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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

Friday, June 28

Noon: Legion at Aberdeen

Saturday, June 29

1:00 p.m.: Junior Teeners at Lake Norden, (DH)
U10 Pee Wees Tourney in Groton

Sunday, June 30

2:00 p.m.: Legion hosts Lake Norden, (DH)
U12 Midgets host Groton Tourney
6:00 p.m.: Locke Electric Amateurs vs. Groton 2 Amateurs (game to start after Legion (DH))

Monday, July 1

5:30 p.m.: Junior Legion hosts Milbank, (DH)
6:00 p.m.: Junior Teeners at Redfield, (DH)
6:00 p.m.: U12 Midgets host Britton, (DH)
6:00 p.m.: U10 Pee Wees host Britton, (DH) (R,W)
6:00 p.m.: U8 Pee Wees at Britton, (DH)s (R,B)
Softball at Sisseton, (DH)s (U10 at 6 p.m., U12 at 6 p.m.)



Yard of the Week

The Delton and Jacque Hoff yard at the 114 N. 2nd St., Groton, was chosen as this week's Yard of the Week. The Groton Garden Club sponsors the Yard of the Week. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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Treeline Tree Service trimmed the trees along the 69KV transmission line on the west side of town. The transmission line feeds the north substation. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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Groton Senior Citizens

Groton seniors met June 10. Eleven members were present. President led the flag pledge. We had a short meeting. Flowers were planted. One tree replaced. A get well card was signed by all for David Kleinsassor. He had surgery on his hand. Meeting adjourned . Cards were played and the winners are Canasta- Beulah Hoops and Pat Larson, Pinochle- David Kleinsassor, Whist- Elda Stange. Lunch was served by Eunice McColister and Elda Stange. Door prizes went to Don Darwin, Marilyn Thorson and Ruby Donavon. June 17 in attendance were thirteen members. A sympathy card was signed by all for Marilyn Thorson in the dearth of her godson. Cards were played the winners are Canasta- Marilyn Thorson and Beulah Hoops. Pinochle- Bev Sombke , Whist- Elda Stange. Door prizes - Beulah Hoops, Darlene Fischer, and Elda Stange. Lunch was served by Ruby Donavon and Lee Schinkel. JUNE 24- Seniors met for pot luck dinner. Fifteen members were present. One visitor Ruby Donavon's son. Flag pledge was said. Bingo was played after dinner and David Kleinsassor won black out . Cards were played after bingo. Door prizes went to Grace Albrecht, Marilyn Thorson and Pat Larson. A get well card was signed by all for Jan Raap.

Lincoln Memorial



The Lincoln Memorial. When Abraham Lincoln gave the Gettysburg Address, he started out saying, "Four Score and Seven Years ago." A score in years is 20 years, so if you do the math, that was 87 years. So guess how many steps there are going up to the Memorial? If you guessed 87, you are correct!

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This was the place that Martin Luther King, Jr. stood on the Lincoln Memorial when he gave his "I Have A Dream" speech.

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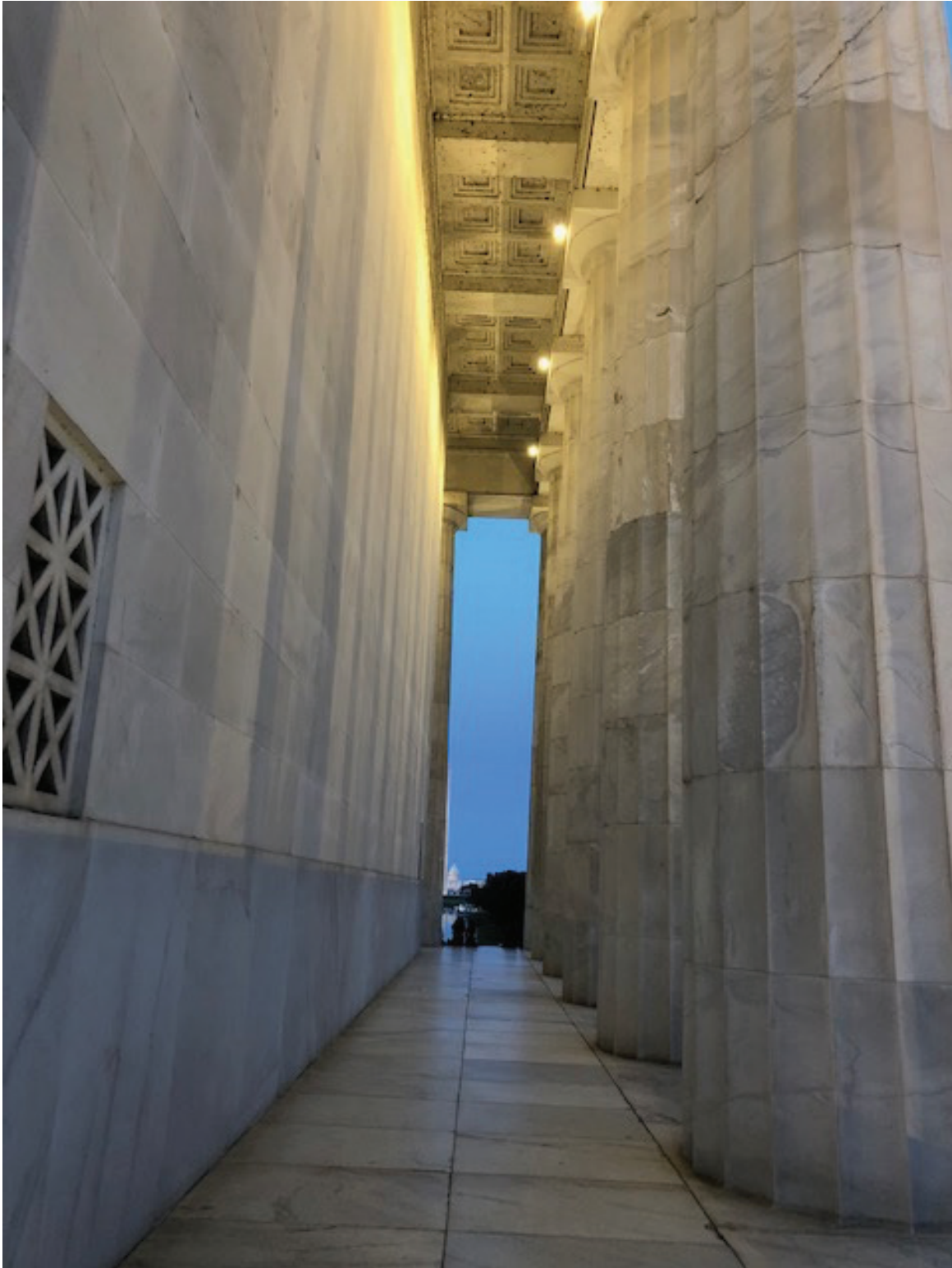
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The view of the Washington Memorial and the Capital building from the Lincoln Memorial. Notice the reflecting water.

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The high pillars at the Lincoln Memorial - of which there are 36 of them - the number of states in the Union when Lincoln was President.

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Julianna Kosel standing in front of the Lincoln statue.

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Today

Tonight

Saturday

Saturday
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Decreasing
Clouds



Partly Cloudy



Hot



Slight Chance
T-storms



Chance
T-storms

High: 89 °F

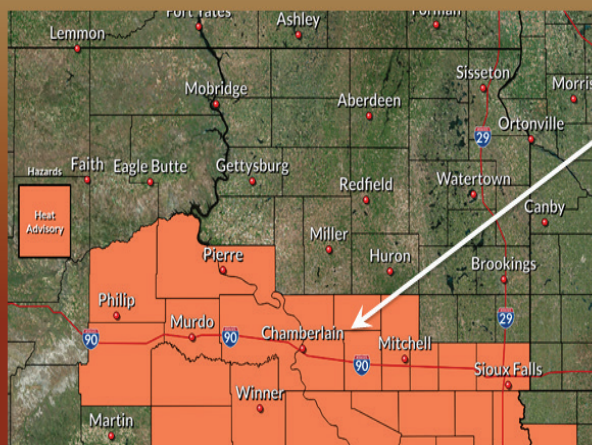
Low: 71 °F

High: 96 °F

Low: 72 °F

High: 86 °F

Dangerously Hot and Humid through Saturday



Heat Advisory this afternoon for areas where temperatures will feel like **100 to 105°** (Heat Index)

Friday Saturday Sunday

Temperature 86 to 96° 93 to 101° 83 to 90°

Heat Index
Temperature 87 to 105° 98 to 110° 83 to 98°



National Weather Service
Aberdeen, SD

www.weather.gov/abr

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Dangerous Heat and Humidity through Saturday! Temperatures will feel like they are in the 100 to 105 degree range across south central to south eastern South Dakota today. We'll heat up even more Saturday afternoon when temperatures in the 90s to around 100 degrees combine with the humid conditions to make it feel like it's 98 to 110 degrees.

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Today in Weather History

June 28, 1961: An F2 tornado skipped ESE from about 5 miles south of Eureka to Lake Mina. About twelve farm buildings were destroyed. A house was damaged when a small shed was smashed against it in Hillsview. The storm struck north of Roscoe where a barn was unroofed. A second F2 tornado hit west of Hoven. On one farm, a barn, and five small buildings were destroyed, although grain bin nearby was untouched. Another farm, across the road, lost four buildings including a house. The Langford area of Marshall County was struck by an EF2 tornado shortly after 8:00 pm. An estimated 15 to 20 farm buildings were demolished or heavily damaged, and a store in town was partially unroofed.

June 28, 1982: An estimated thunderstorm wind gust up to 94 mph knocked down trees and caused minor structural damage to several homes just west of Wheaton, Minnesota.

June 28, 1990: KDIO radio in Ortonville, Minnesota, clocked winds of 80 to 85 mph for several minutes as a thunderstorm passed. There were reports of numerous trees downed and scattered power outages in Ortonville.

1788: The Battle of Monmouth in central New Jersey was fought in sweltering heat. The temperature was 96 degrees in the shade, and there were more casualties from the heat than from bullets.

1892 - The temperature at Orogrande UT soared to 116 degrees to establish a record for the state. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders)

1924: An estimated F4 tornado struck the towns of Sandusky and Lorain, killing 85 people and injuring over 300. This tornado is the deadliest ever in Ohio history.

1923 - A massive tornado hit Sandusky, OH, then swept across Lake Erie to strike the town of Lorain. The tornado killed 86 persons and caused twelve million dollars damage. The tornado outbreak that day was the worst of record for the state of Ohio up til that time. (David Ludlum)

1975 - Lee Trevino and two other golfers are struck by lightning at the Western Open golf tournament in Oak Brook, IL. (The Weather Channel)

1980 - The temperature at Wichita Falls, TX, soared to 117 degrees, their hottest reading of record. Daily highs were 110 degrees or above between the 24th of June and the 3rd of July. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Thunderstorms developing along a cold front produced severe weather in the north central U.S. Thunderstorms in Nebraska produced wind gusts to 70 mph and baseball size hail at Arapahoe, and wind gusts to 80 mph along with baseball size hail at Wolback and Belgrade. Six cities in the Ohio Valley reported record low temperatures for the date, including Cincinnati, OH, with a reading of 50 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Showers and thunderstorms brought much needed rains to parts of the central U.S. Madison, WI, received 1.67 inches of rain, a record for the date, and their first measurable rain since the Mother's Day tornado outbreak on the 8th of May. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Evening thunderstorms deluged Winnfield LA with eleven inches of rain in four hours and fifteen minutes, and Baton Rouge LA reported 11 inches of rain in two days. Totals in west central Louisiana ranged up to 17 inches. Thunderstorms produced severe weather in the Northern High Plains. Two inch hail broke windows in nearly every building at Comstock, NE. Thunderstorms in North Dakota produced two inch hail at Killdeer, and golf ball size hail at Zap. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

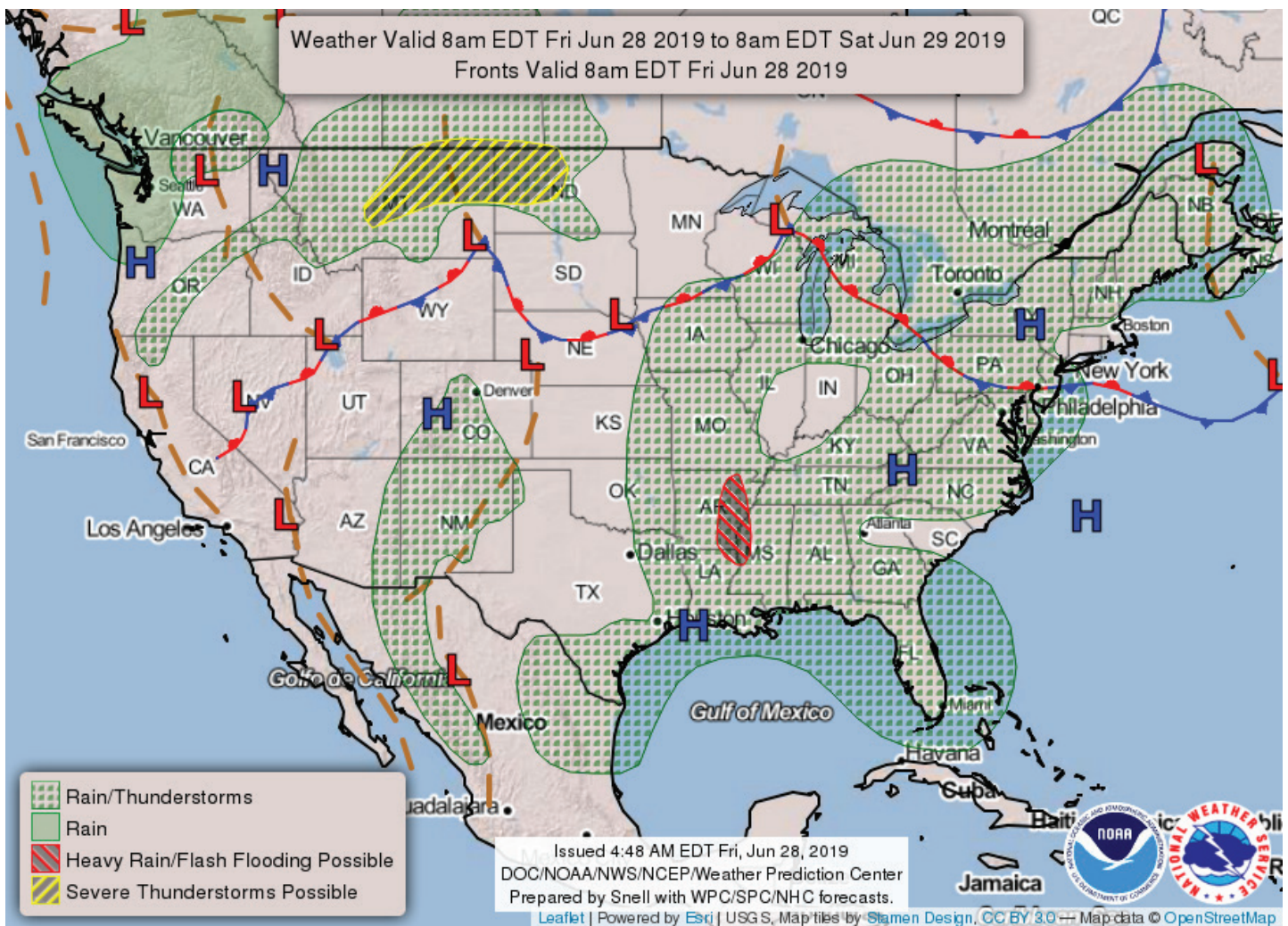
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Yesterday's Groton Weather Today's Info

High Temp: 81 °F at 6:35 PM
Low Temp: 63 °F at 5:44 AM
Wind: 28 mph at 4:40 AM
Day Rain: 0.00

Record High: 112° in 1931
Record Low: 40° in 1951, 1895
Average High: 81°F
Average Low: 57°F
Average Precip in June.: 3.34
Precip to date in June.: 4.53
Average Precip to date: 10.48
Precip Year to Date: 12.31
Sunset Tonight: 9:26 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:48 a.m.



