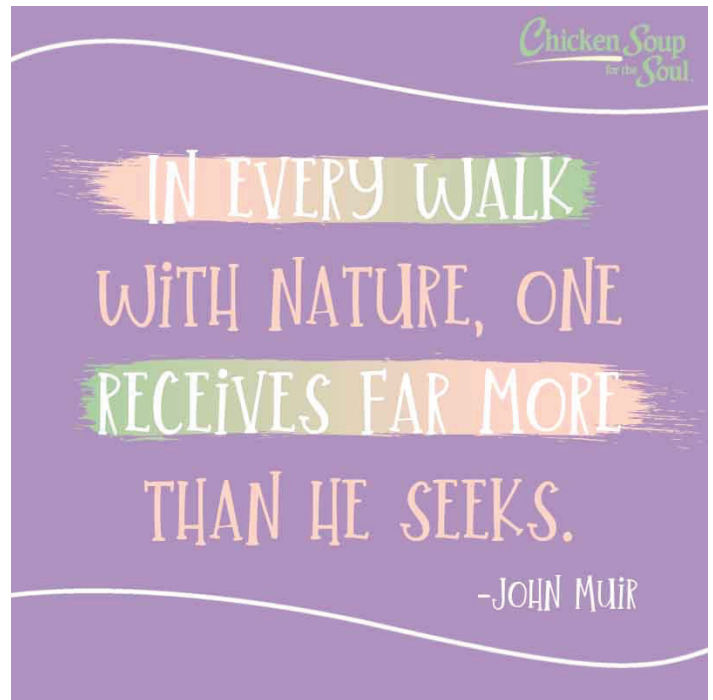


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CLOSED: Recycling Trailer in Groton

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

Monday, June 24

5:30 p.m.: U12 Midgets vs. Backous at Manor Park, (DH)

6:00 p.m.: U8 Pee Wees host Webster, (DH)s (R,B) Softball at Warner (U8 at 6 p.m., U10 at 7 p.m.)

Olive Grove Golf Course: Ladies Invitational, 18 holes, 10 a.m. shotgun start

7:00 p.m.: School Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 25

6:00 p.m.: U10 Pee Wees vs. Welke at Manor Park, (DH) (R,B)

6:00 p.m.: U8 Pee Wees at Watertown, (DH)s (R,B) Softball hosts Ellendale in (DH)s (U12 at 6 p.m., U14 at 7 p.m.)

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

Wednesday, June 26

5:30 p.m.: Junior Legion hosts Hamlin, double header

6:00 p.m.: Junior Teeners at Faulkton, (DH)

6:00 p.m.: T-Ball Scrimmage, Falk Field (both)

Softball hosts Clark in (DH) (U10 at 6 p.m.)

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

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Grateful for your Prayers

In my weekly columns to South Dakotans, I frequently write about important policy discussions happening in Washington or highlight the issues that South Dakotans have been talking to me about. However, this week is different, as my wife, Jean and I have some personal news to share.

As many South Dakotans already know, Jean recently began cancer treatment for a malignant high-grade aggressive tumor that was discovered near her sciatic nerve. Her team of doctors in South Dakota referred her to The Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, where she is currently being treated.

Many South Dakota families have faced a cancer diagnosis, including our own. As those who have been through this know, a cancer diagnosis is one of the most difficult and trying times for a family. Throughout this process, I have thought many times about the South Dakota families that have had their own health struggles. It is during a time like this that I feel most grateful for our community.

While it has been a difficult few weeks, those who know Jean know she is resilient and strong. She's been a rock for our family for more than 40 years and continues to show her strength as she begins her treatment and works to make a full recovery. Through all of this, we are strengthened by our faith in the Lord and the overwhelming support of our family and friends. There is no power like the power of prayer, and we remain tremendously grateful to the outpouring of prayers from so many. We have received great comfort and peace in that support.

We're also grateful for the wonderful medical professionals within our community that we've worked with over the past couple of months. Receiving a cancer diagnosis is overwhelming. The technical medical terminology can feel like listening to a foreign language. But with the guidance of Jean's doctors, we've been assured that we are on the right course toward eradicating the tumor. While we don't know exactly what her entire treatment will look like at this time, we have confidence in the highly-qualified team of doctors at The Mayo Clinic overseeing her treatment.

In the midst of our very busy lives, it can be a challenge to reprioritize schedules to focus more attention on what we usually take for granted: our health. But again, in our community we have had so many colleagues and friends who have volunteered to help out or fill in during our absence. As we focus on getting Jean healthy, I'll be splitting my time between Rochester during Jean's treatments, Washington, D.C., and back home in South Dakota.

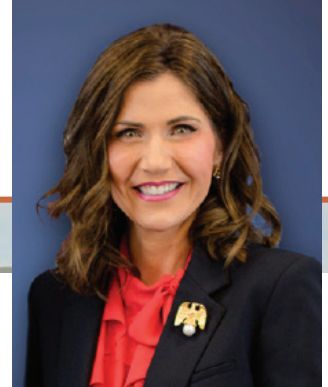
We'll continue to update you on Jean's progress, but in the meantime, we are grateful for the continued support and prayers for Jean and for our family. We are so thankful to be surrounded by a close-knit community that will stick by us. Times like this make me grateful for our community and especially proud to be a South Dakotan.

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SOUTH DAKOTA GOVERNOR
KRISTI NOEM



Equipping our National Guard

South Dakota has a strong legacy of military service. With over 72,000 veterans and more than 4,200 enrolled members of the National Guard, our state understands the importance of answering the call to serve.

Year after year, our National Guard is recognized nationally as an example to the nation for readiness, efficiency, and superiority. Earlier this month, I had the privilege of swearing in the new Adjutant General for the South Dakota National Guard, Major General Jeff Marlette. In this position, Major General Marlette will lead over 4,200 Air and Army National Guard members and approximately 1,000 full-time federal and state employees. He will be responsible for making sure our National Guard is trained and ready to respond to missions at all times.

This is a big job, but I know General Marlette is up for the challenge. He's a combat veteran and has been in uniform for more than 32 years. But even more importantly, he's a servant. He provides the same amount of dignity and respect to a stranger on the street as he would a four-star general. People admire him for his politeness, confidence, intellect, and his ability to lead under pressure. I know without a doubt that he will continue bolstering our readiness capabilities and equipping the Guard for any challenge they face.

Working with General Marlette, I look forward to further strengthening the South Dakota National Guard. We've already made some great progress.

This legislative session, I worked with the legislature to put \$5 million of state funds behind the construction of the Army Aviation Readiness Center in Rapid City. We're also looking to start construction of the Sioux Falls Readiness Center in the next few years. These new readiness centers will give the National Guard the tools they need to train, prepare, and best protect our state.

Projects like these are only enhancements of an already great system... a system of excellence that has been recognized in our region, in our country, and around the world.

In mid-June, our South Dakota National Guard welcomed units from 12 states and two foreign nations to the state for the 35th annual Golden Coyote training exercise. This two-week-long training is one of the largest National Guard exercises in the country and is renowned globally as a top opportunity to provide units with relevant training in support of overseas operations and homeland defense. Nearly 2,700 people participated in virtual and live training, combat operations, and leadership development. I'm proud of this program and the ways it's equipping our defense and bolstering our readiness.

Because of the men and women who serve, our United States continues to be a shining beacon of freedom to the world. As Commander in Chief for our South Dakota National Guard, I'm committed to enhancing the readiness and success of our airmen and soldiers. They are the best asset our state has in protecting our liberties. I will continue to support them.

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Sunday was a busy day on the Washington, D.C. tour. To say we covered a lot of ground is an understatement.

Our day started out at Mount Vernon where George Washington's residence was at. We saw the main house where his family lived as well as the living quarters for the slaves at the time. There were several other buildings on site. The kitchen was in its own separate house because they did not want the smell or smoke in the house plus if there was a fire, it would be contained in its own building. There was also a Shoemaker's Shop, a Stove Room, a Paint Cellar, garden plots, wash house, we saw his riding chair, the stable for his horses, his vehicles, and would you believe a Dung Repository! I'll post the pictures so you can read more about each place in addition to other buildings that I did not mention.

It is interesting that our tour guide said that had George Washington not succeeded to win the battle, that we probably wouldn't even be here today. And of all things, it was George's dentures that actually saved the day. Because they did not take care of their teeth back then, they fell out at an early age. When Washington was inaugurated President in 1789, only one real tooth remained in his mouth.

A message he sent to his dentist was intercepted by the enemy. They thought it was a coded message as George said he was not going to be any where near New York and was wondering if they could be sent to Philadelphia. As a result the enemy did not send reinforcements and George Washington was able to secure Yorktown. Also, that stern face you often see on George's face. It wasn't because he was a stern man, it was because he was biting down on his dentures to keep them in place.

My big find on Saturday was the Batmobile. That was topped off on Sunday with the Space Shuttle Discovery. We went to the National Air and Space Museum - the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center. It was this Hungarian immigrant who gave money to the Smithsonian Institute because of his wealth he had secured in the United States. The money he gave was used to build this museum near Dulles International Airport in Washington, D.C.

And yes, there is still so much more that we did yesterday, but I'm running out of time as we need to get on the bus at 8 a.m. with the wheels rolling. It will be Monday so the traffic will be very heavy today. Things on the agenda for today are a Capital Tour, National Harbor, a White House Photo Op and the Holocaust Museum.

I hope you enjoy looking at the pictures that we are posting here on the GDI from Washington, D.C.

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The Tour of Mount Vernon



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These were the slave headquarters for those slaves that were the closest to George Washington. They were treated very well.



This was the bunk beds of the women's slave quarters.

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Paint Cellar

"Let the Oil and paint be put into some secure Cellar..."

George Washington to manager William Pearce, December 4, 1796

Maintaining the Mansion and outbuildings with fresh coats of paint was a continual, labor-intensive process. Tom Davis was one slave often called upon by George Washington to maintain the red roofs and white siding of Mount Vernon's many buildings. Paint was an expensive commodity in 18th-century America and was imported in powder form which was then hand-mixed with linseed oil just before use. When not in use, the oils and leftover mixed paints were stored here for safekeeping.

Lower (Kitchen) Garden

"...as vegetable is the best part of our living in the country."

—Martha Washington, 1792

Before grocery store existed, most homes maintained kitchen gardens that provided produce. Since the 1760s, Mount Vernon's kitchen garden has been continuously cultivated and today includes many of the same vegetables, fruits, and herbs regularly used by the Washingtons. While this space was not intended to be ornamental, the gate on the bowling green allowed visitors to admire the terraced spaces with squares and rows of fruits and vegetables.

The kitchen garden was overseen by Mrs. Washington, and maintained by enslaved and hired gardeners. Mrs. Washington's domain included other areas close to the garden that played a role in the estate's food preparation and preservation. Meat was cured and stored in the smokehouse. In the Mansion's cellar, kitchen, and dining room food was preserved, prepared for meals, and finally served to the Washington family and their guests.



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The vegetable garden.



Wash House

The volume of laundry required an entire building for washing and ironing. This structure began as a hen house but became the wash house by 1783, with a large fireplace and brick boiler to heat water.

Dolsey and Vina, two enslaved laundresses, worked up to six days a week washing, drying, and ironing laundry that belonged to the Washington family and their guests. This work was hot, difficult, and dangerous. The laundresses carried as many as 30 buckets of water, each weighing around 20 pounds, from the well near the kitchen. They boiled the water in large pots, then added soap (made from animal fat and lye) and dirty laundry, stirring with long poles. On nice days, they laid clean items out to dry in the yard. On cold or rainy days, they hung wet laundry on tall wooden racks called "washing horses." When the laundry was dry, they starched and ironed the items on heated in the fireplace—another day's work.

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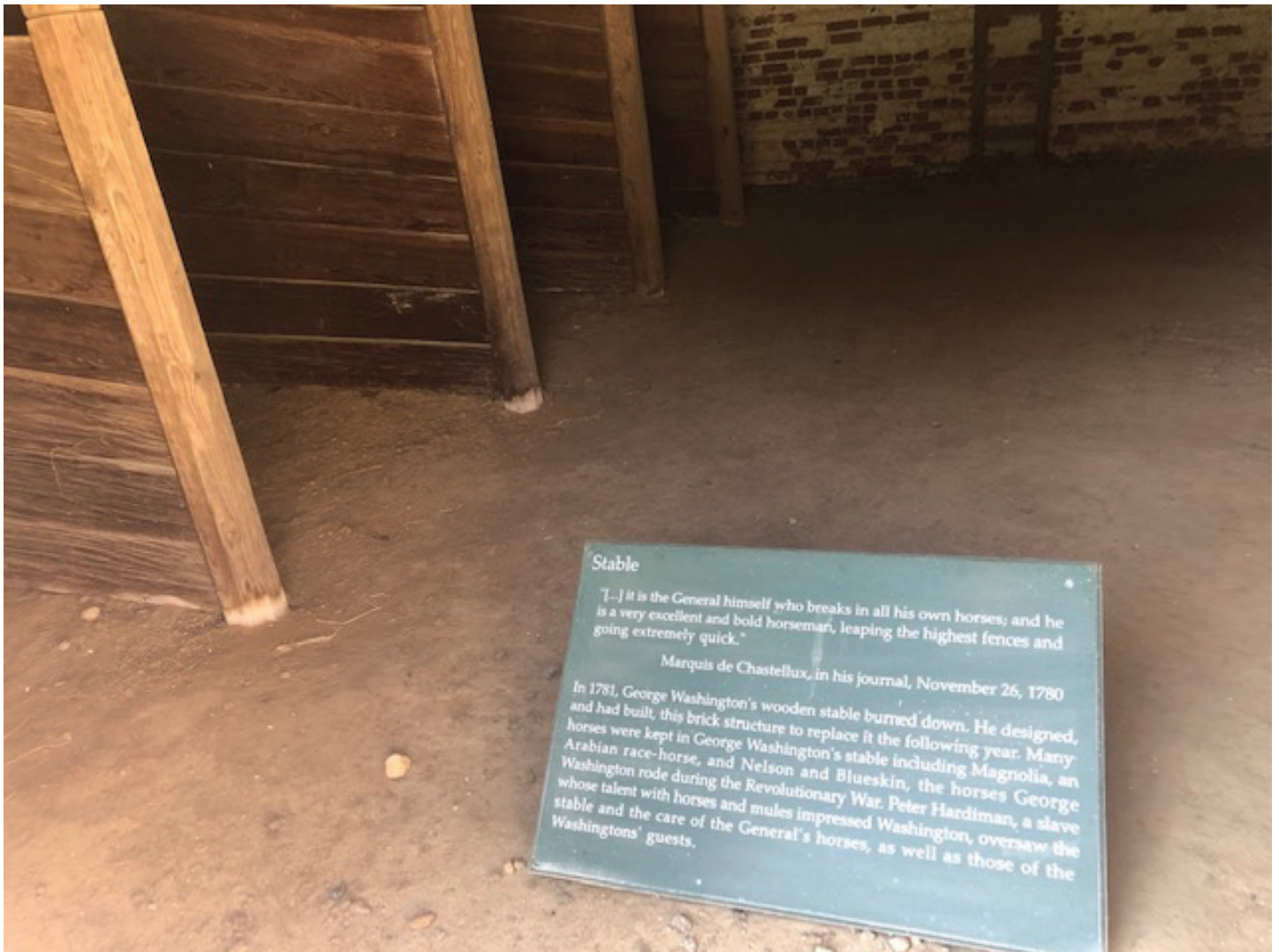


Riding Chair

As a young man, George Washington acquired a riding chair similar to the 18th century example you see here (alongside a modern reproduction). Popular in America and England, riding chairs could travel country lanes and back roads more easily than bulkier four-wheeled chariots and coaches. Riding chairs were relatively inexpensive in comparison with other wheeled vehicles, and the form was used by members of all social classes as an easy way to travel the rough Virginia terrain.

