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OPEN: Recycling Trailer in Groton

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



Mike Nehls was being a good samaritan at the game as he was carrying popcorn. Here he's handing Gloria Miller a bag. (Photo by Paul Kosef)

Chicken Soup for the Soul

"If laughter cannot solve your problems, it will definitely dissolve your problems, so that you can think clearly what to do about them."

-Dr. Madan Kataria

Upcoming **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Death Notice: Bob Hildebrant

Robert "Bob" Hildebrant, 62, of Conde passed away Saturday, August 31, 2019 at Avera St. Lukes Hospital, Aberdeen. Services are pending with Paetznick-Garress Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Tigers open season with win over E-E-K

Groton Area's football team posted a 22-12 non-conference win over Ellendale/Edgeley/Kulm in a game played in Ellendale.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Hanlon Brothers, Bahr Spray Foam, DeHoet Trucking, Allied Climate Professionals, Milbrandt Enterprises, Professional Management Services, BaseKamp Lodge, John Sieh Agency, Groton Auto Works, Aberdeen Chrysler Center, Abeln Seed, Olson Development, Mike-N-Jo's Body-N-Glass and the Touchdown Sponsor - Patios Plus.

Groton's first possession started in good field position at its own 44 yard line. On the second play, Jonathan Doeden broke free and ran 27 yards to get down to the Thunder 14 yard line. Then on fourth and 22, Kaden Kurtz connected with Doeden for a 27-yard pass play. The PAT kick was blocked. With 8:36 left in the first quarter, the Tigers took a 6-0 lead. That drive went 56 yards on eight plays in 2:33.

Groton's second drive was also fruitful but it took an EEK penalty to keep the drive alive. On fourth an 18 on the Tiger 45, Groton punted the ball, but a roughing the kicker penalty was called on the Thunder so Groton got a first down and the ball deep into EEK territory. Kurtz had a good run down to the one-yard line and on the next play, he punched it in for the score. Doeden ran in the extra point and it was 14-0 with 1:15 left in the first quarter. That drive went 70 yards in 3:25 and there were four first downs.

The first quarter ended with Groton Area leading, 14-0. Groton had control of the ball for 43 percent of the first quarter while EEK had it 57 percent.



Darien Shabazz, Brodyn DeHoet, Peyton Johnson and Jonathan Doeden shake hands with the captains of E-E-K and Coach Shaun Wanner greets the E-E-K Coach Jon Schiele. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Groton Area will not pursue a make-up game

Groton Area will not schedule another football game after McLaughlin forfeited its season due to lack of numbers. According to Coach Shaun Wanner in a GDILIVE.COM interview, he said he had talked with the players and gave them options. Having the bye week before the Moberidge-Pollock game was more important than trying to schedule a game that late in the season. "We like that bye week where it's at. We decided to take our points from the McLaughlin game and move forward with the season," he said.

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Kaden Kurtz passes the ball to a teammate. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

GDILIVE suffered a power outage that resulted in the loss of EEK's drive being recorded. It culminated with Wyatt Henningson having a 14-yard catch from Cale Mathan. Doeden blocked the PAT kick and the half time score was Groton Area 14, Ellendale/Edgeley/Kulm 6. In the second quarter, Groton had possession of the ball for 45 percent during its three possessions.

Groton received the ball to start the third quarter and Andrew Marzahn took the opening kickoff and returned it 62 yards down to the Thunder 19-yard line. On third and 11, Doeden got a first down and the ball down to the one-yard line. On the next play, Doeden scored. The PAT pass was good from Kurtz to Brodyn DeHoet and the Tigers took a 22-6 lead. That drive went nearly two minutes, 81 yards and two first downs. In the third quarter, Groton had control of the ball 83 percent of the time during its three possessions.

On the last drive of the third quarter, Groton started out on the Thunder 46 yard line. The drive extended into the fourth quarter where it ended up first and goal from the five yard line. The Tigers got it down to the one-yard line, but the Thunder's goal-line stand was firm and Groton was not able to score.

EEK's next drive started at the one-yard line, but they ended up driving the length of the field to score. It was fourth and nine from the EEK 38 and the Thunder went for it. They got the first down and the ball down to



Jonathan Doeden breaks free for a 27-yard run on Groton's opening driving of the game. Also pictured is Garrett Schroeder. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

the Tiger 16 yard line. With 3:08 left in the game, the Thunder scored on a seven yard pass from Mathan to Jace Hanson. The two-point conversion was no good and it remained a two-touchdown lead for the Tigers.

The Thunder tried an on-side kick but Thomas Cranford pounced on the ball and that basically ended any threat from EEK. Groton had possession of the ball 52 percent of the time in the fourth quarter with the other 48 percent going to EEK's lone drive.

Jonathan Doeden led the Tigers with 160 yards rushing and 27 yards receiving. Kaden Kurtz had 37 yards rushing, passed for 45 yards, had 12 tackles and two sacks. Brodyn DeHoet had 18 yards receiving. Austin Jones had eight tackles and two sacks and Alex Morris had two sacks.

The Tigers had more first downs, 16-7, and had more of-

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Jonathan Doeden is being tended to after suffering a leg cramp in the second half. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

to a funeral. We used Alex Morris a couple of times, but we like to keep him in the guard spot as he does a good job in making the line calls."

The Tigers will travel to Webster on Friday. The Bearcats return to 11-man football this year after playing nine-man for six years. "They've had a lot of success at nine-man football," Wanner said. "They have all of their skill positions back from last year and they have good tradition. They're 2-0 and we're 2-0 so it should be a good game. We're looking forward to it."

Leg cramps were plaguing the Tigers in the second half. "I'm not sure what's up with that," Wanner said. "We need to talk about that at our next practice. It was 65 degrees and we shouldn't be getting cramps."

- Paul Kosel

fensive yards, 249-144. Groton also had more penalties, eight for 95 yards to EEK's seven for 75 yards.

Jorgen Paulson led EEK with 78 yards rushing.

Groton Area Coach Shaun Wanner said that Groton's experience showed up at the game. "We executed well and our kids did a good job on defense. Coach (Travis) Kurth did a great job in getting the defense ready."

Wanner talked about the rivalry between EEK and Groton Area. "It's almost like a North Dakota vs. South Dakota game," he said. "We've shat play at een them play in camps. But I think for us, our motors were so high in the first half - our kids wanted to play football and they wanted to win this game that sometimes we forgot our assignments."

The Tigers had to make some adjustments when they found out on Tuesday that Trey Gengerke would not be playing. "We put Jamison Stange in there and this was this third time ever in snapping the ball. I thought Jamie-son did a great job for his third time out. One of our other backups, Seth Johnson, was gone



Mr. Dedicated Tiger Tom Woods was busy keeping the stats. When it comes to Tiger Football, you can ask Tom about anything and he'll know the answer. He is a regular featured guest at half time on GDILIVE.COM.

(Photo by Paul Kosel)

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GROTON AREA

ELLENDALE/EDGELEY/KULM

First Downs 16
Rushing 44-204
Jonathan Doeden 30-160
Kaden Kurtz 9-37
Darien Shabazz 5-7

7
23-77
Jorgen Paulson 5-78
Kodie Slivoskey 6-20
Jace Hanson 1-1
Anton Carroh 1-(-1)
Cale Mathern 10-(-21)

Passing
Kaden Kurtz 2-8-45-0

Cale Mathern 8-17-67

Receivers
Jonathan Doeden 1-27
Brodyn DeHoet 1-18

Jace Hanson 2-16
Wyatt Henningsen 1-14

Fumbles Had 2 lost 0

Had 0 lost 0

Penalties 8-95

7-75

Defense
Kaden Kurtz 12 tackles, 2 sacks
Austin Jones 8 tackles, 2 sacks
Alex Morris 2 sacks

Kodie Slivoskey 12 tackles
Dalton Madcke 9 tackles

Record 2-0

1-1

Next Game Friday at Webster

Friday at Thompson, ND

Scoring

First Quarter

8:36: Groton - Jonathan Doeden 27 yard pass from Kaden Kurtz. (PAT blocked)

1:15: Groton - Kaden Kurtz 1 yard run. (PAT Jonathan Doeden run)

Second Quarter

9:29: EEK - Wyatt Henningsen 15 yard pass from Cale Mathern. (PAT blocked)

Third Quarter

10:03: Groton - Jonathan Doeden 1 yard run. (PAT: Kaden Kurtz pass to Brodyn DeHoet)

Fourth Quarter

3:07: EEK - Jace Hanson 7 yard pass from Cale Mathern. (2 pt. PAT no good)

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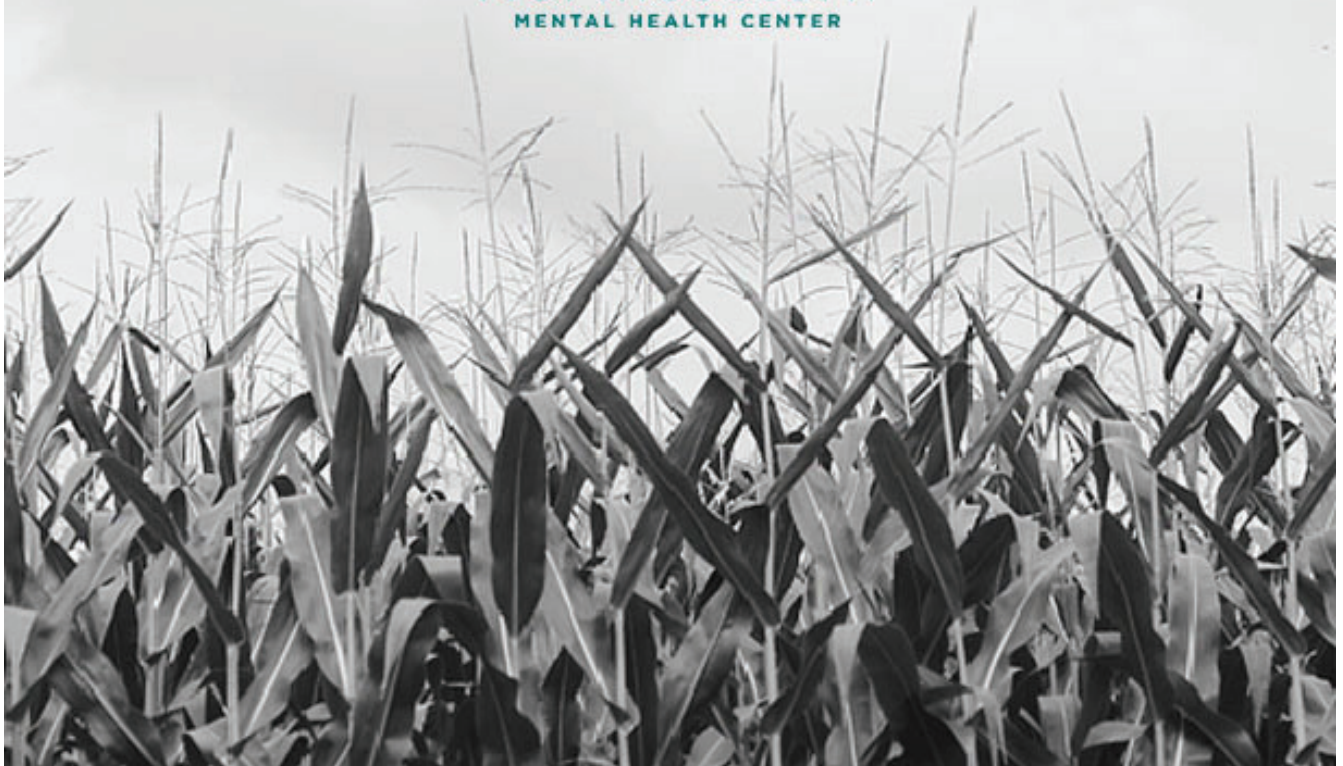
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Northeastern Mental Health Center services the counties of Brown, Campbell, Day, Edmunds, Faulk, Marshall, McPherson, Potter, Spink and Walworth.



