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Chicken Soup
for the Soul

"We can only be said to
be alive in those
moments when our
HEARTS
are conscious of our
treasures."

-Thornton Wilder

Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

Swimming Pool Hours

Open Swim Daily: 1 p.m. to 4:50 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 8:50 p.m.

Fun Night is every Friday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:50 p.m.

Adult Water Aerobics: Monday through Thursday: 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 pm

Adult Lap Swim: Monday through Friday: 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.; Monday through Thursday: 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.; Friday-Sunday: 4:50 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Swimming Lessons: First Session: June 17-27

CLOSED: Recycling Trailer in Groton

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

Tuesday, June 4

5:30 p.m.: U10 Pee Wees host Borge (R,W)

5:30 p.m.: U8 Pee Wees host Borge on Nelson Field, (DH) (B)

6:30 p.m.: U12 Midgets host Borge

Olive Grove Golf Course: Bridge at Noon, Ladies League at 6 p.m.

7:00 p.m.: City Council Meeting at Groton Community Center

Wednesday, June 5

6:00 p.m.: T-Ball scrimmage at Falk Field (both) Softball hosts Britton, U12 (DH), 6 p.m.

Olive Grove: Kid's Golf Lessons from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Men's League at 6 p.m.

Normal Garbage Pickup resumes today

According to city supervisor, Terry Herron, normal garbage pickup in Groton will resume with this morning's service.

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Groton City Council Meeting Agenda
June 4, 2019 – 7:00pm
Groton Community Center

1. Appoint Ward 1 Vacancy
2. Public Comments - pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1
(Public Comments will offer the opportunity for anyone not listed on the agenda to speak to the council. Speaking time will be limited to 3 minutes. No action will be taken on questions or items not on the agenda.)
3. Minutes
4. Bills
5. Department reports
6. Agreement Between Owner & Engineer for Professional Services for the Water System Improvements & Water Tower project
7. Second reading of Ordinance #727 Water rates & Sewer Rate Revision
8. Moral Obligation to Pay \$135 in the SDPAA claim regarding the Immunity from Liability for Emergency Care
9. Amateur Baseball team home games – BYOB at the City ballfield June 9, 16, July 14, 21, 23 – Beer and Wine ONLY
10. Executive session personnel & legal 1-25-2 (1) & (3)
11. Adjournment

The Life of Gladys Marcella Beck



Ipswich, SD- Funeral service for Gladys Marcella Beck, 90, of Ipswich and formerly of Herreid will be 10:30 am, Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at First Reformed Church in Herreid. Rev. Cody Schwichtenberg will officiate.

Burial will be in Artas Cemetery, rural Artas, SD.

There will be visitation Tuesday from 5:00-7:00 pm at the funeral home.

Gladys died May 31, 2019 at Sanford Aberdeen Medical Center.

Gladys was born May 12, 1929 to Edwin and Lydia (Kautz) Zimmerman on the family homestead near Artas. Gladys was united in marriage to Floyd Beck on December 14, 1951 at Artas Baptist Church. Floyd completed his military duties on September 24, 1954 and then at that time the couple began farming two miles west of Artas where they were general farmers, raising livestock and small grains. Gladys and Floyd moved to Herreid in November 1994. They continued to work on the farm until they moved to Ipswich in July 2012. Floyd died February 24, 2017. Gladys entered Ipswich Care and Rehabilitation Center December 12, 2018.

Gladys and Floyd enjoyed traveling in their semi-retirement years. She was also

very talented at sewing, cooking, baking and canning.

She was a member of Artas and Herreid First Reformed Church and Artas Ladies Aide. She was also a very active member and past president of Jacob Heinrich American Legion Post #170 Auxiliary in Herreid.

She is survived by her children, Cynthia (John) Neifer of Eureka, SD, Diann (Brad) Morehouse of Andover, SD and Vaughn (Julie) Beck of Ipswich, SD; 12 grandchildren, Matthew Beck, Marcus Beck, Amy Feil, Jeanne Josten, Carmen Anderson, Travis Neifer, Justin Morehouse, Brent Morehouse, Jesse Morehouse, Desiree Foltz, Emily Marcotte and Philip Beck and 21 great-grandchildren; one sister, Lorene (Harry) Hoff of Eureka; three brothers, LeRoy Zimmerman of Sioux Falls, SD, Steve (Connie) Zimmerman of Hemet, CA and Keith (Pam) Zimmerman of Eureka; and brother-in-law, Chester Beck of Herreid.

Preceding Gladys in death were her parents, husband, son, Kenneth Beck (2002), great-granddaughter, Emerald Beck, sisters, Frances Joachim and Rose Marie Weist and brother, LaVerne Zimmerman.

Honorary Casketbearers will be members of Jacob Heinrich American Legion Post #170 Auxiliary.

Casketbearers will be Matthew Beck, Marcus Beck, Travis Neifer, Justin Morehouse, Brent Morehouse, Philip Beck and Jesse Morehouse.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorials to Herreid Community Foundation.

Carlsen Funeral Home of Eureka has been entrusted with arrangements. www.carlsenfhome.com

Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

Last week, we went through the top half of the NFL power rankings. This week, we turn our attention to the bottom half. The beautiful thing about the NFL is teams can turn around their fortunes quickly. It wasn't long ago that the Cleveland Browns were considered one of the worst teams in the NFL, but now, most people believe they are one of the stronger teams across the league. So the teams listed below are there for a reason, but there is a strong possibility a few of these teams will surprise this year and move their way up.

17 – Baltimore Ravens. The Ravens were tough to place this year. The team has moved on from long-time quarterback Joe Flacco and are resting their future on the arm and legs of Lamar Jackson. There is no doubt Jackson is an exciting player, but if teams can shut down the run/pass option, the Ravens will be in trouble.

18 – Pittsburgh Steelers. The Steelers used to be known for their defense. Over the last few years, that has flipped, and they were known for their offense featuring the Killer Bs (Ben Roethlisberger, Antonio Brown and Le'Veon Bell). Now, Brown and Bell are gone, and the defense isn't what it used to be.

19 – Jacksonville Jaguars. Will this Jaguars team be the one who went 10-6 in 2017 and won the AFC South? Or will it be the team who hadn't had a winning record in 10 of their last 11 seasons?

20 – Carolina Panthers. The Panthers are another team who could be better than this at the end of the season. It all rests on quarterback Cam Newton's health. With as much as he runs (did you know he is fourth among active players for rushing touchdowns?), he needs to learn to better protect his body, which in turn will protect the Panthers' season.

21 – San Francisco 49ers. The 49ers are a good team, but it remains to be seen if Jimmy Garoppolo is truly a franchise quarterback. The team has a solid defense and added exciting pieces on offense, but the question mark at quarterback is what is holding the team back right now.

22 – Detroit Lions. The Lions didn't do much to get better this offseason. The selection of another top-10 tight end was a real head-scratcher. T.J. Hockenson is a good player, but he won't move the needle much for the Lions and their chances to make noise in the NFC North.

23 – Buffalo Bills. I liked the pick of Ed Oliver for the Bills in the draft, but there are holes all over the roster that didn't get filled, particularly at the offensive skill positions.

24 – Denver Broncos. The Broncos moved on from the Case Keenum experiment and replaced him with Joe Flacco. They also upgraded their offensive line with the selection of Dalton Risner. The team appears set up for the future, but that won't help them in 2019.

25 – Oakland Raiders. The Raiders made some big moves this offseason, trading for Antonio Brown and adding Vontaze Burfict and Richie Incognito in free agency. I don't think all those big personalities can fit on the same team, but if nothing else it will be fun to watch them implode.

26 – New York Jets. The Jets appear to have found a franchise quarterback in Sam Darnold. Unfortunately for them, the entire front office seems to be in disarray.

27 – Washington Redskins. The Redskins are another team with a dysfunctional front office. They drafted Dwayne Haskins, but it will take a few years before they see any results from the pick.

28 – New York Giants. The Giants finally selected the heir apparent to Eli Manning. Unfortunately, that player was Daniel Jones, who the team took with the 6th overall pick. I'm not a fan of the pick if you can't tell.

29 – Tampa Bay Buccaneers. The Bucs have a decent quarterback in Jameis Winston and a very good wide receiver in Mike Evans. But that's about it.

30 – Cincinnati Bengals. The Bengals seem to just be spinning their wheels. Andy Dalton is not going to get it done, but the team refuses to find a viable replacement for him.

31 – Arizona Cardinals. The Cardinals could move up these rankings, but it all depends how quickly first-overall pick Kyler Murray acclimates himself to the NFL.

32 – Miami Dolphins. The Dolphins are so bad, Teddy Bridgewater turned down a chance to be their starting quarterback and instead chose to go back to New Orleans to back up Drew Brees.

Do you agree with my rankings? Reach out to me on Twitter (@JordanWrightNFL) with any questions or comments you may have. Skol!

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Pump Prices Continue to Push Lower for Majority of Motorists

June 3, 2019 - Today's national average is \$2.81, which is two cents cheaper than last week, eight cents less than last month and 13 cents less than last year. With the exception of the Rockies states, Alaska and Indiana, motorists across the country are saving as much as 23 cents/gallon to fill up as compared to last month.

"Gas prices have been trending lower now for the past month and there are no signs of pump prices changing gears toward more expensive for the summer season," said Marilyn Buskohl, AAA spokesperson. "One major indicator supporting this forecast is the price of crude oil which last week dropped by \$6 to \$53/bbl, which is one of the lowest prices of the year."

South Dakota Average Gas Prices:

Current Avg. \$2.767

Yesterday Avg. \$2.778

Week Ago Avg. \$2.768

Month Ago Avg. \$2.795

Year Ago Avg. \$2.884

How low will gas prices go? Stay tuned for AAA's 2019 summer forecast, which will be released later this week.

Quick Stats

The nation's top 10 least expensive markets are: Mississippi (\$2.39), Louisiana (\$2.39), Alabama (\$2.41), South Carolina (\$2.43), Arkansas (\$2.46), Texas (\$2.48), Tennessee (\$2.48), Missouri (\$2.53), Virginia (\$2.54) and Oklahoma (\$2.55).

The nation's top 10 largest monthly decreases are: Florida (-23 cents), Delaware (-16 cents), Georgia (-15 cents), California (-14 cents), North Carolina (-14 cents), Louisiana (-13 cents), Mississippi (-13 cents), Texas (-13 cents), Tennessee (-12 cents) and South Carolina (-11 cents).

Great Lakes and Central States

There is some volatility at the pump across the Great Lakes and Central states with eight states seeing gas prices increase since last Monday, a trend recently only seen among West Coast and a few Rockies states. On the week, Ohio (+11 cents) saw the largest increase in the country and region, followed by: Illinois (+3 cents), Nebraska (+2 cents), Iowa (+2 cents), Kansas (+1 cent), Missouri (+1 cent), Indiana (+1 cent) and North Dakota (+1 cent). These states are seeing pump prices push higher in part due to regional refinery maintenance.

For the five other regional states, their averages all held steady on the week, but that could quickly change to increases in the week ahead if refinery maintenance drags on. In the region, Illinois (\$3.00) carries the largest average followed by Michigan (\$2.88).

Oil market dynamics

At the close of Friday's formal trading session on the NYMEX, WTI fell by \$3.09 to \$53.50. Crude prices suffered a major loss last week, the largest in six months, after new trade tensions emerged between the U.S. and Mexico, a key U.S. trade partner and a major supplier of crude oil. Threats from the Trump Administration to increase tariffs on all products exported from Mexico to the U.S, including crude compound concerns about global economic growth, already at risk due to the U.S.-China trade war. That dispute has prompted market observers to worry about a recession, which could suppress global crude demand later this year. Moving into this week, growing global trade war fears will likely push crude prices down.

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Today in Weather History

June 4, 1984: Heavy rains of up to seven inches caused the Bad River to rise over 23 feet in six hours at Fort Pierre. Flash flooding resulted as a dam, 17 miles west of Fort Pierre gave way, and an irrigation dam near town was damaged. Water covered some roads and bridges. Many homes had water damage. Strong thunderstorm winds gusting up to 60 mph downed numerous branches and several signs in Faulk, Edmunds, McPherson, and Brown Counties.

June 4, 1991: Heavy rains of 2 to 5 inches caused street flooding in Harrold. Several county roads in Stanley, Sully, Hughes, and Lyman Counties were closed due to flooding. Some rainfall amounts include 1.83 inches at Oahe Dam; 1.96 inches, 12 miles SSW of Harrold; and 3.20 inches, two miles North of Onaka.

June 4, 1993: An earthquake measuring 4.1 on the Richter scale shook a portion of northeast South Dakota but caused no real damage or injuries. The epicenter of the quake was 22 miles northwest of Morris, Minnesota or 38 miles east of Sisseton and was felt in most of Roberts, Grant, and Deuel Counties. The quake was the first in the area since 1975.

1825: A severe storm of tropical origin swept up the Atlantic Coast during the first week of June 1825 with reports of significant damage from Florida to New York City. Shipping logs told of a disturbance at Santo Domingo on May 28th and Cuba on June 1st. Gales were reported at St. Augustine, Florida on the 2nd. The Norfolk and Portsmouth Herald reported "undiminished violence" from the gale force winds for 27 hours, ending on June 4th. The effect of the storm reached well inland. Washington had cold, heavy rain all day on the 4th with high winds laying the crops in the vicinity. The wind also tore up trees by the roots in front of the State House in Philadelphia. This storm impacted the New Jersey Coast and the Long Island area as well with high winds and a two-foot storm surge. A Columbian frigate was driven ashore as were many smaller boats. The largest loss of life occurred along the Long Island shore when a schooner capsized. The entire crew of seven was lost.

1860 - Iowa's Commanche Tornado , with wind speeds estimated in excess of 300 mph, was unquestionably one of the worst experienced by early settlers, with nearly a million dollars damage. (The Weather Channel)

1877: A tornado of estimated F4 intensity touched down just west of Mt. Carmel, Illinois and moved east-northeast, devastating the town. 20 businesses and 100 homes were damaged or destroyed. At least 16 people and as many as 30 were killed, with 100 others injured.

1982 - A four day storm began over New England which produced up to 14 inches of rain in southern Connecticut breaching twenty-three dams and breaking two others. Damage was estimated at more than 276 million dollars. (David Ludlum)






1987 - Early morning thunderstorms in south Texas produced 6.5 inches of rain at Hockheim, and five inches at Hallettsville, in just a few hours. Afternoon thunderstorms in Virginia deluged northern Halifax County with 5.5 inches of rain in two hours. Thunderstorms produced wind gusts to 76 mph at Dusty WA, and wind gusts to 88 mph at Swanquarter NC. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - A dozen cities in the eastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date, including Atlantic City NJ with a reading of 40 degrees. Fifteen cities in the north central U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date, including Glasgow MT and Havre MT with readings of 102 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather from the Southern Plains Region and the Lower Mississippi Valley to the Southern Atlantic Coast Region during the day and into the night. Just four tornadoes were reported, but there were 87 reports of large hail and damaging winds. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
				
Partly Sunny then Chance T-storms	Slight Chance T-storms then Mostly Clear	Sunny	Increasing Clouds	Mostly Sunny
High: 92 °F	Low: 59 °F	High: 83 °F	Low: 58 °F	High: 87 °F

Severe Weather Threat This PM

WHAT

Main Threats

- Quarter Size Hail
- Wind Gusts of 60 mph

WHERE

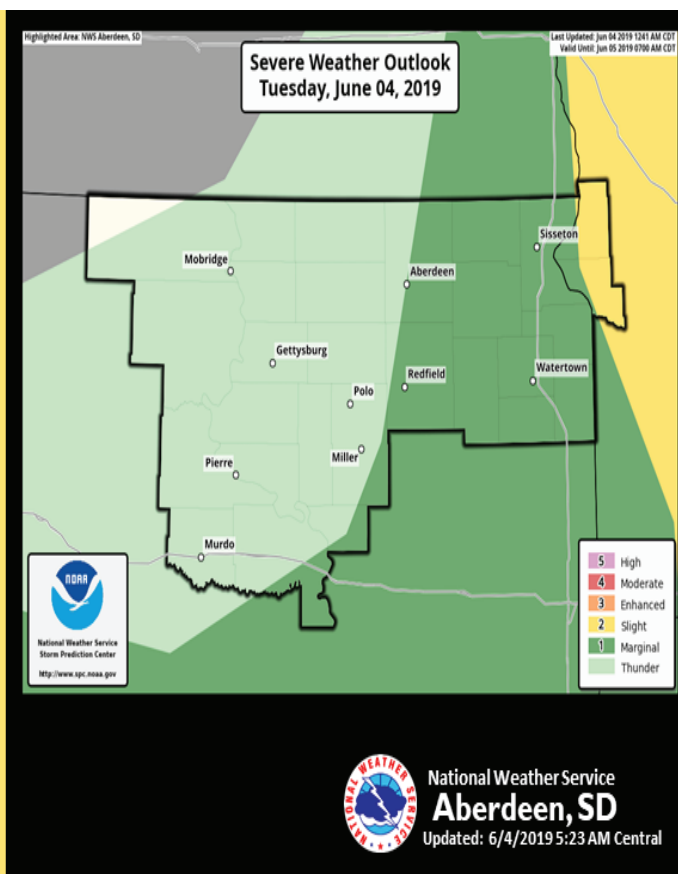
Along and east of the James River.

WHEN

This Afternoon into Late Evening.

ACTION

Monitor the weather and have a plan if severe weather strikes your area.



Published on: 06/04/2019 at 6:28AM

Warm temperatures are expected today with highs in the upper 80s, to the lower 90s. A cold front sliding southward will bring isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms this afternoon through late evening. Some storms in eastern South Dakota and western Minnesota could become strong to severe. Quarter size and wind gusts of 60 mph will be the main threats.

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Yesterday's Groton Weather

High Temp: 84 °F at 3:56 PM

Low Temp: 60 °F at 3:38 AM

Wind: 22 mph at 8:12 AM

Day Rain: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 101° in 1933

Record Low: 34° in 1954

Average High: 74°F

Average Low: 51°F

Average Precip in June.: 0.234

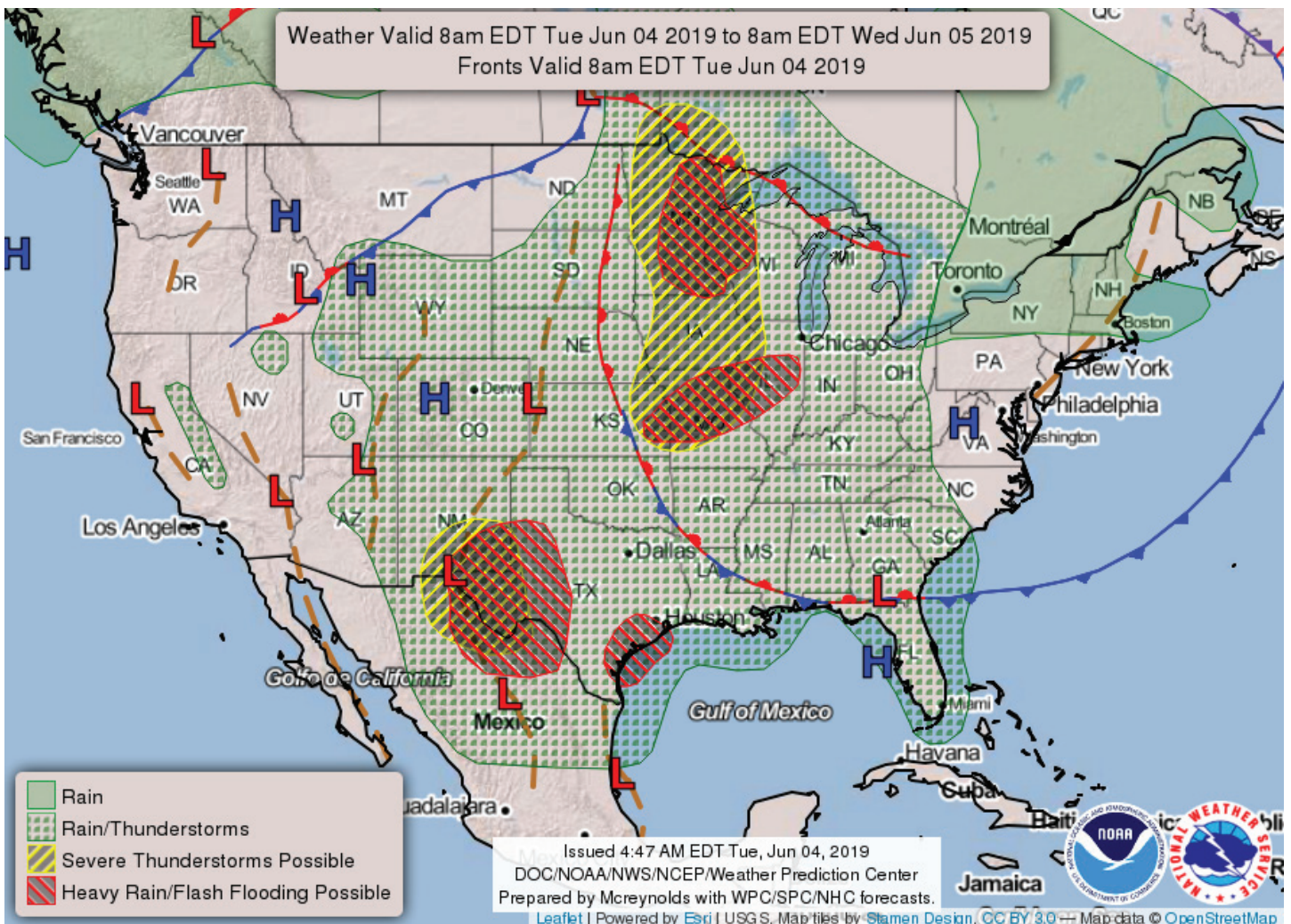
Precip to date in June.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 7.48

Precip Year to Date: 7.97

Sunset Tonight: 9:17 p.m.