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Stable

"[...] it is the General himself who breaks in all his own horses; and he is a very excellent and bold horseman, leaping the highest fences and going extremely quick."

Marquis de Chastellux, in his journal, November 26, 1780

In 1781, George Washington's wooden stable burned down. He designed, and had built, this brick structure to replace it the following year. Many horses were kept in George Washington's stable including Magnolia, an Arabian race-horse, and Nelson and Blueskin, the horses George Washington rode during the Revolutionary War. Peter Hardiman, a slave whose talent with horses and mules impressed Washington, oversaw the stable and the care of the General's horses, as well as those of the Washingtons' guests.

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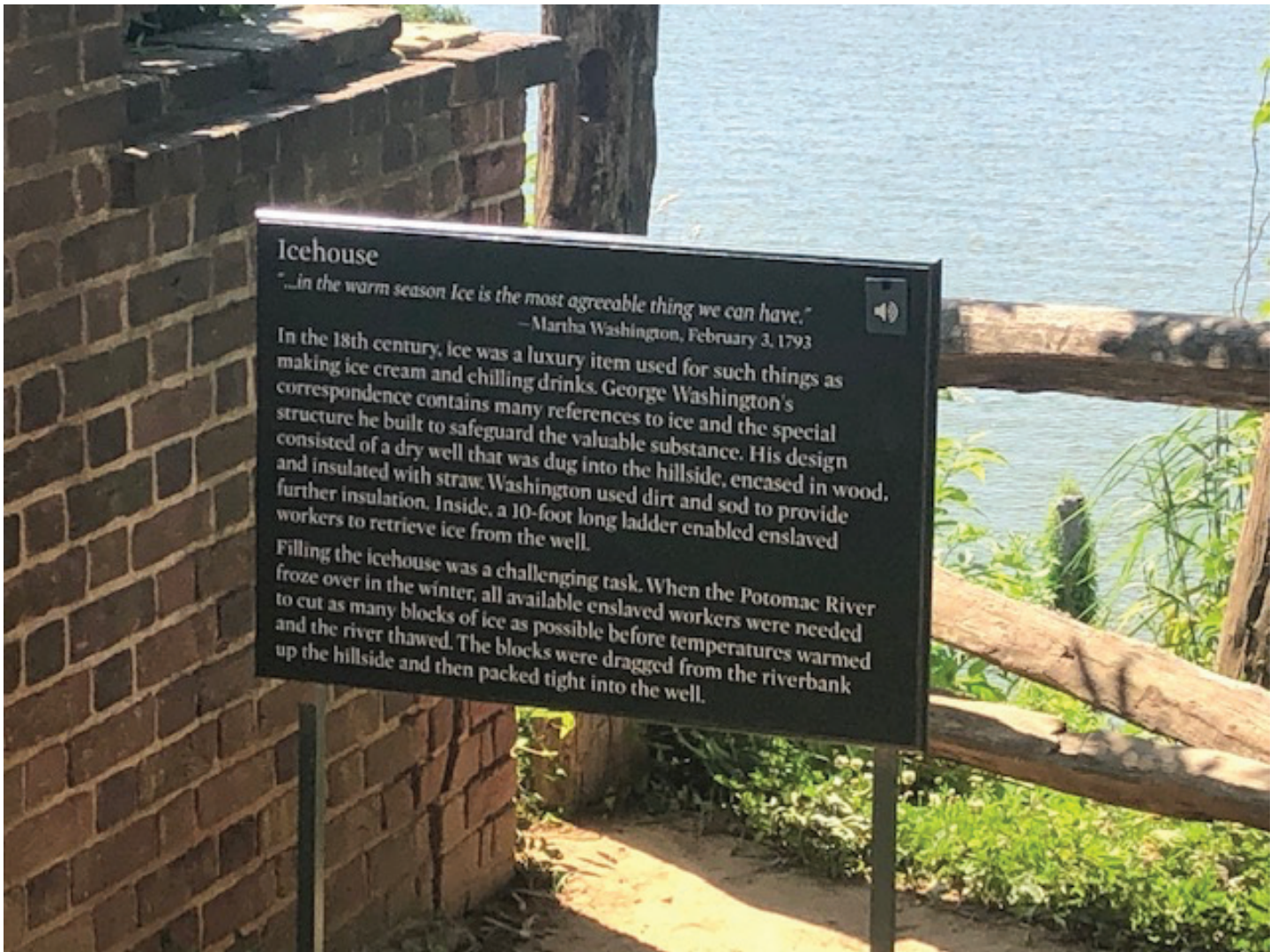




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A group picture was taken in front of George Washington's house.

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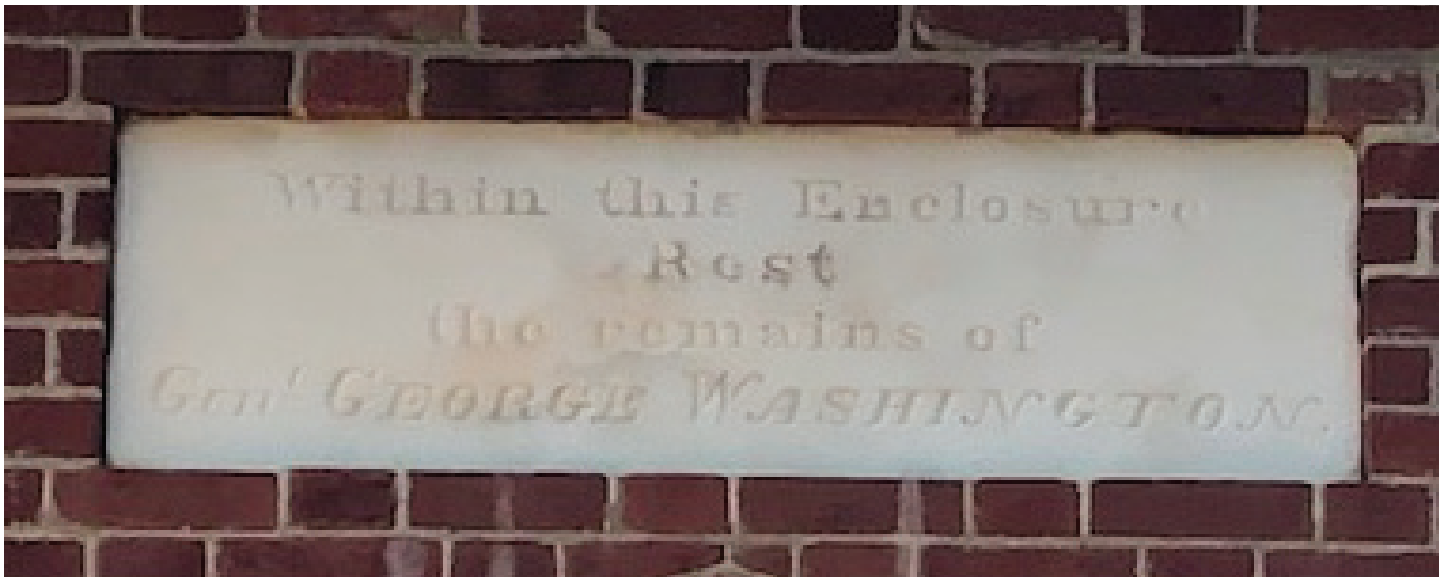
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A group shot of the parents was also taken in front of the mansion.

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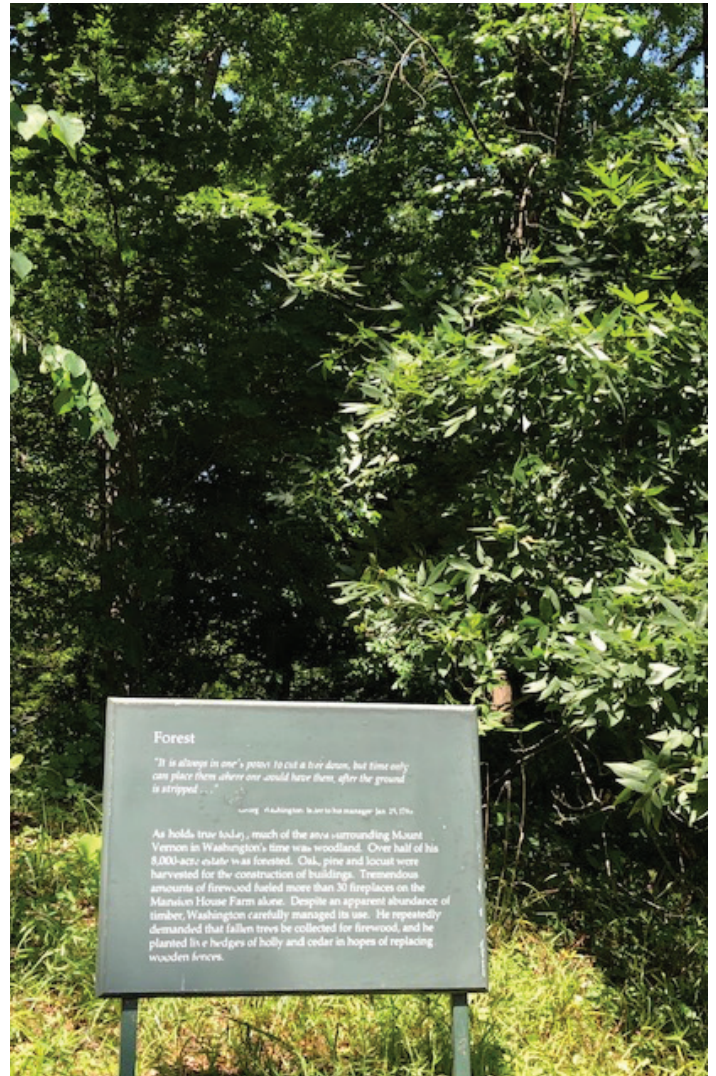
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Martha Washington is on the left and George Washington is on the right.

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SETBACKS AND TRAGEDY

George Washington came from a long line of enterprising Virginians. His father Augustine—a successful planter, land speculator, iron forge owner, and county justice—always kept an eye open for the next opportunity.

He moved his family often and sent his oldest sons to England for their educations. Young George might have followed this same path if Augustine had not died unexpectedly when the boy was 11 years old. George's older brothers inherited the best of their father's estate, while his portion was limited to one small farm.

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MRS. WASHINGTON MOURNS

MOVING ON ALONE

Martha Washington deeply grieved the loss of her love of 40 years. Following custom, she closed their bedroom door and moved to the mansion's third floor. There she privately mourned and directed household activities at Mount Vernon.

With the help of her grandchildren, she still graciously received the seemingly endless number of guests to Mount Vernon. But most agreed that the widow had lost her spark. She died two and a half years later and was entombed next to her husband following a private ceremony.



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Sofia Wernick and Aaron Killian are the tour guides for trip.

While everyone was touring the National Air and Space Museum, Carly Wheeting was busy doing office work for World Classroom educational travel.



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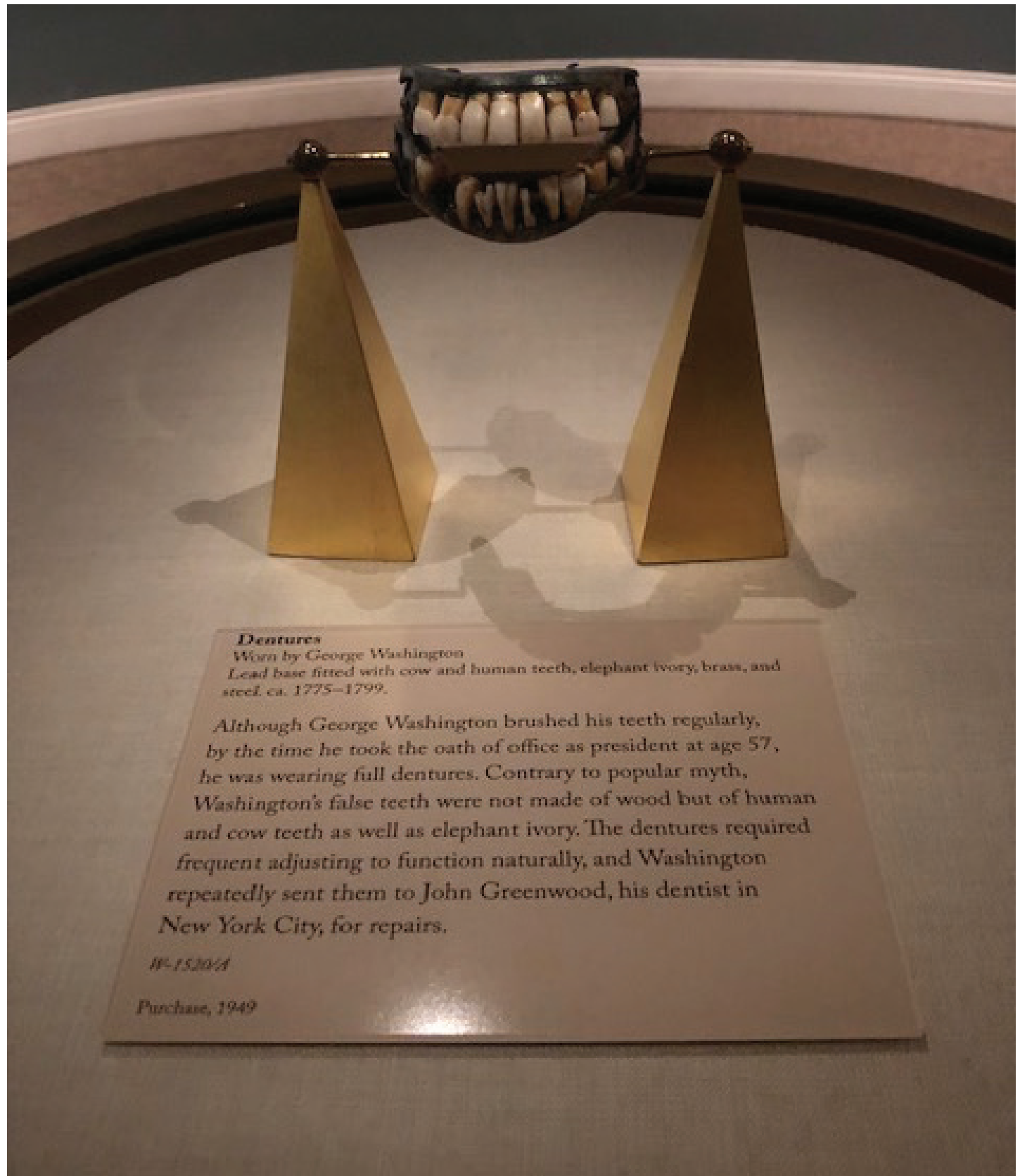
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There is not a man living who wishes more sincerely than I do, to see a plan adopted for the abolition of it.

—GEORGE WASHINGTON ON SLAVERY, 1783

As Washington grew older, he found it increasingly difficult to justify slavery in a country founded on liberty. And he questioned its value to the economy. He also believed that the slavery question would tear the country apart—and so, like many others, he refused to address it publicly. Instead he acted privately and freed his slaves in his will, setting an example for others to follow.