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Seminars are:

September 11 at United Methodist Church:

Drugs & Alcohol

October 9 at Groton Christian & Missionary Alliance Church:

Sex Trafficking and Date Violence

November 6 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church:

Suicide and Bullying

Light Meal at 5:45 p.m. ~ Seminar begins at 6:30 p.m.

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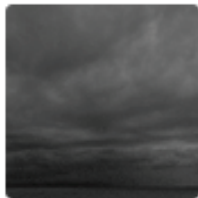
Today



Chance Showers

High: 62 °F

Tonight



Cloudy

Low: 57 °F

Sunday



Gradual Clearing

High: 79 °F

Sunday Night



Mostly Clear then Chance Showers

Low: 61 °F

Labor Day



Chance T-storms

High: 85 °F

Forecast Through Labor Day

Today

Mostly Cloudy with Showers Likely, Highs 60s to Lower 70s.

Sunday

Becoming Partly Sunny and Mild, Highs 75-85°F

Labor Day

Very Warm, Chance of Thunderstorms, Highs 80s to Lower 90s

ISSUED: 2:55 AM - Saturday, August 31, 2019, National Weather Service, Aberdeen SD

Published on: 08/30/2019 at 10:56PM

Showers are expected across the region, potentially lingering into the afternoon hours. Sunday should be dry and warmer. Labor Day will turn warmer and more humid with a chance of thunderstorms. Some storms toward evening could become severe.

Today in Weather History

August 31, 1977: High winds accompanying thunderstorms moved across the southern part of Brown County during the early morning hours. A barn was destroyed three miles west of Warner. Many trees were damaged in the Stratford area. A large, empty fuel tank, southeast of Watertown was folded inward by strong winds. High wind damage was also reported in Faulk and Day Counties.

August 31, 2013: Thunderstorms produced numerous reports of large hail and damaging winds in and near Sioux Falls on the evening of August 31st. Large hail broke windows and damaged many vehicles, as well as siding and roofs on the west side of Sioux Falls. One automobile dealer with a large temporary outdoor display reported four thousand cars were damaged. Estimated property damage was listed at four million dollars. Thunderstorm winds also destroyed several businesses, including a large retail store which was also struck by lightning. The large store lost part of its roof, while the stockroom of the same store and its contents were also damaged. A canopy type tent was destroyed, and a 20-foot retaining wall was blown down. The winds caused extensive tree damage, including several trees blown down, one of which blocked a major intersection when it fell.

1886: A magnitude 7.3 earthquake shook Charleston, South Carolina around 9:50 pm on this day. This earthquake is the most damaging quake to occur in the southeast United States. This earthquake caused 60 deaths and between 5 to 6 million dollars in damage to over 2,000 buildings in the southeastern United States.

1922: An incredible hailstorm occurred near West Chester, PA dropped so much hail that fields were covered with up to two feet of drifted hail the next day.

1935: The most intense hurricane to make landfall was a modest tropical depression on this day. Called the Labor Day Hurricane, this storm went through phenomenal intensification to become a Category 5 hurricane by September 2nd.

1915 - The temperature at Bartlesville, OK, dipped to 38 degrees to establish a state record for the month of August. (The Weather Channel)

1954 - Hurricane Carol swept across eastern New England killing sixty persons and causing 450 million dollars damage. It was the first of three hurricanes to affect New England that year. (David Ludlum)

1971 - The low of 84 degrees and high of 108 degrees at Death Valley, CA, were the coolest of the month. The average daily high was 115.7 degrees that August, and the average daily low was 93.4 degrees. (The Weather Channel)

1984 - Lightning ignited several forest fires in Montana, one of which burned through 100,000 acres of timber and grassland. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Eight cities in Washington and Oregon reported record high temperatures for the date, including Eugene OR and Portland OR with afternoon highs of 102 degrees. The high of 102 degrees at Portland smashed their previous record for the date by twelve degrees. Frost was reported in South Dakota. Aberdeen SD established a record for the month of August with a morning low of 32 degrees, and Britton SD dipped to 31 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - August ended on a relatively mild and tranquil note for most of the nation. Forest fires in the northwestern U.S. scorched 180,000 acres of land during the last week of August. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms developing along a stationary front spread severe weather from Minnesota to Indiana through the course of the day and night. Thunderstorms in Minnesota produced baseball size hail near Saint Michael and Hutchinson, and drenched Moose Lake with nine inches of rain in six hours. Tucson AZ hit 100 degrees for a record 79th time in the year, surpassing a record established the previous year. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

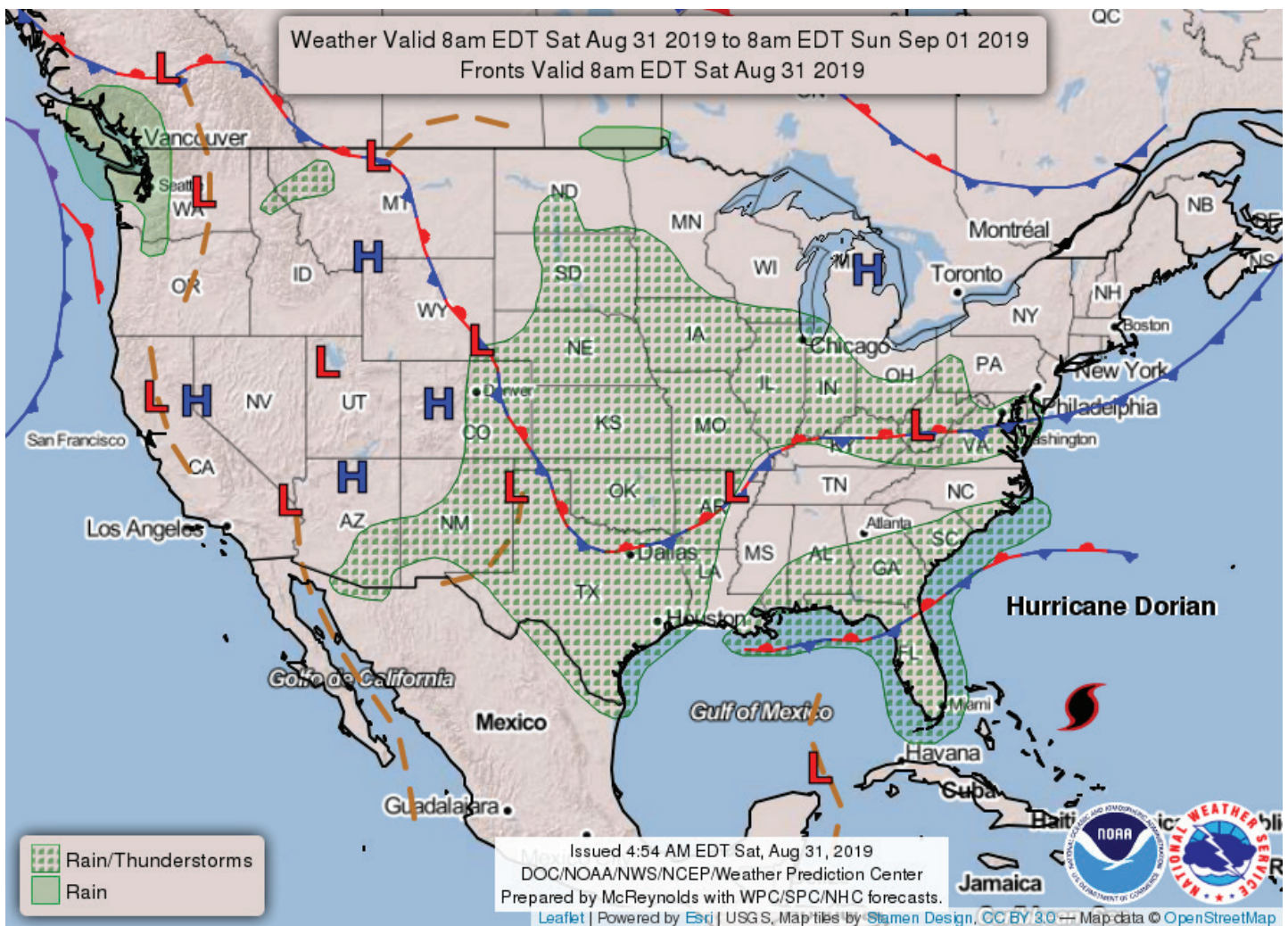
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Yesterday's Groton Weather Today's Info

High Temp: 74 °F at 3:48 PM
Low Temp: 46 °F at 6:44 AM
Wind: 9 mph at 12:19 PM
Day Rain: 0.00

Record High: 98° in 1898, 1921
Record Low: 32° in 1987
Average High: 78°F
Average Low: 52°F
Average Precip in Aug.: 2.35
Precip to date in Aug.: 3.01
Average Precip to date: 16.21
Precip Year to Date: 19.60
Sunset Tonight: 8:14 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:55 a.m.