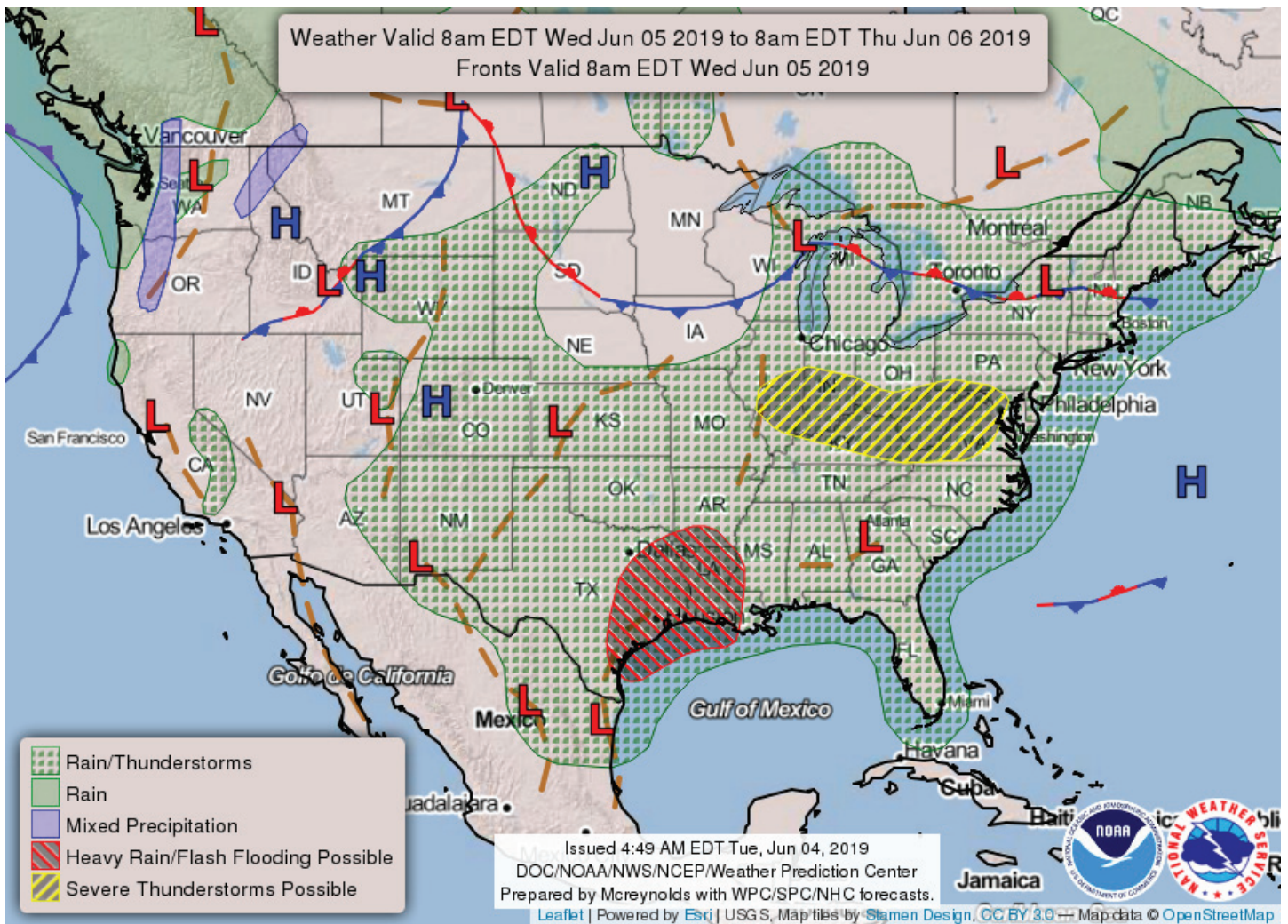
Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:47 a.m.



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Tomorrow's Weather Map



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FOR GODS GLORY

Nearly everyone in our organization had a difficult time working with Gustav. He was born and educated in Germany and continually challenged everyone about any and everything. It was not so much that he thought he was smarter or superior to us, but he relentlessly made everyone think about what they were doing. For him, everything had to have a purpose.

Why are you doing that? he would ask. Or What good will that do? And, if those questions were not answered to his satisfaction he would ask the ultimate and most difficult question of all, Whats the purpose of what you are doing? It was like working with small children who asked endless questions because they did not understand what was going on.

Eventually, we came to respect Gus. He forced us to be certain that everything we did had a purpose. If not, we were wasting time that would be lost forever.

The Lord works out everything for His own purpose - even the wicked for a day of disaster, wrote Solomon. Whatever we do and wherever we are is an important part of the plan that God has personally designed for each of us. We must always remember that everything is under Gods control. Whatever is, is because God allowed it. Even evil things done by evil men fit into His plan and purpose. Their deeds are a result of their choices, and God will not allow them to escape His judgment or wrath. Wrong does not become right until God intervenes.

Paul explained it well: For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Ultimately, we will see His purpose in everything.

Prayer: Lord, may we always be mindful that this is Your world, and we are Your creation. You indeed are the Creator/Redeemer and will make all things right. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Scripture For Today: Proverbs16:4 The Lord works out everything for His own purpose - even the wicked for a day of disaster.

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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)

News from the Associated Press

University of Wyoming president to take job in South Dakota

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — Outgoing University of Wyoming President Laurie Nichols will become president of a South Dakota university.

The Laramie Boomerang reports Nichols will begin work as president of Black Hills State University on July 1, one day after her contract expires in Wyoming.

A statement by Black Hills State Monday says Nichols will serve as president in “a temporary capacity” while a national search is conducted for a permanent president at the school in Spearfish, 12 miles (19 kilometers) from the Wyoming border.

Nichols is a native of Colman, South Dakota, and spent two decades as an administrator at South Dakota State University before becoming the University of Wyoming’s first female president in 2016.

In a May 24 interview, Nichols did not indicate she intended to immediately take another presidential position.

Information from: Laramie Boomerang, <http://www.laramieboomerang.com>

South Dakota farmers gain some ground on planting

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota farmers have gained some ground on planting corn and soybeans, thanks to a better week for fieldwork.

The federal crop report for the week ending Sunday says corn planting was 44 percent, well behind the 96 percent both last year and for the five-year average.

Soybean planting also remains behind, with only 14 percent planted compared with 83 percent last year and an average of 82 percent.

Wet weather has kept South Dakota farmers out of their fields this planting season. But last week was better, with 3.4 days suitable for fieldwork.

New space dedicated to missing, slain indigenous women

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A Rapid City group has dedicated space inside an arts center for the communities and families of missing and murdered Native American women.

The Red Ribbon Skirt Society opened a healing center at the Racing Magpie in March, the Rapid City Journal reported.

The organization wants to raise awareness about the deaths and disappearances of indigenous women, children, two-spirited and transgender people. Their plight has been highlighted in a national movement marked by marches, vigils and legislation.

On its website, the Indian Health Service says two-spirited people include members of the LGBTQ community, though the term can be applied more broadly and “does not simply mean someone who is a Native American/Alaska Native and gay.”

Lily Mendoza, who founded the group, said the center serves as a place for prayer, reflection and healing. “At least families can go somewhere to pray and feel that maybe their presence may be there or their spirit is there to help them through that process,” she said.

The organization’s members also meet weekly to work on projects, plan events and continue educating themselves about violence against Native American women.

A 2008 study funded by the Department of Justice found that in some counties, indigenous women are killed at a rate more than 10 times the national average. The Seattle-based Urban Indian Health Institute has noted that data and media coverage about missing and murdered indigenous women are often incomplete.

Carla Douglas, a member of the Red Ribbon Skirt Society, added that when transgender people go

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missing or are killed, police sometimes share their wrong gender with the media or unsupportive families call them by their old name.

The group earlier this year created an exhibit displaying the names of missing and murdered Native American women at Rapid City's Journey Museum and Learning Center. Several families traveled to the installation and left prayer offerings, which inspired the group to create the healing space, Mendoza said.

"Some of the families felt like their child, their mother, their whoever, had been forgotten and so I felt that we needed to make sure that they weren't," she said.

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

Hagmaier elected bishop of ELCA South Dakota Synod

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has elected a new bishop.

The Rev. Constanze Hagmaier was elected on the fifth ballot during the synod's recent two-day assembly in Sioux Falls. Hagmaier most recently served as administrative pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Madison.

Hagmaier received 250 votes. The Rev. Bill Tesch, director of evangelical mission and associate to the bishop of the South Dakota Synod, received 247 votes.

Hagmaier will take office on Sept. 1. The Argus Leader reports she succeeds David Zellmer, who was term-limited after serving two six-year terms. An installation service will take place on Sept. 7 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls.

101-year-old receives Boy Scout Eagle Palm awards

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The Boy Scouts of America have given a Sioux Falls man the awards he earned decades ago after completing his Eagle Scout rank.

The Boy Scouts awarded four Eagle Palms to Duane Greenfield while he celebrated his 101st birthday over the weekend with his family. The palms are awards given for merit badges earned after the 21 required to reach the Eagle Scout rank. Greenfield earned 41 merit badges.

The palm awards weren't around when Greenfield was a Boy Scout. So, the organization made the awards retroactively for the work that Greenfield had accomplished long ago.

The Argus Leader says Greenfield joined the Boy Scouts in 1930 when he was 12 years old. He earned his Eagle Scout ranking at age 17. Scout officials say very few Eagles earn full palms.

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

Excerpts from recent South Dakota editorials

By The Associated Press

Argus Leader, Sioux Falls, May 31

Noem's pheasant hunting initiative needs better aim

In a general sense, it's encouraging to see Gov. Kristi Noem aggressively address the issue of South Dakota's pheasant population as it pertains to hunting and the state's economy.

Bagging birds is big business, as evidenced by the more than \$130 million spent annually by out-of-state sportsmen, helping to make tourism one of the state's most vital industries.

Sagging pheasant numbers and shrinking habitat are problems worth solving, and Noem rolled out her Second Century Initiative — a nod to the recent 100-year anniversary of pheasant hunting — as an ambitious effort to keep the Pheasant Country reputation alive.

As to the actual details of the plan, well, that's where things have bogged down.

The governor managed to alienate some state lawmakers and sportsmen by barreling ahead with programs funded outside standard legislative or rule-making processes, with little initial public input.

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On the heels of earmarking \$1 million in state funds for the preservation and expansion of pheasant habitat, Noem pushed ahead with plans to address predator control as a means of stabilizing and restoring pheasant population numbers.

This took the form of a nest predator bounty program, in which the state pays a \$10 bounty for the tails of raccoons, skunks, possums, badgers and red fox. There was also a live trap giveaway program that saw the state distribute 16,000 traps at a cost approaching another \$1 million.

That money came from license revenue that could have been diverted elsewhere for habitat growth, leading to questions about the unilateral authority of the Game, Fish and Parks Department to establish the bounty program and other initiatives without sufficient review.

The legislative Rules Review Committee addressed this in early May, reverting the habitat program back to the GF&P Commission amid concerns about the bounty system, the timeline to allow trapping on public land and a publicly funded reward program for submitting habitat ideas to the state.

Faced with questions about whether a sprawling amateur trapping program will achieve positive results or whether it could adversely affect the ecosystem, GF&P officials responded not with scientific conclusions but broad declarations of trap-based family bonding.

"It's amazing to hear some of those success stories of folks that are getting their kids out trapping and how excited these kids get when they have an animal in the trap," said GF&P deputy secretary Kevin Robling.

Such affirmations notwithstanding, the fact that Noem's initiative is generating friction so early in the game doesn't speak well for the rollout, which necessitated a style and form veto by the governor in late March to fix a drafting error and clarify legislative intent.

Though Noem dismissed the notion of blue-ribbon panels during her campaign, this issue of long-term conservation and habitat growth is complex and consequential enough to make a call for experts — or at least more responsiveness to public input — an appropriate next step.

The uncertain flow of federal funding makes it imperative that South Dakota develop its own stream of appropriations to protect the state's status as a reliable hunting destination. Perhaps the most bold and impactful initiative would be to find a form of tolerable taxation to make Noem's Second Century vision viable for decades to come.

The governor has placed appropriate emphasis on South Dakota's time-honored tradition as a sportsmen's paradise, mindful of the economic benefits attached to that legacy.

For the self-proclaimed Sportsman in Chief to provide lasting leadership on the issue, she'll need to fill in some blanks and get stakeholders on board before being so ready and eager to pull the trigger.

Rapid City Journal, May 30

Preserve solitude of Deerfield Lake

Only the silent beckoning of fish breaks from Deerfield Lake on a typical morning.

It's easy to understand why an angler skimming its rippling waters would want to throttle up to reach a favorite spot 20 minutes sooner. If only that extra speed didn't spoil the solitude for others.

The future of a longstanding no-wake restriction at Deerfield Lake will be considered by the Game, Fish & Parks Commission in Pierre next week. In April, an angler petitioned the commission to replace the no-wake restriction and 5 mph speed limit with a 25 mph speed limit. The public meeting begins at 2 p.m. Central time June 6 at the Ramkota Hotel. Written public comments on the proposal may be submitted through June 3 at <https://gfp.sd.gov/forms/positions/>.

Public input will be a key factor in the commission's decision.

Silence often gets overlooked when it speaks for itself. Poets occasionally can supply a voice.

"The silence sings," writes Henry David Thoreau. "It is musical. I remember a night when it was audible. I heard the unspeakable."

We hope other lovers of solitude will add their voices to the public record.

Deerfield Lake was created during the 1940s when the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation constructed a dam on Castle Creek, 16 miles northwest of Hill City in the rural west-central portion of the Black Hills National

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Forest.

Deerfield's no-wake restriction — which by definition includes a speed limit of 5 mph — is at least 55 years old, according to the U.S. Forest Service, which manages the land around the lake pursuant to a memorandum of understanding with the Bureau of Reclamation.

At 414 acres of water surface area, Deerfield is the second-largest lake in the central Black Hills, behind Pactola Reservoir's 860 acres and ahead of Sheridan Lake's 375 acres. Parts of Pactola and Sheridan are designated as no-wake or swimming zones, but fast boats usually make those waters too choppy for fishermen by 11 a.m. on summer weekends.

Those who support faster speeds on Deerfield say a 25 mph limit would improve fishing opportunities while keeping away noisome water skiers and jet skiers. Opponents say a 25 mph limit would ruin Deerfield's soulfulness.

Some but not all people embrace silence in nature. For them, a restorative balm exists in hearing only those sounds which rang familiar during the first million or so years of human development.

Madison Daily Leader, Madison, May 30

Netting must be extended at games

A young girl was injured Wednesday when a foul ball at a Houston Astros game struck her in the stands. Foul balls or home runs hit into the stands may be part of the fan experience, but we believe that tradition needs to change to improve fan safety.

The problem isn't typically the high fly balls that drop into the stands with fans reaching up to grab a souvenir. It's the line drives down the first base or third base lines. These balls come in much faster, reducing reaction time and causing more injuries, sometimes serious ones.

Some baseball historians believe the first protective netting was installed behind home plate at a professional game as early as 1879. All teams adopted nets by the early 20th Century, but the size was mostly left up to the clubs. Major League Baseball required ballparks to extend their netting to at least the ends of the dugouts at the beginning of the 2018 season.

Flynn Field in Madison has good protection for all the seating areas. It would be possible to be struck if a fan is standing or walking outside the seating areas.

Some fans now are calling for nets to be extended all the way to the foul poles. We heartily endorse this idea. We've seen in person a serious injury when a hard-hit foul ball struck a fan in the face. Neither adults nor children should be subject to that kind of danger while they are enjoying a game, eating a hot dog or texting a friend. The combination of stronger athletes, faster pitches and a livelier ball means batted balls are traveling faster than ever. A typical line drive goes about 150 feet in one second.

Nets could easily be extended to foul poles without reducing visibility. Today's materials technology should be able to produce thin, sturdy nets that are virtually see-through. The protection should be extended to foul poles as quickly as possible.

Trump turns from pomp to business in UK visit

By JONATHAN LEMIRE and KEVIN FREKING Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Moving from pageantry to policy during his state visit to Britain, President Donald Trump on Tuesday urged embattled Prime Minister Theresa May to "stick around" to complete a U.S.-U.K. trade deal, adding to this recent chapter of uncertainty in the allies' storied relationship.

The president, whose praise for May comes after he spent days touting her possible successors, met with the prime minister and corporate executives from the United States and United Kingdom as part of a day of negotiations ahead of a news conference on Trump's second day on British soil. The leaders' top priority is a possible bilateral trade deal to be negotiated once - or if — the U.K. leaves the European Union.

May has been dogged by her failure to secure Brexit. She plans to resign Friday, days after Trump departs England, as head of the Conservative Party but remain as prime minister until her successor is

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chosen. Trump has been sharply critical of May in the past but only had warm words for her Tuesday as he urged her to stay to “get this deal done.”

“I think we’ll have a very, very substantial trade deal,” said Trump, extolling its virtues for both nations. “I think that this is something we both want to do ... we’re going to get it done.”

After Trump suggested May stay on, most in the room chuckled. The two leaders later warmly chatted during a tour of 10 Downing St., the prime minister’s office, as May pointed out a copy of the American Declaration of Independence.

Traditionally, U.S. presidents avoid interjecting themselves in the domestic politics of other nations. But Trump is far from traditional.

Trump told the Sunday Times in an interview before arriving that Britain should “walk away” from talks and refuse to pay a 39 billion-pound (\$49 billion) divorce bill if it doesn’t get better terms from the EU.

That move, known as a “hard Brexit,” could have a devastating impact on the U.K. economy, according to many experts, and stands in contrast to a previous White House position that the departure should be done as painlessly as possible. Others in the U.K. are urging for a second referendum that could keep the EU intact.