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I THANK GOD FOR HIS GIFT

Marriage, unfortunately, for far too many, is seen as an enjoy it for as long as you want and then trade your spouse for someone else. Solving the problems that come with every relationship - not just with a wife or husband - are normal and natural. People have different values and expectations and often, rather than to try to understand and solve them, and grow together, tempers flare and a divorce occurs - leaving marred lives and shattered dreams. More often than not, both are equally responsible for refusing to be Christ-like and demonstrate the love of God to one another.

But Solomon made a statement that brought great delight to my ears: He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the Lord. In the original Hebrew, it reads: He who finds a wife finds good.

To grasp the meaning of this verse, we must understand that the word good means something like a fortune or favor. In the sight of God. A good wife and a good life are synonymous in Gods plan most of the time. This comes from the second chapter of Genesis.

What we must understand, however, is that it is the Lord who has given her to him. She is an expression of Gods favor bestowed upon the husband. Hence, a man cannot find a good wife on his own. A good wife comes as a favor from God and as with all of Gods favors, it must be sought diligently, carefully, and above all, prayerfully. We men must never be self-centered and think we deserve Gods gift of a wife. It is as stated: she is: a favor from the Lord.

Prayer: Father, grant us husbands the humility to accept and recognize the fact that our wives are Your favors. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Scripture For Today: Proverbs 18:22 He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the Lord.

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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

New South Dakota law focuses on missing indigenous women

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A new South Dakota law is aimed at gaining an understanding of how many Native American women are missing or murdered in the state.

The law, which takes effect Monday, received unanimous support in the South Dakota House and Senate. The law requires the state Division of Criminal Investigation to collect data on missing and murdered indigenous people, and create procedures and training for investigating cases involving women and children.

The bill's sponsor, Republican Sen. Lynne DiSanto of Box Elder, said she hopes the new law sends a message that "every missing South Dakotan is important, worthy of our time and our resources."

Republican Gov. Kristi Noem told the Argus Leader the new law will allow South Dakota to share information with other state and tribal agencies to "bring these women home."

"If we're going to create a stronger South Dakota, we need to take care of our most vulnerable population," Noem said. "I'm proud of the way this bill paves avenues for us to work together and make real headway on this issue."

Savanna's Act — named for 22-year-old Savanna LaFontaine-Greywind, whose body was found in a North Dakota river in 2017 — was reintroduced earlier this year after stalling in Congress last year. The federal bill proposes to increase tribal law enforcement's access to criminal databases, increase data collection on missing persons cases and set new guidelines for law enforcement's response to reports of missing Native Americans.

Rep. Tamara St. John, R-Sisseton, said she sees the state's law as working in tandem with Savanna's Act if it passes and connecting the tribes, state and federal entities.

Missing persons and homicide cases involving Native American women can fall into multiple law enforcement jurisdictions and can occur in isolated locations in South Dakota.

St. John said she doesn't believe law enforcement is intentionally looking the other way, but that jurisdiction complexities can cause delays or cases to fall through the cracks, or the person isn't reported missing at all.

Sex trafficking or drug addiction also may play into how a case of a missing Native American woman is handled, which can cause the family to perceive that it's not being investigated, she said.

DiSanto and St. John point to the case of Corrine White Thunder as an example of why the legislation was needed. White Thunder's body was found in the Missouri River in Pierre earlier this month after she was missing for 18 months, but she was not reported missing.

"Clearly, we have a breakdown of missing Native women specifically in South Dakota that no one is looking for, and that's not right and it needs to be improved," DiSanto said.

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

Regents: South Dakota schools, universities request \$91M

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The state's public universities and schools are asking the South Dakota Board of Regents for nearly \$91.2 million to complete projects they say are high-priority. The Argus Leader reported that the institutions' requests for 2021 were made during informal budget hearings Wednesday. Here's a look at what the schools and universities are planning to do with the money:

SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES AND TECHNOLOGY: The school said it needs \$49,880,786 for a Mineral Industries Building to become the hub of regional industrial, academic and governmental collaboration related to mineral industries.

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY: Asked for about \$2.4 million in base funds and a further \$20 million payment to build a bioprocessing pilot plant and a public-private partnership. It wanted another \$275,000 for continued support of the school's rural veterinary program in collaboration with the University of Min-

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nesota. The school also wanted to build a Teaching and Learning STEM Innovation Lab, costing nearly \$254,682 in base funding, and \$500,000 in one-time funds. Lastly, the school requested about \$100,173 for a rural technology program to boost broadband access and address the critical need for workforce development.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA: The university wanted a one-time amount of \$10 million or an annual debt service amount of \$735,818 to build a new health science building.

BLACK HILLS STATE UNIVERSITY: Asked for \$520,271 to build a Sustainability Research Center to encourage students to address local and worldwide problems with economically, environmentally and socially sustainable solutions. Another \$521,602 was requested to create a Rural K-12 Improvement Research-Practice Partnership to support teachers and students.

DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY: Requested \$396,073 for a Cyber Cync Incubator and Entrepreneurial Center to foster technological entrepreneurship and to serve as a business startup hub, and \$634,638 to launch a three-year pilot project to increase student success and retention.

NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY: Asked for \$154,577 for an initiative called the Prospering Ones, which will help Native American communities prepare high school students for a successful college career. The initiative will provide in-person outreach in rural schools, develop a collaborative leadership program and increase on-campus advisers to help Native American students transition from high school to college life.

SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED: It requested \$20,000 in base funding for "access technology" to give students full access to curriculum and classroom materials. The school wants to use more tactile systems for readers who use braille and magnification systems for readers who need print enlarged.

SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF: The school is relocating and needs to settle before requesting additional funding, school officials said in a statement.

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

First-term Rep. Borglum plans Senate announcement

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — State Rep. Scyller Borglum plans news conferences Monday amid speculation she will challenge U.S. Sen. Mike Rounds in a primary.

Borglum, a Republican from Rapid City elected in November to her first term, plans stops in Rapid City, Chamberlain and Sioux Falls.

Borglum, an engineer, said in a statement that she had made a decision on the race and planned to announce her "2020 common-sense conservative vision for South Dakota."

Borglum said in May that U.S. Rep. Dusty Johnson had tried to intimidate her away from a run. Johnson denied it.

Rounds, a former two-term governor, was elected to the Senate in 2014. He announced earlier this month that his wife Jean was beginning treatment for cancer.

Hot local housing market has homebuyers scrambling

By JIM HOLLAND Rapid City Journal

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Nick and Kayla Hollenbeck really liked the house they looked at last week.

The 3,100-square-foot home at 3027 Sunny Hill Circle in southwest Rapid City featured vaulted ceilings, a fireplace, three bedrooms, 3-1/2 baths, an open kitchen and family room with panoramic views of the Black Hills skyline, a three-car garage, a finished basement and a large well-groomed yard.

What better place for an established family, or a house with room for a young family to grow?

The problem for the Hollenbecks, however, is the home is significantly out of their desired price range.

The Hollenbecks and their four-month-old daughter, Cora, have been caught in what has become a white-hot housing market in Rapid City.

The family recently moved here from Mitchell and are staying with Kayla Hollenbeck's parents while

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looking for a home of their own.

They have made offers on less expensive properties, only to be shut out.

"We have put in offers on three houses and lost all three of them," Kayla Hollenbeck told the Rapid City Journal. "It's been disappointing."

"One, we never had a chance to counter our original offer," Nick Hollenbeck added. "They just sold to a higher offer."

So now the couple is expanding their search to a higher price range and to areas of town they might not have looked at before.

"We're looking at everything, including houses that are more than we would be comfortable paying just in the hopes that we can find something," Kayla Hollenbeck said.

The current real estate crunch is as much a shortfall in the number of homes typically on the market in late spring and early summer — a prime time for home sales — as well as strong demand created by factors that include growth in the number of jobs in the local health care industry and younger couples moving up from apartment living.

A healthy housing market for the greater Rapid City area would be 600 to 700 homes for sale, said realtor Perry Grosz of EXIT Realty Black Hills of Rapid City.

As of June 21, there were fewer than half that number of homes and townhomes available in Rapid City and its surrounding bedroom communities, which includes Box Elder to the east, Piedmont, Elk Creek and Nemo Road to the west and Hermosa to the south.

"In all of that big area, a 20-mile circle, there's only 345 homes or townhomes you can buy," Grosz said.

The market has been especially hot for homes in the \$250,000 price range, with those listings being sold in some cases in a matter of hours.

"\$230,000 is the average. Anything under that is not on the market very long at all," said realtor Jennifer Brue of Keller Williams Black Hills Realty. "For a lot of sellers, if you're in the right price range at the right time, it goes within the first week of being on the market."

Grosz said homes are being purchased sight unseen. Realtors do a walk-through with live social media videos with their clients.

"They'll be writing offers basically sight unseen. They haven't been on site," he said.

Brue said the home on Sunny Hill Circle, viewed by the Hollenbecks last week, has been on the market since mid-May, initially priced at \$398,000 and drawing strong interest at first.

A recent \$10,000 reduction in the asking price combined with potential buyers needing to widen their range should increase the showings again, she said.

With the shortage of available properties, market pressure can only expand to higher and higher price ranges, Grosz said.

"The numbers just keep moving up," he said.

The shortage of homes on the market also comes as the economy continues to stabilize from the deep recession a decade ago, with more people staying in their homes, said Pam Heiberger, president of the Black Hills Association of Realtors.

"This isn't a concentrated thing in just our Rapid City area. It's throughout the country as far as a housing shortage goes," she said. "We're not the only ones getting hit."

The economic outlook for Rapid City continues to look bright, with ongoing growth and the expected expansion at

Ellsworth Air Force Base with the deployment of the B-21 Raider bomber, expected in the mid-2020s.

"We're good here in the Rapid City area for the next five, if not probably up to 10 years, from what's going to happen," Grosz said.

For the Hollenbecks, just finding a place to live for their growing family is the priority.

"The search continues," Kayla said. "That's what we keep saying."

Heiberger said now is the time for anyone considering selling a home, as many families look to move now to be settled before school starts in the fall.

"It's a good time to be a seller," she said. "If buyers can be patient, the right home will come along."

Pre-construction work continues for South Dakota pipeline

By **DEB HOLLAND Black Hills Pioneer**

RED OWL, S.D. (AP) — The actual construction of the may be at a standstill, but preparations continue in Meade County if and when TC Energy greenlights the project.

TransCanada Corp., which changed its name in May to TC Energy, has lost the 2019 construction season pending a Nebraska Supreme Court decision related to the pipeline's route and a lawsuit by two Native American communities in Montana, corporate officials said.

But the groundwork on gravel roads throughout Meade County continues in preparation for hundreds of truckloads of pipe and other products needed to build the pipeline.

Alan Lietz, project manager with TC Energy, spoke and answered questions of nearly 60 residents of central Meade County at the Red Owl Hall. His appearance was part of a special meeting of the Meade County Commission on June 19, the Black Hills Pioneer reported.

Lietz said TC Energy was hopeful that they would get a couple of the major permits that they needed, and hoped to be doing pipeline construction this summer, but that didn't happen.

"Until we get those, it's hard to give definitive plans about when we are going to do what," he said.

Lietz said even though Keystone XL has been ongoing for 10 years, the company is still committed to the project.

"We still believe it makes sense," he said.

But until TC Energy gets some of those other regulatory permits they won't know when they will be doing the main line construction.

"When we get those, we will be able to communicate more definitively back to you saying this is when we plan on doing this or such at a given time," he said.

The work on gravel roads is something that TC Energy already had started last year and wants to finish, Lietz said.

Hal Fuglevand, general manager for the Yellowstone Division of Knife River Corporation, said his company will oversee the road work and will have a full-time superintendent on the Meade road projects as well as a project manager.

Work will begin the week of June 24 on Avance Road off Highway 34 in the far northeast corner of the county. The Keystone XL pipe yard will be located along that road.

Fuglevand said construction was scheduled to start June 26.

The hauling and grading would continue for five or six days, and then it would be covered with mag chloride, a gravel road dust control agent.

The focus would then shift to Maurine and Opal roads in the far north central portions of Meade County which are near the Keystone XL pump station. That project would last about 15 days.

"Once we start, we will work continuously until we are done. We're hoping for a July 22 completion if everything goes right," Fuglevand said. "We hope to get out of your hair just as quick as we can."

Work hours will be 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. daily. Crews will work Monday through Saturday, but will take off for the Fourth of July holiday July 4-7.

Gravel for the Avance Road will come from the Morris gravel pit just off Highway 34. The gravel for Maurine and Opal will come from the Larson pit.

Gravel trucks for the Maurine and Opal roads will take Highway 34 west to its intersection with Highway 79. They will take Highway 79 north to Newell and take Highway 212 to Opal and Maurine.

"The intent is not to travel on gravel roads as far as haul roads. We are going to stay on all paved roads except the roads we are working on," Fuglevand said.

Knife River will have a crew of 25 trucks hauling during the projects.

And if there are delays, Knife River would most likely halt the hauling during the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, said Meade County Commissioner Rod Bradley who moderated the meeting last week.

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Rural residents expressed concerns about rock chips in their windshields and blown tires on their vehicles from the large aggregate that was brought in to cover the gravel roads.

"If something falls off one of our trucks and chips your windshield, we will pay for it," Fuglevand said.

Residents also wanted assurances that they would not see a repeat of the fiasco when Brandenburg Drainage, a subcontractor on the Keystone XL project, filed 23 liens totaling \$1.01 million against Meade County landowners in mid-March. The lien amounts ranged from \$3,580.57 to \$243,478.76 and have since been lifted.

"What are you as company officials going to do to prevent your contractors or subcontractors from doing that to us again?" asked Darrell Vig.

Lietz said that the company is being more proactive with contracts to assure there is not a repeat of the lien situation.

"You try to screen who you partner up with. This time we went with someone (Knife River) we know has performed well both in South Dakota and Montana. We have confidence that they will do a good job," he said.

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

Police: Sioux Falls man tried to run over ex-girlfriend

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Police in Sioux Falls say a man tried to run over his ex-girlfriend after the two argued.

The woman saw the 47-year-old man sitting in a van and went to talk to him Wednesday night. The two began arguing, and the man allegedly drove the van onto the sidewalk and tried to hit her.

An officer saw the van on the sidewalk and tried to stop it, but the man took off and struck a car. The driver was not hurt, but the car sustained major damage.

Police chased the man on foot after he abandoned the van. The Argus Leader reports the man tried to kick and bite the officers who arrested him.

The suspect was arrested for aggravated assault, hit and run, assaulting an officer and drug charges.

Excerpts from recent South Dakota editorials

By The Associated Press undefined

Rapid City Journal, June 27

Public accounting of Aurora Plains abuse necessary

Troubling stories of longtime abuse at Aurora Plains Academy in Plankinton correctly led Gov. Kristi Noem to order a series of wide-ranging reforms.

The director of the privately run, government-funded intensive residential treatment facility for youth contends the true picture differs significantly from the abusive culture depicted by South Dakota News Watch. That disturbing portrait emerged from accounts told by a dozen former staff, residents and families — all offering similar tales. The ring of truth resulting from the weight of testimony provides adequate credence and demands action.

Things may have improved in recent years, as the director and Gov. Noem contend, but only evidence will provide necessary reassurance. We expect an eventual public accounting of the problems found and actions taken.

This is far from the worst case of institutional disarray ever uncovered. Many of those interviewed told of how most staff kept residents foremost, but it would be reckless to ignore repeated warnings that the academy's culture has been infected by needless aggression, even bullying, encouraged by supervisors who look the other way.

Most telling: The News Watch report showed that 400 child abuse or neglect complaints were filed against Aurora Plains over the past 10 years, but that the state investigated only 39 of them and issued

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four corrective-action reports. That track record does not evoke confidence in state regulators.

The vulnerability of residents, the medical secrecy that surrounds them — the ease with which their complaints can be swept away as youthful embellishment — make a public accounting necessary.

Noem ordered the Department of Social Services, which has regulatory authority over youth treatment facilities, to review and reform licensing and inspection processes, improve child safety, increase transparency surrounding complaints and push state agencies to do more unannounced inspections. Only one annual, pre-announced inspection of each facility is done by the state now.

Noem's list constitutes a good start, but the tales told by former staff suggest the root cause of ongoing problems may be fundamentally related to pay and staffing.

Former staff reported unexceptional pay, frequent turnover, positions often going unfilled, mandatory double shifts, and staff working for weeks straight without days off. Conditions like these typically render it impossible to keep good staff, especially in a rural community where everyone talks.

