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CLOSED: Recycling Trailer in Groton

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

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

Tuesday, June 11

- 6:00 p.m.: Junior Legion hosts Aberdeen, (DH)
- 6:00 p.m.: U10 Pee Wees host Welke, (DH) (W,B)
- 6:00 p.m.: U8 Pee Wees host Jacobson, (DH) (R)
- Olive Grove Golf Course: Ladies League at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, June 12

- 6:00 p.m.: Legion hosts Redfield, (DH)
- 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.
- 6:00 p.m.: T-Ball hosts Columbia, Falk Field (Gold)
- Softball hosts Sisseton, U12 at 6 p.m., Nelson Field

Thursday, June 13

- 5:00 p.m.: Junior Teeners host Lake Norden, (DH)
- 5:30 p.m.: Junior Legion at Milbank, (DH)
- 5:30 p.m.: U12 Midgets at Warner, (DH)
- 6:00 p.m.: U8 Pee Wees host Watertown, (DH) (R,B)
- Softball at Faulkton, U14 (DH), 6 p.m.
- Softball at Clark (U8 at 5 p.m. (1 game), U10 at 6 p.m. (1 game), U12 at 7 p.m. (2 games)

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Winburn, Eichler are great negotiators for language arts

Deb Winburn and Emily Eichler gave a curriculum review of elementary language arts. They showed the new books that will be used for the upcoming school year. The cost of the program was originally quoted at just under \$100,000. Eichler and Winburn negotiated with the company and they got the price down to \$65,000 which is what the cost is now of the course. That is for a six-year program. Board Member Deb Gengerke said that she was impressed with the amount of prep work that went into the presentation and their negotiating skills. "Thank you for all your hard work," she said to Winburn and Eichler.

Cody Swanson made a presentation about a potential co-op agreement with Langford Area for show choir. He said Langford does not have a show choir and there has been interest from Langford students to participate in the Groton program. He said there is for sure four Langford students interested in participating, with up to a potential of 15 musicians.

Swanson said having more students would help Groton in competitions. The official request will have to come from Langford to join the Groton program. Board member Marty Weismantel said that Langford should pay for their share of expenses in all fairness to the Groton taxpayers. Swanson said they would have to pay the dues like anyone else and also help with fund raising efforts. Swanson said he will meet with the Langford Area School Board in July.

There is about 2,000 square feet of tuck pointing that needs to be done at the elementary school and Midwest Masonry of Groton would do it for \$13.40 per square feet. The contract was approved.

The board approved the bid from Allied Climate Professionals of Groton for the high school boiler replacement. The bid came in at \$89,184. The other bid was from a Mitchell company for \$119,240.

The board approved membership into the North Central Special Education Cooperative. The co-op now has its own board so the financial part, which has been done by the Groton Area School Business Office, will now be done by the cooperative.

Matt Locke, who has been the eighth grade girls basketball coach for the past couple of years, will now be the head high school girls' basketball coach. Becky Erickson will be going back to eighth grade girls' basketball coach, which she was before becoming the assistant GBB coach under Coach Shaun Wanner.

Teacher contacts were approved.

Lowell Harms requested that one of his adopted children play football. The student is a home-schooled student. Since it was not on the agenda, the board could take no action. The item will be placed on the next school board agenda for June 24.

St. John's Day Celebration Planned In Turton

The 120th annual St. John's Day Celebration will be held on SUNDAY - June 23, 2019 at the Turton Community Center in Turton, SD. The meal will be served from Noon to 2:00 p.m. it includes beef sandwiches, baked beans, potato salad, veggies & dip, fruit, pie and beverage. The cost for the meal is a free-will offering. The Barrel Train Rides, Inflatables, Games and Raffle will begin at 12:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you on SUNDAY, June 23rd in Turton.

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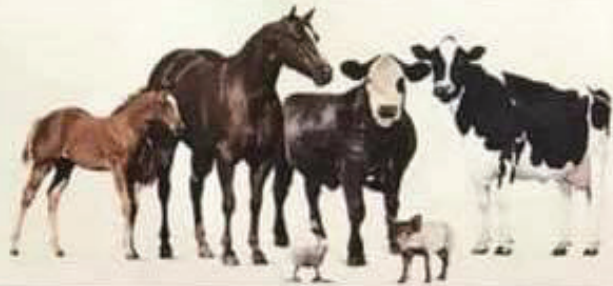
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Groton Area places sixth at State Clay Target Tournament

Groton Area received sixth place at the SD State Clay Target tournament that was held in Aberdeen. Groton Area also placed second overall in conference 2A. Kayde Stange and Tina Zoellner each earned second place overall in the conference, and Luke Simon shot a straight 25 during the State Tournament.

Eight members of the Groton Team qualified for the All State Team pictured in the left are Kayde Stange, Jamesen Stange, Caleb Furney, Taryn Taylor, Trevor Harry, Tristan Kampa, Tina Zoellner, and Lane Krueger.

The large group photo below is of all the Groton Area participants in the State Tournament. (Photos Courtesy of Vicci Stange)



Noem to Transform Governor's Hunt into "Industry Showcase for the Nation"

PIERRE, S.D. – Governor Kristi Noem today announced that the 2020 Governor's Hunt and Sportsmen's Showcase will be based out of the Sioux Falls Convention Center.

"Over the years, the Governor's Hunt has brought thousands of business leaders to our state to experience both our pheasant habitat and our business habitat," said Noem. "By easing accessibility and expanding opportunity at this event, we'll be able to introduce more people to everything South Dakota has to offer. We're transforming this annual summit into an industry showcase for the nation."

"The Governor's Hunt has always been about celebrating not only one of South Dakota's most cherished fall past times, but the strong support for business and economic growth that we foster among industry leaders, employees, and entrepreneurs," said Steve Westra, commissioner of the Governor's Office of Economic Development. "By repositioning this headline event to Sioux Falls, we will be able to attract more business prospects and vendors who may only have limited time to visit our great state. This is a win-win for the people of South Dakota and the businesses and industries looking to make our state their next home."

Major events at the 2020 Governor's Hunt and Sportsmen's Showcase will include a public sportsman industry vendor fair with booths from South Dakota hunting, fishing, firearms, and other sportsmen-related industries from around the country; a banquet for state leaders and business prospects; a public concert at the Premier Center; and world-class pheasant hunting in southeastern South Dakota.

"I am deeply grateful to the landowners, community leaders, and business owners in and around Pierre who have built the foundation of success for the Governor's Hunt. Thank you for your commitment to the tradition of this event over the years," concluded Noem.

The 2019 Governor's Hunt will be based out of Pierre.

Groton Street Project to begin next week

Action will start to pick up on the Groton Street Project for the summer. A pre-construction meeting was held yesterday at City Hall. According to Terry Herron, city supervisor, the street project could begin on Monday. State Street will be the first one to get worked on.

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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

The Minnesota Vikings have completed their organized team activities (OTAs), which have been going on for the past few weeks. There usually isn't much news coming out of OTAs, but we'll cover anything newsworthy here.

Filed under the "least surprising news" category, every player on the Vikings roster is in the best shape of their lives. Every player is excited about the changes made this offseason, and every player believes this team has what it takes to win the Super Bowl this season.

Ok, now that we are done with the offseason hyperbole, let's get into some actual news!

The Vikings don't have a lot of question marks on the offensive depth chart. The one position that is truly up in the air is the third wide receiver spot. Laquon Treadwell is entering his fourth year in the league, and if he can't figure it out this year, there is no doubt he will be wearing a new uniform next season. Then there are the lesser known receivers. Jordan Taylor was brought in this offseason because of his familiarity with new assistant head coach/ offensive advisor Gary Kubiak, and most reports have Taylor leading the race for the third receiver spot. Then there are the wildcards. Dillon Mitchell, Bisi Johnson, Chad Beebe, and Jeff Badet are all trying to make the roster, but if any of them really impress the coaching staff this offseason, they could be in line to see the field sooner rather than later.

Perhaps the biggest question mark going into the season is the offensive line. The line has been the team's Achilles' heel for years now, but the Vikings feel they have the pieces to field a competitive unit. The addition of Garrett Bradbury at center has moved Pat Elflein to left guard, a position he played for most of his college career until his last year at Ohio State. The only truly open position along the line is right guard, but the other positions are locked up, which is a good thing – the more continuity the offensive line can get, the better it will be.

Quick hits

Once again, the Vikings have gotten the upper hand against the New York Jets. Last offseason, Kirk Cousins took less money and chose the Vikings over the Jets. This offseason, Anthony Barr did the same thing. And now, Vikings' assistant GM George Paton reportedly did it as well. The Jets, who are looking for a new General Manager, requested an interview with Paton four (!) times – and they were turned down all four times.

Mike Hughes, the Vikings' first-round pick at cornerback last year, is still recovering from his ACL injury that cut his promising rookie season short. Hughes has been training on the sidelines during OTAs, but the team hopes he will be ready for team drills when players report back for training camp in July.

And finally, for the first time in a long time, the Vikings' punt return position is wide open. Marcus Sherels, the Vikings' steady and reliable return man, has gone to New Orleans. The Vikings will need to find someone new to take his spot, and it will be something to keep an eye on as the offseason progresses.

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

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Today in Weather History

June 11, 1982: Golf ball size hail fell in Hayti, in Hamlin County, creating three-foot drifts of hail.

June 11, 1990: Hail, up to golf ball size, cut a swath 1.5 miles wide and 50 miles in length from the Missouri River east of the Hyde County line. Thunderstorm winds destroyed a granary roof and downed numerous trees. Damage from large hail was considerable to crops with entire fields being wiped out. The County Agent placed crop damage estimates at 1.8 million dollars in Sully County. Hail also produced window damage to cars and homes.

June 11, 2008: A strong inflow of moist and unstable air into and over a warm surface front resulted in training thunderstorms and very heavy rain across parts of northeast South Dakota. Rainfall amounts of 2 to 6 inches occurred across much of the area resulting in widespread flash flooding. The flooding damaged many roads, bridges, and cropland. In Milbank, many basements were flooded and received sewer backup.

June 11, 2010: Thunderstorms produced damaging winds over a large part of southeast South Dakota beginning just before midnight on June 10th and continuing well into the predawn hours of June 11th. The storms also produced heavy rain, which caused flash flooding at several locations. Heavy rainfall of at least 3 inches caused Enemy Creek to overflow and flood nearby roads. The expensive also caused flooding of roads and basements in Mitchell. A motorcycle business was flooded, resulting in damage to merchandise, although little damage to the motorcycles was reported. Thunderstorm winds caused widespread damage in the Sioux Falls area. Wood and siding were blown off a new house, and a nearby fence was blown over. The winds caused tree damage, including 2 to 3-foot diameter trees blown down. Debris from the tree damage blocked several roads. Garages were blown off three homes which were next to each other, and other nearby homes suffered significant damage in an area on West Eli Court which was subjected to the strongest winds, estimated at 100 mph. Windows were blown out in several of these homes, and a large camper was overturned in the same area. A wind gust of 74 mph was measured elsewhere in the city. The winds blew down out power lines in parts of the city. Heavy rain caused flash flooding of several streets in the southern part of Sioux Falls, with water up to two feet deep. Basement flooding was also reported.

1842: A late-season snowstorm struck New England. Snow fell during the morning and early afternoon, accumulating to a depth of ten to twelve inches at Irasburg, Vermont. Berlin, New Hampshire was blanketed with eleven inches of snow during the day. Snow whitened the higher peaks of the Appalachians as far south as Maryland. The latest date for the occurrence of a general snowstorm in our period over northern New England and northern New York came in 1842 on the morning of 11 June. Zadock Thompson, a professor of natural history and the Queen City's longtime weatherman, commented: "Snow during the forenoon's boards whitened and the mountains as white as in winter."

1990: One of the most expensive hailstorms in U.S. history occurred as \$625 million of damage was caused along the Colorado Front Range from Colorado Springs to Estes Park. Golf to baseball sized hail fell along with heavy rain. 60 people were injured in the storm.

1877 - The temperature at Los Angeles, CA, reached 112 degrees during a heatwave. It would have been the all-time record for Los Angeles but official records did not begin until twenty days later. (The Weather Channel)


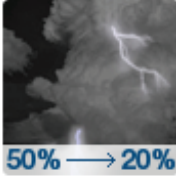



1972 - Heavy showers brought 1.64 inches of rain to Phoenix AZ, a record for the month of June. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - South Texas endured another day of torrential rains. Up to twelve inches of rain drenched Harris County, and nearly ten inches soaked Luce Bayou, mainly during the afternoon hours. Thunderstorm rains left seven feet of water over Highway 189 in northern Val Verde County. Flooding caused nine million dollars damage in Real County. A thunderstorm at Perryton, TX, produced golf ball size hail and 70 mph winds, and spawned a tornado which struck a mobile killing one person and injuring the other four occupants. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Thirty cities in the central and eastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date, including El Dorado, AR, with a reading of 48 degrees. Canaan Valley WV and Thomas WV dipped to 30 degrees. Flagstaff AZ was the cold spot in the nation with a low of 30 degrees. Coolidge, just 180 miles away, was the hot spot in the nation with an afternoon high of 105 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

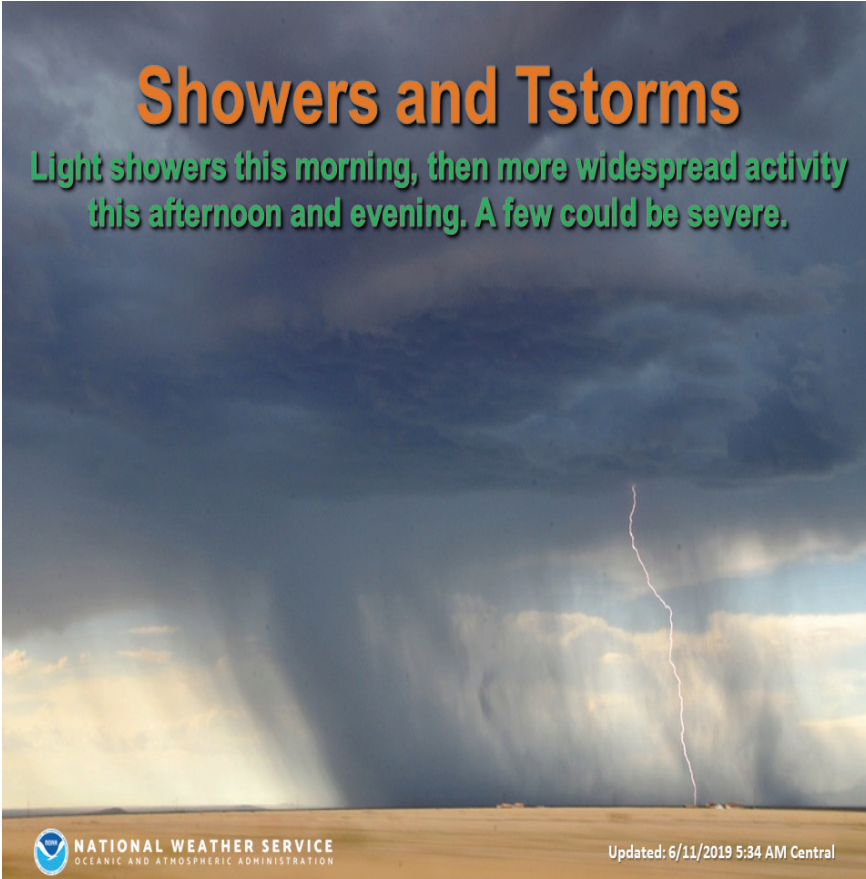
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Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
 30%	 50% → 20%			
Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms then Slight Chance T-storms	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny
High: 74 °F	Low: 48 °F	High: 69 °F	Low: 46 °F	High: 79 °F

Showers and Tstorms

Light showers this morning, then more widespread activity this afternoon and evening. A few could be severe.



 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
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Updated: 6/11/2019 5:34 AM Central

Published on: 06/11/2019 at 6:41AM

Light shower activity this morning will become more widespread this afternoon. Thunderstorms are expected through this evening when a few may be strong to severe. The main threat will be strong wind gusts. Temperatures will top out in the 70s today.

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Yesterday's Groton Weather

High Temp: 78 °F at 6:19 PM

Low Temp: 45 °F at 4:49 AM

Wind: 26 mph at 7:21 PM

Day Rain: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 104° in 1893

Record Low: 31° in 1938

Average High: 76°F

Average Low: 53°F

Average Precip in June.: 1.18

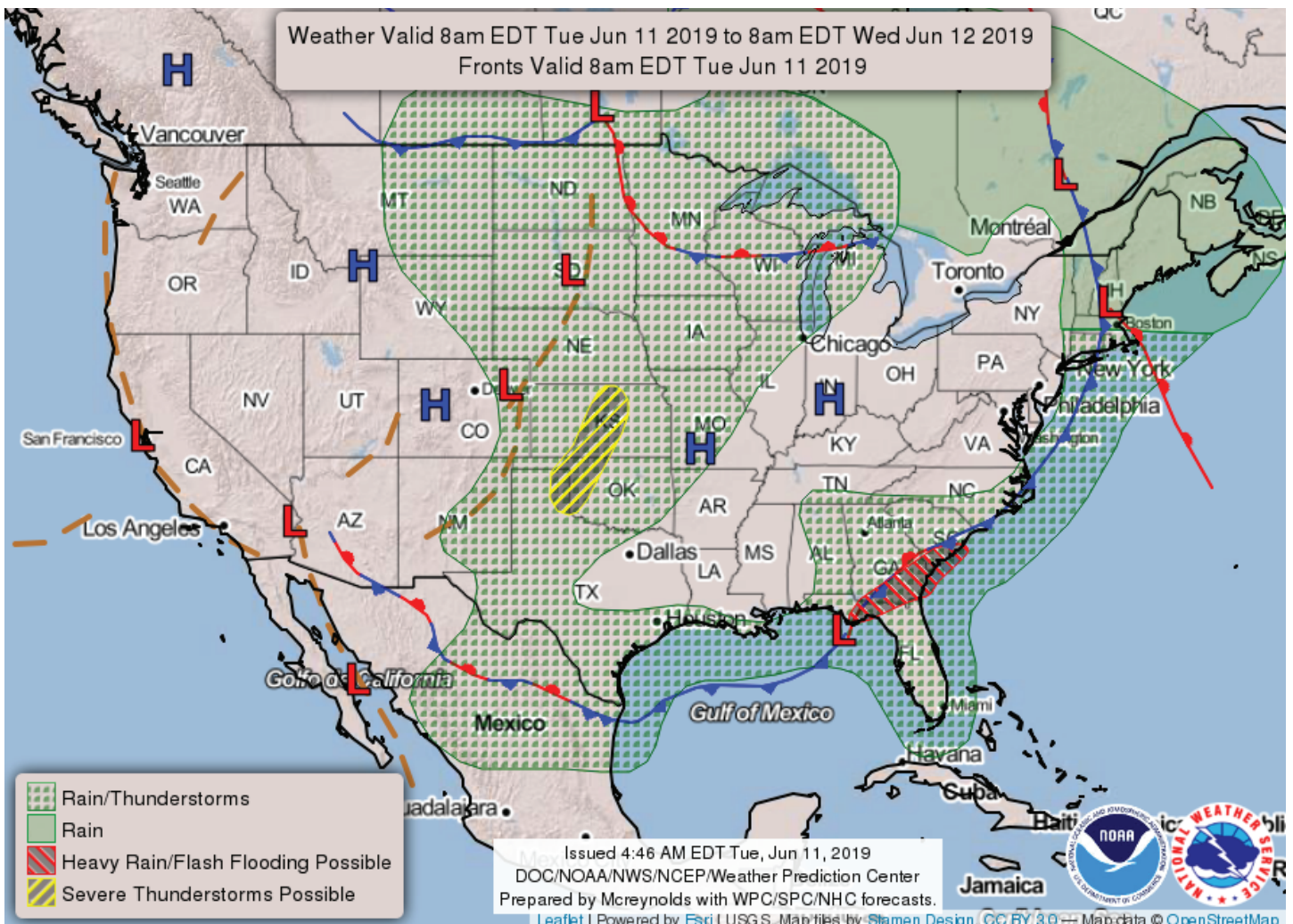
Precip to date in June.: 0.22

Average Precip to date: 8.32

Precip Year to Date: 8.19

Sunset Tonight: 9:22 p.m.