The president has also opined that Brexit party leader Nigel Farage, an outspoken advocate of leaving the EU without a deal, should be given a role in the negotiations. Farage, a divisive figure in Britain, has long been a Trump supporter. And while Trump has avoided criticizing May on this visit, unlike a year ago when he blistered her in a newspaper interview just before landing in London, the president has touted her rival, Conservative Party leadership candidate Boris Johnson, as an “excellent” leader for the U.K.

The economic meeting at St. James’s Palace brought together 10 leading companies — five from the UK and five from the United States. CEOs and senior representatives from BAE Systems, GlaxoSmithKline, National Grid, Barclays, Reckitt Benckiser, JP Morgan, Lockheed Martin, Goldman Sachs International, Bechtel and Splunk were listed as attending.

While the business leaders gathered, protesters began to assemble across London, some of whom had the now-infamous Trump baby balloon bobbing in the air near Parliament Square.

The U.S. president arrived in Britain at a precarious moment, amid a fresh round of impeachment fervor back home and uncertainty on this side of the Atlantic. The day of meetings with May follow a whirlwind of pomp, circumstance and protest for Trump, who had lunch with Queen Elizabeth II and tea with Prince Charles before a grand state dinner at Buckingham Palace.

The queen used her toast to emphasize the importance of international institutions created by Britain, the United States and other allies after World War II, a subtle rebuttal to Trump, a critic of NATO and the U.N.

But most of the talk and the colorful images were just what the White House wanted to showcase Trump as a statesman while, back home, the race to succeed him — and talk of impeaching him — heated up. Yet Trump, forever a counter-puncher, immediately roiled diplomatic docility by tearing into London Mayor Sadiq Khan.

As so often happens when Trump travels overseas, norms were shattered, including when the president complained about his television viewing options in the foreign capital and urged people to punish CNN by boycotting its parent company, AT&T.

Following Tuesday’s focus on business and trade, Trump will use the next two days to mark the 75th anniversary of the June 6, 1944, D-Day landing, likely the last significant commemoration most veterans of the battle will see. The events will begin in Portsmouth, England, where the invasion was launched, and then move across the English Channel to France, where Allied forces began to recapture Western Europe from the Nazis.

French President Emmanuel Macron is expected to use the occasion to call for strengthening multinational ties the U.S. president has frayed.

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China handles Tiananmen anniversary with customary silence

By KEN MORITSUGU Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — Dissidents silenced. Security tightened. References scrubbed from the internet.

China went into customary lockdown Tuesday for the 30th anniversary of the bloody military crackdown on pro-democracy protesters, a telling reminder of the ruling Communist Party's emphasis in the ensuing three decades since on stability above all.

Extra checkpoints and street closures greeted tourists who showed up before 5 a.m. to watch the daily flag-raising ceremony at Tiananmen Square, the main gathering point for the 1989 protests. People overseas found themselves blocked from posting anything to a popular Chinese social media site.

The seven-week-long Tiananmen Square protests and their bloody end — hundreds if not thousands of people are believed to have died — snuffed out a tentative shift toward political liberalization. Thirty years later, social restrictions such as family size and where people can live have been loosened, but political freedom remains for the most part strictly controlled with little prospect for change.

Half a dozen activists could not be reached by phone or text on Tuesday. One who could, Beijing-based Hu Jia, said he had been taken by security agents to the northeastern coastal city of Qinghuangdao last week.

Chinese authorities routinely take dissidents away on what are euphemistically called "vacations" or otherwise silence them during sensitive political times.

"This is a reflection of their fears, their terror, not ours," Hu said.

China has largely succeeded in wiping the bloody crackdown from the public consciousness at home, even as it rebuffs Western attempts to hold the ruling Communist Party accountable.

For many Chinese, the 30th anniversary of the crackdown passed like any other weekday. Any commemoration of the event is not allowed in mainland China, and the government has long blocked access to information about it on the internet.

Thousands were expected to turn out for a candlelight vigil in Hong Kong, a Chinese territory that has relatively greater freedoms than the mainland, though activists are concerned about the erosion of those liberties in recent years.

Chinese overseas reported on Twitter that they were blocked from posting on Weibo, a popular social networking site. Weibo did not respond to phone and email requests for comment.

Even those who know about what happened 30 years ago are reluctant to talk about it in public. A 24-year-old designer said last week in Beijing that he thought it was quite a pity when he learned that many had died.

"But it's really not convenient to talk about it," he said, giving only the name he goes by in English, Tony.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo issued a statement Monday saluting what he called the "heroes of the Chinese people who bravely stood up thirty years ago ... to demand their rights."

He urged China to make a full, public accounting of those killed, and said that U.S. hopes have been dashed that China would become a more open and tolerant society.

European Union foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini recalled how the European Council denounced the "brutal repression" in Beijing at a June 1989 meeting.

"Acknowledgement of these events, and of those killed, detained or missing in connection with the Tiananmen Square protests, is important for future generations and for the collective memory," Mogherini said in a statement.

A response to Pompeo on the website of the Chinese Embassy in Washington said that his statement "grossly intervenes in China's internal affairs ... and smears its domestic and foreign policies."

It added that the Chinese government and people reached a verdict long ago on what it called "the political incident of the late 1980s," and that China's rapid economic development and progress in democracy

and the rule of law show it is following the right path.

Analysts say the crackdown set the Communist Party on a path of repression and control that continues to this day.

Andrew Nathan, a Columbia University professor of Chinese politics, said China would likely be a very different place if the protests had ended peacefully through dialogue instead of force.

"They embarked on a strategy of not dialoguing with the people," he said. "The party knows best, the party decides, and the people have no voice. So that requires more and more intense repression of all of the forces in society that want to be heard."

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Report: Blacks, Latinos at risk of undercount in 2020 census

By MIKE SCHNEIDER Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Emily Bonilla is worried her district in metro Orlando will be undercounted during next spring's once-in-a-decade head count of everybody in the United States because of who lives there: new arrivals, immigrants, the poor, renters and rural residents who sometimes regard government with suspicion.

"We're growing so fast that I know we have more people in the area than the data is stating. This area already is undercounted," said Bonilla, a county commissioner in one of the fastest-growing metro areas in the U.S.

With the 2020 census count less than a year away, a new report says undercounting certain populations will be likely, despite the best efforts of the U.S. Census Bureau, nonprofits and state and local officials to encourage participation.

Nationwide, the decennial census could fail to count anywhere from 900,000 to 4 million people, with blacks, Hispanics and children younger than 5 most vulnerable to being overlooked, according to estimates released Tuesday by the Urban Institute.

Florida, California, Georgia, New York, Nevada, Texas and New Mexico have the highest risk for undercounting, according to the Urban Institute, a think tank that conducts social and economic research.

Undercounting could diminish power and money in those areas for the next decade. The 2020 census determines the allocation of more than \$675 billion in federal spending on schools, transportation and health care, as well which states gain or lose U.S. congressional seats.

"A child at age 3, if they're missed, these decisions matter for the next 10 years. That child is then 13 and their school has missed out on their fair share of funding because of that miscount," said Diana Elliott, a senior research associate at the Urban Institute.

The Urban Institute report said that even if the 2020 census count has the same participation rate as the 2010 count, which was considered successful, communities across the country could still be undercounted because the United States has grown more diverse in the past decade and has more renters.

Also increasing the risk are budget shortfalls that limited tests for the count and the fact that the Census Bureau for the first time is encouraging residents to answer questions online. Adding a question about citizenship could further dampen the response among some populations.

The U.S. Supreme Court is expected to rule later this month on whether the form will have a question about whether respondents are citizens. The U.S. Justice Department claims it's needed to protect the voting rights of minorities who are citizens, but opponents say it will suppress the count of immigrants who fear law enforcement will get the information. States with large Hispanic populations also will be undercounted, opponents say.

Hard-to-count populations are less likely to respond via the Internet than groups that have been overcounted in the past, such as homeowners and whites, according to the Urban Institute report. Previous studies "suggest that while the Internet-first approach will be efficient and save costs to the Census Bureau,

it won't necessarily find those people who are hard to count," Elliott said.

Wealthy populations may be overcounted because some families own a second home and could be counted twice, according to the Urban Institute and other research groups that study the census count

In Orlando, Bonilla, the county commissioner, said all the residents in her district need to be represented correctly because so much is at stake.

"We need the data to be accurate and as up-to-date as possible, and we can only do that if everybody is counted," Bonilla said.

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Joe Biden's \$5T climate plan: Net zero emissions by 2050

By BILL BARROW Associated Press

Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden is pitching a \$5 trillion-plus climate proposal that he says would lead the U.S. to net zero emission of carbon pollution by 2050.

Biden's plan calls for \$1.7 trillion in federal spending over 10 years, with the rest of the investments coming from the private sector. Biden proposes covering the taxpayer costs by repealing the corporate tax cuts that President Donald Trump signed in 2017, while eliminating existing subsidies to the fossil fuel industry.

"Science tells us that how we act or fail to act in the next 12 years will determine the very livability of our planet," Biden said in a statement ahead of the plan's unveiling Tuesday. "That's why I'm calling for a clean energy revolution to confront this crisis and do what America does best — solve big problems with big ideas."

Biden, who announced his candidacy in April and is the clear leader in recent national and early-state primary polls, is offering his climate plan as some of his rivals suggest the 76-year-old former vice president is not bold enough. Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren said last weekend at the California Democratic Convention that "some Democrats in Washington believe the only changes we can get are tweaks and nudges." She added: "If they dream at all, they dream small."

The former vice president's outline tracks some ideas of the Green New Deal pushed by many Democrats in Washington, though Biden isn't as aggressive in his timeline for curbing emissions.

Biden's outline is similar in size and scope to what former Texas Rep. Beto O'Rourke has proposed. Biden falls short of Washington Gov. Jay Inslee's pitch for \$3 trillion in federal spending over a decade, which Inslee says will spur \$6 trillion more in private investment.

Biden's plan hinges on tax breaks, direct spending and federal regulatory power. He'd start with reversing many actions of the Trump administration, which itself sought to roll back a range of Obama administration efforts on energy and the environment. Biden would add an aggressive push on the world stage, using U.S. political and economic muscle to limit emissions from other nations, including China.

He acknowledges how such an overhaul would affect existing U.S. energy market workers, coal miners and power plant operators especially. He calls first for pension and benefit protections for all such workers; and, though short on specifics, he promises an "unprecedented investment" in retraining and redevelopment programs for those communities.

Biden also recognizes the "environmental justice" movement that highlights how pollution disproportionately affects poorer, mostly nonwhite communities. Biden pledges a more aggressive Environmental Protection Agency, vows to have clean drinking water for all Americans and pledges that minority communities will be targeted for initial investments in federal clean energy spending.

He doesn't offer specific spending amounts for those priorities.

Still, Biden's dual focus on coal towns and nonwhite communities reflects political lessons from Democrats' 2016 loss. Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton drew ire in coal country when she said as part of a more sweeping statement on energy development that "we're going to put a lot of coal miners and coal companies out of business." Meanwhile, Democratic turnout dropped in some cities with high nonwhite populations, places where aging infrastructure has become a defining issue.

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Biden envisions expanding the nation's railways, with massive growth that theoretically would reduce car demand. He promises to complete the California High Speed Rail project; shrink by half the current travel time from Washington, D.C., to New York; and extend the existing Northeast Corridor into the South. That, along with new lines in the West and Midwest, would mean "an end-to-end ... system that will connect the coasts, unlocking new, affordable access for every American."

Among his ideas for automobiles, he calls for fuel economy standards "beyond" the Obama administration's goal of about 54 miles (87 kilometers) per gallon (3.8 liters). The Trump administration has rolled that back, saying the regulation would increase consumers' purchase prices of cars.

Biden also pitches expanded tax credits for purchases of electric vehicles, along with 500,000 more public charging stations nationwide by the end of 2030.

He calls for reducing carbon output from the nation's buildings by more than 50 percent by 2035, through both new construction and tax breaks for retrofits for existing commercial and residential properties. The Energy Department would be tasked with tightening efficiency standards for household appliances and equipment.

Like O'Rourke, Biden specifically mentions nuclear energy as a source the federal government should boost with tax incentives. That could put him at odds with some activists on the left who cast nuclear energy as too dangerous.

O'Rourke has not ruled out nuclear energy, as well. Inslee's policy proposals sidestep nuclear energy altogether, with aides suggesting he wouldn't oppose market-backed nuclear power but wouldn't subsidize it as part of a national mobilization.

On the international front, Biden calls out China as the world's biggest coal polluter and says he'd make all future bilateral deals with Beijing contingent on carbon reductions. Biden also urges an international alliance that would help other nations afford low-carbon development and pitches a global moratorium on offshore drilling in the Arctic.

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Groups want Democrats, Pelosi to do more to impeach Trump

By MARY CLARE JALONICK and LISA MASCARO Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Progressive groups are expressing "deep disappointment" over House Democrats' unwillingness to start impeachment proceedings against President Donald Trump and are calling on Speaker Nancy Pelosi to act, according to a letter obtained by The Associated Press.

The groups said in a letter being released Tuesday that voters gave Democrats control of the House "because they wanted aggressive oversight of the Trump administration."

They said: "The Trump era will be one that evokes the question — what did you do? We urge you to use your power to lead and to stop asking us to wait."

Pelosi has been reluctant to launch impeachment proceedings, despite growing numbers of Democrats saying it's time to start a formal inquiry. She says impeachment requires more public support and would detract from the legislative agenda.

Instead, House Democrats are conducting dozens of investigations of the Trump administration, announced a series of new hearings and promised a vote next week to hold Attorney General William Barr and former White House Counsel Don McGahn in contempt of Congress for failing to comply with subpoenas.

But the groups, whose members include millions of Americans, say those being hurt by the Trump administration's policies and behavior don't have the privilege of waiting.

"There are people who feel Trump's boot on their necks every single day," said Heidi Hess, co-director at CREDO Action. "We expect moral leadership from you."

The groups signing onto the letter to Pelosi include Indivisible and Democracy for America.

"As Speaker of the House, you have the power to ensure Congress exercises its constitutional obligation

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to hold this president accountable," the groups wrote.

Lawmakers returned Monday to Washington after hearing mixed messages from voters at town halls back home. In more liberal districts, voters were quick to discuss impeachment. But in some conservative areas, it hardly came up at all as voters focused on health care, the economy and other issues.

Rep. C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger, D-Md., told reporters Monday it's most important is to assemble "all the facts and data."

If Trump refuses to cooperate, "then we might not have any alternative other than to impeach," he said. "But that's a long process."

Amid rising calls for action, Majority Leader Steny Hoyer announced the House will vote next week to hold Barr and McGahn in contempt for their failure to comply with the subpoenas.

Hoyer said the administration's "systematic refusal to provide Congress with answers and cooperate with congressional subpoenas is the biggest cover-up in American history."

The resolution scheduled for a June 11 vote will allow the Judiciary Committee to seek court enforcement of its subpoenas. Barr has refused to turn over an unredacted version of special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia report. McGahn has been directed by the White House to defy the subpoena requests.

Trump has called Mueller's Russia investigation a "witch hunt" and has declared he "did nothing wrong."

At a leadership meeting late Monday, some Democrats indicated they welcomed the contempt vote, according to people familiar with the private session.

Earlier Monday, Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler said that his panel will launch a series of hearings on "the alleged crimes and other misconduct" in Mueller's report as Democrats try to keep the public's focus on his findings in the Trump-Russia investigation.

The hearings will serve as a stand-in of sorts for Mueller, who said last week he would prefer not to appear before Congress and would not elaborate on the contents of his report if he were forced to testify.

The first hearing, on June 10, looks at whether Trump committed obstruction of justice by intervening in the probe. It will feature John Dean, a White House counsel who helped bring down Richard Nixon's presidency, though he served a prison term for obstructing justice.

Democrats have suggested they will compel Mueller's appearance if necessary, but it's unclear when or if that will happen. Negotiations over Mueller's testimony are ongoing.

Republicans criticized the decision to hold hearings, with North Carolina Rep. Mark Meadows calling the move "another openly desperate move to resuscitate a dead collusion conspiracy."

Mueller's report did not establish a criminal conspiracy between Russia and the Trump campaign to sway the outcome of the 2016 presidential election for Trump. But the special counsel reached no conclusion on whether the Republican president acted illegally to obstruct the probe, saying if the investigators could have cleared Trump of wrongdoing they would have.

Associated Press writer Alan Fram contributed to this report.

10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press

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

1. TRUMP TALKS BUSINESS, FACES MASS PROTEST

The president tells outgoing British Prime Minister Theresa May that she should "stick around" so that the U.S. and Britain can do a trade deal while thousands are expected on London streets to protest his visit and policies.

2. WHAT WAS THE ROLE OF BLACK TROOPS ON D-DAY

Portrayals of the massive assault on Normandy 75 years ago often depict an all-white host of invaders, but in fact it also included about 2,000 African Americans troops.

3. BEIJING REBUKES POMPEO FOR CRITICAL COMMENTS

China says the U.S. secretary of state's remarks on the 30th anniversary of its bloody crackdown on

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pro-democracy protesters in Tiananmen Square smear its policies and grossly intervene in its affairs.

4. KIM JONG UN'S SISTER SPOTTED AT PUBLIC EVENT

Kim Yo Jong, the powerful younger sister of the North Korean leader, attends a mass games performance in Pyongyang — the first time she's been seen in public in more than 50 days.

5. PROGRESSIVES EXPRESS 'DEEP DISAPPOINTMENT'

The groups are frustrated with House Democrats' failure to start impeachment proceedings against Trump and are calling on Speaker Nancy Pelosi to act, AP learns.

6. STREETS EMPTY IN SUDAN'S CAPITAL AFTER DEADLY ARMY CRACKDOWN

The calm comes a day after a pro-democracy sit-in was violently overrun by the country's ruling military authorities, who say they want to stage early elections.

7. WHO ARE AT RISK OF UNDERCOUNT IN 2020 CENSUS

A think tank says up to 4 million people living in the U.S. could be undercounted, with blacks, Hispanics and children younger than 5 most likely to being overlooked.

8. SENATE REPORT REVEALS NEARLY 400 TROUBLED NURSING HOMES

The federal government has been keeping secret the names of hundreds of nursing homes that had serious ongoing health or safety problems.

9. EID BEGINS AS RAMADAN ENDS

Muslims around the Middle East and beyond are celebrating the start of the Islamic holiday of Eid al-Fitr, a time for family and festivities.

10. BLUES BOUNCE BACK TO TIE STANLEY CUP FINAL

Ryan O'Reilly scores twice, including the go-ahead goal midway through the third period, and St. Louis beats Boston 4-2 to even the series at two games apiece.

NY could become first state to ban cat declawing

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — New York would be the first state to ban the declawing of cats under legislation heading to a vote in the state Legislature.

The Senate and Assembly are both expected to take up the bill on Tuesday.

Declawing a cat is already illegal in much of Europe as well as in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Denver.

Supporters of a ban in New York include animal welfare advocates, cat owners and veterinarians who argue the practice is cruel and barbaric since it involves the amputation of a cat's toes back to the first knuckle.

"New York prides itself on being first," said the bill's sponsor in the state Assembly, Manhattan Democrat Linda Rosenthal, who said she expects other states to follow suit. "This will have a domino effect."

The New York State Veterinary Medical Society has opposed the bill. It says the procedure should be allowed as a last resort for felines that won't stop scratching furniture or humans — or when the cat's owner has a weakened immune system, putting them at greater risk of infection from a scratch.

"Medical decisions should be left to the sound discretion of fully trained, licensed and state supervised professionals," the society said in a memo opposing the legislation.

Under the bill, people who violate the ban on declawing a cat could face fines of \$1,000. Veterinarians could still perform the procedure for medical reasons, such as infection or injury.

The bill was first introduced years ago and has slowly gained momentum as more lawmakers came out in support. Tuesday is the first time the measure has gone to a vote in either chamber.

If the bill passes both the Senate and Assembly on Tuesday it will head to the desk of Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a Democrat. Cuomo hasn't weighed in on the proposal.

