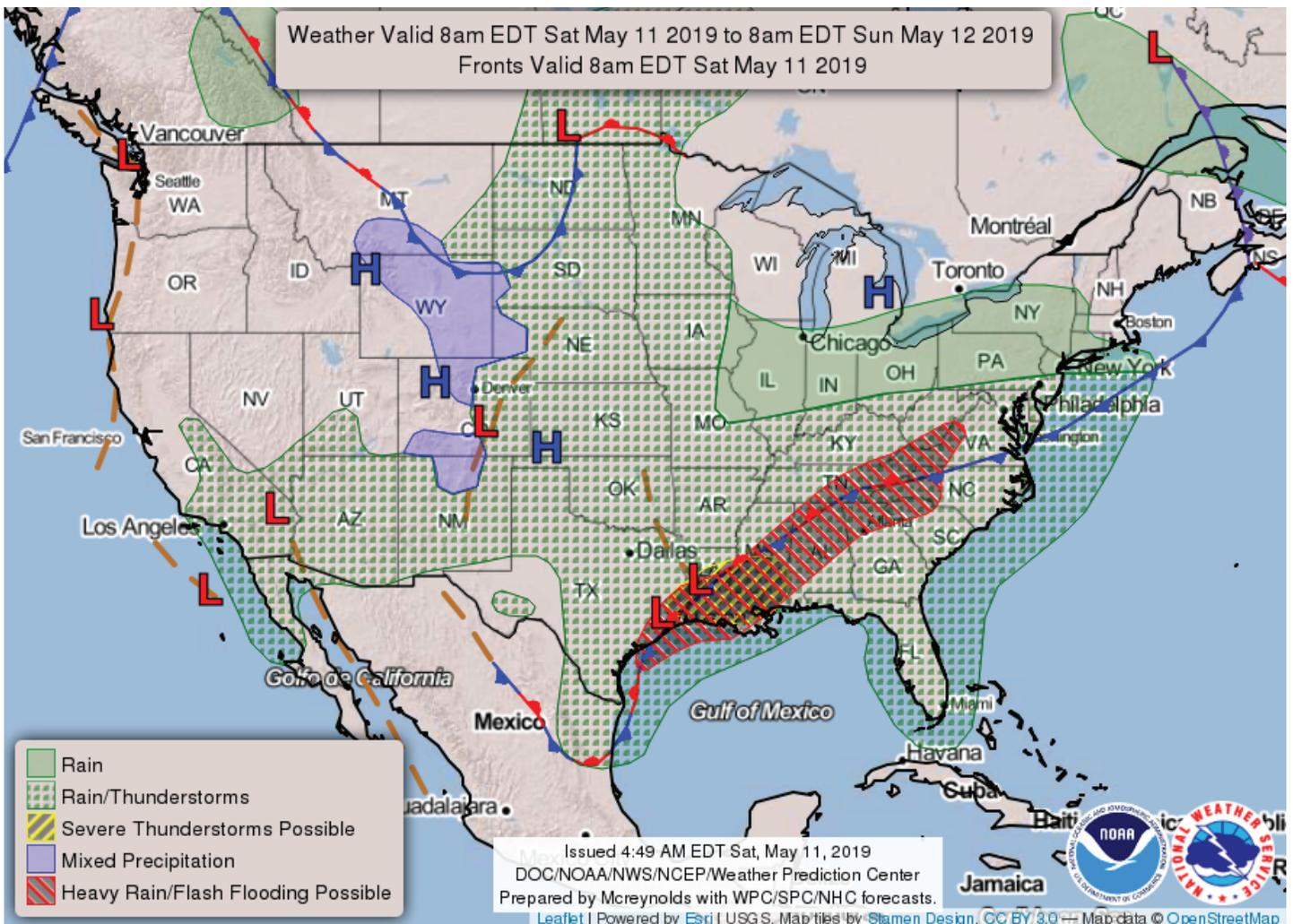
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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 62 °F at 5:48 PM
Low Outside Temp: 30 °F at 5:25 AM
High Gust: 30 mph at 3:29 PM
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 95° in 1900
Record Low: 18° in 1946
Average High: 68°F
Average Low: 42°F
Average Precip in May.: 1.06
Precip to date in May.: 0.45
Average Precip to date: 5.06
Precip Year to Date: 5.14
Sunset Tonight: 8:53 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:07 a.m.



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TEACHABLE MOMENTS

There are various ways to recognize those moments when students are open to learning. On the other hand, there are many times when students are unwilling to learn no matter who the teacher may be. Recently the phrase, teachable moments has become popular. While there are constant opportunities for teaching and learning, many times neither the pupil nor teacher take advantage of the moment.

A wise son, wrote Solomon, heeds (or accepts) his fathers instruction; but a mocker does not listen to rebuke (or correction). Obviously, Solomon knew something about the teaching process, learner readiness, and pupil attitudes. But that is not enough. Perhaps that is why God inspired him to use the word instruction. That word was wisely chosen for its true meaning: education through correction. At the heart of each of the Proverbs is the fact that we, in and of ourselves, do not know the ultimate answers to life. We all have the basic need for our Father to teach us His truth and His ways for our lives. And that begins with the fear of the Lord.

This proverb places the responsibility of learning on the pupil - the son. But, it also places the responsibility to teach on the father. Yet, to teach the son, the father needs wisdom and fear. We recycle back to the truth that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom!

Fathers are both responsible and accountable to God to teach their sons His wisdom. Yes, there are many things that fathers must teach their sons and daughters, but none as important as teaching them Gods wisdom.

Prayer: We pray, Lord, that all fathers will realize their obligation to You: to instill Your wisdom in their hearts. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Scripture For Today: Proverbs 13:1 A wise son heeds his fathers instruction; but a mocker does not listen to rebuke.

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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 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)

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News from the Associated Press

Threatened bird in South Dakota stable but not expanding

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — A study shows that the population of a bird listed as a threatened species in South Dakota is stable in the Spearfish and Whitewood creek watersheds but not expanding.

American dippers can be found throughout the West, but the Black Hills is the farthest east the species is located, and that population also is genetically different from others.

The Black Hills Pioneer reports Bird Conservancy of the Rockies biologist Nancy Drilling last year surveyed the Bear Butte, Elk, Box Elder, French, and Rapid creeks. She says the results are similar to what was found in the early 2000s.

The American dipper has been listed as threatened in South Dakota since 1996. The state wants a self-sustaining population in a third watershed before the bird is removed from the list.

Information from: Black Hills Pioneer, <http://www.bhpioneer.com>

Commission OKs controversial mining project near Rapid City

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The Pennington County Commission has approved the expansion of a limestone mine south of Rapid City, over the objections of about a dozen people who testified against granting the permits.

The Rapid City Journal reports that the commission approved the request by Croell Inc. Friday at the end of a seven-hour public meeting that grew heated at times.

The company plans to expand the Perli Pit Quarry, which is off a highway that leads to the Mount Rushmore National Memorial. Some residents worry about increased truck traffic, potential releases of harmful chemicals and gases, and harm to the area scenery.

The project would expand the 34-acre site by another 70 acres over the next several decades. The city's planning commission voted in favor of the permits earlier in the week.

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

SD Lottery

By The Associated Press

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

Mega Millions

03-16-21-61-62, Mega Ball: 19, Megaplier: 2

(three, sixteen, twenty-one, sixty-one, sixty-two; Mega Ball: nineteen; Megaplier: two)

Estimated jackpot: \$295 million

Powerball

Estimated jackpot: \$235 million

Security forces at Ellsworth take on challenges at the base

By ARIELLE ZIONTS Rapid City Journal

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Service members are trained to follow strict rules and act with honor. But like civilians, they too can make mistakes.

"You're going to have people that do unfortunately break the law," federal officer Robert Rybak told the Rapid City Journal as he recently drove his patrol car around Ellsworth Air Force Base.

When crimes happen at Ellsworth, people are cited or arrested by officers like Rybak who are specifically assigned to the base. About 160 military police (MPs) and civilian federal officers — jointly called security

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forces — have jurisdiction not just over airmen, but all of the approximately 7,500 people who live and work at Ellsworth and any visitors.

MPs can serve on U.S. bases or overseas ones while federal officers can only work in the U.S., said Rybak, a 47-year-old Rapid City resident. Having both kinds of police ensures “there’s never a gap or a lapse, if you will, in the protection of Ellsworth Air Force Base.”

Security forces on the base do “the same exact thing” a police officer in Rapid City might do, such as conducting traffic stops, dealing with loud noise complaints, and responding to crimes such as shoplifting and domestic violence, Rybak said. “There’s no boundaries here, we get subjected to the same kinds of things that off-base does.”

Some crimes are unique to military bases, such as unauthorized people entering, damaging or taking items from secure areas, Rybak said. People also sometimes steal military-related items such as an airplane part. If someone steals a computer in Rapid City, Rybak said, it’s treated as a theft, but on base, it’s also treated as a security threat since it could contain classified information.

Security forces also have access to different technology than other police officers. When officers or deputies in Rapid city chase after a suspect, they have to rely on cornering the suspect, hitting them or laying down spikes in the direction the car is traveling in. On base, people fleeing in cars are confined by fences and can be stopped by guards deploying yellow metal barriers at the entrances.

A major difference between policing on and off base is that federal rather than state law is the primary law on base, Rybak said. Civilians arrested on base are tried at the federal court while airmen go through the military court on base. The airmen are provided a defense lawyer by the base or can hire a private attorney. They can be detained at the base’s jail before trial and serve their sentence there if it’s less than a year. Those with longer punishments are sent to a federal prison. Airmen convicted of crimes are usually not allowed to return to work.

The security forces headquarters at Ellsworth looks much like any other public safety complex with a dispatch center, offices, technology for fingerprinting and conducting background checks, interview rooms, lockers, arms and ammunition storage and the jail.

Three men — one in pre-trial detention and others serving sentences for drug possession and stealing military property — sat in the small jail watching TV. The jail, which Rybak said is never at its maximum capacity of eight people, also has cards and workout equipment for the inmates.

A unique part of the headquarters is its supply room, which has gear for officers and MPs serving on base, but also special protective equipment for MPs deploying overseas. Some MPs from Ellsworth are currently serving six-month deployments in the Middle East, said Jordan Giliam, an airman who oversees equipment and vehicles.

To become an MP, service members complete basic training and attend security forces school for eight weeks, Rybak said. There, they learn how to police on U.S. bases but also how to prepare for policing in overseas combat zones. Civilian officers must pass a background check and physical test before attending a federal police academy, also for eight weeks. Once security forces are assigned to a base, they receive local training and undergo yearly drills and evaluations.

Most of the training is similar to off-base police training, Rybak said, but security forces also study scenarios that are more likely to occur on a military base, such as car bombs like the one that targeted Travis Air Force Base in California last year.

Rybak has experience as a federal officer, MP and off-base officer. After joining the Air Force in 1989, he served three years as an MP canine handler at Ellsworth before serving 10 more years in other states and South Korea. After leaving the military, he was an officer with the Las Vegas Police Department and then a trooper with South Dakota Highway Patrol. He became a federal officer two years ago after retiring from Highway Patrol.

“The biggest thrill is that in a way, I’m kind of back in the Air Force serving my country,” Rybak said. “I mean to me that’s kind of cool. I may not be active duty, but I’m basically back on Ellsworth assisting my previous brothers.”

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

Longtime Aberdeen Fire Marshal retires after 29 years

By SHANNON MARVEL Aberdeen American News

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — After 29 years with the Aberdeen Fire & Rescue, Michael Thompson is ready for retirement.

As the Aberdeen fire marshal, Thompson investigates fires, deals with the handling of hazardous materials and administration of burn permits for the city of Aberdeen.

Thompson's last day was April 26, where he said the thing he'll miss most is the big family he'll leave behind at the fire department, the Aberdeen American News reported.

Thompson worked with up to 49 others at Aberdeen Fire & Rescue's three fire stations.

"Usually when guys retire, they always say they'll come visit, but they rarely do. So I'm going to try to make sure to come back and visit these guys," Thompson said during his farewell celebration.

Thompson is looking forward to the time off and uninterrupted nights of sleep.

Of all the fire calls that stood out in his memory the most, Thompson recalled an incident in the early morning hours of March 17, 1998, when three fires broke out in town — at a warehouse on Railroad Avenue Southeast, a storage building on North Penn Street and an unoccupied duplex on South Rock Street. Authorities concluded that Richard Henke, who owned all three properties, set the fires.

The next day, Thompson said, Henke was found dead. Henke was a half-mile east of the Bath corner in his car. Authorities determined he died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the chest.

A Jamestown, N.D., native, Thompson has a bachelor's degree in engineering technology/fire protection and safety from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla. He worked as a sprinkler designer in private industry and in loss prevention for an insurance company before becoming Aberdeen's fire marshal.

Battalion Chief Joel Weig said Thompson will be missed.

Weig noted Thompson's plethora of knowledge, saying that if he didn't know the answer to a question it wouldn't be long before he'd get back to you with an answer.

Chad Nilson will take over the job as fire marshal May 13. He currently works for the city of Aberdeen as a building inspector.

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

Animal rights group asks Noem to rethink Rushmore fireworks

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — An animal rights group is asking South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem to reconsider her decision to blow off fireworks at Mount Rushmore for the Fourth of July celebration in 2020.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals said Friday that its president sent a letter to Noem suggesting she consider replacing the fireworks with a drone show. The letter from Ingrid Newkirk said fireworks can scare animals and start wildfires, among other hazards.

Newkirk said drone shows are safer and don't cause pollution.

Noem spokesman Joshua Shields called PETA's suggestion "puzzling" and said forest animals might not react well to "hundreds of drones buzzing and blinking" around the monument at night.

The fireworks show was discontinued a decade ago due to forest fire concerns caused by a pine beetle infestation. Shields said the latest fireworks technology is safe.

Patrol identifies woman who died in Rapid City crash

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have identified a woman who died in a two-vehicle crash south of Rapid City.

The Highway Patrol says 26-year-old Hannah Drake, of Rapid City, died in the crash Tuesday on state Highway 70. The patrol says she was driving an SUV that collided with a minivan.

Authorities say the minivan driver suffered serious non-life threatening injuries.

Oglala Sioux Tribe group seeks vote on constitution changes

PINE RIDGE, S.D. (AP) — A task force is petitioning the Bureau of Indian Affairs to hold an election so that Oglala Sioux Tribe voters can weigh in on proposed changes to the tribal constitution.

The tribe's constitutional reform task force submitted the petitions to the bureau on Wednesday, the Rapid City Journal reported. The move follows the Pine Ridge tribal government's stalled efforts to hold a vote on a slate of 50 proposed constitutional amendments, including ones that would form an elder council and create term limits.

Other changes would impose educational requirements for tribal council members and form a new Rapid City-area district so that tribal citizens who live there could vote.

In order for the task force's motion to proceed, the Bureau of Indian Affairs would need to confirm that petitions from one-third of the reservation's eligible voters are valid, said Nakina Mills, a tribal representative and member of the task force.

If there are enough valid petitions, the bureau would then send a registration card to each person who signed one. The cards would need to be mailed back to the bureau if the individual wants to vote.

Mills said the group would prefer if the tribal council approved an election itself because it would mean members could vote on each amendment. Voters otherwise would have to accept or reject the entire slate of proposed amendments.

The tribal council voted last month to table a decision on holding the vote. It sent the issue back to the Law and Order Committee, which hasn't taken up the issue yet.

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

Tribe: Governor ban shouldn't affect flood help

By **BLAKE NICHOLSON** Associated Press

The Oglala Sioux tribe says its tense relationship with Gov. Kristi Noem shouldn't affect its request for state aid to recover from severe spring flooding on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

The tribe last week bluntly told the governor to stay away from its reservation because of her support for what the tribe views as suppression of oil pipeline protests.

Gov. Kristi Noem said this week she remains committed to tribal causes, though she also has said the ban "has changed the dynamic a little bit as far as me being welcome there."

A lack of resources to deal with severe spring flooding and the dispute that has evolved over anti-protest legislation are separate issues, a spokesman for tribal President Julian Bear Runner said.

"We can't just lay down" on either issue, Chase Iron Eyes said.

With the anti-pipeline protest laws quickly pushed through by the Republican governor and GOP leaders in the waning days of the Legislature, the tribe sees an effort to muzzle their belief that fossil fuels are fostering a global climate change crisis — one evidenced by the recent devastating spring flooding .

Heavy snow and a rapid melt trapped hundreds of people in their homes, damaged or destroyed hundreds of miles of roads and dozens of buildings and disrupted water supplies to thousands on a reservation about as big as Delaware and Rhode Island combined.

The tribe faces a colossal rebuild that will require not only federal aid but also state help to accomplish. Damage estimates are still being compiled, but the total could be "in the tens or scores of millions," Iron Eyes said.

He said the tribe asked Noem for mostly non-monetary assistance such as National Guard or other state resources to aid with rebuilding thousands of miles of dirt roads.

The tribe hasn't gotten a response, and Noem's office didn't respond to a request for comment. However, Noem recently told reporters that she wants to resolve the reservation ban dispute so she can work with the tribe on various projects and "resources that they've asked me for." She also noted that the state helped with the immediate flood response on the reservation.

"As soon as they asked, we had National Guard members down there delivering clean drinking water

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to several communities," said Noem, who traveled to the reservation during the height of the flooding. "We had task forces deployed down there with equipment and individuals on water rescue and helping individuals get out of dangerous situations."

A little more than a month later, the Tribal Council voted 17-0 to tell Noem she's no longer welcome.

The move is in response to legislation that allows officials to pursue money from demonstrators who engage in "riot boosting" or encouraging violence during a protest. Activists and American Indian tribes have been planning on-the-ground protests against the Keystone XL pipeline if it's built, similar to Dakota Access pipeline demonstrations in North Dakota in 2016 and 2017 that resulted in 761 arrests over six months and cost the state \$38 million to police.

Bear Runner took part in those protests and was convicted of criminal trespass and engaging in a riot. He received a year of probation and no jail time for the two misdemeanors.

Noem told reporters that she'll respect the tribal edict but that she also wants to resolve the situation quickly and is "hoping that the president will change his mind and be willing to work with me to help face some of the challenges that the tribe has."

Iron Eyes said the tribe does not construe the statement to mean that dropping the ban would help ensure state support. He called Noem "our neighbor" and said the ban is simply meant to show her the tribe's displeasure, not to banish her forever.

Tribal schools get some state education aid but most direct aid is federal money, Iron Eyes said.

Noem told reporters that before the ban she traveled to the reservation several times talking with tribal members about how the state can help with various matters including youth issues and violence-free zones.

"The state has been very actively engaged in helping these communities in Pine Ridge and throughout the Oglala Sioux reservation and the tribe," she said. "So I'm hopeful that that relationship can continue."

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Shanahan wants secure border without continuous military aid

By **ROBERT BURNS AP National Security Writer**

MCALLEN, Texas (AP) — On a trip to a border city in Texas, acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan said Saturday he intends to accelerate planning to secure the border and bolster the government's ability to accomplish that without the Pentagon's continuous help.

Shanahan told reporters traveling with him to McAllen that he has instructed a two-star Army general, Ricky Waddell, to develop a plan soon that will answer this question: "How do we get more badges back to the border? In other words, get DHS fully capable of securing the borders, which is its core mission."

Shortfalls in personnel and other resources have prompted DHS to periodically ask for the military's help on the U.S.-Mexico border, without a plan for how to fix the underlying resource problems.

"What we want is for DHS to be effective and stand alone," Shanahan said, with the Pentagon always available to help in an emergency, as it has in the past.

Accompanying Shanahan was the acting DHS head, Kevin McAleenan, along with other agency official.

Shanahan dismissed any suggestion that active-duty forces, deployed on the border since last October and committed to being there through September, will extend their mission for the long haul.

"It will not be indefinite," he said.

DHS on Friday submitted another request for Pentagon assistance, defense officials said Saturday. That request, which has not previously been disclosed, is for shelter for detained migrants, and would include tents to be set up but not secured by an undetermined number of military troops, according to the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal planning.