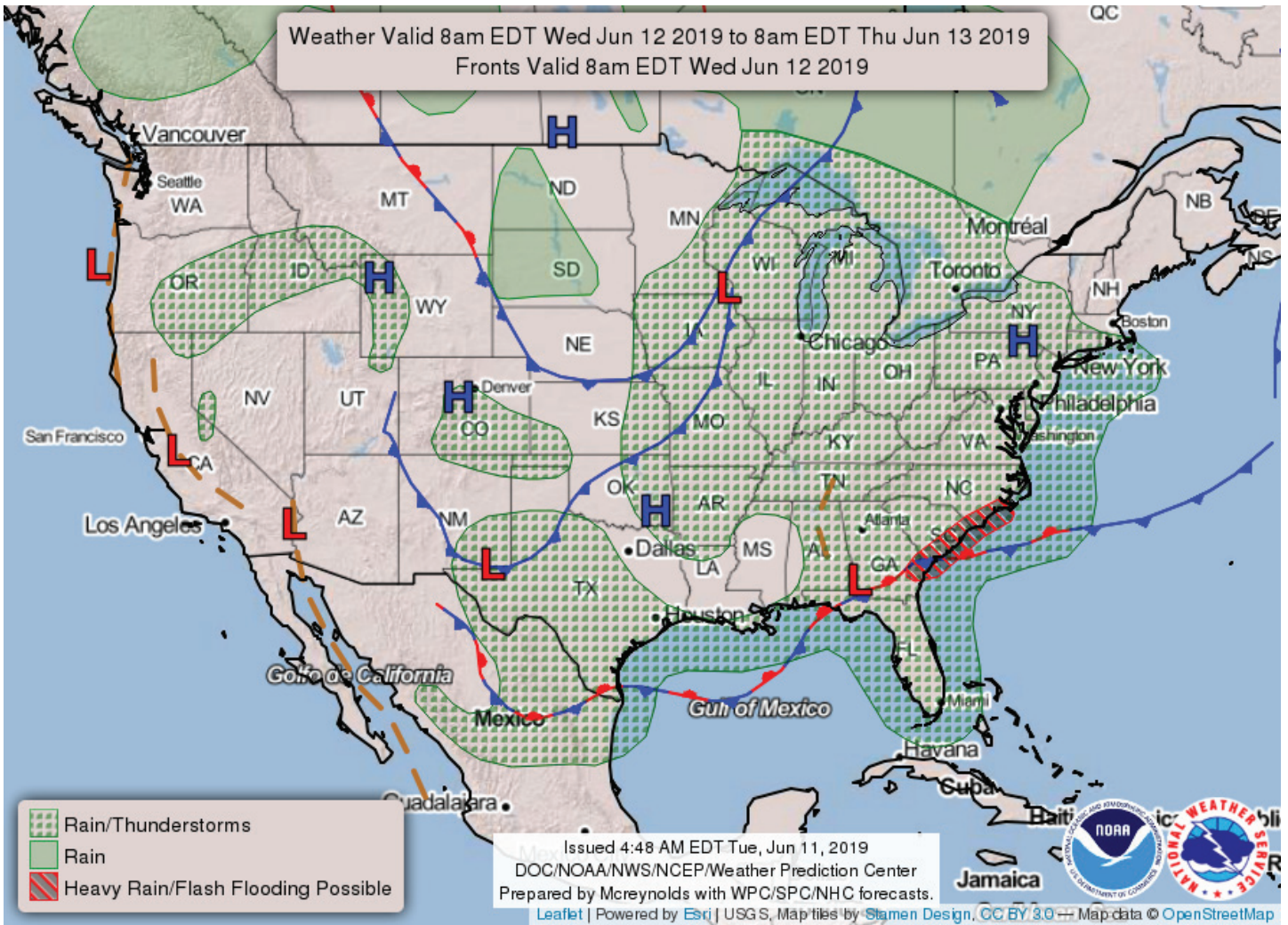
Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:45 a.m.



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Tomorrow's Weather Map



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THE IMPORTANCE OF GRAY HAIR

Hair care products have become a major industry in most developed countries in the world. In fact, in 2018, men spent more money on hair care products than on shaving products. Its not that beards are becoming more popular. Its simply the fact that manscaping or anti-aging products for male hair care have increased very dramatically.

Evidently, hair care was not important to Solomon. But gray hair was. Gray hair is a crown of splendor, it is attained by a righteous life, he once wrote. He also wrote that gray hair is a crown of glory.

Looking for Solomon in a mens hair care salon, no doubt, would be a waste of time. He would probably be found at his desk pouring over the law and prophets looking for wisdom and insight. And for good reason.

Throughout the book of Proverbs, there is an important theme: the righteous are rewarded with a long life! How times have changed. Today, bodybuilding and flat-abs are much more important than understanding the word of God. Mirror-lined walls in health clubs are everywhere. They are filled night and day with individuals who want to tone-up their muscles by weight training and other forms of bodybuilding.

There is nothing wrong with caring for our bodies. They are the temple of the Holy Spirit. But if we neglect the importance of soul-building, what good would the most perfect body be if it was not dedicated to the glory of God to bring men and women into His Kingdom?

Prayer: Father, help us to care for our bodies and use them to bring honor and glory to Your name! May we be more concerned with whats inside than the outside! In Jesus Name, Amen.

Scripture For Today: Proverbs 16:31 Gray hair is a crown of splendor, it is attained by a righteous life.

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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

Good week for fieldwork helps South Dakota farmers

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota farmers had a good week for fieldwork as they try to get their crops in.

The federal crop report says there were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday.

Farmers are still well behind on their corn planting after a wet spring, though. Corn planted was 64 percent, compared with 100 percent last year and a five-year average of 99 percent. Only 34 percent of corn has emerged, well behind last year's and the average pace. More than half the corn is rated in good or excellent condition.

Soybean planting also remains well behind, with only 43 percent compared with 95 percent last year and 93 percent average. Only 11 percent of soybeans have emerged.

Spring wheat planting is nearly complete, at 96 percent.

South Dakota governor says no fence around residence

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem says a fence will not be built around the governor's residence.

Public safety officials were reviewing security needs at the governor's residence in Pierre, including the possible installation of a fence.

But Noem tweeted Monday that the research is complete and "there are no plans to build a fence."

The Argus Leader reports the Office of the State Engineer and the Bureau of Administration were seeking statements of interest from companies to design and construct a fence at the governor's residence, budgeted for \$400,000.

Excerpts from recent South Dakota editorials

By The Associated Press undefined

Sioux Falls Argus Leader, June 7

Time to halt trend of transgender 'bathroom bills'

South Dakota lawmakers intent on introducing retreats of discriminatory transgender "bathroom bills" at future legislative sessions, pay heed.

The same goes for our governor, who has explicitly stated that she would sign such a bill were it to pass.

Take note that the United States Supreme Court recently declined to hear exactly such a case, letting a lower court's ruling stand. Pay special attention to the robust legal reasoning underpinned by solid precedent in that ruling, which let stand a Pennsylvania school district's policy allowing transgender students to use restrooms and locker rooms consistent with their gender identity while allowing all students the option to use private facilities.

Republican Fred Deutsch's 2016 House bill would have required trans students to use restrooms and locker rooms based on their chromosomal and anatomical sex assignment at birth. Former governor Dennis Daugaard vetoed that bill.

But Deutsch and his compatriots have remained undeterred, returning each year since with proposals meant to limit the rights of transgender students — including repeated efforts to legislate where they can go to the bathroom or change their clothes for gym class.

In the wake of SCOTUS's refusal to hear *Doe v. Boyertown*, Deutsch told the Argus Leader he thinks it's only a matter of time before the high court agrees to hear a case on that issue and that the state legislature will continue to grapple with it as long as it is an issue in South Dakota.

"Everybody deserves to be treated with dignity and respect, and that includes students that struggle

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with their beliefs, whether they're a biologic boy or biologic girl," he said. But, he added, they also need to have personal privacy from the opposite sex in a restroom or locker room.

The U.S. Court of Appeals decision, the end of the judicial road for the Boyertown case, cites various precedents directly addressing discrimination based on gender stereotypes in both educational and work-place settings.

The body of case law, in other words, continues to grow in a direction that Deutsch and company may not like but need to stop railing against.

Daugaard's 2016 veto was met with a collective sigh of relief from South Dakota business interests, including state and city chambers of commerce as well as major economic players like Sanford Health, Citibank and Wells Fargo.

That's because, as First Premier chief executive officer Dana Dykhouse said in 2016, "This is a big world now, not just South Dakota, and there are consequences to our actions."

The NCAA, for instance, has made no bones about pulling big events out of states that enact discriminatory laws. It did just that when North Carolina enacted an anti-trans bathroom bill. The Summit League basketball tournament hosted by Sioux Falls — just one of the events that could be affected — has an annual economic impact that surpasses \$10 million.

Tourism takes a hit in states that make these kinds of discriminatory laws as well, owing to bad publicity, boycotts and state bans on government-funded travel.

The passage of a discriminatory "bathroom bill" could expose school districts to lawsuits that will have to be defended by the state attorney general's office — not an ideal strategy when it comes to thinly-stretched state coffers.

Better yet for elected leaders to make peace with the march of human progress, bolstered by judicial precedent. Not simply because it's the right thing to do, although that's powerful incentive.

Leadership doesn't stem from "fixing" an imaginary problem to appease those who stoke misinformation and fear at the expense of an already vulnerable group of young citizens.

It comes from reading the situation, seeing plenty of pitfalls, and acting in the best interest of what our state should represent for future generations.

Rapid City Journal, June 6

Retell the stories of D-Day, all veterans

Before Facebook, South Dakota families shared stories of World War II over Jell-O salads. A former Canton High School basketball star who watched Japanese Zeros fly past the USS Yorktown at Midway later bobbed for hours at Guadalcanal. A Springfield farmer, a great uncle killed by a sniper, will rest forever in sandy French soil.

Personalized instances of sacrifice and courage resonated from every global corner, from Pearl Harbor, which brought a reluctant United States into the fight, to Nagasaki, where a mushroom cloud forced the Japanese surrender. Cousins, friends and fathers served and died at Kasserine Pass in Tunisia, during the Atlantic crossing, on the black volcanic sands of Iwo Jima or high over Ploesti.

War was global, but storytellers always reserved a special reverence for D-Day. It was the pivot, the end of the beginning, and not just for WWII. On June 6, 1944 — 75 years ago today — the United States led the largest seaborne invasion in military history against the Normandy seawall, committing itself to a bloody final drive.

The sleeping giant that Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto feared had been awakened at Pearl Harbor would from here on out shoulder chief responsibility for global leadership. The old confederations of quarrelsome kingdoms lay in ruins. The United States, with its military might intact and industrial strength restored from the depression, would drive forward into a confusing world dividing rapidly between east and west.

South Dakota boys would soon watch Chinese troops wither under continuous fire from quad-50 machine guns at White Horse Mountain in freezing Korea, and West River Marines would take shelter at Khe Sanh in steaming Vietnam. Their sacrifices would add to the white stones already covering hillsides. The

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hardened men who returned often left bits of themselves behind.

We owe them a debt.

The soldiers, sailors, airmen and others who sacrificed for duty, honor, or simply for the GI beside them, seldom concerned themselves with geopolitics. Their world was wet feet, flying steel, and interminable boredom punctuated by terror. They fought for a normalcy envisioned back home, for food that didn't fall stale from tin. The men and women who served dreamed of Louise or Mary or Dave back home, hopefully still waiting.

We owe them a huge debt.

War news on the front page of the June 6, 1944, Rapid City Journal would have captivated readers, but the infantrymen resting on beachheads after battle would have grabbed at the scraps from home. A Lucille Ball musical, "7 Days Leave," was playing at the old State Theater at 628 West Main. The Chicago Cubs were on a six-game winning streak.

In the days leading up to D-Day, the Journal reported that the war department had notified the Newell parents of Liberator pilot Capt. Edward Brodsky that their son had gone missing over France on May 11. He would resurface in late June as a German POW. Not as lucky was 27-year-old pilot Capt. Lon F. Brown of Belle Fourche, declared dead over New Guinea in February. He left behind a wife and child. The June 6 Journal notified his friends of a memorial requiem Mass.

War news in the Rapid City Journal in the weeks leading up to D-Day had centered on Italy, where Americans had broken through the Hitler Line outside of Rome. A bombing raid involving 5,000 Allied planes had targeted Vienna, Paris and Berlin. All of these efforts contributed to victory.

The June 1 newspaper quoted Secretary of War Henry Stimson saying 3,657,000 Army troops had been deployed overseas, and "The period of decisive action is at hand."

Even in that context, D-Day was big.

The Journal's June 6 War Extra edition ran the banner headline "FRANCE INVADED." The deck beneath said "Airborne troops smash through Atlantic Wall." Officials spoke broadly of an armada numbering 4,000 ships and 11,000 airplanes. Maps pointed out the location of Normandy. The final edition of the evening paper reported allied losses were light as beachheads in Normandy expanded. It wasn't entirely true. D-Day would close with about 9,000 Allied soldiers either dead or wounded.

"They fight not for the lust of conquest," said President Franklin D. Roosevelt. "They fight to end conquest. They fight to liberate."

Today, 75 years later, the efforts of the United States have mostly held a lid on the global pot forever threatening to boil over. Here, the people still rule. Soldiers still die for a cause larger than themselves. And our debt to those who served and sacrificed has only grown.

They were our uncles and fathers, sons and daughters. Their nation called upon them and they went, many knowing they would never return. As the bullets flew, few wanted to be there. We should be glad they stayed.

We need to keep telling their stories. We owe them that. If you know one, thank them. If they're gone, retell their story. Today would be a good time to start.

Madison Daily Leader, Madison, June 3 **Hundredth celebration is worth a new look**

The South Dakota State Park system is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, and it's a good reason to explore these jewels of South Dakota again.

Technically, South Dakota has state parks, state recreation areas, state nature areas and other names. But let's not get hung up about names; let's group them all into one category.

That means there are 63 areas available to South Dakotans and visitors, with an extraordinary range of historic sites, recreation opportunities, campgrounds, trails, boat launches and so on.

Locally, of course, are Lake Herman State Park and Walker's Point Recreation Area. Lake Herman is among the best parks in the state, and represents the settlement of the town of Herman (where this newspaper

started). The cabin of the town's namesake, Herman Luce, is still in the park. In the late 1940s, the city of Madison deeded the land to the state park system.

We like Walker's Point nearly as much. It has great views and access to Lake Madison, and very nice camping facilities, including two cabins for rent.

This summer's celebration of the state park system include all sorts of events, games, giveaways, concerts, educational programs, and a statewide Scavenger Hunt. A great place to look for these is the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks website at <https://gfp.sd.gov>.

We encourage outdoor enthusiasts — or even those who aren't avid outdoors people — to visit South Dakota State Parks this year. They are great places we need to visit.

South Dakota mental health helpline hails surge in calls

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A mental health helpline in South Dakota saw a significant surge in calls last year, and its coordinator is hailing the increase a step in the right direction.

Helpline Center saw a 40% increase from 2017 to 2018 in suicide-related calls from Black Hills residents, according to the center's 2018 annual report, the Rapid City Journal reported. The increase brought last year's suicide-related calls from Black Hills residents to 460.

"It's a good thing," said Audrey Nordine, Black Hills program coordinator with Helpline Center. "Those people (making suicide-related calls) have always existed but now people are reaching out more than ever for themselves and their loved ones."

The Helpline Center also answers the statewide suicide crisis line. It received a total 2,334 suicide-related calls in 2018, up from 1,831 in 2017.

"I think it's breaking down the stigma of mental health and suicide. More people are talking about it," Nordine said.

Helpline Center operates the 211 information line as a free service available to 70% of South Dakota residents, including those in Pennington, Butte, Fall River, Custer, Lawrence and Meade counties. The center's staff answers calls 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Majority of the calls from Black Hills residents in 2018 were related to assistance with basic needs like food, housing, transportation and utilities. Only 13.8% of calls were strictly related to mental health and addiction.

"That's part of our uniqueness," Nordine noted. "We're taking those crisis calls. They're (not just) related to providing information.

"We're helping people get connected with counseling and support groups."

The report found females placed more calls than males and transgender people.

The helpline can also respond to text messages.