Congress launches Big Tech antitrust probe

BY RACHEL LERMAN AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The federal government may be warming up its antitrust enforcement machine and pointing it at Big Tech.

On Monday, the House Judiciary Committee announced a sweeping antitrust probe of unspecified technology companies. In a statement, it promised “a top-to-bottom review of the market power held by giant tech platforms,” which would be the first such Congress has ever undertaken.

Earlier in the day, shares of Facebook, Google, Amazon and Apple dropped significantly after published reports suggested that federal authorities are preparing for investigations into anticompetitive behavior by several of these technology giants.

Facebook’s stock dropped 7.5%. Shares of Google parent Alphabet fell 6.1%. Amazon declined 4.6%. Apple, which has only been mentioned tangentially in these reports, fell 1%.

Some of the underlying developments appear to represent a divvying up of turf between the Department of Justice’s antitrust cops and the Federal Trade Commission, which also holds antitrust authority. The Justice Department would reportedly hold authority over Google and Apple, while the FTC would take point on investigations of Facebook and Amazon.

Over the weekend, multiple reports said the Justice Department was preparing a competition investigation into Google. On Monday, the Wall Street Journal cited unnamed sources to report that the FTC has secured the rights to bring a possible investigation into Facebook.

Investors may have reacted immediately to the uncertainty, but investigations — if any materialize — would take years.

“I think (the speculation) is becoming more real, but antitrust is not a 24-hour event,” said Blair Levin, a fellow with the Brookings Institution who formerly served as chief of staff to a Federal Communications Commission chairman.

It’s clear that the government is paying increasing attention to the actions of big tech companies, he said, but outcomes could take many different forms. Most likely, he said, could be regulation of the companies’ various practices, including privacy policies.

Pressure has been mounting on government to scrutinize the companies for some time, as backlash against tech companies’ reach and power grow in among consumers and politicians. The splitting up of jurisdictions between the FTC and DOJ could be simply a response to the pressure, said Sandeep Vaheesan, legal director for Open Markets Institute, which advocates against monopolies.

“There’s still a long way to go before there is even an investigation,” he said. “And an investigation could be an extended process.”

European authorities have covered ground U.S. regulators have barely considered — resulting in billions of dollars in fines for Google, and lesser fines for other companies.

That’s one model the U.S. could follow, Levin said. But political motivations and laws differ in the U.S., and regulations haven’t nearly caught up with the fast-moving world of the tech industry.

Vaheesan would like to see the government take aim at what Open Markets sees as market dominating practices by the big companies — partially by undoing large acquisitions that tech giants have made, including Facebook’s acquisition of Instagram and Google’s of YouTube.

But others think it’s unlikely the government would take such broad action.

“The problem with all this antitrust talk: the consumer isn’t being gouged,” said Michael Pachter, an analyst with Wedbush Securities.

Stocks are sinking because investors don’t like uncertainty, he said. But in this case, “the reaction vastly exceeds the potential harm to the company from a fine,” he said.

The FTC is already investigating Facebook for possible privacy violations. The FTC declined to comment and Facebook did not immediately respond to a message for comment. Facebook has set aside \$3 billion for a possible fine for that investigation and said it could be as high as \$5 billion.

Associated Press reporters Marcy Gordon in Washington D.C., and Barbara Ortutay in San Francisco contributed to this report.

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House sends long-delayed \$19.1B disaster aid bill to Trump

By ANDREW TAYLOR Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A long-delayed \$19.1 billion disaster aid bill has sailed through the House and headed to President Donald Trump for his expected signature, overcoming months of infighting, misjudgment and a feud between Trump and congressional Democrats.

Lawmakers gave the measure final congressional approval on Monday by 354-58 in the House's first significant action after returning from a 10-day recess. It was backed by all 222 voting Democrats and 132 Republicans, including the GOP's top leaders and many of its legislators from areas hit by hurricanes, floods, tornadoes and fires. Fifty-eight Republicans voted "no," including many of the party's most conservative members.

Trump hailed passage of the bill, tweeting, "Farmers, Puerto Rico and all will be very happy." The Republican president also suggested, incorrectly, that the bill would now see action in the Senate. That chamber had already passed the bill by a sweeping 85-8 vote on its way out of Washington May 23, a margin that reflected a consensus that the bill is long overdue.

But conservative Republicans in the House held up the bill last week, objecting on three occasions to efforts by Democratic leaders to pass the bill by a voice vote requiring unanimity. They said the legislation — which reflects an increasingly permissive attitude in Washington on spending to address disasters that sooner or later hit every region of the country — shouldn't be rushed through without a recorded vote.

Along the way, House and Senate old-timers seemed to outmaneuver the White House, though Trump personally prevailed upon Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Richard Shelby, R-Ala., to drop a bid to free up billions of dollars for dredging and other harbor projects.

The measure was initially held up over a fight between Trump and Democrats over aid to Puerto Rico that seems long settled.

"Some in our government refused to assist our fellow Americans in Puerto Rico who are still recovering from a 2017 hurricane. I'm pleased we've moved past that," said House Appropriations Committee Chairwoman Nita Lowey, D-N.Y. "Because when disaster strikes, we shouldn't let a ZIP code dictate our response."

The measure also faced delays amid failed talks on Trump's \$4 billion-plus request to care for thousands of mostly Central American migrants being held at the southern border. The sides narrowed their differences but couldn't reach agreement in the rush to go on recess, but everyone agrees that another bill will be needed almost immediately to refill nearly empty agency accounts to care for migrants.

"We must work together quickly to pass a bill that addresses the surge of unaccompanied children crossing the border and provides law enforcement agencies with the funding they need," said top Appropriations Committee Republican Kay Granger of Texas. "The stakes are high. There are serious — life or death — repercussions if the Congress does not act."

The measure is largely the same as a version that passed the House last month. Republicans opposed it for leaving out the border funding.

Among the reasons was a demand by House liberals to block the Homeland Security Department from getting information from federal social welfare authorities to help track immigrants residing in the U.S. illegally who take migrant refugee children into their homes.

As the measure languished, disasters kept coming — with failed levees in Arkansas, Iowa and Missouri and tornadoes across Ohio just the most recent examples. The measure is supported by the bipartisan party leadership in both House and Senate.

The legislation is also being driven by Florida and Georgia lawmakers steaming with frustration over

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delays in delivering help to farmers, towns and military bases slammed by hurricanes last fall. Flooding in Iowa and Nebraska this spring added to the coalition behind the measure, which delivers much of its help to regions where Trump supporters dominate.

The bill started out as a modest \$7.8 billion measure passed in the last days of House GOP control. A \$14 billion version advanced in the Democrat-led chamber in January and ballooned to \$19.1 billion by the time it emerged from the floor last month, fed by new funding for community rehabilitation projects, Army Corps of Engineers water and flood protection projects, and rebuilding funds for several military bases, including Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska.

Many Republicans opposed funding to mitigate future disasters as part of rebuilding projects when Superstorm Sandy funding passed in 2013, only to embrace it now that areas such as suburban Houston need it. Democrats, for their part, held firm for what ended up as roughly \$1.4 billion for Puerto Rico, letting Trump feud with the U.S. territory's Democratic officials for weeks and deflecting political blame for stalling the bill.

This story has been corrected to show that more than 130 Republicans voted for bill, rather than "more than 50."

Trump baby blimp flies in London as protests greet president

By JILL LAWLESS Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — As British Prime Minister Theresa May meets President Donald Trump on Tuesday, thousands of protesters plan to tell the U.S. leader he should have stayed at home.

Trade unions, women's groups, peace campaigners and environmentalists are gathering in the capital to condemn Trump's policies — and Britain's decision to roll out the red carpet for a pomp-filled state visit.

Protests began with the flying of a giant blimp depicting the president as an angry orange baby, which rose from the grass of central London's Parliament Square.

One group came dressed in the red cloaks and bonnets of characters from Margaret Atwood's "The Handmaid's Tale," which is set in a dystopian, misogynist future America.

Leaders of Britain's main opposition party are due to join demonstrators later at a rally in Trafalgar Square, just up the street from May's Downing St. office. Police have erected barricades to stop protesters marching past the gates of Downing St.

Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn is due to address the protest, which will be attended by several senior lawmakers from his left-of-center party.

Emily Thornberry, Labour's foreign affairs spokeswoman, said Trump was "a sexual predator" and a racist who did not deserve the honor of a state visit hosted by Queen Elizabeth II.

Thornberry told the BBC that the leader of Britain's most important ally should be stood up to "the way you deal with a bully" because "if you bow down in front of them you just get kicked harder."

Not everyone in London was unwelcoming.

Lewis Metcalfe said he came to the city from his home in northern England to show support for the president.

"I'm obviously going to be a minority today," said Metcalfe, who wore a "Make America Great Again" cap.

"I don't agree with all his policies. He's not the greatest president in the world, but he does get things done."

Trump dined with the queen at Buckingham Palace and took tea with Prince Charles on Monday, the first day of his three-day visit.

Things are likely to become more awkward on Tuesday when he meets May, who is in the final weeks of her premiership. The two leaders have sharply differing views on issues including Iran, Brexit and Chinese telecoms firm Huawei.

Trump has already criticized May's handling of Brexit and said May's rival Boris Johnson would make an "excellent" prime minister.

Kim's sister back in public eye at North Korea's mass games

By **KIM TONG-HYUNG Associated Press**

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The powerful younger sister of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un attended a public event in Pyongyang for the first time in more than 50 days, casting further doubt on media speculation that he had ordered her to lay low over the failed nuclear summit with Washington.

North Korea's state media on Tuesday showed Kim Yo Jong clapping aside her brother, his wife and other top officials at the 150,000-seat May Day Stadium, where thousands of gymnasts, dancers and flip-card-wielding spectators worked in precise unison to perform "The Land of the People."

The official Korean Central News Agency said the performers on Monday showed "beautiful and graceful rhythmic movements, high-spirited gymnastics, interesting national emotion and rich artistic depiction," but also that Kim Jong Un was quite unhappy about their display. He seriously criticized the creators for their "wrong spirit of creation and irresponsible work attitude" and set forth "important tasks" to correctly implement the country's revolutionary policy on literature and art, KCNA said.

State media often reports on Kim scolding factory officials, educators and others perceived as not performing to his standards. The mass games events were once routine in North Korea but were on hiatus for several years during the mourning for Kim's father and only returned last year.

Kim Yo Jong is a senior official of North Korea's ruling party and is believed to be her brother's closest confidant. She had accompanied him to his summits with President Donald Trump and South Korean President Moon Jae-in and had joined other dignitaries in the stands at last year's Winter Olympics in South Korea.

But speculation about her status grew after she was left out from her brother's trip to Vladivostok, Russia, in April for a summit with Russian President Vladimir Putin. North Korean media had last shown her at a meeting of the North's rubber-stamp parliament on April 12.

South Korea's conservative Chosun Ilbo newspaper last week cited an unidentified source in reporting that Kim Jong Un had ordered his sister to lay low following the collapse of his summit with Trump in February over mismatched demands in sanctions relief and nuclear disarmament. The newspaper also reported that Kim had punished his former top nuclear envoy, Kim Yong Chol, who North Korean media showed at the mass games and at a weekend concert of military wives.

Senior envoy Kim Hyok Chol, who the Chosun reported had been executed along with four Foreign Ministry officials for betrayal, has not been seen by the media since the end of the Trump-Kim summit in Hanoi, Vietnam, in February.

South Korea's government and media have a mixed record on tracking developments among North Korea's ruling elite, made difficult by Pyongyang's stringent control of information about them. Although North Korea has previously banished or executed scapegoats to atone for major political flops, experts doubted the recent reports, saying such extreme punishments were unlikely unless Kim Jong Un was abandoning negotiations with the United States.

Cheong Seong-Chang, an analyst at South Korea's Sejong Institute, said Kim Yo Jong would not have been seen at the Supreme People's Assembly meeting in April had she been disciplined over the summit failure. Cheong said it's more likely she was reappearing after a period of rest.

Hotel investor: Trump evaded taxes in Panama

By **BERNARD CONDON Associated Press**

NEW YORK (AP) — The majority owner of a former Trump-branded hotel in Panama alleged in a court filing on Monday that the U.S. president's company misrepresented finances of the building to evade taxes in the country.

A filing in New York federal court by property owner Orestes Fintiklis alleges that President Donald Trump's hotel management company evaded income and social security taxes when it managed the former

Trump Ocean Club International Hotel & Tower. The new accusations are part of protracted, bitter dispute between Trump's company and Fintiklis, the majority owner of the 70-story, seaside, sail-shaped building.

The filing says that Trump's company misrepresented salaries paid to employees and other financial records of the hotel to cut its tax bill on fees it was collecting for managing the hotel, slash its social security payments and hand over less to owner Fintiklis. The filing does not state how much in taxes the Trump company allegedly should have paid.

The Trump Organization said that it did not evade any taxes and, if anything, Fintiklis is to blame on tax matters.

"To the extent any taxes were to be withheld, it was the responsibility of the condominium that owns the hotel. The Trump Organization's only role was to manage the property," Trump Organization spokeswoman Kimberly Benza said in an emailed statement. "We look forward to taking the depositions of Mr. Fintiklis' and his partners and unmasking their fraud."

The filing in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York follows a ruling by judicial officials in Panama early last year against Trump's company in favor of Fintiklis. A few months later, Trump's name was removed from the facade and building management turned over to U.S. hotelier Marriott International.

The dispute started in October 2017 after Fintiklis' company, Ithaca Capital Group, took control of 202 of the hotel's condos. Fintiklis then pushed to terminate Trump's 20-year contract managing the building, alleging "gross negligence and potentially fraudulent conduct," including "looted" bank accounts. The Trump Organization disputed its termination as illegitimate and refused to hand over the property.

Military judge removes prosecutor from Navy SEAL murder case

By JULIE WATSON and BRIAN MELLEY Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A military judge took the rare step Monday to remove a prosecutor accused of misconduct from the war crimes case of a decorated Navy SEAL.

Capt. Aaron Rugh ordered the lead prosecutor removed from the case of Special Operations Chief Edward Gallagher after defense lawyers accused the prosecution of spying on their emails, according to the ruling.

The defense asked Rugh to dismiss the case or remove prosecutors because of the surreptitious effort to track defense emails without court approval in an effort to find the source of news leaks.

Rugh said it was not in his power to determine if Cmdr. Christopher Czaplak violated ethical or professional rules, but the potential for a probe into those actions required that he be removed from the prosecution.

Czaplak received word of the ruling during a deposition while questioning an Iraqi general, who is a witness in the case, defense lawyer Tim Parlatore said.

Czaplak left in the middle of the testimony being recorded on video in San Diego for use at the trial. He did not return to the courtroom.

Parlatore said it was a step in the right direction.

"There's no way he should be allowed to continue on this case," Parlatore said. "We're still hopeful the entire case will be dismissed."

Rugh said he would rule on whether to dismiss murder and attempted murder counts against Gallagher by the end of Wednesday.

Gary Solis, a former Marine Corps prosecutor and military judge who teaches law at Georgetown, said he's never heard of anything like this, saying Czaplak's decision to track defense attorneys' emails was "contrary to legal ethics and common sense."

"Unprecedented is too tame a description for what he did," said Solis, who applauded the ruling. "Unwise is overly optimistic ... His conduct has been entirely inappropriate."

A Marine Corps lawyer, Capt. Conor McMahon, assigned to the case will not be removed, Rugh said.

But it's not clear if McMahon will stay on the prosecution team. McMahon's commanders ordered him to stop participating in the case last week and he didn't appear at hearings on Thursday and Friday.

The Navy would not say if he would remain on the team.

Czaplak will be replaced with another attorney from the Navy, spokesman Brian O'Rourke said.

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"Chief Petty Officer Gallagher is entitled to a fair trial and the Navy is committed to upholding that principle," O'Rourke said.

Last week, Rugh unexpectedly released Gallagher from custody as a remedy for interference by prosecutors in the middle of a hearing that also included accusations they withheld evidence from the defense.

The removal of Czaplak could delay the trial scheduled to start June 10.

Republicans in Congress have rallied in support of Gallagher, saying he has been mistreated. President Donald Trump, who intervened to move Gallagher to better confinement, has considered dismissing the charges.

Gallagher pleaded not guilty to murder in the death of an injured teenage militant in Iraq in 2017 and to attempted murder for picking off two civilians from a sniper's perch.

It is extremely unusual for a military judge to remove the prosecution or dismiss a case only days before the start of a trial. The military justice system has gotten few war crime convictions and been criticized for being ineffective.

At hearings last week, Rugh indicated he was misled about the investigation into news leaks.

He said investigators told him privately they planned to embed code in what he believed to be a court document to help them find the source of leaks. But the judge said he didn't have the power to authorize such a tactic and wasn't told they planned to target emails sent to the defense lawyers or a journalist.

Rugh also said he believed Czaplak was working with federal prosecutors and his approval was not necessary.

Rugh received a letter Friday from the U.S. attorney's office in San Diego, saying they had not approved or coordinated the tracking, Parlatore said.

Evidence at the hearings showed prosecutors enlisted a Naval Criminal Investigative Service intelligence specialist to conduct criminal background checks on three civilian lawyers and a Navy Times journalist who has broken several stories based on leaked documents.

Parlatore, who was among the three lawyers investigated, accused prosecutors of a "rogue, relentless, and unlawful cyber campaign" that may have violated attorney-client privilege and hurt his client's ability to get a fair trial.

Czaplak downplayed the move, saying the embedded code recorded nothing more than what marketers use to find out where and when messages were opened by recipients.

Another prosecutor, Lt. Scott McDonald said the effort only gathered data, such as internet protocol addresses, and did not snoop on the content of emails or require a search warrant.

"Even if there was some intrusion" in violation of attorney client-privilege, it didn't rise to the level to dismiss the case, McDonald said.

Czaplak said the tracking ended May 10 after he was confronted by Parlatore who discovered the code in an unusual logo of an American flag with a bald eagle perched on the scales of justice beneath the prosecutor's signature.

Several experts testified that the code couldn't generally be used to identify a specific person or capture content.

Melley reported from Los Angeles.

Young Americans' lawsuit on climate change faces big hurdle

By **ANDREW SELSKY** Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A lawsuit by a group of young people who say U.S. energy policies are causing climate change and hurting their future faces a major hurdle Tuesday as lawyers for the Trump administration argue to stop the case from moving forward.

Three judges from the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals are hearing arguments from lawyers for 21 young people and the federal government in Portland but are not expected to rule right away. The Obama and Trump administrations have tried to get the lawsuit dismissed since it was filed in Oregon in 2015.

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The young people argue that government officials have known for more than 50 years that carbon pollution from fossil fuels was causing climate change and that policies promoting oil and gas deprive them of life, liberty and property.

"It is the constitutional duty of the government to protect public trust resources on which we all depend and to protect us from any damages that it may inflict upon its citizens," said Aji Piper, one of the plaintiffs.

The 18-year-old said smoke from forest fires, diminished snowpack and acidification of the ocean — which he says have all increased because of climate change — have affected his community in Seattle.

"We are asking the courts to recognize our rights and see that the Constitution demands that our rights be protected," Piper told the House Select Committee on the Climate Crisis in its inaugural meeting in April.

Lawyers for President Donald Trump's administration have argued that the lawsuit is trying to direct federal environmental and energy policies through the courts instead of through the political process.

"No federal court has ever permitted an action that seeks to review decades of agency action (and alleged inaction) by a dozen federal agencies and executive offices — all in pursuit of a policy goal," the attorneys argued in a March court brief.

Justice Department lawyers also assert that the young people had not identified any "historical basis for a fundamental right to a stable climate system or any other constitutional right related to the environment."

The lawsuit says the young are more vulnerable to serious effects from climate change in the future. The American Academy of Pediatrics, 14 other health organizations and nearly 80 scientists and physicians agreed in a brief filed with the appeals court.

"Today's children are expected to have poorer health as they age than today's adults do, because of the worsening and intensifying effects of climate change," three of the experts wrote in the New England Journal of Medicine.