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REWARDED BECAUSE

Give and it will be given unto you, said Jesus. But it does not end there. He continued His promise by adding, A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

As we come to the close of our Seeds of Wisdom, there can be no more fitting words for us to consider than the words in the last verse of Proverbs: Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate. God does indeed reward those who are faithful to His Word, who follow His instructions and minister to the needs of their family.

This wife of noble character did many good things. As a result of her godly living and disciplined life, she is to be recognized and rewarded by being praised at the city gate. The city gate is where the husband had been recognized for his wife of noble character. But, now the recognition is focused on her for a life of selfless-service, family-focus, and faithfulness.

Its her turn to be praised. Imagine a husband leading a chorus of praise at the city gate? Lets give a shout for my wife of noble character! Give her the recognition she deserves!

This is no ordinary woman: she is a gracious woman who attained honor. What a model wife and mother! What a tribute to a life well lived! What an example for all women!

Boaz once said to Ruth: And now, my daughter, dont be afraid. I will do for you all you ask. All my fellow townsman know you are a woman of noble character.

Prayer: God, bless all mothers everywhere who seek to honor You, their husbands and children as women of noble character. May we honor them for honoring You! In Jesus Name, Amen.

Scripture For Today: Proverbs 31:31 Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

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2019 Groton SD Community Events

- 09/07/2019 Fall City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday after Labor Day)
- 09/08/2019 Sunflower Classic at Olive Grove Golf Course
- 09/12/2019 St. John's Lutheran Luncheon
- 09/20/2019 Presbyterian Luncheon
- 09/28/2019 Granary Living History Fall Festival
- 10/11/2019 Lake Region Marching Band Festival (2nd Friday in October)
- 10/12/2019 Pumpkin Fest (Saturday before Columbus Day)
- 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

- 01/26/2020 Carnival of Silver Skates 2pm & 6:30pm (Last Sunday of January)
- 04/04/2020 Groton Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m. Sharp (Saturday a week before Easter Weekend)
- 04/25/2020 Fireman's Stag (Same Saturday as GHS Prom)
- 05/02/2020 Spring City-Wide Rummage Sales, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. (1st Saturday in May)
- 05/25/2020 Groton American Legion Post #39 Memorial Day Services (Memorial Day)
- 06/8-10/2020 St. John's VBS
- 07/04/2020 Firecracker Golf Tourney (4th of July)
Groton Hosting State B American Legion Baseball Tournament
- 07/12/2020 Summer Fest/Car Show
- 09/12/2020 Fall City-Wide Rummage Sales, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. (1st Sat. after Labor Day)
- 10/10/2020 Pumpkin Fest
- 10/31/2020 Groton United Methodist Trunk or Treat (Halloween)
- 11/14/2020 Groton American Legion Post #39 Annual Turkey Party (Saturday closest to Veteran's Day)

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News from the Associated Press

Bandidos gang members charged with drug, gun offenses

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Rapid City police say a member of the Bandidos motorcycle club was arrested on drug charges and more than 30 citations were issued to other gang members during two separate incidents in the city.

The Rapid City Journal reports citations were issued Thursday for following too closely, possession of marijuana, and possession of a concealed firearm on a motorcycle.

Police say eight firearms also were seized.

Police say a 22-year-old New Mexico man was arrested on drug charges and commission of a felony with a firearm.

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

Friday's Scores By The Associated Press

PREP FOOTBALL

Alcester-Hudson 22, Estelline/Hendricks 20
Bennett County 33, Todd County 0
Beresford 38, Wagner 14
Bon Homme 34, Menno/Marion 12
Bridgewater-Emery 48, Elk Point-Jefferson 7
Britton-Hecla 52, Waverly-South Shore 0
Brookings 40, Huron 0
Canistota 38, DeSmet 12
Chester 50, Avon 12
Colman-Egan 52, Gayville-Volin 0
Corsica/Stickney 22, Irene-Wakonda 19
Dell Rapids 7, Lennox 6
Dell Rapids St. Mary 44, Castlewood 27
Deuel 28, Hamlin 13
Florence/Henry 50, Deubrook 6
Garretson 21, Woonsocket/Wessington Springs/Sanborn Central 0
Gregory 35, Burke 14
Groton Area 22, Ellendale/Edgeley/Kulm, N.D. 12
Harrisburg 26, Rapid City Central 20
Herreid/Selby Area 64, North Border 26
Hot Springs 32, Newcastle, Wyo. 2
Howard 43, Scotland 8
Ipswich/Edmunds Central 42, Northwestern 2
Jones County/White River 34, Kadoka Area 26
Kimball/White Lake 50, Lyman 14
Lemmon/McIntosh 56, Newell 6
Madison 28, Dakota Valley 26
McCook Central/Montrose 40, Flandreau 0
Milbank 42, Wahpeton, N.D. 12

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Mobridge-Pollock 48, Miller/Highmore-Harrold 0
New Underwood 54, Rapid City Christian 0
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 44, Great Plains Lutheran 0
Parker 26, Elkton-Lake Benton 0
Philip 50, Hill City 0
Pierre 25, Sturgis Brown 16
Potter County 28, Sunshine Bible Academy 20
Sioux Falls Christian 62, Pine Ridge 0
Sioux Falls Lincoln 39, Watertown 3
Sioux Falls Roosevelt 28, Brandon Valley 13
Sioux Falls Washington 35, Aberdeen Central 0
Sisseton 6, Milnor-North Sargent, N.D. 0, OT
Sully Buttes 64, Wall 12
Tea Area 21, Canton 14
Timber Lake 40, Faith 22
Tri-Valley 32, Sioux Valley 26
Tripp-Delmont/Armour/Andes Central/Dakota Christian 14, Colome 12
Upton-Sundance, Wyo. 44, Lead-Deadwood 8
Vermillion 42, Belle Fourche 41, OT
Viborg-Hurley 50, Arlington/Lake Preston 0
Webster 41, Aberdeen Roncalli 21
West Central 42, Custer 28
Winner 46, St. Thomas More 20
Wolsey-Wessington 50, Hitchcock-Tulare 0
Yankton 49, Spearfish 0
POSTPONEMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS(equals)
McLaughlin vs. Redfield/Doland, ccd.

Some high school football scores provided by Scorestream.com, <https://scorestream.com/>

Volleyball

Aberdeen Central def. Rapid City Stevens, 28-26, 18-25, 25-13, 25-12
Brandon Valley def. Spearfish, 25-10, 25-12, 25-20
Cheyenne-Eagle Butte def. Standing Rock, N.D., 25-9, 25-19, 25-8
Rapid City Central def. Pierre, 25-17, 25-21, 16-25, 25-21
Custer Tournament
Pool Play
Pool 1
Newell def. Red Cloud, 25-22, 25-15
Rapid City Christian def. Edgemont, 25-10, 25-20
Pool 2
Hill City def. St. Thomas More, 15-25, 25-22, 25-19
Lead-Deadwood def. Todd County, 25-16, 25-11

SD Lottery

By The Associated Press

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

Mega Millions

03-09-11-34-39, Mega Ball: 10, Megaplier: 4

(three, nine, eleven, thirty-four, thirty-nine; Mega Ball: ten; Megaplier: four)

Estimated jackpot: \$113 million

Powerball

Estimated jackpot: \$70 million

A touch of glass: Glass blowing studio in Deadwood

By ALEX PORTAL Black Hills Pioneer

DEADWOOD, S.D. (AP) — Since 2013, Toni Gerlach has been blowing minds with her blown glass art at her Mind Blown Hot Glass Studio located in the Pumphouse Coffee Shop and Deli in Deadwood.

"My favorite thing about glass is once you start something you have to finish it," Gerlach said. "When you're working with it, it's something so hot and malleable and you have to find the right tool to shape it because you can't touch it. Then when you cool (it), it's something so solid and fragile."

Gerlach grew up with the bright neon lights of Las Vegas, but fondly remembered visiting relatives in the Black Hills.

"When I was younger I was always into art," she explained. "My mom got me a paperweight (making) class, and I thought it was the coolest thing ever."

Gerlach said once she graduated high school, she tried a few different careers, but nothing quite fit.

"I was a real estate agent, I did some other things and moved around the country quite a bit in that time," she said. "When I was in my mid 20s I decided I wanted to blow glass."

After graduating from California State University-San Marcos with a visual arts degree, she decided to try her luck in Deadwood.

"I came up to kind of figure out what I was gonna do with my life and then it found me," she said.

Gerlach said she'd always wanted to open a glassblowing studio in Deadwood, and when the opportunity came to rent the old gas station at 73 Sherman St., she jumped at the chance.

She explained that the business had been converted into a coffee shop in the past so all the equipment was already in place; shortly after the shop opened Gerlach applied for and received a loan to open her studio. The studio quickly began to outshine the coffee shop for Gerlach, so she hired a manager to run the day-to-day operations of the Pumphouse, the Black Hills Pioneer reported.



In this Aug. 19, 2019 photo, Toni Gerlach adds a tail fin to a glass fish sculpture created in her glassblowing studio in Deadwood, S.D. Since 2013, Toni Gerlach has been blowing minds with her blown glass art at her Mind Blown Hot Glass Studio located in the Pumphouse Coffee Shop and Deli in Deadwood. (Alex Portal/Black Hills Pioneer via AP)

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"Even though I am the business owner here, I do have a coffee shop manager who makes my life easier," she said. "(Shelby Clarkson is) always happy, very motivating; especially when you break stuff. She's like, 'oh it's OK, it's great, Toni!'"

Due to the help she received from Clarkson, Gerlach said she was recently able to upgrade and expand her glass blowing equipment.

"We shut down for two months and completely remodeled the studio," Gerlach said. "I got some new equipment that I drove up here from Tucson; bigger and better."

Gerlach said glassblowing can be a fickle art form.

"One of my friends says, 'All glass has an expiration date,' one day it will break," she said with a laugh.

Glassblowing has been around for centuries, and many of the tools and techniques have remained the same.

"A lot of the tools are the same as back in the day," Gerlach said. "Obviously upgraded a bit with modern technology but same basic thing."

Gerlach explained that all glass starts as sand; however, other minerals are added to enhance the strength and workability of certain types of glass.

"Sand (turns into) glass closer to, I think 8,000 or 10,000 degrees," she said. "But they add all kinds of other stuff to it so that it melts at a lower temperature, at 2,100 (degrees)."