Shanahan announced on Friday that he was transferring \$1.5 billion from numerous defense projects, including \$604 million originally intended for use in support of Afghan security forces, to a Pentagon counterdrug fund that will help finance construction of barriers on the U.S.-Mexico border. That is in addition to \$1 billion the Pentagon transferred for wall construction in March.

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Shanahan has supported the use of active-duty troops, in addition to the National Guard, to bolster Customs and Border Protection efforts to handle surging numbers of Central American migrants seeking to cross the border. But recently he has hinted at impatience with the lack of a long-term strategy for ensuring border security.

In congressional testimony May 1, Shanahan said he and Gen. Joseph Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, have been considering the question of how long the military will be needed at the border and how best it can support that need.

"The question he and I are trying to answer," Shanahan said, "is, how long will we be at the border." He added, "We really need to get back to our primary missions and continue to generate readiness" to undertake conventional military operations.

On May 3, Shanahan told reporters that the border crisis had developed more quickly than anyone had anticipated, putting extra pressure on DHS.

"I don't think anybody thought it would be this bad, the situation would deteriorate like it has, and that distress would be as high on those front-line (DHS) employees," he said.

This past week, Shanahan told Congress there are 4,364 military troops on the border, including active-duty and National Guard. They are erecting barriers, providing logistics and transportation service and other activities in support of CPB. The troops are prohibited from performing law enforcement duties.

Many Democrats have questioned the use of active-duty troops on the border.

"The longer the Southwest border mission continues, the line of demarcation starts to blur in terms of where we're drawing a line saying this is not a military responsibility, this is law enforcement, immigration, internal security responsibility," Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., said at a recent hearing.

As a prelude to the trip, the White House on Thursday announced that Trump intends to nominate Shanahan as defense secretary, ending months of speculation about Pentagon leadership. He has served in an interim capacity since Jan. 1, an unprecedented period of uncertainty at the helm of the Pentagon.

Trump elevated him from deputy secretary to replace Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, who resigned in December.

The White House has never explained why it took Trump so long to decide to nominate Shanahan, a former Boeing Co. executive. Trump himself has said he likes to keep Cabinet members in an acting status because it gives him more flexibility, although it also frustrates the Senate's efforts to exercise its constitutional role of providing advice and consent.

In March, the Defense Department's inspector general investigated accusations that Shanahan had shown favoritism toward Boeing during his time as deputy defense secretary, while disparaging Boeing competitors. The investigation appeared to stall his nomination, but the internal watchdog wrapped up the inquiry in April and cleared Shanahan of any wrongdoing.

Trump's tariffs on China: What are they? How do they work?

By PAUL WISEMAN AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump has heightened tensions with China by escalating his tariffs on \$200 billion in Chinese goods from 10% to 25%.

As a tool of national policy, tariffs had long been fading into history, a relic of the 19th and early 20th centuries that most experts came to see as harmful to all nations involved. Yet more than any other modern president, Trump has embraced tariffs as a punitive tool — against Europe, Canada and other key trading partners but especially against China, the second-largest economy after the U.S.

The Trump administration asserts, and many independent analysts agree, that Beijing has deployed predatory tactics to try to give Chinese companies an edge in such advanced technologies as artificial intelligence, robotics and electric vehicles. Beijing's tactics, the U.S. contends, include hacking into U.S. companies' computers to steal trade secrets, forcing foreign companies to turn over sensitive technology in exchange for access to China's markets and unfairly subsidizing Chinese companies.

Trump has also complained angrily about America's gaping trade deficit with China for which he blames

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weak and naive negotiating by previous U.S. administrations.

Last July, Trump began gradually imposing tariffs on Chinese imports. After Friday's increase, the administration is now imposing 25% tariffs on \$250 billion in Chinese goods. Beijing has counterpunched by taxing \$110 billion of American products, focusing on agricultural goods, notably soybeans, in a calculated effort to inflict pain on Trump supporters in the farm belt.

Here's a look at what tariffs are and how they work:

WHAT EXACTLY ARE TARIFFS?

Tariffs are a tax on imports. They are typically charged as a percentage of the transaction price that a buyer pays a foreign seller. To use a simplistic example (ignoring real-world minimum amounts subject to tariffs): Say an American retailer buys 100 garden umbrellas from China for \$5 apiece — \$500 total. And suppose the U.S. tariff rate for the umbrellas is 6.5 percent. The retailer would have to pay a \$32.50 tariff on the shipment, thereby raising the total price from \$500 to \$532.50.

In the United States, tariffs — sometimes also called duties or levies — are collected by Customs and Border Protection agents at 328 ports of entry across the country. Proceeds go to the Treasury. The tariff rates are published by the U.S. International Trade Commission in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule, which lists U.S. tariffs on everything from dried plantains (1.4 percent) to parachutes (3 percent).

Sometimes, the U.S. will impose additional tariffs on imports that it determines are being sold at unfairly low prices or are being supported by foreign government subsidies.

WHAT ARE TARIFFS SUPPOSED TO ACHIEVE?

Two things: Increase government revenue. And protect domestic industries from foreign competition. Before the federal income tax was established in 1913, tariffs were a big money raiser for Washington. From 1790 to 1860, tariffs produced 90 percent of federal revenue, according to Douglas Irwin, an economist at Dartmouth College. By contrast, tariffs in recent years have accounted for only about 1 percent of federal revenue.

Tariffs are meant to raise the price of imports or punish foreign countries for unfair trade practices, like subsidizing their exporters and dumping their goods at unfairly low prices. They discourage imports by making them costlier. They also reduce pressure from foreign competition and make it easier for home-grown companies to raise prices.

As global trade grew after World War II, tariffs fell out of favor. The formation of the World Trade Organization and the forging of trade deals like the North American Free Trade Agreement reduced or eliminated tariffs. The average U.S. tariff is now one of the lowest in the world: 1.6 percent, the same as the European Union's, the Pew Research Center reports.

ARE TARIFFS A WISE POLICY?

Most economists say no. Tariffs raise the cost of imports for people and companies that need to buy them. And by reducing competitive pressure, they give U.S. producers leeway to raise prices, too. That's good for those producers but bad for almost everyone else.

Rising costs especially hurt consumers and companies that rely on imported parts. Some U.S. companies that buy steel, for example, complain that Trump's tariffs on imported steel leave them at a competitive disadvantage. Their foreign rivals can buy steel more cheaply and offer lower-priced goods.

In 2002, President George W. Bush's administration placed tariffs on imported steel. A study financed by steel-consuming businesses found that the tariffs cost 200,000 American jobs that year.

More broadly, trade restrictions make an economy less efficient. With lesser competition from abroad, domestic companies lose the incentive to increase efficiency or to focus on what they do best.

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Potential sale of shuttered GM plant clouded with doubt

By JOHN SEEWER and TOM KRISHER Associated Press

The fate of a shuttered General Motors plant in Ohio remains very much up in the air even after a tweet from President Donald Trump heralded the potential sale of a factory he has shown an intense interest in saving.

That's because the buyer is a fledgling electric vehicle maker that has never posted a profit, has only about 100 employees and warned this year that it might not have enough money to stay in business.

What the potential deal does signal is the likely end of a half-century of car manufacturing for GM at its factory near Youngstown and continued uncertainty for a battered Rust Belt community that has seen plenty of empty promises.

GM confirmed this past week that it's negotiating the sale of its massive assembly plant in Lordstown, where production ended in March as part of a major restructuring for the automaker.

Cincinnati-based Workhorse Group intends to make a commercial electric pickup truck at the facility. Its only production plant is in Union City, Indiana, where it has built about 400 delivery trucks.

It has started supplying UPS with electric vehicles and is one of five companies competing to land a \$6 billion contract to make a new generation of mail trucks for the U.S. Postal Service.

But there are major questions about its financial footing.

Workhorse has poured most of its money into research and development, with limited sales, losing \$36.5 million last year. It warned in its most recent quarterly filing that it didn't have enough money to pay for its operations through the first half of this year and needed additional financing to stay afloat.

But the publicly traded company, whose stock soared after Trump's tweet, also said it believes it can raise enough money to keep going.

Still, it doesn't yet appear to have backing like one of its competitors, Rivian, which just got a \$500 million investment from Ford to develop a new electric vehicle.

The plan Workhorse laid out this week is for it to be a minority investor in a new entity that would own the Lordstown plant. No other investors have been announced, and it's still looking for partners.

GM spokesman Jim Cain said it was too early to tell whether the automaker would be one of them. GM sees the startup as a way to preserve the Lordstown plant and thinks Workhorse has the technology and a product to build there, Cain said.

Tesla Inc. and other startup companies were small businesses at one time, he pointed out.

If Workhorse does begin production there, it would likely start out with a few hundred workers, far less than the 4,500 people GM employed just two years ago before it began cutting shifts.

Democratic Rep. Tim Ryan, whose district includes the plant, said a sale won't help GM workers in the area who would need to transfer if they want to keep their pension and benefits with the automaker.

Any long-term job growth for the region would be years away, he said, but "it's better than the plant being empty."

Trump has repeatedly called on GM to find another owner or reopen the plant, which is in an area of the state that will be important to him in the 2020 election and where he has promised a revival of manufacturing jobs.

Some GM workers in Lordstown who have been holding out hope the automaker would reopen the factory with a new vehicle to build there were skeptical about the new plans.

Since the area's steel mills began closing in the 1970s, investors have come into the Mahoning Valley pledging to build factories that would make blimps, commuter airplanes and a new version of the Studebaker, said Tim O'Hara, who worked at the Lordstown plant for 41 years.

"Nothing ever came of it," he said. "We've been through this in the valley. We've had these false promises. We're kind of used to it, at least we should be."

O'Hara, who is vice president of the United Auto Workers local at the plant, noted that any sale still needs to be negotiated during upcoming contract talks with the union, which still wants GM to stay and keep the plant open.

"We're telling our members to hope for the best, prepare for the worst," he said.

Republican Gov. Mike DeWine, who has called for GM to sell the plant if it doesn't intend to keep it running, said it was too early to celebrate because many details must still be worked out.

"If things are not in place for this to happen," the governor said, "this would be very cruel to the workers and the people in Lordstown and the Mahoning Valley."

Seewer reported from Toledo, Ohio; Krisher reported from Detroit.

Texas boys ranch moves forward as more men allege abuse

By JAMIE STENGLE Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — When Allan Votaw stepped onto Cal Farley's Boys Ranch in Texas in 1957, the 5-year-old hoped he and his two brothers — ages 3½ and 6 — had found a home. Instead, the now-66-year-old says, they found a "horror house" where sadistic staff members whipped children until they were bruised and bloody and children were molested by older kids.

"You lived in fear, you totally lived in fear," said Votaw, who said he still has nightmares from his 10 years on the sprawling ranch for at-risk youths outside of Amarillo.

He railed against the ranch for years, feeling alone in his fight until reading a 2017 story in the British newspaper The Guardian that featured a handful of men — including childhood friends — describing abuse they suffered there as children.

Since then more men have come forward, but the reckoning some had hoped for hasn't happened. Despite the revelations, the ranch continues to glorify its past, from the description on its website of founder Cal Farley's desire to provide a haven for children to celebrations of the ranch's 80th anniversary this year that have included a gala and inspirational film depicting life there.

Ranch President and CEO Dan Adams said while he believes the men, he's focused on current residents — and the future. He said the ranch will pay for former residents' counseling, adding they responded last month to those not comfortable contacting the ranch by arranging for a third party to set it up. But, he said, he doesn't want the men's stories incorporated into the ranch's account of its history, and noted it's not part of a book the Christian ranch produced for the anniversary.

"I'll acknowledge these guys, but I'm not a promoter of their agenda," said Adams, who came to the ranch in 1996.

Adams also said he hadn't considered using an outside party to investigate the allegations and produce a public report, something legal experts say can give validation to those speaking out.

The amount of time that has passed makes legal recourse — criminal or civil — unlikely due to statutes of limitations.

Men who lived there from the 1950s through the 1980s paint a picture of a place steeped in violence. They say whippings with belts were frequent and brutal, with grown men sometimes making a running start and using belts so long they circled boys' bodies, also hitting them in the groin. Whippings came for everything from forgetting a Bible verse to getting a bad grade, they said. Also, some men say they were molested or raped by older boys.

"They didn't care about us then and they don't care about us now," said 69-year-old Steve Smith, who was 8 when he and his 5-year-old brother arrived at the ranch in 1957.

Smith along with Janet Heimlich, founder of an Austin nonprofit called The Child-Friendly Faith Project, have become leaders of a burgeoning group of men who are talking about their experiences. Heimlich says about 100 men have come forward, some of them sharing stories on a Facebook group. The men say the ranch has left a legacy of men struggling to deal with trauma that in some has led to homelessness, drug addiction, suicide and prison.

"It's stayed with me my whole life. And I've always had these — I guess you'd call flashbacks — of the screams and punishment," said Smith, who lives in Amarillo. "They never left me. I've had them in me all

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my life and I know most of the other guys have too. It's just too much to take when you're that young and too much to see."

Mental health experts say the abuse described by the men can have lifelong effects, not only by causing conditions including post-traumatic stress disorder, depression and anxiety but also increasing the risk of suicide, health problems including diabetes and cancer, and risky behaviors including alcohol and drug abuse.

"What we know is that the more of these adverse childhood experiences you have, it changes our body, it changes the way our brain works," said Robin Gurwitch, a psychologist at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina.

Over the decades, children ended up at the ranch for a variety of reasons. Some were sent there by law enforcement, some were rebellious teens sent by their parents. Some, like the Smith and Votaw brothers, were sent by mothers struggling to support them after their fathers left.

Votaw's brothers have both died — the younger one, Gregg, from a heroin overdose in 2009 at age 55. The older one, Rusty, died by suicide in 2014 at age 63; Votaw says his older brother had pancreatic cancer at the time.

"Our mentality was so disrupted that we made decisions that normal people wouldn't," said Votaw, who lives in Oklahoma and said the ranch left him quick to fight.

Robert Cream, 44, said he has come to realize how "broken" his experience at the ranch in the 1980s left him.

"I'm always looking behind me because I never know who is going to come up and hit me next," he said.

Uber, Lyft losses keep competitors at bay

By TOM KRISHER and MICHAEL LIEDTKE AP Business Writers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A fare war between Uber and Lyft has led to billions of dollars in losses for both ride-hailing companies as they fight for passengers and drivers.

But in one way it has been good for investors who snatched up the newly public companies' stock: The losses have scared off the competition, giving the leaders a duopoly in almost every American city.

The two San Francisco companies have already lost a combined \$13 billion. And with no clear road to profits ahead, no one else has much of an incentive to mount a challenge using the same model relying on people driving their own cars to pick up passengers that summon them on a smartphone app, said Susan Shaheen, co-director of the Transportation Sustainability Research Center at the University of California, Berkeley.

Even if another rival dared enter the market, it would likely be difficult to raise enough money to pose a viable threat after Uber and Lyft spent the past decade pulling in billions of dollars from venture capitalists. And in the past six weeks, they raised an additional \$10.4 billion in their recently completed initial public offerings of stock.

"There's only a duopoly because both companies have enough capital to compete with each other and no one else does," said Gartner analyst Michael Ramsey.

It's likely to remain that way until any of dozens of companies trying to create self-driving cars refines their technology so they can launch a network of robotic taxis that removes human drivers from the equation. That breakthrough could enable them to slash their fares below the prices currently being charged by Uber and Lyft.

Google spin-off Waymo has made no secret of its intention to muscle its way into the ride-hailing market with a fleet of self-driving cars built on technology that it has been working on for the past decade. Waymo launched a ride-hailing service with robotic vans in the Phoenix area five months ago, but only 1,000 people are currently allowed to use it.

Besides being on the leading edge of bringing robotic vehicles to market, Waymo also is backed by more money than Uber and Lyft have combined. Waymo is owned by Google's parent company, Alphabet Inc., which is sitting on \$113 billion in cash.

In its IPO document, Uber listed Waymo as a potential threat along with Tesla, General Motors' Cruise

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Automation and Apple. Lyft also cited Waymo and Apple among the companies that could undercut its position as the second largest ride-hailing service.

But most experts believe it will still be many more years before self-driving car technology reaches the point that it can support a large fleet of robotaxis.

Until then, the U.S. duopoly is likely to continue, giving Uber and Lyft the luxury of focusing on growth rather than turning a profit, analysts said. That means ride-hailing fares in the U.S. are likely to remain below the actual cost of providing the service, a boon for consumers.

"These subsidies will continue as long as each company believes they will be gaining new customers by having a lower price," says Alejandro Ortiz, principal analyst at SharesPost. "The story now is growth, but growth is expensive."

Eventually, though, investor pressure will mount on the companies to make money, and doing that almost certainly will require higher prices for their rides.

On the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Friday, Uber CEO Dara Khosrowshahi hinted that it will be three to five years before the company pivots to a focus on profit. That timetable hasn't been well received on Wall Street so far. Lyft's stock has fallen 29% below its IPO price of six weeks ago, and Uber flopped in its stock market debut Friday as its shares slipped by almost 8% percent.

Markets with only one or two dominant players often create situations for companies to abuse their power or attempt to stifle competition. Regulators and legislators around the world argue that's already happened in many corners of technology, with Facebook having a seemingly impenetrable stronghold in social networking, Google dominating search and Amazon controlling a wide swath of online shopping.

That has stirred calls to break up some of the companies, especially Facebook, whose own co-founder, Chris Hughes, recently argued his former company has become too powerful for society's good.

For now, Uber and Lyft have been drawing upon all the money that they have raised from investors to keep prices relatively low, creating a barrier for smaller-scale competitors without the capital to sustain massive losses.

Take Austin, Texas, for instance. In 2016, Uber and Lyft pulled out of the city after voters approved regulations on ride-hailing companies, including fingerprint background checks for drivers. Four competitors stepped in to give rides in tech-savvy Austin, including two local companies. But the following year, Texas legislators passed a looser state law that superseded Austin's, and Uber and Lyft came back.

Shortly after their return, three of the competitors, Boston-based Fasten, locally owned GetMe and Phoenix-based Fare stopped operations, and the remaining one, nonprofit RideAustin, lost thousands of its riders.

"It was a matter of a couple months and those three companies were gone," said Chris Simek, an associate research scientist with the Texas A&M University Transportation Institute, who co-authored a study of Uber and Lyft's impact on ride-hailing in Austin.

Uber hasn't been as successful thwarting competition outside the U.S. It has waved a white flag during the past three years in Russia, China and parts of Southeast Asia by selling its services in those parts of the world to stronger rivals.

Lyft hasn't expanded outside North America yet, so it faces few other competitors besides Uber in the U.S.

Via has managed to carve out a niche by running a pooled ride system in New York, Washington, D.C., and Chicago, and it contracts to provide transit in about 70 cities worldwide. It competes most directly in New York, where Uber and Lyft also offer pooled services that transport multiple riders.

Via specializes in carrying up to six passengers at a time, largely in vans, and is growing because it can do a more efficient job carrying more people, said spokeswoman Gabrielle McCaig. Still, the company is losing money as it invests in growing the business, she said.

And so it remains, at least for now, that Uber and Lyft will occupy the ride-hailing industry's driver's seat. "It is hard to see a third or fourth player coming in at this point," said D.A. Davidson analyst Tom White.

"I think we are looking at a duopoly in North America."

___ Krisher reported from Detroit.

For Harris, memories of a warrior mother guide her campaign

By **MATT SEDENSKY AP National Writer**

NEW YORK (AP) — Speaking from the Senate floor for the first time, Kamala Harris expressed gratitude for a woman on whose shoulders she said she stood. In her autobiography, Harris interspersed the well-worn details of her resume with an extended ode to the one she calls “the reason for everything.” And taking the stage to announce her presidential candidacy, she framed it as a race grounded in the compassion and values of the person she credits for her fighting spirit.