They pointed out that the World Health Organization estimates that 88% of the global health burden of climate change falls on children younger than 5.

The lawsuit wants the U.S. District Court in Eugene, where the lawsuit was filed, to declare that the U.S. government is violating the plaintiffs' constitutional rights to life, liberty and property by substantially causing or contributing to a dangerous concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

It asks the court to declare federal energy policy that contributes to global warming unconstitutional, order the government to quickly phase out carbon dioxide emissions to a certain level by 2100 and mandate a national climate recovery plan.

The case has become a focal point for many youth activists, and the courtroom in Portland was expected to be packed Tuesday. A video livestream was being set up at a nearby park, where a rally was expected to be held, said Meg Ward, spokeswoman for Our Children's Trust, a group supporting the lawsuit.

The U.S. Supreme Court last November declined to stop the lawsuit but told the Trump administration it could still petition a lower court to dismiss the case. A three-judge panel of the 9th Circuit granted the Trump administration's motion to put the case on hold while considering its merits.

If the panel decides the lawsuit can move forward, it would go before the federal court in Eugene.

Blues beat Bruins to knot Stanley Cup Final at 2-all

By **STEPHEN WHYNO AP Hockey Writer**

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Just when the St. Louis Blues had the Boston Bruins on their heels and chasing the game, they gave up a goal and the roar went right out of the building.

The Blues could have let the talented Bruins seize the moment, let things get away from them on home ice. Again.

They didn't. The team that was mired in last place in the NHL in January, that suffered from missed calls in the playoffs and slogged through some tough losses instead showed the resolve of a championship contender and is now two victories away from lifting the Stanley Cup.

Ryan O'Reilly scored the opening goal 43 seconds in and the winner with 9:22 left, and he and the Blues beat the Bruins thrived in a chaotic Game 4 of the Stanley Cup Final on Monday night to beat the Bruins

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4-2 and tie this bruising series at two games apiece.

"We knew what we had to do tonight to be a better team," coach Craig Berube said. "We were relentless tonight. We didn't stop for 60 minutes."

Game 5 is Thursday night in Boston.

This one was a back-and-forth thriller, with Boston's Tuukka Rask and St. Louis' Jordan Binnington each giving up tons of rebounds for frantic scoring chances and scrums.

Vladimir Tarasenko scored his 11th goal of the playoffs, and Binnington made 21 saves to improve to 7-2 in the postseason after a loss. Even more impressive was the rookie's bounce-back from being pulled in Game 3 for the first time in his NHL career. Rask allowed three goals on 37 shots and was on the receiving end of several Blues onslaughts.

"He spit some rebounds out," Bruins coach Bruce Cassidy said of Rask. "But I don't have an issue with his rebound control."

Charlie Coyle scored for the third consecutive game, and Brandon Carlo had a short-handed goal for Boston, but their stars were quiet again and a big problem may be brewing: Boston captain Zdeno Chara was knocked out of the game by a puck to the mouth. Chara was allowed to sit on the bench, but it's uncertain if he'll be able to play in Game 5 when the Bruins could be without two of their top six defensemen.

O'Reilly ended an eight-game goal drought by cashing in two rebounds off Rask for his first multi-goal game since November. After losing 15 of his 23 faceoffs in a tough Game 3, O'Reilly was dominant all over the ice.

"He's been our best player all year and he got rewarded," winger Patrick Maroon said of O'Reilly.

Hockey Hall of Famer and Blues alum Brett Hull screamed at the top of his lungs into the microphone to pump up the crowd seconds before puck drop, "Are you ready? Let's Go Blues!"

They were ready, all right, and it started with O'Reilly's goal that was the Blues' sixth in the opening two minutes. They have done that now in all four rounds and are 6-0 when jumping out to a 1-0 lead in a game's first 20 minutes.

But this victory was all about responding well to yet another momentum swing that came on special teams: The Blues killed off a Bruins power play and then hemmed Boston in its own end for more than three minutes. While St. Louis cycled the puck in the offensive zone and changed several forward lines and defensive pairings, Boston defenders were gassed and Connor Clifton took a penalty for an illegal check to the head of Tarasenko.

Twenty-six seconds into the Blues power play, however, the Bruins inexplicably got numbers on a rush and Carlo scored shorthanded to tie it again. It was the fourth shorthanded goal St. Louis has allowed in the playoffs to only 13 power-play goals — but St. Louis didn't fold.

"I've said it all playoffs: Things don't really seem to faze us," said captain Alex Pietrangolo, who assisted on O'Reilly's goals.

Another rebound off Rask paved the way for O'Reilly's go-ahead goal. With St. Louis leading, fans could happily sing John Denver's "Country Roads" at the under 6-minute timeout, and Brayden Schenn sealed it with an empty-net goal with 1:29 left.

"It's anyone's game now," Blues forward Oskar Sundqvist said.

When the final horn sounded, they played Laura Branigan's "Gloria" to celebrate the Blues' first-ever home victory in the Stanley Cup Final.

"Every year you keep hearing, let's go to finals, let's go win the Cup," Tarsaenko said. "Even after last year, you hear it all summer. People start believing in us and we feel it."

NOTES: Sundqvist returned from a one-game suspension for boarding Bruins D Matt Grzelcyk, who missed his second game in a row. Sanford remained in the lineup, and Robby Fabbri was a healthy scratch. ... Dunn replaced D Robert Bortuzzo in the St. Louis lineup.

UP NEXT

The Blues and Bruins start all over again with a three-game series for the Cup with Game 5 in Boston on Thursday night.

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APNewsBreak: Ex-governor's phone seized in Flint water probe

By DAVID EGGERT Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Authorities investigating Flint's water crisis have used search warrants to seize from storage the state-owned mobile devices of former Gov. Rick Snyder and 65 other current or former officials, The Associated Press has learned.

The warrants were sought two weeks ago by the attorney general's office and signed by a Flint judge, according to documents the AP obtained through public records requests.

Solicitor General Fadwa Hammoud and Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, who is helping with the probe, confirmed they executed a series of search warrants related to the criminal investigation of Flint's lead-contaminated water in 2014-15 and a deadly outbreak of Legionnaires' disease.

The water crisis in Flint was one of the worst man-made environmental disasters in U.S. history. Untreated water leached lead from pipes and into Flint's homes and businesses while cost-cutting financial managers — appointed by Snyder — were running the city.

The investigation has led to charges against 15 current or former government officials, including two who served in the Cabinet of Snyder, a Republican who left office in December. But no one is behind bars, and some Flint residents believe key players who could have prevented the lead debacle are getting off easy.

"As stated in recent motions, the prosecution is aware of substantial potential evidence that was not provided to the original prosecution team from the onset of the investigation," Hammoud said in a statement Monday following the AP's reporting. "The team is currently in the process of obtaining this evidence through a variety of means, including search warrants. The team is also conducting a thorough review of existing and newly received evidence pertaining to the Flint water crisis."

One warrant, signed May 19, lists all content from Snyder's state-issued cellphone, iPad and computer hard drive. Similar information was sought from the devices of 33 employees who worked in his office, 11 in the Department of Environmental Quality and 22 in the Department of Health and Human Services.

The evidence was apparently initially obtained by former special prosecutor Todd Flood with investigative subpoenas. Because it has been kept in a division of the attorney general's office, Hammoud took the unusual step of securing a warrant to search another part of the office. She has been managing the probe since January.

"We're doing everything we can to comply," said Dan Olsen, a spokesman for Democratic Attorney General Dana Nessel, who is not involved in the criminal investigation and is instead handling lawsuits against the state by Flint residents. After succeeding former Republican Attorney General Bill Schuette this year, she appointed Hammoud to lead the probe.

A similar warrant was also issued to the Department of Technology, Management and Budget.

"The department is complying with the warrant. We cannot discuss the details further because it is part of pending litigation," spokesman Caleb Buhs said. A spokesman for the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy — formerly the Department of Environmental Quality — confirmed it was served a warrant last week.

The warrants seek data from the devices of individuals who have been charged in the probe but also uncharged officials such as Snyder, former Environmental Quality director Dan Wyant and various people who worked in Snyder's office including former Lt. Gov. Brian Calley, top aide Richard Baird and chief of staff Dick Posthumus.

Snyder attorney Brian Lennon declined to comment on the warrants Monday, saying they are part of ongoing litigation.

The warrants came after Hammoud this year reported that boxes of records were discovered in the basement of a state building, including phone extractions and a "trove" of other materials stored on hard

drives that allegedly had not been turned over in response to the subpoenas. She sought long breaks in the criminal cases to look at the boxes and any other evidence, but judges declined to suspend the cases for six months.

Flood was ousted as special prosecutor in April after leading the three-year investigation. Nobody in Snyder's office has been charged.

Hammoud accused Flood of mishandling the production of records and other evidence collected from state agencies. He has defended his work, saying he acted professionally.

Separately, another lawyer from the attorney general's office appeared in court to speak up for attorneys in the department who had assisted Flood in collecting and cataloging mounds of records. Christina Grossi said there was no wrongdoing by staff.

Under Michigan law, the affidavit that Hammoud submitted to get the warrants signed by Judge Nathaniel Perry III will not become public for 56 days, though prosecutors can seek to suppress it longer.

The AP filed Freedom of Information Act requests with the attorney general's office and the budget department to see the warrants they received.

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US aircraft carrier deployed over Iran remains outside Gulf

By JON GAMBRELL Associated Press

ABOARD THE USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (AP) — A U.S. aircraft carrier ordered by the White House to rapidly deploy to the Mideast over a perceived threat from Iran remains outside of the Persian Gulf, so far avoiding any confrontation with Iranian Revolutionary Guard forces amid efforts to deescalate tensions between Tehran and Washington.

Officers aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln repeatedly told The Associated Press on Monday they could respond rapidly to any regional threat from their position, at the time some 320 kilometers (200 miles) off the eastern coast of Oman in the Arabian Sea.

However, after decades of American aircraft carriers sailing through the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow mouth of the Persian Gulf through which a third of all oil traded at sea passes, the U.S. Navy's decision to keep the Lincoln away is striking.

"You don't want to inadvertently escalate something," Capt. Putnam Browne, the commanding officer of the Lincoln, told the AP.

The White House in May deployed the Lincoln and B-52 bombers to the Persian Gulf. The U.S. also plans to send 900 additional troops to the Mideast and extend the stay of another 600 as tens of thousands of others also are on the ground across the region.

The crisis takes root in President Donald Trump's withdrawal last year of the U.S. from the 2015 nuclear deal between Tehran and world powers that capped Iran's uranium enrichment activities in return for lifting sanctions. Washington subsequently re-imposed sanctions on Iran, sending its economy into freefall.

Trump has argued that the deal failed to sufficiently curb Iran's ability to develop nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles, or halt its support for militias in the Mideast.

But amid the escalation, the U.S. alleges without offering evidence that four oil tankers off the coast of the United Arab Emirates were attacked with limpet mines. Meanwhile, Yemen's Iranian-backed Houthi rebels have launched coordinated drone attacks on Saudi Arabia.

The U.S. itself has made a point to show its arsenal in the region. On Sunday, the U.S. Air Force announced a B-52 conducted a training exercise with the Lincoln that included "simulated strike operations."

That came as Monday marked the 30th anniversary of the death of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the founder of Iran's Islamic Republic. Thousands in Iran commemorate Khomeini's death by visiting his golden shrine south of Tehran. This year, Iranian military officials reportedly plan to guard it with HAWK surface-to-air missiles, the same kind the U.S. delivered to the Islamic Republic in the Iran-Contra scandal.

However, in recent days, the Trump administration has stressed it is ready to speak to the Iranians

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without preconditions. Iran in turn has demanded the U.S. show it respect.

Though officials repeatedly declined to discuss it, keeping the Lincoln out of the Strait of Hormuz and Persian Gulf helps to de-escalate the situation. Transits through the strait, which at its narrowest point is just 33 kilometers (21 miles) wide, often see the paramilitary Revolutionary Guard's naval forces shadow American warships. They've also run snap missile launches, fired machine guns and flown drones over American carriers.

To Iran, which shares the strait with Oman, they view the American naval presence akin to Iranian forces sailing into the Gulf of Mexico. But the U.S. Navy stresses the strait is an international waterway crucial to global shipping and energy supplies.

Asked about why the Lincoln hadn't gone through the strait, Rear Adm. John F.G. Wade, the commander of the carrier's strike group, said that his forces could "conduct my mission wherever and whenever needed." He declined to discuss any specifics about that mission, though he said Iran had presented "credible threats" to the region.

"They do impose a threat to our operations, but also to the safety and security of commerce and trade going through the Strait of Hormuz and that's why we are here," Wade said.

The Lincoln hosted journalists from the AP and other media outlets on Monday. They spent some four hours aboard the vessel after a two-hour flight from the United Arab Emirates and were greeted by camera-carrying sailors who documented every part of their time onboard.

The Lincoln famously served as the backdrop of then-President George W. Bush's May 2003 speech declaring combat operations over in Iraq, a banner reading "MISSION ACCOMPLISHED" hanging behind him. The majority of the war's casualties came after.

On Monday, F/A-18s flew maneuvers over the carrier. Accompanying the Lincoln to the Mideast are three destroyers — the USS Bainbridge, the USS Mason and the USS Nitze — as well as the guided-missile cruiser the USS Leyte Gulf.

Capt. William Reed, the commander of the carrier's air wing, laughed off any notion the situation was stressful.

"It's just another day at the office," he said from the carrier's hangar as airmen worked on the ship's F/A-18 fighter jets.

Capt. Chris Follin, the commodore of the destroyer strike group traveling with the Lincoln, didn't express any concern, either.

"I wouldn't want to go against that," he said, nodding toward the ship's sailors and warplanes. "Our mission is just to keep the peace."

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Judge rejects Congress' challenge of border wall funding

By ELLIOT SPAGAT and COLLEEN LONG Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge on Monday denied a House request to prevent President Donald Trump from tapping Defense Department money for his proposed border wall with Mexico, saying Congress lacked authority to sue.

Trump's victory is muted by a federal ruling in California last month that blocked construction of key sections of the wall. The California case was filed by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of the Sierra Club and Southern Border Communities Coalition.

U.S. District Judge Trevor McFadden, a Trump appointee, wrote that the House's lawsuit was "about whether one chamber of Congress has the 'constitutional means' to conscript the Judiciary in a political turf war with the President over the implementation of legislation."

McFadden said Congress didn't have authority in this case but that he didn't mean to imply the legisla-

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tive body could never challenge the president in court over separation of powers.

"An old maxim in politics holds that, 'Where you stand depends on where you sit,'" he wrote. "At law too, whether a plaintiff has standing often depends on where he sits. A seat in Congress comes with many prerogatives, but legal standing to superintend the execution of laws is not among them."

The Justice Department welcomed the decision, saying the judge "rightly ruled that the House of Representatives cannot ask the judiciary to take its side in political disputes and cannot use federal courts to accomplish through litigation what it cannot achieve using the tools the Constitution gives to Congress."

A spokesman for House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said Democrats were reviewing the ruling and evaluating whether to appeal.

A federal judge in Oakland, California, ruled May 24 that Trump overstepped his authority and blocked work from beginning on two of the highest-priority, Pentagon-funded wall projects — one spanning 46 miles (74 kilometers) in New Mexico and another covering 5 miles (8 kilometers) in Yuma, Arizona. The administration plans to appeal the ruling by Haywood Gilliam Jr., an appointee of President Barack Obama.

At stake is billions of dollars that would allow Trump to make progress on a signature campaign promise heading into his bid for a second term. The administration faces several lawsuits over the emergency declaration but only two sought to block construction during the legal challenge.

Trump declared a national emergency in February after losing a fight with the Democratic-led House that led to a 35-day government shutdown and identified up to \$8.1 billion for wall construction. The funds include \$3.6 billion from military construction funds, \$2.5 billion from Defense Department counterdrug activities and \$600 million from the Treasury Department's asset forfeiture fund.

The Defense Department has already transferred the counterdrug money. Patrick Shanahan, the acting defense secretary, is expected to decide any day whether to transfer the military construction funds.

Spagat reported from San Diego.

Mexicans launch friendly defensive to deflect US tariffs

By AMY GUTHRIE Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican officials have copied a page from President Donald Trump's playbook in recent days, taking to Twitter to communicate that they are working flat-out to de-escalate tensions over immigration and avoid punitive tariffs on all Mexican exports to the U.S.

Announcements of meetings in Washington, selfies and carefully crafted messages of optimism for cool-headed discussions are some of the tactics on display in social media to respond to an economic and diplomatic emergency that few anticipated. Trump's threat on Thursday to impose tariffs to pressure Mexico to do more to curb the flow of migrants came the same day that Mexico declared it would begin the process of ratifying the new United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement on trade.

Many are questioning the legality of mixing immigration policy goals with trade retaliation, and U.S. business groups are already considering legal action against the proposed tariff, arguing that the countries both produce for each other and together.

"Almost everyone was caught flat-footed," said Antonio Ortiz-Mena, an international trade consultant based in Washington with the Albright Stonebridge Group who represented Mexico as part of the team that negotiated the North American Free Trade Agreement in the early 1990s.

Ortiz-Mena said he spent much of the weekend on phone calls and crafting strategies to advise clients in the U.S.-Mexico supply chain on how to navigate the situation. His advice to Mexican officials would be to stay calm and show good faith by ratifying the USMCA trade deal.

"We're neighbors. We're not going anywhere," Ortiz-Mena said.

Mexico overtook Canada to become the top trade partner for the U.S. in April.

Mexico's message has been consistently friendly. President Andrés Manuel López Obrador said Mexico won't panic, signing off on a letter to Trump as "your friend" and repeating that his country doesn't want this confrontation, much less a trade war.

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But on Monday, his top officials also strove to set some boundaries.

"There is a clear limit to what we can negotiate, and the limit is Mexican dignity," said Mexico's ambassador to the United States, Martha Bárcena, at a news conference in Washington. She added that her country has taken steps to offer migrants visas, and said that "without Mexico's efforts, an additional quarter million migrants could arrive at the U.S. border in 2019."

Foreign Relations Secretary Marcelo Ebrard said that any "safe third country" agreement that would require asylum seekers to apply for refuge in Mexico first would be unacceptable for Mexico.

There has also been some expert trolling. Ebrard posted a picture of himself at a Mexican airport Friday waiting to depart for Washington via Houston, with a Huawei-branded cellphone charging station behind him. The subtle implication: If the U.S. pushes Mexico away, China, a geopolitical and economic adversary, could move in to fill that space.

Mexican Economy Minister Graciela Marquez said she would meet with Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross in Washington on Monday. Ebrard said a delegation he is leading will hold talks Wednesday with one headed by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

Ebrard said Mexican Agriculture Minister Victor Manuel Villalobos also is to meet with his U.S. counterpart, Sonny Perdue, as tariffs would "severely" affect the U.S. agricultural sector. The objective is for the U.S. to avoid "shooting itself in the foot," Ebrard said.

Mexico is the top export market for U.S. corn and pork, and Mexico supplies one out of three fresh fruits and vegetables consumed in the United States. Tariffs on Mexican agricultural exports are seen raising the cost of avocados, tomatoes and berries for U.S. consumers.

Over the weekend, Mexico's economy minister joined what Mexican Twitter users have dubbed the "Ebrard Selfie Challenge," posting pictures of herself smiling next to the U.S. commerce secretary at the inauguration of El Salvador President Nayib Bukele.

The Mexican strategy of killing with kindness has been met with skepticism and increasingly harsh words from Trump.

"Mexico is sending a big delegation to talk about the Border," Trump tweeted Sunday. "Problem is, they've been 'talking' for 25 years. We want action, not talk."

That followed an earlier tweet in which Trump labelled Mexico an "abuser" that takes but never gives to the U.S. He threatened to lure U.S. companies and jobs back via tariffs unless Mexico stops what he called an "invasion" of drug dealers, cartels, human traffickers, people smugglers and immigrants.