She said that some minerals are added to glass to create the vibrant range of colors used to create masterful works of art. These different colored glasses can be incorporated into the final piece through either rolling the molten glass through a fine powder or chunks.

"Powdered glass covers things more completely, whereas chunks of glass give it more polka dots all over," she said.

Gerlach also said solid bars of glass are available, which can act as a colorful coating.

The different additives in the glass can also affect the practical uses of the glass. Gerlach said the glass she uses in her shop is meant more for display pieces, although she does make drinking glasses and bowls.

"If you took one of our drinking cups and put hot coffee in it, it would probably crack it," she explained. "Whereas you could take borosilicate and your Pyrex (other types of glass) and you can bake it at 350 degrees and go straight into a freezer and nothing's going to happen."

Gerlach also offers classes at her studio where anyone age 7 and older can come and make their own keepsakes.

"We have so many classes that it takes up a lot of my time, which is great," she said.

Gerlach said she's still learning and is immensely grateful to be able to study her craft at workshops all over the world.

"I've actually been accepted to a class in Istanbul in September," she said.

Lately she said she's gotten more into glass sculpting, which takes the methodology of glassblowing to create pieces of fine art.

"That's really where I want to go with my future," she said. "More gallery quality work and then also to be one of these instructors that travels around the world teaching these workshops."

Glass sculpting also requires help from an assistant so Gerlach hired Jasmine Wittler, who recently moved to the Black Hills from Nebraska, and is just discovering her passion for glassblowing.

"She's been helping me make some cool stuff," she said. "She does great."

Despite its global proliferation throughout history, Gerlach said glassblowing still remains a largely mysterious practice.

"I think it's something that you don't really notice until you start looking for it," she explained.

Gerlach said, having her studio in a coffee shop is a fantastic venue to showcase the art form.

"It's really fun for me to watch (customers) come in just to get a coffee and run into so many people that they haven't seen in a while or they wanted to catch up with," she said. "It's fun to be such a place in the community."

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

Spearfish WWII veteran, 97, receives France's highest honor

By JIM HOLLAND Rapid City Journal



World War II veteran Kenneth Higashi of Spearfish, S.D., wears the French Legion of Honor Medal on his sweater after ceremonies Friday, Aug. 23, 2019, in Spearfish, S.D. Higashi, 97, received the medal for his part in liberating France during the war. (Jim Holland/Rapid City Journal via AP)

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — Kenneth Higashi sat at attention, only his use of a wheelchair keeping him from rising to receive France's highest civil and military distinction, the Legion of Honor, before grateful family, friends and neighbors.

Higashi, 97, a second-generation Japanese American from Spearfish, sat stoically as Guillaume Lacroix, consul general of France for the Midwest, pinned the Chevalier De La Legion D'Honneur on his sweater on behalf of the French Republic.

"A debt that France owes America's greatest generation for their service in World War II is a debt that the French people will never be able to repay in full," Lacroix said. "The French people will never, ever forget the sacrifice of Mr. Higashi, of all the men and women who served in Europe for their country, but also for my country."

Higashi, one of three South Dakotans to be recognized with the Legion

of Honor last week, was born in Belle Fourche where his family operated a small vegetable farm. The family later moved to Spearfish where Higashi graduated from high school in 1941, the Rapid City Journal reported.

Months later, the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor plunged the United States into World War II that put the freedom of Japanese-American families in jeopardy.

Japanese American families, particularly those on the West Coast, were forced to uproot their lives, ordered to give up their homes and businesses, and forced into relocation centers or internment camps.

Government officials also visited the Higashi family in Spearfish and ordered them to give up their shotgun and radio.

They told Kenneth and his older brother, Clarence, that their family could avoid being moved to a camp if one of them enlisted in the military. Kenneth volunteered.

"He thought it better that his brother stay and work as a mechanic to provide for their family," Master of Ceremonies Gregory Dias said.

Higashi was eventually assigned to the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, made up mostly of Japanese Americans.

Higashi's unit, the 100th Infantry Battalion, was nicknamed the Purple Heart Battalion because of the high numbers of wounded and killed.

Higashi was one of the nearly 9,500 members of the 442nd wounded, shot through both knees in the latter stages of the war. He recovered fully and returned to Spearfish in November of 1945.

He attended college in Spearfish for a time and then took a job with the U.S. Postal Service where he would work for more than 30 years.

He married Phyllis Moser in 1978. His wife and many members of their combined families attended the

ceremony.

Maj. Gen. Jeffrey P. Marlette, adjutant general of the South Dakota National Guard, also presented Higashi with many of the medals he had previously earned, including the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, two Distinguished Unit Citations, the Army Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign medal, European, African, Middle Eastern Campaign medal, and World War II Victory medal.

"What an honor for myself, and I'm actually going to speak for all of you, to get to be here today to see one of America's truly great heroes be recognized for his service," Marlette said. "It's truly amazing to be here today."

Higashi also received a coin on behalf of the state of South Dakota from Lt. Gov. Larry Rhoden and an Honorary Doctorate in Public Service from Black Hills State University Interim President Dr. Laurie Nichols.

Spearfish mayor Dana Boke proclaimed the day of the ceremony, Aug. 23, as Kenneth Higashi day in Spearfish.

"In my past career, I worked with Mr. Higashi often and he was a kind and gentle spirit with humble patriotism," Boke said.

In other ceremonies last weekend, Lacroix will present Legion of Honor medals to Jimmy Traupel, 96, of Mitchell and Orville B. Lerew, 97, of Faulkton.

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

Dior stokes outrage with new ad for its Sauvage fragrance

By FELICIA FONSECA Associated Press

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — Dior has produced a fragrance called Sauvage since the mid-1960s and used Johnny Depp in recent years to promote it. But a new advertising campaign that paired them with Native American imagery deepened wounds among a population whose ancestors were called savages and systematically killed.

The French luxury goods company posted a trailer Friday with a Lakota dancer in colorful clothing that it said embodied modern Native American culture and promised more details on the fragrance Monday. The videos were removed from Dior's Instagram and Twitter accounts hours later, although they still appeared on some unrelated accounts devoted to Depp.

The trailer and videos continued to generate heavy criticism. Sauvage in French has a variety of meanings, including wild, unspoiled and savage.

"That takes it to a whole other level of ignorance and racism," said Dallas Goldtooth of the Lower Sioux Indian Community in Minnesota. "You should be well aware of the implications of that word."

Dior worked with Americans for Indian Opportunity, a respected but sometimes controversial consult-



FILE - In this Tuesday, June 20, 2017, file photo, U.S. actor Johnny Depp waves for fans upon his arrival at a film premier in Tokyo. A new ad for a Dior men's fragrance called Sauvage, in which Depp appears, sparked outrage Friday, Aug. 30, 2019, for its use of Native American culture and symbols. (AP Photo/Shizuo Kambayashi, File)

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ing firm based in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on the campaign. It's the same group that ceremoniously adopted Depp as an honorary member of the Comanche Nation while he was filming the 2013 adaptation of "The Lone Ranger."

Executive director Laura Harris said she expected the backlash but wanted to ensure Native Americans were part of the production, that it would educate people on indigenous values and philosophy, and that the Native components of the shoot were done tastefully and respectfully.

"Our aim was hopefully that the controversy would do exactly what it's done on social media and raise people's awareness," she told The Associated Press.

Harris said Dior will not change the name of the fragrance or cancel a commercial shot in southern Utah called "We Are the Land" starring Depp. Marketing materials describe it as an "ode to Mother Earth" and say the inclusion of the dancer is meant to be a "powerful tribute to this culture, portrayed with immense respect."

Neither Dior, a representative for Depp nor the dancer — Canku OneStar, an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe in South Dakota — responded to messages seeking comment.

Dior had posted trailers and other images from its new Sauvage campaign earlier in the week, but they did not generate similar reactions.

Crystal Echohawk, executive director of IllumiNative, said Dior did the right thing by working with a Native American consulting group but was ignorant in tying the fragrance to Native imagery.

"It shows that a well-intentioned collaboration can inadvertently be exploitative and racist, and I think that's what happened here," said Echohawk, who is Pawnee. "I think it's an important lesson learned. They need to pull the entire national campaign."

Robert Passikoff, president of the New York-based customer research firm Brand Keys Inc. said hiring a minority firm isn't enough, and there's no excuse for companies appropriating cultural aspects and leveraging them for profit.

"One just needs to be very, very careful these days about what is politically correct, culturally correct ... and at least racially balanced," he said.

South Dakota Democrats closing 2 offices, citing costs

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Democratic Party is closing its Sioux Falls headquarters and Rapid City field office within the next month, citing financial costs.

Party chair Paula Hawks announced the closings in an email to state party officials Thursday.

Hawks said office rent was the biggest expense and that the closures would be temporary.

Minnehaha County Democratic Party chair Nikki Gronli says the move is best for the party's future.

KELO-AM reports state Democratic Party officials say their executive director and West River field organizer will work remotely for now.

South Dakota Democrats also canceled a fundraiser in Rapid City scheduled for late September.

Lawsuit: Sanford Health pressured medical director to resign

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A former executive is suing Sanford Health, saying she suffered gender discrimination, was assaulted at work and that her supervisors pressured her to resign after she complained about lax security at her clinic.

Dr. Jolene Mitchell resigned as the medical director of Sanford Clinic in Sioux Falls in April. In the lawsuit filed Wednesday in federal district court in Sioux Falls, Mitchell said officials ignored her complaints regarding security threats.

The clinic provides outpatient services and specializes in diagnosing, treating and preventing workplace illnesses and injuries. The lawsuit says the facility serves a lot of convicted criminals who required mandatory drug screenings. Some are convicted sex offenders, the Argus Leader reported.

The lawsuit says Sanford discriminated against Mitchell because of her gender and cited complications with her pregnancy as a reason to pressure her to leave.

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Sanford has denied the claims. Paul Hanson, the president of Sanford Sioux Falls, said workplace safety is always a top priority.

"Sanford Health investigated and addressed Dr. Jolene Mitchell's concerns during her employment," Hanson said in a statement. "After Dr. Mitchell's resignation, (the Occupational Safety and Health Administration) conducted an independent investigation of the conditions where Dr. Mitchell worked and found no workplace safety violation or citations."

Mitchell began documenting threats to her security in the summer of 2017 and she provided that information to her supervisors, Dr. Joel Blanchard and Stephanie Murdock, the lawsuit says.