Though a decade has passed since Shyamala Gopalan died, she remains a force in her daughter’s life and her White House bid. Again and again in the campaign, those who gather around the California senator are hearing mention of the diminutive Indian immigrant the candidate calls her single greatest influence.

“She’s always told the same story,” says friend Mimi Silbert. “Kamala had one important role model, and it was her mother.”

Her mother gave her an early grounding in the civil rights movement and injected in her a duty not to complain but rather to act. And that no-nonsense demeanor on display in Senate hearings over special counsel Robert Mueller’s investigation, Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh and more? Onlookers can credit, or blame, Gopalan, a crusader who raised her daughter in the same mold.

Appearing in New York recently, Harris said there were two reasons she was running for president. The first, she said, was a sense of duty to restore truth in justice in the country at an inflection point in history. The second: a mother who responded to gripes with a challenge.

“She’d say, ‘Well, what are you going to do about it?’” Harris told the crowd. “So I decided to run for president of the United States.”

Harris’ parents met as doctoral students at the University of California, Berkeley at the dawn of the 1960s. Her father, a Jamaican named Donald Harris, came to study economics. Her mother studied nutrition and endocrinology.

For two freethinking young people drawn to activism, they landed on campus from opposite sides of the world just as protests exploded around civil rights, the Vietnam War and voting rights. Their paths crossed in those movements, and they fell in love.

At the heart of their activism was a small group of students who met every Sunday to discuss the books of black authors and grassroots activity around the world, from the anti-apartheid Black Consciousness Movement in South Africa to liberation movements in Latin America to the black separatist preaching of Malcolm X in the U.S.

A member of the group, Aubrey Labrie, says the weekly gathering was one in which figures such as Mao Zedong and Fidel Castro were admired, and would later provide some inspiration to the founders of the Black Panther Party. Gopalan was the only one in the group who wasn’t black, but she immersed herself in the issues, Labrie says. She and Harris wowed him with their intellect.

“I was in awe of the knowledge that they seemed to demonstrate,” said Labrie, who grew so close to the family that the senator calls him “Uncle Aubrey.”

The couple married, and Gopalan Harris gave birth to Kamala and then Maya two years later. Even with young children, the duo continued their advocacy.

As a little girl, Harris says she remembers an energetic sea of moving legs and the cacophony of chants as her parents made their way to marches. She writes of her parents being sprayed with police hoses, confronted by Hells Angels and once, with the future senator in a stroller, forced to run to safety when violence broke out.

Sharon McGaffie, a family friend whose mother, Regina Shelton, was a caregiver for the girls, remembers Gopalan Harris speaking to her daughters as if they were adults and exposing them to worlds often walled off to children, whether a civil rights march or a visit to mom’s laboratory or a seminar where the mother was delivering a speech.

“She would take the girls and they would pull out their little backpacks and they would be in that environment,” says McGaffie.

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A few years into the marriage, Harris' parents divorced. The senator gives the pain of the parting only a few words in her biography. Those who are close to her describe her childhood as happy, the smells of her mother's cooking filling the kitchen and the sound of constant chatter and laughter buffeting the air.

The mother's influence on her girls grew even greater, and friends of Harris say they see it reflected throughout her life.

As a kindergartner, Stacey Johnson-Batiste remembers Harris coming to her aid when a classroom bully grabbed her craft project and threw it to the floor, which brought retaliation from the boy. He hit the future politician in the head with something that caused enough bleeding to necessitate a hospital visit, cementing for Johnson-Batiste a lifelong friendship with Harris and a view of her as a woman who embodies the ethics of her mother.

"Even back then," Johnson-Batiste says, "she has always stood up for what she thought was right."

As a teenager, after her mother got a job that prompted a family move to Montreal, Harris began seeing how she could achieve change in ways small and large. Outside her family's apartment, she and her sister protested a prohibition against soccer on the building's lawn, which Harris says resulted in the rule being overturned. As high school wound down, she homed in on a career goal of being a lawyer.

Sophie Maxwell, a former member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, says Harris wasn't choosing to eschew activism but rather to incorporate it into a life in law: "Those two things go hand in hand."

In college, at the historically black Howard University in Washington, D.C., Shelley Young Thompkins recalls a classmate who was certain of what she wanted to do in life, who was serious about her studies and who put off the fun of joining a sorority until her final year even as she made time for sit-ins and protests. Thompkins and Harris both won student council posts.

In her new friend, Young Thompkins saw a young woman intent on not squandering all that her mother had worked to give her.

"We were these two freshmen girls who want to save the world," she says.

From there, Harris' story is much better known: a return to California for law school; a failed first attempt at the bar; jobs in prosecutor's offices in Oakland and San Francisco; a brazen and successful run at unseating her former boss as district attorney; election as state attorney general and U.S. senator; and her run for president.

Each step of the way, friends point to the influence of Gopalan Harris as a constant.

Andrea Dew Steele remembers it being apparent from the moment they sat down to craft the very first flyer for Harris' first campaign for public office.

"She always talked about her mother," Dew Steele says. "When she was alive she was a force, and since she's passed away she's still a force."

Dew Steele remembers when she finally met Gopalan Harris at a campaign event. It immediately struck her: "Oh, this is where Kamala gets it from."

As much as mother and daughter shared, Gopalan Harris believed the world would see them differently. Those who knew her say she was dismayed by racial inequality in the U.S. Understanding her girls would be seen as black despite their mixed heritage, she surrounded them with black role models and immersed them in black culture. They sang in the children's choir at a black church and regularly visited Rainbow Sign, a former Berkeley funeral home that was transformed into a vibrant black cultural center.

Though the senator talks of attending anti-apartheid protests in college and frames her life story as being in the same mold as her mother, she opted to pursue change by seeking a seat at the table.

"I knew part of making change was what I'd seen all my life, surrounded by adults shouting and marching and demanding justice from the outside. But I also knew there was an important role on the inside," she wrote in "The Truths We Hold."

To launch her political career, Harris had to unseat a man of her mother's generation — a liberal prosecutor who was the product of a left-wing family, who was active in the civil rights movement and who became a hero to other activists whom he defended in court. To win, Harris ran as a tougher-on-crime alternative.

Once in office, bound by the parameters of the law and the realities of politics, Harris' choices stirred

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some to dismiss her claims of progressivism even as many others fiercely defend her. She frames her philosophy in the example of her mother — concentrating on overarching goals through smaller daily steps.

"She wasn't fixated on that distant dream. She focused on the work right in front of her," the senator wrote.

Gopalan Harris defied generations of tradition by not returning to southern India after getting her doctorate, tossing aside expectations of an arranged marriage. Her daughter portrays her mother's spirit of activism as being in her blood. Gopalan Harris' mother took in victims of domestic abuse and educated women about contraception. Her father was active in India's independence movement and became a diplomat. The couple spent time living in Zambia after the end of British rule there, working to settle refugees.

Joe Gray, who was Gopalan Harris' boss after she returned from Canada to the Bay Area to work at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, struggles to describe how a 5-foot-1-inch woman managed to fill a room with her commanding presence.

Gray, now a professor at Oregon Health and Science University, didn't see Gopalan Harris as a "crusader in the workplace" but says she insisted on racial and gender equity, would make known her disapproval to an insensitive comment and was assertive in defending her work in cancer research.

Even from a distance, he's struck by how much Harris reminds him of her.

"I just get the TV persona, but a lot of Shyamala's directness and sense of social justice, those seem to come through," he says. "I sense the same spirit."

Lateefah Simon sensed it, too. She was a high school dropout-turned-MacArthur fellow Harris hired to join the San Francisco DA's office to head a program for first-time offenders. Simon was skeptical of taking a role in a criminal justice system she saw as broken and biased, but Harris impressed her, and soon she had a glimpse of her mother as well.

At campaign events, Simon would watch Gopalan Harris, always in the front row, always beaming with pride. She saw how both mother and daughter were meticulous about tiny details, how they were hard workers but maintained a sense of joy in the labors, how their laugh would echo in the room.

One time, Simon says Gopalan Harris sent her away from a fundraiser because she was wearing tennis shoes, gently reminding her, "We always show up excellent."

Years later, she heard echoes of the same message when Harris took a break from her Senate race to support her run for a seat on the Bay Area Rapid Transit District board. Descending from her campaign bus, Harris was quick with some words of advice for her friend: "Girl, clean your glasses."

"It's her saying, 'I believe in you and I want people to see what I see in you,'" Simon says. Remembering her brush with the senator's mother, Simon says: "If I got that from Shyamala just in that one moment, can you imagine the many jewels Kamala got from her growing up?"

It's an influence that far outweighed that of Harris' father. He and her mother separated when she was 5 before ultimately divorcing. She writes of seeing him on weekends and over summers after he became a professor at Stanford University.

In a piece he wrote for the Jamaica Global website, Harris says he never gave up his love for his daughters, and the senator trumpeted her father as a superhero in her children's book. But the iciness of their relationship was on display in February when she jokingly linked her use of marijuana to her Jamaican heritage. Her father labeled the comment a "travesty" and a shameful soiling of the family reputation "in the pursuit of identity politics."

The senator is curt in responding to questions about him, saying they have "off and on" contact and that she doesn't know if he'll have a role in her campaign. Labrie says though the father attended his daughter's Senate swearing-in, he wasn't at her campaign kickoff. He thinks the marijuana hubbub worsened their relationship. "I think that was the straw that really broke the camel's back," he says.

The singularity of her mother's role in her life made her death even harder for Harris. Gopalan Harris relished roles in her daughter's early campaigns but was gone before seeing her advance beyond a local office. The senator says she still thinks of her constantly.

"It can still get me choked up," she said in an interview. "It doesn't matter how many years have passed."

The senator still uses pots and wooden spoons of her mother and thinks of her when she is back home

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and able to cook. Her mother's amethyst ring sparkles from her hand. She finds herself asking her mother for advice or remembering one of her oft-repeated lines.

She pictures the pride her mother wore as she stood beside her when she was sworn in as district attorney. She remembers worrying about staying composed as she uttered her mother's name in her inaugural address as attorney general. She thinks of her mother asking a hospice nurse if her daughters would be OK as cancer drew her final day closer.

"There is no title or honor on earth I'll treasure more than to say I am Shyamala Gopalan Harris' daughter," she wrote. "That is the truth I hold dearest of all."

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Trump has long seen previous US trade agreements as losers

By KEVIN FREKING Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's combative approach to trade has been one of the main constants among his often-shifting political views. And he's showing no signs of backing off now, even as the stakes intensify with the threat of a full-blown trade war between the world's two biggest economies.

The president went after China on Day 1 of his presidential bid, promising to "bring back our jobs from China, from Mexico, from Japan, from so many places."

Trump's views on trade helped forge his path to victory in states such as Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin and Ohio, where he linked the loss of manufacturing jobs to the North America Free Trade Agreement and other trade deals. He warned the worst was yet to come with President Barack Obama's proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership.

His trashing of existing and proposed trade agreements grabbed the headlines, but he also made clear his view that globalization had been bad for America and that he would use tariffs to protect national security and domestic producers. He cited the nation's Founding Fathers, Abraham Lincoln and Ronald Reagan as leaders whose footsteps he was following when it came to trade and tariffs.

"Our original Constitution did not even have an income tax," Trump told voters in Monessen, Pennsylvania, some four months before the 2016 presidential election. "Instead, it had tariffs, emphasizing taxation of foreign, not domestic production."

No. 7 on his list of trade promises in that speech: taking on China for "its theft of American trade secrets."

"This is so easy. I love saying this. I will use every lawful presidential power to remedy trade disputes, including the application of tariffs consistent" with existing trade laws, Trump said.

Those laws include Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act, which Trump cited to enact tariffs on steel and aluminum imports from China, Canada, Mexico and elsewhere.

They also include Section 301 of the Trade Act, which Trump used last year to apply 25 percent tariffs on \$50 billion worth of Chinese goods and 10 percent tariffs on \$200 billion of goods. That 10 percent was increased to 25 percent on Friday. Trump is laying the groundwork to extend the 25 percent tariff to all of China's exports to the U.S.

"Such an easy way to avoid Tariffs? Make or produce your goods and products in the good old USA. It's very simple!" Trump tweeted on Saturday.

Of course, America's trading partners haven't let Trump's tariffs stand without taking similar action themselves. Farmers, boat makers and whiskey and wine producers are just some of the U.S. industries caught in the middle.

"Farming is a very small margin, small profit business. We rely on lots of volume and lots of sales to generate a profit," said Brent Bible, a soybean and corn farmer in Lafayette, Indiana, who has seen prices for both commodities drop in the past year. "We are operating at a loss now."

Trump's philosophy on some issues has evolved over the years.

He once described himself regarding the abortion issue as "very pro-choice." Now, his administration promotes him as the most "pro-life president in American history."

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On trade, not so much. In "Trump: The Art of the Deal," Trump complained of the Japanese that "what's unfortunate is that for decades now they have become wealthier in large measure by screwing the United States with a self-serving trade policy that our political leaders have never been able to fully understand or counteract."

Fast-forward nearly three decades, and Trump declared in his 2015 announcement for the presidency that other nations were prospering at America's expense. "When was the last time anybody saw us beating, let's say, China, in a trade deal? They kill us. I beat China all the time," Trump said.

Trump's approach on trade is a dramatic departure for the Republican Party, but GOP lawmakers have declined to take action that would block his tariffs. They credit his tactics for getting improvements to a trade deal with Canada and Mexico to replace NAFTA, and for getting China to the negotiating table.

"President Trump is the first president to take China head-on," said Texas Rep. Kevin Brady, the top Republican on the House Ways and Means Committee. He said "everyone knows I'm not a fan of tariffs, but I think everyone knows as well that China has been cheating for far too long."

Trump has received some encouragement from Democratic leaders. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., tweeted to Trump: "Don't back down. Strength is the only way to win with China."

Current and former officials in the administration believe that voters will give the president credit for standing up to China, and not blame him for any pain that may result from the tariffs war.

Overall, AP VoteCast found Americans critical in their assessments of Trump on trade. But that's not the case with his supporters. According to the survey of more than 115,000 midterm voters nationwide, 45% approved of Trump on trade, while 53% disapproved. Among voters who approved of Trump's job overall, fully 88% approved of his handling of trade.

While Trump casts his tariffs as being paid for by China, they actually are paid by the American companies that bring a product into the U.S. This can help some U.S. producers, though, because it makes their goods more competitive price-wise. Still, the burden of Trump's tariffs on imports from China and other countries falls entirely on U.S. consumers and businesses that buy imports, said a study in March by economists from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Columbia University and Princeton University.

Republican-leaning business groups such as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce have warned that the tariffs threaten to derail the economy and low unemployment rates, but with economic growth at 3.2 percent last quarter and the unemployment rate at 3.6 percent, Trump isn't changing strategy now.

"Tariffs will make our Country MUCH STRONGER, not weaker. Just sit back and watch!" Trump tweeted on Friday.

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Trump lawyer Giuliani threatens, then abandons, Ukraine trip

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NEW YORK (AP) — Democrats denounced a plan by President Donald Trump's personal attorney to push Ukraine to open investigations that he hopes could benefit Trump politically, saying it was an overt attempt to recruit foreign help to influence a U.S. election.

But lawyer Rudy Giuliani has scrapped plans to visit Ukraine, citing concerns about who he would be dealing with there.

"I've decided ... I'm not going to go to the Ukraine," Giuliani told Fox News on Friday night. "I'm not going to go because I think I'm walking into a group of people that are enemies of the president ... in some cases enemies of the United States, and in one case an already convicted person who has been found to be involved in assisting the Democrats with the 2016 election."

Giuliani had said earlier that he would to travel to Kiev in the coming days to urge the government to investigate the origins of special counsel Robert Mueller's recently concluded probe into Russian interfer-

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ence in the 2016 U.S. election, and the involvement of former Vice President Joe Biden's son in a gas company owned by a Ukrainian oligarch.

Joe Biden is the early Democratic front-runner to challenge Trump in the 2020 election. The Biden campaign has denied that Biden or his son, Hunter, did anything improper.

Giuliani's plan had seemed poised to create an unprecedented moment — a lawyer for the American president seeking foreign assistance in trying to damage political rivals. To Democrats, it was a blatant evocation of Russia's meddling on behalf of Trump when he defeated Democrat Hillary Clinton in 2016

"It's stunning that the Trump administration is going down the same tragic path they did in 2016 seeking help from a foreign government again to influence an American presidential election. It's appalling," said Rep. Adam Schiff of California, chairman of the House Intelligence Committee. He said Trump allies were indicating, "We're going to do everything short of what's downright criminal. Ethics don't matter. Patriotism doesn't matter."

Giuliani, a former New York City mayor who often acted as a smokescreen for Trump during the Mueller probe, pushed back against the criticism.

"Explain to me why Biden shouldn't be investigated if his son got millions from a Russian loving crooked Ukrainian oligarch while He was VP and point man for Ukraine," Giuliani tweeted at Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., who criticized him. "Ukrainians are investigating and your fellow Dems are interfering. Election is 17 months away. Let's answer it now."

Giuliani's trip, first reported by The New York Times, would have been the most high-profile effort yet by Republicans to call attention to growing talking points in conservative circles. They are trying to undermine the special counsel's investigation, call into question the case against Paul Manafort, Trump's imprisoned former campaign chairman, and wound Joe Biden.

Trump and Giuliani have urged scrutiny of Hunter Biden and have questions about whether Joe Biden helped oust a Ukrainian prosecutor whose office was investigating the oligarch behind the company that paid Hunter Biden. Some Trump allies have suggested they can tarnish Joe Biden with questions about corruption, founded or not, much like they did to Clinton in 2016.

Giuliani has said he updated the president about his findings on Ukraine, a nation deeply reliant on the Trump administration for U.S. military and financial aid.

"I'm hearing it's a major scandal, major problem," Trump said on Fox News recently. "I hope for (Biden) it is fake news. I don't think it is."

The president has also tried to push claims that Ukrainian officials tried to help Clinton by focusing attention on Manafort's business in Ukraine. That attention forced Manafort to resign from the campaign, and he was later convicted of financial crimes and sentenced to prison. Ukrainian officials have denied involvement, but Trump has latched onto the idea that Kiev "colluded" with Democrats and that the origins of Mueller's probe were fraudulent.

Trump's re-election campaign distanced itself from Giuliani's efforts, saying it had nothing to do with the lawyer's inquiry.

Still, the episode could trigger uncomfortable questions about foreign entanglements for the White House, which is still grappling with the aftermath of Mueller's inquiry.

Mueller did not conclude that the Trump campaign colluded with Russia and did not determine whether or not Trump obstructed justice.

But House Democrats are pushing the inquiry further on a number of fronts, including issuing subpoenas for the probe's witnesses and documents. Trump this week announced that he would invoke executive privilege to shield the material, certain to prompt a lengthy legal fight.

Throughout the investigation, Giuliani attacked Mueller's credibility and often tried to change the public discourse by advancing conspiracy theories about the special counsel or Democratic investigators. In the probe's final days, he began to zero in on the possible Ukraine connection.

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Self-impeach? Talk shifts toward Trump defiance of Congress

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WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has introduced a new concept into the debate over President Donald Trump's actions: "self-impeaching."

As Trump all but goads Democrats into impeachment proceedings, viewing the showdown as potentially valuable for his 2020 re-election campaign, Democrats are trying to show restraint. Their investigations are both intensifying but also moving slowly as Democrats dig into the special counsel's Trump-Russia report and examine Trump's finances and governance.

The more they push, the more Trump resists, the president making what Pelosi says is his own case for impeachment with his stonewalling of Congress.

"The president is self-impeaching," she told her colleagues last week during a private caucus meeting, echoing comments she also aired in public. "He's putting out the case against himself. Obstruction, obstruction, obstruction. Ignoring subpoenas and the rest."

She added, "He's doing our work for us, in a certain respect."

There is no actual process for self-impeachment. It's a thought bubble more than a legal term. A pure Pelosi-ism, one that an aide says she coined herself.