The addition of drugs to the complaint adds another layer of complication to negotiations.

"It's asking the impossible," said Maureen Meyer, director for Mexico and migrant rights at the Washington Office on Latin America, a group that researches and advocates for human rights. "It certainly overlooks how much Mexico is trying to cooperate with the U.S."

Mexican authorities have raided migrant caravans traveling through the country's southern states of Chiapas and Oaxaca this year. They have deported thousands of migrants and frustrated thousands more who wait endlessly for permits that would allow them to travel legally through Mexico.

Meyer expects U.S. officials will again push this week for Mexico to sign onto a "Safe Third Country" agreement, which would designate Mexico as an adequate waiting spot for migrants wishing to claim asylum in the U.S. She said Mexico should stand firm and resist because it lacks the financial and human resources to process thousands of refugee cases, even if it were willing to do so.

A complete militarization of Mexican borders is also a very tall order. Just as the Mexican border with the U.S. has proven porous, Mexico's southern border with Guatemala features dense jungle and a river that makes it difficult to patrol.

Over the weekend, The Associated Press witnessed migrants arrive in small batches by raft at Tapachula, a border town in Chiapas. Federal helicopters, boats and police were not patrolling the Suchiate River as they have in the past to halt caravans.

But the AP also has seen a migrant woman and two children pulled from a bus in recent days to be transported to a detention center. Residents of Tapachula are routinely asked to show ID while riding public transportation as officials search for migrants without permission to be in Mexico. There were few

migrants in the streets or camping in the public parks of Tapachula.

Those passing through Mexico without transit visas have opted to maintain a low-profile over the past weeks as Mexico seeks to detain and deport more migrants — and to draw attention to those efforts.

The National Migration Institute tweeted a picture Saturday of a plane transporting 64 Cubans back to their country from the Gulf state of Veracruz.

Trump says he will impose a 5% tariff on Mexican goods beginning June 10 as a way to force the government of Mexico to keep mostly Central American migrants from crossing into the U.S. He says that until he is satisfied with Mexico's results, the import tax will be increased five percentage points every month through October, topping out at a total tariff of 25%.

Yet there are no concrete benchmarks for Mexico to prove that it is stemming immigration flows.

Mick Mulvaney, acting White House chief of staff, said on "Fox News Sunday" that Trump is "deadly serious" about imposing tariffs on imports, adding that "there's no specific target, there's no specific percentage" that Mexico needs to hit.

"They have to get dramatically better and they have to get better quickly," Mulvaney said.

López Obrador said Mexican officials will try to better communicate their immigration efforts in Washington this week. He issued a memo to "the people" of the U.S. on Sunday saying he wishes to remain Trump's friend and professing that Mexicans are their friends, too.

He closed the letter by saying: "Let nothing and nobody separate our beautiful and sacred friendship."

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Ceremony, political gibes mark Trump's first day in London

By JONATHAN LEMIRE and KEVIN FREKING Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Mixing pageantry and pugilism, President Donald Trump plunged into his long-delayed state visit to Britain on Monday, welcomed with smiles and a cannon salute by the royals but launching political insults at others in a time of turmoil for both nations in the deep, if recently strained, alliance.

It was a whirlwind of pomp, circumstance and protest for Trump, who had lunch with Queen Elizabeth and tea with Prince Charles before a grand state dinner at Buckingham Palace.

The queen used her toast to emphasize the importance of international institutions created by Britain, the United States and other allies after World War II, a subtle rebuttal to Trump, a critic of NATO and the U.N.

But most of the talk and the colorful images were just what the White House wanted to showcase Trump as a statesman while, back home, the race to succeed him — and talk of impeaching him — heated up. Yet Trump, forever a counter-puncher, immediately roiled diplomatic docility by tearing into London Mayor Sadiq Khan.

The agenda for Trump's weeklong European journey is mostly ceremonial:

Later this week come D-Day commemoration ceremonies on both sides of the English Channel and his first presidential visit to Ireland, which will include a stay at his coastal golf club. For most presidents, it would be a time to revel in the grandeur, building relations with heads of state and collecting photo-ops for campaign ads and presidential libraries.

But Trump has proven time and again he is not most presidents.

With the trip already at risk of being overshadowed by Britain's Brexit turmoil, Trump unleashed a Twitter tirade after a newspaper column in which London's mayor said he did not deserve red-carpet treatment and was "one of the most egregious examples of a growing global threat" to liberal democracy from the far right.

"@SadiqKhan, who by all accounts has done a terrible job as Mayor of London, has been foolishly 'nasty' to the visiting President of the United States, by far the most important ally of the United Kingdom," Trump wrote just before landing. "He is a stone cold loser who should focus on crime in London, not me."

Khan supporters have previously accused Trump of being racist against London's first Muslim mayor.

During the palace welcome ceremony, Trump and Prince Charles inspected the Guard of Honor formed

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by the Grenadier Guards wearing their traditional bearskin hats. Royal gun salutes were fired from nearby Green Park and from the Tower of London as part of the pageantry accompanying an official state visit, one of the highest honors Britain can bestow on a foreign leader.

But the U.S. president arrived at a precarious moment. There is a fresh round of impeachment fervor back home and uncertainty on this side of the Atlantic. British Prime Minister Theresa May has undergone months of political turmoil over Britain's planned exit from the European Union, and French President Emmanuel Macron is expected to use the 75th anniversary of the World War II battle that turned the tide on the Western Front to call for strengthening multinational ties the U.S. president has frayed.

A sense of déjà vu quickly spread around London as Trump barreled into the visit.

A year ago, he also had taken aim at his hosts before landing on English soil, blasting May in an interview hours before she hosted him for dinner. This time he has so far spared May, whom he will meet with on Tuesday, but he also has praised her rival, Boris Johnson, just days before May steps down as Conservative leader on Friday for failing to secure a Brexit deal.

"I think Boris would do a very good job. I think he would be excellent," Trump told The Sun. "I like him. I have always liked him. I don't know that he is going to be chosen, but I think he is a very good guy, a very talented person."

It was not clear if that endorsement would help or hurt Johnson's chances of becoming prime minister. Trump said he may meet with Johnson this week.

Never shy about weighing in on other countries' affairs, Trump also told the Sunday Times that Britain should "walk away" from Brexit talks and refuse to pay a 39 billion pound (\$49 billion) divorce bill if it doesn't get better terms from the European Union. He said he might meet with another pro-Brexit politician, Nigel Farage, and claimed Farage should be given a role in the Brexit negotiations.

After lunch with the queen, Trump was given a biography of Winston Churchill as a gift — he's a fan — and shown parts of the collection at Buckingham Palace, including an 18th-century map of New York, historic photos of golf at St. Andrews and books about birds and George Washington. Westminster Abbey was next, with a tour and moment of silence at the tomb of the Unknown Warrior.

As Trump crossed London, he was shadowed — at a distance — by demonstrators, who planned to fly again a huge balloon depicting the president as a baby. He declared there was "great love all around" but the Fake News would try to find protests.

As often happens when Trump travels overseas, norms were shattered, including when the president complained about his television viewing options in the foreign capital and urged people to punish CNN by boycotting its parent company, AT&T.

In an interview with The Sun, Trump weighed in on the American-born Duchess of Sussex. The former Meghan Markle, who gave birth to a son in May and will not attend the week's events, has been critical of Trump, and when some of her comments were recited to him he told the tabloid, "I didn't know that she was nasty."

He said later he thought Markle would be "very good" as a royal and claimed he only meant her comments were "nasty."

Trump will make his first presidential visit to Ireland on Wednesday, spending two nights at his golf club in Doonbeg, which sits above the Atlantic. After Dublin balked at holding a meeting in the city, a deal was struck for Trump to meet Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar at the VIP lounge at Shannon Airport, hardly the grand setting usually afforded a meeting of world leaders.

The centerpiece of the president's European trip will be two days to mark the 75th anniversary of the June 6, 1944, D-Day landing, likely the last significant commemoration most veterans of the battle will see. The events will begin in Portsmouth, England, where the invasion was launched, and then move across the Channel to France, where Allied forces began to recapture Western Europe from the Nazis.

The day is normally a heartfelt tribute to unity and sacrifice, outweighing any national or political skirmish. But some on both sides of the Atlantic are nervous about Trump, who has shown a willingness to inject partisanship into such moments.

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35 dead as Sudan troops move against democracy protesters

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KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) — Sudan's ruling military moved to crush the protest movement opposing its grip on power as security forces overran the main sit-in site in the capital Monday, unleashing furious volleys of gunfire, burning down tents and killing at least 35 people, witnesses and protest leaders said.

With the assault, the generals signaled an end of their tolerance of the pro-democracy demonstrators, who for months have been camped outside the military's headquarters as the two sides negotiated over who would run the country after the April ouster of longtime strongman Omar al-Bashir.

The head of the military council said early Tuesday that protest leaders shared blame for the violence, accusing them of dragging out negotiations and seeking to keep other sectors of Sudanese society out of an interim government. Gen. Abdel-Fattah Burhan also said that the council was cancelling all its agreement with protest groups and would call elections within seven months.

After their protests succeeded in forcing the military to remove al-Bashir, pro-democracy demonstrators had stayed in the streets, demanding the generals move to the background and allow civilians to lead the transition.

The dispersal of the sit-in now risks escalating violence even further. Scattered by the bloody assault, protesters vowed to keep up their campaign, suspending talks and calling for a general strike and civil disobedience. They urged nighttime marches across the country.

"This is a critical point in our revolution. The military council has chosen escalation and confrontation," said Mohammed Yousef al-Mustafa, a spokesman for the Sudanese Professionals' Association, which has spearheaded the protests.

"Those are criminals who should have been treated like al-Bashir," he said. "Now the situation is either them or us, there is no other way."

Burhan's statement said military leaders would investigate Monday's violence. He didn't mention security forces, but said protests leaders bore blame for the volatile situation, because they have been "extending the negotiations and seeking to exclude other political and security forces" from participating in any transitional government.

The council and protest leaders had made progress during talks in May over an interim Cabinet and legislative body, but they split over the make-up and leadership of a sovereign council that was being discussed to govern Sudan during a three-year transition.

Burhan said the military council would now move to form an interim government to prepare for elections, which he said would be internationally supervised. He said the council was cancelling all its agreements with protest leaders.

Earlier, the military council said in a statement that Monday's violence erupted when security forces tried to clear an area adjacent to the protest camp. It said people being chased by the troops fled into the sit-in site, leading to the shooting deaths and injuries.

Activists said the assault appeared to be a coordinated move, with other forces attacking similar sit-ins in Khartoum's sister city of Omdurman and the eastern city of al-Qadarif.

The attack came on the day before the Eid holiday that ends Ramadan, the holy month when Muslims fast during daylight hours. Large numbers of troops from the military, police and Rapid Support Forces — an elite unit that during the anti-al-Bashir protests had vowed to protect the sit-in — moved in on the gathering after overnight rains, activists said.

"They are surrounding the sit-in from all directions," one activist, Amal al-Zein, said early in the assault, in which the forces burned tents and arrested those trying to flee.

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An Associated Press journalist heard gunshots and explosions, and saw buses and soldiers on foot blocking roads leading to the protest site. In online videos, protesters were seen running and ducking as barrages of gunfire echoed. Smoke rose from tires set ablaze by the protesters.

Demonstrators stood behind low barricades of bricks and dug-up pavement, and some threw stones before being driven back by walls of blue-clad security forces carrying sticks. One video showed police swarming around a protester sprawled on the ground, beating him with sticks. In another video, residents opened their doors to shelter those who ran.

The Sudan Doctors' Committee said the death toll had risen to at least 35 by early Tuesday with the killing of five people in the city's Bahri district. The group said it was difficult to count deaths in areas outside the military complex in Khartoum. Hundreds of people were wounded, many by gunfire, the group said.

Medical personnel and wounded were trapped in clinics as troops overran the area.

"Wounded people are lying on the ground in the reception area as there are not enough beds," said Dr. Azza al-Kamel of the Royal Care hospital.

Hundreds were arrested, said al-Zein and another activist, Hisham Shalabi. Photos posted online showed dozens of men and women lined up on the pavement, sitting or lying face down, under guard by troops.

The assault ended the sit-in at the heart of the movement that echoed the 2011 Arab Spring uprisings — although Sudan's sought to learn from the mistakes of other protesters. Protest leaders insisted the removal of al-Bashir after 30 years in power was not enough. Tens of thousands remained in place in Khartoum and other camps around the country, demanding a fast transition to civilian rule.

The negotiations had imposed a degree of peace. But tensions mounted in recent weeks as the talks yielded little progress. Protesters demanded the military have only limited involvement in a transitional government, but the generals have resisted relinquishing power.

Just over a week ago, Burhan met with his two top allies, the president of Egypt and the crown prince of the United Arab Emirates. Those leaders backed al-Bashir's removal and have given strong support to the military council. They also deeply oppose movements such as those that swept the region in 2011.

After Monday's violence, the Sudanese Professionals' Association called for closing main roads to "paralyze public life" across the country. The Forces for Declaration of Freedom and Change, which has represented protesters in the negotiations, called for toppling the military council and more street protests.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres condemned the crackdown and called for authorities to allow an independent investigation, his spokesman Stephane Dujarric said. "There was use of excessive force by the security force on civilians," Dujarric said.

The U.N. human rights chief, Michelle Bachelet, expressed alarm at reports that live ammunition was used, including "next to, and even inside, medical facilities."

The embassies of the United States and Britain also expressed concern. Amnesty International urged the U.N. Security Council to consider imposing sanctions on members of Sudan's ruling military council.

The military "has completely destroyed the trust of the Sudanese people and crushed the people's hope for a new era of respect for human rights and respect for the right to protest without fear," said Sarah Jackson, Amnesty International's deputy regional director for East Africa.

Associated Press writer Bassam Hatoum reported this story in Khartoum and AP writer Samy Magdy reported from Cairo.

US, Mexico officials to begin talks over tariffs, border

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Mexico launched a counteroffensive Monday against the threat of U.S. tariffs, warning not only that it would hurt the economies of both countries but also could cause a quarter-million more Central Americans to migrate north.

A high-level delegation from the Mexican government held a news conference at the embassy in Washington, making the case against President Donald Trump's threat of imposing a 5% tariff on Mexican

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imports by June 10.

It is unclear what more Mexico can do — and what will be enough — to satisfy the president.

“As a sign of good faith, Mexico should immediately stop the flow of people and drugs through their country and to our Southern Border. They can do it if they want!” Trump tweeted Monday from London.

Trump’s Republican allies warn that tariffs on Mexican imports will hit U.S. consumers, harm the economy and jeopardize the new United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement trade pact that the White House wants Congress to approve.

“This calls into question our ability to pass the USMCA, much less get it passed by Canada and Mexico,” said Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas.

The GOP senator said he couldn’t imagine the hit to the economy if the tariffs rise to 25%, as Trump has threatened. “I don’t even want to think about it,” he told reporters Monday. “We need to put our heads together and try to come up with a solution.”

Trump all but taunted negotiators for a quick resolution. “Mexico is sending a big delegation to talk about the Border,” he tweeted Sunday. “Problem is, they’ve been ‘talking’ for 25 years. We want action, not talk.”

But Mexican Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard replied Monday that both countries working together is “the best way to do it.”

Mexico said it will only go so far to avert the duties, and absolutely ruled out a “third safe country” agreement that would require asylum seekers to apply for refuge in Mexico first.

“There is a clear limit to what we can negotiate, and the limit is Mexican dignity,” said Mexico’s Ambassador to the United States, Martha Barcena.

Barcena said Mexico has taken steps to offer migrants visas in Mexico, and “without Mexico’s efforts, an additional quarter-million migrants could arrive at the U.S. border in 2019.”

Barcena said Mexico has accepted 8,835 returned migrants as of May 29, and they are now waiting in the country for an asylum hearing in the U.S. courts.

The tariff threat comes just as the administration has been pushing for passage of the USMCA, which would update the North American Free Trade Agreement.

U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross met Monday with Mexican Economy Minister Graciela Marquez. Afterward, Ross said the two had discussed the tariffs and the “next steps” for the trade pact. “I reiterated the president’s message that Mexico needs to do more to help the U.S. address immigration across our shared border,” Ross said in a statement.

Delegations led by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Foreign Relations Secretary Marcelo Ebrard will also meet in Washington.

Marquez told reporters her team is assessing potential reprisals in case the diplomatic efforts do not bear fruit this week. “We will have to make a strategic plan to take into consideration many elements,” she said.

Agricultural trade between the United States and Mexico was worth about \$130 million a day last year, according to Mexican Secretary of Agriculture Victor Villalobos. A 5% U.S. tariff would decrease that trade by \$3.8 million a day, he said.

Trump has been here before, issuing high-stakes threats, only to back off come crunch time.

Trump claims Mexico has taken advantage of the United States for decades but that the abuse will end when he slaps tariffs on Mexican imports. His frustration with the flow of migrants is nothing new, but it’s a subject he often returns to, as he did last week after special counsel Robert Mueller’s rare public statement on the Trump-Russia report.

The president said last week that he will impose the tariffs to pressure the government of Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador to block Central American migrants from crossing the border into the U.S. Trump said the import tax will increase by 5% every month through October, topping out at 25%. It swiftly refocused attention on the border issues.

Mick Mulvaney, the acting White House chief of staff, said on “Fox News Sunday” that the president is “deadly serious.”

Still, Mulvaney acknowledged there are no concrete benchmarks being set to assess whether the U.S.

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ally is stemming the migrant flow enough to satisfy the administration. "We intentionally left the declaration sort of ad hoc," he said.

"So, there's no specific target, there's no specific percentage, but things have to get better," Mulvaney said. "They have to get dramatically better and they have to get better quickly."

GOP Sen. John Kennedy of Louisiana, called the tariffs a "mistake" and said it was unlikely Trump would impose them.

Republicans on Capitol Hill and GOP allies in the business community have expressed serious unease with the tariffs. Some see this latest threat as a play for leverage and doubt Trump will follow through. Earlier this year, Trump threatened to seal the border with Mexico only to change course.

Florida GOP Sen. Marco Rubio tweeted that the situation at the border was "unsustainable." But he said he was "hopeful this can be resolved" without Trump using his authority to impose tariffs.

Republicans have repeatedly tried to nudge Trump away from trade wars and have specifically questioned the White House's ability to rely on executive authorities to impose some of them as national security issues.

At the same time, Trump's efforts to revamp immigration laws have drawn little support in the Congress.

"I think what the president said, what the White House has made clear, is we need a vast reduction in the numbers crossing," Kevin McAleenan, acting secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, said on CNN's "State of the Union."

Mulvaney, who also appeared on NBC's "Meet the Press," said Mexico could take various steps to decrease the record numbers of migrants at the border.

He suggested the Mexican government could seal its southern border with Guatemala, crack down on domestic terrorist organizations and make Mexico a safe place for migrants seeking to apply for asylum.

Economists and business groups are sounding alarms over the tariffs, warning that they will impair trade and increase the costs of many Mexican goods that Americans have come to rely on.

But Mulvaney played down those fears, saying he doubts business will pass on the costs to shoppers. "American consumers will not pay for the burden of these tariffs," he said.

AP correspondent Mark Stevenson in Mexico City contributed to this report.

Apple previews new software as it diversifies beyond iPhones

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE AP Technology Writer

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Apple, beset by falling iPhone sales, announced upcoming changes to its phone and computer software intended to highlight its increasing emphasis on digital services and to further position it as a fierce guardian of personal privacy.

The revisions previewed Monday during a conference in San Jose, California, included a new feature that will let people log into apps and other services with an Apple ID instead of relying on similar sign-in options from Facebook and Google — two companies that mine data to sell advertising. Apple said it won't collect tracking information about users from that service.

As part of that feature, Apple will also let users mask their true email addresses when signing into apps and services. That will involve faux email addresses that automatically forward to the user's personal email. When the next version of the iPhone software comes out this fall, Apple is also promising to give people the option of limiting the time apps can follow their locations and prevent tracking through Bluetooth and Wi-Fi signals.