Mitchell was assaulted twice, including being punched in the abdomen while she was pregnant, the suit says. Separately, a patient who claimed to be a pedophile made threats that led to staff calling police repeatedly over the course of two or three days.

In July 2018, Mitchell sent an email to her supervisors asking for more security because she was seeing an uptick in patients who had violent criminal histories and who tampered with drug tests.

"I understand that security is not perfect and is costly but I am at a loss for maintaining the safety of my patients, providers, and staff," she wrote in the email. "Please any assistance would be greatly appreciated."

Meanwhile, Blanchard repeatedly referred to Mitchell's pregnancy, probed her "emotional health" and suggested she enroll in counseling, according to the lawsuit.

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

Dakota State has \$10 million gift for athletics complex

MADISON, S.D. (AP) — Dakota State University is another step closer to building a new athletics complex. The university has a \$10 million gift from First Premier Bank/Premier Bankcard and Miles and Lisa Beacom. It's the largest single donation ever given to the school's athletic program.

The Argus Leader reports athletics director Jeff Dittman says the university's facilities are outdated and inadequate for a competitive collegiate program. Plans for a new athletic complex feature a two-story concourse and outdoor facilities. Dittman says the new complex will allow DSU to host more events and camps and improve its ability to compete at the conference level.

Premier Bankcard CEO Miles Beacom graduated from DSU in 1981 and is in the university's athletics hall of fame.

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Category 4 Dorian bears down on Bahamas, may skirt Florida

By TIM AYLEN Associated Press

McLEAN'S TOWN CAY, Bahamas (AP) — Hurricane Dorian bore down on the Bahamas as a fierce Category 4 storm Saturday, with new projections showing it curving upward enough to potentially spare Florida a direct hit but still threatening parts of the Southeast U.S. with powerful winds and rising ocean water that causes what can be deadly flooding.

Dorian is packing 150 mph (240 kph) winds, and forecasters predict it will flirt with top-of-the-scale Category 5 wind speeds of 155 mph (250 kph) later in the day as it menaces the Bahamas.

The storm is expected to hit the northwestern part of the islands Sunday. Over two or three days, it could dump as much as 4 feet (1 meter) of rain, unleash high winds and whip up an abnormal rise in sea level called storm surge, according to private meteorologist Ryan Maue and some of the most reliable computer models.

After walloping the islands, forecasters said the ever-strengthening Dorian is expected to dance up the Southeast coastline, staying just off Florida's shore and skirting the coast of Georgia, with the possibility of landfall still a threat Wednesday. It will continue up to South Carolina early Thursday.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami said the risk of strong winds and rising water will increase along

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the Georgia and South Carolina coasts by the middle of next week.

The center also stressed that Dorian could still hit Florida. But after days of a forecast that put the state and President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in the center of expected landfalls, the changes are significant.

"It's going to be pretty scary because you're going to have this gigantic hurricane sitting off the coast of Florida and it's not going to move," Maue said. But with the storm slowing and likely to turn north, he added: "The worst effects of a direct landfall are not in the forecast."

"At this point, the track the hurricane center is issuing is not the catastrophe that could happen, which is good," Maue said.

Millions of people in Florida have been in the changing potential path of the hurricane. Forecasters say Dorian will hover along Florida's east coast Tuesday and Wednesday.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis warned residents not to let their guard down.

"Looking at these forecasts, a bump in one direction or the other could have really significant ramifications in terms of impact. If it bumps further east, that obviously is positive. If it bumps just a little west, than you're looking at really, really significant impacts," DeSantis said.

He added that even if Dorian doesn't make landfall in Florida, the state could still be affected by "really significant storm surge" as it heads north along the East Coast.

Trump has declared a state of emergency in Florida and authorized the Federal Emergency Management Agency to coordinate disaster-relief efforts.

As Dorian closed in, Labor Day weekend plans were upended. Major airlines began allowing travelers to change their reservations without fees. The big cruise lines began rerouting their ships. Disney World and Orlando's other resorts could be at risk.

Still, with Dorian days away and its track uncertain, Disney and other major resorts held off announcing any closings, and Florida authorities ordered no immediate mass evacuations.

But some counties told residents of barrier islands, mobile homes and low-lying areas to flee beginning Sunday — though those orders in Brevard and Martin counties could change.

To prepare, homeowners and businesses rushed to cover their windows with plywood. Supermarkets ran out of bottled water, and long lines formed at gas stations, with some fuel shortages reported.

At a Publix supermarket in Cocoa Beach, Ed Ciecirski of the customer service department said the pharmacy was extra busy with people rushing to fill prescriptions. The grocery was rationing bottled water and had run out of dry ice.

"It's hairy," he said.

Early Saturday, Dorian was centered 415 miles (670 kilometers) east of West Palm Beach. It was moving northwest at 8 mph (13 kph).

Coastal areas of the southeastern United States could get 6 to 12 inches (15 to 30 centimeters) of rain,



People line up to buy water at a store before the arrival of Hurricane Dorian, in Freeport, Bahamas, Friday, Aug. 30, 2019. Forecasters said the hurricane is expected to keep on strengthening and become a Category 3 later in the day. (AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa)

with 18 inches (46 centimeters) in some places, triggering life-threatening flash floods, the hurricane center said.

In the Bahamas, canned food and bottled water were disappearing quickly from shelves and the sound of hammering echoed across the islands as people boarded up their homes.

"Do not be foolish and try to brave out this hurricane," Prime Minister Hubert Minnis said. "The price you may pay for not evacuating is your life."

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For AP's complete coverage of the hurricane: <https://apnews.com/Hurricanes>

Hong Kong protesters set fires in 13th weekend of protests

By KEN MORITSUGU Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — Protesters in Hong Kong threw gasoline bombs at government headquarters and set fires in the street on Saturday, while police fired tear gas and blue-colored water from truck-mounted cannons in the 13th consecutive weekend of anti-government and anti-police demonstrations.

Police denied permission for a march to mark the fifth anniversary of a decision by China against fully democratic elections in Hong Kong, but protesters took to the streets anyway, as they have all summer. They provoked and obstructed the police repeatedly but generally retreated once riot officers moved in, avoiding some of the direct clashes that characterized earlier protests.

Hong Kong, a city of 7.4 million people, has been riven by protests for nearly three months. A now-shelved extradition bill brought to the fore sim-

mering concerns about what many in Hong Kong see as an erosion of the rights and freedoms that the semiautonomous Chinese territory is supposed to have under a "one country, two systems" framework.

The mostly young, black-shirted protesters took over roads and major intersections in shopping districts on Saturday as they rallied and marched with no obvious destination in mind.

Authorities closed streets and a subway stop near the Chinese government office and parked water cannon trucks and erected additional barriers nearby, fearing protesters might target the building. The office would have been the endpoint of the march that police did not allow.

Instead, a group of hard-line protesters decided to take on police guarding government headquarters from behind large barriers that ring the building to keep demonstrators at bay.



Protesters stand near burning items during a pro-democracy protest in causeway bay, Hong Kong, Saturday, Aug. 31, 2019. Hundreds of people are rallying in an athletic park in central Hong Kong as a 13th-straight weekend of pro-democracy protests gets underway. (AP Photo/Vincent Yu)

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While others marched back and forth elsewhere, a large crowd wearing helmets and gas masks gathered outside. They pointed laser beams at the officers' heads and threw objects over the barriers and at them. Police responded with tear gas, and protesters threw gasoline bombs into the compound.

Then came the blue water. A water cannon truck fired regular water, then returned with repeated bursts of colored water, staining protesters and nearby journalists and leaving blue puddles in the street.

The standoff continued for some time, but protesters started moving back as word spread that police were headed in their direction. A few front-line protesters hurled gasoline bombs at the officers in formation, but there were no major clashes as police cleared the area.

Protesters regrouped and blocked a major commercial street by piling up barricades and setting a large fire. Smoke billowed into the air as hundreds of protesters waited on the other side of the makeshift barrier, many pointing laser beams that streaked the night sky above them.

Firefighters made their way into the congested area on foot to put out the fire. Police in riot gear removed the barricades and moved in quickly. They could be seen detaining a few protesters, but by then, most had already left.

As police advanced east down Hennessey Road, protesters made another stand in the Causeway Bay shopping district. They threw gasoline bombs at police, who fired tear gas and water cannons.

Protesters built another fire, a smaller one, in front of Sogo department store. Police waited behind their riot shields while firefighters put out the smoldering fire with extinguishers. When police moved in, the protesters had again retreated.

Other groups crossed Hong Kong's harbor to the Tsim Sha Tsui district, where police said they set fires and threw gasoline bombs on Nathan Road.

Democratic Party lawmaker Lam Cheuk-ting said Hong Kong citizens would keep fighting for their rights and freedoms despite the arrests of several prominent activists and lawmakers in the past two days, including activist Joshua Wong.

Protesters are demanding the full withdrawal of the extradition bill — which would have allowed Hong Kong residents to be sent to mainland China to stand trial — as well as democratic elections and an investigation into alleged police brutality in past battles with hard-line demonstrators.

"I do believe the government deliberately arrested several leaders of the democratic camp to try to threaten Hong Kong people not to come out to fight against the evil law," Lam said at what was advertised as a Christian march earlier Saturday.

About 1,000 people marched to a Methodist church and police headquarters. They alternated between singing hymns and chanting slogans of the pro-democracy movement. An online flyer for the demonstration called it a "prayer for sinners" and featured images of a Christian cross and embattled Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam, who had proposed the extradition bill.

The Civil Human Rights Front, the organizer of pro-democracy marches that have drawn upward of a million people this summer, canceled its march after failing to win police approval. Police said that while previous marches have started peacefully, they have increasingly degenerated into violence in the end.

The standing committee of China's legislature ruled on Aug. 31, 2014, that Hong Kong residents could elect their leader directly, but that the candidates would have to be approved by a nominating committee.

The decision failed to satisfy democracy advocates in Hong Kong and led to the 79-day long Occupy Central protests that fall, in which demonstrators camped out on major streets in the financial district and other parts of the city.

The participants in the religious march Saturday were peaceful and mostly older than the younger protesters who have led this summer's movement and, in some cases, blocked streets and battled police with bricks, sticks and gasoline bombs

Religious meetings do not require police approval, though authorities said late Friday that organizers of a procession with more than 30 people must notify police.

Associated Press videojournalists Raf Wober, Alice Fung and Johnson Lai contributed to this report.