Difficulty in filling open jobs leads inevitably to desperation and a culture of looking the other way. Not everybody is a good fit for working with an inherently difficult population. We all know that some people would prefer to dominate rather than control an emotional outburst. That's not therapeutic. It's corrosive to vulnerable souls.

Madison Daily Leader, June 25 **South Dakota should resist legalization**

A 19-year-old Sioux Falls man pleaded guilty Tuesday morning to fatally shooting his friend last year.

Stasek Alexandr Stefanyuk was showing off a shotgun when he shot and killed his friend Darias Tiger in September. Stefanyuk admitted he had been using drugs at the time.

The case is merely the most recent in a long string of tragedies and killings involving drugs. We've read far too many stories of people who are high involved in fatal "accidents," and others who charge law enforcement officers with loaded weapons, often resulting in their own deaths.

Legalizing mind-altering drugs is on a roll nationwide, with marijuana leading the charge. Forty states have adopted a patchwork of laws involving some form of legalization. South Dakota is not among them.

Advocates point to the benefits of marijuana or its derivatives, often describing harmless situations, like a solitary person smoking a joint at home, or an elderly person getting pain relief from pot.

Killing another person while high is the other side of that story. For some people, the trade-off of increased enjoyment by some while endangering others is worthwhile. We don't think so.

Legalization bills will certainly be introduced in the South Dakota legislature in upcoming sessions. We urge legislators (and voters when legalization appears on a ballot) to resist such a movement.

Black Hills Pioneer, June 22 **Feds should share airport study**

The city of Spearfish wants to do the right thing concerning placement of a proposed new runway at its Black Hills Airport-Clyde Ice Field, but the federal government has made the process a guessing game.

Federal Aviation Administration officials say a study found that there are at least 80 sites of cultural significance in the location of the city's proposed crosswind runway, but what those sites are or exactly where they are remains a secret.

The city has been told that it is the position of the FAA that the study revealing the significance is a process between two nations (the U.S. government and Tribal Nations) and the city is not entitled to a copy of the study nor its content.

Wait! What?

The city must now halt the process on its preferred alternative for a new runway, and is being directed to embark on creating a plan for a second location hundreds of feet away from the original without being privy to any of the things that cannot be mitigated.

We understand there are culturally sensitive areas in the Black Hills.

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Leonard Little Finger may have said it best. He wrote at culturalsurvival.org that the Black Hills is a sacred grandmother to the Native Americans filled with sacred power sites.

Little Finger, who died in 2017, was a respected Lakota elder and the founder-director of Sacred Hoop School, a Lakota language school in Oglala.

We are confident that Spearfish leaders want to proceed with caution and would not want to disturb areas of significance to Native Americans.

The city has discussed its concerns with elected representatives, sent formal correspondence to the FAA, and met with representatives from the FAA to discuss concerns.

Spearfish can't proceed without knowing all there is to know about this land.

The Black Hills Pioneer has submitted a Freedom of Information Act request seeking answers that the FAA refuses to provide to the city. We believe the studies are public information.

We urge the federal government to allow Spearfish officials and all to see this cultural assessment of the proposed construction area before embarking on another study that may end in the same result at an alternate runway location.

The federal government is funded by the public and is required to provide information to the public, which in this case includes the city of Spearfish, in an open manner.

Tillerson says Kushner conducted foreign policy without him

By BEN FOX Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Secretary of State Rex Tillerson cited an awkward encounter with President Donald Trump's son-in-law in a restaurant as an example of diplomacy being conducted behind his back when he was in the administration, according to a newly released transcript of a congressional hearing.

Tillerson, who was fired by Trump in March 2018, mentioned the story during a day of closed-door testimony before the House Foreign Affairs Committee about his rocky, 13-month tenure as secretary of state. He described his surprise to find that he happened to be dining in the same Washington restaurant while Jared Kushner and Mexican Secretary of Foreign Affairs Luis Videgaray had a private meal.

The former top U.S. diplomat and CEO of ExxonMobil said he "could see the color go out" of the Mexican official's face when Tillerson greeted them at their table with a smile.

"And I said: 'I don't want to interrupt what y'all are doing,'" Tillerson recalled for the committee. "I said 'Give me a call next time you're coming to town. And I left it at that.'"

The account from the transcript released Thursday suggests that Trump's top diplomat was in the dark as the new administration was grappling with major foreign policy issues.

Trump had harsh words for his former top diplomat in December after Tillerson said in rare public remarks that the president was "undisciplined" and did not like to read briefing reports. Trump called him "dumb as a rock" in a tweet.

Tillerson described the restaurant incident as an example of one of the challenges he faced as secretary of state until Trump abruptly fired him over social media.

He said it was a "unique situation" to have the president's son-in-law as a White House adviser, saying "there was not a real clear understanding" of Kushner's role and responsibilities.

"No one really described what he was going to be doing," he said. "I just knew what his title was."

Tillerson said there other examples. He noted that Kushner "met often" with Mohammad bin Salman, the crown prince of Saudi Arabia, and that the president's son-in-law requested that the secretary speak with an official from the kingdom to discuss a document they had been developing that was "kind of a roadmap" for the future of the relationship between the two countries.

The foreign trips raised concerns, the former secretary said, because Kushner would not coordinate with the State Department or the local embassy in the countries he visited. Tillerson said he raised the issue with him but "not much changed."

A committee member asked about a private dinner in May 2017 attended by Kushner, Steve Bannon, bin Salman and Prince Mohammed bin Zayed of the United Arab Emirates in which they discussed the plans by

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Saudi Arabia and U.A.E. to blockade the neighboring Gulf nation of Qatar, which hosts the headquarters of U.S. Central Command, in the coming weeks.

Tillerson said he didn't know about any such dinner but that it would have made him "angry" if it had occurred, since he and others in the administration were caught off guard by the blockade a few weeks later. The committee did not cite a source for their information about the dinner. The White House said it did not occur and disputed the former secretary's broader criticism of Kushner.

"This story is false and a cheap attempt to rewrite history. The alleged 'dinner' to supposedly discuss the blockade never happened, and neither Jared, nor anyone in the White House, was involved in the blockade," presidential spokesman Hogan Gidley said. "The White House operated under the belief the Secretary of State at the time, Mr. Tillerson, would and should know what his own team was working on."

Gidley added that Kushner "consistently follows proper protocols" with the National Security Council and the State Department, "and this instance is no different."

Bannon did not respond to a request for comment.

The testimony, with Tillerson accompanied by a personal lawyer and a State Department attorney, took place in private last month. A transcript was released Thursday. There were large sections redacted, including some where he discusses issues related to an Oval Office meeting that involved the Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and Ambassador Sergei Kislyak .

He was prohibited from discussing private conversations with Trump and avoided certain highly publicized incidents, including reports he once referred to the president as a "moron."

He told the committee he had never met Trump before being urged by him to take the job and he was stunned by the offer after his long career as an oil industry executive with extensive overseas experience, especially in Russia and the Middle East.

Tillerson, who had been acquainted with Russian President Vladimir Putin since the late 1990s, said he told the leader during his first visit as secretary of state that relations with the United States were bad but could be improved if they worked to build trust.

"I said the relationship is the worst it's been since the Cold War but I looked him in the eye and I said but it can get worse and we can't let that happen," he said.

Harris gets personal, delivers civil rights blow to Biden

By WILL WEISSERT Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Kamala Harris spoke slowly but bluntly as she stared at Joe Biden, then began treating him as a hostile witness.

The former prosecutor turned California senator started by saying she didn't think the former vice president "was a racist." But she criticized him for recently "defending segregationists" in the Senate and for once opposing mandatory busing of students to desegregated public schools.

Harris described a young girl in the 1970s who boarded such buses before dramatically offering, "That little girl was me."

The moment was as powerful as it was unexpected, a searing line of attack against Biden, who served as vice president to the first African American president. Biden entered back-to-back nights of Democratic presidential debates in Miami as the leading Democratic candidate. Harris showed promise but had not made much of a mark lately.

That changed Thursday.

That Harris and other Democratic presidential hopefuls would come out swinging against Biden was no surprise, and her verbal strike was hardly spontaneous. Moments after the exchange, her campaign tweeted a picture of a school-age Harris with pigtails, over the caption: "There was a little girl in California who was bussed to school. That little girl was me."

In deeply personal tones, Harris hammered Biden for policy choices that she suggested betrayed the spirit of the civil rights movement, if not directly opposing all it stood for. Then she really hit her stride, exhibiting the controlled force of a practiced cross-examiner.

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"Do you agree today that you were wrong to oppose busing in America?" Harris asked.

A visibly angry Biden responded that his record was mischaracterized. But he was left denying Harris' comments on a technicality, saying he didn't oppose public school busing, just it being ordered by the Department of Education — decrying federal intervention on the issue on behalf of states.

Harris shot back, "There are moments in history where states fail to support the civil rights of people."

Biden offered only curt responses after that, and was so flustered that he failed to lean on his time as Obama's vice president — seeming unsure of himself for prolonged stretches on national television.

Senior advisers to Biden insisted afterward that they weren't surprised by the confrontation with Harris and were satisfied with his response in the time allowed. They noted that while he dismissed Harris' characterization of his relationship with segregationist senators in his early years in the Senate more than 45 years ago, Biden appeared to be listening while she criticized his position on busing.

"I thought it was an important moment. He listened. And you don't judge other people's pain," said Cedric Richmond, Biden's campaign chairman.

Richmond added that, had Biden had more time, he would have spent it discussing his campaign's focus on educational opportunity, and his work in the Obama administration curbing disproportionate school arrests of African American students.

"We know that we are the front-runner and that people are going to try to bring the front-runner down," said Richmond, a Louisiana congressman. "Since when is experience and wisdom a bad thing?"

Adding to the drama, though, was the fact that Harris and Biden have long been friends. She grew close to the former vice president's son, Beau, during their time as state attorneys general. Harris served in California while Beau Biden was serving in Delaware. The two were partners during negotiations with banks amid the foreclosure crisis and Harris texted and talked with Beau Biden daily, sometimes more, before his death in 2015 after being diagnosed with brain cancer.

When Joe Biden endorsed Harris during her 2016 Senate race, he noted that his son "always supported her."

At a fundraiser last week, Biden hailed the importance of "civility" in politics, mentioning that he worked decades ago alongside senators who supported segregation. Biden has been roundly criticized by members of his own party for the comments, but hasn't apologized.

Others also tried to hit Biden during Thursday's debate. Mere moments into the action, 38-year-old California Rep. Eric Swalwell recalled being just 6 when he saw Biden speak, saying the ex-vice president was "right when he said it was time to pass the torch to a new generation of Americans."

Biden, 76, was better prepared for quips about his age, retorting, "I'm still holding onto that torch." Subsequently jumping to Biden's defense was 77-year-old Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, who said the issue "is not generational."

Harris appeared to want to defuse things, saying: "Hey, guys. You wanna know what America does not want to witness? A food fight. They want to know how they're going to put food on the table."

But that only set the stage for Harris' dramatic exchange with Biden later.

Afterward, even some of Harris' rivals praised her performance. New York Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand said, "What Kamala said was a fair shot."

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This story has been corrected to show Harris is a former prosecutor, not a former federal prosecutor.

Trump jokes to Putin: 'Don't meddle in the election'

By JONATHAN LEMIRE and ZEKE MILLER Associated Press

OSAKA, Japan (AP) — With a smirk and a finger point, President Donald Trump dryly told Russia's Vladimir Putin "Don't meddle in the election" in their first meeting since the special counsel concluded that Russia extensively interfered with the 2016 campaign.

The tone of the president's comment, which came after a reporter asked if he would warn Putin, was immediately open to interpretation. But it would seem to do little to silence questions about Trump's relationship with Russia in the aftermath of special counsel Robert Mueller's conclusion that he could not establish a criminal conspiracy between Trump's campaign and Russia.

It was the latest remarkable moment for Trump at Putin's side after meeting nearly a year ago in Helsinki, considered one of the defining days of Trump's presidency, when he pointedly did not admonish Putin over election interference and did not side with U.S. intelligence agencies over his Russian counterpart.

The leaders traded brief remarks Friday, the first time they sat together since Helsinki, about issues they planned to discuss when a reporter asked Trump if he would warn Putin not to meddle in the 2020 election.

"Of course," the president replied. Then he turned to Putin and facetiously said, "Don't meddle in the election." He playfully repeated request while pointing at Putin. Putin laughed.

Trump said he enjoyed a "very, very good relationship" with Putin and said "many positive things are going to come out of the relationship."

The meeting with Putin, which came amid a gauntlet of negotiations on international crises, trade wars and a growing global to-do list, was the main event on Trump's agenda Friday at the G20 summit in Osaka. But the president also kept an eye on the race to replace him back home, where 10 Democrats met in Miami as part of the first debates of the 2020 presidential race.

"I just passed a television set on the way here. I saw that health care and maximum health care was given to 100% of the illegal immigrants coming into our country by the Democrats," Trump said, telling German Chancellor Merkel during their meeting that a debate the previous night "wasn't very exciting."

"So I look forward to spending time with you rather than watching," he said. Merkel did not react.

Later, while meeting with Brazil's president Jair Bolsonaro, Trump segued from a discussion on the crisis in Venezuela to declare he had heard a rumor that the Democratic Party will change its name to the Socialist Party. "I'm hearing that, but let's see if they do it," Trump said.

There have been no such rumors.

Trump had said in advance of meeting Putin that he expected a "very good conversation" but told reporters that "what I say to him is none of your business." The official White House readout released after the meeting did not mention interference.

Though the meeting occurred in the early morning hours back in the United States, some were quick to denounce the president's comments. Michael McFaul, who was U.S. ambassador to Russia under Barack Obama, tweeted that he found Trump's conduct "depressing."

"Trump's admiration and appeasement of Putin is so bizarre," he wrote. "I can't think of one concrete U.S. interest that has been advanced by Trump's behavior."

White House aides had grown worried that Trump could use the meeting to once again attack the Russia probe on the world stage, particularly since Mueller recently agreed to testify before Congress next month, he did not utter the special counsel's name.

Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer had pressed the president to directly challenge the Russian leader on election interference and send a signal "not merely to Putin but to all of our adversaries that interfering with our election is unacceptable, and that they will pay a price — a strong price — for trying."

The United States and Russia are also on opposing sides of the escalating crisis with Iran, which shot down an American drone last week. Trump nixed a possible retaliatory air strike and stressed Friday that the "there's no rush" to ease the tension with Tehran.

The Mueller report did not establish a criminal conspiracy between Trump associates and the Kremlin to sway the outcome of the election. The finding lifted a cloud over the White House even as tensions have increased between Washington and Moscow. While Trump has long placed a premium on establishing

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close personal ties with Putin, his government has increased sanctions and other pressures on the Russian government.

At a summit last November in Argentina, Trump canceled what would have been the leaders' first post-Helsinki meeting after Russia seized two Ukrainian vessels and their crew in the Sea of Azov. Those crew members remain detained, yet Trump opted to forge ahead with the Osaka meeting.

Trump said Friday alongside Putin that the fate of the sailors had yet to be discussed.

The leaders last year announced their withdrawal from a key arms control pact, the 1987 Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty. It is set to terminate this summer, raising fears of a new arms race. Another major nuclear agreement, the New Start treaty, is set to expire in 2021 unless Moscow and Washington negotiate an extension.

But the backdrop, as always, will be Russia's 2016 election interference.

The White House said after Friday's meeting that the leaders agreed to keep talking about a "21st century model of arms control," which Trump said needs to include China. They also discussed the situations in Iran, Syria, Venezuela and Ukraine. The U.S. and Russia are on opposing sides on all four issues.

Putin has denied meddling in the American election to help Trump, even though Mueller uncovered extensive evidence to the contrary. At the news conference that followed the Helsinki summit, Trump responded to a reporter's question by declining to denounce Russia's election interference or side with his own intelligence agencies over Putin.

Trump opened the G20 summit by meeting with the host, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, followed by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Merkel. He sounded optimistic about inking trade deals with all three, praised alliances he has strained in the past and expressed hope in dealing with North Korea.

The president, who previously has disrupted carefully choreographed summits by attacking allies and adversaries alike, attended a dinner Friday evening at the ancient Osaka Castle. He also sent positive signals ahead of Saturday's talks with China's Xi Jinping. He said he believed there was "a very good chance" they could make progress toward ending their trade dispute.