People can text 898211 with their respective ZIP code, which would lead a call specialist to text back and ask how they can help.

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

1 of 3 injured in Sioux Falls shooting has died

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Police say one of three people shot in Sioux Falls on Saturday has died.

Capt. Blaine Larsen says 42-year-old Larry Carr Jr., of Sioux Falls, died Monday morning. Carr was shot in the torso. Another man shot in the torso has been released from the hospital and the third victim, who was shot in the head, is still hospitalized.

Larsen says three people of interest are being sought, but have likely left Sioux Falls. Police say the shooting in the parking lot of an apartment building involved a dispute that started Friday night. Two of the victims were taken to the hospital by witnesses.

Biden and Trump head to Iowa in a potential 2020 preview

By **THOMAS BEAUMONT** and **DARLENE SUPERVILLE** Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — After months of jabbing each other from afar, President Donald Trump and Democrat Joe Biden will overlap Tuesday in Iowa, a state that's critical to their political futures.

For Biden, a convincing win in next year's caucuses would cement him as the Democratic front-runner and reinforce his chief argument that he is the party's best-positioned candidate to beat Trump. The Republican president, meanwhile, is seeking to shore up his Iowa support as part of a broader effort to ensure the Midwestern states he snagged in 2016 remain in his column next year.

The battle for the Democratic nomination is early and fluid, and Biden has plenty of work ahead to hold his lead among Democrats in Iowa and nationally. But the two men's convergence in a state that has swung between Democrats and Republicans over the past two decades could offer a glimpse into what a Trump-Biden matchup would look like if the former vice president prevails in his quest for the nomination.

"Both of them being around is a nice contrast for voters so that they can hear two different sides," said Steve Drahozal, chairman of the Dubuque County Democratic Party.

Trump and Biden have been circling each other for months .

Trump, despite the private counsel of his advisers, has thrown a steady stream of public insults at Biden. Since March, Trump has mocked or criticized Biden on Twitter nearly 40 times.

In one of his most brazen attacks, during a recent state visit to Japan , Trump echoed North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's description of Biden as "low-IQ."

Biden, in turn, has hit at Trump. At a recent Houston fundraiser, Biden vowed not to "get down in the mud wrestling with this fella," only to say later at the same event, "We all know this guy doesn't know anything."

On Tuesday, he'll criticize the president's economic policy as hurting those very voters who helped elect him.

"He thinks he's being tough. Well, it's easy to be tough when someone else is feeling the pain," Biden says, in remarks prepared for delivery Tuesday in blue collar Ottumwa, the seat of Wapello County.

Trump was the first Republican to carry the economically struggling county in southeast Iowa since Dwight Eisenhower.

"How many sleepless nights do you think Trump has had over what he's doing to America's farmers?" Biden asks, according to his prepared remarks. "Zero."

For Trump, the biggest concern in this state dominated by agriculture interests could be trade. He begins his trip in Council Bluffs to tour and speak at Southwest Iowa Renewable Energy, which produces and sells the corn-based fuel additive ethanol, before addressing an Iowa GOP dinner in Des Moines.

He's expected to highlight his efforts to help farmers hurt financially from Chinese tariffs on U.S. agriculture products, measures that were imposed last year after Trump slapped levies on Chinese imports.

Trump also is likely to try to sell farmers on the U.S.-Mexico-Canada trade deal, which remains to be ratified by lawmakers in each country. Supporters of the deal, which is an update to the North American Free Trade Agreement, feared that Trump's recent threat to impose tariffs on Mexico over illegal immigration would jeopardize the pact's passage by U.S. lawmakers. But Trump announced an agreement with Mexico late last week and delayed the tariffs for the time being.

The president, however, has been stung by criticism that what he announced last Friday amounted to a ramping up of steps Mexico had already agreed to. He lashed out Monday in a pair of tweets in which he teased a secret deal with Mexico to be announced soon. Mexico countered that no secret deal was in the works.

For his part, Biden will be in Iowa just days after more than a dozen of his Democratic rivals were in the state for a party dinner. Several aimed veiled barbs at the former vice president, framing him as someone unable to bring the country into the future.

The trip comes after he roiled the Democratic contest last week by saying he supported a prohibition on federal funds supporting abortion. After an outcry from women's groups and most other Democratic

candidates, he backtracked and said he would support the repeal of the Hyde Amendment.

He will begin his trip campaigning in parts of southeast Iowa that were won by Barack Obama but that later embraced Trump.

It's wise for Biden to campaign in Trump-won territory to reinforce his contention that he's the best-suited Democrat to face Trump, said David Axelrod, a senior strategist to Obama.

"He continues to be the person at this juncture whom voters think can beat Trump. He seems like the least risky choice," Axelrod said. "But too many episodes like last week and that riskiness factor is going to go up."

Superville reported from Washington.

Detained US resident freed by Iran, on his way to Lebanon

By BASSEM MROUE Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — A U.S. permanent resident and Lebanese businessman who was imprisoned for years in Iran has been freed and is on his way back to his native Lebanon, an official in Beirut said Tuesday.

Nizar Zakka, held in Iran since 2015, was on a plane accompanied by the chief of Lebanon's General Security Directorate, Gen. Ibrahim Abbas, heading to the Lebanese capital, according to the official.

The official spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity in line with regulations.

Zakka is one of several prisoners with either dual nationality or links to the West held in Iran. His release comes as tensions between Iran and the U.S. remain high after President Donald Trump withdrew America from Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers.

Earlier Tuesday, an Iranian judiciary official confirmed that Tehran has agreed to hand over Zakka to Lebanese officials, providing the first official confirmation of his release, which had been anticipated for days.

"A court has accepted the condition of freedom of Nizar Zakka and he will be handed over to Lebanese officials," judiciary spokesman Gholamhossein Esmaili said, according to the judiciary's Mizan news agency.

A report Monday on the Iranian state TV's website mirrored an earlier one carried by the semi-official Fars news agency about Zakka, an internet freedom advocate who was arrested in September 2015 while trying to fly out of Tehran. He had just attended a conference there on the invitation of one of the country's vice presidents.

The state TV, like Fars, both quoted an anonymous source saying Zakka's forthcoming release should only be seen as a "sign of respect" for the Lebanese militant Hezbollah group and its leader, Hassan Nasrallah.

"In this regard, no negotiations have taken place at any level with any person or any government," state TV said.

Esmaili stressed that Zakka's release was within "the frame of the law."

"We reviewed the (Lebanese) president's request through the Supreme National Security Council," Esmaili said. "Also, the Lebanese Hezbollah group considered the approval of his freedom as prudent."

State TV later quoted an anonymous source as saying Zakka would be released on Tuesday afternoon and will be allowed to leave Tehran.

In 2016, Iran sentenced Zakka to 10 years in prison. Authorities accused him of being an American spy, allegations vigorously rejected by his family and associates.

Zakka, who lives in Washington and holds resident status in the U.S., leads the Arab ICT Organization, or IJMA3, an industry consortium from 13 countries that advocates for information technology in the region.

In 2016, The Associated Press reported that Zakka's supporters wrote to then-Secretary of State John Kerry, stating Zakka travelled to Iran "with the knowledge and approval of the U.S. State Department, and his trip was funded by grants" from it.

Zakka's IJMA3 organization had received at least \$730,000 in contracts and grants since 2009 from both the State Department and USAID, the lead American government agency fighting poverty and promoting democracy across the world.

The State Department has yet to respond to a years-old request from the AP for information about

those grants.

Shahindokht Molaverdi, an adviser to President Hassan Rouhani who as a vice president invited Zakka to Iran, told the AP in September that Iran's government had "failed" to help Zakka.

"This is in no way approved by the government," Molaverdi said. "We did all we could to stop this from happening, but we are seeing that we have failed to make a significant impact."

Associated Press writers Amir Vahdat in Tehran, Iran, and Jon Gambrell in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, contributed to this report.

How do you teach kids about texting? Bring in the teenagers

By **KIRSTEN GRIESHABER** Associated Press

ESSEN, Germany (AP) — How do you teach tech-savvy kids to safely navigate the digital world? In Germany, you bring in the teenagers.

On a recent day, 18-year-old Chantal Hueben stood in front of a group of fifth-graders and asked them to brainstorm about the messaging program Whatsapp, which most are using to participate in a group chat for their class. They spoke about themes like cyberbullying and what material is OK to post.

"Many are not really aware yet of the impact their messages can have on others," says Hueben, dressed all in black except for white sneakers. "We're teaching them not to post anything private on the class chat, not to send photos of others and not to insult anybody."

The session at the Gesamtschule Borbeck high school, in the western German city of Essen, is part of a large-scale program in which teenagers teach their younger schoolmates how to stay safe and sane online.

As they grow older, they also participate in workshops about media copyright issues or sexting, and, at the end of eighth grade, they take a test to get a laminated "mobile license" that allows them to use their smartphones at certain times at school.

The exam includes 10 multiple choice questions. One asks what to do when somebody sends an embarrassing Snapchat photo of a fellow student. The answer, of course, is to not forward the picture to others.

Over two-thirds of kids in Germany have smartphones by the age of 11 and, like children around the world, many are stressed by the huge number of messages they receive and don't know how to handle inappropriate and hurtful posts. With many parents and teachers lacking in digital skills and unable to relate to what it means to grow up with a smartphone, German authorities decided peer education was the best approach.

At Borbeck, which has about 1,000 students and is considered one of the most advanced schools in Germany when it comes to teaching digital skills, there are 32 students teaching in the "Medienscouts," or media scouts, program.

"We're also students, so we have this buddy and role model relationship with the younger kids that definitely motivates them to learn from us," Hueben says.

With the program, Germany is ahead of many other countries, where "media skills" are often taught by teachers and are more about how to read or watch news media rather than the personal impact.

It was founded in 2011 by public authorities in the western state of North Rhine-Westphalia. In Germany, education is managed by the country's 16 separate states, and now 11 of them have established similar programs in hundreds of schools.

In North Rhine-Westphalia, 766 schools have so far participated in the media scout program. More than 3,120 high school students have been trained as scouts and around 1,500 teachers have acted as guidance counselors to help the kids grow up as mature cyber world citizens.

"It would be great if the media scouts would be established at every high school," said Sven Hulvershorn from the media authority agency for the western German state, who oversees the media scout program. "We're not there yet, but we're working on it."

Beyond teaching children how to deal with the daily stress of digital communications, experts in Germany agree there's a need to coach them in how to protect themselves from online bullying, sexual predators

or fake news.

"We first had a complete ban on phones in our school," explained teacher Vera Servaty, who is the media scouts' guidance counselor at Borbeck high school. "But the reality is that media is a central aspect of the students' lives. If the school doesn't help them navigate the media and the parents aren't of any help either then how should the children learn responsible ways with the digital world?"

The program is more developed than in many other countries. In the United States, many schools have not fully embraced peer-to-peer tutoring in social media, says Liz Kolb, a professor of education technology at the University of Michigan.

U.S. schools are required by a federal program to teach appropriate online behavior, but that is done by teachers and while some schools offer peer-to-peer tutoring, it is not on the scale of what Germany is doing.

"Schools are pretty much figuring out their own way because there really is no strong mandate they have to have a certain curriculum or specific goals," Kolb said of the U.S. "It's definitely needed and schools are seeing that it's needed, they just don't know how to go about fitting it into the already tight curriculum they have."

At Borbeck high school, the media scouts spend several hours teaching the fifth graders how not to let WhatsApp take over their lives. Beyond practical tricks, like turning off the setting that lets the sender know if a message has been read, the older students also talk with the fifth-graders about learning how to take breaks from their smart phone.

After the end of Hueben's workshop, 11-year-old Simon Scharenberg looked relieved.

He said he often felt overwhelmed by the hundreds of WhatsApp messages he receives every day, most of them from schoolmates in the class group chat. He felt obliged to follow up on all of them out of fear of missing important information about homework or school activities.

After the WhatsApp workshop, Scharenberg said he felt more confident about taking a break from messaging.

"I will put down my phone in the kitchen when I come home from school," he said, explaining his new strategy. "Before I go to sleep, I will check all the messages. But I only reply if I really feel like it."

Michael Melia in Hartford, Connecticut, contributed to this report.

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Feisty Virginia primaries closely watched for national trend

By ALAN SUDERMAN Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Voting has begun in primary elections Tuesday in Virginia, where off-year contests for all 140 seats in the state legislature can serve as a political barometer for the coming presidential election year.

The state's elections in 2017 were an early warning signal that a blue wave of opposition to President Donald Trump would wash over the 2018 U.S. midterms, and political analysts are looking for clues about trends in 2020.

Normally sleepy affairs, this year's primary contests feature plenty of drama as moderates in both parties take fire from their outer flanks. All 140 legislative seats are up for grabs, and Virginia is the only state whose legislature has a reasonable chance of flipping partisan control. Republicans currently have narrow majorities in both the House and Senate.

On the GOP side, lingering resentment over last year's vote to expand Medicaid in Virginia is fueling unusually divisive primary contests. Among Democrats, an unusually high number of incumbents are being challenged by liberal newcomers who aren't shy about attacking their opponents as ethically compromised and out of step with the party's base.

Democrats are hoping they can continue a three-year winning streak, powered in large part by suburban voters unhappy with Trump who are fleeing the GOP.

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But the party lost a major advantage earlier this year when its top three statewide office holders became ensnared in scandal. A racist yearbook photo surfaced in February and almost forced Gov. Ralph Northam from office. Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax was then accused by two women of sexual assault, which he denies. And Attorney General Mark Herring, after calling for Northam to resign, revealed that he too wore blackface once in college.

The incumbents in peril include two of the state's most powerful senators. Democratic Senate Minority Leader Dick Saslaw and Republican Sen. Emmett Hanger, with more than seven decades of combined experience as lawmakers, both face spirited opponents.

Saslaw, a canny veteran of Capitol politics who is ardently pro-business and chummy with Republicans, hasn't faced a primary challenger in 40 years. This year he has two. And one of them, 39-year-old human rights lawyer Yasmine Taeb, has painted Saslaw as too conservative and too cozy with special interests.

Hanger played a key role in the health care expansion that made 400,000 low-income Virginia adults eligible to enroll in Medicaid last year, even defeating his own party's plan to derail the effort during one committee hearing. His opponent, Tina Freitas, said Hanger has betrayed his constituents by supporting Medicaid, and isn't conservative enough on guns or abortion. The state's hospitals have spent heavily to help Hanger hold on to the GOP nomination.

Similar themes are playing out around the state. Republican Del. Bob Thomas also voted for Medicaid expansion and is trying to hold on to this Fredericksburg-area seat.

And Del. Lee Carter, a self-proclaimed democratic socialist who was one of the biggest surprise winners in 2017, is trying to fend off a more moderate primary opponent.

Tuesday's vote also features a comeback attempt by one of Virginia's most colorful politicians. Joe Morrissey, a former state lawmaker who used to spend his days at the state Capitol and his nights in jail after being accused of having sex with his teenage secretary, is looking to unseat incumbent Sen. Roslyn Dance in a Richmond-area Democratic primary.

There's also plenty of local action. In Fairfax County, multiple candidates are running for the Democratic nomination to lead the Board of Supervisors. And two prosecutors' races in northern Virginia have been flooded with cash from a political action committee financed by liberal billionaire George Soros on behalf of two challengers who want to make the criminal justice system fairer to the accused.

Hong Kong braces for further political turmoil

By CHRISTOPHER BODEEN Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — Hong Kong residents braced for further political turmoil as the territory's government prepared to send the legislature a widely opposed bill that would allow criminal suspects to be extradited to mainland China.

The legislation has become a lightning rod for concerns about Beijing's increasing control over the former British colony, which had been promised it would retain its own legal and social institutions for 50 years after its return to Chinese rule in 1997.

Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam said the bill will be sent to the legislature on Wednesday for debate. The legislature's president, Andrew Leung, scheduled a vote on June 20.

Police closed off streets surrounding the legislature and government headquarters. Local media reports said thousands of additional officers were being mobilized to keep order amid calls for protesters to begin gathering Tuesday night.

Some businesses announced plans to close Wednesday and there were scattered reports of students planning to boycott classes.

A protest on Sunday by hundreds of thousands of people, the semiautonomous territory's largest in more than a decade, reflected growing apprehension about relations with the Communist Party-ruled mainland.

Critics believe the legislation would put Hong Kong residents at risk of being entrapped in China's judicial system, in which opponents of Communist Party rule have been charged with economic crimes or

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ill-defined national security offenses, and would not be guaranteed free trials.

Lam, who canceled her regular question and answer session on Wednesday, said the government has considered concerns from the private sector and altered the bill to improve human rights safeguards.

She emphasized that extradition cases would be decided by Hong Kong courts.

"Even the chief executive could not overrule the court, to say that because (a country) wants this offender, I will surrender," Lam said.

Ronny Tong Ka-wah, a lawyer and member of Lam's administration advisory committee, said Sunday's protest showed a lack of trust in Hong Kong's administration, partly because Lam was largely picked by Beijing and not elected by popular vote. However, China's patience with Hong Kong's demands has its limits, Tong said.

"We need to gain the trust and confidence of Beijing so they can allow us the freedom of political reform," Tong said. "They don't want to see Hong Kong as a base of subversion. And I'm sorry, we're doing exactly that."

Opponents of the proposed extradition amendments say the changes would significantly compromise Hong Kong's legal independence, long viewed as one of the main differences between the territory and mainland China.

Hong Kong Bar Association Chair Philip Dykes said a lack of faith in Beijing remains a crucial issue.

"The government is asking these people with decades of mistrust suddenly to trust the system and to accept assurances that the (Chinese) mainland will offer that they be honored. And that's clearly not persuading the people," Dykes said in an interview.

Hong Kong currently limits extraditions to jurisdictions with which it has existing agreements and to others on an individual basis. China has been excluded from those agreements because of concerns over its judicial independence and human rights record.

The proposed amendments to the Fugitive Offenders Ordinance and the Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Ordinance would expand the scope of criminal suspect transfers to include Taiwan, Macau and mainland China.

Lam has said the changes are necessary for Hong Kong to uphold justice and meet its international obligations. Without them, she said Hong Kong risks becoming a "fugitive offenders' haven."