Dentures

*Worn by George Washington
Lead base fitted with cow and human teeth, elephant ivory, brass, and steel. ca. 1775-1799.*

Although George Washington brushed his teeth regularly, by the time he took the oath of office as president at age 57, he was wearing full dentures. Contrary to popular myth, Washington's false teeth were not made of wood but of human and cow teeth as well as elephant ivory. The dentures required frequent adjusting to function naturally, and Washington repeatedly sent them to John Greenwood, his dentist in New York City, for repairs.

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Purchase, 1949

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National Air and Space Museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center



There she is - the Space Shuttle Discovery on display.



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You can see how huge this Space Shuttle really is.



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There are lots of airplanes on display at the center.






SR-71A
Lockheed SR-71A Blackbird

Lockheed SR-71A Blackbird

101 No reconnaissance aircraft in history has operated globally in more hostile airspace or with such complete impunity than the SR-71, the world's fastest jet-propelled aircraft. The Blackbird's performance and operational achievements placed it at the pinnacle of aviation technology developments during the Cold War.

This Blackbird accrued about 2,800 hours of flight time during 24 years of active service with the U.S. Air Force. On its last flight, March 6, 1990, Lt. Col. Ed Yeilding and Lt. Col. Joseph Vida set a speed record by flying from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C. in 1 hour, 4 minutes, and 20 seconds, averaging 3,418 kilometers (2,124 miles) per hour. At the flight's conclusion, they landed at Washington Dulles International Airport and turned the airplane over to the Smithsonian.

Reproduced from the U.S. Air Force



Wingspan:	16.9 m (55 ft 7 in)
Length:	32.7 m (107 ft 5 in)
Height:	5.6 m (18 ft 6 in)
Weight, empty:	27,214 kg (60,000 lb)
Weight, gross:	43,504 kg (95,900 lb)
Top speed:	3,620 km/h (2,250 mph), Mach 3.3
Engines:	2 Pratt & Whitney J58 (7715G-20B), 13,412 kg (34,000 lb) thrust
Crew:	2
Manufacturer:	Lockheed Aircraft Corp., Palmdale, Calif., 1967



Bede BD-5B

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Flying 322 kilometers (200 miles) per hour, propelled by a 40-horsepower engine in an airplane that private citizens could build from a \$3,000 kit, seems fantastic. But just such an aircraft, the Bede BD-5, was offered for sale in 1970. By mid-1973 more than 4,000 people had placed advance orders for this wonder plane. The project failed, however, mainly because the Bede team could not find a suitable engine.

Some builders successfully adapted various engines to power their BD-5s. The two men who built this one (a task that took them more than 5,000 hours) installed a Honda Civic automotive power plant, boosted by a turbosupercharger for extra power. In 2002 the moderator of a popular BD-5 Internet discussion group estimated that there were 20 BD-5s flying and another 200 to 300 that were airworthy but in storage.

Gift of Albert C. Beckwith and Peter K. Graichen



Wingspan: 6.5 m (21 ft 6 in)
Length: 4 m (13 ft 4 in)
Height: 1.2 m (4 ft 2 in)
Weight, empty: 266 kg (592 lb)
Weight, gross: 428 kg (950 lb)
Engine: Honda E82 with turbosupercharger, 101 hp
Kit manufacturer: Bede-Micro Aviation, Newton, Kans.
Builders: Albert C. Beckwith, Peter K. Graichen, 1978
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Commercial Aviation


Boeing 367-80 "Dash 80"

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U.S. civil aviation entered the jet age on July 15, 1954, when the Boeing 367-80, or "Dash 80," first took flight. Designed for the U.S. Air Force as a jet tanker-transport, this airplane was the prototype for America's first commercial jet airliner, the Boeing 707.

Boeing began designing the Dash 80 without a contract in 1952. In 1954 the Air Force purchased the first of 820 KC-135s tankers, as the modified version was designated. At the request of Pan American, Boeing widened the fuselage to accommodate six-across seating for airline use. This larger aircraft became the Boeing 707, of which 855 were built between 1957 and 1992. The Dash 80 tested many new technologies, including new engines and engine nacelles, different wing shapes, and a variety of flaps and control surfaces, before it was donated to the Smithsonian in 1972. Boeing restored it in 1995.

Gift of the Boeing Company



Wingspan:	39.4 m (129 ft 8 in)
Length:	29 m (127 ft 10 in)
Height:	11.6 m (38 ft)
Weight, empty:	41,786 kg (92,120 lb)
Weight, gross:	86,184 kg (190,000 lb)
Top speed:	937 km/h (582 mph)
Engine:	4 Pratt and Whitney JT3D, 7,711 kg (17,000 lb) thrust
Manufacturer:	Boeing Aircraft Co., Seattle, Wash., 1954

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1908 Wright Military Flyer Reproduction

By 1908 the Wright brothers had secured their patent and contracts for the sale of their invention, and made their first public flights in Europe and the United States with their latest design, the Wright Model A.

This is a reproduction of the Model A flown by Orville Wright for a U.S. Army contract at Fort Myer, Virginia, in 1908, later known as the 1908 Wright Military Flyer. In the midst of performance trials, on September 17, a mechanical failure caused the Flyer to crash. Orville was severely injured. His passenger, Lt. Thomas E. Selfridge, died from his injuries and became the first powered airplane fatality.

The next year, the Wrights completed the performance trials with a new airplane, the 1909 Wright Military Flyer, and sold it to the Army for \$30,000. That aircraft, the world's first military airplane, is on display in the National Air and Space Museum's National Mall building.

Lent by the National Museum of the United States Army, where it is sponsored by FedEx Corporation.

Wingspan: 12.3 m (40 ft 6 in)
Length: 8.6 m (28 ft 1 in)
Height: 2.5 m (8 ft 2 in)
Weight, empty: 351 kg (775 lb)
Engine: 35 hp Wright vertical 4-cylinder
Builder: Ken Hyde and The Wright Experience Team, Warrenton, Va., 2008



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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

The Minnesota Vikings have announced their training camp schedule for the 2019 season. The team will be reporting to the Twin Cities Orthopedics Performance Center in Eagan Mn in late July, with the first full practice being held on Friday, July 26. This will be the Vikings' 59th training camp, and the second held in Eagan. There will be 16 practices open to the public, but if you plan to attend, make sure to get your tickets in advance.

With training camp a month away, let's take a look at a way-too-early 53-man roster prediction. We'll look at the offense today, with the defense and special teams coming next week.

Quarterback

Starter: Kirk Cousins

Backups: Sean Mannion, Kyle Sloter

There is no doubt who the starting quarterback will be for the Minnesota Vikings in 2019. Once again, Kirk Cousins will be throwing the ball for the purple and gold. Behind Cousins, there isn't too much question about the pecking order. Sean Mannion was brought in to be the experienced backup in case something happens to Cousins, while Sloter will likely be third string once again. Undrafted rookie Jake Browning has a chance to make the practice squad if he can impress enough this summer.

Running back

Starter: Dalvin Cook

Backups: Alexander Mattison, Mike Boone, Roc Thomas

The Vikings kept four running backs on the roster – not including the fullback – last season, so we'll assume that will happen again this year. Hopefully Cook can stay healthy, because there is no doubt he is a game changer when he is on the field. Mattison will likely be the primary backup, with Boone and Thomas getting a few carries here and there. Ameer Abdullah will likely be cut, simply because he has the biggest cap hit than Boone and Thomas.

Full back

Starter: C.J. Ham

For the third straight year, C.J. Ham will once again be back as the Vikings' starting full back.

Wide receiver

Starters: Stefon Diggs, Adam Thielen

Backups: Laquon Treadwell, Jordan Taylor, Chad Beebe

Last season, the Vikings kept five wide receivers on the roster. After the dynamic duo of Diggs and Thielen, the rest of the receivers are... muddled. The Vikings would probably like to move on from the Treadwell experiment, but his cap hit is the same as the dead cap money, meaning it would cost them the same if he's on the roster or not. It just doesn't make sense to cut him this year. After Treadwell, there are many different ways the Vikings could go. I believe they will keep Taylor, simply because the rest of the receivers are young and inexperienced. Chad Beebe has been turning some heads this offseason, so as of now he is in line to be the fifth receiver the Vikings keep.

Tight end

Starter: Kyle Rudolph

Backups: Irv Smith Jr., Tyler Conklin

After signing his new extension, Kyle Rudolph will be back in purple and gold for the foreseeable future. Irv Smith Jr. will be the primary backup and will hopefully see the field a lot his rookie season. The third tight end spot is going to Conklin for now. David Morgan is another option, but he had knee surgery this offseason so there is always a possibility he starts the season on the Physically Unable to Perform (PUP) list, although most reports claim he will be ready to go by training camp.

Offensive line

Starters: Riley Reiff, Pat Elflein, Garrett Bradbury, Josh Kline, Brian O'Neill

Backups: Aviante Collins, Rashod Hill, Danny Isidora, Dru Samia

The only question mark among the offensive line starters is at right guard. Kline is penciled in for now, but both Isidora and Samia will have their shot to surpass him on the depth chart. Reiff is replaceable, and the Vikings would save \$5.1 million if they cut him, but as of now there isn't a better option at left tackle.

Do you agree with the 53-man roster? Reach out to me on Twitter (@JordanWrightNFL) and let me know! Skol

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Monday



Mostly Sunny
then Isolated
T-storms

High: 80 °F

Monday
Night



Isolated
T-storms then
Clear

Low: 55 °F

Tuesday



Sunny

High: 81 °F

Tuesday
Night



Mostly Clear

Low: 59 °F

Wednesday



Slight Chance
T-storms

High: 87 °F

Early Week Forecast

Today: Scattered showers east this morning. Isolated showers/storms this afternoon. Highs ~ 80°F

Tuesday: Mostly sunny & warmer. Highs 78-85°F

Wednesday: Partly Sunny/Chance Storms. Highs 83-92°F

Updated: 6/24/2019
3:33 AM Central



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Scattered showers are expected over eastern South Dakota, and western Minnesota this morning. Isolated showers and storms will form this afternoon and then last into the early evening over much of the region. Tuesday should be mainly dry, but more showers/storms appear possible for Wednesday.

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Today in Weather History

June 24, 1902: Very strong winds occurred during the evening hours over portions of Hand and Stanley, to Turner and Lincoln Counties. Heavy losses occurred to barns and other farm outbuildings, trees, and windmills. One person was killed, and several were injured. A peak wind gust of 67 mph was recorded in Pierre.

June 24, 2003: An F4 tornado destroyed or heavily damaged all buildings, other structures, and vehicles in the small town of Manchester, in Kingsbury County. Propane and fuel oil tanks were destroyed. Many homes were stripped to the foundation. Of the six residents of the town, four were injured and were transported to hospitals. Three were deemed to be seriously injured, but none of the injuries were listed as life-threatening. One of the injured was in a basement, one was blown out of the home on the way to the same basement, and two were in a mobile home which was destroyed. The tornado damaged crops, trees, and power lines south of Manchester before reaching the town. The tornado also heavily damaged several farms north of Manchester, including two farms on which several buildings, including the houses, were destroyed. About 12 cattle were killed and others injured. The amount of crop damage was not known. Throughout the path, the tornado was observed to have multiple vortices. The tornado was seen and videotaped by numerous storm chasers and researchers. Researchers also deployed weather sensors around the town of Manchester. One of these sensors recorded a 100 millibar pressure drop as the tornado passed.

1929: In Durban, South Africa, a storm drops hailstones the size of baseballs. The rattle produced by the storm is described as sounding like "machine gun fire."

1975: An Eastern Airlines Boeing 727 crashed at JFK airport in New York City. 113 of the 124 people on board the aircraft died. Researcher Theodore Fujita studied the incident and discovered that a microburst caused the crash. His research led to improved air safety. The tower never experienced the microburst, which was held back by a sea-breeze front. The plane crashed 2,400 feet short of the runway.

1816 - The cold weather of early June finally gave way to several days of 90 degree heat in Massachusetts, including a reading of 99 degrees at Salem. (David Ludlum)

1924 - Six men at a rock quarry south of Winston-Salem, NC, sought shelter from a thunderstorm. The structure chosen contained a quantity of dynamite. Lightning struck a near-by tree causing the dynamite to explode. The men were killed instantly. (The Weather Channel)

1951 - Twelve inches of hail broke windows and roofs, and dented automobiles, causing more than fourteen million dollars damage. The storm plowed 200 miles from Kingman County KS into Missouri, with the Wichita area hardest hit. It was the most disastrous hailstorm of record for the state of Kansas. (David Ludlum)

1952 - Thunderstorms produced a swath of hail 60 miles long and 3.5 miles wide through parts of Hand, Beadle, Kingsbury, Miner and Jerauld counties in South Dakota. Poultry and livestock were killed, and many persons were injured. Hail ten inches in circumference was reported at Huron SD. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Thunderstorms spawned six tornadoes in eastern Colorado. Baseball size hail was reported near Yoder, CO, and thunderstorm winds gusting to 92 mph derailed a train near Pratt, KS. The town of Gould, OK, was soaked with nearly an inch and a half of rain in just ten minutes. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Forty-three cities reported record high temperatures for the date. Valentine NE reported an all-time record high of 110 degrees, and highs of 102 degrees at Casper, WY, 103 degrees at Reno, NV, and 106 degrees at Winnemucca, NV, were records for the month of June. Highs of 98 degrees at Logan, UT, and 109 degrees at Rapid City, SD, equalled June records. Lightning killed twenty-one cows near Conway, SC. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Thunderstorms developing along a warm front produced severe weather from Colorado and New Mexico to Kansas and Nebraska. Thunderstorms spawned seven tornadoes, and produced wind gusts to 80 mph at Wood River, NE, and hail three inches in diameter at Wheeler, KS. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