Earlier, as Abe officially received Trump, the president waved over his daughter Ivanka Trump and son-in-law Jared Kushner, both senior White House aides, to pose with him for the official welcome photo. Trump and Abe were later joined by Modi and the three engaged in a group fist bump at Trump's urging.

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G-20 leaders clash over values, face calls to protect growth

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OSAKA, Japan (AP) — World leaders attending a Group of 20 summit in Japan that began Friday are clashing over the values that have served for decades as the foundation of their cooperation as they face calls to fend off threats to economic growth.

"A free and open economy is the basis for peace and prosperity," Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe told his counterparts in opening the two-day G-20 meeting, which comes as leaders grapple with profound tensions over trade, globalization and the collapsing nuclear deal with Iran.

While groups like the G-20 endeavor to forge consensus on broad policy approaches and geopolitical issues, they also are divided on an array of issues.

Defying Chinese warnings not to bring up the issue of recent protests in Hong Kong, Abe told Chinese President Xi Jinping it was important for "a free and open Hong Kong to prosper under 'one country, two systems' policy," Japanese officials said, referring to the arrangement for the former British colony's autonomy when China took control in 1997.

They said Abe reminded Xi of the importance of guaranteeing freedom, human rights, the "rule of law" and other universal values in raising concern over proposed Hong Kong legislation that would allow some criminal suspects to be extradited for trial in mainland China. The bill, now shelved, prompted protests by hundreds of thousands of Hong Kong residents and minor demonstrations elsewhere in Asia, including

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Osaka.

Xi is not the only leader facing a pushback from his Western counterparts.

European Union Council President Donald Tusk blasted Russian President Vladimir Putin for saying in an interview with the Financial Times newspaper that liberalism was "obsolete" and conflicts with the "overwhelming majority" in many countries.

"We are here as Europeans also to firmly and unequivocally defend and promote liberal democracy," Tusk told reporters. "What I find really obsolete are: authoritarianism, personality cults, the rule of oligarchs. Even if sometimes they may seem effective."

Tusk told reporters that such comments suggest a belief that "freedoms are obsolete, that the rule of law is obsolete and that human rights are obsolete."

Putin praised President Donald Trump for his efforts to try to stop the flow of migrants and drugs from Mexico and said that liberalism "presupposes that nothing needs to be done. That migrants can kill, plunder and rape with impunity because their rights as migrants have to be protected."

Trump has at times found himself at odds with other leaders in such international events, particularly on issues such as Iran, climate change and trade.

The schisms can vary.

At a meeting on the G-20 sidelines, Putin, Xi and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi agreed on the need to rely on international law, respect national sovereignty and refrain from interference in the internal affairs of other nations, Putin said.

Such statements are a swipe at Trump's "America First" approach in rejecting multilateral initiatives, but also draw a line against criticism of authoritarian governments like China's and Russia's.

A planned meeting between Trump and Xi on Saturday as the G-20 meetings conclude has raised hopes for a detente in the tariffs war between the world's two largest economies.

The two sides have levied billions of dollars' worth of tariffs on each other's products in a festering dispute over technology and China's chronic trade surplus.

In a meeting with Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro, Trump said he had not promised to hold back on imposing new tariffs on China.

"I think it'll be productive," Trump said of his meeting with Xi. "We'll see what happens tomorrow. It'll be a very exciting day I'm sure," he said. "It's going to come out hopefully well for both countries."

U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer and Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross accompanied Trump to Osaka, suggesting potential for some movement after 11 rounds of talks with China stalled in May.

But while prospects for detente in the trade war are in the spotlight, many participants prefer a broader approach to tackling global crises.

"I am deeply concerned over the current global economic situation. The world is paying attention to the direction we, the G-20 leaders, are moving toward," Abe said. "We need to send a strong message, which is to support and strengthen a free, fair and indiscriminating trade system."

A breakthrough is not assured. On Thursday, a Chinese foreign ministry spokesman in Beijing reiterated that China is determined to defend itself against further U.S. moves to penalize it in the trade dispute. China has often sought to gain support for defending global trade agreements against Trump's "America First" stance in gatherings like the G-20.

Abe has sought to make the Osaka summit a landmark for progress on environmental issues, including climate change, on cooperation in developing new rules for the "digital economy," such as devising fair ways to tax companies like Google and Facebook, and on strengthening precautions against abuse of technologies such as cybercurrencies to fund terrorism and other types of internet-related crimes.

On the rising tensions between Iran and the U.S., U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said the world can't afford the conflict and it is "essential to deescalate the situation" and avoid confrontation. Iran is poised to soon surpass a key uranium stockpile threshold, threatening the nuclear accord it reached with world powers in 2015.

Iran's moves come after Trump announced in May 2018 that he was pulling the U.S. out of the deal and

reimposing economic sanctions on Tehran.

In a letter to the leaders in Osaka, Guterres urged them to take action on equitable and stable reforms to strengthen the global financial safety net and increase the global economy's resilience.

While there are good plans and vision, what's needed are "accelerated actions, not more deliberations," he said.

Fast and equal economic growth should be achieved so that people who live in "the 'rust belts' of the world are not left behind," he said.

The leaders of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, in a meeting on the G-20 sidelines, called for joint efforts to stabilize international trade and oppose protectionism.

Putin, whose country faces an array of U.S. and EU sanctions, said at the meeting that "international trade has suffered from protectionism, politically motivated restrictions and barriers." He also emphasized the need for BRICS nations to take coordinated action to help block sources of funding for terrorist groups.

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Rivals target Biden as Democrats' rifts emerge on age, race

By JUANA SUMMERS and STEVE PEOPLES Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — Democratic divisions over race, age and ideology burst into public view in Thursday night's presidential debate, punctuated by a heated exchange between former Vice President Joe Biden and California Sen. Kamala Harris.

It was one of several moments that left the 76-year-old Biden, who entered the night as his party's early front-runner, on the defensive as he works to convince voters he's still in touch with the modern Democratic Party and best-positioned to deny President Donald Trump a second term.

"I do not believe you are a racist," Harris said to Biden before criticizing his record of working with Democratic segregationist senators on non-race issues as "hurtful."

Biden called Harris' criticism "a complete mischaracterization of my record." He declared, "I ran because of civil rights" and later accused the Trump administration of embracing racism.

The night marked an abrupt turning point in a Democratic primary in which candidates have largely tiptoed around each other, focusing instead on their shared desire to beat Trump. With millions of Americans peeking inside the Democrats' unruly 2020 season for the first time, the showdown revealed deep rifts eight months before primary voting begins.

The showdown featured four of the five strongest candidates — according to early polls, at least. Those are Biden, Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont, Mayor Pete Buttigieg of South Bend, Indiana, and Harris. Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, who debated Wednesday night, is the fifth.

There are so many candidates lining up to take on Trump that they do not all fit on one debate stage — or even two. Twenty Democrats debated on national television this week in two waves of 10, while a handful more were left out altogether.

Trump, who was attending the Group of 20 summit in Japan, still found time to weigh in on the debate and jab his rivals, claiming it didn't go well for Biden or Sanders. Trump tweeted Friday that he heard it was "not a good day" for them.

The level of diversity on display on the debate stage was unprecedented for a major political party in the United States. The field features six women, two African Americans, one Asian American and two men under 40, one of them gay.

Harris is the only African American woman to qualify for the presidential debate stage and showed she could land a forceful attack on rivals.

Any of the three women featured Thursday night would be the first ever elected president. Yet in the early days of the campaign, two white septuagenarians are leading the polls: Biden and Sanders.

Buttigieg, a 37-year-old gay former military officer, is four decades younger than Sanders and Biden and has framed his candidacy as a call for generational change in his party.

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He displayed a fluency on a range of policy issues and hit hard on efforts by Republican Trump to stifle the flow of illegal immigration at the Mexican border.

"For a party that associates itself with Christianity to say it is OK to suggest that God would smile on the division of families at the hands of federal agents, that God would condone putting children in cages," that party "has lost all claim to ever use religious language," he said.

The party's broader fight over ideology took a back seat at times to its racial and generational divisions, which also flared when the discussion turned to health care.

Sanders, the self-described democratic socialist, slapped at his party's centrist candidates, vowing to fight for "real change." He raised his hand to indicate he would give up his private insurance coverage in favor of a government-financed plan.

Most of the candidates on stage, including Biden, didn't join him.

While many candidates, including Biden, embrace at least some version of Sanders' "Medicare for All" proposal, the former vice president also defended the role of private insurance, praising its role in the aftermath of the car accident that killed his wife and daughter and left his sons injured decades ago.

Along with Medicare, Buttigieg defended private insurance, too, but he also said, "We can't just be relying on the tender mercies of the corporate system."

Buttigieg's night was defined in part by trouble back home that has represented the most significant leadership test in his young political career. The fresh-faced mayor faced tough questions about a recent police shooting in his city in which a white officer shot and killed a black man. He said an investigation was underway, and acknowledged the underlying racial tensions in his city and others.

"It's a mess," he said plainly, noting that such issues have plagued communities across America. "We're hurting."

He sidestepped pointed calls to fire his police chief, calling instead for a time when white and black people would react the same way when confronted by police.

Little-known California Rep. Eric Swalwell, who is just 38 years old, was among Buttigieg's chief critics. He also took a swipe at Biden's advanced age.

Either Biden or Sanders would be the oldest president ever elected.

"Joe Biden was right when he said it was time to pass the torch to a new generation of Americans 32 years ago," Swalwell jabbed.

Biden responded: "I'm still holding onto that torch."

Others on the stage Thursday night included Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand of New York, who tried to elbow her way into the packed debate at times, Sen. Michael Bennet of Colorado, New York businessman Andrew Yang and author and social activist Marianne Williamson.

The showdown played out in Florida, a general election battleground that could well determine whether Trump wins a second term next year.

Biden sought to sidestep the intraparty divisions altogether, training his venom on Trump.

"Donald Trump thinks Wall Street built America. Ordinary middle-class Americans built America," he said, adding, "Donald Trump has put us in a horrible situation. We do have enormous income inequality."

Biden downplayed his establishment leanings at times. Along with the other candidates on stage, he raised his hand to say his health care plan would provide coverage for immigrants in the country illegally.

Former Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper predicted that an aggressive lurch to the left on key policies would ultimately hurt Democrats' quest to defeat Trump.

"If we don't clearly define we are not socialists, the Republicans are going to come at us every way they can and call us socialists," he warned.

Their first round of debates is finished, but the real struggle is just beginning for most of the candidates.

All will work aggressively to leverage their debate performance and the related media attention to their advantage in the coming days. There is a real sense of urgency for more than a dozen who fear they may not reach donor and polling thresholds to qualify for later debates.

Should they fail to qualify, and many will fail, this week's debates may have marked the high point for their personal presidential ambitions.

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AP Explains: The law criminalizing improper border crossings

By SOPHIA TAREEN Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — A federal law that President Donald Trump used in justifying the separation of migrant parents and children at the border last year is creating waves on the 2020 campaign trail, with some Democrats vowing to do away with it completely.

During the first televised presidential debate, Democratic candidate Julian Castro promised to “terminate” the law that criminalizes unauthorized border crossings and challenged others to do the same. Several candidates on the stage of the first debate night said they agreed. By Thursday, all but one Democratic candidate onstage said they would make illegal border crossings a civil, not, criminal offense.

The debates gave prominence to a law that’s been part of border enforcement for decades, but rarely has received this level of national attention.

Here’s a closer look at the law:

WHAT IS THE LAW?

The law is called illegal entry, and it makes unauthorized border crossings a crime. The law specifically bars entry into the U.S. at places other than through ports of entry, like an airport or bridge on the U.S.-Mexican border. A violation of the law, also known as Section 1325, is a misdemeanor with a penalty of six months in prison, though most are sentenced to time served. A second offense, or illegal re-entry, is a felony.

Critics say the U.S. government doesn’t have the resources to prosecute every case and the focus should be on more dangerous criminals.

Advocates say prosecuting the cases deters illegal immigration, though data on the topic is limited.

HOW HAS IT BEEN USED?

For decades the government didn’t actively pursue criminal cases under Section 1325, which has been on the books since 1929. Those caught were deported by immigration enforcement.

It wasn’t until a 2005 program started by President George W. Bush, vowing to curb illegal immigration, that the number of criminal prosecutions soared.

With “Operation Streamline,” large groups of people were tried all at once and slapped with misdemeanors. There were just under 40,000 criminal prosecutions for immigration that year, and up to 90,000 under former President Barack Obama in 2013, according to a research organization at Syracuse University.

WHAT’S HAPPENING NOW?

The law generated international headlines last year when Trump rolled out his “zero tolerance policy,” vowing to prosecute first time offenders with six months in prison. Immigrant parents arriving at the border with their children were hauled into court and prosecuted for illegal entry, and children were separated from them.

Thousands of children were separated from their parents before Trump backtracked and signed an executive order stopping the separations amid widespread outrage over the practice. Shortly after, a judge also ruled that families could only be split in limited circumstances.

Under Trump, the total number of immigration-related criminal prosecutions reached around 100,000 in 2018, which includes Section 1325 cases.

Repealing the law would require Congress to act.

HAS THE LAW GENERATED CONTROVERSY PREVIOUSLY?

One year ago, defense lawyers lashed out at how the Justice Department was prosecuting illegal entry in federal courtrooms as Operation Streamline expanded to San Diego. California was a longtime holdout against the mass illegal entry prosecutions in federal court that were the norm in other border states since the Bush administration. That changed with “zero tolerance,” and the prosecutions were brought

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to San Diego.

There were no illegal entry cases in February 2018 in the Southern District of California, but more than 800 by June as family separation reached its peak.

Critics say the mass hearings violate the due process of immigrants. Reuben Camper Cahn, executive director of Federal Defenders of San Diego Inc., invoked the "separate but equal" doctrine last year in arguing that immigrants in the Operation Streamline proceedings were being treated differently from the citizen population in courts.

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Restored Mission Control comes alive 50 years after Apollo

By **MARCIA DUNN AP Aerospace Writer**

HOUSTON (AP) — Gone is the haze of cigarette, cigar and pipe smoke. Gone are the coffee, soda and pizza stains. With only a few exceptions, NASA's Apollo-era Mission Control has been restored to the way it looked 50 years ago when two men landed on the moon.

It gets the stamp of approval from retired flight director Gene Kranz, a man for whom failure — or even a minor oversight — is never an option.

Seated at the console where he ruled over Apollo 11, Apollo 13 and so many other astronaut missions, Kranz pointed out that a phone was missing behind him. And he said the air vents used to be black from all the smoke, not sparkly clean like they are now.

Those couple of details aside, Kranz could close, then open his eyes, and transport himself back to July 20, 1969, and Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin's momentous moon landing.

"When I sit down here and I'm in the chair at the console ... I hear these words, 'Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed,'" Kranz said during a sneak preview at NASA's Johnson Space Center.

With all the empty seats, the room reminds him of a shift change when flight controllers would hit the restroom.

"It's just nice to see the thing come alive again," said Kranz, who titled his autobiography, "Failure is Not an Option."

Friday's grand opening — just three weeks shy of the 50th anniversary of humanity's first otherworldly footsteps — culminates years of work and millions in donations. It opens to the public Monday.

Meticulously recreated down to the tan carpeting, gray-green wallpaper, white ceiling panels, woven-cushioned seats, amber glass ashtrays and retro coffee cups, Project Apollo's Mission Operations Control Room never looked — or smelled — so good.

The goal was "to capture the look and feel of July of '69," said NASA's restoration project manager Jim Thornton.

"The place is designated a National Historic Landmark," he said. "It's not for the brick and mortar of the building, it's for the amazing feats that happened inside of the building."

Johnson's historic preservation officer, Sandra Tetley, strove for accuracy. Her quest began in 2013, after the room had fallen into neglect. It was last used for space shuttle flights in the 1990s, then abandoned and opened to tourists.

The restoration effort finally got traction in 2017. The room was closed, and construction began. More than \$5 million was raised, most of it donations. The city of Webster across the street kicked in \$3.5 million.

Tetley and her team interviewed flight controllers and directors now in their 70s and 80s. They pored through old pictures and brought in specialists in paint, wallpaper, carpeting, electricity and upholstery. Original swatches of carpet and wallpaper and an original ceiling tile turned up.