Dallas Holocaust museum takes visitors from WWII to today

By JAMIE STENGLE Associated Press



In this July 29, 2019, photo, Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum President and CEO, Mary Pat Higgins, pauses as she gives a tour of the museum in Dallas, to look at a wall size image of Jews marching. When Dallas' Holocaust museum reopens in a few weeks it will not only be in a new building five times the size of its previous location, but will take visitors on a journey that also includes modern-day genocides and the evolution of human and civil rights in the U.S. (AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez)

DALLAS (AP) — When the Holocaust museum in Dallas opens the doors to its new building, visitors will be not only learning about the mass murder of Jews during World War II but also other genocides that have happened around the world, as well as human rights struggles in the U.S.

The newly renamed Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum is the latest in the U.S. to broaden its permanent exhibit and embolden its efforts to inspire visitors to take action to make the world a better place.

"We're hoping that in the moments that they finish this journey they will be thinking: What can I do? How can I make a difference in my community?"

said Mary Pat Higgins, the museum's president and CEO.

Expanding the focus to include more recent atrocities and human rights struggles helps draw in more visitors to be reminded that the lessons from the Holocaust are still relevant.

The museum opening Sept. 18 in Dallas is five times bigger than its previous location — a jump from 6,000 square

feet (557 sq. meters) to 55,000 square feet (5,110 sq. meters). Museum officials hope for 200,000 visitors a year — more than double the previous figure.

The Holocaust Museum Houston has already seen a jump in visitors since reopening in June after a renovation and expansion that more than doubled its size. The primary focus of the original museum was the Holocaust, but it now details other genocides and has tributes to human rights leaders including Nobel Prize laureate Malala Yousafzai, who as a child in Pakistan began advocating for girls' education.

"We look at it like as: if we can get them in the door and attract them on — it might be something like a social activism — then they can also benefit from learning about the Holocaust when they're here," said Kelly Zuniga, CEO of the Houston museum.

In Cincinnati, the Nancy and David Wolf Holocaust and Humanity Center's move in January into Union Terminal train station meant that it could include a gallery showcasing people who have made positive changes in their community. "We examine individuals who stood up and who seized the moment and we talk about their character strengths," said Jodi Elowitz, the center's education director.

Two years ago the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Skokie opened as part of its permanent exhibit the Take a Stand Center, which is focused on human rights. "Hopefully they're getting knowledge, they're finding their passion or their particular cause or issue that they're interested in," said Kelley Szany, vice president of education and exhibitions for the museum.

The Dallas museum's orientation video asks the question: Why should visitors care?

"The rest of the museum goes on to not answer the question, because we don't provide answers. We

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do provide direction. We expect you to be able to answer the question however you were impacted," said Eddie Jacobs, who designed the exhibit with fellow Berenbaum Jacobs Associates founder Michael Berenbaum.

The gallery detailing genocides that happened before and after the Holocaust uses sculpture and graphic novels to help visitors understand the tactics that led to the mass killings. The sculpture on the mass murder of Tutsis by the Hutus in Rwanda in 1994 includes machetes and victims' racial identification cards. A graphic novel notes that polarization tactics that led to the genocide included Tutsis being referred to as cockroaches, pointing out that the Nazis portrayed Jews as rats and poisonous mushrooms.

The last stage of the visit turns to the U.S. for an exploration of how American ideals compare to reality, Berenbaum said. Visitors use interactive touchscreens to explore their own attitudes and biases. As they end their visit, they can learn about volunteer opportunities.

"The Holocaust is remembered. The question then becomes deeper: How is it remembered and what are we to do with that memory?" Berenbaum said.

Max Glaubien, who as Jewish teenager from Poland spent time in Nazi concentration camps, where his parents and brother were killed, helped found the Dallas museum. Glaubien, who immigrated to the U.S. after WWII, hopes the museum inspires people to take inventory of their own lives.

"Maybe after seeing all this they realize that maybe we should become better," said Glaubien, 91.

— If You Go...

DALLAS HOLOCAUST AND HUMAN RIGHTS MUSEUM : The museum opens to the public on Sept. 18. Its hours will be: Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$16 for adults. The museum is in downtown Dallas at 300 N. Houston Street, less than a block from The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza, which details the assassination in Dallas of President John F. Kennedy.

Suit settled in teen suicide that led to Illinois law change

By **MICHAEL TARM** AP Legal Affairs Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — The case of a suburban Chicago teenager who killed himself after being confronted at his high school about whether he made a video of himself having sex with a classmate raised uncomfortable questions about how aggressively school officials should question kids suspected of wrongdoing and whether they should wait until a parent arrives.

A wrongful death lawsuit brought by the parents of 16-year-old Corey Walgren that focused on those questions has been resolved, with the city of Naperville expected to approve a settlement on Tuesday in which it and the local school district each agree to pay the Walgren family \$125,000.

Walgren's death on Jan. 11, 2017, three hours after a dean and in-school police officer at Naperville High School told the honor-roll student he might face child pornography charges also prompted a change in Illinois law.

As of August, a parent, guardian, family lawyer or designated advocate must be present before police can begin questioning students at school who are younger than 18 and suspected of crimes, unless they pose an imminent threat.

"The Corey Walgren story hits at every single parent's heart," Democratic state Rep. Stephanie Kifowit, who introduced the legislation, said Friday. "We need to recognize that the brains of young people are not fully developed and they need to be dealt with differently. ... What happened to Corey should never happen again."

The most sensitive question surrounding the tragedy — whether school authorities shared responsibility for what happened to Walgren — was addressed by the federal judge in the civil case. Her answer: They weren't legal liable for his death, including because they couldn't have known Walgren was suicidal.

That finding this year by U.S. District Judge Andrea Wood prompted her to toss the suit. But the fam-

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ily hoped the 7th U.S. Court of Appeals in Chicago would revive it. The sides agreed to settlement terms while that appeal was still pending, rendering the appeal moot.

While Wood concluded officials hadn't broken the law, she said that determination shouldn't be construed as condoning how they dealt with Walgren, especially telling him he could be charged and may have to register as a sex offender. The judge said child pornography was not found on Walgren's phone as suspected and that officials had falsely accused him.

"Faced with the implied threat of such consequences, it is perhaps unsurprising that a previously well-adjusted teenager's emotional state could deteriorate to such a point that he would contemplate taking his life," Wood wrote in a 22-page written opinion.

She added that while the officials' conduct "was problematic and had tragic consequences," it didn't make them liable for Walgren's death.

Among the claims Wood rejected was that school authorities were "deliberately indifferent" to signs of emotional distress. There were no outward signs Walgren was in a fragile mental state, and he had no history of harming himself, Wood wrote.

Legal liability, she went on, required conduct "so extreme as to go beyond all possible bounds of decency and to be regarded as intolerable in a civilized community." And while the deans' and the in-school officer's "interrogation tactics were harsh and aggressive, they were nonetheless ordinary police interrogation tactics."

The suit named the city of Naperville, the Naperville Community Unit School District 203, two deans and the in-school officer as defendants. Wood's ruling dismissed the allegations against them all. The defendants do not admit wrongdoing in the settlement, which ends all legal action against them by the Walgren family.

A Naperville spokeswoman said the city would not comment on the proposed settlement until all the parties had approved it. Lawyers for the defendants and the Walgren family didn't return messages seeking comment.

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FILE - This undated photo provided by the Walgren family shows 16-year-old Corey Walgren. The suicide of Walgren, a suburban Chicago honor-roll student, raised sensitive questions about how to confront students suspected of recording and sharing sexual images and helped spur changes in Illinois law. A lawsuit brought by Walgren's parents that helped answer some of those questions has now been settled, and Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker has signed a bill inspired by the case that requires that parents be present when school authorities interrogate their child. (Photo

Courtesy the Walgren Family via AP, File)

AP FACT CHECK: Trump's swipe at Puerto Rico, G-7 comments

By CALVIN WOODWARD and HOPE YEN Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump presented a distorted picture of the auto industry, told a fanciful story about Iran duping Barack Obama and took a misinformed swipe at Puerto Rico just as its residents braced for a catastrophe that didn't come.

A look at some statements by Trump and his team during a week bookended by the Group of Seven summit and the approach of Hurricane Dorian to the U.S. mainland after it brushed past Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

PUERTO RICO

TRUMP, on hurricane aid: "Will it ever end? Congress approved 92 Billion Dollars for Puerto Rico last year, an all time record of its kind for anywhere." — tweet Tuesday.

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THE FACTS: His figure of \$92 billion is wrong, as is his assertion that the U.S. territory has set some record for federal disaster aid. Congress has so far distributed only about \$14 billion for Puerto Rico.

It's a false claim he's made repeatedly. The White House has said the estimate includes about \$50 billion in expected future disaster disbursements that could span decades, along with \$42.7 billion approved.

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

That money would require future appropriations by Congress.

Even if correct, \$92 billion would not be the most ever provided for hurricane rebuilding efforts. Hurricane Katrina in 2005 cost the U.S. government more than \$120 billion — the bulk of it going to Louisiana.

Trump frequently inflates and complains about the amount of disaster aid that Congress "foolishly gave" Puerto Rico after the deadly destruction from Hurricane Maria in 2017. He has talked as if he doesn't recognize the U.S. territory as American and, in an April tweet, said Puerto Rico officials "only take from USA."

Hurricane Dorian inflicted limited damage in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands before intensifying on its track toward the U.S. mainland.

AUTOS

TRUMP: "General Motors, which was once the Giant of Detroit, is now one of the smallest auto manufacturers there. They moved major plants to China, BEFORE I CAME INTO OFFICE. This was done despite the saving help given them by the USA. Now they should start moving back to America again?" — tweet Friday.

THE FACTS: That's inaccurate on several counts.

Still a giant, GM did not close factories in the U.S. and move them to China. It set up and expanded operations in China primarily to serve that market.

And by many measures, it is the largest U.S. automaker. The company made more money last year



In this Aug. 26, 2019, photo, President Donald Trump gestures during a news conference on the third and final day of the G-7 summit in Biarritz, France. (AP Photo/Markus Schreiber)

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than crosstown rivals Fiat Chrysler and Ford, and GM sold more vehicles in the U.S. than the other two. It remains the largest Michigan-headquartered employer in the state, with a workforce of 52,000 outpacing that of Ford, the state government and Fiat Chrysler, according to an analysis this year by Crain's Detroit Business. In southeast Michigan, it was No. 2, behind Ford, and ahead of Fiat Chrysler.