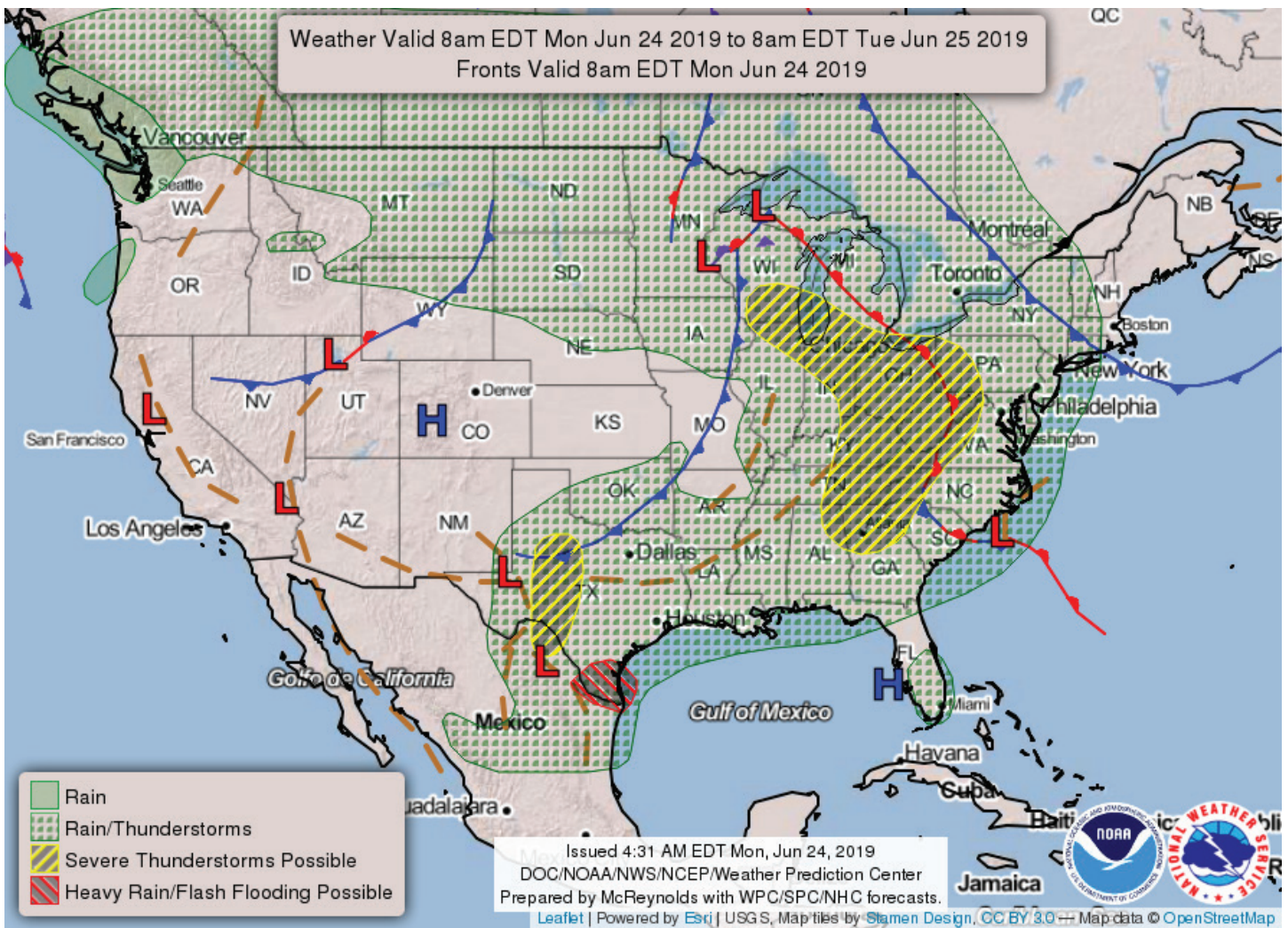
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Yesterday's Groton Weather Today's Info

High Temp: 77 °F at 2:44 PM
Low Temp: 53 °F at 4:54 AM
Wind: 14 mph at 11:25 AM
Day Rain: 0.00 in

Record High: 108° in 1988
Record Low: 39° in 2017
Average High: 80°F
Average Low: 56°F
Average Precip in June.: 2.84
Precip to date in June.: 3.79
Average Precip to date: 9.98
Precip Year to Date: 11.57
Sunset Tonight: 9:26 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:46 a.m.



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HOPE AND HEALTH

Once, while riding our bicycles over a mountain in California, I began to complain to my son John about the toll the ride was taking on me. My body seemed to be wracked with pain after riding for over six hours. After a moment he made one of his profound, son-to-father, life-altering statements to me.

Dad, he said, we didn't have to do this. We chose to do it. Pain is optional. Suffering isn't.

Solomon also made a similar statement: A mans spirit sustains him in sickness, but a crushed spirit - who can bear? All of us endure days of suffering as well as pain as we walk through life's journey. Often the pain-part of life brings about the accomplishment of a hearts desire: to accomplish something that is very difficult. It may be that no one else has ever attempted to do what we have set our hearts to do that comes from pain or suffering.

We may be chosen by God to endure long nights of unbearable suffering that no one has the capacity to embrace. Our minds may be confused by problems that surmount all methods of healing. Suffering often alters our inner resources and mental outlook to combat the unwanted suffering. Many of us come to the place where we have no more mental, physical or even spiritual resources to overcome our suffering. What then?

Are there any simple answers or pithy statements or verses available? Though we may try, sometimes there are no easy ways to eliminate the suffering. All must accept the grace of God and enter into the fellowship of His suffering. Remember Jesus: That I may know Him!

Prayer: Father, we pray for those suffering today. Please give them Your peace, renew their spirit, comfort their minds and hearts, and grant them Your hope. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Scripture For Today: Proverbs 18:14 A mans spirit sustains him in sickness, but a crushed spirit - who can bear?

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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

3 settle suits over prescribed burn that became a wildfire

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Three landowners from northwestern South Dakota who sued the federal government for a 2013 prescribed burn near the Dakotas border that turned into a wildfire have settled their cases.

The settlement deals were filed for a total of \$241,000, following several days of mediation sessions, the Rapid City Journal reported .

The agreements say the government will pay \$90,000 to Vincent and Susan Gunn, \$81,000 to Duane Meink and \$70,000 to the Darci D. Feifer Limited Partnership, of which David and Lori Bossman are general partners.

Meink told the newspaper in a phone interview that he is glad to have the matter resolved.

"I thought we should've gotten a little more, but it wasn't that bad," Meink said. "I'm not really complaining."

The prescribed burn was lit by the U.S. Forest Service on the Dakota Prairie Grasslands in the Lemmon, South Dakota and Hettinger, North Dakota area. It was meant to cover 210 acres of federally owned land, but it became a wildfire that burned for several days and destroyed pasture land for cattle.

Affected landowners filed more than \$50 million worth of administrative claims that were denied by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Landowners then filed multiple lawsuits in 2015, which were eventually consolidated into one case.

Although reports of the wildfire's acreage varied, court documents say it burned 3,519 acres of federally owned land and 7,160 acres of privately owned land before it was brought under control. That's a total of 10,679 acres, which is equivalent to nearly 17 square miles.

The lawsuits alleged that the Forest Service erred in its preparation and execution of the prescribed burn, including a failure to heed vital weather information. But the government is not admitting any liability or fault as part of the three recently filed settlement agreements.

Several cases are still unresolved. Attorney Alan Saltman said by phone this week that he is representing seven plaintiffs who did not take part in the recent mediation session but expect to participate in mediation within a month or two.

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

Man dies in motorcycle crash east of Brookings

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say a 52-year-old man died in a motorcycle crash east of Brookings. The South Dakota Highway Patrol says the accident happened about 8:30 p.m. Friday on U.S. Highway 14. The patrol says the motorcycle drifted off the road, entered the ditch and went airborne.

The motorcycle driver was pronounced dead at the scene. His name has not been released.

Authorities say the driver was wearing a helmet.

Pompeo in Saudi Arabia, Iran threatens more US drone attacks

By AYA BATRAWY and NASSER KARIMI Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo was in Saudi Arabia on Monday in a hastily arranged visit amid mounting tensions between Washington and Tehran as Iran's navy chief warned Iranian forces wouldn't hesitate to shoot down more U.S. surveillance drones from their skies.

The downing of the drone, valued at more than \$100 million, saw the United States pull back from the brink of a military strike on Iran after President Donald Trump last week called off strikes in retaliation.

Iran's naval commander, Rear Adm. Hossein Khanzadi, threatened Washington, saying that Tehran is

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capable of shooting down other American spy drones that violate Iranian airspace.

"We confidently say that the crushing response can always be repeated, and the enemy knows it," Khanzadi was quoted as saying by the semi-official Tasnim news agency during a meeting with a group of defense officials.

Tensions have been mounting since Trump last year withdrew the U.S. from a global nuclear deal with Iran and began pressuring Tehran with economic sanctions. A fresh round of Iran sanctions is to be announced Monday in a bid to force the Iranian leadership into talks. Iran has decried the U.S. sanctions, which essentially bar Iran from selling its oil internationally, as "economic terrorism."

Pompeo, considered a hard-liner in the Trump administration, met with Saudi King Salman in the Saudi city of Jiddah. From Saudi Arabia, Pompeo will be heading to Abu Dhabi, the United Arab Emirates, another close U.S. ally and partner.

Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates are alarmed by Iran's military reach and are working to limit its influence in the region.

On the eve of Pompeo's visit to the kingdom, Yemen's Iranian-allied rebels attacked a Saudi airport near the Saudi-Yemen border, killing a Syrian resident and wounding 21 other civilians, the Saudi military said.

The Houthi rebels claimed they used bomb-laden drones in the attack on the Abha airport, the second in less than two weeks.

Saudi Arabia has been at war with the rebel Houthis in Yemen for more than four years. The Houthis say the attacks targeting the kingdom are a response to relentless Saudi airstrikes on Yemen that have killed thousands.

Before his departure to the kingdom, Pompeo said he wants to build a global coalition against Iran.

"We'll be talking with them about how to make sure that we are all strategically aligned, and how we can build out a global coalition, a coalition not only throughout the Gulf states, but in Asia and in Europe, that understands this challenge as it is prepared to push back against the world's largest state sponsor of terror," Pompeo said about Iran.

But even as Pompeo delivered his tough talk, he echoed Trump and Vice President Mike Pence in saying the U.S. is prepared to negotiate with Iran, without preconditions, in a bid to ease tensions.

"They know precisely how to find us," Pompeo said.

Trump initially said Iran had made a "very big mistake" and that it was "hard to believe" that shooting down the drone last Thursday was not intentional. But he also said over the weekend that he appreciated Iran's decision to not shoot down a manned U.S. spy plane, and he opined about eventually becoming Iran's "best friend" if Tehran ultimately agrees to abandon its drive to build nuclear weapons and he helps the country turn around its crippled economy.

Iran has long said its nuclear program is for purely for peaceful energy purposes.

Trump's national security adviser, John Bolton, stepped in during a visit to Jerusalem Sunday with a blunt warning, saying Iran should not "mistake U.S. prudence and discretion for weakness" after Trump called off the military strike.

Trump said he backed away from the planned strikes after learning that about 150 people would be killed, but he said the military option remained on the table.

A longtime Iran hawk, Bolton emphasized that the U.S. reserved the right to attack at a later point.

"No one has granted them a hunting license in the Middle East. As President Trump said on Friday our military is rebuilt, new and ready to go," Bolton said during an appearance with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, himself a longtime and outspoken Iran critic.

On Sunday, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani blamed the United States' "interventionist military presence" for fanning the flames.

Pompeo, who addressed reporters from the tarmac before he boarded his airplane in Washington, declared the goal of his talks with the Saudi kingdom and the UAE is to deny Iran "the resources to foment terror, to build out their nuclear weapon system, to build out their missile program."

U.S. military cyber forces on Thursday launched a strike against Iranian military computer systems, according to U.S. officials. The cyberattacks disabled Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps computer systems

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that controlled its rocket and missile launchers, the officials said.

Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi said Sunday the U.S. "conducted a cyber operation contrary to international law."

Throughout the recent crisis, Trump has wavered between bellicose language and actions toward Iran and a more accommodating tone, including a plea for negotiations. Iran has said it is not interested in a dialogue with Trump. His administration is aiming to cripple Iran's economy and force policy changes by re-imposing sanctions, including on Iranian oil exports.

Karimi reported from Tehran, Iran. Associated Press writers Darlene Superville in Washington, Aron Heller in Jerusalem, and Matthew Lee in Manama, Bahrain, contributed to this report.

10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press

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

1. POMPEO IN GULF TO SHORE UP ALLIES

The U.S. secretary of state says he will talk to officials of Persian Gulf nations as well as countries in Asia and Europe as he sets out to build an international coalition against Iran

2. WHO SAYS THEIR 'BONES BREAKING' UNDER US SANCTIONS

As the U.S. continues to pile sanctions on the country, the economic pressure facing Iran's 80 million people can be seen everywhere.

3. DEMOCRATS' MULLING DEBATE TACTICS

Should the 2020 presidential candidates attack each other more aggressively or focus their fire on President Donald Trump?

4. BUTTIGIEG FACES ANGRY RESIDENTS

The shooting of unarmed black man by a police officer raised tensions during a town hall in South Bend, Indiana, where the Democratic presidential candidate is mayor.

5. REPORT: US MUST COMMUNICATE BETTER WITH HOSTAGE FAMILIES

This includes telling "hard truths" to loved ones about chances for rescue and clarifying the government's position on ransom payments.

6. 'YOU HAVE TO SEARCH EVERYWHERE'

More U.S. teams are turning to the technology that combines cellphone GPS with digital maps detailing cliffs, caves, waterways and other hard-to-search terrain for missing people.

7. 'WHEN THEY FALL, WE ALL FALL'

About 400 people paid tribute to seven bikers who were members or supporters of the Marine JarHeads killed in a devastating collision with a pickup truck

8. 'THEY CAN'T BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CRIMES OF THEIR PARENTS'

Prime Minister Scott Morrison says eight Australian offspring of two slain Islamic State group fighters have been removed from Syria in Australia's first organized repatriation from the conflict zone.

9. TO THE MOON!

Fifty years after hundreds of millions of people watched the first moon landing brands from Budweiser to Oreo and Lego continue to tap into the nostalgia of the giant leap for mankind.

10. BET AWARDS HONORS ICONS IN BLACK COMMUNITY

Singer Mary J. Blige, filmmaker Tyler Perry and the late rapper Nipsey Hussle were each recognized for their achievements during the lively show hosted by actress Regina Hall.

New phase in 2020 presidential race tests Dems' aggression

By STEVE PEOPLES AP National Political Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The unwritten rules that have so far prevented the Democratic presidential contest

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from devolving into all-out conflict are about to be tested.

The early front-runner, former Vice President Joe Biden, has so far fended off the relatively gentle wrath of his rivals. The shortcomings of his most ambitious opponents like Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders and Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren have been largely overshadowed. And the fiery concerns of lesser-known candidates, such as former Maryland Rep. John Delaney and entrepreneur Andrew Yang, have been all but ignored.

That dynamic now changes as Democrats enter the most consequential week of the young 2020 campaign season.

Ahead of a major fundraising deadline, the candidates will face each other on the debate stage for the first time on Wednesday and Thursday. The clash serves as a microcosm for broader questions looming over the field, one chief among them: Should candidates attack each other more aggressively or focus their fire on President Donald Trump?

There are no easy answers for candidates desperate for a break-out moment.

In an interview, Democratic National Committee Chairman Tom Perez downplayed simmering tensions between two sharply divided wings of the party. One demands bold action on health care and climate change, while calling for Trump's impeachment; the other favors a more pragmatic progressivism that confronts the same policy challenges with a bipartisan approach.

"What we do have is unity of values," Perez said, noting that virtually every Democrat seeking the presidency supports universal health care coverage, combating climate change and civil rights.

Indeed, no one expects the escalation that lies ahead for Democrats to sink to the level of the Republican presidential debates in 2016, which were plagued by deeply personal attacks that have come to define the GOP's take-no-prisoners approach in the age of Trump.

Privately, the better-known Democratic candidates concede that an overly aggressive posture could backfire at this early stage. It's also unclear, in such a crowded contest, who would benefit should Biden or another top-tier candidate fall several months before the first primary votes are cast.

"We're all going to focus on the issues," Perez said when asked about the debates. "We're not going to be talking about hand size," a reference to GOP personal attacks from 2016.

Underlying the calculus is a real concern among party leaders, donors and strategists that Democratic infighting could threaten their chief goal: beating Trump.

But the lesser-known candidates cannot afford to be cautious. And for the first time, they will have the opportunity to voice their concerns on prime-time television facing their opponents.

"I'm offering real solutions and a lot of people in the race are offering impossible promises," said Delaney, a pragmatic former Maryland congressman who has been actively running for president for nearly a year with little national fanfare.

Allies of more liberal and better-known candidates, including Warren, are concerned that Delaney in particular will play into Republican hands by savaging their prescription for health care — a universal health care plan referred to as Medicare for All — on national television. Delaney said he would not shy away from his criticism of the plan, particularly his contention that it would outlaw private insurance.