Intent on authenticity, they scoured eBay and vintage shops for ashtrays and cups and turned to 3D-laser printing to recreate lids for the back-of-the-seat ashtrays in the glassed-in visitors' section overlooking the control room. Old binders for reams of paper were collected. Seat cushions were handwoven. Ceiling tiles were hand stamped.

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Carpeting was custom ordered with special tufting and extra yarn, then cut into 28-inch squares. The restoration team wanted a lived-in look for the carpet and chose a shade reflecting years of nicotine discoloring.

And yes, Kranz got his missing rotary-dial wall phone.

"I fought for everything," Tetley said. "But we're getting everything we want to make it just completely historically accurate."

The green consoles were trucked to the Cosmosphere museum in Hutchinson, Kansas, for months of rehab. Cigarette butts were dug out of the consoles, along with gum wrappers and papers.

Modern LED lights and flat screens were installed to bring the consoles alive with images and flashing buttons; big screens up front will show key footage from the Apollo 11 mission.

"We're using technology to make it look old, basically," Tetley explained. LEDs also replaced the original overhead fluorescent lights that had faded the mission medallions on the walls.

With the International Space Station's Mission Control running 24/7 one floor down and work for future moonshots going on all around, Thornton said it was challenging to create a museum. But the painstaking work paid off. Some Apollo flight controllers were so moved at seeing the restored room that they teared up.

"Then we know that we've done it right," Tetley said.

There's one artifact, though, that doesn't fit July 1969. Following their 1970 aborted moon-landing mission, Apollo 13's Jim Lovell, Fred Haise and Jack Swigert presented a mirror from their spacecraft to Kranz and the rest of the control team. Ever since, the mirror had hung on a plaque above the room's water fountain "to 'reflect the image' of the people in Mission Control who got us back!" Removed during the restoration, it's now back in its original spot.

Kranz, 85, still looms large in the hot seat, where he oversaw the Eagle's landing.

"It was just absolutely our day, our time, our place," he said.

The flight controllers meet every year to celebrate the day, although their numbers are dwindling.

They're proud to have helped resuscitate their Mission Control: "Part of our legacy we're going to leave for the next generation."

Follow AP's full coverage of the Apollo 11 anniversary at: <https://apnews.com/Apollo11moonlanding>

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Takeaways from night 2 of the Democratic debate

By **NICHOLAS RICCARDI** and **JUANA SUMMERS** Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — The roster for Thursday night's Democratic presidential debate demonstrated some of the party's major divisions — even before candidates started talking.

BAD MOMENT FOR BIDEN

Former Vice President Joe Biden entered Thursday's debate with the most to lose. In one powerful moment, it did not go well. Kamala Harris of California, a former prosecutor, invoked race and identity, challenging Biden to apologize for working with segregationist senators and for opposing aspects of school busing in the 1970s.

Biden did not apologize, and Harris then made it personal, saying she benefited from busing as a young girl in California.

She did tell Biden, "I do not believe you are a racist."

Throughout the debate, Biden had a mostly subdued presence and did little to draw bright distinctions between his policies and those of top-tier challengers like Harris and Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont.

His high points were his invocations of his alliance with President Barack Obama and his record on getting tough legislation on guns passed.

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DUMPING ON TRUMP

During Wednesday's debate, candidates generally shied away from talking about President Donald Trump. On Thursday they came out swinging.

Biden answered a pointed question about speaking at a high-dollar fundraiser by saying, "Donald Trump thinks Wall Street built America." Harris slammed the president's tax cut.

But no one struck harder than Sanders, who called Trump a fraud and a "pathological liar."

The more prominent candidates want to demonstrate they can take on Trump directly — an essential criterion for many Democratic voters.

All the candidates piled on Trump's immigration policy. But they evoked him on other topics: When Harris was asked about her climate plan, she called Trump the top global threat.

THE NEXT GENERATION?

Generational appeals have been an animating force in presidential politics as voters often embrace a call for change — think Bill Clinton in 1992 and Barack Obama in 2008.

Pete Buttigieg, the 37-year-old mayor of South Bend, Indiana, tried to make the case that he should be next. The contrast between him and two of the leading contenders, Biden and Sanders, both in their late 70s, is dramatic.

California Rep. Eric Swalwell, 38, recalled how Biden said decades ago it was time to pass the torch to a new generation. Swalwell said Biden should now hand it off.

"I'm still holding onto that torch," Biden said.

Sanders tried to make the case that ideas matter more than age, and his ideas would benefit younger Americans.

But Buttigieg isn't short on ideas of his own. He has tried to make the case for a health care plan that stops well short of Sanders' "Medicare for All." He has argued for a dramatic reversal of President Donald Trump's immigration policy. And while calling for student debt restructuring, he has also pushed the party to focus on young adults who have not gone to college.

LEAPING OVER THE GENDER GAP

For the second time in history, more than one woman appeared on a presidential debate stage — and they did not hesitate to venture into the raucous crosstalk.

Rather than waiting for their turn to speak, Harris and Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand of New York repeatedly made their voices heard, even when they were not asked to respond by a moderator.

Gillibrand cut off Colorado Sen. Michael Bennet to make a point and gave a fiery defense of women's reproductive rights.

Discussing immigration, Harris said, "I will ensure that this microphone that the president of the United States holds in her hand is used in a way that is about reflecting the values of our country and not about locking children up, separating them from their parents."

THE FRINGES STAY FRINGE

The crowded stage also included Marianne Williamson, a bestselling spiritual author, and Andrew Yang, a technology entrepreneur — two fringe candidates who have built enough of a following to make the debate. But their performance showed why they remain on the fringes.

Yang talked in a rapid monotone about his plan for the government to pay every U.S. resident \$1,000 a month. But he rarely engaged in the rest of the debate.

Williamson inserted herself into some discussions. But she rambled, usually tapering off mid-idea after introducing non sequiturs — for example, bringing the 1969 moon landing into an argument about climate change and generational differences.

Neither candidate seemed to increase his or her reach.

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AP FACT CHECK: Dems on migrant kids, the rich and climate

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A fired-up field of Democrats stumbled on some facts at the most visceral turns in their debate Thursday as they took on and sometimes sparred over race, the treatment of migrant children, the climate and the super-rich.

Here's a review of the rhetoric in the second night of the opening round of 2020 campaign debates, as 10 more candidates took their turn on the stage in Miami:

THE RICH

BERNIE SANDERS: "Eighty-three percent of your tax benefits go to the top 1 percent."

THE FACTS: That statistic is not close to true now. The Vermont senator is referring to 2027, not the present day. He didn't include that critical context in his statement.

His figures come from an analysis by the Tax Policy Center. That analysis found that in 2027 the top 1% of earners would get 83% of the savings from the tax overhaul signed into law by President Donald Trump. Why is that? Simple: Most of the tax cuts for individuals are set to expire after 2025, so the benefits for everyone else simply go away.

The 2017 tax overhaul does disproportionately favor the wealthy and corporations, but just 20.5% of the benefits went to the top 1% last year.

RACE

KAMALA HARRIS, senator from California: "Vice President Biden, do you agree today that you were wrong to oppose busing in America, then?"

JOE BIDEN: "I did not oppose busing in America. What I opposed is busing ordered by the Department of Education. That's what I opposed."

THE FACTS: That's hairsplitting.

The former vice president is claiming that he only opposed the U.S. Education Department's push for busing to desegregate schools because he didn't want federal mandates forced on local school boards. But in the early and mid-1970s, those were the fault lines in almost every U.S. community, from New Orleans to Boston, where there was stiff opposition to busing. If you were a politician opposing federally enforced busing, you were enabling any local school board or city government that was fighting against it.

As a senator in the late 1970s, Biden supported several measures, including one signed by President Jimmy Carter, that restricted the federal government's role in forced busing.

CLIMATE

BIDEN, on President Barack Obama's record: "He is the first man to bring together the entire world — 196 nations — to commit to deal with climate change."

Not really. Biden is minimizing a major climate deal from 22 years ago, a decade before Obama became president.

In 1997, nations across the world met in Japan and hammered out the Kyoto Protocol to limit climate change in a treaty that involved more than 190 countries at different points in time. And that treaty itself stemmed from the 1992 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Biden is referring to an agreement that came out of a 2015 meeting in Paris that was the 21st climate change convention meeting.

However, the Kyoto Protocol only required specific greenhouse gas emission cuts of developed nations, fewer than half the countries in the world. The Paris agreement, where several world leaders pushed hard, including France's president, has every country agreeing to do something. But each country proposed its own goals.

MIGRANT CHILDREN

BIDEN, on Trump's treatment of migrant children at the border: "The idea that he's in court with his

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Justice Department saying, children in cages do not need a bed, do not need a blanket, do not need a toothbrush — that is outrageous.”

HARRIS: “I will release children from cages.”

JOHN HICKENLOOPER, former Colorado governor: “If you would have ever told me any time in my life that this country would sanction federal agents to take children from the arms of their parents, put them in cages, actually put them up for adoption — in Colorado we call that kidnapping — I would have told you it was unbelievable.”

THE FACTS: They are tapping into a misleading and common insinuation by Democrats about Trump placing “children in cages.”

The cages are actually chain-link fences and the Obama-Biden administration used them, too.

Children and adults are held behind them, inside holding Border Patrol facilities, under the Trump administration as well.

Obama’s administration detained large numbers of unaccompanied children inside chain link fences in 2014. Images that circulated online of children in cages during the height of Trump’s family separations controversy were actually from 2014 when Obama was in office.

Children are placed in such areas by age and sex for safety reasons and are supposed to be held for no longer than 72 hours by the Border Patrol. But as the number of migrants continues to grow under the Trump administration, the system is clogged at every end, so Health and Human Services, which manages the care of children in custody, can’t come get the children in time. Officials say they are increasingly holding children for 5 days or longer.

Health and Human Services facilities are better equipped to manage the care of children, but, facing budget concerns, officials cut activities like soccer, and English classes and legal aid for children in their care.

As for Hickenlooper’s claim about the government forcing those children into unwanted adoption, that is not federal policy.

HEALTH CARE

SANDERS: Under Medicare for All, “the vast majority of the people in this country will be paying significantly less for health care than they are now.”

THE FACTS: Probably true, but that’s only part of the equation for a family. Sanders’ plan for a government-run health care system to replace private insurance calls for no premiums, and no copays and deductibles. But taxes would have to go up significantly as the government takes on trillions of dollars in health care costs now covered by employers and individuals.

Independent studies estimate the government would be spending an additional \$28 trillion to \$36 trillion over 10 years, although Medicare for All supporters say that’s overstating it.

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Alabama woman charged in fetal death, her shooter goes free

By **BLAKE PATERSON** Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — An Alabama prosecutor’s office hasn’t decided whether to prosecute a woman who lost her fetus after she was shot in the stomach and was subsequently indicted on manslaughter charges.

Marshae Jones was five months pregnant when 23-year-old Ebony Jemison shot her in the stomach during a December altercation regarding the fetus’s father, authorities said.

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Jemison was initially charged with manslaughter, but a Jefferson County grand jury declined to indict her after police said an investigation determined Jones started the fight, and Jemison ultimately fired in self-defense. Jones, 28, was indicted by that same grand jury Wednesday.

The indictment stated Jones did "intentionally cause the death" of "Unborn Baby Jones by initiating a fight knowing she was five months pregnant."

However, the office of District Attorney Lynneice O. Washington said there has been no decision on whether to pursue the case against Jones. Washington's office said in a statement they "feel sympathy for all the families involved, including Mrs. Jones, who lost her unborn child."

While the grand jury "had its say," the statement said, the office has "not yet made a determination about whether to prosecute it as a manslaughter case, reduce it to a lesser charge or not to prosecute it."

"Foremost, it should be stated that this is a truly tragic case, resulting in the death of an unborn child," the prosecutor's office said. "The fact that this tragedy was 100 percent avoidable makes this case even more disheartening."

After the shooting, Pleasant Grove police Lt. Danny Reid had called the fetus "the only true victim." who was unnecessarily brought into a fight and was "dependent on its mother to try to keep it from harm."

Advocates for women's rights expressed outrage over Jones' arrest.

Lynn Paltrow, executive director of National Advocates for Pregnant Women, said women across the country have been prosecuted for manslaughter or murder for having an abortion or experiencing a miscarriage.

She said Alabama currently leads the nation in charging women for crimes related to their pregnancies. She said hundreds have been prosecuted for running afoul of the state's "chemical endangerment of a child" statute by exposing their embryo or fetus to controlled substances.

But this is the first time she's heard of a pregnant woman being charged after getting shot.

"This takes us to a new level of inhumanity and illegality towards pregnant women," Paltrow said. "I can't think of any other circumstance where a person who themselves is a victim of a crime is treated as the criminal."

The district attorney's office said it will decide how to proceed "only after all due diligence has been performed."

Alabama is one of dozens of states that have fetal homicide laws allowing criminal charges when fetuses are killed in violent acts, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Jones' arrest also drew criticism from the Yellowhammer Fund, which raises money to help women have access to abortions.

"The state of Alabama has proven yet again that the moment a person becomes pregnant their sole responsibility is to produce a live, healthy baby and that it considers any action a pregnant person takes that might impede in that live birth to be a criminal act," said Amanda Reyes, the group's director.

Associated Press reporters Jeff Martin in Atlanta and Kim Chandler in Montgomery, Alabama, contributed to this report.

High court's ruling shifts gerrymandering focus to states

By DAVID A. LIEB and DAN SEWELL Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — The battle for political advantage in state capitols is poised to become more intense after the U.S. Supreme Court decision declaring that federal judges have no role in settling disputes over partisan gerrymandering.

Thursday's ruling could empower Republicans and Democrats who hold full control of state legislatures and governorships to become even more aggressive in drawing districts to their benefit after the 2020 census.

It could shift legal challenges against partisan gerrymandering to state courts. And it could prompt more efforts to reform redistricting procedures through amendments to state constitutions.

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Ultimately, it also could mean that voters upset with the party in power must seek change the old-fashioned way — by electing different lawmakers, no matter how difficult that might seem in gerrymandered districts.

“It just means the next elections are even more important,” said Mindy Nagel, a Cincinnati Democrat whose home is split between two Republican-held congressional districts. “We need to focus on state politics big time.”

Ohio is one of several states immediately affected by the Supreme Court’s ruling, which overturned lower court decisions that North Carolina Republicans and Maryland Democrats had unconstitutionally gerrymandered congressional districts to their political advantage.

Writing for the court’s 5-4 majority, Chief Justice John Roberts said that although the cases provided “blatant examples of partisanship driving districting decisions,” federal courts have no authority to determine whether partisan gerrymandering is unconstitutional.

The ruling is likely to lead to the dismissal of similar federal lawsuits in Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin. Courts in Michigan and Ohio had ordered new districts to be drawn for the 2020 elections after ruling that Republican officials engaged in illegal partisan gerrymandering. A retrial on a partisan gerrymandering claim in Wisconsin had been scheduled to begin in July.

Instead, the 2020 elections will proceed under the same districts used for the past decade. An Associated Press statistical analysis of the 2016 and 2018 elections found that congressional districts in North Carolina and Ohio produced a consistent advantage for Republicans. The AP’s analysis also found a persistent Republican advantage in state House or Assembly districts in Michigan and Wisconsin.

“The fact that these districts aren’t fairly drawn makes it a tough slog for us,” Michigan Democratic Party Chairwoman Lavora Barnes said. “But we feel good that there are places in Michigan, despite the gerrymandered districts, where we can make inroads and where we can win seats that have been drawn specifically for Republicans to win.”

Michigan Democrats have said much the same thing before — with little to show for it in the state legislature.

But “if voters are sufficiently ticked off ... they may often be able to overcome partisan gerrymandering through sheer electoral force,” said Justin Levitt, a professor at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles who tracks redistricting nationwide. “It’s not realistic to expect that would happen everywhere, but it may happen in enough places to send a message.”

In Ohio, which lost two U.S. House seats after the 2010 census, the map enacted by Republican officials led to a 12-4 Republican congressional majority that has stood since the 2012 elections. Last year, Republicans received 52% of the vote statewide but won 75% of the seats.

One of the biggest beneficiaries has been Republican U.S. Rep. Steve Chabot, whose Cincinnati-based district added GOP-dominated Warren County in the remapping. While Democrats have had the upper hand politically in the Cincinnati area in recent years, the city is divided between two GOP congressmen.

Chabot commended the Supreme Court, saying by email that Ohio has already passed redistricting reform, and “it would be an unjust usurpation for the federal courts to substitute their opinions for those of the Ohio legislature and voters.”