Supporters have pointed to the case of Chan Tong-kai, a Hong Kong man who admitted to Hong Kong police that he killed his girlfriend during a trip to Taiwan. Because Hong Kong and Taiwan don't have an extradition agreement, he has not been sent to Taiwan to face charges there, though he has been jailed in Hong Kong on money laundering charges.

Under its "one country, two systems" setup, Hong Kong was guaranteed the right to retain its own social, legal and political systems for 50 years. As a result, residents enjoy far greater freedoms than people on the mainland, such as the freedom to protest or publicly criticize the government.

Nevertheless, the Communist Party exerts influence on the Hong Kong government.

Hong Kong voters cannot directly elect their chief executive. Lam was elected in 2017 by a committee dominated by pro-Beijing elites and is widely seen as the Communist Party's favored candidate.

The Legislative Council, Hong Kong's parliament, includes a sizable camp of pro-Beijing lawmakers.

Beijing has made substantial efforts in recent years to integrate Hong Kong with the mainland. Last October, China opened the world's longest sea-crossing bridge, connecting Hong Kong and Macau to the city of Zhuhai in southern Guangdong province. The government has named the three combined locales the "Greater Bay Area," which it aims to turn into a center for technological innovation and advanced manufacturing.

Those in Hong Kong who anger China's central government have come under greater pressure since Chinese President Xi Jinping came to power in 2012.

The detention of several Hong Kong booksellers in late 2015 intensified worries about the erosion of Hong Kong's rule of law. The booksellers vanished before resurfacing in police custody in mainland China. Among them, Swedish citizen Gui Minhai is currently being investigated on charges of leaking state secrets after he sold gossip books about Chinese leaders.

In April, nine leaders of a 2014 pro-democracy protest movement known as the "Umbrella Revolution" were convicted on public nuisance and other charges.

In May, Germany confirmed it had granted asylum to two people from Hong Kong who, according to media reports, were activists fleeing tightening restrictions at home. It was the first known case in recent years of a Western government accepting political refugees from Hong Kong.

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. WHAT A HOUSE RESOLUTION WOULD DO

A resolution being voted on in the House would make it easier for Democrats to sue the Trump administration and other potential witnesses who refuse to comply with subpoenas.

2. BISHOPS MEETING ON SEX ABUSE CLOUDED BY STATE INVESTIGATIONS

Lawyers are sifting through millions of records seized from dozens of U.S. archdioceses as state and federal prosecutors look for legal means to hold higher ups in the Catholic Church accountable for sex abuse.

3. HONG KONG BRACES FOR FURTHER POLITICAL TURMOIL

The territory's government prepares to send the legislature a widely opposed bill that would allow criminal suspects to be extradited to mainland China.

4. TOUR BOAT WRECKAGE LIFTED IN HUNGARY

Several bodies are recovered from the wreckage of a tour boat that sank last month in the Danube River as it was lifted out of the river in Budapest.

5. WHERE TOP 2 CONTENDERS WILL BE

Donald Trump and Joe Biden will overlap in Iowa, a state that's critical to both their political futures.

6. BROAD LEGALIZATION CUTS INTO MEDICAL MARIJUANA

An AP analysis finds existing medical marijuana programs take a hit when states legalize cannabis for all adults with the most extreme cases found in Oregon, Alaska, Nevada and Colorado.

7. WHEN DISASTER HITS, INDONESIA'S ISLAMISTS ARE FIRST TO HELP

Islamic Defenders Front is known for vigilante actions, but the group has slowly repurposed its militia into a force that's as adept at offering aid in times of disaster as it is at inspiring fear.

8. BIG PAPI BACK IN BOSTON

David Ortiz is receiving medical care in the city where he starred, a day after authorities say the former Red Sox slugger was ambushed by a gunman at a bar in his native Dominican Republic.

9. WHERE 'ROCKETMAN' WAS BANNED

The Pacific nation of Samoa prohibits screening of the Elton John biopic because of its depictions of homosexuality.

10. A WIN AND A BIG LOSS FOR WARRIORS

Stephen Curry scores 31 points and Golden State staves off elimination with a 106-105 victory over Toronto in Game 5 of the NBA Finals, but lose Kevin Durant to injury again.

Tech on trial: House panel begins review of market power

By MARCY GORDON AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Big Tech is about to become big politics in Washington.

The House Judiciary Committee on Tuesday will launch its investigation into the market dominance of Silicon Valley's biggest names, starting with a look at the impact of the tech giants' platforms on news content, the media and the spread of misinformation online.

In a Capitol steeped in partisanship, inflamed by special counsel Robert Mueller's report and Democrats' intensifying probes of President Donald Trump, the House Judiciary Committee's investigation of tech market power stands out. Not only is it bipartisan, but it's also the first such review by Congress of a sector that

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for more than a decade has enjoyed haloed status and a light touch from federal regulators.

With regulators at the Justice Department and Federal Trade Commission apparently pursuing antitrust investigations of Facebook, Google, Apple and Amazon, and several state attorneys general exploring bipartisan action of their own, the tech industry finds itself in a precarious moment — with the dreaded M-word increasingly used to describe their way of doing business.

"These are monopolies," Rep. David Cicilline said on "Fox News Sunday."

Cicilline, a Rhode Island Democrat, will be leading Tuesday's subcommittee hearing and vowed that the panel will broadly investigate the digital marketplace and "the dominance of large technology platforms," with an eye toward legislative action to increase competition.

"We know the problems; they're easy to diagnose," Cicilline said. "Shaping the solutions is going to be more difficult."

Politicians on the left and right have differing gripes about the tech giants. Some complain of aggressive conduct that squashes competition. Others perceive a political bias or tolerance of extremist content. Still others are upset by the industry's harvesting of personal data.

Several Democratic presidential candidates think they have the solution: breaking up the companies on antitrust grounds. Cicilline has called that "a last resort," but the idea has currency with both major political parties, including at the White House.

President Donald Trump on Monday noted the huge fines imposed by European regulators on the biggest tech companies.

"We are going to be looking at them differently," he said in an interview on CNBC.

"We should be doing what (the Europeans) are doing," Trump said. "Obviously, there is something going on in terms of monopoly."

The tech giants have mostly declined to comment on the antitrust investigations.

Google has said that scrutiny from lawmakers and regulators "often improves our products and the policies that govern them," and that in some areas, such as data protection, laws need to be updated.

Facebook executives have been calling broadly for regulation while explicitly rejecting the idea of breaking up "a successful American company." CEO Mark Zuckerberg has called for new rules in four areas: harmful content, election integrity, privacy and data portability.

When Democratic presidential contender Sen. Elizabeth Warren tweeted in April that tech giants like Amazon should be broken up, Amazon tweeted back, "Walmart is much larger."

And Apple has countered a legal challenge to its management of the App Store by saying it "will prevail when the facts are presented and the App Store is not a monopoly by any metric."

In hearings and closed-door work over coming months, lawmakers in the House aim to unpeel the complex onion of the tech industry's dominance. They are expected to summon the chief executives of the major companies to appear before the panel. Not showing up, as some CEOs have done in the past, is unlikely to be tolerated.

For a long time, the tech companies "sort of thumbed their nose at Washington" without repercussions, said Gene Grabowski, a partner at public relations firm kglobal who's a crisis communications expert. Now lawmakers, often initially slow to flex their muscle over an industry, seem to be making up for lost time.

"They're late. They feel like they've been embarrassed, and it's a popular issue for their constituents," he said.

Tech executives have testified to various congressional panels in recent years, often accompanied by high drama and fiery rhetoric. A media frenzy accompanied Zuckerberg's five-hour grilling on privacy last year at a joint Senate committee hearing. That hearing came in the wake of the scandal involving British data-mining firm Cambridge Analytica, which collected Facebook information on millions of Americans without their knowledge.

But until executives are called to testify, it's likely to be a tough slog for the subcommittee as it hears from experts and its staff, collects data and documents, and interviews industry players and others behind closed doors.

"There could be something really useful" to emerge as legislation, said Allen Grunes, who led merger investigations at the Justice Department as an antitrust attorney.

Lawmakers could address, for example, the galloping acquisition of small companies by the tech giants or craft an update of antitrust laws to apply better to complex tech behemoths, suggested Grunes, a co-founder and attorney at the Konkurrenz Group in Washington.

"It's not illegal to be a monopoly," he said. "But it's wrong for someone at the top of the hill to kick the people off who are trying to climb it."

Prosecutors crack down on clergy abuse as bishops gather

By JULIET LINDERMAN, GARANCE BURKE and MARTHA MENDOZA Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — Hundreds of boxes. Millions of records. From Michigan to New Mexico this month, attorneys general are sifting through files on clergy sex abuse, seized through search warrants and subpoenas at dozens of archdioceses.

They're looking to prosecute, and not just priests. If the boxes lining the hallways of Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel's offices contain enough evidence, she said, she is considering using state racketeering laws usually reserved for organized crime. Prosecutors in Michigan are even volunteering on weekends to get through all the documents as quickly as possible.

For decades, leaders of the Roman Catholic Church were largely left to police their own. But now, as American bishops gather for a conference to confront the reignited sex-abuse crisis this week, they're facing the most scrutiny ever from secular law enforcement.

A nationwide Associated Press query of more than 20 state and federal prosecutors last week found they are looking for legal means to hold higher ups in the church accountable for sex abuse. They have raided diocesan offices, subpoenaed files, set up victim tip lines and launched sweeping investigations into decades-old allegations. Thousands of people have called hotlines nationwide, and five priests have recently been arrested.

"Some of the things I've seen in the files makes your blood boil, to be honest with you," Nessel said. "When you're investigating gangs or the Mafia, we would call some of this conduct a criminal enterprise."

If a prosecutor applies racketeering laws, also known as RICO, against church leaders, bishops and other church officials could face criminal consequences for enabling predator priests, experts say. Such a move by Michigan or one of the other law enforcement agencies would mark the first known time that actions by a diocese or church leader were branded a criminal enterprise akin to organized crime.

"That would be an important step because it would set the standard for pursuing justice in these cases," said Marci Hamilton, a professor at the University of Pennsylvania and CEO of CHILD USA, a Philadelphia-based think tank that tracks statute of limitations reforms.

Monsignor G. Michael Bugarin, who handles sex abuse accusations for the Detroit Archdiocese, said they too are committed to ending abuse and cover-ups. Bugarin said they cooperate with law enforcement, and that won't change if the attorney general is considering organized crime charges.

"The law is the law, so I think we just have to respect what the current law is," he said.

Some defenders of the church bristle at the notion of increased legal action, saying the Catholic institution is being singled out by overzealous prosecutors. A spokesperson for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops did not respond to requests for an interview Monday. The church has said it is already taking steps to address clergy abuse.

Seventeen years after U.S. bishops passed a "zero tolerance" policy against sexually abusive priests, they will consider new measures for accountability over abuse at their gathering this week in Baltimore. The meeting follows a global order issued by Pope Francis last month requiring all Catholic priests and nuns around the world to report clergy sexual abuse and cover-ups by their superiors to church authorities.

The meeting also follows a grand jury report that documented decades of clergy abuse and cover-ups in Pennsylvania, which thrust the Catholic Church's sex assault scandal back into the mainstream last fall and spurred prosecutors across the U.S. to launch investigations of their hometown dioceses.

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Since then, many states have launched telephone hotlines or online questionnaires for confidential complaints including Virginia, Nebraska and California.

Pennsylvania has been flooded with calls, some 1,800 from victims and families over the last three years. In Iowa, 11 people who identified themselves as victims and their relatives came forward in the hotline and questionnaire's first three days. New Jersey and Michigan's tip lines have received about 500 calls each, while Illinois has received nearly 400 calls and emails, including 160 from survivors.

In contrast, Delaware's attorney general tip line has had four calls since November, 2018, a spokesperson said. Officials in Vermont say they cannot comment because the investigation is ongoing, but that they are aware of dozens of victims of alleged criminal misconduct.

While priests have been prosecuted in the past, top law enforcement scrutiny of church authorities has been relatively rare. In 2012, Bishop Robert Finn of the Kansas City-St. Joseph diocese in Missouri was the first and only American prelate convicted for his role in aiding a priest, when he was found guilty of failing to report child pornography on a cleric's laptop to authorities.

AP reached out to attorneys general in 18 states, federal prosecutors in three jurisdictions and the U.S. Justice Department to learn more about the new round of investigations. Some of the accused priests in Pennsylvania had ties to other states, prompting those attorneys general, such as New Mexico, for example, to take a fresh look.

Before Pennsylvania's attorney general got involved, cases against predator priests were largely the purview of local police and prosecutors, or private attorneys bringing lawsuits and civil claims. Although Pennsylvania's attorney general office says prosecutors have spoken with their counterparts from almost every state, most attorneys general in the U.S. have not taken public action.

In Kentucky, Attorney General Andy Beshear wanted to investigate but lacked jurisdiction. He worked to change state law, but the bill failed to make it through the legislature.

Attorneys general who are investigating are using a range of tools. Michigan executed search warrants, which means police show up and raid the offices. Delaware, West Virginia and Nebraska have issued subpoenas, which is a less assertive approach, making a legal request for the records. New Jersey officials have started to make arrests, while Washington D.C.'s attorney general is weighing civil charges.

Asked whether the office would consider charges under Iowa's far-reaching RICO statute, Attorney General spokesman Lynn Hicks said that nothing is off the table but that it's premature to say. And in Virginia, spokesman Michael K. Kelly said they are using "every tool, authority, and resource" to investigate not only priests, but also "whether leadership in the dioceses may have covered up or abetted any such crimes."

Iowa's Attorney General Tom Miller said that he took action late last month after his office met with abuse survivors, including some whose stories have never become public.

Tim Lennon, who grew up in Sioux City, Iowa, said he was among the survivors who corresponded with Miller's office and in recent months sent over new material about priests accused of abuse.

"The priest who had raped and abused me when I was 12 had gotten caught at three parishes before they moved him to my parish. The bishop knew and kept moving him along," said Lennon, the president of the board of directors for the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, who now lives in Arizona.

Statute of limitation rules differ, and are being tested, in different states. In Michigan, for example, the clock stops if a priest moved out of state for a period.

New York, California and Florida refused to comment, citing ongoing investigations.

In recent years, civil lawsuits have used racketeering laws leading to large settlements. Delaware-based attorney Stephen Neuberger, who has successfully sued the church on behalf of clergy abuse victims, said questions inevitably arise about church authorities covering up and facilitating for accused priests. He said organized crime statutes seem appropriate.

"It's not piling on," he said. "In fact I think it's long overdue."

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AP analysis: Broad legalization cuts into medical marijuana

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PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — When states legalize pot for all adults, long-standing medical marijuana programs take a big hit, in some cases losing more than half their registered patients in just a few years, according to a data analysis by The Associated Press.

Much of the decline comes from consumers who, ill or not, got medical cards in their states because it was the only way to buy marijuana legally and then discarded them when broader legalization arrived. But for people who truly rely on marijuana to control ailments such as nausea or cancer pain, the arrival of so-called recreational cannabis can mean fewer and more expensive options.

Robin Beverett, a 47-year-old disabled Army veteran, said she resumed taking a powerful prescription mood stabilizer to control her anxiety and PTSD when the cost of her medical marijuana nearly tripled after California began general sales. Before last year, an eighth of an ounce of dry marijuana flower cost her \$35. Now it's approaching \$100, Beverett said.

"It's ridiculous. The prices are astronomical," said Beverett, who moved to Sacramento from Texas because medical marijuana is illegal there. "Going to the dispensary is just out of the question if you're on any kind of fixed income."

It's a paradox playing out nationwide as more states take the leap from care-centered medical programs to recreational models aligned with a multibillion-dollar global industry.

States see a "massive exodus" of medical patients when they legalize marijuana for all adults — and then, in many cases, the remaining ones struggle, said David Mangone, director of government affairs for Americans for Safe Access.

"Some of the products that these patients have relied on for consistency — and have used over and over for years — are disappearing off the shelves to market products that have a wider appeal," he said.

Cost also goes up, a problem that's compounded because many of those who stay in medical programs are low-income and rely on Social Security disability, he said.

In Oregon, where the medical program shrank the most following recreational legalization, nearly two-thirds of patients gave up their medical cards, the AP found. As patients exited, the market followed: The number of medical-only retail shops fell from 400 to two, and hundreds of growers who contracted with individual patients to grow specific strains walked away.

Now, some of the roughly 28,000 medical patients left are struggling to find affordable medical marijuana products they've relied on for years. While the state is awash in dry marijuana flower that's dirt cheap, the specialized oils, tinctures and potent edibles used to alleviate severe illnesses can be harder to find and more expensive to buy.

"Lots of people have started trying to figure out how to make these concentrates and edibles themselves in their kitchen," said Travis MacKenzie, who runs TJ's Gardens, which provides free medical cannabis to children with epilepsy. "There are things that we don't really want people to do at home, but the market conditions are such that people are trying to do more at home."

The numbers compiled by the AP through public records requests and publicly available documents provide a snapshot of the evolution of marijuana as more states — Michigan was last in the door, and Illinois is about to follow — legalize pot for all adults.

Ten states have both medical and recreational markets. Four of them — Oregon, Nevada, Colorado, Alaska — have the combination of an established recreational marketplace and data on medical patients. The AP analysis found all four saw a drop in medical patients after broader legalization.

In Alaska, the state with the second-biggest decline, medical cardholders dropped by 63% after recreational sales began in 2016, followed by Nevada with nearly 40% since 2017 and Colorado with 19%

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since 2014.

The largest of all the legal markets, California, doesn't keep data on medical patients, but those who use it say their community has been in turmoil since recreational pot debuted last year. That's partly because the state ended unlicensed cannabis cooperatives where patients shared their homegrown pot for free.

There is limited scientific data backing many of the health claims made by medical marijuana advocates, and the U.S. government still classifies cannabis in any form as a controlled substance like LSD and cocaine.

Still, the popularity of medical pot is rising as more states legalize it. There are 33 such states, including the politically conservative recent additions of Oklahoma and Utah. Oklahoma has among the more liberal guidelines for use and has approved more than 100,000 patient licenses since voters backed legalization last June.

Getting a precise nationwide count of medical patients is impossible because California, Washington and Maine don't keep data. However, absent those states, the AP found at the end of last year nearly 1.4 million people were active patients in a medical marijuana program. The AP estimates if those states were added the number would increase by about 1 million.

As more states legalize marijuana for all adults, some who have been using it medically are feeling disenfranchised.