Another moderate Democrat, former Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper, is expected to echo a popular Republican talking point by highlighting his Democratic competitors' embrace of socialism. The business-minded Democrat has levied the same charge in recent weeks, but this time, he would be doing it on national television alongside Sanders, a self-described democratic socialist.

Unlike some of his competitors, Sanders has not held mock debates to prepare for the upcoming faceoff, according to senior adviser Jeff Weaver, who described such preparations as an "inefficient use of time" in such a crowded field, especially given Sanders' experience on the debate stage in 2016. The Vermont senator has focused instead on studying written materials and preparing more succinct answers to accommodate the limited speaking time available to each candidate.

"We obviously expect there will be attacks coming our way. We will be prepared to appropriately parry," Weaver said.

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Biden, already under fire for several weeks as the undisputed front-runner, expects to face continued questions about his positions on abortion, trade and fundraising and his willingness to reach across the aisle to work with Republicans — and even segregationists — in the past. New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker, California Sen. Kamala Harris, Sanders and Warren have seized on Biden's comments in recent days, which could be particularly relevant in the critical fight for African American voters.

"The dynamic is very simple: 19 against 1," Biden adviser Anita Dunn said. Still, with 10 candidates on stage each night, the veteran strategist suggested the initial debates would resemble "a joint press conference with 10 people" more than a prime-time food fight.

Harris, in the middle of the pack for now, is among those expected to take a cautious approach. Her rivals see her as a threat on the debate stage given her experience as a prosecutor and more recent performance in Senate hearings, but those who know her best suggest it's too early in the process to take unnecessary risks. She took a tougher line in South Carolina this weekend arguing that she's best positioned to take on Trump.

"The candidates with the most to gain will throw the sharpest blows. If you're at 1 or 2 points in the polls you're not going to move by playing it safe," said Brian Brokaw, a longtime Harris adviser who is not associated with the presidential campaign. "Middle-of-the-pack candidates have to figure out the best way to be noticed without being too thirsty."

It's a delicate balance many candidates are struggling with, especially knowing that Democratic primary voters want a nominee strong enough to take down Trump.

Virtually all the campaigns hope to have at least one key moment in the debate to break through the noise — and raise money. Most have teams prepared to blast out video highlights to supporters on social media through the weekend ahead of a key June 30 fundraising deadline. Biden is expected to announce that he raised more than \$20 million for the quarter, a number that could help strengthen the air of inevitability that currently surrounds his bid.

Veteran Democratic strategist Jesse Ferguson says that breakout moments almost never come across as scripted. And very rarely do they come from attacking an opponent from the same party.

"People may obsess over which candidate attacks which candidate, but primary voters will be most compelled by the candidate who lays out a clear indictment against Trump," Ferguson said. "It may be much less about throwing elbows on stage and much more about throwing punches toward the general election."

Democratic donor Robert Zimmerman, a member of the Democratic National Committee, is warning candidates of a backlash if they play too rough.

"While candidates will want to look for ways to define themselves, if they do it at the expense of each other it's at their own peril," he said. "Democrats have to stay united to defeat Donald Trump."

Associated Press writer Juana Summers in Washington contributed to this report.

Buttigieg criticized at emotional town hall after shooting

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg faced criticism Sunday from angry residents of South Bend, Indiana, at an emotional town hall meeting a week after a white police officer fatally shot a black man in the city where he is mayor.

Buttigieg (BOO'-tuh-juhj) said he would call for an outside investigation of the shooting of 54-year-old Eric Logan by Sgt. Ryan O'Neill.

The 37-year-old mayor said he would send a letter to the federal Department of Justice's civil rights division and notify the local prosecutor that he'd like an independent investigator appointed. He conceded that his administration had failed on two key initiatives.

"The effort to recruit more minority officers to the police department and the effort to introduce body cameras have not succeeded and I accept responsibility for that," Buttigieg said.

Prosecutors investigating said that the shooting was not recorded by O'Neill's body camera.

The town hall grew contentious when some community members questioned whether the mayor had

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done enough to reform the police department in the city of 100,000 people, which is about a quarter black. "Get the people that are racist off the streets," one woman in the audience said. "Reorganize your department. You can do that by Friday."

Buttigieg left the campaign trail for several days to deal with the reaction to the shooting, holding a late night news conference, meeting with the family of the man killed and addressing a protest rally where he was heckled by some in the crowd.

The June 16 shooting happened after O'Neill responded to a call about a suspicious person going through vehicles, a prosecutor investigating the case said. O'Neill spotted Logan leaning inside a car. When confronted, Logan approached O'Neill with a 6- to 8-inch knife raised over his head, the prosecutor said. O'Neill fired twice, with the other shot hitting a car door.

Violence flared again in South Bend early Sunday when a shooting at a pub left a Michigan man dead. Police identified the man as Brandon Williams, 27, of Niles, Michigan. Another 10 people suffered gunshot injuries in South Bend Sunday, the St. Joseph County Metro Homicide Unit said. Five of the wounded remained in hospital in stable condition later Sunday. County Sheriff William Redmond said his officers assisted South Bend police in controlling a crowd of more than 100 "upset and angry citizens" who came from the pub to the hospital where the wounded were taken. It was not immediately clear what prompted the shooting.

Asked after the town hall meeting about the latest shootings, Buttigieg described them as a "reversal" after progress in curbing violence in South Bend earlier this year and in 2018.

Buttigieg had surged from obscurity to become a top-tier candidate in a crowded Democratic presidential field. But he has struggled to connect with minority voters.

The white mayor has had a sometimes-tense relationship with the black community dating back to his first term in office, when he fired the city's first black police chief. He has also faced criticism for his handling of police misconduct cases, including a case involving an officer who was twice disciplined for civil rights violations but not fired, and for not having a police department that reflects South Bend's diversity. The police department is almost 90 percent white.

In the wake of the shooting, Buttigieg called on his police chief to remind officers to have their body cameras on at all times when they are engaging with citizens.

AP writer Sara Burnett in Chicago contributed to this story.

Iranians say their 'bones breaking' under US sanctions

By **NASSER KARIMI** and **MOHAMMAD NASIRI** Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — As the U.S. piles sanction after sanction on Iran, it's the average person who feels it the most.

From a subway performer's battered leather hat devoid of tips, to a bride-to-be's empty purse, the lack of cash from the economic pressure facing Iran's 80 million people can be seen everywhere.

Many blame President Donald Trump and his maximalist policy on Iran, which has seen him pull out of Tehran's 2015 nuclear deal with world powers and levy punishing U.S. sanctions on the country.

In recent weeks, Iran has threatened to break out of the deal unless European powers mitigate what it calls Trump's "economic warfare." Iran also appeared ready to push back against the buildup of U.S. forces in the region, after shooting down an American drone it says violated its airspace last week.

In response, U.S. officials have vowed to pile on more sanctions.

But alongside Trump, many Iranians blame their own government, which has careened from one economic disaster to another since its Islamic Revolution 40 years ago.

"The economic war is a reality and people are under extreme pressure," said Shiva Keshavarz, a 22-year-old accountant soon to be married.

She said government leaders "keep telling us to be strong and endure the pressures, but we can already hear the sound of our bones breaking."

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Walking by any money exchange shop is a dramatic reminder of the hardships most people are facing. At the time of the nuclear deal, Iran's currency traded at 32,000 rials to \$1. Today, the numbers listed in exchange shop windows have skyrocketed — it costs over 130,000 rials for one U.S. dollar.

Inflation is over 37%, according to government statistics. More than 3 million people, or 12% of working-age citizens, are unemployed. That rate doubles for educated youth.

Depreciation and inflation make everything more expensive — from fruits and vegetables to tires and oil, all the way to the big-ticket items, like mobile phones. A simple cell phone is about two months' salary for the average government worker, while a single iPhone costs a 10 months' salary.

"When importing mobile phones into the country is blocked, dealers have to smuggle them in with black market dollar rates and sell them for expensive prices," said Pouria Hassani, a mobile phone salesman in Tehran. "You can't expect us to buy expensive and sell cheap to customers. We don't want to make a loss either."

Hossein Rostami, a 33-year-old motorbike taxi driver and deliveryman, said the price of brake pads alone had jumped fivefold.

"The cause of our problems is the officials' incompetence," he told The Associated Press as fellow motorbike drivers called out for passengers in Tehran. "Our country is full of wealth and riches."

The riches part is true — Iran is home to the world's fourth-largest proven reserve of crude oil and holds the world's second-largest proven reserve of natural gas, after Russia.

But under Trump's maximum-pressure campaign, the U.S. has cut off Iran's ability to sell crude on the global market, and threatened to sanction any nation that purchases it. Oil covers a third of the \$80 billion a year the government spends in Iran, meaning that a fall in oil revenues cuts into its social welfare programs, as well as its military expenditures.

The rest of the country's budget comes from taxes and non-oil exports, among them oil-based petrochemical products that provide up to 50% of Iran's \$45 billion in non-oil export.

In Tehran's Laleh park, retired school teacher Zahra Ghasemi criticized the government for blaming "every problem" on U.S. sanctions.

She says she has trouble paying for her basic livelihood. The price of a bottle of milk has doubled, along with that of vegetables and fruit.

"We are dying under these pressures and a lack of solutions from officials," Ghasemi said.

Years of popular frustration with failed economic policies triggered protests in late 2017, which early the following year spiraled into anti-government demonstrations across dozens of cities and towns.

The current problems take root in Iran's faltering efforts to privatize its state-planned economy after the devastating war with Iraq in the 1980s, which saw 1 million people killed.

But Oil Minister Bijan Zanganeh said earlier this month that the crunch on oil exports hitting harder today than during the 1980s war, when Saddam Hussein's forces targeted Iran's oil trade.

"Our situation is worse than during the war," Zanganeh said. "We did not have such an export problem when Saddam was targeting our industrial units. Now, we cannot export oil labeled Iran."

Still, many Iranians pin the economic crisis on corruption as much as anything else.

"Our problem is the embezzlers and thieves in the government," said Nasrollah Pazouki, who has sold clothes in Tehran's Grand Bazaar since before the 1979 Islamic Revolution. "When people come to power, instead of working sincerely and seriously for the people, we hear and read after a few months in newspapers that they have stolen billions and fled."

He added: "Whose money is that? It's the people's money."

Sanctions do cause some of the problems, said Jafar Mousavi, who runs a dry-goods store in Tehran. But many of the woes are self-inflicted from rampant graft, he said.

"The economic war is not from outside of our borders but within the country," Mousavi said. "If there was integrity among our government, producers and people, we could have overcome the pressures."

Yet people come and go each day to work on Tehran's crowded metro, seemingly earning less each day for the same work. In one train car, Abbas Feayouji and his son Rahmat play mournful-sounding traditional

love songs known as "Sultan-e Ghalbha," or "King of Hearts" in Farsi.

"People pay less than before," said the elder Feayouji, a 47-year-old father of three, as he took a short break to speak to the AP. "I don't know why they do, but it shows people have less money than before."

Australia repatriating 8 youth from Islamic State families

By ROD McGUIRK Associated Press

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Eight Australian offspring of two slain Islamic State group fighters had been removed from Syria in Australia's first organized repatriation from the conflict zone, Australia's prime minister said on Monday.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison said the eight children being repatriated were in the care of Australian government officials. He would not identify the children or say when they would reach Australia.

Media reported that they include five children and grandchildren of Sydney-born convicted terrorist Khaled Sharrouf and three children of Islamic State group fighter Yasin Rizvic, from Melbourne. Both men and their wives died in the conflict zone.

The children had been taken by an aid agency on Sunday to Iraq, The Australian newspaper reported.

"The opportunity now is for these young children who are coming back to Australia, they can't be held responsible for the crimes of their parents," Morrison told reporters.

The children would be provided with support services so that "they can fully integrate into a happy life in Australia," Morrison said.

"They've got off to a horrible start in life as a result of the appalling decisions of their parents and they'll find their home in Australia and I'm sure they'll be embraced by Australians and as a result of that embrace, I'm sure they'll live positive and happy lives," Morrison added.

Morrison had for months said he would not risk any Australian official to rescue Australians from Islamic State group-held territory.

Critics had argued that he had not been prepared to take the political risk of repatriating families of Islamic extremists until he won a narrow election victory on May 18.

Morrison said on Monday he had kept his government's efforts "very low-key" in the interests of the safety of everyone involved, including the aid agencies that had helped the government.

Sharrouf's Sydney-based mother-in-law Karen Nettleton has launched several attempts to rescue the children from Syria and has led the campaign for Australian government intervention.

Her lawyer Robert Van Aalst said he hoped Nettleton was with the children in Iraq, but had no direct communication with her due to security concerns.

The eldest child, Zaynab, turned 18 last week and has been expecting her third child. Australian Broadcasting Corp. reported she'd yet to give birth.

Zaynab would return to Australia with the newborn, her two children — Ayesha, 3, and Fatima, 2 — her 16-year-old sister Hoda, and her 8-year-old brother, Humzeh.

"There will be medical examinations and various other support provided by the government which they have told us about to help the children acclimatize," Van Aalst told ABC.

"There are also some wounds that may need to be attended to. Young Hoda was wounded in the leg. Zaynab, I believe, had shrapnel wounds. It is not just physical wounds that have to be looked into but there is some other psychological issues, no doubt, that will have to be looked into," he added.

The Rizvic children are two boys and a girl aged between 6 and 12, The Australian reported.

Clarke Jones, an Australian National University criminologist who specializes in radicalization, said the children would need treatment for trauma and could be radicalized. They could also be threatened by elements of the Australian community.

"There are a lot of people who don't want them back at all," Jones said. "Because of that, they would also be under threat."

Australian National University counterterrorism researcher Jacinta Carroll wrote in a research paper last week that Zaynab had become both a victim and supporter of terrorism in a case that was legally and

morally complex.

Zaynab became a prominent Islamic State group propagandist making social media posts supporting atrocities and the activities of her father and her husband Mohamed Elomar, an Australian Islamic State group fighter who was killed while she was pregnant in 2015, Carroll said.

She had lived a relatively privileged life under the Islamic State regime in Syria in a house with slaves, posting photographs of herself with other veiled women with assault rifles and a luxury BMW sedan. She boasted a "luxury jihad" life in Syria, Carroll said,

Carroll said disengagement services, also known as deradicalization programs, were available in Australia to help the children integrate into the mainstream Australian community.

"I think that will be very challenging for the Sharroufs," Carroll said. "The profile and the publicity around this family will also make it quite problematic for them to just integrate back into normal life in Australia."

Mat Tinkler, director of the Save the Children Fund charity, said there were at least 50 Australian women and children in Syrian refugee camps and all should be repatriated.

Khaled Sharrouf horrified the world in 2014 when he posted a photograph on social media of his young son clutching the severed head of a Syrian soldier.

Then-U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry described that image as "one of the most disturbing, stomach-turning, grotesque photographs ever displayed."

Sharrouf's wife, Tara Nettleton, brought their five children from Sydney to Syria in 2014. She died in a hospital a year later of a perforated intestine. Her husband and two eldest sons later died in an airstrike.

New technology helps search teams find people in wilderness

By AUDREY McAVOY Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — Yesenia D'Alessandro loaded a GPS tracking app on her cellphone and trudged into a remote Hawaii forest, joining more than 100 other volunteers looking for a missing hiker.

She climbed through muddy ravines, crossed streams and faced steep drop-offs in the thick tangle of trees and ferns where her college friend Amanda Eller vanished last month.