NORTH KOREA

VICE PRESIDENT MIKE PENCE: "Watching those 55 small, flag-draped caskets come off the plane was an extraordinary experience. We brought back — we brought back our heroes, and there's more to come." — remarks Wednesday to the American Legion veterans group.

THE FACTS: No remains of U.S. service members have been returned since last summer and the U.S. suspended efforts in May to get negotiations on the remains back on track in time to have more repatriated this year. The U.S. hopes more remains may be brought home next year.

The Pentagon's Defense POW-MIA Accounting Agency, which is responsible for recovering U.S. war remains and returning them to families, "has not received any new information from (North Korean) officials regarding the turn over or recovery of remains," spokesman Charles Prichard said last month.

He said his agency is "still working to communicate" with the North Korean army "as it is our intent to find common ground on resuming recovery missions" in 2020.

Last year, in line with the first summit between Trump and North Korea's Kim Jong Un that June, the North turned over 55 boxes of what it said were the remains of an undetermined number of U.S. service members killed in the North during the 1950-53 war. So far, six Americans have been identified from the 55 boxes.

U.S. officials have said the North has suggested in recent years that it holds perhaps 200 sets of American war remains. Thousands more are unrecovered from battlefields and former POW camps.

The Pentagon estimates that 5,300 Americans were lost in North Korea.

TRUMP on North Korea's leader: "With respect to North Korea — Kim Jong-un, who I've got to know extremely well, the first lady has gotten to know Kim Jong-un and I think she'd agree with me, he is a man with a country that has tremendous potential." — news conference Monday with French President Emmanuel Macron.

THE FACTS: Melania Trump doesn't know Kim. They have never met.

White House press secretary Stephanie Grisham clarified the president's comment, saying Trump confides in his wife on his relationship with Kim and "feels like she's gotten to know him, too."

IRAN

TRUMP on Iran: "We gave them \$150 billion and \$1.8 billion and we got nothing. ... Look at what they did to John Kerry and to President Obama. Look what happened, where they're bringing planeloads of cash, planeloads, big planes, 757s, Boeing 757s coming in loaded up with cash. What kind of a deal is that?" — news conference Monday with Macron.

THE FACTS: It's the kind of deal that did not actually take place.

When Iran signed the multinational deal to restrain its nuclear development in return for being freed from sanctions, it regained access to its own assets, which had been frozen abroad. There was no \$150 billion gift from the U.S. treasury or other countries. Iran was allowed to get its money back.

The \$1.8 billion refers to a separate matter, also misstated by Trump going back to before the 2016 election.

A payout of roughly that amount did come from the U.S. treasury. It was to pay an old IOU.

In the 1970s, Iran paid the U.S. \$400 million for military equipment that was never delivered because the government was overthrown and diplomatic relations ruptured. After the nuclear deal, the U.S. and Iran announced they had settled the matter, with the U.S. agreeing to pay the \$400 million principal along with about \$1.3 billion in interest.

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The \$400 million was paid in cash and flown to Tehran on a cargo plane. The arrangement provided for the interest to be paid later.

In Trump's telling, one cargo plane with \$400 million that was owed to Iran has become "big planes, 757s, Boeing 757s," loaded with a \$1.8 billion giveaway. Kerry was then secretary of state.

CLEAN AIR

TRUMP: "We're, right now, having the cleanest air and cleanest water on the planet." — remarks Monday with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

THE FACTS: That's not true. Air quality hasn't improved under the Trump administration and dozens of nations have less smoggy air than the U.S.

Water? One measure, Yale University's global Environmental Performance Index, finds the U.S. tied with nine other countries as having the cleanest drinking water.

But after decades of improvement, progress in air quality has stalled. Over the last two years the U.S. had more polluted air days than just a few years earlier, federal data show.

There were 15% more days with unhealthy air in America both last year and the year before than there were on average from 2013 through 2016, the four years when the U.S. had its fewest number of those days since at least 1980.

The Obama administration set records for the fewest air-polluted days.

The nonprofit Health Effects Institute's State of Global Air 2019 report ranked the United States 37th dirtiest out of 195 countries for ozone, also known as smog, worse than the global average for population-weighted pollution. Countries such as Britain, Japan, Spain, Portugal, France, Germany, Albania, Cuba, Russia, Vietnam, New Zealand and Canada have less smoggy air.

The U.S. ranks eighth cleanest on the more deadly category of fine particles in the air.

On environmental quality overall, the Yale index put the U.S. 27th, behind a variety of European countries, Canada, Japan, Australia and more. Switzerland was No. 1.

ENERGY

TRUMP: "I feel that the United States has tremendous wealth. The wealth is under its feet. I've made that wealth come alive. ... We are now the number one energy producer in the world." — news conference with Macron.

THE FACTS: Sole credit to himself is not accurate. The greatest energy revolution of the past half-century happened on Obama's watch as U.S. petroleum and natural gas production achieved preeminence.

In 2013, the U.S. became the world's top producer both of natural gas and petroleum hydrocarbons, says the government's U.S. Energy Information Administration. As for crude oil specifically, the agency says the U.S. became the world's top crude oil producer last year. That is largely attributed to the shale oil boom that began late in George W. Bush's administration and proceeded apace during the Obama years.

The boom came because of fracking and other technology, such as horizontal drilling, that made it possible to find much more oil and gas without drilling more holes. As well, Obama lifted a decades-long ban on shipping U.S. oil overseas in 2015, helping increase demand for U.S. crude.

TRUMP, on addressing climate change: "I feel that the United States has tremendous wealth. The wealth is under its feet. ... I'm not going to lose it on dreams, on windmills, which frankly aren't working too well." — news conference with Macron.

THE FACTS: In criticizing wind power, Trump misidentified his target. Wind turbines produce energy. Windmills mill grain and flummox Don Quixote.

Trump has ascribed a variety of evils to wind power over the years, usually with scant evidence, while praising coal, a well-documented cause of health problems.

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Too old for president? Health and fitness a better question

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FILE - In this Aug. 8, 2019, file photo, Democratic presidential candidate former Vice President Joe Biden speaks at the Des Moines Register Soapbox during a visit to the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines, Iowa. Three Democrats in their 70s are vying to challenge the oldest first-term president in U.S. history. But science says age isn't a proxy for fitness. The bigger question is how healthy you are and how well you function. With only a few years separating them, President Donald Trump at 73 has mocked Biden, 76. Biden and Sen. Bernie Sanders, 77, try to showcase physical activity on the campaign trail while 70-year-old Elizabeth Warren even jogs around at rallies. (AP Photo/Charlie Neibergall, File)

Neibergall, File)

WASHINGTON (AP) — Science says age is only a number, not a proxy for physical and mental fitness. But with three Democrats in their 70s vying to challenge the oldest first-term president in American history, age's importance will be tested as never before.

Only a few years separate President Donald Trump, 73, from Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, 77, and former Vice President Joe Biden, 76. But as Trump mocks Biden for verbal missteps, suggesting age has slowed his Democratic rival, both Sanders and Biden have conspicuously showcased their physical activity during the campaign.

Cameras have captured a third top Democratic contender, 70-year-old Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, taking high-energy jogs around rallies where she stays hours afterward to snap photos with supporters.

While the risks of disease and death rise substantially in the 70s and beyond, many specialists caution that the age on your driver's license means far less than how healthy you are and how well you function — what's sometimes called your "biologic age."

"I'm not going to sugarcoat aging," said well-known aging researcher S. Jay Olshansky of the University of Illinois at Chicago. But, he added, "how

many times they've traveled around the sun should not be a litmus test for the presidency."

Still, it's not straightforward to figure out just how fit these septuagenarians — or any candidates — really are. No law requires them to disclose their medical records. A doctor's note or some test results may reveal snippets. Those shed little light on one of the biggest questions about aging leaders: How likely is their memory or overall mental acuity to decline?

After all, many neuroscientists question if President Ronald Reagan, 73 when re-elected, showed signs of cognitive trouble during his second term. He was diagnosed with Alzheimer's years after leaving office. Checkups do offer a clue.

"A healthier heart, for example, is going to translate to a healthier brain," said Dr. Anne Newman, who directs the University of Pittsburgh Center for Aging and Population Health.

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Likewise some habits are critical: a good diet, exercise and enough sleep. Trump, a fast-food fan and late-night tweeter who doesn't exercise regularly, has scoffed at that advice. Still, his doctor earlier this year said he's overall in good health despite needing to lose weight and stick with cholesterol-lowering medicine.

But there's no easy predictor.

"You can have a group of people who at age 80 are still going to work every day, doing all the stuff they need to do," Newman said. "We're not very good at understanding who's going to be able to tolerate the stress in emergency situations," like the 3 a.m. crises presidents so often must navigate.

Some experts have called for independent health exams for presidents and candidates of all ages, much like the fit-for-flight physicals that pilots undergo. To Newman, the grueling endurance contest that is a U.S. presidential campaign is a pretty good substitute.

"For most people who go through that kind of a rigorous schedule, chances are they're going to be healthy for at least five if not 10 years," she said.

That hasn't stopped age, and a call for generational change, from affecting past elections.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., faced questions about his fitness when seeking the presidency in 2008 at age 71 against then-Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., nearly 25 years his junior. During his 1984 re-election bid, Reagan famously promised not to take advantage of 56-year-old Democratic foe Walter Mondale's "youth and inexperience."

Today's candidates likewise don't think they're too old.

Sanders told The Associated Press that voters "must and will judge candidates in terms of the totality of their being," including their experience and records as well as their ages.

"I am very happy — well, I am lucky, I suppose — to tell you that I am in good health and have a great deal of endurance, and I would not have run for this job as president of the United States unless I thought I was absolutely, 100% physically able to do it," he said in an interview during a recent campaign swing through South Carolina.

Two days later, Sanders was in Iowa tossing some pitches in a campaign-sponsored softball game and taking his turn at bat. Warren spent the week hopscotching from South Carolina to Iowa to Minnesota to California, an itinerary that might weary someone half her age, while Biden went from Massachusetts to Iowa.

Biden had a brush with death in 1988, requiring surgery to repair two brain aneurysms — weak bulges in arteries, one of them leaking. Medical records released in 2008 during Biden's vice presidential campaign showed he'd made a full recovery with no trouble since.

Dr. Kevin O'Connor, who has treated Biden since he served as vice president, said in a statement provided by the campaign that Biden is "in excellent physical condition" and "more than capable of handling the rigors of the campaign."