Michigan’s Republican House Speaker, Lee Chatfield, also praised the Supreme Court, saying it “did the right thing upholding the will of the voters and leaving state policy decisions to the people of Michigan and their elected representatives.”

Voters in Ohio, Michigan, Colorado, Missouri and Utah all approved ballot measures in 2018 that were intended to reduce partisanship during the next round of redistricting in 2021. Ohio’s measure requires bipartisan support for new maps to last for 10 years. Missouri’s measure requires a nonpartisan demographer to draw state legislative districts designed to achieve “partisan fairness” and “competitiveness.” The other states adopted independent or bipartisan commissions to draft district lines.

About 18 states have passed some sort of redistricting procedures designed to keep partisanship in check. More are pursuing such measures.

Virginia’s General Assembly in February approved a constitutional amendment that would create a

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16-member commission of lawmakers and citizens to draw congressional and state legislative districts after the 2020 census. The measure must be approved again next year by lawmakers for it to go on the statewide ballot.

New Hampshire's Democratic-led Legislature passed a bill in June to create a 15-member redistricting commission that would present maps to the Legislature for approval. Republican Gov. Chris Sununu has not taken a public position yet on the bill.

Citizen ballot initiatives aren't allowed in about half the states, including in Texas, Alabama, Georgia and Louisiana — all places where lawsuits over racial gerrymandering have been filed.

Former Obama administration Attorney General Eric Holder, who leads the National Democratic Redistricting Committee, said his group will continue to pursue racial gerrymandering claims in federal courts and partisan gerrymandering claims in state courts. The group also is looking into supporting constitutional amendments in 2020 to create independent redistricting commissions in New Hampshire, Arkansas and Oklahoma.

"Even with no federal guardrails on gerrymandering, this fight is really far from over," Holder said.

In North Carolina, litigation challenging partisan gerrymandering in state court already is teed up for trial in mid-July.

Common Cause and the state Democratic Party — both involved in the federal case decided Thursday — also sued last November challenging the state legislative districts drawn by Republicans. That case claims the maps violate the state constitution's provisions that protect freedom of speech, declaring that "all elections shall be free" and ensuring people are protected by laws equally.

Last year, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court struck down congressional districts based on a state constitution that contains similar wording declaring that "elections shall be free and equal." The Democratic-majority high court then adopted new districts, under which Democrats gained four more seats in 2018 than they had won in 2016.

In North Carolina, "we still feel like this is an excellent opportunity (for) ... ultimately the state Supreme Court to rule in our favor to say partisan gerrymandering is unconstitutional," Common Cause North Carolina Executive Director Bob Phillips said. "So we haven't lost hope."

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Fans elect historically young NL lineup for All-Star Game

By JAKE SEINER AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Surrounded by sweet-swinging sluggers Christian Yelich, Cody Bellinger and Ronald Acuña Jr., All-Star stalwart Nolan Arenado is set for a new role with the National League — elder statesman.

"It shows how good these young guys are," Arenado said.

The five-time All-Star will be joined by a bumper crop of talent in one of the youngest All-Star Game lineups ever — a millennial-heavy NL group that could make history at the midsummer showcase in Cleveland on July 9.

Major League Baseball revealed the results from fan balloting for its All-Star starters Thursday, and the average age of the eight NL starters is 25.8 years old. Depending on who is chosen as the club's designated hitter, the starting position players could be the youngest ever, surpassing the 1967 NL and 2017 AL clubs, which averaged 26.0 years old.

"I've never seen this much young talent in the game," said Dodgers manager Dave Roberts, who will lead the NL. "There's a lot of fun players to watch — talented and the personalities from some of these young players."

Angels star Mike Trout was the leading vote getter in the final round. He'll be joined on the AL squad by

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three Astros — Alex Bregman, George Springer and Michael Brantley — and two Yankees — Gary Sánchez and DJ LeMahieu.

The lineups are full of unlikely names. LeMahieu didn't crack New York's opening day lineup. Rangers designated hitter Hunter Pence could only find a minor league contract as a free agent last offseason. Diamondbacks second baseman Ketel Marte and Twins shortstop Jorge Polanco hardly garnered All-Star attention in previous years. Now they're All-Star starters.

"It was quite a wild journey from this year to last year," Pence said. "And to even be speaking about this now, is a miracle. It's a blessing, and I'm very grateful."

The NL's oldest elected starters are 29-year-old Freddie Freeman from Atlanta and 28-year-old Arenado of Colorado.

"Some of these young players are unbelievable players," Arenado said. "We're fortunate to be in this time, when you get to see how good they are."

Indians first baseman Carlos Santana was elected to start in his home park in the 33-year-old's first All-Star selection. He'll be joined in the lineup by Brantley, a former teammate who left the Indians in free agency last offseason for a \$32 million, two-year deal with Houston. Brantley edged Yankees slugger Aaron Judge by 0.9% for the final outfield spot.

The Cubs' Willson Contreras and Javier Baez will each start for the NL for the second straight year. Baez was elected at shortstop a year after starting at second. Only three other All-Stars have started in consecutive years at different positions.

Trout is set to be the sixth AL player to start six times before turning 28. The others are Joe DiMaggio, Mickey Mantle, Ivan Rodriguez, Rod Carew and Ken Griffey Jr. It's Trout's eighth straight selection overall.

"I just enjoy going to them," he said. "Every year it seems like I am slowing it down and embracing the experience. The first couple I was running around and it went so fast."

Yelich was second in voting behind Trout. He homered in last year's All-Star Game, then staged a second-half tear that ended in him winning NL MVP. He's been just as good in 2019, leading the majors with 29 homers while hitting .332 with a 1.149 OPS.

"In spring, there were a lot of questions if I could do it again," Yelich said. "Was it a fluke? Am I a good player? That stuff kind of lights a fire in me.

"I didn't know how the year was going to go, but I wasn't going to look back on last year and think anything was guaranteed. Just because you're an MVP the previous year, you're not going to just walk through the next year and everything was going to be fine."

The league adopted a new balloting structure this season, which operated exclusively through Google. Fans voted up until June 21 to determine finalists for All-Star starters. The top three vote getters at each position — top nine in the outfield — in each league then entered a second phase of voting, which ran Wednesday and Thursday. Vote totals were reset prior to the final round.

Fans elected the nine starting players for the AL team and eight for the NL — with the extra AL player being the designated hitter. The rest of the 32-man rosters for each league, including the DH for the National League, will be determined by player balloting and selections from the Commissioner's Office. Those All-Stars will be announced Sunday.

The first All-Star Game was in 1933 in Chicago. All-Star starters have been elected by fans since 1970. Balloting was moved exclusively online in 2015.

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US economy grew at solid 3.1% rate in first quarter

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy grew at a healthy 3.1% rate in the first three months of this year, but signs are mounting that growth has slowed sharply in the current quarter amid slower global growth and a confidence-shaking trade battle between the United States and China.

The gain in the gross domestic product, the broadest measure of economic health, was unchanged from an estimate made a month ago, the Commerce Department reported Thursday. However, the components of growth shifted slightly with stronger business investment and consumer spending slowing more than previously estimated.

Economists believe growth has slowed sharply in the current April-June quarter to around 2%. They expect similar meager gains for the rest of the year, a forecast that runs counter to the Trump administration's expectations for strong growth above 3%.

The 3.1% growth in the first quarter marked a rebound from a 2.2% growth rate in the fourth quarter of last year. But it was slower than a sizzling increase of 4.2% in the second quarter and a solid increase of 3.4% in the third quarter last year. For all of 2018, GDP grew 2.9%, the best annual gain since 2015.

Last year's strength was powered by the implementation of a \$1.5 trillion tax cut, President Donald Trump's signature domestic achievement, and billions of dollars in increased government spending on the military and domestic programs Congress approved in early 2018.

However, the impact of the tax cuts and the higher government spending are expected to fade this year, leaving the economy growing very close to the 2.2% average seen over the 10 years of the current expansion, which will become the longest in U.S. history next month.

Economists at Capital Economics are forecasting that growth will slow to 2.3% this year and even further to 1.2% in 2020 before rebounding a bit to 2% growth in 2021.

Paul Ashworth, the firm's chief U.S. economist, said that the slowdown from the fading of the tax cuts and increased government spending was being "exacerbated by a dramatic slowdown in other parts of the global economy," in particular Europe and Japan. Trump's "trade war with China is also sapping confidence," Ashworth said.

The Trump administration disputes forecasts of a U.S. slowdown, believing that its economic policies will lift growth to levels of 3% or better over the next six years.

Trump, who is counting on a strong economy as he campaigns for re-election next year, has pushed the Federal Reserve to immediately start cutting interest rates to undo what he sees as the damage from four unnecessary Fed rate hikes last year.

At its meeting last week, the Fed did signal that it was prepared to cut rates if needed to protect the economy from a growing trade dispute between the United States and China.

Trump is scheduled to meet Saturday with Chinese President Xi Jinping at a Group of 20 major nations summit in Japan to see if a way can be found to restart trade negotiations between the world's two biggest economies.

The trade tensions have increased uncertainty over what higher tariffs on Chinese imports will do to the U.S. economy, resulting in declines in manufacturing activity and a drop in consumer confidence.

Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics, said if this week's talks don't achieve at least a truce in the trade war and Trump carries through with his threats to expand his existing tariffs on \$250 billion in Chinese goods to cover virtually all of Chinese imports, that could be enough to trigger a full-blown recession.

"I think we are on the razor's edge here," Zandi said. "The real threat now is an expanding trade war which would push growth below potential and result in unemployment starting to rise."

In the first quarter, consumer spending, which accounts for 70% of economic activity, slowed to a small 0.9% rate of gain, down from a previous estimate of 1.9%. This downward revision was offset by several factors including stronger spending by businesses on investment in such areas as computer software.

While economists believe consumer spending will rebound a bit in the second quarter, other factors that contributed about half of the first quarter growth — a big improvement in the trade deficit and a big

rise in business restocking — were not expected to be repeated in the second quarter, resulting in lower overall growth.

This story corrects 2018 GDP growth to 2.9%, rather than 3.9%.

De Blasio shouts Cuban revolutionary slogan at Miami rally

By MARCUS LIM Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — New York City mayor and presidential candidate Bill de Blasio shouted a Spanish slogan associated with Cuba's Communist revolution at a rally Thursday, drawing criticism in a city heavily influenced by exiles who fled Fidel Castro's rule.

He later apologized on Twitter, saying he didn't understand the history and significance of the phrase "Hasta la Victoria, siempre!"

Fresh from his appearance late Wednesday in a Democratic debate in which candidates pointedly spoke Spanish to appeal to Hispanic voters, de Blasio went to Miami International Airport to join cargo workers in the heavily Hispanic city. They are striking over what they call appalling working conditions.

De Blasio said he would stand by the workers "every step of the way." He also shouted "Hasta la Victoria, siempre!" — or "Until victory, always" — a phrase most associated with revolutionary leader Che Guevara. It also became a rallying cry for Castro.

Florida state Sen. Annette Taddeo, a Democrat from Miami, delivered a sharp rebuke on Twitter in which she said she was "utterly disgusted."

"This is completely unacceptable! How can anyone wanting to be the leader of the free world quote a murderous guerrilla - in Miami no less!" Taddeo said. "A community filled with his victims! #DeleteYourCampaign."

U.S. Sen. Rick Scott, a Florida Republican, tweeted, "In case there was any doubt about the Democrats running for President embracing socialism, @BilldeBlasio is in Miami quoting...Che Guevara."

De Blasio later tweeted that he "did not know the phrase I used in Miami today was associated with Che Guevara & I did not mean to offend anyone who heard it that way."

"I certainly apologize for not understanding that history. I only meant it as a literal message to the striking airport workers that I believed they would be victorious in their strike."

According to a 2013 profile by The New York Times, de Blasio studied Latin American politics at Columbia University. The newspaper reported he became supportive of Nicaragua's leftist ruling Sandinista party in the 1980s, though later he became critical of the party's crackdown on dissenters.

Evelyn Perez-Verdia, a Miami-area political strategist and commentator who advises politicians to connect with Hispanics, said de Blasio's comment highlights the importance of having Latin America advisers.

"It is key to have individuals know what is being quoted in Spanish before they quote it. I don't know where he got it from but he should fire someone who gave him that information incorrectly," Perez-Verdia said. "I can't believe an individual would quote Che Guevara."

The strike was to protest what workers called hazardous working conditions and was first reported by CBS Miami in April. The employer, Eulen America, which services Delta and American Airlines, has denied allegations of unsafe and unclean conditions.

"There will be voices that tell you there is not enough money to treat working people right," de Blasio told the strikers. "There is plenty of money in the world. It's just in the wrong hands. It should be in your hands."

American and Delta have issued statements that the strikes, which are also taking place in other cities, have caused no disruptions to service so far.

India tariffs threaten California almond industry

By SAMANTHA MALDONADO Associated Press

MODESTO, Calif. (AP) — Along large swaths of California's lush central valley, almonds in the fuzzy hulls of tree leaves blow in the wind on thousands of acres of orchards. Thousands of miles away in India, customers browse the nut sections of busy street markets and grocery stores in search of the best almonds to use in curry dishes, health drinks, ice cream and many other recipes.

Now the future of that market is uncertain. India this month imposed tariffs on almonds and 27 other American products, including apples and walnuts, in retaliation for the U.S. ending India's preferential trade status. Those tariffs took effect June 16 and come on top of a significant tariffs China placed on almonds last year.

"We can deal with market disruption in one country, but to have it in multiple countries is a real challenge," said David Phippen, a partner of Travaille & Phippen, Inc., a farm and processing company in Manteca.

California supplies 82% of the world's almonds and has almost 7,000 growers. The Almond Board of California estimates the industry generates about 104,000 jobs in California, and the effect of the tariffs might ripple outward. India is such an important market that the almond board, whose members engage in market research and promotion overseas, has an office in New Delhi with a \$6 million annual advertising budget.

The tariffs add about 12 cents per pound to shelled almonds, a 20 percent increase, and about 4 cents for those still in their shells, a rise of 17%.

"That doesn't sound like a large number, but India was an important alternative to exports that would've gone into China," said Julie Adams, president of the Almond Board of California. "It's difficult to know what the long-term effect of (the tariffs) will be."

The hit from China tariffs was much harder: the country imposed 50% tariffs on U.S. almonds in an escalating trade dispute. Exports to China decreased by about a third, according to the almond board.

Bhupesh Gupta, a grocery store owner in New Delhi, believes higher prices will cut into sales. While India is one of the world's largest consumer markets, it also has huge income disparities and hundreds of millions live in poverty. Even a small increase in the cost could have a large ripple effect on what people buy.

Still, other sellers say that Indians are so passionate about almonds that they will figure out a way to deal with price hikes.

"It won't matter, as anyone who needs almonds will buy no matter what the price," said Delhi grocer Virender Kaneja.

For California farmers, most immediately the tariffs mean planning difficulties as the harvest season approaches. For example, some may need to take on more of the shipping costs to make up for the increased prices, which will be negotiated in the contracts. The handlers then may absorb the increased costs themselves or pass them onto the growers.

To cope, growers may cut down on spending on equipment and fertilizer, perhaps making the choice to forego replacing a tractor. If the Indian tariffs slow the flow of inventory, as happened after the Chinese tariffs, the capacity of storage facilities may be stretched.

"From a grower perspective, we're along for the ride," said Jake Wenger, whose family has grown almonds on Wenger Ranch in Modesto, about 90 miles (150 kilometers) east of San Francisco, for four generations.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo is in India this week, meeting with officials amid growing tensions between the two countries over trade and tariffs. The trip is focused on Iran, but a California congressman has asked Pompeo to raise the almond tariff issue.

Some growers worry that if California almonds get too expensive, buyers will look elsewhere.

"They can buy other nuts or seeds, or if they're preparing a nut mix, they can lower the amount of almonds in that mix," said Phippen.

Countries may also turn to other producers, such as Australia, whose free trade agreement with China allowed the country to supply almonds in the wake of its tariffs on U.S. almonds.

Ultimately, the almond industry will need to make inroads in other markets, which is no small task.

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"It takes so long for us to build relationships to market our products," said Sara Neagu-Reed, associate director of the California Farm Bureau Federation's federal policy division.