But as a device, it's a way for Pelosi to frame the often complicated idea of the White House refusing to engage with Congress in the traditional process of checks and balances.

"Sometimes people act as if it's impeachment or nothing," Pelosi told reporters. "No, it's not that. It's a path that is producing results and gathering information."

In the aftermath of special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation, the slow drip of congressional oversight also serves a dual purpose politically. It allows Democrats to keep impeachment proceedings at bay, despite calls to push ahead by the liberal flank, while stoking questions about Trump going into the 2020 presidential election.

They note the Watergate investigation dragged on two years before the House Judiciary Committee opened impeachment proceedings against President Richard Nixon. By the time articles of impeachment were drawn up, the third entry was Nixon's obstruction of Congress.

Rather than viewing Mueller's report as the end of the debate, Democrats in Congress have taken his findings as a green light to dig in with their oversight role.

So far, House committees have issued multiple subpoenas for executive branch information, including for an unredacted version of the Mueller report and some million of pages of underlying evidence; for testimony and documents from former White House counsel Don McGahn; for information on Trump's business dealings; and for Trump's tax returns.

Others subpoenas have been issued over the administration's policies on migrant children and on citizenship questions on the census.

"My Democratic colleagues seem to be publicly working through the five stages of grief," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell mused in a floor speech. The Kentucky Republican scoffed at their "laughable threats of impeachment."

As McConnell declared the "case closed," he noted that the final stage of grief is acceptance. "For the country's sake, I hope my Democratic friends get there soon," he said.

Except Mueller's 448-page report left Congress with questions. While the special counsel found no evidence the Trump campaign colluded with Russia to swing the 2016 election, Mueller did not render a decision on the question of whether the president obstructed justice in the investigation. "It also does not exonerate him," the report says.

At least one Republican, Sen. Richard Burr of North Carolina, chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, appears to have questions, too. His committee issued a subpoena for testimony from one of the president's sons, Donald Trump, Jr. The move sparked fierce blowback among allies of the White House and divided Senate Republicans into two camps: those who backed his oversight role and those who panned it.

Trump, during remarks at the White House, said he was "very surprised."

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What his supporters want to know, the president said, is how the whole question of Russian interference first started. A top Trump ally in Congress, Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., is starting his own investigation into the investigation, picking up where House Republicans, when they controlled the committees before the lost he majority last year, left off.

House Democrats want Mueller to testify. His report notes that Congress has the ability to “apply the obstruction laws” as part of “our constitutional system of checks and balances and the principle that no person is above the law.” The Democrats want Mueller to more fully explain what he found and what, if anything, he intended for them to do about it.

“Our strategy right now is just to get to the truth and the facts,” said Rep. Jamie Raskin, D-Md., a member of the House Judiciary Committee.

Raskin said he kept a little chart on his notepad during a hearing last week, when the committee voted to hold Attorney General William Barr in contempt of Congress for refusing to turn over the full Mueller report, and it was the Republicans who most mentioned impeachment.

“The Republicans would love us to begin impeachment process,” he said. “If we get to impeachment, we’re going to get there on our own schedule and for our own reasons, not because they need to throw some red meat to their base.”

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Chinese envoy says trade talks with US have not broken down

BEIJING (AP) — China’s leading envoy to trade talks in Washington says the failure to strike a deal in the tariffs war with the U.S. was “just a small setback” and negotiations will continue despite increases in import duties on American imports from China.

In comments to reporters before he left Washington for Beijing on Friday, Vice Premier Liu He said he was cautiously optimistic but that a deal would require the Trump administration to agree to end the punitive tariffs it has imposed on billions of dollars’ worth of Chinese goods.

In comments carried by China’s state-run CCTV, Liu said the remaining differences are crucial ones having to do with principles, “and we will make no concessions on matters of principle.”

Still, he said he did not believe the negotiations had broken down.

“On the contrary, I think it is just a small setback in the talks between two countries, which is inevitable,” Hong Kong’s Phoenix TV showed him as saying.

Liu said it was “China’s opinion that the tariffs are the starting point of the trade friction and must be totally lifted if a deal is reached.”

The Trump administration raised tariffs on billions of dollars of Chinese goods to 25% from 10% on Friday. U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer said the U.S. was preparing to expand those tariffs to cover \$300 billion of Chinese products that aren’t already facing import taxes, or virtually everything imported from China.

Liu also said the two sides were disagreeing over the amount of goods China would pledge to purchase from the U.S. to help reduce the American trade deficit.

“We think this is a very serious issue and we cannot easily change our minds,” he said.

Liu sought to downplay the scale and impact of the dispute, saying that China was a strong nation and would surmount any problems caused by the conflict.

“We just had differences on the wording in certain documents and we hoped to solve the differences,” he said. “Therefore, we think it unnecessary to make an overreaction to it.”

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AP FACT CHECK: Trump's fog of misinformation on trade

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump cast a fog of misinformation over the U.S. trade dispute with China, floating inaccurate numbers and skewed economic theories as big tariffs kicked in on Chinese goods.

At stake in the rupture is a trading relationship between the world's two largest economies that employs nearly 1 million Americans, supplies affordable goods to U.S. households and, in the view of Trump and a bipartisan group of trade hard-liners, puts U.S. business at an unfair disadvantage.

Trump's torrent of tweets on the subject Friday followed a rally infused with familiar falsehoods about his achievements (the economy, veterans' health) and grievances (the Russia inquiry). A look at his words over the past week:

TRADE

TRUMP: "Tariffs are NOW being paid to the United States by China of 25% on 250 Billion Dollars worth of goods & products. These massive payments go directly to the Treasury of the U.S." — tweet Friday.

THE FACTS: This is not how tariffs work. China is not writing a check to the U.S. Treasury. The tariffs are paid by American companies, which usually pass the cost on to consumers through higher prices. One of the theories is that the higher prices will encourage consumers to buy goods made in the U.S. or elsewhere instead. But the risk is that consumers could simply respond by spending less than they otherwise would, which would hurt growth.

The burden of Trump's tariffs on imports from China and other countries falls entirely on U.S. consumers and businesses that buy imports, said a study in March by economists from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Columbia University and Princeton University. By the end of last year, the study found, the public and U.S. companies were paying \$3 billion a month in higher taxes and absorbing \$1.4 billion a month in lost efficiency.

A coalition of U.S. trade organizations representing retail businesses, tech, manufacturing and agriculture said this past week: "For 10 months, Americans have been paying the full cost of the trade war, not China." It said: "To be clear, tariffs are taxes that Americans pay, and this sudden increase with little notice will only punish U.S. farmers, businesses and consumers."

TRUMP: "Your all time favorite President got tired of waiting for China to help out and start buying from our FARMERS, the greatest anywhere in the World!" — tweet Friday.

THE FACTS: The notion that China doesn't buy from U.S. farmers is false. China is the fourth-largest export market for U.S. agriculture. It bought \$9.3 billion in U.S. agricultural products last year.

As for calling himself "your" favorite president, he is addressing only his supporters, not the country. Polls find Trump's approval rating to be high among Republicans but it generally ranges between about 35% and 45% among Americans overall.

TRUMP: "We have lost 500 Billion Dollars a year, for many years, on Crazy Trade with China. NO MORE!" — tweet Friday.

THE FACTS: That's wrong. When sizing up the trade deficit, Trump always ignores trade in services — where the U.S. runs a surplus with China — and speaks only of goods. Even in that context, he misstated the imbalance.

The U.S. trade deficit with China last year was \$378.6 billion, not \$500 billion.

On goods alone, the deficit was \$419.2 billion.

Trump is also misleading when he puts the deficit in that ballpark for many years. It's true the imbalance has long been lopsided. But the U.S. Trade Representative's Office notes that exports of goods to China have increased by nearly 73% since 2008 and U.S. exports to China overall are up 527% since 2001.

Nor is the trade gap a "loss" in a pure sense. U.S. consumers and businesses get electronics, furniture, clothing and other goods in return for their money. They are buying things, not losing cash.

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TRUMP: "Tariffs will bring in FAR MORE wealth to our Country than even a phenomenal deal of the traditional kind. Also, much easier & quicker to do. Our Farmers will do better, faster, and starving nations can now be helped. Waivers on some products will be granted, or go to new source!" — tweet Friday.

THE FACTS: In addition to repeating the canard that China pays the tariffs, he's failing to account for the damage that tariffs can do.

By most private estimates, a trade war leads to slower growth rather than the prosperity that Trump is promising. The president's tweet also goes beyond past claims that tariffs are simply a negotiating tactic to force better terms with China. Trump appears to be suggesting that a tariff increase would generate revenues that could then be spent on farm products and infrastructure, something that might in theory require support from Congress.

But on their own, tariffs are a clear drag on growth.

Analysts at the consultancy Oxford Economics estimate that implementing and maintaining the latest increase would trim U.S. gross domestic product by 0.3%, or \$62 billion, in 2020. This would be equal to a loss of about \$490 per household.

Economists at Nomura note that gross domestic product this year could take a hit of as much as 0.4% if Trump expands the taxes to all Chinese imports as business confidence slumped and financial conditions tightened.

ECONOMY

TRUMP: "And our unemployment numbers are the best in 51 years. And for certain groups, ... women is now 71 years." — remarks Monday to the U.S. Military Academy football team.

THE FACTS: The unemployment rate for women is solid, but it's not the best in 71 years.

According to the Labor Department, the women's unemployment rate fell last month to 3.1%. That's just the lowest since October 1953, or 66 years ago, when it also was 3.1%. The lowest on record was 2.4% in May 1953.

TRUMP, boasting that his economic record has delivered the "highest income ever in history for the different groups — highest income." — Panama City Beach, Florida, rally Wednesday.

THE FACTS: Not so. He did not achieve the best income numbers for all the racial groups. Both African Americans and Asian Americans had higher income prior to the Trump administration.

The median income last year for a black household was \$40,258, according to the Census Bureau. That's below a 2000 peak of \$42,348 and also statistically no better than 2016, President Barack Obama's last year in office.

Many economists view the continued economic growth since the middle of 2009, in Obama's first term, as the primary explanation for recent hiring and income gains. More important, there are multiple signs that the racial wealth gap is now worsening even as unemployment rates have come down.

As for Asian Americans, the median income for a typical household last year was \$81,331. It was \$83,182 in 2016.

RUSSIA INVESTIGATION

TRUMP, on his son Donald Trump Jr., who was subpoenaed by the GOP-led Senate intelligence committee to answer additional questions: "My son was totally exonerated by Mueller." — remarks to reporters Thursday.

THE FACTS: The report does not exonerate Trump Jr.

Special counsel Robert Mueller looked into a potential criminal conspiracy between Russia and the Trump campaign and said the investigation did not collect sufficient evidence to establish criminal charges on that front.

For example, the report cited the case of a June 2016 Trump Tower meeting involving Trump Jr. and a Russian lawyer who was said to have dirt on Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton. Mueller

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said he considered bringing charges against Trump's son and others but ultimately wasn't sure if he could prove "beyond a reasonable doubt" that they knew the actions were illegal. The meeting had raised questions about whether Trump Jr. and others violated the federal ban on foreign contributions to American political campaigns.

Mueller noted some Trump campaign officials, including Trump Jr., had declined to testify while others had provided incomplete or false testimony, making it difficult to get a complete picture of what happened during the 2016 campaign.

The special counsel wrote that he "cannot rule out the possibility" that unavailable information could have cast a different light on the investigation's findings.

TRUMP, on Mueller's report: "No collusion. No obstruction. No anything. Two years on a witch hunt." — Florida rally Wednesday.

TRUMP: "So this comes back and it comes back totally exonerating Donald Trump and a lot of other people." — remarks Thursday.

THE FACTS: He's incorrect to say Mueller's investigation did not find anything; it found plenty. Nor does the report "totally" exonerate Trump, instead specifically leaving open the question of whether his efforts to undermine the Russian investigation might have obstructed justice.

The two-year investigation produced charges against nearly three dozen people, among them senior Trump campaign operatives and 25 Russians, as it shed light on a brazen Russian assault on the American political system.

The investigation did not establish a criminal conspiracy between the Trump campaign and Russia and it reached no conclusion on whether Trump obstructed justice. Yet it described his campaign as eager to exploit the release of hacked Democratic emails to hurt rival Hillary Clinton and it exposed lies by Trump aides aimed at covering up their Russia-related contacts.

According to the report, Mueller's team declined to make a prosecutorial judgment on whether to charge partly because of a Justice Department legal opinion that said sitting presidents shouldn't be indicted.

Instead, the report factually laid out instances in which Trump might have obstructed justice, leaving it open for Congress to take up the matter or for prosecutors to do so once Trump leaves office.

HURRICANE AID

TRUMP: "Puerto Rico got \$91 billion and I understand they don't like me. It's the most money we've ever given to anybody. We've never given \$91 billion to a state." — Florida rally.

TRUMP: "Puerto Rico has been given more money by Congress for Hurricane Disaster Relief, 91 Billion Dollars, than any State in the history of the U.S." — tweet Monday.

THE FACTS: His number is wrong, as is his assertion that the U.S. territory has set some record for federal disaster aid. Congress has so far distributed only about \$11 billion for Puerto Rico, not \$91 billion.

He's stuck to his figure for some time. The White House has said the estimate includes about \$50 billion in expected future disaster disbursements that could span decades, along with \$41 billion approved.

That \$50 billion in additional money is speculative. It is based on Puerto Rico's eligibility for federal emergency disaster funds for years ahead, involving calamities that haven't happened.

That money would require future appropriations by Congress.

Even if correct, \$91 billion would not be the most ever provided for hurricane rebuilding efforts. Hurricane Katrina in 2005 cost the U.S. government more than \$120 billion — the bulk of it going to Louisiana.

IMMIGRATION

TRUMP, claiming countries are taking advantage of the U.S. diversity visa lottery program: "They're giving us some rough people." — Florida rally.

THE FACTS: A perpetual falsehood from the president. Countries don't nominate their citizens for the program. They don't get to select people they'd like to get rid of.

Foreigners apply for the visas on their own. Under the program, citizens of countries named by the U.S.

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can bid for visas if they have enough education or work experience in desired fields. Out of that pool of qualified applicants, the State Department randomly selects a much smaller pool of tentative winners. Not all winners will have visas approved because they still must compete for a smaller number of slots by getting their applications in quickly.

Those who are ultimately offered visas still need to go through background checks, like other immigrants.

VETERANS

TRUMP, describing how veterans used to wait weeks and months for a VA appointment: "For the veterans, we passed VA Choice. ... (Now) they immediately go outside, find a good local doctor, get themselves fixed up and we pay the bill." — Florida rally.

THE FACTS: No, veterans still must wait for weeks for a medical appointment.

While it's true the VA recently announced plans to expand eligibility for veterans in the Veterans Choice program, it remains limited due in part to uncertain money and longer waits.

The program currently allows veterans to see doctors outside the VA system if they must wait more than 30 days for an appointment or drive more than 40 miles to a VA facility. Under new rules to take effect in June, veterans will have that option for a private doctor if their VA wait is only 20 days (28 for specialty care) or their drive is only 30 minutes.

But the expanded Choice eligibility may do little to provide immediate help.

That's because veterans often must wait even longer for an appointment in the private sector. In 2018, 34 percent of all VA appointments were with outside physicians, down from 36 percent in 2017. Then-Secretary David Shulkin said VA care was "often 40 percent better in terms of wait times" compared with the private sector.

Choice came into effect after some veterans died while waiting months for appointments at the Phoenix VA medical center.

TRUMP, on the Choice program: "It's a great thing for our veterans. They've been trying to get it passed for 44 years. We got it passed." — Florida rally.

THE FACTS: He's incorrect. Congress approved the private-sector Veterans Choice health program in 2014 and President Barack Obama signed it into law. Trump is expanding it.

CROWD SIZE

TRUMP, on Democrat Beto O'Rourke's crowd size at a Texas rally before he launched his presidential campaign: "He had like 502 people." — Florida rally.

THE FACTS: Trump sells short O'Rourke's crowd, though it has grown in his mind since he claimed the Democrat only got 200-300 at his El Paso gathering in February. Trump had a rally there the same day.

O'Rourke's march and rally drew thousands. Police did not give an estimate, but his crowd filled nearly all of a baseball field from the stage at the infield to the edge of outfield and was tightly packed.

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Beto O'Rourke plans 'reintroduction' as 2020 buzz fizzles

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NEWTON, Iowa (AP) — Beto O'Rourke barreled into the 2020 presidential race with breakneck energy and a fly-by-the-seat-of-his-pants campaign style that saw him leap atop tables to address overflow crowds with the organic, off-the-cuff candor that had made him a Texas sensation.

But since his mid-March campaign launch, the buzz surrounding the former congressman has evaporated. Competing in a massive field of Democratic White House hopefuls, O'Rourke has sagged in the polls. He's made few promises that resonated or produced headline-grabbing moments, instead driving around the country meeting with voters at mostly small events.

In a tacit recognition that this approach isn't working, O'Rourke is planning to try again, taking a hands-on role in staging a "reintroduction" ahead of next month's premier Democratic presidential debate. As he finalizes his plans, O'Rourke has entered an intentional "quiet period" to build out campaign infrastructure, according to an adviser who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the campaign's strategy.

That will end soon. O'Rourke is planning to significantly ramp up national media appearances — he is appearing live on ABC's "The View" on Tuesday after skipping most such exposure in recent months. He's also poised to offer more concrete policy plans on top issues. So far, he's issued just one — a sweeping proposal to combat climate change.

O'Rourke admits he's struggled to find his presidential campaign footing.

"I think, in part, I was just trying to keep up when I first started out," he said after addressing about 40 people at a recent house party in Newton, Iowa. "I really feel like I've found my rhythm and my pace, and I just feel comfortable, and I feel like this is what I'm supposed to be doing."

His top aides deny that a full reinvention or "Beto 2.0" is in the works. They note that O'Rourke plans to keep packing days with as many as half a dozen campaign events. He'll still venture into off-the-beaten path locales that include rural, heavily Republican areas. Those were the trademarks of his Senate campaign last fall, when he nearly toppled Republican Sen. Ted Cruz by visiting all of deep-red Texas' 254 counties.

But his team also acknowledges that for all its excitement, O'Rourke's initial campaign launch exposed some disorganization. Assembling a campaign staff while the 2020 roadshow was already rollicking along simply wasn't sustainable.

It took O'Rourke nearly two weeks after announcing his campaign to formally hire Jen O'Malley Dillon to run his team. She was the deputy campaign manager of Barack Obama's 2012 re-election bid and is only now moving to O'Rourke's headquarters in El Paso, Texas, after doing the job from Washington.

O'Rourke added 16 staffers recently in Iowa, which holds the first presidential caucuses, but that's fewer than some other candidates have. In New Hampshire, which votes next, O'Rourke has yet to formally announce a state director or campaign staff, though he has informal organizers there.

"It was a ready, fire, aim sort of trajectory," said Chris Lippincott, a Texas consultant who ran an outside political group opposing Cruz in 2018.

Kathy Sullivan, a Democratic National Committee member from New Hampshire, noted that, after events, "If you don't have somebody with a clipboard taking names and addresses and phone numbers, you can lose contact with folks."

Sullivan recently had lunch with O'Rourke in New Hampshire's capital, Concord, as part of a small women's group and "found him to be very sincere, very thoughtful." But she also said that his falling out of the 2020 spotlight helped boost another young, unorthodox candidate: Pete Buttigieg, mayor of South Bend, Indiana.

The work to bolster the campaign has begun to stabilize things. Earlier this week, O'Rourke announced hiring Jeff Berman, a top delegate guru who helped Obama navigate the complicated process of locking up enough support to secure the Democratic presidential nomination.

"It has been building up over time," O'Rourke said of his campaign apparatus. "I think we're getting better organized all the time."