In Michigan, where medical marijuana has been legal for over a decade, the creation of a new licensing system for medical dispensaries has sparked court challenges as the state prepares for the advent of general marijuana sales later this year. A cancer patient there filed a federal lawsuit this month, alleging the slow licensing pace has created a shortage of the products she needs to maintain her weight and control pain.

In Washington, medical patients feel they were pushed aside when that state merged its medical and general-use markets, which also is what's happening in California.

Los Angeles dispensary owner Jerred Kiloh sells medical and recreational marijuana and said those markets are quickly becoming one, since few companies are going to produce products for a vanishing group of customers. He said his medical business has dipped to 7% of overall sales and is dropping month to month.

"It's going to be gone," said Kiloh, president of the LA trade group United Cannabis Business Association.

In Oregon, regulators are struggling to find a path that preserves the state's trailblazing low-cost medical pot program while tamping down on a still-thriving black market. A special state commission formed to oversee the market transition put out a report earlier this year that found affordability and lack of access are major hurdles for Oregon's patients.

"Patients have needs. Consumers have wants," said Anthony Taylor, a medical marijuana advocate who sits on the Oregon Cannabis Commission. "Patients are in crisis right now."

General legalization has "indelibly changed the medical market," and regulators want to identify the patients most affected by the transition, said Steve Marks, executive director of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, which oversees Oregon's recreational marijuana program.

Lawmakers just passed a bill that includes language that will allow the commission to explore a pilot program for home delivery of medical cannabis to patients in underserved areas, he said.

Meanwhile, Oregon U.S. Attorney Billy Williams has demanded lawmakers get control of excess weed being trafficked out of state and cited the medical industry as a potential source of illicit cannabis.

As a result, lawmakers are "paring the medical program back to what it probably should have been from the outset," said Ben Pirie, a cannabis law attorney in Portland.

"There are patients with legitimate needs, but there are many more growing way more cannabis than needed to address those needs — and what do you do with that?" Pirie said, adding "there is this sweet spot in the middle that's difficult to hit."

Oregon law allows medical patients to shop tax-free at general-use stores, and recreational stores can sell medical pot, although those products comprise just 8.5% of their sales.

Meanwhile, the rules that came with general legalization put lower caps on the potency of edibles. That means medical customers often pay more for the same dose they got before broad legalization.

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Medical cardholders, for example, used to buy gummies or chocolate bars infused with 400 mg of THC, the high-inducing element of cannabis. Now, edibles are capped at 100 mg for medical patients but cost the same or more.

"Who, with any medical condition, needs to be eating 20 pieces of candy a day?" asked Erich Berkovitz, Oregon's last remaining state-licensed medical marijuana processor.

Patients can also grow a small number of plants, but that doesn't address the needs of the many medical patients who don't smoke and instead rely on marijuana-infused edibles or tinctures.

Bill Blazina, a Navy veteran, used the state's medical program in 2013 when he was diagnosed with esophageal cancer. But the 73-year-old grandfather found the landscape had changed dramatically when he was diagnosed last year with a new cancer in his lung.

The highly concentrated marijuana oil he took before — and wanted to take again — was selling for \$60 a gram, his daily dose. A two-month supply would cost thousands at a retail pot shop, so Blazina connected with what he calls a "compassionate grower" who sold him the same amount at cost for \$750, a transaction that fell in a legal gray area.

"I didn't even know his name," said Blazina, sitting in a rocking chair in his home in the tiny coastal town of Waldport. "I met him ... and he'd bring it to me and smile, and I'd give him money and say, 'Thank you,' and I'd be on my way."

After surgery and chemo, his cancer is in remission, but he still swallows a tiny drop of the oil on a piece of tortilla twice a day. He's learned how to make it himself: He and his neighbor combine their eight legal plants, pulverize a pound (0.45 kilograms) of marijuana flower, steep it in grain alcohol, strain it and then simmer the resulting mix of alcohol and plant juice in a rice cooker until only dark black oil is left.

A pound of that flower at a retail store would be about \$2,000, Blazina said.

"I think the regulations should go toward more access and how do we get more access, realistically, for the people who need it medically," he said, before taking his afternoon dose. "It prohibits people who don't have the ability to grow from getting the medicine they need because it drives the price up — and I don't see that as being helpful at all."

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Bodies recovered as sunken Danube boat is raised in Hungary

By PABLO GORONDI Associated Press

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — Several bodies were recovered from the wreckage of a tour boat that sank in the Danube River as it was lifted out of the river Tuesday morning in the Hungarian capital.

A huge floating crane, barges and rescue personnel were working early in the morning at Budapest's Margit Bridge, where the Hableany (Mermaid) sightseeing boat sank May 29 after colliding with a much larger river cruise ship.

The top of the Hableany was visible, as life jackets floated in the boat's hull.

Divers were searching the boat for more victims. Rescuers carried away four body bags on stretchers to a small police cruise boat waiting nearby.

Nineteen South Korean tourists and a Hungarian crewman have previously been confirmed dead, with eight people still missing. Seven people were rescued after the nighttime collision amid heavy rain.

The lift is planned in several stages, depending, for example, on the condition of the hull as the tour boat is raised off the river floor and the discovery of bodies in the wreckage.

The plan detailed Monday by rescuers is to lift the Hableany with the floating crane and place it on a long barge. The boat will then be handed over to police investigating the collision.

Efforts to search for the missing victims of the accident and to raise the Hableany have been hindered by the Danube's high springtime water levels — which are expected to fall significantly over the coming days in Budapest — and the river's fast flow, as well as near-zero visibility under water.

The captain of the other ship in the collision, the Viking Sigyn, has been under arrest since June 1, suspected of endangering water transport leading to a deadly mass accident.

The Viking Sigyn, which left Budapest less than 48 hours after the collision with the Hableany, is back in Hungary on a scheduled trip and docked at the town of Visegrad, north of Budapest. Police said they carried out another inspection on the ship on Monday.

When disaster hits, Indonesia's Islamists are first to help

By **STEPHEN WRIGHT** Associated Press

PALU, Indonesia (AP) — The flags hanging outside Anwar Ragau's house have drawn warnings from police, but the wiry 50-year-old vows he's not taking them down.

After all, the police weren't there to help when he was the sole fisherman in his village to survive the tsunami that inundated the Indonesian city of Palu at dusk on Sept. 28. Nor was the government. Nor were the aid organizations that swept into the stricken region in remote central Sulawesi.

Instead, the first people to offer him hope — and a new boat — were deployed by a hardline Islamic group notorious for vigilante violence such as storming the offices of Playboy magazine, smashing up stores selling alcohol and attacking minority Muslim sects.

When the wind picks up, it's the Islamic Defenders Front's white-and-green flag that flutters outside Ragau's house, alongside a much bigger black flag with white Arabic script. The words are a well-known declaration of Muslim faith; similar flags have become associated with violent extremists.

Since its inception two decades ago, the front has pushed for Islamic law to govern the lives of Indonesia's 230 million Muslims, aiming to correct what it sees as the errors of Indonesia's 1945 constitution that established a secular state and religious freedom.

Though often dismissed as a fringe group, it has recently scored unexpected and stunning political victories — only partly due to the growth of orthodox Middle Eastern Islam in Indonesia.

The group's success also can be traced to an effort over more than 10 years to repurpose its militia into a force that's as adept at helping the poor and searching for victims buried under earthquake rubble as it is at inspiring fear.

The front was formed in Jakarta, researchers say, by elements of Indonesia's military after the fall of dictator Suharto in 1998 as a tool for confronting pro-democracy activists and liberalism.

Able to act with impunity, it became infamous for running protection rackets and violent vigilantism. It now has chapters in 23 of Indonesia's 34 provinces and a military-like command structure cascading down to village levels.

Maman Suryadi Abdurrahman, the head of the front's Islamic Defender Troops militia, said the organization has a million members. Researchers have said its membership is much smaller, estimating that it numbers in the tens of thousands.

Walking a fine line, the front doesn't propose that Indonesia become a caliphate, which would put it in direct confrontation with Indonesia's civil law-based constitution. Rather it says it wants Islamic law to apply to the 9 out of 10 citizens who are Muslim. Senior figures display the red-and-white Indonesian flag on their uniforms and often ally with ultra-nationalistic causes.

"Our goal is to make Indonesia, in which Islam is the majority religion of the people, to be religious and clean from immorality," said Abdurrahman. "We want an Islamist country, not an Islamic state, because a religious country will prevent the nation from suffering social injustice."

The group says it has moderated its methods but it still aggressively takes on what it calls "community diseases" such as prostitution, homosexuality and celebration of Western holidays. It does so, it says, at the request of local communities.

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"We've tried to improve our image," Abdurrahman said. "We've changed the ways of our demonstrations to be more persuasive and peaceful."

In so doing, it has followed the same path as other deeply conservative groups in Indonesia, including Hizbut Tahrir, which seeks a caliphate and was banned last year. All have embraced charitable work, filling a void left by the government and mainstream Muslim organizations.

Alexander Arifianto, an Indonesian politics expert at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies in Singapore, said Indonesian groups copied Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood which pioneered Islamic charities in the 1970s and '80s and became immensely popular.

Hamas (in Palestine) and Hezbollah (in Lebanon) have also emphasized social services as a way of winning hearts and minds.

The turning point for the Islamic Defenders Front was its response to the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, which killed more than 100,000 people in Indonesia's Aceh, Abdurrahman said.

Even in Aceh, one of Indonesia's most conservative provinces, they weren't welcome, Abdurrahman said, but they persisted and won over Acehnese by setting up their command posts at mass graves and recovering and burying thousands of bodies.

The front, he said, "is now increasingly accepted by people."

The front's humanitarian arm — known as Red Crescent Indonesia, but not part of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies — was very busy last year. Besides the Palu earthquake and tsunami that claimed more than 4,000 lives, earthquakes killed hundreds and destroyed thousands of homes on Lombok. A tsunami wreaked havoc on the Sunda Strait coastlines of Java and Sumatra.

The front was right there at each disaster, searching for victims, distributing aid and building temporary housing and new mosques. Its regular social services such as free health care have become a lifeline for urban poor.

Indonesia is a far-flung archipelago of 17,000 islands; its central government has often been accused of neglecting remote regions far from the center of political and economic power in Java.

In places such as Central Sulawesi, which has a history of sectarian violence, those failings have provided an opening for hard-liners and their message that religion, not government, is the answer.

While the 350 tons of aid the Islamic Defenders Front says it provided in Palu is a fraction of what eventually poured into the region, its delivery was rapid and grassroots.

As officials struggled to get a handle on what had happened, truckloads of rice and other aid had already been dispatched by the front's chapter in Poso to the southeast of Palu.

The militia's search-and-rescue team scoured two neighborhoods swallowed by the quake, recovering bodies before the government's National Search and Rescue Agency turned up.

When the agency did arrive, grieving family members turned on them angrily, demanding to know why they hadn't come sooner. Part of the reason: Official search efforts first focused on hotels.

"The eighth day was the worst; the rotten bodies were very smelly and the soil had begun to harden," said Mahmud Khaemudin, secretary of the front's chapter in Central Sulawesi.

The government's response to images of the front at work was ham-handed — the Information Ministry called them a hoax. It was apparently unaware that the search-and-rescue agency has provided training to front members.

The front did not curtail its efforts in Palu after the catastrophe's first days.

Anwar Ragaua was skeptical when, three months after the disaster, two men from the front arrived at his house and offered new fishing boats to him and two others.

"All this time I had often been offered similar assistance from various organizations, government and non-government, but they only made promises," he said.

A day later, the men came back and ordered several boats from a boat maker, paying in cash.

"I almost cried," Ragaua said. "I wanted to bow down in gratitude."

Police have visited his house several times, suspicious he may be spreading radicalism, but Ragaua was

unfazed. He flies the front's flag, proudly.

The front's rising political clout was evident in 2016-17, when it mobilized hundreds of thousands to protest the Christian governor of the capital, Jakarta. The governor, an ally of President Joko Widodo, was defeated and imprisoned for blasphemy.

In April's presidential election, the front backed former general Prabowo Subianto. He overwhelmingly won in religiously conservative provinces. Widodo, however, was re-elected by winning over a coalition of moderate and minority voters.

There have been other setbacks. Front leader Rizieq Shihab fled to Saudi Arabia in 2017 to avoid arrest on what he said were fabricated pornography charges. An online petition calling for the government to deny legal status to the front has half a million signatures.

Interior Ministry spokesman Bahtiar, who uses a single name, described the front as involved in "dirty practices." Under law, organizations involved in social or humanitarian work should not be a guise for political activities, he said.

"Indonesians are now smart," he said. "There is no more room to hide in this era of openness."

Samoa bans Elton John movie 'Rocketman' due to homosexuality

By NICK PERRY Associated Press

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — The Pacific nation of Samoa has banned the Elton John biopic "Rocketman" because of its depictions of homosexuality.

About 97% of people in Samoa identify as Christian, and the society is generally considered conservative and traditional. Under Samoa's 2013 Crimes Act, sodomy is deemed an offense that is punishable by up to seven years in prison, even if both parties consent.

Samoa's principal censor Leiataua Niuapu Faau'i told the Samoa Observer on Tuesday that the homosexual activity depicted on screen violated laws and didn't sit well with the country's cultural and Christian beliefs.

The censor did concede to the newspaper that "It's a good story, in that it's about an individual trying to move on in life."

Apollo Cinemas Samoa wrote on Facebook that "due to censoring issues we have had to cancel Rocketman."

The movie examines John's sexuality and relationship with then-manager John Reid. It stars Taron Egerton who does his own singing as John in the musical fantasy that aims to capture the essence of the musician's life.

A Russian distributor censored scenes from "Rocketman" that featured gay sex and drug use, and John wrote in a joint statement with the filmmakers that it was a "sad reflection of the divided world we still live in and how it can still be so cruelly unaccepting of the love between two people."

Russian gay rights activists and prominent figures denounced the move. Although homosexuality is not criminalized in Russia, animosity toward gay people remains strong.

Samoa, which is home to about 200,000 people, also banned the 2008 movie "Milk," in which actor Sean Penn portrayed American gay activist Harvey Milk.

Since opening 10 days ago, Rocketman has taken in about \$101 million at theaters around the world.

David Ortiz back in Boston after being shot in Dominican bar

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SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — David Ortiz was back in Boston on Monday night for medical care, a day after authorities said the former Red Sox slugger affectionately known as Big Papi was ambushed by a gunman at a bar in his native Dominican Republic.

A plane carrying the 43-year-old retired athlete landed after a flight from the Dominican, the team said. Ortiz had been in stable condition in intensive care at a Santo Domingo hospital after doctors removed

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his gallbladder and part of his intestine, according to his spokesman, Leo López. He said Ortiz's liver was also damaged in the shooting Sunday night.

Ortiz is one of the most beloved figures in sports history in the Dominican Republic and Boston, a fearsome power hitter with a ready smile. He led the Red Sox to three World Series championships, was a 10-time All-Star and hit 541 home runs.

Dozens of fans crowded the hospital earlier Monday, causing a traffic jam. In the U.S., fans prayed for his recovery and wished him well, with New England Patriots star Julian Edelman assuring him on Instagram: "Papi, all of New England has your back."

The Red Sox offered "all available resources" and sent an air ambulance to bring him back to Boston. "He's on the Mount Rushmore of Boston sports," said Eddie Romero, the team's assistant general manager. The club asked fans to observe a moment of reflection shortly before playing the Texas Rangers at Fenway Park and posted on the videoboard: "We send our love to David Ortiz."

Ortiz was at the Dial Bar and Lounge in Santo Domingo on Sunday night when a gunman approached from behind and shot him at close range in the torso, authorities said.

The gunman was not immediately identified or arrested and the motive for the shooting was under investigation, with authorities trying to determine whether Ortiz was the target.

The operator of the motorcycle that was carrying the gunman was captured and beaten by a crowd of people at the bar, authorities said.

Eliezer Salvador, who was at the scene, said the gunman said nothing, just fired once. Salvador then drove a wounded Ortiz to the hospital, telling reporters they had a brief conversation in the car as he urged the baseball great to stay calm and breathe.

"Do you have any problems with anyone?" Salvador recalled asking him, to which Ortiz replied: "No, my brother, I've never wronged anyone."

Salvador held up Ortiz's bloody belongings for reporters, along with some of his jewelry. He also apologized for hitting several cars while rushing to the hospital: "That wrongdoing was justified."

Ortiz's father, Leo, said he had no idea why someone would have shot at his son.

"He is resting," the elder Ortiz said. "Big Papi will be around for a long time."

He added that he is pleased with the medical attention Ortiz has received but that he will be transferred to Boston so he can be with his wife and the Red Sox medical team.

Two other people were wounded, including Jhoel López, a Dominican TV host who was with Ortiz. Police believe López was wounded by the same bullet, said National Police Director Ney Aldrin Bautista Almonte. López was shot in the leg, and his injuries were not life-threatening, said his wife, Liza Blanco, who is also a TV host.

Police did not identify the third person or detail that person's injuries.

The bar is in a bustling nightlife district packed with dance clubs and expensive bars that Ortiz is known to frequent.

Chicago White Sox pitcher Ivan Nova, who's from the Dominican, said the shooting rattled him.

"The way that everything is going right now back in my country, I've got to be honest, I'm not very happy to say what is going on right now over there," Nova said. "A lot of times I see guys who play on my team coming to the United States to live. The dream that you have as a baseball player is to have a good career, and then go back home and spend time with your family. Now you've got to think about if DR is a safe place for you to be in. It's a tough situation."

Ortiz, who retired after the 2016 season and lives at least part of the year in the Dominican Republic, is often seen getting his cars washed and hanging out with friends, including other baseball players, artists and entertainers.

The Red Sox retired his number, 34, in 2017, and Boston renamed a bridge and a stretch of road outside Fenway Park in his honor. He maintains a home in Weston, on the outskirts of Boston.

Ortiz galvanized the city in the aftermath of the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing that left three people dead, bellowing through a megaphone at Fenway Park: "This is our (expletive) city!"

"In 2013, when we needed David Ortiz the most, he was there for us," Red Sox president and CEO Sam

Kennedy said Monday. "Our focus is on his health and on getting him back here for treatment."

Associated Press reporter Bill Kole in Boston contributed to this report.