Still, no one is panicking, yet. California's export of almonds to India is valued at about \$650 million, according to the U.S. Agriculture Department and California Department of Food and Agriculture, but the state tallied \$4.5 billion in foreign sales in 2017. The USDA valued U.S. almond exports to China and Hong Kong at about \$549 million in 2017-2018

In just over a month, the fruit will be harvested from farms and trucked to hulling businesses, where the nut will be separated from the shell and hull.

"It's pretty amazing and gives you pride as a grower when you think about something that's making its way all over the world," Wegner said.

In recent years, drought has been the biggest challenge for almond growers, and farmers noted that they have become accustomed to market fluctuations and cite the strong, worldwide demand for almonds as reason for optimism.

The almonds at Wenger Ranch are part of this year's record-high crop of 2.5 billion pounds (1.1 billion kilograms), up from about 2.3 billion pounds last year. Most of those almonds are already committed into contracts, so Wenger isn't worried for now. It's the future that's in the air.

"We can't do this every year," he said. "Long term, there has to be a solution to settle this."

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House sends Trump \$4.6B border bill, yielding to Senate

By ANDREW TAYLOR and ALAN FRAM Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Democratic-controlled House voted Thursday to send President Donald Trump a bipartisan, Senate-drafted, \$4.6 billion measure to care for migrant refugees detained at the southern border, capping a Washington skirmish in which die-hard liberals came out on the losing end in a battle with the White House, the GOP-held Senate and Democratic moderates.

The emergency legislation, required to ease overcrowded, often harsh conditions at U.S. holding facilities for migrants seeking asylum, mostly from Central American nations like Honduras and El Salvador, passed by a bipartisan 305-102 vote. Trump has indicated he'll sign it into law.

"A great job done by all!" Trump tweeted from his overseas trip.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., reluctantly brought the Senate bill to a vote by after her plan to further strengthen rules for treatment of migrant refugees ran into intractable opposition from Republican lawmakers and Vice President Mike Pence. Many moderate Democrats split with Pelosi as well, undercutting her earlier efforts, which faded shortly after Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said he would swiftly reject them.

The legislation contains more than \$1 billion to shelter and feed migrants detained by the border patrol and almost \$3 billion to care for unaccompanied migrant children who are turned over the Department of Health and Human Services. It rejects an administration request for additional Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention beds, however, and contains provisions designed to prevent federal immigration agents from going after immigrants living in the country illegally who seek to care for unaccompanied children.

The funding is urgently needed to prevent the humanitarian emergency on the U.S.-Mexico border from worsening. The government had warned that money would run out in a matter of days.

The Senate bill passed Wednesday by an 84-8 vote, with Democrats there pleased with the deal they cut with Republicans controlling the chamber.

The measure was initially only reluctantly accepted by the White House — which complained about elimination of the request for detention beds for immigrants facing removal from the U.S. — but GOP support grew after the measure presented an opportunity to outmaneuver Pelosi. Just seven Republicans opposed the bill.

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"We could have done so much better," Pelosi said in a floor speech. Earlier, Pelosi pushed a plan to ping-pong the Senate-passed bill right back across the Capitol with provisions requiring more stringent care requirements for detained migrant families and other steps. But confronted with splintering unity in the Democratic rank and file and intractable opposition from McConnell, Pelosi changed course.

Pence and Pelosi had an hour-long conversation on the legislation Thursday as the White House and Republicans kept pounding the message that the only way forward on the long-sought legislation was to pass the Senate bill.

Pence's chief of staff Marc Short described the call as friendly and productive. Pelosi, a devout Catholic, appealed to Pence's sense of faith.

Pelosi presented an effective case that House Democrats wanted more, Short said, but the vice president stressed that with the bipartisan vote in Senate and funding running out, now was not the time to be reopening the bill.

The leaders of the House Progressive Caucus, which includes almost half of House Democrats, immediately issued a statement calling the Senate bill — which had the backing of Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y. — "entirely insufficient to protect vulnerable children in our care."

"Standing up for human rights requires more than providing money," said Rep. Ro Khanna, D-Calif.

In all, 95 Democrats opposed the bill, including a slew of prominent Pelosi allies like Appropriations Committee Chairwoman Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., and other authors of the alternative House approach. Pelosi told members to vote their conscience.

Thursday's outcome was a victory for McConnell, who vowed that the GOP-held Senate would kill any "partisan" House changes that the Democratic-controlled House passed, and he appeared to hold a strong hand. All sides agreed that Congress wouldn't leave for its Independence Day recess until the measure was passed in some form.

"The United States Senate is not going to pass a border funding bill that cuts the money for ICE and the Department of Defense. It's not going to happen. We already have our compromise," McConnell said. He called the Senate bill "the only game in town."

McConnell said the White House might support making some changes administratively — which have less than the force of law — to address some Democratic concerns.

In fact, Pence agreed that lawmakers would be notified within 24 hours when a child died in custody, said people familiar with his call with Pelosi. The vice president also agreed to the 90-day time limit for migrant children to be housed in influx facilities.

Meanwhile, pressure built on lawmakers whose constituents are upset by accounts of brutal conditions for detained children. And with lawmakers eager to break for the 10-day July 4 recess, internal pressure built on Democrats to wrap it all up quickly.

"The Administration sent its request for emergency funding eight weeks ago, but there was no action," said Sarah Sanders, outgoing White House press secretary. "We have already negotiated a broadly supported bipartisan funding bill. It is time for House Democrats to pass the Senate bill and stop delaying funding to deal with this very real humanitarian crisis."

Lawmakers' sense of urgency to provide humanitarian aid was amplified by recent reports of conditions in a windowless Border Patrol station in Clint, Texas, where more than 300 infants and children were being housed. Many were kept there for weeks and were caring for each other in conditions that included inadequate food, water and sanitation.

The Border Patrol reported apprehending nearly 133,000 people last month — including many Central American families — as monthly totals have begun topping 100,000 for the first time since 2007.

At her weekly news conference, Pelosi choked back tears when asked about an Associated Press photo of a migrant father and daughter killed crossing the Rio Grande River as she pushed for stronger protections in a border crisis funding bill.

Pelosi told reporters Thursday she's a "lioness" when it comes to children. She called it a "shame that this should be the face of America around the world."

AP Congressional Correspondent Lisa Mascaro contributed to this report.

Drowned father, daughter left humble origins in El Salvador

By MARCOS ALEMÁN and CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN Associated Press

SAN MARTIN, EL Salvador (AP) — Julia Pérez makes a living selling pupusas, traditional Salvadoran stuffed pastries, to residents of the Altavista neighborhood who rise before dawn and rush to buses bound for their jobs in the capital about 12 miles (20 kilometers) away.

One of her regulars was Oscar Alberto Martínez Ramírez, who would arrive on his motorcycle with his toddler daughter, Valeria, to grab a quick bite or pick up the savory treats to go.

That is until they drowned this week in each other's arms while trying to cross the Rio Grande into Texas, a tragedy captured in a heartbreaking photograph that has prompted an outpouring of grief from around the globe.

"It shocked me. I broke out in tears when I found out," Pérez said. "I saw the images and I didn't know it was them, how sad to see that. Later I learned it was little Oscar and Valeria."

The neighborhood left behind by Martínez and his family is a humble bedroom community where many people commute to nearby San Salvador, leaving behind only the elderly and the very young during the day. The notorious 18th Street gang is present there, though residents say violence and extortion has eased.

But there's still poverty and a lack of jobs, and a local priest estimates that a third his parishioners have left the country since 2015, risking the dangerous trek north toward the United States.

"This reality of migration is not an unknown thing to us in Altavista," the Rev. Manuel Lozano said. "We all have lots of people who have left. ... We would rather that nobody put themselves in danger, but people continue to tell us, 'I have to leave, I have to go.'"

"I have seen entire families leave," Lozano said. "The most recent was 14 people, a single family, that emigrated to the United States, and then the young people, many are leaving and the great majority exposing themselves to danger."

Altavista is home to an estimated 130,000 people and sprawls across three municipalities, including San Martin. Most people live in low-rise, two-bedroom homes with a combination kitchen-living room-dining room, worth about \$10,000-\$15,000 each.

At first light people can be seen walking briskly on the streets so as not to be late for jobs elsewhere, some of them holding the hands of children on their way to school.

"Here in Altavista, as I think in the rest of El Salvador, live hard-working people, people with dreams, people who are mostly workers. ... People who like almost all Salvadorans live with a bit of paranoia, concerned by insecurity," Lozano said.

El Salvador is one of the deadliest countries on the planet. Homicides have fallen by about half, from over 100 per 100,000 inhabitants just a few years ago, but remain high at some 50 per 100,000 inhabitants last year. That's more than nine murders a day for the country of about 6 million.

But in Altavista things have been relatively quiet of late. Several people confirmed that gangsters are around, but residents largely feel free to go about their lives and business untroubled.

José Ovidio Lara, 23, who each day parks his bike at a corner with a basket of French bread for sale, said he's never been bothered, not even for the "protection" fees gangs commonly demand from business owners upon threat of death.

"No, they've never asked me," Ovidio said, "and nor do I have anything to give them."

"This place was terrible before, but today one lives at peace," agreed Pérez, who has run her pupusa business for 15 years, opening at 5 a.m. and closing at 11 p.m. "I would be lying if I told you the gangs mess with me. No, they don't charge me rent."

Even if things were calm, Martínez, 25, and his 21-year-old wife Tania Vanessa Ávalos, who had been living with his mother, apparently felt that on their salaries working at a pizza parlor and as a restaurant cashier they would never be able to own one of those modest homes.

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It was that dream, to save up money for a home, that led the family to set out April 3 bound for the United States, according to Martínez's mother, Rosa Ramírez.

The young family arrived at the Mexican border city of Matamoros over the weekend and went to the downtown bridge that leads to Brownsville, Texas.

There, Xiomara Mejia, a migrant from Honduras, explained that the newcomers would not be able to add their names to the long list of families waiting to apply for asylum in the United States until Monday.

"I noticed they were really nervous, scared. There was panic on their faces," said Mejia, who arrived with her husband and three children on May 8 and was still waiting to file an asylum application with the U.S. government.

"They said to me, 'You haven't tried to cross the river?'" Mejia said. "We said to them, 'No,' because of the children more than anything. I don't know how to swim and my kids do, but either way I'm not going to risk it."

After chatting, Martínez and Ávalos said they would come back Monday.

"I didn't think they were going to decide to cross the river," Mejia said.

But on Sunday, not far downriver from that bridge, the family crossed a popular bike and jogging path and walked down a slope through the brush to the edge of the Rio Grande.

The river does not appear wide there, maybe 20 to 30 yards, but that short distance obscures the dangers posed by the swift-moving current.

Martínez made the crossing first with Valeria, then left her on the riverbank while he returned for his wife. But the frightened little girl plunged into the river after him and as he struggled to save her, they both were carried away by the fast-moving waters.

Their bodies were recovered early Monday and were expected to be returned to El Salvador accompanied by Ávalos.

Migration activists worry people may be driven to more risky measures by recent U.S. policies, including "metering" that dramatically reduces the numbers allowed to apply for refuge, and others that send asylum-seekers back to Mexico to wait as their cases linger for months or even longer through a backlogged U.S. immigration court system.

Mexico has also stepped up immigration enforcement under pressure from Washington.

President Andrés Manuel López Obrador said Thursday that Mexico had a three-month deadline to get the flow of Central American migrants under control and that the country is making progress.

"We think we are going to be able to moderate the migratory phenomenon. We have to," López Obrador said. "We have a deadline, which is three months, ending Sept. 10, but we are doing well."

Sherman reported from Matamoros, Mexico. Associated Press writers Mark Stevenson and Peter Orsi in Mexico City contributed to this report.

Cold, cramped, filthy: Migrants describe border centers

By CEDAR ATTANASIO, AMY TAXIN and ASTRID GALVAN Associated Press

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — At night, the teenage girl from Honduras wraps a thin foil blanket around herself and her infant son as they lie on a floor mat in the cold. The lights are glaring and sleepless children are crying. It's so crowded inside the caged area that there isn't space for her baby boy to crawl.

This is the 17-year-old's account, one of dozens filed in federal court this week by advocates for children locked away in the immigration system.

Every five days, she is given a shower and can brush her teeth. Her baby boy already had a fever and cough but she didn't dare ask to see a doctor, for fear it would prolong their detention at the Ursula facility in McAllen, Texas. She said she has been there nearly three weeks.

"He feels frozen to the touch," the girl said. "We are all so sad to be held in a place like this."

Her declaration was filed with a court in Los Angeles that oversees a long-standing settlement agreement over custody conditions for migrant children caught crossing the U.S.-Mexico border. Teens and children,

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detained days or weeks by U.S. border authorities, described frigid cells where flu-stricken youngsters in dirty clothes ran fevers, vomited and cried with no idea when they would be getting out.

Some of the children traveled alone to the U.S. Others traveled with siblings or other relatives and were separated because the government only allows them to stay with parents or legal guardians.

Doctors and lawyers encountered several teen mothers at the detention facilities — some with newborn babies in a fragile state. Five infants were admitted to a neonatal intensive care unit at a local hospital after a doctor visited the McAllen facility, according to the court documents.

Advocates are seeking an emergency order to require immediate inspections of the Texas facilities, access for doctors and the prompt release of children to parents or other close relatives in the United States.

The government said in a filing Thursday that the requests by plaintiffs would “impose extensive obligations” and an emergency order wasn’t the right way to do it.

“Given plaintiffs’ heavy burden of proof, the court should decline to reach any conclusions as to plaintiffs’ allegations without affording the government a full and fair opportunity to reply to the allegations that plaintiffs have lodged against them,” the attorneys wrote.

The advocates have pressed the U.S. government for years to comply with the 1997 settlement agreement that set minimum standards for the detention of child migrants and the process for their release. A judge previously found the government kept children detained too long and in harsh conditions, and ordered an independent monitor to report on facilities.

The Trump administration is facing growing backlash over its handling of a surge in immigrant families and children at the border, many fleeing gang and domestic violence in Central America. Five children have died since late last year after being detained and lawyers who visited a Border Patrol station near El Paso last week described children being held in squalid conditions with little care and inadequate food, water and sanitation.

In a court declaration, Dr. Dolly Lucio Sevier, a pediatrician who visited the McAllen center earlier this month, said she saw many teenage mothers and parents unable to wash baby bottles or get enough water to drink to adequately breastfeed their babies. With its cold temperatures and bright lights, she compared the center to a torture facility.

“It is obvious that the dignity and well-being of children is not even an afterthought in the design of the center,” Sevier said.

At another Customs and Border Protection center in Clint, Texas, children said no adults took care of them, so they tended to each other. They said they were always hungry, the water tasted horrible and there was no soap or water to wash their hands after using the bathroom. The flu was widespread and children who got sick were sent to a special cell.

A 12-year-old girl from Ecuador said she was being held there with her 8- and 4-year-old sisters after they were separated from their grandmother. The guards told the girls it could take as long as two weeks for them to be reunited with their mother in Massachusetts.

“Every night my sisters keep asking me, ‘When will our mommy come get us?’” she said in her declaration. “I don’t know what to tell them. It’s very hard for all of us to be here.”

The children are not named in the declarations provided to the court. Attorneys interviewed the children over the past few weeks as part of monitoring under the settlement.

U.S. agencies have been scrambling to find adequate facilities for migrants streaming across the border with Mexico, and the Border Patrol has been detaining some children for weeks as opposed to 72 hours, because the U.S. Department Health and Human Services said it doesn’t have the capacity to take them.

Advocates have complained the department has delayed releasing children to sponsors who are willing to care for them in the United States and take them to immigration court hearings to determine whether they can stay in the country. They said that’s why kids are being kept in crowded border facilities for too long.

In court filings, doctors said the filthy conditions lead to the spread of flu and other disease and show a lack of respect for the children’s humanity. Peter Schey, president of the Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law, said the children’s deaths might have been prevented had the government promptly

released them from custody.

Warren Binford, an attorney who visited the Clint facility, said the Border Patrol lied about giving a shower to a 4-year-old girl who was extremely dirty and whose hair was so matted she thought it might have to be cut off. Two 7- and 8-year-olds who were caring for the younger child did their best to convince her, she said, but the girl, who was nonverbal, refused a shower after the attorney instructed agents to give her one.