"You have to search everywhere," said D'Alessandro, who flew in from Maryland. "You have to go down to that stream bed, even though you don't want to. She could be down there."

D'Alessandro and others gathered GPS data of the ground they covered, and organizers put it on a specialized digital map to help better understand where to look next.

The technology led volunteers to Eller, who was found next to a waterfall and survived for 17 days in the Maui forest by eating plants and drinking stream water. Her dramatic rescue shows how emerging technology helps search teams more efficiently scour the wilderness for missing people.

"It kind of led us to search outside of that high-priority area to where we actually found Amanda," her father, John Eller, said.

More U.S. teams are turning to the technology that combines cellphone GPS with digital maps detailing cliffs, caves, waterways and other hard-to-search terrain. It helps manage the work of large numbers of volunteers.

The system showed when Hawaii searchers had covered a 2-mile (3-kilometer) radius around Eller's car. After that, searchers sent a helicopter farther into the forest, where they spotted the 35-year-old physical therapist and yoga instructor.

"We never would have pushed out if we hadn't searched the reasonable area first. There's no reason to start reaching further and further out of the box if we hadn't completely searched the box," said Chris Berquist, a volunteer search leader.

David Kovar, advocacy director for the nonprofit National Association for Search and Rescue, said most search and rescue teams use digital maps. That could mean anything from basic Google Maps to specialized software called SARTopo, which California search and rescue experts used to advise Maui volunteers from afar.

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Search organizers in Hawaii asked volunteers to download a \$3.99 app called GPS Tracks, which draws lines on a map showing where a user has walked.

GPS data revealed that searchers were covering the same areas repeatedly as heavy foliage or natural barriers like cliffs blocked their path, Berquist said. Organizers started dropping digital pins on volunteers' maps to give them targets, pushing volunteers to cover more ground and making the search more accurate.

When searchers ran into cliffs or pools of water, Berquist had them place digital pins on their maps. Organizers then sent drone pilots or rappelling experts to the cliffs and divers to the water.

Organizers fed the GPS data to the California team, which used SARTopo to overlay it on topographical maps, allowing everyone to see what areas had already been searched and what still needed to be checked.

Matt Jacobs, a California software engineer and search volunteer, developed SARTopo more than eight years ago after noticing teams struggling to match details on wilderness maps drawn by different agencies.

What started as a hobby project has grown in popularity in the past couple of years to become Jacobs' full-time job. Search and rescue teams from Oregon to North Carolina have started using it.

Searchers used it in March as 100 volunteers fanned out in a Northern California forest, eventually finding 8-year-old Leia Carrico and her 5-year-old sister, Caroline, who got lost near their home.

Last month, teams used it to help locate a 67-year-old hiker who had veered off a trail in a state park north of San Francisco. A California Highway Patrol airplane using an infrared camera spotted the man.

SARTopo also is becoming available as a cellphone app, which will make it even easier to directly connect the GPS data with digital maps so searchers can view them wherever they are.

Government officials are looking at adopting new technology, including in Hawaii. Most large searches are done by volunteers because many places don't do enough of them to keep official teams on staff.

Maui firefighters used hand-drawn maps as they looked for Eller over the first three days of her going missing. That's because the trail system in the Makawao Forest Reserve where she got lost doesn't appear on Google Maps. County officials also overlaid aerial searches onto a satellite map.

Yatsushiro said the Maui Fire Department would adopt similar technology used by volunteers — who kept the search going after the first three days — if firefighters found it helpful after studying available options.

Mike St. John, volunteer leader of the search and rescue unit at the Marin County Sheriff's Office in California, said GPS tracking of where people have looked is "really critical."

"It's about using GPS maps and utilizing GPS to make sure you're hitting your assignment," said St. John, who was among those in California advising the Maui team.

St. John said his search and rescue experts are not set up to offer the same type of help to others that they gave to Maui but are trying to figure out how to do that in the future.

Berquist, the Hawaii search leader, visited California this week to talk with St. John about how Marin County's volunteer program works. He aims to set up something similar back in Maui.

After technology helped find Eller, her father is donating software and other equipment to Berquist's team, developing a search and rescue app and giving \$10,000 to support Hawaii searches and rescues.

"We saw a huge need. And we feel so lucky with everything everybody did for us, so we're looking to give back," John Eller said.

50 years later, the moon is still great for business

By ALEXANDRA OLSON AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Fifty years after humans first visited, businesses are still trying to make a buck off the moon.

Hundreds of millions of people were riveted when Apollo 11 landed on the moon on July 20, 1969. Naturally, marketers jumped at the chance to sell products from cars and televisions, to cereal and a once-obscure powdered drink called Tang.

They are at it again in 2019, as the 50th anniversary of the giant leap for mankind approaches.

There's the cosmically priced \$34,600 limited edition Omega Speedmaster, a tribute to the watch that Buzz Aldrin wore on the moon. And the more down-to-Earth Budweiser Discovery Reserve, which revives

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a recipe from the 1960s and features 11 symbolic stars in the packaging.

There's the playful NASA Apollo 11 lunar lander set from Lego. And Nabisco's indulgent purple Marshmallow Moon Oreo cookies. And who doesn't need "one small step" t-shirts, Saturn V crew socks or an Apollo 11 travel tumbler?

But seriously, some brands take genuine pride at having been part of the first moon landing.

Omega Speedmaster watches have been an icon of space travel since NASA chose them for its manned missions in 1965 after other watches failed tests. In 1970, the crew of the ill-fated Apollo 13 mission used a Speedmaster to time a 14-second engine burn to align themselves for re-entry to Earth.

"It continues to be an important tool to have. You have to look only to the Apollo 13 mission," said James Ragan, a retired NASA aerospace engineer who tested the watches in the 1960s.

Omega's gold Speedmaster is a version of the watches the company presented to astronauts at a gala dinner in 1969. A relatively more modest \$9,650 stainless steel timepiece features a laser-engraved image of Aldrin descending from the lunar lander.

Then, there are the anti-gravity Fisher Space Pens, developed specially for the Apollo missions. For luxury space enthusiasts, Fisher Space Pen Co. has a \$700 limited edition pen with authenticated materials from the Apollo 11 space craft.

Back in 1969, both Omega and Fisher Space Pen Co. were quick to promote their Apollo 11 connections with media and advertising campaigns, as were NASA contractors like Boeing and General Electric.

Stouffer's made sure consumers knew it provided food for Apollo 11 astronauts once they were back on Earth, launching the ad campaign "Everybody who's been to the moon is eating Stouffer's." Fifty years later, the Nestle-owned brand is celebrating with a media campaign to share some of the recipes from 1969.

But brands with no direct Apollo connections were not about to sit out an event that nearly every U.S. household with a television watched.

In 1969, Zippo released a lighter saluting the Apollo 11 mission and its astronauts. A half-century later, Zippo has sold out of the 14,000 limited edition lighters released in tribute to the anniversary, priced at \$100 each.

Krispy Kreme, which says it served doughnuts to witnesses at the Apollo 11 launch, conjured up a new treat — filling its classic glazed doughnuts with cream — in honor of the anniversary.

If many of the tributes have a vintage feel, it might be because public interest in space exploration has ebbed and flowed over the years, with no single event capturing the global euphoria of the first moon landing, and the Apollo program ending in 1972.

"Since 1972, human space travel has been dead boring. We've gone around and around and around the Earth a whole bunch of times, and that is not interesting to people," said David Meerman Scott, a marketing strategist and co-author of the book "Marketing the Moon," which chronicles the public relations efforts that went into the Apollo 11 mission.

Still, Scott said the 50th anniversary comes amid renewed interest, with NASA's plans to send astronauts back to the moon by 2024 and to Mars in the 2030s.

Indeed, Lego conceived its lunar lander as a grown-up display set, part of its Creator Expert series aimed at adults. For kids, born to parents who themselves have never known a world without space travel, the Danish toy company is releasing six new Lego City Mars exploration sets, designed in collaboration with NASA with futuristic rockets that would take humans to the red planet.

"It's about giving kids something aspirational, where they can see themselves, versus trying to project them into a historical moment," said Michael McNally, senior director of brand relations at Lego.

Budweiser, similarly, has declared its ambition to be the first beer on Mars, participating in barley-growing experiments on the International Space Station. Still, the Anheuser-Busch brand saw marketing potential in evoking the patriotism that the Apollo 11 mission stirred in Americans during politically polarized times.

"Beer at its core is a very democratic drink. It brings people together," said Ricardo Marques, vice president of marketing at Anheuser-Busch. "We like in particular to remind people of everything that is good and everything we shouldn't forget."

After all, watching the first moon landing was a personal experience for hundreds of millions of people around the world.

That was thanks to TV — a connection Samsung has seized for its media campaign promoting its QLED 8K TV, tied to CNN's Apollo 11 documentary.

BET Awards honor Mary J. Blige, Nipsey Hussle, Tyler Perry

By MESFIN FEKADU AP Music Writer

The 2019 BET Awards featured a number of contemporary pop and rap stars who are dominating the charts, from Cardi B to Lil Nas X. But the show belonged to artists viewed as icons in the black community, including singer Mary J. Blige, filmmaker Tyler Perry and the late rapper Nipsey Hussle.

Hussle, a respected and beloved community activist in South Los Angeles who was shot to death on March 31, posthumously earned the Humanitarian Award on Sunday night. His family, including his mother, father, grandmother, children and fiancée, actress Lauren London, accepted the honor on his behalf.

"I just want to thank you guys for all the love and support, and the marathon continues again," London said onstage at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles.

John Legend, DJ Khaled, YG and Marsha Ambrosius celebrated Hussle, born Ermias Asghedom, with a performance. Hussle also won best male hip-hop artist, besting Drake, J. Cole, Travis Scott, Meek Mill and 21 Savage.

Blige, who earned the Lifetime Achievement Award, ran through her hits during a lengthy performance, which featured Lil Kim and Method Man. The R&B star went from "My Life" to "No More Drama" to "Just Fine," when audience members turned the aisles into "Soul Train" lines as they showed their best dance moves while the Queen of Hip-Hop Soul sang onstage.

Rihanna presented Blige with the award, who earned a standing ovation as she walked to the stage.

"Yeah, I know, a lot of hair," she said in her curly blonde-do. "It's a big day."

"Mommy, I love you and I want to thank you for your love and understanding," Blige said as her mom teared up in the audience.

The nine-time Grammy winner and two-time Oscar nominee went on to thank her father, saying she was happy their "relationship is healed." She also thanked her siblings, nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends, including longtime collaborator Diddy.

Another standing ovation during the nearly four-hour show came when The Exonerated Five — whose profiles were recently raised with the release of a Netflix series based on their lives — introduced a performance by R&B singer H.E.R. and rapper YBN Cordae. Corey Wise, Kevin Richardson, Yusef Salaam, Raymond Santana and Antron McCray spoke onstage as audience members got out of their seats to cheer them on. Directed by Ava DuVernay, "When They See Us" tells of the wrongful conviction of five black and Latino teenagers for the 1989 assault on a white female jogger in Central Park.

The audience also erupted in cheers for media mogul Tyler Perry, who earned the Ultimate Icon Award, presented to him by Taraji P. Henson.

"When I built my studio, I built it in a neighborhood that is one of the poorest black neighborhoods in Atlanta so that young black kids could see that a black man did that, and they could do it too," Perry said. "The studio was once a Confederate army base ... which meant that there were Confederate soldiers on that base plotting and planning on how to keep 3.9 million negroes enslaved. Now that land is owned by one negro."

Lil Nas X also got the loud applause from the crowd when he brought his global country-rap hit "Old Town Road" to life with a performance at a makeshift Western saloon alongside country singer Billy Ray Cyrus. In a yellow fringe jacket, yellow chaps and a black cowboy hat, Lil Nas X worked the stage as dancers in denim shorts, leather vests and cowboy hats performed behind him.

Lizzo also had a fiery performance with "Truth Hurts," which featured her playing the flute while twerking. Cardi B, the most nominated act with seven, kicked off the show with an explosive performance. She won two prizes — best female hip-hop artist and album of the year for her major-label debut, "Invasion

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of Privacy.”

“I’m glad I made an album that your sister, your mother, your grandmother (likes),” she said of the project, which also won the Grammy for best rap album earlier this year.

Childish Gambino, who didn’t attend the show, won the top prize — video of the year — for “This Is America.” Beyoncé was named best female R&B/pop artist, and Bruno Mars won best male R&B/pop artist.

Actress Regina Hall, who hosted the show, told a number of jokes throughout the night. She was hilarious after Regina King — who won an Oscar this year for her role in “If Beale Street Could Talk” — was announced as the winner of best actress, an award Hall was also nominated for.

“She said King? So I lost?” Hall asked when a producer followed with: “We need you to announce the next performance.”

“Why am I announcing the next performance? That’s why I hosted (the awards show),” Hall said. “You tell them I said, ‘You can go to Beale Street and get the (girl) who won and you let her introduce it.’”

Pompeo sets out to build global coalition against Iran

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said he wants to build a global coalition against Iran during urgent consultations in the Middle East, following a week of crisis that saw the United States pull back from the brink of a military strike on Iran.

Pompeo spoke Sunday as he left Washington for Saudi Arabia, followed by the United Arab Emirates, Sunni Arab allies that are alarmed by Shiite Iran’s increasing assertiveness and are working to limit its influence in the region. His stops in Jeddah and Abu Dhabi were hastily arranged late last week as additions to a trip to India from where he will join President Donald Trump in Japan and South Korea. But they were not announced until immediately before his departure in a sign of fast-moving and unpredictable developments.

“We’ll be talking with them about how to make sure that we are all strategically aligned, and how we can build out a global coalition, a coalition not only throughout the Gulf states, but in Asia and in Europe, that understands this challenge as it is prepared to push back against the world’s largest state sponsor of terror,” Pompeo said about Iran.

But even as Pompeo delivered his tough talk, he echoed President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence in saying the U.S. is prepared to negotiate with Iran, without preconditions, in a bid to ease tensions. Those tensions have been mounting since Trump last year withdrew the U.S. from a global nuclear deal with Iran and began pressuring Tehran with economic sanctions. A fresh round of Iran sanctions is to be announced Monday in a bid to force the Iranian leadership into talks.

“They know precisely how to find us,” Pompeo said.

It was a week of topsy-turvy pronouncements on U.S. policy toward Iran that careened between the bellicose, the conciliatory and back again after Iran shot down an American military drone and boasted it would not bow to Washington’s pressure.

Trump initially said Iran had made a “very big mistake” and that it was “hard to believe” that shooting down the drone on Thursday was not intentional. He later said he thought it was an unintentional act carried out by a “loose and stupid” Iranian and called off retaliatory military strikes against Iran. On Saturday, Trump reversed himself and claimed that Iran had acted “knowingly.”

But Trump also said over the weekend that he appreciated Iran’s decision to not shoot down a manned U.S. spy plane, and he opined about eventually becoming Iran’s “best friend” if Tehran ultimately agrees to abandon its drive to build nuclear weapons and he helps the country turn around its crippled economy.

Then Trump’s national security adviser, John Bolton, stepped in Sunday with a blunt warning from Jerusalem, where he was traveling. Bolton said Iran should not “mistake U.S. prudence and discretion for weakness” after Trump called off the military strike. Trump said he backed away from the planned strikes after learning that about 150 people would be killed, but he said the military option remained.

A longtime Iran hawk, Bolton emphasized that the U.S. reserved the right to attack at a later point.