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Warriors hang on to stay alive, win Game 5 of NBA Finals

By BRIAN MAHONEY AP Basketball Writer

TORONTO (AP) — The Golden State Warriors aren't letting go of the NBA title just yet.

With Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson shooting and Draymond Green swatting, the champions found a way to win even after a gut-wrenching loss.

Curry scored 31 points, Thompson added 26 and they led a season-saving surge long after Kevin Durant was injured again to give the Warriors a 106-105 victory over the Toronto Raptors on Monday night in Game 5 of the NBA Finals.

Devastated by the loss of Durant, the All-Stars that the Warriors had left made sure there was celebration along with their sadness, pulling out what Green thought had to be the greatest win during their run to five straight NBA Finals.

"When you're down six with a couple minutes to go in an elimination for these guys to win a championship, we could have thrown in the towel. We could have folded, but we didn't," Green said. "I said it before: I've never seen this group fold. And that stands true still."

Curry and Thompson, nicknamed the Splash Brothers, combined for three straight 3-pointers in the closing minutes after Toronto had taken a six-point lead with under 3½ minutes remaining in front of a raucous, red-shirted crowd.

"Even going down six with three minutes left, their ball, we didn't panic," Thompson said. "We just do what we do."

The Warriors lost Durant barely a quarter after getting him back but got the win, cutting Toronto's lead to 3-2 and sending the series back to Oracle Arena for Game 6 on Thursday.

Kawhi Leonard scored 26 points for the Raptors but couldn't get the final shot, which went to Kyle Lowry and was blocked by Green.

The two-time defending champion Warriors were minutes away from their title reign ending, having lost Durant and a 14-point lead during an emotionally exhausting game. They had controlled Leonard for three quarters, but he scored 10 straight Toronto points in the fourth and the Raptors were close to their first championship and a party that would have stretched coast to coast in Canada.

But even after everything the Warriors had lost, they still had two of the best perimeter shooters in the world on the floor. Thompson hit a 3, and Curry followed with one to tie it at 103. Golden State got it back to Thompson and the Raptors lost sight of him just long enough for the tiebreaking shot with 57 seconds to go.

Toronto cut it to one when Kyle Lowry was credited with a basket and the Raptors got a final chance when DeMarcus Cousins was called for an illegal screen. Leonard had the ball but the Warriors forced him to pass and it ended up in the corner to Lowry, but Green sprinted over to get a hand on his shot as the buzzer sounded.

"He got a piece of it, that's what great defenders do," Lowry said. "He got a piece of it and we'll continue to look at it and see how we can be better for the next game."

Cousins had 14 points for the Warriors and Green finished with 10 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists.

Golden State is the only team to lose a 3-1 lead in the NBA Finals, when Cleveland came back to win in 2016.

Now the Warriors have a chance to pull off the feat themselves, but it became more difficult after Durant limped off in the second quarter after he had missed the previous nine games with a strained right calf.

"We understand the moment and I think we can rally, considering how the second half went tonight,"

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Curry said.

Durant, the two-time NBA Finals MVP, was attempting to dribble past Serge Ibaka early in the second quarter when he suddenly came to a stop, lost the ball and limped sideways before grabbing at his lower right calf as he fell to the court.

Fans at first cheered but then, spurred in part by some Raptors players, chanted "KD! KD!" as he was helped to the locker room area joined by Curry, Andre Iguodala and general manager Bob Myers.

Durant left the arena on crutches with what a tearful Myers said was an Achilles tendon injury and the Warriors said he would get an MRI on Tuesday.

They were initially OK without him because Cousins — who returned from injury himself in this series — came off the bench to score their next seven points before feeding Green for a layup that gave them a 48-37 lead. It got as high as 13 on Curry's four-point play, and Golden State led 62-56 at halftime.

But eventually it would come down to Curry and Thompson, who both logged more than 41 minutes and will have to be ready to go again Thursday in what will be the final game in Oracle Arena.

Lowry had 18 points and Marc Gasol scored 17 for the Raptors, who were trying to give Canada its first championship in one of the traditional major sports since the Blue Jays won the World Series in 1993.

Fans had been waiting through on-and-off rain all day — some since Sunday — to watch at one of the outdoor watch parties that have popped up in and around Toronto. The crowd inside the arena that included hockey Hall of Famer Wayne Gretzky and former Raptors star Vince Carter thought it would witness history as Leonard powered past his defenders repeatedly in the fourth quarter.

But the Raptors needed one more basket, and the only way the local fans can see them win in person is if it goes the full seven games and Toronto wins it at home on Sunday.

"We had a chance to win a championship tonight and we didn't do it," guard Fred VanVleet said. "We didn't play well enough, we didn't execute enough down the stretch and that stings a little bit."

TIP-INS

Warriors: Golden State also lost Kevon Looney again after he aggravated his injury to upper body cartilage. ... Durant finished with 11 points. He came in averaging 31.7 points per game in the NBA Finals, trailing only Rick Barry and Michael Jordan on the career list.

Raptors: Serge Ibaka scored 15 points and VanVleet had 11 off Toronto's bench.

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Golden State hosts Game 6 on Thursday night.

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Venezuelans adopt recycling habits amid economic uncertainty

By CAMILLE RODRIGUEZ MONTILLA and CLBYBURN SAINT JOHN Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — In Venezuela, the financial hopes of Eliset González are riding on a niche trade.

Each day, González sits at a market kiosk in Caracas and repairs broken lightbulbs for people who can't afford new ones in the crisis-torn nation.

"I feel that with this I help the community, because these lightbulbs are super expensive nowadays. I help myself as well," said González, who learned how to disassemble and rewire a bulb while spending several years in prison for theft.

According to her calculations, a new compact fluorescent bulb can cost the equivalent of several dollars in Venezuela's nearly worthless currency — or about a month's wages. Even so, the quality is so poor they could last as little as a week.

A repair job, she said, can keep a bulb going for more than six months and costs a fraction of the price.

"I learned this in a penitentiary center where I was deprived of freedom, where I dedicated my time to study," González said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Her odd job is an inventive response to the economic chaos gripping the once-wealthy oil nation, where

severe shortages of food and medicine have driven more than 4 million Venezuelans to seek refuge around the world in recent years. Last year, soaring hyperinflation topped a staggering 1 million percent.

But as the country's economy shrinks, González's life is hardly unique.

In another part of the city, Vladimir Fajardo scrapes together money by recycling random objects.

Many days, he sits on a Caracas sidewalk and uses a sharpened spoon to build toy cars out of plastic bottles, installing an internal pulley system with strips of rubber to make sections of the car rotate. Each toy takes about a half hour to build.

"There are people who tell me, 'What if I give you a dollar? Does a dollar help you?'" Fajardo said. "Yes, give me a dollar'... With that I buy food."

Fajardo, who said he grappled with drug addiction in the past and roams city neighborhoods in search of customers, takes pride in his work.

His biggest supporters are "those who know about creativity — they know what this is about," he said.

For Elizabeth Cordido, a social psychologist at Metropolitan University in Caracas, attempts by Venezuelans to survive by recycling items that would otherwise be thrown out is, in one sense, positive.

But she said "it is very negative that it's through poverty and the increase of poverty that we have arrived at this."

"It hurts. It's painful," she said.

Dallas crane collapse victim identified as 29-year-old woman

By JAKE BLEIBERG and CLARICE SILBER Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — Residents in North Texas began to come to grips Monday with the widespread damage left after a sudden thunderstorm bearing near hurricane-strength winds rolled through the area and collapsed a crane onto an apartment complex, killing one person and injuring five others.

Wind gusts measuring as high as 71 mph (114 kph) blew out the windows of high-rise buildings and tore trees apart, taking power and telephone lines with them, especially in Dallas and its northern suburbs. The electric utility Oncor reported that 140,000 customers had service restored by nightfall Monday, but 210,000 still remained in the dark. In a statement, Oncor said some customers may not have service restored until Thursday. Crews from across Texas and some other states have been brought in to help in the restoration process.

Kiersten Symone Smith, 29, was pronounced dead at a hospital, according to the Dallas County Medical Examiners' office, after the construction crane smashed into a five-story building near downtown. The crane destroyed many apartments at the Elan City Lights complex and reduced parts of an adjacent parking garage to a pile of concrete and mangled cars.

Smith was a resident of the apartment building, her sister, Toni Smith, told The Associated Press in a brief interview Monday. Toni Smith referred other questions to attorney Jonathan Cox, who said he could not immediately provide answers but that the family intends to issue a statement. The cause of her death has not been determined.

Dallas Fire-Rescue spokesman Jason Evans said Monday that the five other people were hospitalized after the collapse and all are expected to recover. Two people were discharged Sunday; a 35-year-old man and 35-year-old woman remain hospitalized but have been upgraded from "critical" to "good" condition; and a 23-year old man remains in "serious" condition, Evans said.

Meanwhile, fire-rescue crews escorted residents of the apartment building briefly into their homes Monday to retrieve pets and some essentials as city workers and Occupational Safety and Health Administration officials ponder how to remove the crane embedded in the structure's east side. As of late Monday morning, almost 500 traffic signals were inoperable across Dallas, and about 170 were flashing red lights, according to the city.

Bigge Crane and Rigging Co., which owns the downed crane, had representatives in Dallas Monday to assist and cooperate with OSHA's investigation, said Randy Smith, the California-based equipment rental company's lawyer. He said the crane was "not in service" during the storm.

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The crane fell around 2 p.m. Sunday as storms ripped across parts of Oklahoma and Texas, bringing high winds, heavy rain and hail that flooded streets and caused power outages. Wind gusts up to 71 mph (114 kph) were measured at Dallas Love Field airport, said National Weather Service meteorologist Patricia Sanchez.

Another woman, whose identity has not been released, died Sunday when the sailboat she was in overturned on Eagle Mountain Lake, a few miles northwest of Fort Worth.

Meanwhile, a tornado graded by the National Weather Service as an EF-2 struck Copperas Cove, about 55 miles (89 kilometers) southwest of Waco, on Sunday with winds estimated at 115 mph. A city fire official said about 200 homes were damaged and three of those are uninhabitable.

"The sun was out, and then all of a sudden a wind came in, it got dark, the lights went off, and once the lights got off then the wind started blowing," Copperas Cove resident Erasmus Julien told the Killeen Daily Herald.

Heavy rain and winds up to 80 mph (129 kph) also cut through the Austin area, blowing down tree branches and gas station canopies, said meteorologist Bob Fogarty.

AP staff writers Jamie Stengle contributed reporting from Dallas. Silber reported from Austin.

Helicopter crashes on roof of NYC skyscraper, killing pilot

By JIM MUSTIAN and JENNIFER PELTZ Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A helicopter crashed on the roof of a rain-shrouded midtown Manhattan skyscraper Monday, killing the pilot and briefly triggering memories of 9/11, after an erratic trip across some of the nation's most restricted airspace. Authorities said they did not suspect terrorism.

The crash near Times Square and Trump Tower shook the 750-foot (229-meter) AXA Equitable building, sparked a fire, and forced office workers to flee on elevators and down stairs, witnesses and officials said.

The pilot was the only person aboard, and there were no other reports of injuries, authorities said.

It was not immediately clear what caused the crash, or why the Agusta A109E was flying in a driving downpour with low cloud cover and in the tightly controlled airspace of midtown Manhattan. A flight restriction in effect since President Donald Trump took office bans aircraft from flying below 3,000 feet (914 meters) within a 1-mile (1.6-kilometer) radius of Trump Tower, which is less than a half-mile (0.8 kilometers) from the crash site.

"There's something mysterious here," Mayor Bill de Blasio told CNN, saying officials were scrutinizing video of a "very erratic" flight and authorities needed to find out more about the pilot at the time he decided to take off.

One lawmaker called for "non-essential" helicopter flights over Manhattan to be banned.

The pilot, identified by his employer as Tim McCormack, was a former fire chief in upstate Clinton, New York. With 15 years of experience flying helicopters and single-engine airplanes, he was certified as a flight instructor last year, according to Federal Aviation Administration records.

The East Clinton Volunteer Fire Department posted on Facebook that McCormack's "technical knowledge and ability to command an emergency were exceptional."

The 19-year-old helicopter was linked to a real estate company founded by Italian-born investor Daniele Bodini, according to FAA records.

The helicopter went down about 11 minutes after taking off from a heliport along the East River, a little more than a mile (1.6 kilometers) away. Police Commissioner James O'Neill said it may have been returning to its home airport in Linden, New Jersey.

The director at Linden Municipal Airport, Paul Dudley, described McCormack as "a highly seasoned" and "very well regarded" pilot who was a regular at the airfield.

He suspects that a mechanical problem or the weather "overwhelmed him and the helicopter," Dudley said. "I believe he tried to get on the roof and spare the people on the ground."

McCormack, 58, chronicled some of his helicopter flights on his Facebook page, including a 2014 emer-

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agency landing caused by a bird strike. He had been conducting a sightseeing tour over Manhattan when the bird penetrated the windshield of his Bell BHT 407, causing McCormack to land unexpectedly at the West 30th Street Heliport.

"It was pretty much like an explosion going off in your cockpit," McCormack told television station WABC at the time.

The crash happened shortly before 2 p.m. Monday, when clouds obscured the roof of the building. Rescue vehicles swarmed to the scene a few blocks from Rockefeller Center.

Pedro Rodriguez, a pastry line cook at Le Bernardin, a well-known restaurant in the AXA Equitable building, said workers got an announcement telling everyone to exit, and he later heard from people around him that there was a fire on the roof.

The evacuation was not chaotic, Rodriguez said, but he was rattled because he immediately thought of the Sept. 11 attacks.

"It's scary when something like this happens," he said.

Videos posted by onlookers showed emergency vehicles in the street, but no obvious damage to the skyscraper. The fire department later tweeted a photo of the helicopter's wreckage that showed piles of burned debris on the roof.

"If you're a New Yorker, you have a level of PTSD, right, from 9/11. And I remember that morning all too well. So as soon as you hear an aircraft hit a building, I think my mind goes where every New Yorker's mind goes," Gov. Andrew Cuomo told reporters.

Working for a bank on the building's seventh floor, Kendall Sawyer felt a shake — "jarring enough to notice," but workers weren't sure what it was, she said.

Then came an announcement that the situation was being looked into, and a few minutes later, an instruction to evacuate, without explanation, she said.

"It was a little bit crazy, a little bit scary" as workers walked down the stairs, she said.

A block south, lawyer Lance Koonce heard a loud sound he thought could be a low-flying helicopter. From his 21st-story window, he looked up and saw smoke.

"I couldn't tell if the smoke preceded the helicopter coming over, or if it was from the helicopter crashing into the building," he said.

Trump tweeted from Washington that he had been briefed on the crash. Cuomo's office said the president and governor had spoken.

The National Transportation Safety Board was sending an investigator.

In Washington, Rep. Carolyn Maloney, a Manhattan Democrat, called on the Federal Aviation Administration to ban "non-essential" helicopter flights over Manhattan, as she did after a previous crash.

"Why should some tour guide be able to endanger the lives of people by flying over probably one of the most densely populated areas in the world?" she asked. "It doesn't make any sense at all, and it should have been banned long ago."

The city currently allows helicopters to take off and land from three heliports, one each on the East and West sides and in downtown Manhattan. All of the facilities border rivers.

It was once more common for helicopters to take off from private Manhattan rooftops, the most famous of which was on the tower then known as the Pan Am building. In 1977, four people waiting on the roof were killed when a helicopter toppled over and a rotor blade broke off and hit them. A fifth person, a pedestrian, was killed by falling debris.

That spurred a push to close down private helipads.

Still, the city has seen a string of helicopter accidents since. The most recent was just last month, when a chopper crash landed in the Hudson River near a busy Manhattan heliport. The pilot escaped mostly unscathed.

Five people died when a sightseeing helicopter crashed into the East River last year. Three people died in another crash into the same river in 2011. Back in 2009, a sightseeing helicopter collided with a small plane and killed nine people not far from the scene of Monday's mishap.

In 2006, New York Yankees pitcher Corey Lidle's single-engine plane slammed into the 20th floor of a building on Manhattan's Upper East Side, killing Lidle and his flight instructor. It was not clear which one was piloting the plane.

The National Transportation Safety Board concluded the pilot misjudged a narrow U-turn before veering into the building.

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Ex-NFL player Kellen Winslow Jr. convicted of rape

By JULIE WATSON Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Former NFL player Kellen Winslow Jr. — the son of a Hall of Famer who himself earned more than \$40 million during his career — has been convicted of raping a 58-year-old homeless woman last year in his picturesque beach community of Encinitas, north of San Diego.

A jury returned the verdict Monday in San Diego Superior Court in Vista but was expected to continue to deliberating on two more counts of rape involving a 54-year-old hitchhiker and an unconscious teenage girl in 2003.

The jury also found the 35-year-old former tight end guilty of indecent exposure and lewd conduct involving two other women, but jurors found him not guilty of one count of a lewd act.

Winslow, who played for Cleveland, Tampa Bay, New England and the New York Jets, faces up to life in prison if convicted of all counts.

All five women testified during the nine-day trial. Winslow did not take the stand.

Defense attorneys pointed out inconsistencies in the accusers' testimonies and argued the women invented the allegations to prey on the wealth of Winslow.

Prosecutors say the son of Hall of Famer Kellen Winslow felt empowered by his fame to abuse the most vulnerable.

Prosecutor Dan Owens told the jury of eight men and four women that Winslow is a "wolf in sheep's clothing."

The homeless woman in Encinitas, who was 58 at the time, testified that he befriended her and attacked her next to his vehicle after inviting her for a coffee in May 2018.

A 54-year-old hitchhiker said he drove her to an Encinitas shopping center parking lot and raped her in his Hummer in March 2018.

A 57-year-old woman said he exposed himself to her while she tended to her garden in May of 2018. The jury found him guilty of that charge Monday.

After news of the attacks broke, a woman came forward and said Winslow had raped her when she was a 17-year-old high school student in 2003. He was 19 at the time and had come home from college for the summer. She said she passed out at a party in a San Diego suburb and woke up to find Winslow assaulting her.

A 77-year-old woman who went to the same gym as Winslow in the beach community of Carlsbad said he committed lewd acts in front of her, including touching himself, while Winslow was free on \$2 million bail in February. The jury found him guilty on the charge of touching himself in front of the woman at the gym, but not guilty of committing a lewd act while in the facility's hot tub in front of the same woman who said it happened on a different occasion.