He maintains that it's still early. During his first trip to Iowa in March, O'Rourke focused on eastern counties that had supported Obama but went for Donald Trump in 2016. More recently, he sought out the relatively few Democrats in the state's rural southwest, trying to do the spade work — as the country folk

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he's trying to woo might say — to slowly grow lasting support.

"With 21, maybe more, candidates on the horizon, this is going to be decided by a matter of a few hundred votes, maybe a few dozen votes," O'Rourke said after speaking at a former livestock auction space in Shenandoah, Iowa, that's been converted into a spiffy hall for weddings and parties. "So, every one of these conversations matters."

One holdover from O'Rourke's do-it-yourself style in Texas is his insistence on driving himself between events, repeatedly climbing behind the wheel of rented Dodge Grand Caravans. Some campaign staffers see it as time that could be spent doing more productive — or at least less potentially dangerous — things, but O'Rourke's unfazed.

"I can't just sit and ride," he's said by way of explanation. "I've got to be doing something."

In the meantime, his staff has built schedules ensuring that O'Rourke gets to his multiple daily scheduled events on time — capitalizing on his energy while being mindful not to keep demanding early state voters waiting, like he did when barnstorming across all 10 New Hampshire counties in 48 hours shortly after kicking off his campaign.

O'Rourke takes questions from attendees at every stop and is quick enough on his feet to usually provide detailed answers before pivoting to his talking points.

Marcia Fulton, a 78-year-old retired teacher and school administrator who saw O'Rourke at a restored train depot in Creston, Iowa, said she's not decided who she'll vote for yet, but he "was really impressive, more so than I expected."

"He was prepared and that was a real question, given his youth," Fulton added.

But O'Rourke also begins every stop with a rapid-fire, 20-minute stump speech decrying climate change, skyrocketing student loans and the Trump administration's immigration policies while promising to drastically expand health insurance coverage and insisting he can achieve bipartisan cooperation in Washington. It's too much for some.

"He's going to have to slow down a bit," said Sandy Sothman, the co-vice chairwoman of the Cass County Democrats who watched O'Rourke speak at a sunny hillside park in Atlantic, Iowa. "When he gets going and talks about so many things at once, it becomes a little like, 'Is he riffing or what?'"

House Democrat issues subpoenas for Trump tax returns

By ANDREW TAYLOR Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A top House Democrat has issued subpoenas for six years of President Donald Trump's tax returns, giving Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and IRS Commissioner Charles Rettig a deadline of next Friday to deliver them.

Ways and Means Committee Chairman Richard Neal, D-Mass., issued the subpoenas Friday, just days after Mnuchin refused to comply with demands to turn over Trump's returns. Mnuchin told the panel he wouldn't provide Trump's tax records because the panel's request "lacks a legitimate legislative purpose," as Supreme Court precedent requires.

Neal reminded the two Trump appointees in a Friday letter that federal law states that the IRS "shall furnish" the tax returns of any individual upon the request of the chairmen of Congress' tax-writing committees and that Ways and Means "has never been denied" a request.

The White House and the Democratic-controlled House are waging a multi-front battle over investigations into Trump and the administration has been refusing to comply across the board, refusing to comply with subpoenas for the unredacted report by Special Counsel Robert Mueller and documents related to the testimony by former White House Counsel Donald McGahn.

If Mnuchin and Rettig refuse to comply with the subpoenas, Neal is likely to file a lawsuit in federal court. He indicated earlier this week that he was leaning toward filing a court case immediately but changed course after meeting with lawyers for the House.

Neal originally demanded access to Trump's tax returns in early April. He maintains that the committee is looking into the effectiveness of IRS mandatory audits of tax returns of all sitting presidents, a way to

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justify his claim that the panel has a potential legislative purpose. Democrats are confident in their legal justification and say Trump is stalling in an attempt to punt the issue past the 2020 election.

In rejecting Neal's request earlier this week, Mnuchin said he relied on the advice of the Justice Department. He concluded that the Treasury Department is "not authorized to disclose the requested returns and return information." Mnuchin has also said that Neal's request would potentially weaponize private tax returns for political purposes.

Republicans say Neal is using the arcane 1924 law that empowers him to obtain any individual's tax filing to play politics with Trump. Democrats also want to probe into Trump's business dealings, particularly his business relationships with foreigners and to see who he owes money to.

"Your request is merely a means to access and make public the tax returns of a single individual for purely political purposes," said ranking Ways and Means panel Republican Kevin Brady, R-Texas.

"While I do not take this step lightly, I believe this action gives us the best opportunity to succeed and obtain the requested material," Neal said in a statement.

Trump has privately made clear he has no intention of turning over the much-coveted records. He is the first president since Watergate to decline to make his tax returns public, often claiming that he would release them if he was not under audit.

"What's unprecedented is this secretary refusing to comply with our lawful ... request. What's unprecedented is a Justice Department that again sees its role as being bodyguard to the executive and not the rule of law," said Rep. Bill Pascrell, D-N.J. "What's unprecedented is an entire federal government working in concert to shield a corrupt president from legal accountability."

But the president has told those close to him that the attempt to get his returns was an invasion of his privacy and a further example of what he calls the Democrat-led "witch hunt" — like Mueller's Russia probe — meant to damage him.

Trump has repeatedly asked aides as to the status of the House request and has not signaled a willing to cooperate with Democrats, according to a White House official and two Republicans close to the White House.

He has linked the effort to the myriad House probes into his administration and has urged his team to stonewall all requests. He also has inquired about the "loyalty" of the top officials at the IRS, according to one of his advisers.

Trump has long told confidants that he was under audit and therefore could not release his taxes. But in recent weeks, he has added to the argument, telling advisers that the American people elected him once without seeing his taxes and would do so again, according to the three officials, who were not authorized to speak publicly about private conversations and spoke on condition of anonymity.

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Landmark UN plastic waste pact gets approved but not by US

GENEVA (AP) — Nearly every country in the world has agreed upon a legally binding framework to reduce the pollution from plastic waste except for the United States, U.N. environmental officials say.

An agreement on tracking thousands of types of plastic waste emerged Friday at the end of a two-week meeting of U.N.-backed conventions on plastic waste and toxic, hazardous chemicals.

Discarded plastic clutters pristine land, floats in huge masses in oceans and rivers and entangles wildlife, sometimes with deadly results .

Rolph Payet of the United Nations Environment Program said the "historic" agreement linked to the 186-country, U.N.-supported Basel Convention means that countries will have to monitor and track the movements of plastic waste outside their borders.

The deal affects products used in a broad array of industries, such as health care, technology, aerospace, fashion, food and beverages.

"It's sending a very strong political signal to the rest of the world — to the private sector, to the consumer

market — that we need to do something,” Payet said. “Countries have decided to do something which will translate into real action on the ground.”

Countries will have to figure out their own ways of adhering to the accord, Payet said. Even the few countries that did not sign it, like the United States, could be affected by the accord when they ship plastic waste to countries that are on board with the deal.

Payet credited Norway for leading the initiative, which first was presented in September. The time from that proposal to the approval of a deal set a blistering pace by traditional U.N. standards for such an accord.

The framework “is historic in the sense that it is legally binding,” Payet said. “They (the countries) have managed to use an existing international instrument to put in place those measures.”

The agreement is likely to lead to customs agents being on the lookout for electronic waste or other types of potentially hazardous waste more than before.

“There is going to be a transparent and traceable system for the export and import of plastic waste,” Payet said.

Curry, short-handed Warriors knock out Rockets in Game 6

By KRISTIE RIEKEN AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — After Stephen Curry bounced back from the first scoreless first half of his playoff career to score 33 points in the last two quarters and help the Golden State Warriors eliminate the Houston Rockets and advance to the Western Conference finals on Friday night, coach Steve Kerr stopped to talk with his star’s parents.

He said he told Dell and Sonya Curry: “If that game didn’t personify Steph Curry, I don’t know what does.”

Curry’s huge second half allowed the Warriors to overcome the absence of Kevin Durant and get the 118-113 win. He heard the chatter about how he’d struggled in this series entering this game and admitted that he was “pretty terrible” before halftime on Friday night.

“A night like tonight doesn’t happen without belief in myself,” Curry said.

Klay Thompson added 27 points to help two-time defending champion Golden State reach the conference finals for a franchise-record fifth straight year and eliminate Houston for the fourth time in five seasons. The Warriors did it with Durant sidelined by a calf injury sustained in the second half of their Game 5 victory.

“That was an absolute grind,” Kerr said. “We’re thrilled to be moving on and excited to have this one in our review mirror.”

James Harden led Houston with 35 points, and Chris Paul added 27.

Harden’s layup got the Rockets within three with less than a minute to go, but Thompson made a 3-pointer with 36.1 seconds remaining to extend Golden State’s lead to 110-104.

Gerald Green then missed a 3 for Houston and the Rockets were forced to foul Curry. He made both shots before Harden’s 3 got Houston within five at 112-107 with 24 seconds left.

Playing with a dislocated finger on his left hand, Curry made two more free throws before P.J. Tucker hit a 3 for Houston. But two more free throws by Curry made it 116-110 with 12.3 seconds left and Harden dribbled it off his foot for the last of his six turnovers.

“We’ve let a lot of opportunities slip away ... if you don’t take advantage of opportunities you end up on the losing side,” Harden said.

The Rockets failed to score for a big chunk of the fourth quarter and had to watch the Warriors celebrate a series victory on their home court for the second straight season after they won the conference finals in Houston last year. Harden was 11 of 25 from the field, going 6 of 15 from 3-point range, and 7 of 12 on free throws.

“This one’s going to leave a mark,” coach Mike D’Antoni said. “This is not something you just get over. This one hurts. We played our best and they played their best, and we didn’t knock them out. It was like a heavyweight fight. We didn’t land the blows to at least get back to Golden State.”

Curry struggled early, failing to score in the first half for the first time in 102 career playoff games, and had just 10 points through three periods. But he got going in the fourth, scoring 23 points.

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"At halftime we're tied and I had zero points, you've got to like that situation," Curry said.

There were questions entering the game about how the Warriors would weather the loss of Durant — and his more than 34 points a game. But they didn't seem to miss a beat, getting 21 from Thompson in the first half before Curry closed it in the fourth.

"When you're missing one of the greatest players to ever play and the best scorer in the world, you can't collectively make up for what he does," Thompson said. "But you can step up in his absence and help out the point production."

The Rockets had a five-point lead to start the fourth and it was tied at 95 with about 7 ½ minutes to go after three points by Golden State's Shaun Livingston.

Harden and Curry exchanged baskets soon after that before both teams failed to score for the next 2 ½ minutes. Houston missed five shots in that stretch and the Warriors missed four before Kevon Looney made a layup to put Golden State on top 99-97 with just under four minutes left.

A 3-pointer by Curry gave the Warriors a five-point lead before Harden ended a scoring drought by the Rockets of almost four minutes with a 3-pointer to cut the lead to 102-100 with about 2 ½ remaining.

Harden was called for a charge after that before Curry scored all of Golden State's points in a 5-2 run that made it 107-102 with 90 seconds left.

TIP-INS

Warriors: Durant didn't make the trip to Houston, remaining in the Bay Area to receive treatment for his injury. The Warriors said he'll be re-evaluated next week. ... The Warriors started Andrew Bogut for Durant and he had three rebounds and zero points. ... C Damian Jones, who is out with a torn pectoral muscle, has been cleared for contact drills and could be available later in the playoffs if the Warriors advance.

Rockets: Tucker had 15 points and has scored at least 10 points in eight of Houston's last 11 games. ... Clint Capela had with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

THEY SAID IT

Kerr on the performance of Andre Iguodala, who made six 3-pointers and had 17 points: "That game was probably not winnable without Andre's contribution. Andre just does so much for us on both ends of the floor."

UP NEXT

The Warriors move on to face the Denver-Portland winner with Game 1 scheduled for Tuesday night in Oakland.

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US-China talks break up after US raises tariffs

By PAUL WISEMAN and KEVIN FREKING The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Trade talks between the U.S. and China broke up Friday with no agreement, hours after President Donald Trump more than doubled tariffs on \$200 billion in Chinese imports.

Trump asserted on Twitter that there was "no need to rush" to get a deal between the world's two biggest economies and later added that the tariffs "may or may not be removed depending on what happens with respect to future negotiations."

A White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly on the matter, confirmed that the talks had concluded for the day but could not say when they would resume.

Hours earlier, the Trump administration hiked tariffs on \$200 billion worth of Chinese imports to 25% from 10%, escalating tensions between Beijing and Washington. China's Commerce Ministry vowed to impose "necessary countermeasures" but gave no details.

The tariff increase went ahead even after American and Chinese negotiators briefly met in Washington on Thursday and again on Friday, seeking to end a dispute that has disrupted billions of dollars in trade and shaken global financial markets. After a short session on Friday, the lead Chinese negotiator, Vice

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Premier Liu He, left the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative about midday. U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin shook hands with Liu as he left.

In the afternoon, a motorcade of sport-utility vehicles and a police escort, both with lights flashing, carried the Chinese delegation away from their lodgings at the Willard InterContinental Hotel.

Hu Xijin, editor-in-chief of the Chinese newspaper Global Times, citing "an authoritative source," tweeted that "talks didn't break down. Both sides think that the talks are constructive and will continue consultations. The two sides agree to meet again in Beijing in the future."

In an interview with reporters later in the day, Vice Premier Liu He said: "We will make no concessions on matters of principle."

The Trump administration escalated the confrontation again after the Chinese delegation left town. Lighthizer announced Friday evening that he was preparing to impose tariffs on the \$300 billion in Chinese imports that haven't already been targeted. The government will have to get public comment before it can target more Chinese goods.

On Wall Street, stocks fell initially Friday but turned positive on optimism over future talks.

Earlier, Trump asserted in a tweet that his tariffs "will bring in FAR MORE wealth to our Country than even a phenomenal deal of the traditional kind. Also, much easier & quicker to do."

In fact, tariffs are taxes paid by U.S. importers and often passed along to consumers and companies that rely on imported components.

American officials accuse Beijing of backtracking on commitments made in earlier rounds of negotiations. "China deeply regrets that it will have to take necessary countermeasures," a Commerce Ministry statement said.

U.S. business groups appealed for a settlement that will resolve chronic complaints about Chinese market barriers, subsidies to state companies and a regulatory system they say is rigged against foreign companies.

The latest increase extends 25% duties to a total of \$250 billion of Chinese imports, including \$50 billion worth that were already being taxed at 25%. Trump has said he is planning to expand penalties to all Chinese goods shipped to the United States.

Beijing retaliated for previous tariff hikes by raising duties on \$110 billion of American imports. But regulators are running out of U.S. goods for penalties due to the lopsided trade balance.

Ford spokeswoman Rachel McCleery said the carmaker is most concerned about any retaliatory tariffs China might impose.

The Dearborn, Michigan-based company says 80% of the vehicles it assembles in the U.S. are sold domestically, but it does export some vehicles to China.

"While most of the vehicles we sell in China are built in China, Ford does export a number of vehicles to China from the U.S.," McCleery said. "Our biggest concerns are impacts retaliatory tariffs would have on our exports and our expanding customer base in China."

Chinese officials have targeted operations of American companies in China by slowing customs clearance for them and stepping up regulatory scrutiny that can hamper operations.

The latest U.S. increase might hit American consumers harder, said Jake Parker, vice president of the U.S.-China Business Council, an industry group. He said the earlier 10% increase was absorbed by companies and offset by a weakening of the Chinese currency's exchange rate.

A 25% hike "needs to be passed on to the consumer," Parker said. "It is just too big to dilute with those other factors."

Despite the public acrimony, local Chinese officials who want to attract American investment have tried to reassure companies there is "minimal retaliation," he said. "We've actually seen an increased sensitivity to U.S. companies at the local level," he added.

The higher U.S. import taxes don't apply to Chinese goods shipped before Friday. Shipments take about three weeks to cross the Pacific Ocean by sea, giving negotiators more time to reach a settlement before importers may have to pay the increased charges.

Liu, speaking to Chinese state TV upon his arrival Thursday in Washington, said he "came with sincer-

ity." He appealed to Washington to avoid more tariff hikes, saying they are "not a solution" and would harm the world.

"We should not hurt innocent people," Liu told CCTV.

Also Thursday, Trump said he received "a beautiful letter" from Chinese President Xi Jinping and would "probably speak to him by phone."

The two countries are sparring over U.S. allegations Beijing steals technology and pressures companies to hand over trade secrets in a campaign to turn Chinese companies into world leaders in robotics, electric cars and other advanced industries.

This week's setback was unexpected. Through late last week, Trump administration officials were suggesting that negotiators were making steady progress.

U.S. officials say they got an inkling of China's second thoughts about prior commitments in talks last week in Beijing but the backsliding became more apparent in exchanges over the weekend. They wouldn't identify the specific issues involved.

A sticking point is U.S. insistence on an enforcement mechanism with penalties to ensure Beijing lives up to its commitments. American officials say China has repeatedly broken past promises.

China wants tariffs lifted as soon as an agreement is reached, while U.S. officials want to keep them as leverage to ensure compliance.

"A real enforcement mechanism is critical," the American Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai said in a statement.

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Hearing in Colorado school shooting put off until next week

By P. SOLOMON BANDA and KATHLEEN FOODY Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Prosecutors investigating the case against two students suspected of shooting nine classmates, one fatally, in a suburban Denver charter school have until next week to decide what charges to pursue, a judge ruled Friday.

Meanwhile, all but one of those injured in the shooting have been released from hospitals, officials said.

District Judge Theresa Slade delayed hearings that had been scheduled for Friday for Devon Erickson, 18, and 16-year-old Alec McKinney, who is listed in court documents as Maya. They are suspects in the shooting at STEM School Highlands Ranch on Tuesday.

Court spokesman Rob McCallum said that both the prosecutors and defense agreed to a postponement until Wednesday.

Vikki Migoya, a spokeswoman for District Attorney George Brauchler, did not explain the reason for the delay.

The entire court file in the case is under seal. In an initial court appearance on Wednesday, Brauchler asked for a delay until Monday to file charges so that authorities would have the weekend to pursue their investigation.

The latest delay until Wednesday gives prosecutors more time to decide whether to charge McKinney as an adult. Colorado law permits prosecutors to file adult charges of serious felonies against 16- and 17-year-olds without prior approval from a judge.

Kendrick Castillo, the 18-year-old senior killed during the shooting, and two classmates at the school have been credited with helping thwart the attack by charging at one of the shooters when he entered a classroom. Authorities have said an armed private security guard restrained the second shooter.

Erickson and McKinney have been in jail since Tuesday on suspicion of murder and attempted murder.

The two students walked into their school with handguns and opened fire in two classrooms, authorities said. Investigators have offered no motive and refused to discuss how the students obtained the weapons.

Student Joshua Jones told ABC's "Good Morning America" on Friday that he, Castillo and Brendan Bialy

reacted as soon as they saw the gun.

"We rushed him," Jones said. "Kendrick pushed him against the wall. Me and Brendan grabbed him and threw him to the ground. I stayed on top of him while Brendan went off and tried to help Kendrick."

Jones said he never specifically thought how he would react in such a situation.

"When it actually happened, I had to make that decision that nobody should really ever have to make, which was run towards a gunman or run away from them. I chose to run towards them," he said.

Eight students were wounded. One remained hospitalized in fair condition Friday, and the others have been sent home.

The school was without a resource officer at the time because a contract with the sheriff's office had been canceled.

Douglas County Sheriff Tony Spurlock said Friday his department did not renew its contract with STEM School for the current school year because of a dispute over what duties a resource officer should be responsible for. Instead, the school signed a contract with a private security firm.

A law enforcement official with knowledge of the case told The Associated Press on Thursday the guard credited with capturing one of the suspects fired his weapon inside the school. Two news organizations citing anonymous sources reported that authorities are investigating whether the guard mistakenly fired at a responding sheriff's deputy and may have wounded a student.

The school released a statement Friday saying schools with and without resource officers have experienced violence. It also credited the guard, sheriff's deputies and students with thwarting the attack, which unfolded nearly three weeks after neighboring Littleton marked the 20th anniversary of the Columbine attack that killed 13 people.