"No one has granted them a hunting license in the Middle East. As President Trump said on Friday our military is rebuilt, new and ready to go," Bolton said during an appearance with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, himself a longtime and outspoken Iran critic.

On Sunday, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani blamed the United States' "interventionist military presence" for fanning the flames. He was quoted by the official IRNA news agency. Shortly thereafter, Iranian-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen launched an attack against an airport in southern Saudi Arabia, killing one person and wounding seven others, according to the Saudi military. Such attacks have been cited by Saudi and U.S. officials as examples of Iran's "malign behavior" in the Middle East.

Pompeo, who addressed reporters from the tarmac before he boarded his airplane in Washington, declared the goal of his talks with the Saudi kingdom and the UAE is to deny Iran "the resources to foment terror, to build out their nuclear weapon system, to build out their missile program."

"We are going to deny them the resources they need to do that, thereby keep American interests and American people safe all around the world," said Pompeo, who was due to arrive in the region after one person was killed and seven others were wounded in an attack by Iranian-allied Yemeni rebels on an airport in Saudi Arabia on Sunday evening, the Saudi military said.

The downing of the unmanned aircraft marked a new high in the rising tensions between the United States and Iran. The Trump administration has vowed to combine a "maximum pressure" campaign of economic sanctions with a buildup of American forces in the region, following the U.S. withdrawal from the 2015 nuclear deal between Iran and world powers.

U.S. military cyber forces on Thursday launched a strike against Iranian military computer systems, according to U.S. officials. The cyberattacks disabled Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps computer systems that controlled its rocket and missile launchers, the officials said.

Throughout the recent crisis, Trump has wavered between bellicose language and actions toward Iran and a more accommodating tone, including a plea for negotiations. Iran has said it is not interested in a dialogue with Trump. His administration is aiming to cripple Iran's economy and force policy changes by re-imposing sanctions, including on Iranian oil exports.

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Feds probe 'quality' of repairs on plane in Hawaii crash

By CALEB JONES Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — Federal investigators will review repair and inspection records on the skydiving plane that became inverted before crashing shortly after takeoff on Oahu's North Shore, killing all 11 people on board in the deadliest civil aviation accident since 2011.

The same plane that crashed Friday sustained substantial damage to its tail section in a 2016 accident while carrying skydivers over Northern California.

Repairs were then made to get the plane back into service, National Transportation Safety Board officials said at a news conference Sunday.

"We will be looking at the quality of those repairs and whether it was inspected and whether it was airworthy," the NTSB's Jennifer Homendy said.

The plane was equipped to carry 13 people, she said.

"Weight and balance has a factor in the safety of these operations and that's a calculation that needs to be made before a plane is operated," she said.

In the 2016 incident, the twin-engine plane stalled three times and spun repeatedly before the pilot managed to land it after the skydivers jumped out, the NTSB said in its investigative report. The 1967 twin turboprop plane was too heavily weighted toward the back, which was blamed on the pilot.

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Charred debris from the plane remained on the field at Dillingham Airfield, and it could stay there for three or four days before being removed to a secure location. The airport remains closed.

The NTSB will issue a preliminary report in about two weeks. The final report, which will include the cause of the accident, could take up to two years, but Homendy said the NTSB has at times issued urgent safety recommendations before the final report, if warranted.

Friday's crash was the most deadly civil aviation accident in the United States since a 2011 Reno Air Show wreck killed a pilot and 10 spectators in Nevada.

Officials have not named the victims in Friday's North Shore crash. The mayor's office said victim identifications could be released on Monday.

The NTSB asked anyone with information about the accident, including if they have photos or video, to share that with the agency.

The flight was operated by the Oahu Parachute Center skydiving company. No one answered the phone at Oahu Parachute Center on Sunday.

Bikers bid goodbye to 7 motorcyclists killed in crash

By LISA RATHKE and PATRICK WHITTLE Associated Press

COLUMBIA, N.H. (AP) — A long-planned Blessing of the Bikes ceremony for motorcycle enthusiasts became a scene of mourning and reflection Sunday as about 400 people paid tribute to seven bikers killed in a devastating collision with a pickup truck.

The victims of the wreck Friday evening were members or supporters of the Marine JarHeads — a New England motorcycle club that includes Marines and their spouses — and ranged in age from 42 to 62.

"When they fall, we all fall," said Laura Cardinal, vice president of the Manchester Motorcycle Club, adding that fellow bikers will support the families of those who died. "Those families, they're going to go through a lot now. They have a new world ahead of them."

A pickup truck towing a flatbed trailer collided with a group of 10 motorcycles on a two-lane highway in the small town of Randolph, leaving victims strewn on the grass amid their shattered bikes. The cause of the crash was under investigation, and no immediate charges were filed.

Blessing of the Bikes ceremonies are held in many locations as a way to give prayers for a safe season. Sunday's event, situated about an hour from the accident site, was expected to draw maybe 100 or 200 people before it was transformed by tragedy.

The Rev. Rich Baillargeon presided, blessing the bikes using a branch dipped in holy water as they filed by, and held a moment of silence and prayer for the victims. One biker got up to say a prayer but got choked up and couldn't finish. The ceremony also included a bugle playing of taps.

Many of the bikers wore jeans and leather jackets with their club patches and rumbled in on their Harley-Davidsons. The outdoor gathering took place on the property of a former church, with bikers parking in rows in the parking lot and on the grass on a warm, sunny day as vendors sold corn dogs, french fries, pizza, sausage and lemonade.

Gary and Sheila Judkins came from Sumner, Maine, in part because of the crash, saying being there was a way to feel connected to other riders.

"It's a positive thing for bikers. And if anything, bikers need something positive," Gary Judkins said.

Authorities identified the dead as Michael Ferazzi, 62, of Contoocook, New Hampshire; Albert Mazza Jr., 59, of Lee, New Hampshire; Desma Oakes, 42, of Concord, New Hampshire; Aaron Perry, 45, of Farmington, New Hampshire; Daniel Pereira, 58, of Riverside, Rhode Island; and Jo-Ann and Edward Corr, both 58, of Lakeville, Massachusetts.

One person injured in the wreck remained hospitalized in stable condition. Relatives of all but one of the victims could not be reached for comment or their numbers were not listed. The state attorney general's office said the Ferazzi family had asked that reporters not contact them.

Mazza Jr.'s family described the former Marine and father of two as a quiet, self-starter who fell in love with motorcycles at an early age and always seemed to best anyone he competed against. When he got

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out of the Marines, he worked in the defense industry and then the construction business. Along with bikes, relatives said Mazza Jr. was passionate about judo and hunting when he was growing up. In the past two decades, his father Albert Mazza said he had very little contact with his son partly because he lives in Kenly, North Carolina.

"He was a young man who could do anything. I competed in all kinds of things in my life ... and everything he tried to do, he beat me in," Albert Mazza said. "He was a natural at everything ... He was a tough, young guy who didn't know how to quit ... I was always proud of him and I always bragged on him because I knew he was a better man than I was."

Joseph Mazza, Mazza Jr.'s uncle who lives in Haverhill, Massachusetts, said he was still dealing with the accident and trying to comprehend how so many bikers died in one accident.

"The truck was coming in the opposite direction. It's hard to figure how he could hit 10 motorcycles without getting out of the way," Joseph Mazza said. "Right now, the details are very vague. I'm very confused ... I need more information."

The tragedy left the close-knit motorcycle community in shock, with many remembering their own close calls on the road.

"Seven people. C'mon. It's senseless," said Bill Brown, a 73-year-old Vietnam War veteran and motorcyclist, who visited the accident scene Saturday to plant flags. "Somebody made a mistake, and it turned out to be pretty deadly."

The pickup driver, Volodymyr Zhukovskyy, 23, an employee of a Springfield, Massachusetts, trucking company, was not seriously hurt. The National Transportation Safety Board, which is investigating, said he was interviewed at the scene by police and allowed to return to Massachusetts.

A man reached by phone who identified himself as Zhukovskyy's father said his son is cooperating with the investigation and was not available to talk to a reporter.

Authorities asked for the public's help in the form of videos, photos or other information about the accident or the vehicles.

New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu ordered flags to fly at half-staff Monday in memory of the victims.

Whittle reported from Portland, Maine. Associated Press writer Michael Casey in Boston, Massachusetts, contributed to this report.

This story has been corrected to show that one of the victims is Jo-Ann Corr, not Joanne Corr, and Albert Mazza was 59, not 49.

Trump: 'Surprise' question about Pence led him to hesitate

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump says he hesitated to back a possible 2024 presidential run by Vice President Mike Pence because he was caught off-guard by the question. Given a chance at a do-over, however, Trump still did not endorse his loyal lieutenant.

"You can't put me in that position," Trump said June 14 when a host of Fox News Channel's "Fox and Friends" asked him about endorsing Pence should the vice president seek to succeed Trump in 2024. Pence hasn't explicitly said he'll run in 2024, but is widely expected to.

Offered a chance to explain, Trump told NBC News he hesitated "because it was a surprise question."

"I'm not even thinking of it. It's so far out. I mean, It's so far out," Trump told "Meet the Press" in a wide-ranging interview taped Friday and broadcast Sunday. "Now what happens in 2024? I don't know that Mike is going to run. I don't know who's running or anything else."

Also in the interview, Trump criticized Fed chairman Jerome Powell and said his biggest mistake was choosing Jeff Sessions to be attorney general.

For his part, Pence glossed over the flap Trump's comments caused, telling CNN's "State of the Union" on Sunday that Trump's comment reflected "the fact that the only election he and I are focused on is

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2020." Trump formally announced his 2020 reelection bid last week with Pence at his side.

In the NBC interview, Trump lashed out at Powell over past interest rate hikes and denied threatening to demote him to the Fed's No. 2 job.

The Federal Reserve voted last week to leave its key interest rate unchanged, but the independent agency also signaled that it is prepared to begin cutting rates to protect the U.S. economy from trade conflicts and other threats.

Trump did not answer directly last week when he was questioned about news reports that the White House in February had explored whether Trump had the authority to demote Powell. Trump denied to NBC that such a threat has been issued.

"I have the right to do that. But I haven't said that," the president said.

Trump has previously explored firing Powell, who, by law, can only be fired for cause.

The interview was airing locally Sunday as Trump arrived at his golf club in Sterling, Virginia, by helicopter from the Camp David presidential retreat in Maryland, where he spent part of the weekend.

Trump also returned to the White House on the helicopter instead of by motorcade, his usual means of transportation to and from the club.

White House officials did not respond to requests for comment on the change in the president's mode of travel.

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Feds probe 'quality' of repairs on plane in Hawaii crash

By **CALEB JONES** and **AUDREY McAVOY** Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — Federal investigators will review repair and inspection records on the skydiving plane that became inverted before crashing shortly after takeoff on Oahu's North Shore, killing all 11 people on board in the deadliest civil aviation accident since 2011.

The same plane sustained substantial damage to its tail section in a 2016 accident while carrying skydivers over Northern California.

Repairs were then made to get the plane back into service, National Transportation Safety Board officials said at a news conference Sunday.

"We will be looking at the quality of those repairs and whether it was inspected and whether it was airworthy," the NTSB's Jennifer Homendy said.

The plane was equipped to carry 13 people, she said.

"Weight and balance has a factor in the safety of these operations and that's a calculation that needs to be made before a plane is operated," she said.

In the 2016 incident, the twin-engine plane stalled three times and spun repeatedly before the pilot managed to land it after the skydivers jumped out, the NTSB said in its investigative report. The plane was too heavily weighted toward the back, which was blamed on the pilot.

The plane remains on the field at Dillingham Airfield, and it could stay there for three or four days before being removed to a secure location. The airport remains closed.

The NTSB will issue a preliminary report in about two weeks. The final report, which will include the cause of the accident, could take up to two years, but Homendy said the NTSB has at times issued urgent safety recommendations before the final report, if warranted.

Friday's crash was the most deadly civil aviation accident in the United States since a 2011 Reno Air Show wreck killed a pilot and 10 spectators in Nevada.

Officials have not named the victims in Friday's North Shore crash. An official with the mayor's office said Monday would be the earliest any information is released.

However, at least one family is sharing their grief before getting the official word, saying Casey Williamson, 29, was one of the victims.

Williamson's love of adventure led him to winter snowboarding in Vail, Colorado, and summer skydiving

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in Moab, Utah. A year-and-a-half ago, he found his way to Hawaii, where he could skydive year-round.

Williamson was his mother Carla Ajaga's only child, his cousin Natacha Mendenhall said.

"We're all very upset," said Mendenhall, speaking from her home in Fort Worth, Texas. "She cannot really talk right now. What she wants everyone to know is how full of life her son was, how loving he was."

Williamson, who was from Yukon, Oklahoma, worked as an instructor and as a videographer who filmed customers as they dove. He was trying to earn more jumping hours and learn the trade, Mendenhall said.

Williamson's family has not been officially notified of his death. But they provided Honolulu police with Williamson's name and date of birth, and the police confirmed he was on the flight, Mendenhall said.

Police told the Honolulu Star-Advertiser that the victims were nine men and two women. Both women and three of the men were all in their late 20s. Police, who didn't return messages to The Associated Press, didn't have ages on the six others.

Homendy with the NTSB asked anyone with information about the accident, including if they have photos or video, to share that with the agency.

Steven Tickemyer said he saw the plane take flight, get 75 to 100 feet (22 to 30 meters) off the ground and turn away from the mountain range nearby.

He said the plane then started to nosedive and flip over belly forward so that it was upside down. The aircraft then flipped over again and hit the ground nose first. There was an explosion when it hit the ground.

This all transpired in about 20 to 30 seconds, said Tickemyer, who watched from a beach across the street where he was attending a friend's small wedding ceremony.

He and his friends hopped in his truck, called 911 and drove over to help. They screamed to see if anyone would respond, but no one did, he said.

The flight was operated by the Oahu Parachute Center skydiving company. The ratio of employees to customers aboard suggested that tandem jumps may have been planned in which the customers would have jumped while attached to experienced skydivers, Tim Sakahara, a spokesman for the Hawaii Department of Transportation, told reporters.

Witness Wylie Schoonover saw the plane flying over trees while driving from a nearby YMCA camp after picking up a friend. Then she saw smoke billowing from the airfield and drove over.

There was an "insane amount of fire," she said.

"It didn't even look like a plane. A bunch of people were asking 'what is this?' It was completely gone," Schoonover said.

The plane with two turboprop engines was manufactured in 1967, Federal Aviation Administration records said.

No one answered the phone at Oahu Parachute Center on Sunday, which advertises its services on a web site saying its jumps offer people "a magical experience." Tandem jumps are featured at prices ranging from \$170 to \$250.

Dillingham Airfield is used mostly for skydiving and glider flights. Hawaii shares the airfield with the Army, which uses it for helicopter night-vision training.

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Yemeni rebels strike Saudi airport ahead of US-Saudi talks

By AYA BATRAWY and DARLENE SUPERVILLE Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — One person was killed and seven others were wounded in an attack by Iranian-allied Yemeni rebels on an airport in Saudi Arabia Sunday evening, the Saudi military said, as the U.S. secretary of state was on his way to the country for talks on Iran.

Regional tensions have flared in recent days. The U.S. abruptly called off military strikes against Iran in response to the shooting down of an unmanned American surveillance drone on Thursday.

The Trump administration has combined a "maximum pressure" campaign of economic sanctions with a buildup of American forces in the region following the U.S. withdrawal from the 2015 nuclear deal between

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Iran and world powers. A new set of U.S. sanctions on Iran are expected to be announced Monday.