After the jury sent a note saying it was deadlocked on the eight other charges, the judge sent them back to deliberate. Jurors went home less than an hour later and were ordered to resume deliberating Tuesday.

The panel on Friday sent a note to the judge indicating it was possibly struggling to find agreement.

"The jurors could benefit from an explanation as to what being under oath means," the note said. "Additionally, how we should follow the law and not what we think the law means."

The judge told jurors being under oath means telling the whole truth and that they should follow the

law how it is written.

Defense attorney Marc Carlos questioned the credibility of the women's claims, saying they had lied, misconstrued things or were unable to initially identify him correctly.

Defense lawyers also said the sex was consensual and that Winslow had cheated on his wife repeatedly with no-strings-attached sex.

Prosecutors said the crux of the women's stories didn't change and that evidence included traces of Winslow's DNA on one of the accuser's pants and GPS locations placing him where the women said the assaults occurred.

The five women testified that they didn't know Winslow was famous when they met him.

House Democrats make deal to see Mueller files on Trump

By MARY CLARE JALONICK and LISA MASCARO Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House expects to receive the first files of underlying evidence from Robert Mueller's report soon, after a sudden shift by the Justice Department as Democrats weigh impeachment proceedings against President Donald Trump.

It's unclear if the deal, announced just moments before the start of a Judiciary Committee hearing with Watergate star witness John Dean, will ultimately be enough for Democrats who have called for the full, unredacted report and underlying documentation from the special counsel's work. But it signaled the first real breakthrough in the standoff over the report and came at the start of a week of ramped-up action by the House in the Trump-Russia probe.

Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., the chairman of the committee, said the Justice Department will provide some of Mueller's "most important files" and all members of the committee will be able to view them. He said the files will include those used to assess whether Trump obstructed justice.

In response to the agreement, Nadler said the panel will not vote to hold Attorney General William Barr in criminal contempt, for now. But the House will still vote on a resolution Tuesday that would empower the committee to file a civil lawsuit for the materials, if Democrats decide to do so.

That was the expected outcome even before the deal, as Democrats have shifted their strategy toward lawsuits and away from criminal contempt. Criminal contempt would be referred to the Justice Department, where it would certainly be rejected. And Democrats have been encouraged by some early wins in court as Trump has broadly fought congressional oversight.

Nadler said in his statement that he would give the Justice Department some time to comply.

"If the Department proceeds in good faith and we are able to obtain everything that we need, then there will be no need to take further steps," Nadler said in a statement. "If important information is held back, then we will have no choice but to enforce our subpoena in court and consider other remedies."

The sudden turn of events came ahead of a pivotal week for House Democrats, who are torn over whether to move forward with impeachment proceedings and searching for ways to focus public attention on Trump's actions.

Dean, a White House counsel under Richard Nixon who helped bring down his presidency, testified Monday that Mueller has provided Congress with a "road map" for investigating Trump.

He said he saw parallels between Mueller's findings regarding Trump and those of congressional investigators looking into Nixon's administration decades ago. He pointed to the way the presidents used their pardon power in an attempt to influence witness testimony, and their efforts to seize control of the investigation and direct the efforts of prosecutors.

Trump, apparently watching the televised hearing, tweeted, "Can't believe they are bringing in John Dean, the disgraced Nixon White House Counsel." He added his oft-repeated claim, "No Collusion - No Obstruction!"

At times, Dean, who said he last appeared before Congress in 1974, was forced to fend off attacks from committee Republicans.

The top Republican on the committee, Rep. Doug Collins of Georgia, dismissed Dean as a "godfather"

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figure. Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, criticized Dean's work and noted he pleaded guilty after Watergate. And Rep. Matt Gaetz of Florida, a Trump ally, derided his appearance as a Capitol Hill version of "That '70s Show."

In addition to Dean, two former U.S. attorneys who served during the Obama administration, Barbara McQuade and Joyce Vance, also testified before the committee. Both have become regulars on cable news shows, analyzing developments in the Mueller investigation and offering criticism on Twitter of the president's conduct.

The Justice Department said it was pleased the House committee had "agreed to set aside its contempt resolution and is returning to the traditional accommodation process." The department "remains committed to appropriately accommodating Congress's legitimate interests related to the Special Counsel's Investigation and will continue to do so provided the previously voted-upon resolution does not advance," spokesperson Kerri Kupec said in a statement.

And at the same time, the Justice Department announced it was stepping up its counter-probe into the origins of the Russia investigations, a priority for Trump and his Republican allies on Capitol Hill.

The department said Monday it has asked intelligence agencies to preserve all relevant records and access to witnesses. Republican lawmakers are eager to dig into those documents and determine why Trump's campaign was under scrutiny.

Democrats and Republicans are vying to win over public opinion in the fallout from Mueller's probe.

While the special counsel concluded there was not sufficient evidence that the Trump campaign conspired with Russia to swing the 2016 election, Mueller also said he could not exonerate the president of obstruction of justice in the investigation.

The procession of hearings and votes in the week ahead is partly designed to mollify anxious Democrats who have pushed House Speaker Pelosi to begin impeachment proceedings immediately. A growing number of Democrats say the House should start impeachment proceedings in part because Trump is obstructing justice now by refusing to comply with congressional subpoenas for documents and testimony. Pelosi, D-Calif., prefers to continue the investigations.

On Tuesday, the House has scheduled the vote to authorize lawsuits against Barr and former White House counsel Donald McGahn for failing to comply with subpoenas from the Democratic-controlled House. The vote will put the full House on record approving the lawsuits, if leaders and committees decide they want to move forward with them.

On Wednesday, the House Intelligence Committee intends to review the counterintelligence implications of the Russian meddling.

During a meeting with Nadler and other committee heads last week, Pelosi made the case that she would rather see Trump voted out of office and "in prison" than merely impeached, according to a report in Politico. A person familiar with the exchange confirmed the account to The Associated Press.

Associated Press writer Eric Tucker contributed to this report.

Mexico denies Trump's claim of secret concessions in deal

By JILL COLVIN, COLLEEN LONG and MARIA VERZA Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three days after U.S. President Donald Trump announced a deal with Mexico to stem the flow of migrants at the southern border, the two countries appear unable to agree on exactly what's in it.

Stung by criticism that the agreement mostly ramps up border protection efforts already underway, Trump on Monday hinted at other, secret agreements he says will soon be revealed.

"We have fully signed and documented another very important part of the Immigration and Security deal with Mexico, one that the U.S. has been asking about getting for many years," Trump wrote Monday, saying it would "be revealed in the not too distant future."

Not so, said Mexican Foreign Secretary Marcelo Ebrard, holding up a paper and pointing to the previously announced details. He told reporters the two countries agreed on two actions made public Friday

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and said if those measures didn't work to slow migration, they would discuss further options.

"There is no other thing beyond what I have just explained," he said.

The episode revealed the complicated political dynamics at play as Trump and Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador tussle over who made out best in the agreement hashed out under Trump's threat of new tariffs on Mexico. Trump appeared eager to declare his negotiation tactics successful, even as he tried to hype the deal with made-for-TV drama and invented measures, sparking questions and confusion. Mexico's leaders showed they weren't willing to play along.

The White House did not respond to inquiries about Trump's tweets.

But the president appeared to be making a reference to talks over how Mexico handles Central American migrants who travel through the country to claim asylum in the U.S.

The Trump administration has been trying to pressure Mexico to enter into a "safe third country" agreement, which would deem Mexico a safe place for migrants and make it harder for asylum seekers who pass through the country to wait until they reach American soil to file a claim.

But the deal announced Friday made no mention of the issue.

A senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity to share details of closed-door talks, said Mexico had expressed openness to the idea during negotiations, and said the two countries would continue to discuss the issue over the coming months.

Mexico has been insistent that it has not agreed to the provision, which would require approval from local lawmakers.

Instead, Ebrard said during a press conference in Mexico City Monday, if the deal announced Friday does not begin to drive down migrant numbers in the next 45 days, officials will open up new discussions in which the U.S. will again push for the safe third country measure and Mexico will propose establishing a regional refuge system in conjunction with the United Nations and the governments of Guatemala, Panama and Brazil — three countries that are often starting points for migrants headed to the U.S.

"They wanted something else totally different ... to be signed," Ebrard said Monday. "But that is what there is here. There is no other thing." As for Trump's tweets hyping a secret measure? Ebrard said he'd provided a full account for transparency's sake.

Mexico fears that being designated a safe third country would only add to the number of asylum applications it receives. Those numbers have climbed dramatically in recent years and the government has admitted it does not have the resources to keep up.

As a practical matter, Mexico would have difficulty integrating thousands of additional migrants into a barely growing economy, making them targets to expand the ranks of Mexican organized crime groups.

Over the weekend, Trump also claimed another new element of the deal, tweeting that Mexico had "AGREED TO IMMEDIATELY BEGIN BUYING LARGE QUANTITIES OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT FROM OUR GREAT PATRIOT FARMERS!" The administration has yet to reveal the details of any such provision, and Mexican officials say no agreement on farm goods was reached as part of the talks.

Ebrard told reporters the talks had focused on migration, not commerce, and hypothesized that Trump was calculating an economic boost resulting from his decision not to implement the tariffs.

"We do not have a specific agreement on products of that nature," he said.

Trump has spent the days since Friday's announcement defending the scope of the deal.

That includes a commitment by Mexico to deploy its new National Guard to the country's southern border with Guatemala — something the country already intended to do before Trump's latest threat. It also includes an agreement to publicly support the expansion of a program under which some asylum seekers are returned to Mexico as they wait out their cases. U.S. officials had been working to expand the program, which has led to the return of about 11,000 to Mexico without Mexico's public embrace.

Trump and other administration officials, however, say Mexico made major concessions and have credited his threat to slap a 5% tax on all Mexican goods if the country didn't immediately agree to do more to stem the flow of Central American migrants across the U.S. southern border. Without the threat, Trump has insisted, Mexico never would have acted.

"It was all done because of the tariffs and because of the relationship that we have with Mexico," he told reporters Monday, following a call-in interview with CNBC Monday morning in which he said officials had "talked about it for months and months and months," but couldn't reach agreement until the threat.

Verza reported from Mexico City.

California county questions security deal for men-only club

By SAMANTHA MALDONADO Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — An annual retreat in California put on by an elite club whose ranks include former Presidents Ronald Reagan and Richard Nixon and powerful business leaders is facing scrutiny for excluding women after female county supervisors questioned whether they should continue allowing sheriff's deputies to provide security for the event.

When the previously routine issue came up in a meeting last week, Sonoma County Supervisor Shirlee Zane scribbled a note then read it out loud: "How can we contract tax-funded services with a club that openly discriminates against women?"

After 11 years on the board and in the third year of its female majority, Zane was finally inspired to speak up, though she said she has long questioned the exclusivity of the Bohemian Grove campouts that have been held at the private Sonoma County site for nearly all of the club's 147-year history.

"Women's rights are being shredded throughout the country and we are kept out of decision-making," Zane said. "This is another way it's happening in our own backyard."

The event from July 10-28 is for members of the Bohemian Club, headquartered in San Francisco. It maintains a confidential membership list and has long had a reputation for secrecy.

Founded by journalists and artists in 1872, the club grew to include presidents as well as various FBI and CIA directors and titans of business.

Women can enter the club's headquarters, but they are barred from the annual July encampment where men reportedly relax, perform skits and take part in a ceremony called Cremation of Care, where they burn an effigy.

"You get up there in the redwoods ... you talk and you drink and you tell dirty stories," club member and former California Gov. Edmund G. Brown Sr. told The Associated Press in 1987.

The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors has approved the security contract for the retreat without fanfare for the past 14 years.

But last week, after Zane spoke up, Supervisor Lynda Hopkins also jumped on board in questioning the arrangement.

Hopkins is the first woman to represent her district, which includes Bohemian Grove, making her the first supervisor she knows about who has not attended the retreat.

"Bohemian Grove has always been a strange anachronism in my district," she said. "It's 2,700 acres of mystery I haven't been allowed to set foot on."

Supervisors asked county attorneys to study whether the event is discriminatory and postponed a decision on security until Tuesday.

"Just because we provide a law enforcement service for them is not an endorsement of what they do," Sheriff Mark Essick said. "To put this on hold at the last second is really going to hamper my ability to deliver services."

The contract for about \$151,000 includes having the sheriff staff the entrance with two to six deputies to deal with protesters or trespassers and respond if needed to emergencies.

Protesters have gathered outside Bohemian Grove for years to rail against what they see as world-controlling elites and conspiracy theories. Less focus has been paid to the gender exclusivity of the event.

Without a county security contract, the Bohemian Club could pay a less expensive private company for the service, and the county would be obligated to provide emergency services if needed.

County Supervisor David Rabbitt said it doesn't make sense to bypass potential revenue.

"I understand the controversy," he said. However, the board has little leverage when it comes to changing membership rules or other aspects of the club, he added.

For Hopkins and Zane, it's about the principle. They fear contracting with the club sends a message that Sonoma County, which takes pride in its progressive stances, condones keeping women out of positions of power.

"The dominant white male power structure is very much alive and well in Sonoma County, and Bohemian Grove is very emblematic of that," Hopkins said. "They are continuing to dominate that powerful sphere and exclude women, developing relationships with powerful people that women don't have access to."

Representatives from Singer Associates, a public relations firm that represents the Bohemian Club, did not respond to calls seeking comment.

Most major American cities are home to at least one exclusive social group similar to the Bohemian Club, but many traditionally male-only organizations such as golf clubs and service clubs have opened their ranks to women in recent years.

Zane said she hopes there's some movement to open the Bohemian Club as well.

But such changes might not be the highest priority for groups that advocate for women, said Kelly Armstrong, a San Francisco-based employment lawyer focused on workplace discrimination and sexual harassment.

"In the era of #MeToo and Time's Up, people are focused on bigger fish — that women are treated equally in the workplace or schools or housing," she said. "Whether men's-only clubs are not allowing women to partake in their activities is of lower priority."

Finding Victory: Speaking out for intersex girl after attack

By LINDSAY WHITEHURST Associated Press

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — When doctors said her youngest child would be a girl, Amie Schofield chose the name Victoria. Then doctors said the child would be a boy, so she switched to Victor.

It turned out neither was exactly right. The blue-eyed baby was intersex, with both male and female traits.

So Schofield and her husband decided to call the infant Victory. The name is a hope for triumph over the secrecy and shame and the pain and discrimination suffered by intersex people.

Amie Schofield knows the suffering better than most: This was not her first intersex child.

Some two decades earlier, she gave birth to another child whose body did not align with common expectations of boys or girls. Schofield agreed to have that child undergo surgery that tipped the scales of gender to masculine.

But the operation did not settle the issue of gender in the child's mind, or protect them from a savage beating decades later.

With Victory, Schofield has been given an opportunity to try again. Her parents want her to be accepted for who she is. Instead of changing Victory, they are intent on changing the world so it is more accepting of intersex people.

"What I hope is what every parent hopes for their kid," Schofield said. "We don't want her to look at herself and think there's something wrong just because she's different."

Amie first married when she was young, and had her first child more than 20 years ago. Instead of having one X chromosome and one Y chromosome, as men have, or two X chromosomes, as is typically female, the child had two X's and a Y.

Intersex people are not to be confused with transgender. Intersex is an umbrella term for a number of conditions where internal or external sex characteristics aren't exactly like typical male or female bodies. They are a larger group than is commonly acknowledged; estimates range from about 3 in every 200 births to 1 in 2,000.

"I'm convinced every single person on this planet has met someone who's intersex," said Georgiann Davis, a sociologist at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas who is intersex and is the board president of

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interACT: Advocates for Intersex Youth.

Some intersex conditions are known to run in families, though that's rare for XXY chromosomes, said Dr. Adrian Dobs, director of the Klinefelter Center at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Not everyone with the disorder is considered intersex, and most identify as male.

Doctors have long performed surgery and administered hormones to intersex kids to make their bodies more like typical boys or girls, but there's a growing pushback. Five states have considered banning surgery until they're old enough to consent, citing serious potential side effects, but most bills have stalled amid pushback from doctors' groups who say the proposals go too far.

Amie took doctors' advice and raised her first baby as a boy, agreeing to surgery to bring down undescended testicles.

But the onset of puberty brought hips and breasts, something that didn't go unnoticed by other teenagers in the small Idaho town where mother and child lived at the time.

"It's not something I really thought about until they started making fun of me," said Amie's eldest, speaking on condition of anonymity because of fear of violence.

The teenager developed a kind of armor: binders and sports bras, then layers of shirts for bulk, followed by a jacket that never came off, all in a goth style to create a distraction. There were beatings, and the teen developed a strategy: Keep a straight face. Don't scream. Don't say anything. The startled bully might just back off.

Amie Schofield allowed her child to experiment with nail polish and dresses at home, but in the years after the fatal beating of gay man Matthew Shepard in nearby Wyoming, she was terrified to go public. She aches when she thinks about those years.

"I wish that we could have been open," she said. "I wish I had understood more so that maybe I could have made it easier."

The move to Utah put the teenager in touch with other LGBTQ people, and for the first time exploring femininity publicly seemed possible. Instead of a beating, wearing a dress might earn supportive shouts like "keep doing you!"

That all changed one night in 2014. As they (the pronoun preferred by this person) walked to a Salt Lake City bar wearing a favorite tie-dye dress, a man shouted, "Where you going mama? You're looking pretty good in that dress!"

Never having been hit on before, they turned to say thank you. But the man's face changed when he heard a deep voice that didn't match that female body. He blew up, spewing gay slurs, and charged, weighted pipe in hand.

He landed a number of powerful blows. Blood sprayed everywhere before he fled, leaving the young person for dead.

A large gash to the head was treated with staples at a hospital. Police investigated, but couldn't catch the assailant, according to officials.

Amie was in the hospital after giving birth to Victory when she heard about the attack on her eldest child. She felt angry, helpless — and determined to protect her baby. She didn't want her youngest child to live with the secrecy and fear that colored her first child's teenage years.

"I don't want her to live that kind of life," she said.

Like her half-sibling, Victory has XXY chromosomes. She also has a separate condition that means her body doesn't fully respond to male hormones. Her genitalia are ambiguous, but due to the Y chromosome doctors marked the birth certificate as male, and encouraged Victory's parents to raise the baby as a boy.