The two schools are separated by about 7 miles (11 kilometers) south of Denver.

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Venezuela's Guaidó promises to persevere despite crackdown

By JOSHUA GOODMAN Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaidó is looking to jumpstart his movement to oust Nicolas Maduro in the wake of last week's failed military uprising, promising to persevere in the face of a deepening crackdown.

In an interview Friday with The Associated Press, Guaidó reiterated his willingness to consider inviting foreign troops to force Maduro from power, echoing the line from Washington that "all options" are on the table for dealing with Venezuela's rapidly-escalating crisis.

He blamed the socialist leader for blocking all attempts to negotiate a solution and noted: "The biggest obstacle to that is Maduro."

The 35-year-old national assembly president, who the U.S. and some 50 other countries recognize as Venezuela's rightful leader, sat for the interview at his party's headquarters two days after the No. 2 leader in congress was jailed and as several other lawmakers took refuge in foreign embassies. All are facing arrest for joining Guaidó and a small cadre of security forces in a military rebellion April 30 that was the closest the opposition has come in years to overthrowing Maduro.

Yet, Guaidó isn't showing signs of fatigue.

He talks serenely and smiles widely when well-wishers huddle with him in prayer. While the Maduro government hasn't dared arrest him — the U.S. has warned of severe consequences should he be harmed — he said security forces who track his every move could "kidnap" him at any time. Meanwhile, his fellow activist wife and 2-year-old daughter have been living outside Venezuela for months.

"There's a movement made up of a majority that's in the streets and that's not going to change no matter how much they hit us," he said. "The one thing the dictatorship fears most is hope."

But observers note the fresh-faced opposition leader may be running out of options. Phil Gunson, a senior analyst with the Crisis Group in Caracas, said that after the failed military rebellion, it seems unlikely

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that the U.S. will carry through on threats of military action.

"He's in a bind," Gunson said. "If the repression is going to continue at this level, it's going to be difficult to keep up his campaign of mass mobilization because people are going to be too scared to go out on the streets."

In the current stalemate, Gunson said negotiations are the opposition's best exit strategy. But demands that Maduro step aside as a precondition for talks are no longer a real possibility.

"They already played their best hand," he said, referring to the opposition.

Nonetheless, Guaidó said winning over the military is possible and requires greater outreach so that troops understand they won't be targeted if they flip. He said most top commanders and their troops already despise Maduro and are only feigning loyalty to him because they are under constant surveillance by Cuban and Venezuelan secret police.

"What keeps Maduro in power, and we've witnessed more openly in recent hours, is terror," Guaidó said.

Guaidó, a previously unknown lawmaker, revived the flagging opposition movement when he declared himself interim president in January, accusing Maduro of breaking the constitutional order when he claimed victory in elections widely seen as lacking legitimacy after several opponents were barred from running.

His humble roots and unpretentious speech have endeared him to struggling Venezuelans and managed to keep together an unruly opposition coalition frequently torn apart by battling egos and strategic differences.

But old fractures are re-emerging as some blame prominent activist Leopoldo Lopez, who fled house arrest to stand alongside Guaidó in the uprising, for overplaying his hand. After the putsch failed, Maduro ordered Lopez's arrest and the former Caracas area mayor fled to the Spanish ambassador's residence, where he is holed up.

Lopez, who was arrested in 2014, is one of Venezuela's shrewdest political operators who even while in state custody worked behind the scenes to promote Guaidó's rise when few Venezuelans had even heard of his name. But he's also been dogged by criticism that he overestimates his own strength and takes ill-advised risks.

When pressed, Guaidó refused to criticize his mentor, noting that this was not the time to focus on personal ambitions.

Guaidó said he is grateful for support from the U.S., which has slapped severe oil sanctions on Venezuela and sent several planeloads of aid to bordering countries as part of a failed opposition plan to open a humanitarian corridor. With delivery of that aid unlikely for now, he said he's willing to donate some of it to the International Committee of the Red Cross, which is working with the Maduro government to distribute supplies.

He said sanctions aren't to blame for Venezuela's collapse, as the government contends, but are nonetheless succeeding in squeezing Maduro's ability to buy support through corruption.

"Without hesitation they've called Maduro what he is: a dictator," he said of the Trump administration.

But as the impasse with Maduro has dragged on, America's interest could begin to wane.

Last week, Trump directly contradicted earlier statements by his own national security team that Russia has been propping up the socialist leader with military and financial support. Instead, the U.S. president said, Russian President Vladimir Putin was not "involved" and only wants "positive" things for Venezuela.

Guaidó downplayed Trump's comments, saying they were "just a different way of reaching out to Russia."

Meanwhile, he said he was encouraged by recent comments by China's government that it would step up its work with the EU and the international community to support political dialogue. Coming from Venezuela's biggest creditor and a Maduro ally, the remarks were seen as something of an endorsement for the International Contact Group, an EU-led initiative that is seeking to promote early elections — something Maduro has steadfastly refused to consider.

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Utah event celebrates Transcontinental Railroad anniversary

By BRADY McCOMBS Associated Press

PROMONTORY, Utah (AP) — Music, bells and cannon fire rang out Friday at a remote spot in the Utah desert where the final spikes of the Transcontinental Railroad were hammered 150 years ago, uniting a nation long separated by vast expanses of desert, mountains and forests and fresh off the Civil War.

An estimated 20,000 people swarmed to the celebration at Golden Spike National Historic Park northwest of Salt Lake City — the signature event of several days of festivities marking the railroad's anniversary. Visitors came from as far as China, many decked out in old-fashioned dresses, top hats, bonnets and scarves.

The 1869 completion of the 1,800-mile (2,900 kilometer) rail line shortened cross-county travel from as long as six months in wagons and stagecoaches to about 10 days on the rails and served as a unifying moment for the nation. It became a pivotal moment in United States history that dramatically changed how people traveled and did business.

"It psychologically and symbolically bound the country," said Brad Westwood, Utah's senior public historian.

Interior Secretary David Bernhardt marveled at how engineering, courage and risk-taking came together to make it possible.

"The story of this site says so much about our country," Bernhardt said at the event, which included a reenactment of an iconic "champagne toast" photo of railroad workers perched atop facing stream locomotives giving cheers to the epic feat. "The joining of the two rail lines created a new sense of connectedness that helped form a common national identity."

The festivities featured many moments and remarks that highlighted the vital contribution of the Chinese workers who put in long hours in brutal conditions and haven't always received their proper due throughout history.

The ceremony started with a Chinese "lion dance," and the first speaker was Chinese historian Connie Young Yu. She lamented that descendants of Chinese workers were hardly a part of the 100th anniversary celebration in 1969.

"Today we take this opportunity at the 150th to reclaim our place in history," Young Yu said. "To honor the courage, fortitude and sacrifice of the Chinese railroad workers and their legacy in America."

U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao commended the estimated 12,000 Chinese workers who "risked everything" to build what she called "one of the greatest infrastructure projects" in U.S. history that unleashed explosive economic growth.

Freeman Lee came from his home in Sacramento, California, to "feel the presence" of his great-grandfather, who was among the Chinese workers who helped build the railroad. He proudly pointed out a page dedicated to his great-grandfather in a souvenir magazine for the event.

"It's long overdue," Lee said about the recognition.

Bill Hanmer drove with his wife from their Middletown, Virginia, home to check off a bucket list item. The 73-year-old pilot and train enthusiast said he desperately wanted to attend the 100th anniversary event but couldn't afford it.

The couple woke up before dawn to be at the site by 6 a.m. to avoid getting stuck in long lines of cars that stretched for miles on a two-lane country highway that was the only way in and out.

"I've been waiting for 50 years to come back," Hanmer said. "It's a special event. It was a history-changing event."

The laying of the final rails in 1869 triggered a famous telegraph that set off celebrations around the nation: "The last rail is laid. The last spike is driven. The Pacific railroad is completed. The point of junction is 1,086 miles west of the Missouri River and 690 miles east of Sacramento City."

The bells at Philadelphia's Independence Hall rang in celebration, a hundred guns were fired in New York, and American flags were hung in cities across the nation.

The golden spike included an inscription: "May God continue the unity of our country as this railroad unites the two great oceans of the world."

The railroad was built using horses, oxen, hand carts, wagons and the "brawn" of mostly Irish immigrants

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working on the Union Pacific portion that came from the East and mostly Chinese workers on the Central Pacific part that came from the West, said Westwood, the public historian. They worked day and night and risked their lives blasting through rocks and shoveling snow on frigid mountain peaks.

Westwood said the railroad was built by the "most discriminated and least appreciated people in America."

The epic construction project had a dark side, leading to the near annihilation of the bison, eventual loss of land for Native American tribes and the deaths of several hundred railroad workers, he added.

"It was a grand engineering feat," Westwood said. "It was a grand gesture to bind the nation after the Civil War, but it was also a story of human capital and what it took."

Space-tourism enters 'home stretch' toward commercial flight

By MORGAN LEE Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — Billionaire Richard Branson is moving Virgin Galactic's winged passenger rocket and more than 100 employees from California to a remote commercial launch and landing facility in southern New Mexico, bringing his space-tourism dream a step closer to reality.

Branson said Friday at a news conference that Virgin Galactic's development and testing program has advanced enough to make the move to the custom-tailored hangar and runway at the taxpayer-financed Spaceport America facility near the town of Truth or Consequences.

Virgin Galactic CEO George Whitesides said a small number of flight tests are pending. He declined to set a specific deadline for the first commercial flight.

An interior cabin for the company's space rocket is being tested, and pilots and engineers are among the employees relocating from California to New Mexico. The move to New Mexico puts the company in the "home stretch," Whitesides said.

The manufacturing of the space vehicles by a sister enterprise, The Spaceship Company, will remain based in the community of Mojave, California.

Taxpayers invested over \$200 million in Spaceport America after Branson and then-Gov. Bill Richardson, a Democrat, pitched the plan for the facility, with Virgin Galactic as the anchor tenant.

Virgin Galactic's spaceship development has taken far longer than expected and had a major setback when the company's first experimental craft broke apart during a 2014 test flight, killing the co-pilot.

Branson thanked New Mexico politicians and residents for their patience over the past decade. He said he believes space tourism — once aloft — is likely to bring about profound change.

"Our future success as a species rests on the planetary perspective," Branson said. "The perspective that we know comes sharply into focus when that planet is viewed from the black sky of space."

Branson described a vision of hotels in space and a network of spaceports allowing supersonic, trans-continental travel anywhere on earth within a few hours. He indicated, however, that building financial viability comes first.

"We need the financial impetus to be able to do all that," he said. "If the space program is successful as I think ... then the sky is the limit."

In February, a new version of Virgin Galactic's winged craft SpaceShipTwo soared at three times the speed of sound to an altitude of nearly 56 miles (99 kilometers) in a test flight over Southern California, as a crew member soaked in the experience.

On Friday, that crew member, Beth Moses, recounted her voyage into weightlessness and the visual spectacle of pitch-black space and the earth below.

"Everything is silent and still and you can unstrap and float about the cabin," she said. "Pictures do not do the view from space justice. ... I will be able to see it forever."

The company's current spaceship doesn't launch from the ground. It is carried under a special plane to an altitude of about 50,000 feet (15,240 meters) before detaching and igniting its rocket engine.

"Release is like freefall at an amusement park, except it keeps going," Moses said. "And then the rocket motor lights. Before you know it, you're supersonic."

The craft coasts to the top of its climb before gradually descending to earth, stabilized by "feathering"

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technology in which twin tails rotate upward to increase drag on the way to a runway landing.

Branson previously has said he would like to make his first suborbital flight this year as one of the venture's first passengers on the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing on July 20. But he made no mention of timelines on Friday.

Pressed on the timeframe, Whitesides said he anticipates the first commercial flight within a year.

Three people with future space-flight reservations were in the audience.

"They've been patient too," Branson said. "Space is hard."

Hundreds of potential customers have committed as much as \$250,000 up front for rides in Virgin's six-passenger rocket, which is about the size of an executive jet.

Space tourism has not been a complete novelty since millionaire U.S. engineer Dennis Tito in 2001 paid \$20 million to join a Russian space mission to the International Space Station. Branson's goal has been to "democratize" space by opening travel up to more and more people.

The endeavor began in 2004 when Branson announced the founding of Virgin Galactic in the heady days after the flights of SpaceShipOne, the first privately financed manned spacecraft that made three flights into space.

Space sector analyst Adam Jonas, a managing director of equity research at Morgan Stanley, said Branson's venture could have an outsized impact in the age of social media on how the public visualizes space as a domain for scientific and commercial exploration.

"You bring them back to earth and they explain what they saw — that's a story, put through the velocity of social media, people want to hear," he said. "Sometimes you need some distance to gain a perspective, seeing the earth from space, seeing how thin that layer of atmosphere is that protects us."

Branson's plans have gradually advanced amid a broader surge in private investment in space technology with cost-saving innovations in reusable rockets and microsatellite technology.

Amazon tycoon Jeff Bezos announced Thursday that his space company Blue Origin will send a robotic spaceship to the moon with aspirations for another ship that could bring people there along the same timeframe as NASA's proposed 2024 return. Bezos has provided no details about launch dates.

US moving Patriot missile battery to Mideast to counter Iran

By LOLITA C. BALDOR Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. will move a Patriot missile battery into the Middle East to counter threats from Iran, the Pentagon said Friday, reflecting ongoing concerns that Tehran may be planning to attack America forces or interests in the region.

The Defense Department released a statement about the move but provided no details. An official said the decision comes after intelligence showed that the Iranians have loaded military equipment and missiles onto small boats controlled by Iran's Revolutionary Guard. The official was not authorized to discuss the information publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Officials had said earlier this week that sending a Patriot battery to the area was under discussion and was part of the initial request made by the Pentagon's U.S. Central Command. They said it took a few days to get final approval for the Patriot, a long-range, all-weather air defense system to counter tactical ballistic missiles, cruise missiles and advanced aircraft.

The U.S. removed Patriot missile batteries from Bahrain, Kuwait and Jordan late last year. It was not clear if the battery would go back to one of those countries.

U.S. officials announced Sunday that they would rush an aircraft carrier strike group and bombers to the region. The aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln and accompanying ships have passed through the Suez Canal and are now in the Red Sea.

Officials had initially indicated that the military moves were based in part on indications that Iran had moved short-range ballistic missiles onto small boats called dhows along its shore.

Officials would not say if the intelligence showed that the boats have mobile launchers on them. But a notice to mariners in the region has warned of potential threats to commercial maritime traffic.

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John Bolton, the national security adviser, announced the initial moves on Sunday, citing “troubling and escalatory indications and warnings” but did not explain what they were.

On Friday, a defense official said the Iranian threats also include potential attacks by Iranian proxies, such as Shia militias in Iraq.

Several officials said they have not yet seen any tangible move by Iran in reaction to the U.S. military shifts in the area. But they also noted there have been no attacks.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo made a quick visit Tuesday to Baghdad to meet with top leaders and underscore Iraq’s need to protect Americans in their country.

The Pentagon also said Friday that the USS Arlington, an amphibious transport ship, will move to the Middle East region earlier than planned. The ship is in Europe and will be replacing the USS McHenry, which is scheduled to leave.

Risky politics? Trump wields his tariffs as a weapon at home

By **STEVE PEOPLES** and **NICK RICCARDI** Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — His trade war already raging worldwide, President Donald Trump on Friday brandished his aggressive actions as a political weapon at home, too, casting himself as a fighter for American workers and scorning his chief Democratic rivals as weak.

Trump’s actions have already caused economic harm to some of the regions that backed him in 2016. Yet the Republican president is showing little regard for the political risks — or his party’s traditional embrace of free trade — as he stakes out his position on an issue that could define the 2020 presidential contest as much as any other.

Trump slapped at former Vice President Joe Biden, a leading Democratic presidential contender, in a social media post while defending his latest levying of higher tariffs on Chinese goods, which had taken effect at midnight.

Hours later, U.S. and Chinese negotiators broke off talks they were holding under the increasing pressure of the new tariffs, mostly ultimately paid by U.S. consumers and companies, on \$200 billion in Chinese goods and Beijing’s promise to retaliate.

The administration already had applied billions of dollars in trade taxes to goods from China, the world’s second largest economy. And the administration has also imposed steel tariffs against allies including Canada, Mexico and the European Union and threatened additional tariffs.

“This is not the Obama Administration, or the Administration of Sleepy Joe, who let China get away with ‘murder!’” Trump tweeted, using his dismissive nickname for Biden.

A spokesman for Biden, who is in the midst of his inaugural nationwide tour as a formal 2020 presidential candidate, condemned Trump’s approach.

“We’re not going to get a good deal with China if we let Trump keep negotiating by impulse, tweet, and campaign rally one-liner,” said the spokesman, Andrew Bates.

Trump’s continued embrace of protectionist trade policies could energize his supporters from both parties across the Midwest, where many blame trade deals, such as the North American Free Trade Agreement, for the decline of America’s manufacturing sector. At the same time, And Trump’s prominent poking will almost certainly exacerbate divisions among Democrats, who are in the early days of their own intra-party fight to pick someone to take him on next year.

In an interview, AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka said Democratic weakness on trade was part of the reason Trump won in 2016 — because his Democratic opponent wasn’t strong enough in condemning deals perceived by some as helping other countries more than the U.S. He warned Democrats not to make the same mistake again.

“If they cede that territory, they are doing so at their own peril,” Trumka said. “They need to talk more effectively about trade and convince people that they’re going to stand up for workers, that we’re not going to continue down the road we’ve been on.”

Biden could be particularly vulnerable.

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The former senator, known for his working-class roots, is the only 2020 Democratic candidate who voted to support NAFTA. And he supported the trade deal authored by the Obama administration known as the Trans-Pacific Partnership that Trump ultimately killed once he took office. Still, in the Senate, Biden voted against a number of trade deals, including those with Singapore, Chile and Oman.

Privately, Biden's leading Democratic rivals suggest that any advantages he may have in the Midwest will ultimately fade because of his record on trade. Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, among other high-profile 2020 Democrats, aggressively opposed the trade deals and expects to ratchet up his contrast with Biden in upcoming debates.

Republicans are doing their part already.

Not long after Trump's tweet, the Republican National Committee issued a statement highlighting Biden's "dovish" approach on China both as a presidential candidate and as Barack Obama's vice president. Biden faced intense criticism from both parties last week after downplaying the threat from China during a campaign stop in Iowa.

While conventional wisdom suggests Trump's populist approach may resonate with voters in both parties, AP Vote Cast, a survey of the 2018 national electorate, showed that 81 percent of the people who voted for Democrats last year thought Trump's trade policies would hurt the national economy. Overall, 53% of 2018 voters opposed Trump on trade.

A team of economists from the University of California, Berkeley, Columbia University and Yale University in March found that the trade war was an overall burden on the U.S. economy, but that Trump's initial tariffs appeared designed to favor politically competitive counties around the Great Lakes. But once retaliatory Chinese tariffs were factored in, the people hit the hardest were the ones who live in reliably Republican counties that voted heavily for Trump in 2016.

Still, Democrats are torn between the party's new base and older alliances.

Opponents of foreign trade have historically been more motivated than supporters because trade deals can lead to factory closings and more direct disruptions in lives. But that dynamic may be shifting slightly as Trump's tariffs hammer segments of the agricultural market, especially in the key early voting state of Iowa.

Indeed, some opponents of trade agreements have fretted that the presidential primary map can put them at a disadvantage.

Candidates who flock to Iowa often lambaste Trump's tariffs there. The one heavily union state in the early four is Nevada, whose unions are heavy on service workers and don't prioritize trade issues. Then the mega-states of California and Texas, both of which are dependent on foreign trade, will vote directly after the early four.

The Rust Belt, where the general election could well be decided, will largely vote later in the primary season and not as a bloc, possibly diluting the impact of the anti-trade wing of the party. That group's clout has shrunk as the Democratic base is increasingly young, minority and urban -- a demographic group that broadly favors trade.