The revisions are part of Apple's ongoing attempts to differentiate itself from other technology giants, many of whom offer free services in exchange for personal data such as whereabouts and personal interests, which in turn fuels the advertising that generates most of their revenue. Apple, by contrast, makes virtually all its money selling devices and services, making it easier for CEO Tim Cook to embrace "privacy is a fundamental human right" as one of the company's battle cries in an age of increasingly intrusive technology.

Monday's software showcase is an annual rite that Apple holds for thousands of programmers at the end

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of spring. This year, however, Apple is grappling with its biggest challenge since its visionary co-founder, Steve Jobs, died nearly eight years ago.

Although still popular, the iPhone is no longer reliably driving Apple's profits the way it has for the past decade. Sales have fallen sharply for the past two quarters, and could suffer another blow if China's government targets the iPhone in retaliation for the trade war being waged by Another potential problem looms for Apple. Regulatory complaints and a consumer lawsuit both question whether Apple has been abusing the power of its iPhone app store to thwart competition and gouge smaller technology companies that rely on it to attract users and sell their services.

Apple is trying to adapt by squeezing money from digital services tailored for the more than 900 million iPhones currently in use. The transition includes a Netflix-like video service that Apple teased in March and thrust to center stage again Monday with a preview of one of the new series due out this fall, "For All Mankind."

But the iPhone remains Apple's marquee attraction. The next version of its iPhone operating software, iOS 13, manages to offer both privacy features and an aesthetic "dark mode" for the screen — a feature already available on Macs.

Apple executives also claimed that iOS 13 will open apps faster and features a new version of the Face ID system will unlock your phone 30 percent faster. The software also will introduce more artificial intelligence to enable Apple's digital assistant, Siri, to speak more like a human and, if so assigned, automatically tackle even more tasks, such as reading incoming messages out loud as Apple tries to catch up to the digital assistants made by Google and Amazon. Apple's improvements in artificial intelligence also hatched a new photo-management tool that picks out the best photos taken on a certain day or in an entire month or year.

Apple Maps will get the biggest makeover of any of the company's built-in apps. Beginning with iOS 13 the maps will include granular street and place data that Apple says it collected with street and aerial footage — tactics its largest mobile app rival Google has been using for years.

Apple also unveiled several new apps for its smartwatch, including independent apps that don't rely on the iPhone in another sign of the company's determination to lessen its dependence on that product. The App Store will be available on the watch, making it possible for people to find and download apps right on their watch — expanding the availability of purchases that generate commissions for Apple.

The iPad will also get its own operating system instead of piggybacking on the iPhone software as Apple tries to cater to consumers who would like the tablet to be able to do more of the things a laptop computer can do.

In its laptop and desktop businesses, Apple is breaking up its iTunes software for computers into three apps: Apple Music, Apple Podcasts and Apple TV. Apple debuted iTunes 16 years ago to sell and manage digital music for the iPod, which paved the way for the iPhone.

Apple has already de-emphasized iTunes on the iPhone and iPad, but now it will do the same on the Mac as well later this year. iTunes will still be available on Macs using older versions of the operating system, as well on all machines running on Microsoft's Windows.

Spoiler alert: 'Jeopardy!' star Holzhauer's fate revealed

By DAVID BAUDER AP Media Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — James Holzhauer, the trivia whiz who dominated "Jeopardy!" this spring, isn't invincible after all.

The game show's 32-time champion lost for the first time in an episode that aired on Monday, falling short of records for total winnings and longest reign, but still making an argument that he's the best to ever play television's most popular game.

The professional sports gambler from Las Vegas ended his run by high-fiving the woman who beat him, Chicago librarian Emma Boettcher.

"I really felt like I had been playing with house money, so I wasn't too upset to see my run end," Hol-

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zhauer said in an email interview. He said he ran into "a terrific opponent playing flawlessly."

The streak made Holzhauer a household name and sent ratings soaring, at a time "Jeopardy!" needed a pick-me-up amid host Alex Trebek's announcement that he had cancer.

Holzhauer nearly doubled the show's previous record for one-day winnings by earning \$131,127 on his tenth game, and he leaves with the 16 highest one-day scores in the show's history. The game has aired in its current form since 1984.

He combined a savant-like knowledge of the world with a mastery of the buzzer, allowing him to beat opponents to the punch, and adding a gambler's cold-blooded instinct to make big bets. Often in the show's first round, he'd quickly pile up as much money as he could, and then bet it all if he landed on a Daily Double that allows him to choose how much money to risk.

In the end, he ran into a woman willing to be as bold as he was. Boettcher went into the show's final question with a lead over Holzhauer, and bet \$20,201 to ensure he couldn't beat her.

"What a game!" Trebek said. "Oh, my God."

The show's final clue was: "The line 'a great reckoning in a little room' in 'As You Like It' is usually taken to refer to this author's premature death."

Both Boettcher and Holzhauer correctly answered, "Who is Christopher Marlowe?"

Holzhauer had won \$2,462,216 through Friday's episode, leaving him a little more than \$58,000 shy of the record for earnings set by Ken Jennings in 2004. Holzhauer didn't get halfway to Jennings' 74-game win streak.

"I was surprised to see James go down considering how unbeatable he has looked, but it just goes to show how fragile a 'Jeopardy!' streak is," Jennings said on Monday. "The end is always just one bad break away."

Jennings said it was a fantastic run. "I don't know if we'll see anything like it again," he said.

Holzhauer, who rarely buzzed in with wrong answers, said he was proud that he never beat himself. "It took an incredible performance to knock me out," he said.

Holzhauer's intimidating dominance became so routine that some longtime "Jeopardy!" watchers grouched that it was becoming boring. Holzhauer himself seemed subdued during his last few victories. He said there was an explanation: last week's episodes were taped immediately after Trebek announced his cancer diagnosis, so that might have affected his mood.

"I don't think I ever tired of playing," he said. "I greatly enjoyed the whole experience."

Word that Monday's episode might turn out to be special for "Jeopardy!" fans spread quickly with circulation late this weekend of a video of the show's final minute. A show representative did not immediately respond to questions about how this material was leaked.

Holzhauer himself offered a cryptic tweet hours before most of the country had seen the episode, saying he "knew I shouldn't have invited @Drake to the @Jeopardy taping." Savvy sports fans would recognize the reference to a supposed curse that the rap star brings to teams he roots for.

Holzhauer developed an active social media presence during his time on the show, a signal that he's likely to be heard from again. He said that "I'm fielding some very interesting offers at the moment, and still have a lot of phone calls to return."

Jennings was already seeing questions Monday about whether "Jeopardy!" would bring him and Holzhauer together for an epic championship match.

"It would be hard to turn down, but I'd feel like the old gunslinger being challenged by the young guy in his prime," he said. "On the right day, I'm sure I could still take him, but it would all be a matter of who got the breaks."

Associated Press writer Herb McCann in Chicago contributed to this report.

Drugs make headway against lung, breast, prostate cancers

By **MARILYNN MARCHIONE AP Chief Medical Writer**

CHICAGO (AP) — Newer drugs are substantially improving the chances of survival for some people with hard-to-treat forms of lung, breast and prostate cancer, doctors reported at the world's largest cancer conference.

Among those who have benefited is Roszell Mack Jr., who at age 87 is still able to work at a Lexington, Kentucky, horse farm, nine years after being diagnosed with lung cancer that had spread to his bones and lymph nodes.

"I go in every day, I'm the first one there," said Mack, who helped test Merck's Keytruda, a therapy that helps the immune system identify and fight cancer. "I'm feeling well and I have a good quality of life."

The downside: Many of these drugs cost \$100,000 or more a year, although what patients pay out of pocket varies depending on insurance, income and other criteria.

The results were featured Saturday and Sunday at the American Society of Clinical Oncology conference in Chicago and some were published by the New England Journal of Medicine. Companies that make the drugs sponsored the studies, and some study leaders have financial ties.

Here are some highlights:

LUNG CANCER

Immunotherapy drugs such as Keytruda have transformed the treatment of many types of cancer, but they're still fairly new and don't help most patients. The longest study yet of Keytruda in patients with advanced lung cancer found that 23% of those who got the drug as part of their initial therapy survived at least five years, whereas 16% of those who tried other treatments first did.

In the past, only about 5% of such patients lived that long.

"I'm a big believer that it's not just about duration of life, quality of life is important," said Dr. Leora Horn, of the Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center in Nashville, Tennessee. She enrolled Mack in the 550-person study.

Mack said he had manageable side effects — mostly some awful itching — after starting on Keytruda four years ago. He went off it last winter and scans showed no active cancer; he and his doctor hope it's in remission.

Last year, a smaller study reported five-year survival rates of 16% for similar patients given another immunotherapy, Opdivo.

"From both studies we're getting a similar message: When these drugs work, they can have a really durable effect," Horn said.

BREAST CANCER

The risk of this rises with age, but about 48,000 cases each year in the U.S. are in women under age 50. About 70% are "hormone-positive, HER2-negative" — that is, the cancer's growth is fueled by estrogen or progesterone and not by the gene that the drug Herceptin targets.

In a study of 672 women with such cancers that had spread or were very advanced, adding the Novartis drug Kisqali to the usual hormone blockers as initial therapy helped more than hormone therapy alone.

After 3 1/2 years, 70% of women on Kisqali were alive, compared to 46% of the rest. Side effects were more common with Kisqali.

This is the first time any treatment has boosted survival beyond what hormone blockers do for such patients.

PROSTATE

The options keep expanding for men with prostate cancer that has spread beyond the gland. Standard treatment is drugs that block the male hormone testosterone, which helps these cancers grow, plus chemotherapy or a newer drug called Zytiga.

Now, two other drugs have proven able to extend survival when used like chemo or Zytiga in men who were getting usual hormone therapy and still being helped by it.

One study tested Xtandi, sold by Pfizer and Astellas Pharma Inc., in 1,125 men, half of whom also were getting chemo. After three years, 80% of those given Xtandi plus standard treatments were alive, com-

pared to 72% of men given the other treatments alone.

The other study involved 1,052 men who were given hormone therapy with or without the Janssen drug Erleada. After two years, survival was 82% among those on Erleada and 74% among those who weren't.

Men now have a choice of four drugs that give similar benefits, and no studies yet have compared them against each other, said Dr. Ethan Basch, a prostate specialist at the University of North Carolina's Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center who has no financial ties to any drugmakers.

Cost and side effects may help patients decide, he said. Chemo can cause numbness and tingling in the hands and feet and may not be good for men with diabetes who already are at higher risk for this problem. Zytiga must be taken with a steroid; Xtandi and Erleada can cause falling and fainting.

Chemo has more side effects but costs much less and requires only four to six intravenous treatments. The other three drugs are pills that cost more than \$10,000 a month and are taken indefinitely.

"I have patients who refuse to take these drugs because of cost," Basch said. "Patients have more choice, but it isn't clear more benefit is being provided" beyond what chemo gives, he said.

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IAAF ordered by court to suspend Semenya testosterone rules

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Caster Semenya won an interim ruling in her battle against the IAAF when the Swiss supreme court ordered athletics' governing body to suspend its testosterone regulations on Monday, raising the prospect of her competing at the world championships without having to take hormone suppressing medication.

The decision temporarily lifts the contentious rules, at least until the IAAF responds with arguments to the supreme court, known as the Swiss Federal Tribunal, to restore them. The IAAF has until June 25 to do that.

Should the IAAF fail to overturn the ruling, the regulations will remain suspended until Semenya's full appeal is heard by a panel of Swiss federal judges. That could take up to a year or more, meaning the 28-year-old South African might be cleared to run unrestricted in her favored event in remaining Diamond League meetings and the worlds in Doha, Qatar, in September and October.

"I am thankful to the Swiss judges for this decision," Semenya said. "I hope that following my appeal I will once again be able to run free."

The supreme court appeal is the second time the two-time Olympic 800-meter champion has challenged the IAAF rules. Semenya lost her case against the IAAF at the Court of Arbitration for Sport on May 1 and the rules came into effect on May 8.

They meant that Semenya wasn't allowed to run in any top-level 800-meter race unless she medically reduced her elevated testosterone levels before Monday's decision.

Dorothee Schramm, the Swiss-based lawyer leading Semenya's appeal, said the supreme court "has granted welcome temporary protection to Caster Semenya."

"This is an important case that will have fundamental implications for the human rights of female athletes," Schramm said.

The ruling has implications for other athletes, too. Francine Niyonsaba of Burundi and Margaret Wambui of Kenya, both Olympic medalists in the 800, have said they are also affected by the rules.

The regulations apply only to some races, from 400 meters to one mile. Semenya is the reigning Olympic champion and a three-time world champion in the 800. She also has a world championships bronze medal in the 1,500 meters, which the IAAF also made a restricted race.

Semenya has battled track authorities for the right to run in what she describes as her natural form for a decade, ever since she was subjected to gender verification tests by the IAAF at the age of 18 when she won her first world title in 2009.

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The dispute is viewed as one of the most controversial and complex to face sport.

The IAAF rules apply to female athletes with medical conditions known as "differences of sex development" (DSD) and specifically those born with the typical male XY chromosome pattern. The athletes also have testosterone levels higher than the typical female range, which the IAAF argues gives them an unfair athletic advantage over other women because the hormone helps build muscle and increases oxygen levels in the blood.

To compete in the Olympics, world championships or other international athletics events, each athlete must reduce her testosterone level and keep it within the acceptable range for six months prior to competing. The IAAF gives three medical options to do that: A daily contraceptive pill, a monthly testosterone-blocking injection, or surgery. The treatments could inhibit athletic performance but by how much is uncertain, while also posing risks of other negative side effects.

Prescribing medical treatments solely for sports eligibility reasons has been labelled as unethical by an array of experts, including the World Medical Association, which represents doctors across the world.

Semenya's lawyers say her appeal to the Swiss supreme court will focus on human rights, with the rules forcing her to take medication or have surgery to be eligible to compete.

Since the rules came into effect last month, Semanya and Wambui publicly refused to take medication. Semanya has been forced to medically suppress her testosterone level before, under previous IAAF rules that were dropped in 2015.

Athlete medical records and details of DSD tests are confidential but Semanya and Indian sprinter Dutee Chand have fought testosterone regulations and Niyonsaba and Wambui have both publicly criticized the rules recently. Niyonsaba won the silver medal behind Semanya in the 800 meters at the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro and Wambui won the bronze.

It's unclear how many other female athletes are affected. The IAAF says it will not identify athletes with DSD but says there are dozens in elite athletics.

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Mississippi River flooding approaches records set in 1993

By HEATHER HOLLINGSWORTH The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The swollen Mississippi River is straining levees, snarling traffic and forcing people from their homes as the water level in some places approaches record levels set during devastating flooding in 1993.

Missouri Gov. Mike Parson was touring flooded areas Monday in the northeast part of the state, where there have been around a dozen water rescues. Statewide, nearly 400 roads are closed, including part of U.S. 136.

Locks and dams upstream of St. Louis are shut down as the Mississippi River crests at the second-highest level on record in some communities. Midwestern rivers have flooded periodically since March, causing billions of dollars of damage to farmland, homes and businesses from Oklahoma and Arkansas and up to Michigan.

Residents, emergency responders and volunteers helping in recovery efforts are facing another challenge from swarms of mosquitoes drawn to standing water.

"Nuisance mosquitoes are usually the first populations to take advantage of flooded conditions," said Howard Pue, of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. "They can be big, really numerous and inflict painful bites."

Gary Stubblefield, a volunteer coordinator for recovery and cleanup efforts in the Joplin area, said the volunteers cleaning up after an EF-3 tornado struck parts of Carl Junction May 22 are asking for bug repellent contributions. Organizers have handed out hundreds of cans, and more is needed, Stubblefield said.

Near the 1,400-person town of Winfield, Missouri, a Mississippi River levee breached Sunday, forcing evacuations in a rural area, said Sue Casseau, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. On

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Saturday, sandbags were intentionally removed from a farm levee along the Mississippi River near Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, to allow water through and remove pressure downstream. The Illinois River also overtopped levees that protect a combined 1,500 acres in western Illinois, she said.

"If water is over the field, no one is planting," Casseau said. "The full economic impact won't be known until the end of this planting and harvest season."

Parson's office said Monday 28 levee breaches have been reported across the state.

Floodgates also have been closed in St. Louis in advance of the Mississippi River cresting there Thursday. The high water already is causing problems. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reports that several hotels that were crowded with visitors for the Stanley Cup Final and Cardinals-Cubs baseball games were left without hot water Sunday after too much water overwhelmed a pump station.

Missouri State Highway Patrol Sgt. Eric Brown said there also has been sandbagging in several towns and added that "one of the most impressive things is to see these communities come together."

In Lewis County, Missouri, the focus of much of the sandbagging, floodwaters from the Mississippi River surround the Mark Twain casino on three sides in the town of LaGrange, which isn't protected by a levee, said Sheriff David Parrish. People also are sandbagging around homes and the city hall there, as well as several other areas of the county. He said that one levee that protects the towns of Taylor and West Quincy is being shored up with 3,500 tons of rock.

"It is the second highest level by inches since '93," he said of the river.

The 1993 flood covered nine states and rivers reached record heights across the region. It lasted nearly 200 days in some areas and was responsible for about 50 deaths.

In Michigan, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer declared a state of emergency Monday for Tuscola County after heavy rainfall last week caused widespread flooding. Whitmer earlier announced a state of emergency in Wayne County, which includes Detroit. Areas along Lake St. Clair and western Lake Erie also have been hit by flooding in recent weeks.

Vice President Mike Pence announced plans for a trip to Oklahoma on Tuesday to visit flood damage from the Arkansas River. Damage has extended from the Tulsa area downstream into Arkansas. The river is slowly cresting, with major flooding is expected to subside within a few weeks.

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Kevin Spacey shows up for hearing in groping case

By ALANNA DURKIN RICHER Associated Press

NANTUCKET, Mass. (AP) — Kevin Spacey made an unusual appearance Monday at a Massachusetts courthouse where his attorney asked for a swift trial in the groping case against the actor, saying Spacey is "suffering" as he awaits a chance to clear his name.

Attorney Alan Jackson called the case alleging the former "House of Cards" star groped a young man in a Nantucket bar in 2016 "ridiculous" and accused prosecutors of withholding information from the defense. Jackson pushed for a trial date for this summer, but the judge said the earliest it could happen is in the fall.

"He is suffering every day that this goes on," said Jackson, who occasionally placed his hand on Spacey's shoulder throughout the hearing at the Nantucket District Court. "That's a day he is not getting justice."

Meanwhile, prosecutors accused Spacey's legal team of attempting to spin the case in its favor in the media by filing motions demanding information it already had or was going to get. Prosecutors said the defense was merely looking to give the press "something to gnaw on."

"It seems providing the media with the defendant's version was the true intent," First Assistant District Attorney Brian Glennly wrote in a brief filed Monday.

Spacey, who wore a gray suit and glasses, sat at a table alongside his lawyers. He occasionally whispered in Jackson's ear but didn't speak during the hearing or respond to questions from reporters as he walked in or out of the courthouse.

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Spacey was not required to attend the hearing and has stayed away from the courthouse except for his arraignment in January, which he also tried to avoid.

The 59-year-old actor, who has pleaded not guilty to a charge of indecent assault and battery, faces up to 2½ years behind bars if convicted.

It's the only criminal case that has been brought against the two-time Oscar winner since his career fell apart amid a flurry of sexual misconduct allegations in 2017.

The case came to light that year when former Boston TV anchor Heather Unruh said Spacey got her son drunk and then sexually assaulted him at the Club Car, a popular restaurant and bar on the island off Cape Cod.

Unruh's son told police he wanted to get a picture with Spacey and went over to talk to him after his shift ended at the Club Car, where he worked as a busboy. The man said Spacey bought him several drinks and tried to persuade him to come home with him before unzipping the man's pants and groping him for about three minutes.