Amie and her husband took newborn Victory home. The family lives north of Salt Lake City on a plot of land ringed by mountains where they raise chickens, goats and pigs along with Victory and her two brothers.

They decided to raise the baby without pushing either gender. There would be no surgery. At 18 months, Victory began gravitating toward dresses and bows, and loudly insisting on wearing her hair long. Their then-pediatrician Nisha Baur said Victory's parents took things as they came during her earliest years.

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"They were very open to just accepting whatever was going to happen," she said.

Today, Victory is a vivacious 5-year-old with a toothy grin, blond hair and a quick mind. She's mostly deaf due to a separate genetic condition, but communicates clearly with signs, some words and sheer force of personality. She runs around the house at top speed, cradling a reluctant kitten, perching next to her great-grandmother to read a book or running for the bus in a sparkling silver backpack with butterfly wings.

Victory knows her body is different from those of her mother, father or brothers, but it doesn't seem to bother her, Amie Schofield said.

Her eldest child lives outside the state. They recovered physically from the attack, but for months afterward there was a constant sense of deep fear. They retreated into masculine clothing, affecting as deep a voice as possible, attempting to grow out what little facial hair they have.

Knowing Victory was born intersex brought a sense of comradeship but also fear for her. "I'm scared of how society will treat her," they said.

Victory's parents share that apprehension. There are so many hazards ahead.

Victory's father, Michael Schofield, formally left the Utah-based Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints shortly after she was born. The faith doesn't have an official position on intersex people, but is doctrinally opposed to same-sex marriage and intimacy.

"Will she marry a boy or a girl? Which one is right? Which one is wrong?" said Schofield, a federal worker. "I don't want to do that ... she's free to make her own choices."

Her parents would like to change the designation on her birth certificate from boy to girl, but Utah law requires a court order and some judges in their area won't approve the changes. Amie Schofield and Victory have gone to the capitol to speak out in favor of changing the law, so far unsuccessfully.

The deaf school she attends has single-user, non-gendered restrooms, but what happens if she changes schools? What will dating be like one day? Will she have trouble as she applies for jobs, or apartments, or schools? Could she also be targeted by violence? How will she feel about not being able to have children?

Her mother can only hope to teach her to handle these dilemmas herself. "It's not something I can save her from," Amie Schofield said.

But whatever comes, the family isn't going to hide.

"I hate the secrecy," she said. "She's just so smart, so full of life. She's just a normal girl."

Stern words from Iran: US cannot 'expect to stay safe'

By AMIR VAHDAT and JON GAMBRELL Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's foreign minister warned the U.S. on Monday that it "cannot expect to stay safe" after launching what he described as an economic war against Tehran, taking a hard-line stance amid a visit by Germany's top diplomat seeking to defuse tensions.

A stern-faced Mohammad Javad Zarif offered a series of threats over the ongoing tensions gripping the Persian Gulf. The crisis takes root in President Donald Trump's decision over a year ago to withdraw America from Iran's 2015 nuclear deal with world powers. Trump also reinstated tough sanctions on Iran, targeting its oil sector.

"Mr. Trump himself has announced that the U.S. has launched an economic war against Iran," Zarif said. "The only solution for reducing tensions in this region is stopping that economic war."

Zarif also warned: "Whoever starts a war with us will not be the one who finishes it."

Zarif's ramped up rhetoric marked a sharp departure for the U.S.-educated diplomat and signals that Iran is taking a harder line toward the West. His public threats, which came during a joint news conference with German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas, were striking because Zarif was the one who helped secure the nuclear deal, alongside the relatively moderate President Hassan Rouhani. However, he does not make the decision on whether to go to war. That is left to the supreme leader.

For his part, Maas insisted his country and other European nations want to find a way to salvage the deal, which saw Iran limit its enrichment of uranium in exchange for the lifting of economic sanctions. But he acknowledged there were limits.

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"We won't be able to do miracles, but we are trying as best as we can to do prevent its failure," Maas said. However, Europe has yet to offer Iran a way to get around the newly imposed U.S. sanctions. Meanwhile, a July 7 deadline — imposed by Iran — looms for Europe to find a way to save the unraveling deal. Otherwise, Iran has warned it will resume enriching uranium closer to weapons-grade levels.

In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Morgan Ortagus dismissed the foreign minister's comments as "typical behavior" from the Iranian government as it confronts a Trump administration campaign of increasing economic and diplomatic pressure.

"We aren't impressed," she told reporters. "Iran faces a simple choice: it can either behave like a normal nation or watch its economy crumble."

Zarif's comments came after Maas spoke about Israel, an archenemy of Iran's government.

"Israel's right to exist is part of Germany's founding principle and is completely non-negotiable," Maas said. "It is a result of our history and it's irrevocable and doesn't just change because I am currently in Tehran."

Zarif then grew visibly angry, offering a list of Mideast problems ranging from al-Qaida to the bombing of Yemeni civilians he blamed on the U.S. and its allies, namely Saudi Arabia.

"If one seeks to talk about instability in this region, those are the other parties who should be held responsible," Zarif said.

Zarif's sharp tone likely comes from Iran's growing frustration with Europe, as well as the ever-tightening American sanctions targeting the country. Iran's national currency, the rial, is trading at nearly 130,000 to \$1. It had been 32,000 to the dollar at the time of the 2015 deal. That has wiped away people's earnings, as well as driven up prices on nearly every good in the country.

European nations had pledged to create a mechanism called INSTEX, which would allow Iran to continue to trade for humanitarian goods despite American sanctions. However, that program has yet to really take off, something Iran's foreign ministry spokesman noted before Zarif and Maas spoke to reporters.

"We haven't put much hope in INSTEX," spokesman Abbas Mousavi said, according to Iranian state television. "If INSTEX was going to help us, it would have done so already."

Maas later met Rouhani as well.

"We expect Europe to stand up to the United States' economic terrorism against the Iranian nation, living up to its commitments under the deal," Rouhani told him, according to a statement.

Trump, in withdrawing from the deal, pointed that the accord had not limited Iran's ballistic missile program, or addressed what American officials describe as Tehran's malign influence across the wider Mideast.

Back when the deal was struck in 2015, it was described it as a building block toward further negotiations with Iran, whose Islamic government has had a tense relationship with America since the 1979 takeover of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and subsequent hostage crisis.

Some members of Trump's administration, particularly National Security Adviser John Bolton, previously supported the overthrow of Iran's government. Trump, however, has stressed that he wants to talk with Iran's clerical rulers.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will arrive in Tehran on Wednesday as an interlocutor for Trump.

Japan had once purchased Iranian oil, but it has now stopped over American sanctions. However, Mideast oil remains crucial to Japan and recent threats from Iran to close off the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow mouth through which a third of all oil traded by sea passes, has raised concerns.

The semi-official Tasnim news agency reported that Ali Asghar Zarean, deputy head of Iran's nuclear department, said Tehran had increased the number of its centrifuges to 1,044 at the Fordo underground facility. That's the maximum allowed under the deal.

Meanwhile, the head of the U.N. atomic watchdog said Monday that Iran had already increased its uranium enrichment activities. Iran previously announced it would quadruple its production of low-enrichment uranium.

"I am worried about increasing tensions over the Iranian nuclear issue," Yukiya Amano of the International Atomic Energy Agency said. "As I have constantly emphasized, the nuclear-related commitments entered

into by Iran under the (deal) represent a significant gain for nuclear verification — I therefore hope that ways can be found to reduce current tensions through dialogue.”

Gambrell reported from Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Associated Press writers Karin Laub in Amman, Jordan, and David Rising in Berlin contributed to this report.

Central Americans pursue US dream despite Mexico crackdown

By SONIA PEREZ D. Associated Press

SAN MARCOS, Guatemala (AP) — A near-death experience in the Arizona desert a year ago won't deter Francisco Pérez from another attempt to migrate to the U.S., nor will an increased police presence in southern Mexico.

The 23-year-old Guatemalan teacher and auto mechanic hopes to set out again soon to repay the \$7,000 he owes from his first trip, when he and two other young men got lost for a week in the desert before being rescued by the U.S. border patrol.

On the seventh day, facing severe dehydration, the group resorted to drinking their own urine.

“Each of us urinated in a bottle and then strained it with the corner of our pants,” said Pérez, rubbing his hands together as he recalled the day he thought would be his last.

Pérez spent two days in a U.S. hospital before being returned to Guatemala. During his short stay in Arizona, though, he caught a glimpse of houses with manicured lawns, orderly roads and fancy stores. Those images are like a siren's song, calling him to what he believes would be a better life.

Before setting out for the U.S., he earned \$100 a month as a teacher and had a girlfriend. Now she is with somebody else and he's helping out in his father's auto repair shop in his hometown of San Marcos, just a few miles from the border with Mexico.

“In the end I lost everything,” Pérez said.

Mexico has promised to deploy 6,000 National Guard troops to its southern border on Monday to deter Central Americans from trekking toward the American dream. About 1 percent of Guatemala's population of some 16 million people have left the country this year, part of a wave of Central Americans fleeing poverty, violence and drought.

U.S. Border Patrol agents apprehended 132,887 migrants in May, the highest monthly figure in more than a decade. Many Central American migrants in recent months have been requesting asylum. The United States has returned more than 10,000 U.S. asylum seekers to Mexico since January under a program that requires migrants to wait in that country while their cases wind through U.S. courts. Thousands of Central Americans have also applied for asylum to start new lives in Mexico.

On Friday, Mexican officials vowed to step up migration enforcement to avoid U.S. tariffs on all Mexican imports. Increased enforcement could mean more inspections of buses, raids on hotels and arrests to disrupt people-smuggling networks. Last week, Mexico arrested two migration activists and froze the accounts of more than two dozen people alleged to have organized caravans.

“We are really in front of a humanitarian tragedy,” Mexico's ambassador to the U.S., Martha Bárcena, told CBS News' Face the Nation on Sunday.

Most Central American migrants come from rural areas, Bárcena noted, suggesting that Mexico and the U.S. should work together to address the root causes of migration rather than just enforcement.

Not far from San Marcos, in the mountain hamlet of La Union Los Mendoza, about one in three people has migrated, according to community leader Genaro Méndez. The rural town of 600 families has dirt roads that turn to mud during the rainy season. Most of its residents subsist on beans, corn and other food that they can grow. Most homes lack running water.

Méndez himself spent 18 years working in the U.S. as an electrician. He decided to remain in La Union Los Mendoza after he was deported for a second time, in 2016.

Now, young men from this indigenous Mam community come to the 43-year-old Méndez for advice on how to make it up north.

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"The laws are a little hard" in the U.S., he tells them. "They don't receive you well."

And the journey itself is fraught with perils. "It's not, 'Grab your backpack and go,'" Méndez warns.

Two Honduran migrants told The Associated Press on Sunday that they were robbed by Mexican officials of the little cash they had while on a bridge between Guatemala and Mexico. The migrants jumped into the Suchiate River to flee from the officials, who they said confiscated their identification documents, beat them and asked them for bribes to pass into Mexico.

"There's tremendous corruption here," said one of the men, Jose Romero, fighting back tears. "It's sad to see all the Central American countries, instead of being united and helping us, they take the little that we have."

Romero said his hometown of San Pedro Sula has become too violent and that work there is scarce. He said he'd take asylum from Mexico or any other country willing to offer him refuge.

"We're honest, clean people, determined to work," Romero said.

Back in Pérez's hometown of San Marcos, there are restaurants, schools, stores and a picturesque central plaza rimmed by misty mountains. But the money he can earn there, he said, would be barely enough to get by. Grinding poverty sends many in Guatemala in search of higher incomes in the U.S. Pérez's own father lived in the U.S. for nine years before being deported.

"I'm not going to lie, when I left the desert I left with fear," Pérez said. "I said, 'I'm not coming back here.'"

But a year later, he's trying to make financial arrangements to set out again.

Buses roll out of San Marcos every day from stations lined with backpacks for sale to those making the journey north. Since Pérez hopes to secure a job in the U.S. that allows him to send money back to his aging parents, he tunes out warnings of an increased police presence in Mexico.

"I wouldn't rule out going back," he said.

Associated Press photojournalist Marco Ugarte contributed to this report from Ciudad Hidalgo, Mexico.

Asian shares rise as Trump plans to meet Chinese leader

By YURI KAGEYAMA AP Business Writer

TOKYO (AP) — Asian shares were mostly higher Tuesday as investor jitters over trade eased after U.S. President Donald Trump suspended plans to impose tariffs on Mexican imports and said he expects to meet with the Chinese leader.

Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 rose 0.4% in morning trading to 21,208.09. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 added 1.3% to 6,528.30. South Korea's Kospi gained 0.3% to 2,105.37. Hong Kong's Hang Seng stood at 27,820.63, up nearly 0.9%, while the Shanghai Composite edged up 1.9% at 2,905.44.

On Wall Street, shares continued their winning streak for a fifth day on Monday. That follows the strongest week for stocks since November in what has been a marked turnaround for the market after escalating trade tensions fueled a turbulent skid in May.

During an interview with CNBC, Trump said he expects to meet with Chinese President Xi Jinping at the Group of 20 summit in Japan later this month. That may have given investors some cause for optimism in the dispute between Washington and Beijing.

The S&P 500 index gained 13.39 points, or 0.5%, to 2,886.73. The benchmark index rose 4.4% last week, its best weekly performance of 2019. It's now about 2% below its record set on April 30.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 78.74 points, or 0.3%, to 26,062.68. The Nasdaq composite climbed 81.07 points, or 1.1%, to 7,823.17. The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies gained 9.17 points, or 0.6%, to 1,523.56.

Jingyi Pan, market strategist at IG in Singapore, warned against getting hopes up too much about a resolution on U.S.-China trade issues.

"The seemingly complicated matter of a U.S.-China trade deal appears highly unlikely to be resolved from a high-level meeting between the two presidents," Pan said.

"Given the return of the U.S.-China tariffs threat to the table, look to Asia markets to waffle along."

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ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude rose 31 cents to \$53.57 a barrel. It slid 1.4% to \$53.26 a barrel on Monday. Brent crude oil, the international standard, was up 19 cents at \$62.48 a barrel.

CURRENCIES: The dollar was unchanged at 108.60 yen. The euro rose to \$1.1315 from \$1.1307.

Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, June 11, the 162nd day of 2019. There are 203 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 11, 2001, Timothy McVeigh, 33, was executed by injection at the federal prison in Terre Haute, Indiana, for the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing that killed 168 people.

On this date:

In 1770, Captain James Cook, commander of the British ship Endeavour, "discovered" the Great Barrier Reef off Australia by running onto it.

In 1776, the Continental Congress formed a committee to draft a Declaration of Independence calling for freedom from Britain.

In 1942, the United States and the Soviet Union signed a lend-lease agreement to aid the Soviet war effort in World War II.

In 1947, the government announced the end of sugar rationing for households and "institutional users" (e.g., restaurants and hotels) as of midnight.

In 1955, in motor racing's worst disaster, more than 80 people were killed during the 24 Hours of Le Mans in France when two of the cars collided and crashed into spectators.

In 1962, three prisoners at Alcatraz in San Francisco Bay staged an escape, leaving the island on a makeshift raft; they were never found or heard from again.

In 1970, the United States presence in Libya came to an end as the last detachment left Wheelus Air Base. (The anniversary of this event is celebrated as a holiday in Libya.)

In 1978, Joseph Freeman Jr. became the first black priest ordained in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

In 1985, Karen Ann Quinlan, the comatose patient whose case prompted a historic right-to-die court decision, died in Morris Plains, New Jersey, at age 31.

In 1986, the John Hughes comedy "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," starring Matthew Broderick, was released by Paramount Pictures.

In 1987, Margaret Thatcher became the first British prime minister in 160 years to win a third consecutive term of office as her Conservatives held onto a reduced majority in Parliament.

In 1993, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled that people who commit "hate crimes" motivated by bigotry may be sentenced to extra punishment; the court also ruled religious groups had a constitutional right to sacrifice animals in worship services. The Steven Spielberg science-fiction film "Jurassic Park" opened in wide release two days after its world premiere in Washington, D.C.

Ten years ago: With swine flu reported in more than 70 nations, the World Health Organization declared the first global flu pandemic in 41 years. The NCAA placed Alabama's football program and 15 other of the school's athletic teams on three years' probation for major violations due to misuse of free textbooks, stripping the Crimson Tide of 21 football wins over a three-year period.

Five years ago: During a Capitol Hill hearing, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel aggressively defended the secret prisoner exchange of five Taliban detainees for Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, telling Congress that the risks were too great and the situation too uncertain for the administration to tell lawmakers about the plan. Acclaimed actress and civil rights activist Ruby Dee, 91, died in New Rochelle, New York.

One year ago: U.S. and North Korean officials met at a hotel in Singapore to negotiate on the eve of the first summit between a U.S. president and a North Korean leader. The Supreme Court ruled that states can target people who haven't cast ballots in a while in efforts to purge their voting rolls.

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Today's Birthdays: Former U.S. Rep. Charles B. Rangel, D-N.Y., is 89. Comedian Johnny Brown is 82. International Motorsports Hall of Famer Jackie Stewart is 80. Singer Joey Dee is 79. Actor Roscoe Orman is 75. Actress Adrienne Barbeau is 74. Rock musician Frank Beard (ZZ Top) is 70. Animal rights activist Ingrid Newkirk is 70. Rock singer Donnie Van Zant is 67. Actor Peter Bergman is 66. Pro Football Hall of Famer Joe Montana is 63. Actor Hugh Laurie is 60. TV personality Mehmet Oz, M.D., is 59. Singer Gioia (JOY'-ah) Bruno (Expose) is 56. Rock musician Dan Lavery (Tonic) is 53. Country singer-songwriter Bruce Robison is 53. Actress Clare Carey is 52. Actor Peter Dinklage is 50. Country musician Smilin' Jay McDowell is 50. Actor Lenny Jacobson is 45. Rock musician Tai Anderson (Third Day) is 43. Actor Joshua Jackson is 41. Americana musician Gabe Witcher (Punch Brothers) is 41. Christian rock musician Ryan ShROUT is 39. Actor Shia LaBeouf (SHY'-uh luh-BUF') is 33.

Thought for Today: "People do not believe lies because they have to, but because they want to." — Malcolm Muggeridge, British author and commentator (1903-1990).