"Democratic politicians are in a really interesting position. They actually have the opportunity to be really free-tradish, and I don't think they'd suffer much in the polls," said Scott Lincicome, a trade expert at the Cato Institute in Washington.

Still, few Democratic 2020 aspirants have become full-throated backers of free trade.

Most have offered vague calls for "fair trade." Campaigning in West Virginia on Friday, Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren condemned the way Trump is communicating on trade, but not necessarily his policy.

"I don't believe in tariff negotiation by tweet," she said, calling the Chinese "bad actors on trade."

"Our best way to fight back is with strength and with a coherent plan, not with hands."

Meanwhile, Trump's position is at odds with the conservative Koch network and much of the nation's business community, but there are few Republicans willing to challenge him publicly. One of them is John Weaver, the chief strategist for John Kasich, Ohio's former Republican governor, who has contemplated a primary challenge against Trump.

"Trump is anti-free trade. And the Republican Party is for whatever its master is for. If he switched on a

dime tomorrow they'd switch tomorrow," Weaver said. "You don't have to be even on the Trump-level of a student history to know this is not good politics or good policy."

Riccardi reported from Denver.

Ex-Fugees rapper charged in campaign finance conspiracy case

By ERIC TUCKER and MICHAEL BALSAMO Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — One of the founding members of the 1990s hip-hop group the Fugees has been charged in a campaign finance conspiracy that took place during the 2012 presidential election, the Justice Department said Friday.

A four-count indictment accuses Prakazrel "Pras" Michel of conspiring with fugitive Malaysian financier Low Taek Jho, usually known as Jho Low, to make and conceal foreign campaign contributions. He is alleged to have used straw donors to give campaign contributions to a U.S. presidential candidate, who is identified in the indictment only as Candidate A.

Low has gained attention in the last several years after U.S. officials accused him of masterminding a money laundering and bribery scheme that pilfered billions from the Malaysian state investment fund known as 1MDB. He's been charged separately by both U.S. and Malaysian officials in connection with that alleged fraud but remains at large.

Prosecutors allege that from June to November 2012, Low directed more than \$21.6 million to be moved from foreign entities to Michel's accounts in order to funnel money into the 2012 presidential election. They say Michel then paid about 20 straw donors and conduits so they could make the donations in their names and conceal where the money actually came from, according to the indictment.

More than \$1 million was also sent to an independent expenditure committee, prosecutors said.

"Mr. Michel is extremely disappointed that so many years after the fact the government would bring charges related to 2012 campaign contributions," said defense lawyer Barry Pollack. "Mr. Michel is innocent of these charges and looks forward to having the case heard by a jury."

Representatives for Low said in a statement that he is innocent and the allegations against him "have no basis in fact."

"Mr. Low has never made any campaign contributions directly or indirectly in the U.S. and he unequivocally denies any involvement in or knowledge of the alleged activities," the statement said.

Fred Wertheimer of Democracy 21, a nonprofit campaign finance watchdog group, said that his organization and another one filed a complaint against Michel to both the Federal Election Commission and the Justice Department.

"It's pretty unusual to get the government to bring criminal campaign finance cases," he said. "On the other hand, we thought this was a clear case where enforcement was called for."

Michel faces a separate civil forfeiture complaint accusing him in a scheme to try to get the department to drop an investigation into embezzlement from a Malaysian investment fund. Michel has denied wrongdoing in that case.

The embezzlement from the fund, known as 1MDB, became a political scandal in Malaysia. Looted money paid for jewelry and luxury art and helped finance "The Wolf of Wall Street" and other Hollywood productions films. The Justice Department last year announced charges against Jho Low and two former Goldman Sachs bankers in a money laundering and bribery scheme that pilfered money from the fund, created to spur economic development projects in that country.

One of those bankers, Roger Ng, was extradited from Malaysia earlier this month to face charges in New York.

Associated Press writer Desmond Butler contributed to this report.

This story has been corrected to show Ng was extradited earlier this month, not several years ago.

'Run, Hide, Fight' mindset making way into US schools

By CAROLYN THOMPSON and MICHAEL MELIA Associated Press

BALTIMORE (AP) — The actions of students who died tackling gunmen at two U.S. campuses a week apart have been hailed as heroic. At a growing number of schools around the country, they also reflect guidance to students, at least in some situations, to do what they can to disrupt shootings.

A majority of school districts have now embraced such an approach, with experts saying educators need to give staff and students as many options as possible in the worst-case scenario.

"In all honesty, I don't know of another strategy," said teacher Kelly Chavis, whose Rock Hill, South Carolina, school endorses a strategy known as Avoid, Deny, Defend. "What else would you do if you did not try to get away in a situation?"

Many schools have stuck with the traditional approach of locking down classrooms and letting law enforcement confront the shooter, especially in grade-school settings. Encouraging students or faculty to do otherwise, critics say, could make them more of a target.

At the STEM School Highlands Ranch in suburban Denver, where student Kendrick Castillo was killed while confronting a gunman on Tuesday, the school uses a "Locks, Lights, Out of Sight" protocol, according to spokesman Gil Rudawsky. He declined to say whether any of the school's training for students addresses whether they should fight an intruder.

But Brendan Bialy had thought about it on his own. He lunged with Castillo toward the gunman and wrestled the gun from his hand.

"I don't like the idea of running and hiding," he told reporters Wednesday. "There's certain situations if you got to get out of it, you got to get out of it, but like, I'm not going to say, like, cower or move out of the way for somebody who's right in front of me. ... Somebody like that, I'm going to fight them there."

Riley Howell, 21, died thwarting a shooter last week at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Alert messages at that campus advised students to "Run, Hide, Fight."

There always have been students willing to take action, said Greg Crane, who founded the for-profit ALICE Institute, which stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate. He said he created it in 2001 based on what had already been done by students including Jake Ryker, who tackled a shooter at Thurston High School in Oregon in 1998 despite being shot in the chest.

Many people have a "warrior mindset, a hero mindset," Crane said. "It's just, have we cultivated them with some information and with some training so that when they are the first one to stand up and start moving to do something, maybe they're not alone?"

Educators from over 5,000 school districts have received the program's training, often from certified law enforcement officers, Crane said. He said the program does not teach fighting strategies. Rather, it encourages people to make noise, create distractions and confuse the attacker.

Baltimore County Public Schools adopted ALICE this school year.

If an assailant gets too close, students are told to grab anything and throw it and scream, with the idea being to create enough chaos to escape. No young students are told to tackle or otherwise try to make physical contact, but staff members and older students have that option, Superintendent George Roberts said.

"The adults are trained how to grab the arms, grab the legs and subdue" until police arrive, said Roberts, who was principal at Maryland's Perry Hall High School in 2012 when a student brought a shotgun into the cafeteria and critically wounded another student. "This more active response provides a level of choice."

Karen Shepard has several children and grandchildren in the Athens, Pennsylvania, school district, which also adopted ALICE training this year. She said she would prefer the children know not to stand clustered in a corner if a gunman burst into their classroom.

"They should barricade, (and) they should have something in their hands," she said. "At least they'd have a fighting chance."

It's a frightening conversation at any level, said Joseph Erardi, who was superintendent in Newtown, Connecticut, for four years after a gunman killed 26 people at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

"What we've learned over time is to provide staff and students with as many options as possible in the moment," said Erardi, who manages the School Superintendents Association's School Safety Crisis Toolkit. "You never want to take that common sense element out."

Associated Press writer Dan Elliott in Denver contributed to this report. Melia reported from Hartford.

This story corrects that the town where Chavis teaches is Rock Hill, not Rock Hills.

Uber's hyped-up IPO hits a few potholes on its first day

By CATHY BUSSEWITZ, MICHAEL LIEDTKE and TOM KRISHER AP Business Writers

NEW YORK (AP) — After much hype leading up to the largest initial public offering in five years, Uber hit a few potholes on its first day of trading, closing down 8% and reflecting lingering doubts about its future prospects for profitability.

The ride-hailing company injected investors with a dose of reality right out of the gate, trading at \$42 a share Friday — or nearly 7% below its IPO price of \$45 on an already volatile day for the markets. Its shares closed at \$41.57.

Despite the rocky debut, Uber CEO Dara Khosrowshahi said he was thrilled to complete the IPO, adding that the \$8.1 billion that Uber raised in the process would be crucial to its future growth plans.

"It's a great moment for the company and all the employees who have been working so hard to get here," Khosrowshahi said in an interview with The Associated Press. "It was a tough week to go public, but we got it done."

Uber's IPO price was lower than initially expected, and the caution may have been driven by escalating doubts about the ability of ride-hailing services to make money since Uber's main rival, Lyft, went public six weeks ago.

Jitters about an intensifying U.S. trade war with China also contributed. Stocks were down sharply Friday morning after the two countries failed to reach a deal before a tariff deadline, but finished with gains.

Despite the volatile market, Khosrowshahi said he did not consider postponing Uber's IPO date.

"Our company is not a fair-weather company," Khosrowshahi said. "We keep moving forward in tough and easy environments, and I think that we as a company will be a great investment over the long term."

It's not the first time a company's stock has started off trading below its IPO price, not even this week. On Thursday, Axcella Health began trading well below its \$20 IPO price and ended its first day at \$13.80.

But it's relatively uncommon for U.S. technology companies backed by venture capital, like Uber. Over the past five years, just 10% of such companies finished their first day of trading below their IPO price, said Matt Kennedy, senior IPO market strategist at Renaissance Capital, a manager of IPO focused funds.

"We were not expecting much of a pop, given the size of the deal" for Uber, Kennedy said. "The last U.S. company of this size to IPO was Facebook, for example, and you may remember how that traded initially."

Facebook debuted in 2012 and, after technical difficulties delayed its start to trading, it ended its first day just 23 cents above its IPO price of \$38.

"Unlike Facebook, however, Uber does not make money," Kennedy said. Facebook's stock now trades just below \$200.

Investors say they're hesitant to buy Uber's stock out of the box because of what happened with Lyft, and want to see it settle before buying significant amounts of shares, said Dan Ives, managing director of equity research at Wedbush Securities.

Lyft's shares were down 7% to \$51.09 Friday, or 29% below its IPO price of \$72. But even with Uber's lower share price, its valuation of \$76 billion is four times more than Lyft's.

Uber's cash infusion will help cover the cost of giving rides to passengers at unprofitable prices as it tries to fend off competition from Lyft. The San Francisco company already has lost about \$9 billion since its inception in 2009 and acknowledges it could still be years before it turns a profit.

That sobering reality is one reason that Uber fell short of reaching the \$120 billion market value that

many observers believed its IPO might attain.

Despite all that, Uber's IPO is the biggest since Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba Group debuted in 2014. Uber's revenue last year surged 42% to \$11.3 billion while its cars completed 5.2 billion trips around the world either giving rides to 91 million passengers or delivering food.

Uber might be even more popular if not for a series of revelations about unsavory behavior that sullied its image and resulted in the ouster of Travis Kalanick as CEO nearly two years ago.

The self-inflicted wounds included complaints about rampant internal sexual harassment, accusations that it stole self-driving car technology, and a cover-up of a computer break-in that stole personal information about its passengers. Some Uber drivers have been accused of assaulting passengers, and one of its self-driving test vehicles struck and killed a pedestrian in Arizona last year while a backup driver was behind the wheel.

Uber hired Khosrowshahi as CEO to replace Kalanick and clean up the mess, something that analysts say has been able to do to some extent, although Lyft seized upon the scandals to gain market share.

Both Kalanick and Uber's other co-founder Garrett Camp were present at the stock exchange Friday but absent from the podium during the bell ringing. Kalanick remains on Uber's board and while he kept a relatively low profile during the stock debut, he can still savor his newfound wealth. As of Friday's closing price, his stake in Uber will be worth \$4.9 billion. Hundreds, if not thousands, of other Uber employees are expected to become millionaires in the IPO.

Meanwhile, scores of Uber drivers say they have been mistreated by the company as they work long hours and wear out their cars picking up passengers as they struggle to make ends meet.

SharesPost principal analyst Alejandro Ortiz said the timing for Uber to start trading was bad given the uncertainty over the trade spat with China. But Uber's story can't be just one day of trading because of its potential to make billions in a growing ride market, he said.

"It's going to keep bouncing around for months to come," Ortiz said. "It's an important thing to consider if you're an investor and you saw value in the company and its disruptive potential, nothing has really changed in the past 48 hours."

Liedtke reported from San Francisco and Krisher reported from Detroit. AP Business Writer Stan Choe in New York contributed to this report.

Mueller won't testify next week, House chairman says

By MARY CLARE JALONICK Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of the House Judiciary Committee says special counsel Robert Mueller won't appear before his panel next week, despite the committee's hope that Mueller would testify May 15.

New York Rep. Jerrold Nadler said Friday that negotiations continue with Mueller and the Justice Department about the testimony. He wouldn't characterize those talks.

Nadler said he expects Mueller to appear, and if he won't agree the committee will attempt to compel him.

"If necessary we'll subpoena him and he'll come," Nadler said.

The negotiations over Mueller's appearance come as Democrats are clashing with the Justice Department over access to Mueller's full report on the Trump-Russia investigation. The Judiciary panel on Wednesday voted to hold Attorney General William Barr in contempt of Congress after he defied the committee's subpoena for an unredacted version of the report.

The next step for holding Barr in contempt is a vote on the House floor. With Democrats sending several subpoenas to the Trump administration, including two on Friday for President Donald Trump's tax returns, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi suggested they could wait and combine several contempt resolutions into one package. Trump has said he will fight "all the subpoenas."

On Friday, Nadler sent a new letter to Barr signaling that he was still willing to negotiate.

"Notwithstanding the president's admitted intent to block all congressional subpoenas, this committee remains prepared to meet with the department to ascertain if accommodation can be reached," Nadler

wrote.

The Justice Department had no immediate response.

House passes \$19B disaster aid bill over Trump opposition

By ANDREW TAYLOR Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House on Friday passed a \$19 billion disaster aid bill that would deliver long-sought relief to farmers, victims of hurricanes and floods, and rebuild southern military bases, as Democrats try to dislodge the legislation from a Senate logjam over aid to hurricane-slammed Puerto Rico.

The measure passed by a 257-150 vote over the opposition of most Republicans, who said it should also include the Trump administration's \$4.5 billion request for stepped up humanitarian aid and law enforcement along the U.S.-Mexico border, which is facing a wave of migrants fleeing violence in Central America.

The House had passed an earlier \$14 billion version of the measure in January, but the legislation has been held up in the Senate amid a fight between President Donald Trump and Democrats over aid to Puerto Rico. Trump is feuding with Democratic officials on the island and falsely claims that Puerto Rico has already received \$91 billion in aid.

Trump took to Twitter on Thursday to urge Republicans to vote against the bill.

"House Republicans should not vote for the BAD DEMOCRAT Disaster Supplemental Bill which hurts our States, Farmers & Border Security," Trump tweeted. "We want to do much better than this. All sides keep working and send a good BILL for immediate signing!"

After the vote, Trump tweeted in praise of GOP solidarity, although 34 Republicans broke with his position and supported the disaster aid. "Great Republican vote today on Disaster Relief Bill. We will now work out a bipartisan solution that gets relief for our great States and Farmers. Thank you to all. Get me a Bill that I can quickly sign!"

Some of the Republicans who broke with Trump were from areas hit by the disasters, like Texas and Florida, and others were more moderate Republicans from the Northeast.

Disaster aid measures are usually among the few reliably bipartisan pieces of legislation left in an increasingly partisan Washington. But the pending measure faces several obstacles in addition to the battle over Puerto Rico, including an attempt by powerful Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Richard Shelby, R-Ala., to boost Army Corps of Engineers harbor dredging efforts, of which the Port of Mobile in his state would be a major beneficiary. Shelby's relationship with White House Acting Chief of Staff Mick Mulvaney also appears strained.

Since the House measure originally passed, Midwestern floods have added billions of dollars to the government's roster of disaster needs, while a rising wave of Central American migrants seeking refuge from violence in their countries is requiring additional billions of dollars to house and care for thousands of migrants.

"The bill languished for months in the Senate over assistance for Puerto Rico. And as it sat there, floods battered the Midwest and tornadoes swept the South," said House Appropriations Committee Chairwoman Nita Lowey, D-N.Y. "This legislation attempts to meet the needs of all of America's disaster-stricken communities — whether in Puerto Rico or the Midwest, California or the Carolinas."

Republicans on Thursday delivered a new offer to Democrats in hopes of finally breaking the legislation free, adding money for Puerto Rico and flooded Midwestern states. Lawmakers had hoped to have the legislation enacted into law by now but are now eying Memorial Day as an informal deadline.

"I've spoken to the president. I've spoken to the leader on the Senate side. I believe we can solve this all by next week," said top House Republican Kevin McCarthy of California. "Let's do this together. Let's show America that when it comes to a time of need that we all put partisanship aside."

Democrats regard the offer in a positive light.

"The Republicans are finally starting to realize they can't leave Puerto Rico behind, and that's a step in the right direction," said a spokesman for top Senate Democrat Chuck Schumer of New York. "Conversations continue."

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The White House and some Republicans want to add Trump's border request to the measure.

"We should provide much needed relief to communities recovering from hurricanes, floods, wildfires and tornadoes. But we cannot turn our backs on a border crisis that is growing worse by the day," said top Appropriations Committee Republican Kay Granger of Texas. "Law enforcement and humanitarian relief organizations are being pushed to the limit, and we must act now."

Democrats have resisted the idea of merging the border and disaster measures, saying that would delay the aid measure and complicate its passage.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., however, said in a brief interview that "there may be some pieces" of Trump's border request that could be added to the disaster aid measure in endgame negotiations. "We'll see."

Friday's measure originally added \$3 billion to the earlier House bill to help Midwest states such as Iowa and Nebraska recover from this spring's floods — but then was successfully amended on the floor numerous times by lawmakers in both parties, who added \$1.9 billion to the measure, chiefly to rebuild military bases in Nebraska and Florida and deliver more flood aid for the Midwest.

The measure also would extend the federal flood insurance program through September to give lawmakers more time to renew the program, which enjoys broad bipartisan support. The additional time would give the House and Senate banking panels time to develop a longer-term extension of the program.

AP Explains: New China tariffs likely to hit US consumers

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the Trump administration more than doubling tariffs on billions of dollars of Chinese imports, will Americans soon see higher prices on store shelves?

Yes, but it may take a few weeks. U.S. import taxes on \$200 billion of Chinese goods jumped to 25% on Friday, from 10%, as President Trump followed through on his threat to hike duties after he accused Chinese negotiators of backtracking on previous concessions they had made in ongoing trade talks.

The tariff hikes will impact thousands of items, including consumer goods like furniture, luggage, seafood and handbags. Businesses will pay more for chemicals, telecom equipment, and plastics. And car companies will pay more for auto parts, potentially raising new car prices.

Still, the most widely-purchased products that Americans buy from China — clothes, shoes, toys, and electronics such as the iPhone — have not yet been hit with extra tariffs. The Trump administration has sought to avoid taxing those items because the impact on consumers would be so visible. But Trump has threatened to change that if a deal isn't reached, and said he would place tariffs, if necessary, on the remaining \$290 billion or so of Chinese imports.

Here's a closer look at the tariff increase and how it might play out:

THE PRESIDENT SAYS CHINA IS PAYING THESE TARIFFS, NOT AMERICANS, RIGHT?

Yes, but he is wrong. Instead, American businesses and consumers will pay.

Friday morning Trump tweeted, "Tariffs will bring in FAR MORE wealth to our Country than even a phenomenal deal of the traditional kind." But that's not how import taxes work. They aren't paid by Chinese companies. They are paid by the U.S. importer, which can be a large retailer, a wholesaler, or a manufacturer. Those companies have to pay the tariffs or the products won't make it off the docks of a U.S. port.