The teenage accuser told police that he tried to move Spacey's hands, but that the groping continued, and he didn't know what to do because he didn't want to get in trouble for drinking. The man said he fled when Spacey went to the bathroom.

The Associated Press does not typically identify people alleging sexual assault.

Spacey's attorneys have stepped up their attacks on the credibility of the man who brought the allegations. In motions filed Friday, Jackson accused the man of deleting text messages that support Spacey's claims of innocence.

The accuser's attorney declined to comment Friday.

Prosecutors deny that they withheld anything from the defense or falsely claimed they weren't in possession of the man's cellphone. Prosecutors say they had already agreed to provide the defense a copy of the information they downloaded from the accuser's phone, but Spacey's attorneys say that's not enough.

They want the phone itself so they can do their own analysis and try to recover messages they claim were deleted. They also want access to messages on Unruh's phone.

Jackson said Monday that Unruh told authorities she removed anything concerning her son's "frat boy activities" from his phone before handing it over in 2017. Jackson says it appears the accuser deleted certain messages between him and his then-girlfriend from his phone before sending screenshots of conversations to an officer investigating the case.

"There's clearly information on that phone that (the accuser) and Heather Unruh do not want us to know," Jackson said.

Judge Thomas Barrett said he would issue a ruling on the defense's requests at a later date. Another hearing was set for July 8.

The judge had previously ordered the Club Car to hand over any surveillance footage from the night the man says the groping took place. Its owners said Monday that no such footage exists.

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FDA: Sampling finds toxic nonstick compounds in some food

By ELLEN KNICKMEYER, JOHN FLESHER and MICHAEL CASEY Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration found substantial levels of a worrisome class of nonstick, stain-resistant industrial compounds in some grocery store meats and seafood and in off-the-shelf chocolate cake, according to FDA researchers.

The FDA's food-test results are likely to heighten complaints by states and public health groups that President Donald Trump's administration is not acting fast enough or firmly enough to start regulating the manmade compounds.

A federal toxicology report last year cited links between high levels of the compounds in people's blood and health problems, but said it was not certain the nonstick compounds were the cause.

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The levels in nearly half of the meat and fish tested were two or more times over the only currently existing federal advisory level for any kind of the widely used manmade compounds, which are called per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS.

The level in the chocolate cake was higher: more than 250 times the only federal guidelines, which are for some PFAS in drinking water.

Food and Drug Administration spokeswoman Tara Rabin said Monday that the agency thought the contamination was "not likely to be a human health concern," even though the tests exceeded the sole existing federal PFAS recommendations for drinking water.

As a handful of PFAS contaminations of food emerge around the country, authorities have deemed some a health concern but not others. The agency considers each discovery of the compound in food case by case, including the kind of food, levels of contamination, frequency of consumption and latest scientific information, Rabin said.

There are nearly 5,000 varieties of PFAS, which DuPont created in 1938 and first put into use for nonstick cookware. Industries use them in countless consumer items — food packaging, carpets and couches, dental floss and outdoor gear — to repel grease, water and stains.

The chemicals also are found in firefighting foam, which the Defense department calls irreplaceable in suppressing jet-fuel fires. Especially around military bases and PFAS facilities, decades of use have built up levels in water, soil and some treated sewage sludge used to fertilize non-organic food crops and feed for livestock.

They've been a topic of congressional hearings, state legislation and intense federal and state scrutiny over the past two years.

Last year's federal toxicology review concluded the compounds are more dangerous than previously thought, saying consistent studies of exposed people "suggest associations" with some kinds of cancers, liver problems, low birth weight and other issues.

The compounds have been dubbed "forever chemicals" because they take thousands of years to degrade, and because some accumulate in people's bodies.

The Environmental Protection Agency earlier established a nonbinding health threshold of 70 parts per trillion for two-phased out forms of the contaminant in drinking water.

The EPA has said it would consider setting mandatory limits instead after the toxicology report and after federally mandated PFAS testing of water systems found contamination. The administration has called dealing with PFAS a "potential public relations nightmare" and a "national priority."

"I know there are people who would like us to move faster" on PFAS, EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler said Monday at the National Press Club. "We are addressing this much faster than the agency has ever done for a chemical like this."

Impatient for federal action, several states have moved to regulate the chemicals on their own, including setting standards for groundwater or drinking water.

The FDA study sampled market-basket items bought in three, undisclosed mid-Atlantic cities in 2017, testing for PFAS.

PFOS — already phased out of production in the U.S. as a health concern — turned up at levels ranging from 134 parts per trillion to 865 parts per trillion in tilapia, chicken, turkey, beef, cod, salmon, shrimp, lamb, catfish and hot dogs. Chocolate cake tested at 17,640 parts per trillion of a kind of PFAS called PFPeA.

The FDA presentation also disclosed PFAS findings — one spiking over 1,000 parts per trillion — in leafy green vegetables grown within 10 miles (16 kilometers) of an unspecified eastern U.S. PFAS plant and sold at a farmer's market.

And it previewed test levels for a previously reported instance of PFAS contamination of the food supply in the feed and milk at a dairy near an Air Force base in New Mexico. The FDA called the milk contamination a health concern.

FDA researchers discussed the results at a conference by the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry last week in Finland. The Environmental Defense Fund and the Environmental Working Group

obtained the FDA presentation and provided it to The Associated Press.

"What this calls for is additional research to determine how widespread this contamination is and how high the levels are," said Linda Birnbaum, director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, in an interview. "We have to look at total human exposure — not just what's in the water or what's in the food ... or not just dust. We need to look at the sum totals of what the exposures are."

"Drinking one glass of contaminated water is unlikely to be associated with health risks, as is eating one slice of contaminated chocolate cake," said Jamie DeWitt, a toxicologist at East Carolina University who studies PFAS. "Individually, each item is unlikely to be a huge problem, but collectively and over a lifetime, that may be a different story."

Flesher reported from Traverse City, Michigan, and Casey from Concord, New Hampshire.

Randy Travis gets candid in first memoir post-stroke

By KRISTIN M. HALL Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — More than a month after Randy Travis suffered a near fatal stroke in 2013, doctors were not hopeful about his recovery. Complications were piling up, including a collapsed lung and infections, and the country star was in a near comatose state. His doctors told his then-girlfriend that it would be a matter of time before his heart stopped.

Mary Travis, who would later marry Travis in 2015, described in his new memoir that she sat at his bedside and asked him if they should keep fighting. She said she saw a tear fall from his cheek.

"And the warrior that he is, he mustered up the strength to squeeze my hand," Travis said in an interview with The Associated Press. "I was like, 'We're fighting this. He's not ready to give up and we're not giving up. Only the only person that's going to take him out of this world is God.'"

Travis, who has aphasia, a condition that limits his ability to speak and give interviews, reveals his painful, months long recovery from the stroke in the new memoir chronicling his rise to fame in candid detail. Called "Forever and Ever, Amen: A Memoir of Music, Faith and Braving the Storms of Life," the book reveals his highs and lows, from platinum albums and Grammy awards, to his arrest for driving under the influence and his divorce from his previous wife and manager.

The Country Music Hall of Famer, who turned 60 in May when the book came out, ushered in a new wave of neo-traditionalism in the 1990s with hits like "Forever and Ever, Amen," "On the Other Hand," and "Three Wooden Crosses."

Mary Travis said they wanted to be honest with fans about his life.

"He felt like, cause he's the one that ultimately made the decision after the survival of the stroke, it's time to share these ups and downs," she said.

Co-writer Ken Abraham explained that he studied Travis' speaking style over years of interviews and tried to mimic the way Travis would write.

"I listened to everything I possibly could where Randy was speaking, on a TV interview, in a radio interview," Abraham said. "Then I'd bring that back to Randy and Mary. 'Does that sound like Randy? What I put into words, does that sound like Randy?'"

The North Carolina native hit it big with his multiplatinum 1986 album "Storms of Life," and went on to win seven Grammy Awards, in both country and gospel categories. He acted in movies and toured, but behind the scenes, the book said he was largely unaware of his financial situation because he left those decisions up to his wife and manager Elizabeth Hatcher-Travis.

They filed for divorce in 2010 after 19 years together, but it turned contentious, with lawsuits filed over his management contract. In the book, he compared her to Colonel Parker, Elvis Presley's controversial manager.

For the first time publicly, the book addresses his 2012 arrest for driving under the influence, in which Travis, who was nude and intoxicated on sleeping pills and alcohol, crashed his car and was videotaped on police dash cam.

"It was moving forward and it was time for his story to be told his way, not through a tabloid," Mary Travis said. "Because sometimes in your silence you're misunderstood. So if you're quiet then they just make up the story.

In 2013, Travis was hospitalized due to viral cardiomyopathy, a virus that attacks the heart, and then suffered a stroke. Travis had to relearn how to walk, spell and read in the years since his stroke and he still struggles with aphasia. But in 2016 he was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame and surprised the crowd by singing "Amazing Grace."

"What Randy wants most is for that book to inspire people that maybe feel rejected or lonely, people are battling with things they don't know how to understand," Mary Travis said.

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US stock indexes end mixed; Nasdaq slumps on big tech slide

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Major U.S. stock indexes ended mostly lower Monday amid signs that the Trump administration is laying the groundwork to ratchet up scrutiny on some of the market's biggest names: Apple, Facebook, Amazon and Google.

Google's parent Alphabet lost 6.1% and Facebook sank 7.5%. Apple shed 1% on the day that the iPhone seller kicked off its annual software showcase. Amazon fell 4.6%. The four have a combined market value of nearly \$3 trillion, and their losses helped tilt the S&P 500 lower on a day when there were actually more gainers than losers in the stock market.

Investors were reacting to media reports suggesting that government regulators are setting the stage for potential antitrust probes into each of the four technology giants.

The sell-off knocked the tech-heavy Nasdaq composite index into a correction, Wall Street speak for a drop of 10% or more from a peak. The Nasdaq hit its most recent all-time high early last month, before the trade dispute between the U.S. and China escalated, setting off a monthlong slide.

"We do have this trade uncertainty, and we now have some uncertainty with tech companies and government regulations," said Karyn Cavanaugh, senior markets strategist at Voya Investment Management. "These are the go-to big names, and if they're vulnerable, that just makes investors a little bit nervous."

The S&P 500 index fell 7.61 points, or 0.3%, to 2,744.45. The Dow Jones Industrial Average added 4.74 points, or less than 0.1%, to 24,819.78.

The Nasdaq composite lost 120.13 points, or 1.6%, to 7,333.02. It's now down 10.2% from its all-time high set May 3.

The Russell 2000 index of small companies rose 4.50 points, or 0.3%, to 1,469.98.

Major stock indexes in Europe closed broadly higher.

U.S. stock indexes briefly headed higher, with technology companies among the big gainers, in what appeared to be a budding rebound for the market after it closed out May with its first monthly decline this year.

But the slight gains evaporated as investors weighed the implications of a possible wave of heightened scrutiny on the market's biggest technology companies.

Alphabet tumbled as media reports suggested it faces an antitrust investigation by the Justice Department.

The company has faced a series of European regulatory investigations into its practices. In one instance last year, it was fined \$5 billion by European regulators over contracts dealing with smartphone makers and the search engine's apps.

The speculation over the latest investigation comes on top of a tough weekend for the company when high levels of network congestion caused outages for some of its services, including YouTube and Google

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Cloud.

Reports also suggested the Justice Department would take the lead on any probe into Apple, while any antitrust investigations into Amazon and Facebook would come from the Federal Trade Commission. Reports say consumer groups and vendors have complained that Amazon is unfairly edging out competition as it expands its business and offerings.

Declines by the big tech companies depressed their sectors for much of the day. Microsoft dropped 3.1% and Twitter slid 5.5%. The losses outweighed gains in household goods makers, banks and elsewhere in the market.

Campbell Soup rose 2.9% and American International Group added 3.2%.

The day of indecisive trading came amid a wave of volatility in the market as investors wrestle with the uncertainty of the U.S. and its growing use of tariffs in international trade disputes.

Investors spent the bulk of May fleeing to safer holdings as a global trade war flared up. China and the U.S. have been escalating their trade dispute with more tariffs on each other's goods while also threatening to ban technology and resource sales. The U.S. expanded its trade war and threatened to impose tariffs on Mexican goods starting June 10 because of an immigration dispute.

All of these moves have rattled investors' confidence in prospects for global economic growth. Bank of America Merrill Lynch lowered its earnings estimates for companies in the S&P 500, citing trade tensions. Analysts have also warned that uncertainty over trade deals will crimp business confidence and keep companies from investing internationally.

"Things are likely to get worse before they get better," said a Bank of America Merrill Lynch report.

The investment bank is recommending more caution from investors as trade disputes play out. Investors have already been heading to less-risky holdings, including utility stocks and bonds, since the trade dispute with China sharply escalated in May.

Companies in the S&P 500 performed better than expected in the first quarter, posting less than a half-percentage point contraction in profit, according to Factset. But, the trade war continues hanging over the current quarter, with analysts expecting a 2% contraction in corporate profit.

Bond prices climbed again Monday, pulling the yield on the 10-year Treasury note down to 2.07% from 2.14% late Friday.

News of deals, confirmed and denied, drove movement for several stocks.

Cypress Semiconductor surged 23.8% on the announcement that German chipmaker Infineon is buying the company for more than \$10 billion in cash. Cypress Semiconductors specializes in wireless and USB technology and Infineon said the deal will create the eighth biggest chipmaker in the world and a leading supplier of chips to the automotive sector.

Centene slid 10.3% after Humana declined to make a buyout proposal. Both insurance companies focus heavily on government-sponsored plans, including Medicare and Medicaid. Humana made clear that it is not seeking Centene in a rare filing aimed at quashing investor speculation. Humana shares rose 2.2%.

El Paso Electric jumped 13.5% after getting a \$2.78 billion buyout offer from a private equity fund affiliated with J.P. Morgan.

Energy futures closed broadly lower Monday. Benchmark U.S. crude slid 0.5% to settle at \$53.25 a barrel. Brent crude oil, the international standard, closed 1.1% lower at \$61.28 per barrel.

Wholesale gasoline fell 1.7% to \$1.74 per gallon. Heating oil dropped 1.8% to \$1.81 per gallon. Natural gas gave up 2.1% to \$2.40 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Gold gained 1.3% to \$1,327.90 per ounce, silver added 1.2% to \$14.74 per ounce and copper fell 0.4% to \$2.65 per pound.

The dollar fell to 108.02 Japanese yen from 108.41 yen on Friday. The euro strengthened to \$1.1257 from \$1.1171.

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Today in History By The Associated Press

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Today is Tuesday, June 4, the 155th day of 2019. There are 210 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 4, 1942, the World War II Battle of Midway began, resulting in a decisive American victory against Japan and marking the turning point of the war in the Pacific.

On this date:

In 1812, the Louisiana Territory was renamed the Missouri Territory, to avoid confusion with the recently admitted state of Louisiana. The U.S. House of Representatives approved, 79-49, a declaration of war against Britain.

In 1919, Congress approved the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing citizens the right to vote regardless of their gender, and sent it to the states for ratification.

In 1939, the German ocean liner MS St. Louis, carrying more than 900 Jewish refugees from Germany, was turned away from the Florida coast by U.S. officials.

In 1940, during World War II, the Allied military evacuation of some 338,000 troops from Dunkirk, France, ended. British Prime Minister Winston Churchill declared: "We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender."

In 1943, the president of Argentina, Ramon Castillo, was overthrown in a military coup.

In 1944, U-505, a German submarine, was captured by a U.S. Navy task group in the south Atlantic; it was the first such capture of an enemy vessel at sea by the U.S. Navy since the War of 1812. The U.S. Fifth Army began liberating Rome.

In 1954, French Premier Joseph Laniel and Vietnamese Premier Buu Loc signed treaties in Paris according "complete independence" to Vietnam.

In 1986, Jonathan Jay Pollard, a former U.S. Navy intelligence analyst, pleaded guilty in Washington to conspiring to deliver information related to the national defense to Israel. (Pollard, sentenced to life in prison, was released on parole on Nov. 20, 2015.)

In 1990, Dr. Jack Kevorkian carried out his first publicly assisted suicide, helping Janet Adkins, a 54-year-old Alzheimer's patient from Portland, Oregon, end her life in Oakland County, Michigan.

In 1998, a federal judge sentenced Terry Nichols to life in prison for his role in the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

In 2000, President Bill Clinton and Russian President Putin (POO'-tih) ended their summit by conceding differences on missile defense, agreeing to dispose of weapons-grade plutonium and pledging early warning of missile and space launches.

In 2003, Martha Stewart stepped down as head of her media empire, hours after federal prosecutors in New York charged her with obstruction of justice, conspiracy, securities fraud and lying to investigators. (Stewart was later convicted of lying about why she'd sold her shares of ImClone Systems stock in 2001, just before the stock price plunged.)

Ten years ago: Speaking at Cairo University, President Barack Obama called for a "new beginning between the United States and Muslims" and said together, they could confront violent extremism across the globe. Actor David Carradine, 72, was found dead in a Bangkok, Thailand, hotel room.

Five years ago: On the second day of a visit to Poland, President Barack Obama held up the nation as a guidepost for neighboring Ukraine as it sought to fend off a pro-Russian insurgency; later that same day, in Brussels, Obama attended a meeting of the Group of Seven major industrial nations, with the pointed exclusion of Russia from the gathering. A gunman fatally wounded three Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers and wounded two others in Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada. (Justin Bourque was convicted of the shootings and sentenced to life in prison.) Baseball player, manager and coach Don Zimmer, 83, died in Dunedin, Florida.

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One year ago: President Donald Trump claimed that he had an "absolute right" to pardon himself, but that it wouldn't be necessary because he had "done nothing wrong;" Trump also tweeted that the Justice Department's appointment of a special counsel in the Russia probe was "totally unconstitutional." The Supreme Court ruled in favor of a Colorado baker who wouldn't make a wedding cake for a same-sex couple, but it was a limited decision that didn't address the larger issue of whether a business can invoke religious objections to refuse service to gay and lesbian people. Howard Schultz announced that he was stepping down as executive chairman of Starbucks, and said public service may be in his future. Saudi Arabia issued its first driver's licenses to women as the kingdom prepared to lift the world's only ban on women driving.

Today's Birthdays: Sex therapist and media personality Dr. Ruth Westheimer is 91. Actor Bruce Dern is 83. Musician Roger Ball is 75. Actress-singer Michelle Phillips is 75. Jazz musician Anthony Braxton is 74. Rock musician Danny Brown (The Fixx) is 68. Actor Parker Stevenson is 67. Actor Keith David is 63. Blues singer-musician Tinsley Ellis is 62. Actress Julie Gholson is 61. Actor Eddie Velez is 61. Singer-musician El DeBarge is 58. Actress Julie White is 58. Actress Lindsay Frost is 57. Actor Sean Pertwee is 55. Former tennis player Andrea Jaeger is 54. Opera singer Cecilia Bartoli is 53. Rhythm and blues singer Al B. Sure! is 51. Actor Scott Wolf is 51. Actor-comedian Rob Huebel is 50. Comedian Horatio Sanz is 50. Actor James Callis is 48. Actor Noah Wyle is 48. Rock musician Stefan Lessard (The Dave Matthews Band) is 45. Actor-comedian Russell Brand is 44. Actress Angelina Jolie is 44. Actor Theo Rossi is 44. Alt-country singer Kasey Chambers is 43. Actor Robin Lord Taylor is 41. Rock musician JoJo Garza (Los Lonely Boys) is 39. Country musician Dean Berner (Edens Edge) is 38. Model Bar Refaeli (ruh-FEHL'-lee) is 34. Olympic gold medal figure skater Evan Lysacek is 34. Americana singer Shakey Graves is 32. Rock musician Zac Farro is 29.

Thought for Today: "When you betray somebody else, you also betray yourself." — Isaac Bashevis Singer, Polish-born American Nobel Prize-winning author (1904-1991).