The Sunday attack by the Yemeni rebels, known as Houthis, targeted the Saudi airport in Abha. Saudi Arabia has been at war with the Houthis in Yemen for more than four years.

A Houthi spokesman, Yahia al-Sarie, said earlier Sunday the rebels had launched drones targeting Saudi airports in the southern cities of Abha and Jizan.

Saudi Arabia's military spokesman Col. Turki al-Maliki did not say what type of weapon was used in Sunday's attack, which took place shortly after 9 p.m. local time. The Saudi Press Agency reported that a Syrian resident of Saudi Arabia had been killed, but did not identify the nationalities of those wounded.

It was the second attack in less than two weeks on Abha's airport. The Houthis launched a cruise missile at the airport on June 12, wounding 26 passengers inside. The Iranian-backed Houthis also claimed responsibility for bomb-laden drone strikes that targeted a key Saudi oil pipeline in recent weeks.

Also Sunday, U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo was traveling to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates for talks on Iran. His meetings in Saudi Arabia will be in the Red Sea city of Jiddah, about 315 miles (505 kilometers) north of where the Saudi airport was struck.

Speaking to reporters before flying out, he said he'll be talking to the two U.S. allies "about how to make sure that we are all strategically aligned" and how to build a global coalition to "push back against the world's largest state sponsor of terror."

At the same time, Pompeo reiterated that the U.S. was prepared to negotiate with Iran to ease tensions.

"We're prepared to negotiate with no preconditions. They know precisely how to find us," he said.

Meanwhile, U.S. national security adviser John Bolton was in Jerusalem on Sunday, where he said Iran should not "mistake U.S. prudence and discretion for weakness." President Donald Trump has said he backed away from planned strikes after learning 150 people would be killed.

Bolton's tough message seemed to be aimed not only at Tehran, but also at reassuring key U.S. allies that the White House remains committed to maintaining pressure on Iran. Israel, along with Arab countries in the Gulf, considers Iran to be their greatest threat, and Trump's last-minute about face appears to have raised questions about U.S. willingness to use force against the Islamic Republic.

On Sunday, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani blamed the United States' "interventionist military presence" for fanning the flames. He was quoted by the official IRNA news agency.

Bolton, a longtime Iran hawk, emphasized that the U.S. reserved the right to attack at a later point.

"No one has granted them a hunting license in the Middle East. As President Trump said on Friday our military is rebuilt, new and ready to go," Bolton said alongside Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, himself a vocal critic of Iran over the years.

Netanyahu, a longtime opponent of the nuclear deal, has remained uncharacteristically quiet throughout the current crisis between the U.S. and Iran. The Israeli leader appears to be wary of being seen as pushing the U.S. into a new Middle Eastern military conflict.

Standing alongside Bolton, Netanyahu said Iranian involvement in conflicts across the region had increased as a result of the nuclear deal, which lifted sanctions on Iran in exchange for set limits on its uranium enrichment levels.

Netanyahu made no mention of the called-off airstrike and said he was "pleased" by U.S. plans for increased economic pressure. But some Israeli commentators said that Trump's about-face was a cause for concern.

Iran's foreign minister said Bolton was trying to force the U.S. into a conflict with Iran. Javad Zarif tweeted that the presidential adviser was "moments away from trapping" Trump into a "war," before the U.S. president called off the strikes against Iran.

America's European allies have expressed deep concern about the volatile standoff. A top British diplomat was in Tehran on Sunday to discuss preventing any "escalation and miscalculation," according to the UK Foreign Office.

The two-day visit of Andrew Murrison, the UK's minister of state for the Middle East, was aimed at "open, frank and constructive engagement" with his Iranian counterparts, according to the Foreign Office. This

included reiterating the UK's assessment that Iran almost certainly bears responsibility for recent attacks on oil tankers in the Gulf of Oman, which Iran denies.

Murrison added that Iran must continue to meet its commitments under the nuclear deal.

Iran has threatened to break the limits set on its uranium stockpile by the deal in the coming days, if European powers don't find a way to circumvent U.S. sanctions.

According to IRNA, Iranian officials told Murrison they hoped that European signatories to the nuclear deal will pursue "normal relations and trade" despite the sanctions.

Also Sunday, a top Iranian military commander warned that any conflict with Iran would have uncontrollable consequences across the region and endanger the lives of U.S. forces. Maj. Gen. Gholamali Rashid's remarks, published by the semi-official Fars news agency, were made while addressing Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guards Corps during a field visit to a command center for Iranian radars and missile systems.

Throughout the recent crisis, Trump has wavered between bellicose language and actions toward Iran and a more accommodating tone. His administration is aiming to cripple Iran's economy and force policy changes by re-imposing sanctions, including on Iranian oil exports.

He's also dangled the prospect of eventually becoming an unlikely "best friend" of America's longtime Middle Eastern adversary.

The regional tensions have prompted major international carriers, including Saudi Arabia's state airline Saudia, to divert flight routes away from the Gulf of Oman and Strait of Hormuz.

The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration on Friday barred U.S.-registered aircraft from operating over parts of the Persian Gulf.

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Opposition win in Istanbul a blow to Turkey's Erdogan

By ZEYNEP BILGINSOY and DEREK GATOPOULOS Associated Press

ISTANBUL (AP) — The opposition candidate for mayor of Istanbul celebrated a landmark win Sunday in a closely watched repeat election that ended weeks of political tension and broke the long hold President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's party had on leading Turkey's largest city.

"Thank you, Istanbul," Ekrem Imamoglu, 49, said to the tens of thousands of people who gathered to mark his victory after unofficial results showed he won a clear majority of the vote.

The governing party's candidate, former Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim, conceded moments after returns showed him trailing well behind Imamoglu, 54% to 45%. Imamoglu increased his lead from a March mayoral election by hundreds of thousands of votes.

Erdogan congratulated Imamoglu in a tweet. Analysts noted the president, who is grappling with an economic downturn and several international crises, could limit the mayor's power or undermine Imamoglu's authority in other ways.

Imamoglu narrowly won an earlier mayoral election on March 31, but Erdogan's Justice and Development Party, AKP, challenged the vote over alleged irregularities. He spent 18 days in office before Turkey's electoral board annulled the results after weeks of partial recounts.

The voided vote raised concerns domestically and abroad about the state of Turkish democracy and whether Erdogan's party would accept any electoral loss. AKP has governed Turkey since 2002.

"You have protected the reputation of democracy in Turkey with the whole world watching," Imamoglu, his voice hoarse after weeks of campaigning, told supporters.

Jubilant supporters chanted "Mayor again! Mayor again!" Others hung out of cars, blaring horns and waving red-and-white Turkish flags.

Erdogan campaigned hard for Yildirim in Istanbul, where the president started his political career as mayor in 1994. Lisel Hintz, an assistant international relations professor at Johns Hopkins University SAIS,

said Imamoglu withstood a divisive campaign and prevailed with a positive message.

The significance of his win "cannot be understated," Hintz said.

"We now have to wait and see whether Imamoglu's tenure as mayor will be interfered with in any way, whether by cutting off funding and hampering his office's ability to provide services or by removing him under some legal pretext," Hintz said.

AKP also lost control of the capital city of Ankara in Turkey's March local elections, which were held as the country battled high inflation and two credit rating downgrades in the past year.

Melahat Ugen said she switched her vote to the opposition because she could not afford to cover basic expenses.

"I've certainly never voted left before," she said. "But I'm 62, and a bag of onions costs too much. Everything is imported and we can't afford it."

Istanbul, a city of more than 15 million, draws millions of tourists each year and is Turkey's commercial and cultural hub. Straddling Europe and Asia, Istanbul accounted for 31% of Turkey's GDP in 2017.

Erdogan has previously signaled an unwillingness to work with an opposition mayor, saying his party controls 25 of Istanbul's 39 districts and a majority in the municipal assembly. Imamoglu will have to work with those officeholders to govern Istanbul, and he promised to do so Sunday.

Addressing Erdogan in a speech, Imamoglu said, "I'm ready to work with you" to solve Istanbul's problems.

Ozgur Unluhisarcikli, Ankara office director of the German Marshall Fund, argued that the loss of Istanbul is likely to fuel speculation of divisions within the ruling party and among its supporters.

"It's now clear that a sizable portion of the AKP voters is seriously dissatisfied by policies of the AKP," he said. "The (opposition) was a house that was united. The AKP house looked like one that was already divided."

He argued Erdogan is already facing an "a perfect storm" this summer. Erdogan was already at odds with Western allies over Turkey's plans to buy the Russian-made S-400 missile defense system and its challenge of EU-member Cyprus over natural gas drilling rights.

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Ethiopia says military chief killed, regional coup failed

By ELIAS MESERET Associated Press

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) — Ethiopia's military chief was shot to death by his bodyguard amid a failed coup attempt against a regional government north of the capital, Addis Ababa, the prime minister said Sunday.

The abortive coup Saturday in the Amhara region was led by a high-ranking military officer and others in the armed forces, said Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, who addressed the nation on state TV at 2 a.m. while wearing fatigues.

The soldiers attacked a building where a meeting of regional officials was taking place, said Nigussu Tilahun, a spokesman for the prime minister. The regional governor and an adviser were killed, while the attorney general was wounded, he said.

Not long after afterward, army chief Gen. Seare Mekonnen who assassinated at his home in Addis Ababa, and a retired army general visiting him was also killed, the spokesman said.

"There is a link between the two attacks," Nigussu said without elaborating.

The attack in Bahir Dar, the capital of Amhara, was led by a renegade brigadier who had recently been pardoned by the prime minister after being jailed by the previous government, authorities said. Most of the perpetrators were captured, and others were being hunted down, the spokesman said.

The brigadier remained at large, according to two officials who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media.

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Addis Ababa was peaceful on Sunday as soldiers stood guard in Meskel Square and set up roadblocks throughout the city. Ethiopia's internet appeared to be shut down.

The attempted coup was the latest challenge to Abiy, who was elected last year.

The 42-year-old Abiy has captured the imagination of many with his political and economic reforms, including the surprise acceptance of a peace agreement with Eritrea, the opening of major state-owned sectors to private investment and the release of thousands of prisoners, including opposition figures once sentenced to death.

Last June, a grenade meant for Abiy wounded many people at a big rally. Nine police officials were arrested, state media reported. In October, rebellious soldiers protested over pay and invaded Abiy's office, but the prime minister was able to defuse the situation.

Ethiopia is a key regional ally of the U.S. in the restive Horn of Africa region.

Tibor Nagy, U.S. assistant secretary of state for Africa, said the latest violence was a "shock, but it could have turned out so much worse," adding: "Thankfully Prime Minister Abiy escaped this attempt, because there are many, many more people in Ethiopia who support his reforms than those who are opposed to them."

Speaking in South Africa, Nagy said "there are vestiges of the old regime" who are opposed to Abiy.

"I wish I could say that this is will be the last of these attempts, but no one can be certain," Nagy said.

In Addis Ababa, politicians and government officials went to the home of the slain army chief to offer condolences to his family.

AP journalist Andrew Meldrum in Pretoria, South Africa, contributed.

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Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Monday, June 24, the 175th day of 2019. There are 190 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 24, 1983, the space shuttle Challenger — carrying America's first woman in space, Sally K. Ride — coasted to a safe landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

On this date:

In 1497, the first recorded sighting of North America by a European took place as explorer John Cabot spotted land, probably in present-day Canada.

In 1807, a grand jury in Richmond, Virginia, indicted former Vice President Aaron Burr on charges of treason and high misdemeanor (he was later acquitted).

In 1908, Grover Cleveland, the 22nd and 24th president of the United States, died in Princeton, New Jersey, at age 71.

In 1947, what's regarded as the first modern UFO sighting took place as private pilot Kenneth Arnold, an Idaho businessman, reported seeing nine silvery objects flying in a "weaving formation" near Mount Rainier in Washington.

In 1948, Communist forces cut off all land and water routes between West Germany and West Berlin, prompting the western allies to organize the Berlin Airlift. The Republican National Convention, meeting in Philadelphia, nominated New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey for president.

In 1957, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Roth v. United States, ruled 6-3 that obscene materials were not protected by the First Amendment.

In 1964, AT&T inaugurated commercial "Picturephone" service between New York, Chicago and Washington, D.C. (the service, however, never caught on).

In 1968, "Resurrection City," a shantytown constructed as part of the Poor People's March on Washing-

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ton, D.C., was closed down by authorities.

In 1975, 113 people were killed when Eastern Airlines Flight 66, a Boeing 727 carrying 124 people, crashed while attempting to land during a thunderstorm at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport.

In 1992, the Supreme Court, in a 5-4 decision, strengthened its 30-year ban on officially sponsored worship in public schools, prohibiting prayer as a part of graduation ceremonies.

In 1997, the U.S. Air Force released a report on the so-called "Roswell Incident," suggesting the "alien bodies" that witnesses reported seeing in 1947 were actually life-sized dummies. Actor Brian Keith was found dead in his Malibu home, an apparent suicide; he was 75.

In 2004, federal investigators questioned President George W. Bush for more than an hour in connection with the news leak of CIA operative Valerie Plame's identity.

Ten years ago: South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford admitted he had secretly flown to Argentina to visit a woman with whom he was having an affair, and said he would resign as head of the Republican Governors Association. Ed Thomas, the football coach of Aplington-Parkersburg High School in Iowa for 34 years, was gunned down by former player Mark Becker. (Becker was convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.)

Five years ago: Mississippi Republican Sen. Thad Cochran, a mainstream conservative with more than 40 years' of congressional experience, narrowly turned back a primary challenge from state Sen. Chris McDaniel, a tea party favorite. Pittsburgh Penguins captain Sidney Crosby won his second Hart Trophy as the NHL's most valuable player at the league's postseason awards ceremony. Character actor Eli Wallach, 98, died in New York.

One year ago: President Donald Trump compared people entering the U.S. from Mexico to invaders and said they should be immediately sent back without appearing before a judge. Women in Saudi Arabia were able to drive for the first time, as the world's last remaining ban on female drivers was lifted.

Today's Birthdays: Rock singer Arthur Brown is 77. Actress Michele Lee is 77. Actor-director Georg Stanford Brown is 76. Rock musician Jeff Beck is 75. Rock singer Colin Blunstone (The Zombies) is 74. Musician Mick Fleetwood is 72. Actor Peter Weller is 72. Rock musician John Illsley (Dire Straits) is 70. Actress Nancy Allen is 69. Reggae singer Derrick Simpson (Black Uhuru) is 69. Actor Joe Penny is 63. Reggae singer Astro (UB40) is 62. Singer-musician Andy McCluskey (Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark) is 60. Rhythm and blues/pop singer-songwriter Siedah (sy-EE'-dah) Garrett is 59. Actor Iain Glen is 58. Rock singer Curt Smith is 58. Actress Danielle Spencer is 54. Actress Sherry Stringfield is 52. Singer Glenn Medeiros is 49. Actress Carla Gallo is 44. Actor Amir Talai (TV: "LA to Vegas") is 42. Actress-producer Mindy Kaling is 40. Actress Minka Kelly is 39. Actress Vanessa Ray is 38. Actor Justin Hires is 34. Actress Candice Patton is 34. Actress Kaitlin Cullum is 33. Singer Solange Knowles is 33. Actor Max Ehrich is 28. Actress Beanie Feldstein is 26.

Thought for Today: "All are lunatics, but he who can analyze his delusions is called a philosopher." — Ambrose Bierce, American author (born this date in 1842, disappeared in 1914.)