Huge U.S. importers, such as major retail chains, may have the clout to force a Chinese supplier to cut their prices to offset some or all of the tariffs. But studies show that hasn't made much difference so far.

Including the China tariffs as well as other duties Trump has imposed on items such as steel, American businesses and consumers were paying \$3 billion a month in higher import taxes by the end of last year, according to a study in March by economists from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Columbia University, and Princeton University.

"Tariffs are taxes, paid for by Americans consumers and businesses, not by China," said David French, vice president of government relations at the National Retail Federation.

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SO WHAT WILL I PAY MORE FOR?

Look for higher costs for school backpacks when back-to-school shopping begins. If you're planning to remodel your home, higher tariffs on granite, marble, steel, lumber and other building materials will make that more expensive. The National Association of Home Builders estimates the duties will cost developers \$2.5 billion a year.

Furniture, including bedroom and office furniture, will get hit, as well as refrigerators and freezers, air conditioners, handbags, baseball gloves, bicycles, and luggage. Shrimp, tuna, fish sticks and many other types of sea food will also cost more.

About 80% of all luggage sold in the United States is from China, according to the U.S. Travel Goods Association. Most luggage and backpacks already face 17.6% duties and the extra tariffs will increase that to 42.6%, the trade group says.

Tiffany Williams, who owns The Luggage Shop in Lubbock, Texas, says most of the U.S. importers that she buys from quickly raised their prices 10% after the Trump administration first imposed 10% tariffs in late September. One vendor told her that they would raise their prices 25% immediately after Trump tweeted on Sunday his threat to lift tariffs to that level.

Williams has had to raise her prices as well, which has lowered sales, particularly for higher-priced brands such as Tumi and Briggs and Riley. Overall sales fell 8% during the winter holidays, she said, and she decided against hiring any seasonal employees, as she has in previous years.

"This has been a challenging time for our business," Williams said. Some vendors absorbed the 10% tariff hike and didn't pass on the cost, she said, but "I don't think anybody can eat an extra 15%."

Also, your next new car may cost more. The duties have been imposed on \$9.2 billion of auto part imports, according to the Peterson Institute for International Economics. Kristin Dziczek, a vice president at the Center for Automotive Research, calculates that the tariffs will raise the cost of U.S.-made cars by \$190, most of which will likely be passed on to the consumer.

A study by the Trade Partnership, a consulting firm that works with the NRF, found that the duties will cost the average family of four \$767 if they remain in place for at least a year.

WHEN WILL PRICES RISE?

It could take a few weeks.

The tariffs are being applied to products that are shipped from China on Friday, but not before. It takes about three weeks for a large container ship to reach the United States from China, so the first goods to pay the tariff won't arrive until then.

That might even allow U.S. and Chinese negotiators to reach a last-minute deal that could allow the U.S. to rescind the tariffs before they really take effect.

Still, some companies will use the tariff announcement to start billing retailers right away, French said. Some of those costs could then be passed quickly to consumers.

Either way, prices across the huge \$20 trillion U.S. economy won't move that much. A report by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco in February said that Chinese tariffs imposed last year — 25% on \$50 billion of imports, and the 10% on \$200 billion — had lifted consumer prices by just 0.1 percentage point.

HOW WILL ALL THESE TARIFFS IMPACT THE ECONOMY?

They will make a dent. Oxford Economics estimates that U.S. growth will slow by 0.3 percentage point in 2020.

More damage would occur if Trump follows through on his threat to slap 25% tariffs on all remaining Chinese imports, which totaled \$539.5 billion last year. Oxford estimates that would cut growth by 0.5 percentage point next year and cost the U.S. 300,000 jobs.

HAVE OTHER TARIFFS RAISED PRICES FOR CONSUMERS?

Yes. The Trump administration slapped a 20% tariff on all imports of washing machines early last year.

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That lifted prices on not only washers but also dryers by 12% each in the first half of 2018, according to a study by economists at the University of Chicago.

WHO warns Ebola could spread elsewhere if attacks don't stop

By KRISTA LARSON Associated Press

DAKAR, Senegal (AP) — The World Health Organization warned Friday that it may not be possible to contain Ebola to the two affected provinces in eastern Congo if violent attacks on health teams continue.

The ominous statement comes amid escalating violence nine months after the outbreak began, crippling efforts to identify suspected cases in the community and vaccinate those most at risk. Earlier this week, Mai-Mai militia fighters attacked the town of Butembo at the epicenter of the crisis.

The update also noted that a burial team had been "violently attacked" after they interred an Ebola victim in the town of Katwa. The corpses of victims are highly contagious, requiring special precautions to ensure the disease is not transmitted at funerals.

Nearly five days of Ebola response activities were halted in Butembo and surrounding areas recently because of the insecurity, WHO said.

"The ongoing violent attacks sow fear, perpetuate mistrust, and further compound the multitude of challenges already faced by frontline health care workers," it said. "Without commitment from all groups to cease these attacks, it is unlikely that this (Ebola) outbreak can remain successfully contained in North Kivu and Ituri provinces."

David Miliband, president of International Rescue Committee, has met with health workers in the regional capital of Goma this week. Some fear it could take another year to get the disease under control, he said.

"There is a real concern to make sure it doesn't spread to Goma," he said. "And so this is, I think, a more dangerous situation than is widely recognized outside the country."

The outbreak, which has killed 1,074 people, marks the first time that Ebola has struck inside a conflict zone. Eastern Congo has suffered decades of violence perpetrated by warring rebel groups and militias awash in arms.

The affected area, though, is also close to Congo's borders with Uganda and Rwanda, and health officials in both countries have been preparing in case someone sick with Ebola should bring the disease across international borders.

WHO and others have previously said that the risk of that happening was low. The difficulties in accessing some of the hardest hit areas in Congo, though, means that health workers are struggling to isolate the sick, and track down and isolate their caregivers and family members.

About half of those dying remained in their homes instead of seeking treatment at Ebola health centers, giving the virus an opportunity to spread to those in physical contact with victims.

Amid the rising number of cases, WHO said Friday that an advisory group was now recommending that those at high risk of contracting Ebola be given a vaccine dose of 0.5mL of vaccine instead of 1mL. The group is proposing that the vaccine be given more widely, including to those living in communities where there have been recent Ebola cases.

In addition to the risks posed by militias there also has been widespread community mistrust in eastern Congo, a byproduct of years of conflict and grievances with the government. WHO said it was aiming to have the of majority vaccine teams comprised of local health workers by the end of the month in an effort to reduce tensions.

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Utah event celebrates Transcontinental Railroad anniversary

By BRADY McCOMBS Associated Press

PROMONTORY, Utah (AP) — Music, bells and cannon fire rang out Friday at a remote spot in the Utah desert where the final spikes of the Transcontinental Railroad were hammered 150 years ago, uniting a

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nation long separated by vast expanses of desert, mountains and forests and fresh off the Civil War.

An estimated 20,000 people swarmed to the celebration at Golden Spike National Historic Park northwest of Salt Lake City — the signature event of several days of festivities marking the railroad's anniversary. Visitors came from as far as China, many decked out in old-fashioned dresses, top hats, bonnets and scarves.

The 1869 completion of the 1,800-mile (2,900 kilometer) rail line shortened cross-county travel from as long as six months in wagons and stagecoaches to about 10 days on the rails and served as a unifying moment for the nation. It became a pivotal moment in United States history that dramatically changed how people traveled and did business.

"It psychologically and symbolically bound the country," said Brad Westwood, Utah's senior public historian.

Interior Secretary David Bernhardt marveled at how engineering, courage and risk-taking came together to make it possible.

"The story of this site says so much about our country," Bernhardt said at the event, which included a reenactment of an iconic "champagne toast" photo of railroad workers perched atop facing stream locomotives giving cheers to the epic feat. "The joining of the two rail lines created a new sense of connectedness that helped form a common national identity."

The festivities featured many moments and remarks that highlighted the vital contribution of the Chinese workers who put in long hours in brutal conditions and haven't always received their proper due throughout history.

The ceremony started with a Chinese "lion dance," and the first speaker was Chinese historian Connie Young Yu. She lamented that descendants of Chinese workers were hardly a part of the 100th anniversary celebration in 1969.

"Today we take this opportunity at the 150th to reclaim our place in history," Young Yu said. "To honor the courage, fortitude and sacrifice of the Chinese railroad workers and their legacy in America."

U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao commended the estimated 12,000 Chinese workers who "risked everything" to build what she called "one of the greatest infrastructure projects" in U.S. history that unleashed explosive economic growth.

Freeman Lee came from his home in Sacramento, California, to "feel the presence" of his great-grandfather, who was among the Chinese workers who helped build the railroad. He proudly pointed out a page dedicated to his great-grandfather in a souvenir magazine for the event.

"It's long overdue," Lee said about the recognition.

Bill Hanmer drove with his wife from their Middletown, Virginia, home to check off a bucket list item. The 73-year-old pilot and train enthusiast said he desperately wanted to attend the 100th anniversary event but couldn't afford it.

The couple woke up before dawn to be at the site by 6 a.m. to avoid getting stuck in long lines of cars that stretched for miles on a two-lane country highway that was the only way in and out.

"I've been waiting for 50 years to come back," Hanmer said. "It's a special event. It was a history-changing event."

The laying of the final rails in 1869 triggered a famous telegraph that set off celebrations around the nation: "The last rail is laid. The last spike is driven. The Pacific railroad is completed. The point of junction is 1,086 miles west of the Missouri River and 690 miles east of Sacramento City."

The bells at Philadelphia's Independence Hall rang in celebration, a hundred guns were fired in New York, and American flags were hung in cities across the nation.

The golden spike included an inscription: "May God continue the unity of our country as this railroad unites the two great oceans of the world."

The railroad was built using horses, oxen, hand carts, wagons and the "brawn" of mostly Irish immigrants working on the Union Pacific portion that came from the East and mostly Chinese workers on the Central Pacific part that came from the West, said Westwood, the public historian. They worked day and night and risked their lives blasting through rocks and shoveling snow on frigid mountain peaks.

Westwood said the railroad was built by the "most discriminated and least appreciated people in America."

The epic construction project had a dark side, leading to the near annihilation of the bison, eventual loss

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of land for Native American tribes and the deaths of several hundred railroad workers, he added.

"It was a grand engineering feat," Westwood said. "It was a grand gesture to bind the nation after the Civil War, but it was also a story of human capital and what it took."

Stocks rebound as hopes rise that trade tensions will ease

By DAMIAN J. TROISE and ALEX VEIGA AP Business Writers

Wall Street capped a turbulent week with a late-day rally Friday after shaking off an early slump triggered by the latest escalation in the trade war between the U.S. and China.

The market fell sharply in the early going after the U.S. raised tariffs on \$200 billion worth of Chinese goods when negotiators failed to reach a deal. Hours later, remarks from President Donald Trump and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin gave investors reason for optimism.

First, Mnuchin told CNBC that the trade talks had been "constructive," which spurred the market's rebound. Then, in a late-afternoon tweet, Trump suggested the tariffs could be removed and that the trade talks "will continue."

The afternoon pickup led to a broad reversal in the market, leaving only health care stocks with a loss. Still, the buying did little to blunt the overall sharp decline for stocks this week. The benchmark S&P 500 index finished with its worst weekly loss of the year, 2.2%.

"Nobody wants to sell too aggressively just in case things get settled and the market rallies," said J.J. Kinahan, chief market strategist for TD Ameritrade. "As long as they're still talking there's a chance that this gets done."

The S&P 500 index rose 10.68 points, or 0.4%, to 2,881.40. The broad index, which earlier had been down 1.6%, has given back much of the gains it made in April. It's still up 14.9% for the year.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 114.01 points, or 0.4%, to 25,942.37. It was down as much as 358 earlier. The Nasdaq added 6.35 points, or 0.1%, to 7,916.94. The technology heavy index rebounded after having been down as much as 1.9% earlier.

The Russell 2000 index of small company stocks also closed higher after being down much of the day. It picked up 2.94 points, or 0.2%, to 1,572.99. Major indexes in Europe closed mostly higher.

Bond prices fell. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.47% from 2.45% late Thursday.

The higher tariffs from the U.S. and China's response that it would take "necessary countermeasures" rattled investors Friday who had been hoping for a quick resolution to the dispute. Confidence in that outcome had eased investors' concerns this year, along with a more patient Federal Reserve and solid economic data. It all added up to help push stocks to their hottest start to a year in decades.

The trade war has stressed consumers and companies with higher costs on goods. The latest tariff increase raises tariffs from 10% to 25% on \$200 billion of Chinese imports. Trump has signaled that he might expand penalties to all Chinese goods shipped to the U.S.

The reaction in the stock market this week has been sharp, but even after this week's tumult, the S&P 500 index remains within 2.2% of its record set on April 30.

That's because many investors continue to expect the United States and China to come to an agreement eventually, said Anthony Saglimbene, global market strategist at Ameriprise Financial. Neither country would benefit from not getting a deal, he said. In the meantime, the U.S. job market continues to grow, and balance sheets for American households remain better than before the Great Recession.

"We have advised long term investors to look through the noise of the next few weeks and what goes on with trade because the economy is strong and earnings should grow better than expected," Saglimbene said. "I wouldn't expect the market would go down 5 or 10% just because we put these tariffs on. I would expect it would decline 5 or 10% if the trade tensions are escalating."

Things, though, could get dicier not only if the U.S.-China talks break down but also if the trade war intensifies on other fronts. The United States may be nearing a decision on whether to impose tariffs on imports of European automobiles, for example.

The market's gains this year had been slow but steady up until this week. Prior to this week, the S&P 500 only had four losing weeks this year, most of them minor. Other than that, it's been mostly up amid a

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mostly muted year with no major market-moving news. Investors have been cautiously watching corporate earnings, and have been mostly surprised by solid results, though several big companies, including Mylan, TripAdvisor and Wynn Resorts fell sharply after disclosing disappointing earnings or outlooks.

The slump this week has been especially hard on technology stocks, which have far outpaced the rest of the market this year. Those companies do a lot of business in China and would stand to lose greatly if the trade war drags on.

The Nasdaq index, which is heavily weighted with technology stocks, lost 3% for the week after an even stronger run this year than the S&P 500. The weekly drop is only its third this year and the biggest since late December. The Nasdaq is still up 19.3% in 2019.

Uber had an inauspicious debut on the stock market. The giant ride-hailing company's hotly anticipated stock offering landed with a flop as its shares slid as low as \$41.06 in very heavy volume shortly after trading opened. That was well below Uber's initial offering price of \$45 a share. That price was already at the low end of its targeted price range. It closed 7.6% lower at \$41.57.

Investors are cautious about Uber after its main rival, Lyft, had a rollercoaster stock market debut on March 29. Lyft initially surged well beyond its IPO price, but then slumped on its first full day of trading. That stock closed Friday at \$51.09, down 7.4% on the day and well below its IPO price of \$72.

Energy futures finished mostly higher. Benchmark U.S. crude inched 0.1% lower to settle at \$61.66 per barrel. Brent crude, the international standard, closed 0.3% higher at \$70.62 per barrel.

Wholesale gasoline added 0.7% to \$1.99 per gallon. Heating oil gained 0.3% to \$2.05 per gallon. Natural gas picked up 0.9% to \$2.62 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Gold rose 0.2% to \$1,287.40 per ounce, silver added 0.1% to \$14.79 per ounce and copper inched 0.1% higher to \$2.77 per pound.

The dollar rose to 109.90 Japanese yen from 109.69 yen on Thursday. The euro strengthened to \$1.1231 from \$1.1224.

AP Business Writer Stan Choe contributed to this report.

Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Saturday, May 11, the 131st day of 2019. There are 234 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 11, 1996, an Atlanta-bound ValuJet DC-9 caught fire shortly after takeoff from Miami and crashed into the Florida Everglades, killing all 110 people on board.

On this date:

In 1502, Christopher Columbus left Cadiz, Spain, on his fourth and final trip to the Western Hemisphere.

In 1647, Peter Stuyvesant (STY'-veh-sunt) arrived in New Amsterdam to become governor of New Netherland.

In 1858, Minnesota became the 32nd state of the Union.

In 1935, the Rural Electrification Administration was created as one of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal programs.

In 1943, during World War II, U.S. forces landed on the Aleutian island of Attu, which was held by the Japanese; the Americans took the island 19 days later.

In 1953, a tornado devastated Waco, Texas, claiming 114 lives.

In 1960, Israeli agents captured Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

In 1973, the espionage trial of Daniel Ellsberg and Anthony Russo in the "Pentagon Papers" case came to an end as Judge William M. Byrne dismissed all charges, citing government misconduct.

In 1987, doctors in Baltimore transplanted the heart and lungs of an auto accident victim to a patient who gave up his own heart to another recipient. (Clinton House, the nation's first living heart donor, died

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14 months later.)

In 1998, India set off three underground atomic blasts, its first nuclear tests in 24 years. A French mint produced the first coins of Europe's single currency, the euro.

In 2006, Lawmakers demanded answers after a USA Today report that the National Security Agency was secretly collecting records of millions of ordinary Americans' phone calls; President George W. Bush sought to assure Americans their civil liberties were being "fiercely protected."

In 2010, Conservative leader David Cameron, at age 43, became Britain's youngest prime minister in almost 200 years after Gordon Brown stepped down and ended 13 years of Labour government.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama fired the top U.S. general in Afghanistan, replacing Gen. David McKiernan with Lt. Gen. Stanley McChrystal. Five U.S. troops were shot and killed at a mental health clinic on a Baghdad base; the shooter, Sgt. John Russell, was later sentenced to life in prison without parole. American journalist Roxana Saberi, imprisoned on espionage charges in Iran for four months, was freed. President Barack Obama met at the White House with representatives of the health care industry who promised to cut \$2 trillion in costs over 10 years. Pope Benedict XVI arrived in Israel on a visit to the Holy Land. The space shuttle Atlantis blasted off on a mission to repair the Hubble Space Telescope.

Five years ago: Pro-Russian insurgents in eastern Ukraine said voters overwhelmingly favored sovereignty in balloting that the Ukraine central government and the West denounced as an illegal sham. Musa Dayib, a 15-month-old toddler, miraculously survived an 11-story fall from a Minneapolis high-rise apartment balcony. Jeb Stuart Magruder, 79, a Watergate conspirator-turned minister, died in Danbury, Connecticut.

One year ago: President Donald Trump unveiled his long-promised plan to bring down drug prices; the plan mostly spared the pharmaceutical industry and didn't include his campaign pledge to use the Medicare program's buying power to directly negotiate lower prices for seniors. R&B singer R. Kelly went ahead with a concert in Greensboro, North Carolina, despite calls for a boycott stemming from longstanding allegations of sexual misconduct.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Mort Sahl is 92. Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan is 86. Jazz keyboardist Carla Bley is 83. Rock singer Eric Burdon (The Animals; War) is 78. Actress Pam Ferris is 71. Former White House chief of staff John F. Kelly is 69. Actress Shohreh Aghdashloo (SHOH'-reh ahg-DAHSH'-loo) is 67. Actress Frances Fisher is 67. Sports columnist Mike Lupica is 67. Actor Boyd Gaines is 66. Country musician Mark Herndon (formerly with Alabama) is 64. Actress Martha Quinn is 60. Country singer-musician Tim Raybon (The Raybon Brothers) is 56. Actor Tim Blake Nelson is 55. Actor Jeffrey Donovan is 51. Country musician Keith West (Heartland) is 51. Actor Nicky Katt is 49. Actor Coby Bell is 44. Cellist Perttu Kivilaakso (PER'-tuh KEE'-wee-lahk-soh) is 41. Actor Austin O'Brien is 38. Actor-singer Jonathan Jackson is 37. Rapper Ace Hood is 31. Latin singer Prince Royce is 30. Actress Annabelle Attanasio (TV: "Bull") is 26. Musician Howard Lawrence (Disclosure) is 25.

Thought for Today: "No idea is so antiquated that it was not once modern. No idea is so modern that it will not someday be antiquated." — Ellen Glasgow, American author (1874-1945).