A 14-year-old Guatemalan girl said she fled with her sister, mother and niece to the United States because her father was abusive. She said she wasn't allowed to shower for five days and was denied a toothbrush. Guards yelled at her, she said, when she tried to go to the bathroom.

"The food here is not enough," she said. "The food is not good, and I feel hungry."

This story has been corrected to fix the gender of attorney Warren Binford.

Taxin reported from Santa Ana, California, and Galvan reported from Phoenix.

Politicians' tweets could get slapped with warning labels

By **BARBARA ORTUTAY AP Technology Writer**

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Presidents and other world leaders and political figures who use Twitter to threaten or abuse others could find their tweets slapped with warning labels.

The new policy, announced by the company on Thursday, comes amid complaints from activists and others that President Donald Trump has gotten a free pass from Twitter to post hateful messages and attack his enemies in ways they say could lead to violence.

From now on, a tweet that Twitter deems to involve matters of public interest, but which violates the service's rules, will be obscured by a warning explaining the violation.

Users will have to tap through the warning to see the underlying message, but the tweet won't be removed, as Twitter might do with a regular person's posts.

Twitter said the policy applies to all government officials, candidates and similar public figures with more than 100,000 followers. In addition to applying the label, Twitter won't use its algorithms to "elevate" or otherwise promote such tweets.

"It's a step in the right direction," said Keegan Hanks, research analyst for the Southern Poverty Law Center's Intelligence Project, who focuses on far-right extremist propaganda online. But, he added, Twitter is essentially arguing "that hate speech can be in the public interest. I am arguing that hate speech is never in the public interest."

Twitter refused to comment on whether any of Trump's past tweets violated its rules and would not say what role, if any, his Twitter activity played in the creation of the new warning-label policy.

The new stance could fuel additional Trumpian ire toward social media. The president routinely complains, without evidence, that social media sites are biased against him and other conservatives.

Twitter's rules prohibit threatening violence against a person or group, engaging in "targeted harassment of someone," or inciting others to do so, such as wishing a person is harmed. It also bans hate speech against a group based on race, ethnicity, gender or other categories.

Up to now, the company has exempted prominent leaders from many of those rules, contending that publishing controversial tweets from politicians helps hold them accountable and encourages discussion.

But there have been longstanding calls to remove Trump from the service over what some have called abusive and threatening behavior.

Some activists complained this week after the president threatened Iran with "obliteration" in some areas if it attacks the U.S. Trump has also tweeted a video of himself beating up a man with a CNN logo in place of his head and retweeted seemingly faked anti-Muslim videos.

"Donald Trump has changed political discourse on Twitter and everywhere else, given the level of toxic statements he has made about vulnerable communities in America," Hanks said.

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Other politicians could likewise become subject to warning labels.

In 2018, French prosecutors filed preliminary charges against far-right French politician Marine Le Pen for tweeting brutal images of Islamic State violence. Twitter prohibits material that is "excessively gory."

And in March, Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro stirred outrage by sharing a video on Twitter of a man urinating on the head of another man during a Carnival party.

Insults and mockery fall into a gray area. Calling someone a "lowlife, a "dog" or a "stone cold LOSER," as Trump has done, may not in itself be a violation. But repeated insults against someone might amount to prohibited harassment.

Jennifer Grygiel, a social media expert and professor at Syracuse University, said Twitter "obviously" enacted the new policy because of Trump's Twitter activity.

But Grygiel said the new rule doesn't go far enough. Because of the president's outsize ability to start wars, move stock markets or influence other world events, Twitter should instead review leaders' tweets before they are sent out and block them if necessary, Grygiel said.

Twitter's new policy doesn't apply to past tweets.

Twitter said it is still possible for a government official or other figure to tweet something so egregious that it warrants removal. A direct threat of violence against an individual, for instance, would qualify.

The company said warning-label decisions will be made by a group that includes members of its trust and safety, legal and public policy teams, as well as employees in the regions where particular tweets originate.

AP Technology Writer Mae Anderson in New York contributed to this report.

Justices: Partisan gerrymandering none of our business

By MARK SHERMAN and JESSICA GRESKO Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court ruled Thursday that partisan gerrymandering of congressional and legislative districts is none of its business, a decision that leaves state officials free from federal court challenges to their plans to shape districts to blatantly help their parties.

The court's conservative majority, including the two justices appointed by President Donald Trump, prevailed in a 5-4 ruling that dealt a huge blow to efforts to combat the redrawing of district lines to benefit a particular party.

The decision, on the last day before the justices' long summer break, has no effect on racial gerrymandering challenges. Courts have barred redistricting aimed at reducing the political representation of racial minorities for a half-century.

But the outcome brings an immediate halt to lawsuits that sought to rein in the most partisan districting plans that can result when one party controls a state's legislature and governor's office.

In the short term, Republicans are the prime beneficiaries of the ruling. They made dramatic political gains in the 2010 election just before the last round of redistricting, so they have controlled the process in many states. Democratic voters had persuaded lower courts to strike down districting plans in Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio and Wisconsin. The one Republican suit came in Maryland, against a single congressional district.

Redistricting will next take place in 2021, once 2020 census results are available.

In another politically charged case decided Thursday, the court blocked for now the Trump administration's effort to add a citizenship question to the next census. It's unclear whether the Trump administration has time to address the court's concerns. Printing of census forms is supposed to begin next week.

Chief Justice John Roberts wrote the majority opinion in both cases, siding with the liberals on the census and the conservatives on redistricting. Although the chief justice often seeks broader coalitions for relatively narrow decisions, he ended up writing a sweeping redistricting opinion that drew an impassioned dissent from the liberal justices.

Voters and elected officials should be the arbiters of what is a political dispute, Roberts said in his opinion for the court. Federal courts are the wrong place to settle these disputes, he said.

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"We have never struck down a partisan gerrymander as unconstitutional despite various requests over the past 45 years. The expansion of judicial authority would not be into just any area of controversy, but into one of the most intensely partisan aspects of American political life," Roberts wrote.

The court rejected challenges to Republican-drawn congressional districts in North Carolina and a Democratic district in Maryland.

"Our conclusion does not condone excessive partisan gerrymandering," Roberts wrote, acknowledging that the North Carolina and Maryland maps are "highly partisan."

In a dissent for the four liberals, Justice Elena Kagan wrote, "For the first time ever, this court refuses to remedy a constitutional violation because it thinks the task beyond judicial capabilities." Kagan, in mournful tones, read a summary of her dissent in court to emphasize her disagreement.

Partisan gerrymandering at its most extreme "amounts to 'rigging elections,'" Kagan wrote, quoting retired Justice Anthony Kennedy in a case from 2004.

The practice allows politicians to "cherry-pick voters to ensure their reelection," she wrote.

Advances in technology have allowed map-makers to draw districts with increasing precision, and advocates of limiting partisan districting have said the problem will grow even worse in the redistricting that follows the 2020 census.

One party can exaggerate and entrench its power, even in states that are otherwise closely divided between Republicans and Democrats.

Federal courts in five states had concluded that redistricting plans put in place under one party's control could go too far and that there were ways to identify and manage excessively partisan districts. Those courts included 15 federal judges appointed by Republican and Democratic presidents reaching back to Jimmy Carter.

But the five Republican-appointed justices decided otherwise.

The decision effectively reverses the outcome of rulings in Maryland, Michigan, North Carolina and Ohio, where courts had ordered new maps drawn, and ends proceedings in Wisconsin, where a retrial was supposed to take place this summer after the Supreme Court last year threw out a decision on procedural grounds.

The court was examining two cases, from Maryland and North Carolina, with strong evidence that elected officials charged with drawing and approving congressional districts acted for maximum partisan advantage. In North Carolina, Republicans ran the process and sought to preserve a 10-3 split in the congressional delegation in favor of the GOP, even as statewide races are usually closely divided. In Maryland, Democrats controlled redistricting and sought to flip one district that had been represented by a Republican for 20 years.

Both plans succeeded, and lower courts concluded that the districts violated the Constitution.

Kennedy's retirement from the court last year was a major setback to proponents of limits. He had kept the Supreme Court open to the possibility, though he never voted to strike down a district as too partisan. Justice Brett Kavanaugh, Kennedy's replacement, was part of Thursday's majority.

Proponents of limiting partisan gerrymandering still have several routes open. Among those are challenges in state courts, including a pending North Carolina lawsuit. Those court challenges can only work, though, in places that have state constitutional provisions that allow for them.

That's how state court judges in Pennsylvania struck down Republican-drawn congressional districts and redrew the congressional map in 2018.

Asian stocks sink ahead of Trump-Xi meeting at G-20

By JOE McDONALD AP Business Writer

BEIJING (AP) — Asian stocks sank Friday as investors waited for a meeting between Presidents Donald Trump and Xi Jinping that they hope will produce a truce in spiraling U.S.-China trade tensions.

Benchmarks in Shanghai, Tokyo, Hong Kong and Sydney all fell. Crude prices declined.

Investors are hoping for a repeat of Trump and Xi's December agreement to postpone new tariff hikes

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and other action while they negotiated over trade and technology. But analysts caution any new truce at the Group of 20 meeting of major economies in Japan is likely to be temporary because negotiators face the same disagreements that caused talks to break down in May.

"We have watched this movie before: China and the U.S. talk, leaks from policymakers on both sides encourage speculation we are close to a deal, things fall apart," said Hannah Anderson of J.P. Morgan Asset Management in a report.

The Shanghai Composite Index lost 0.7% to 2,975.72 and Tokyo's Nikkei 225 retreated 0.6% to 21,505.90. Hong Kong's Hang Seng shed 0.5% to 28,476.11.

Seoul's Kospi was 0.5% lower at 2,124.53 and Sydney's S&P-ASX 200 lost 0.3% to 6,645.70. New Zealand and Indonesia gained while other Southeast Asian markets retreated.

On Wall Street, Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 0.4% to 2,924.92. The Dow Jones Industrial Average slipped less than 0.1% to 26,526.58. The Nasdaq composite gained 0.7% to 7,967.76.

This weekend marks the first face-to-face meeting between Trump and Xi since the American president said he was preparing to target the \$300 billion in Chinese imports that he hasn't already hit with tariffs, extending them to everything China ships to the United States.

The two sides are in a stalemate after 11 rounds of talks that failed to overcome U.S. concerns over China's acquisition of American technology and its massive trade surplus. China denies forcing U.S. companies to hand over trade secrets and says the surplus is much smaller than it appears once the trade in services and the value extracted by U.S. companies are taken into account.

Despite worries over trade, investors have mostly pushed stocks higher this month as the Federal Reserve raised expectations that it is prepared to cut interest rates if needed to shield the economy should the damage from the costly trade conflict worsen.

BOEING: Boeing shares slid 2.9% after the airplane maker said a new software problem has been found in its troubled 737 Max aircraft. Government test pilots trying out Boeing's updated Max software in a flight simulator last week found a flaw that could result in the plane's nose pitching down. The aircraft has been grounded worldwide after crashes in Indonesia and Ethiopia killed 346 people.

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude fell 37 cents to \$59.06 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract gained 5 cents on Thursday to close at \$59.43. Brent crude, used to price international oils, shed 39 cents to \$65.28. The contract lost 2 cents the previous session to \$65.67.

CURRENCY: The dollar declined to 107.59 yen from Thursday's 107.79 yen. The euro was little-changed at \$1.1372.

Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Friday, June 28, the 179th day of 2019. There are 186 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On June 28, 1978, the Supreme Court ordered the University of California-Davis Medical School to admit Allan Bakke (BAHK'-ee), a white man who argued he'd been a victim of reverse racial discrimination.

On this date:

In 1778, the Revolutionary War Battle of Monmouth took place in New Jersey; from this battle arose the legend of "Molly Pitcher," a woman who was said to have carried water to colonial soldiers, then took over firing her husband's cannon after he was disabled.

In 1838, Britain's Queen Victoria was crowned in Westminster Abbey.

In 1863, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln appointed Maj. Gen. George G. Meade the new commander of the Army of the Potomac, following the resignation of Maj. Gen. Joseph Hooker.

In 1914, Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and his wife, Sophie, were shot to death in Sarajevo (sah-ruh-YAY'-voh) by Serb nationalist Gavrilo Princip (gavh-REE'-loh PREEN'-seep) — an act which sparked World War I.

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In 1919, the Treaty of Versailles (vehr-SY') was signed in France, ending the First World War. In Independence, Missouri, future president Harry S. Truman married Elizabeth Virginia Wallace.

In 1939, Pan American Airways began regular trans-Atlantic air service with a flight that departed New York for Marseilles (mar-SAYLZ'), France.

In 1940, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Alien Registration Act, also known as the Smith Act, which required adult foreigners residing in the U.S. to be registered and fingerprinted.

In 1968, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Uniform Monday Holiday Bill, which moved commemorations for Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day and Veterans Day to Monday, creating three-day holiday weekends beginning in 1971.

In 1994, President Bill Clinton became the first chief executive in U.S. history to set up a personal legal defense fund and ask Americans to contribute to it.

In 1997, in a wild rematch, Evander Holyfield retained the WBA heavyweight boxing championship after his opponent, Mike Tyson, was disqualified for biting Holyfield's ear during the third round of their fight in Las Vegas.

In 2013, tens of thousands of supporters and opponents of President Mohammed Morsi rallied in Cairo, and both sides fought each other in Egypt's second-largest city of Alexandria, where two people — including an American — were killed and scores injured. The four plaintiffs in the U.S. Supreme Court case that overturned California's same-sex marriage ban tied the knot, just hours after a federal appeals court freed gay couples to obtain marriage licenses in the state for the first time in 4 1/2 years.

In 2017, ABC and a South Dakota meat producer announced a settlement in a \$1.9 billion lawsuit against the network over its reports on a beef product that critics dubbed "pink slime."

Ten years ago: Soldiers ousted Manuel Zelaya (zuh-LY'-uh), the democratically elected president of Honduras; congressional leader Roberto Micheletti was sworn in to serve until Zelaya's term ended in January 2010. Michael Jackson was honored at the BET Awards, which had been completely revamped to recognize the legacy of The King of Pop, who died three days earlier at age 50. Death claimed TV pitchman Billy Mays, 50, at his Florida home and Las Vegas impressionist Fred Travalena, 66.

Five years ago: Ahmed Abu Khattala (hah-TAH'-lah), the Libyan militant accused of masterminding the deadly Benghazi attacks in 2012, pleaded not guilty to conspiracy in Washington nearly two weeks after being captured by U.S. special forces. A saucer-shaped NASA vehicle testing new technology for Mars landings rocketed high over the Pacific and deployed a novel inflatable braking system, but its massive parachute failed to fully unfurl as it descended to a splashdown. Actor Meshach Taylor 67, died at his home near Los Angeles.

One year ago: A man armed with a shotgun attacked a newspaper in Annapolis, Md., killing four journalists and a staffer before police stormed the building and arrested him; authorities said Jarrod Ramos had a long-running grudge against the newspaper for its reporting of a harassment case against him. (Lawyers for Ramos, who is charged with first-degree murder, have argued that he was not criminally responsible by reason of insanity; a November 2019 trial is scheduled.) President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin firmed up plans to meet in Helsinki on July 16th.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian-movie director Mel Brooks is 93. Former Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., is 85. Comedian-impressionist John Byner is 82. Former Defense Secretary Leon Panetta is 81. Rock musician Dave Knights (Procul Harum) is 74. Actor Bruce Davison is 73. Actress Kathy Bates is 71. Actress Alice Krige is 65. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer John Elway is 59. Record company chief executive Tony Mercedes is 57. Jazz singer Tierney Sutton is 56. Actress Jessica Hecht is 54. Rock musician Saul Davies (James) is 54. Actress Mary Stuart Masterson is 53. Actor John Cusack is 53. Actor Gil Bellows is 52. Actress-singer Danielle Brisebois is 50. Jazz musician Jimmy Sommers is 50. Actress Tichina Arnold is 50. Actor Steve Burton is 49. Entrepreneur Elon Musk is 48. Actor Alessandro Nivola (nih-VOH'-luh) is 47. Actress Camille Guaty is 43. Rock musician Tim Nordwind (OK Go) is 43. Rock musician Mark Stoermer (The Killers) is 42. Country singer Big Vinny Hickerson (Trailer Choir) is 36. Country singer Kellie Pickler is 33.

Thought for Today: "The glory of each generation is to make its own precedents." — Belva Ann Bennett Lockwood, American social reformer (1830-1917).