The stress of the Oval Office doesn't shorten presidents' lives, Olshansky reported in a 2011 study. Curious at the attention paid to Obama's graying hair, Olshansky found that 23 of 34 presidents who had died of natural causes lived beyond the average life expectancy of men the same age when they were inaugurated.

What about the 2020 candidates? Olshansky used life insurance statistics to calculate average life expectancies of U.S. citizens of the same gender and age at inauguration as each candidate.

Not surprisingly, 37-year-old Pete Buttigieg, the youngest of the candidate crop, should have the most years ahead of him.

But by Olshansky's calculations, the 70-somethings also would have great odds of surviving in office. Based on the average for their age, that's a 76.8% chance for Sanders; 79.2% for Biden; 84.8% for Trump and, reflecting that women tend to outlive men, a 91.8% chance for Warren.

And the candidates' survival odds likely are even higher, Olshansky said, because people who are wealthy, well-educated and have good health care tend to live longer than average. (In addition to the campaign's four higher-polling senior citizens, the president's longshot GOP primary challenger Bill Weld is 74.)

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Of course, that's assuming no candidate has a worrisome illness that hasn't come to light. Presidents of all ages have proved pretty adept at hiding frailty. Woodrow Wilson had a secret stroke. Franklin D. Roosevelt's doctors concealed his heart disease and shockingly high blood pressure. Only years after his assassination did the public learn how the seemingly vibrant John F. Kennedy struggled with chronic pain and a list of health problems.

When it comes to brain health, even normal aging can bring a slowing of certain functions such as retrieving memories. Trump has targeted Biden's career-long penchant for verbal gaffes, such as when Biden recently compared "poor kids" with "white kids." Trump later questioned whether Biden is "mentally fit to be president," an ironic dig given the president's own slips and lack of verbal finesse.

Stumbling in speeches, especially given how politicians' every word is scrutinized, isn't surprising, Olshansky said: "Mistakes happen whether you're 35 or 75."

It's true that advancing age is a risk for Alzheimer's, which affects about 3% of people ages 65 to 74 and 17% of those 75 to 84. But Olshansky is watching for a president's ability to think and reason clearly and focus on the big picture, something that can improve with age-infused experience.

Trump did request a memory test at his first White House physical, and his doctor said he aced it. But Newman cautioned that "anybody running for president is not going to do badly" on that simple test. It takes specialists hours to perform the more complex testing required to detect subtle problems, tests that must be repeated to spot any decline.

It's not clear how much health information candidates of any age will release this time around.

But doctor reports and medical records are a snapshot, not a crystal ball.

McCain released more than a thousand pages in 2008, seeking to ease concern about previous bouts of melanoma. He died a year ago of a brain tumor those records couldn't predict, although Olshansky notes that McCain would have survived two terms had he been elected. Back in 1992, Paul Tsongas unsuccessfully campaigned for the Democratic nomination as a cancer survivor, with some doctors vouching that he was cured, only to have his lymphoma return shortly after the election.

And Bill Clinton appeared fairly robust as president yet needed open-heart surgery at age 58 after leaving office, admitting he'd quit taking his cholesterol medication.

A June poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research suggests age is a factor for some voters. About one-third of Democratic voters said they would be more excited to vote for a candidate if that person is younger, and about one-quarter would be less excited to vote for one who is older.

One of those voters, retiree Ken Carpenter, bikes 10 miles most days to maintain his health. But the 77-year-old Carpenter said in a recent interview that he's ruled out his contemporaries in the Democratic primary, deeming Biden and Sanders simply too old to handle the demands of the presidency.

"I know that eventually the aging process, something kicks in and you start losing it," Carpenter said on the sidelines of the Iowa State Fair. "That could happen to Joe in six months. Or to Bernie."

Biden himself gave a one-word response in Iowa when asked by a reporter if he would consider making a pledge to serve just one term if it alleviated concerns about his age: "No."

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'They're on,' Trump says of tariffs set to kick in on Sunday

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Expect a direct hit on many U.S. consumers from President Donald Trump's latest round of tariffs on Chinese imports. He had no intention of pulling back on import taxes set to kick in Sunday.

"They're on. They're on," the president told reporters Friday before departing for a weekend stay at Camp David.

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Americans were largely spared from higher prices in his previous rounds of trade penalties. No longer. The 15% tariffs on \$112 billion in Chinese imports will apply to items ranging from smartwatches and TVs to shoes, diapers, sporting goods and meat and dairy products.

For the first time since Trump launched his trade war, American households faced price increases. Many U.S. companies said they would be forced to pass on to customers the higher prices they had to pay on Chinese imports.

Despite the looming pocketbook pain for Americans, Trump tried to frame the tariffs as putting the United States "in an incredible negotiating position" with Beijing. "It's only going to get worse for China."

For more than a year, the world's two largest economies have been locked in a high-stakes duel marked by Trump's escalating penalties on Chinese goods and Beijing's retaliatory tariffs.

The two sides have held periodic talks that seem to have met little progress despite glimmers of potential breakthroughs. All the while, they have imposed tariffs on billions of each other's products in a rift over what analysts say is Beijing's predatory tactics in its drive to become the supreme high-tech superpower.

"We're going to win the fight," Trump asserted.

American consumers so far had been spared the worst of it: The Trump administration had left most everyday household items off its tariff list (valued at \$250 billion in Chinese products so far) and instead targeted industrial goods.

Under the new tariff schedule, 69% of the consumer goods Americans buy from China were facing his import taxes, compared with 29% now.

Higher tariffs also were set to kick in for another batch of Chinese products — \$160 billion worth — on Dec. 15. By then, roughly 99% of made-in-China consumer goods imported to the United States will be taxed, according to calculations by Chad Bown of the Peterson Institute for International Economics.

Overall, Trump's trade war will have raised the average tariff on Chinese imports from 3.1% in 2017, before the hostilities began, to 24.3%.

"The bottom line is that, for the first time, Trump's trade war is likely to directly raise prices for a lot of household budget items like clothing, shoes, toys, and consumer electronics," Bown wrote in a report.

Trump famously declared that trade wars are "easy to win." But for months, he falsely claimed that China itself paid the tariffs and that they left Americans unscathed. In fact, U.S. importers pay the tariffs. They must make a high-risk decision: absorb the higher costs themselves and accept lower profits or pass on their higher costs to their customers and risk losing business.

This has become an ever-more-difficult decision.

After years of ultra-low inflation, consumers have grown more resistant to price hikes, especially when they can easily compare prices online for household products and choose the lowest-price options. For that reason, many retailers may choose not to impose the cost of the higher tariffs on their customers.

The higher costs U.S. importers faced could be offset somewhat by the declining value of China's cur-



President Donald Trump pauses as he talks to media before boarding Maine One at the White House in Washington, Friday, Aug. 30, 2019, en route to Camp David in Maryland. (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

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rency, which has the effect of making China's products somewhat less expensive in the United States.

Still, the prices of certain goods will cost Americans more. Trump tacitly acknowledged this a few weeks ago by announcing a delay in his higher tariffs on \$160 billion in imports until Dec. 15 — to keep them from squeezing holiday shoppers.

Even before the December tariffs, though, 52% of shoes and 87% of textiles and clothing imported from China were to be hit by Trump's tariffs, according to Peterson's Bown. And not even counting the increase — from 10% to 15% — that Trump announced for his new tariffs a week ago, J.P. Morgan had estimated that his import taxes would cost the average household roughly \$1,000 a year.

"The story that holiday goods (were) given a reprieve is fake news," said Stephen Lamar of the American Apparel and Footwear Association. Overall, the 15% September and December tariffs will force Americans to pay an extra \$4 billion a year for shoes and boots, according to a footwear trade group.

Retailers, engaged for a battle for survival with Amazon and other e-commerce rivals, braced for the worst.

Macy's raised an alarm when it reported earnings in August. In May, Trump had raised separate tariffs on \$250 billion in Chinese goods from 10% to 25%. In response, Macy's tried to raise prices of some items on the hit list — luggage, housewares, furniture. But according to CEO Jeff Gennette, customers just said no.

Some retailers were trying to force their suppliers to eat the higher costs so they would not have to raise prices for shoppers. Target confirmed to The Associated Press that it warned suppliers that it would not accept cost increases arising from the China tariffs. Some small retailers were even more vulnerable.

"Any cost increase puts us in a tough place," said Jennifer Lee, whose family owns the Footprint shoe store in San Francisco. "It makes it tough for business owners because we will have to take a hit on our margins, but it will also be difficult for us to pass it on to our shoppers."

Albert Chow, who owns Great Wall Hardware in San Francisco, said he's already raised prices on some Chinese-made products because an earlier round of tariffs led his suppliers to raise prices 10% to 20%.

"I will try to keep the prices down for as long as I can," Chow said. "But at some point, when the tariffs are just too much, we have to eventually raise the prices, and then it goes down to the end user — the customer."

What's frustrating for retailers is that consumers might otherwise be in an exuberant mood this holiday season. For most Americans, their jobs are safe and their wages are rising. Unemployment is near a half-century low.

Yet the economy itself looks increasingly fragile. Growth is slowing as the global economy weakens. And Trump's mercurial approach to trade policy — imposing, delaying, reimposing import taxes via tweet — makes it nearly impossible for companies to decide on suppliers, factory sites and new markets. So they delay investments, further straining the economy.

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Hurricanes hard at work on Labor Day weekends in Florida

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FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — The traditional end of summer, Labor Day is also frequently a time for hurricanes in the U.S., especially Florida. More than two dozen have struck over the holiday weekend since 1851, with Hurricane Dorian now looming as the latest.

As destructive as it may become, however, Dorian is not likely to surpass what remains the most powerful cyclone to ever hit the U.S.: a Category 5 storm known as the Great Hurricane of 1935, which slammed into the Florida Keys, killing an estimated 400 to 600 people.

"It's one of the strongest storms ever to hit the United States," said state climatologist David Zierden.

Many of the victims were World War I veterans working in a Depression-era program to build the highway connecting the Florida Keys — a fact that infuriated Ernest Hemingway, who lived in Key West at the time and wrote a scathing article titled "Who murdered the vets?"

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"Who sent them down to the Florida Keys and left them there in hurricane months?" Hemingway demanded to know in the piece, published in the magazine *New Masses*.

State officials sent a train from the Florida mainland to evacuate veterans and residents alike, but raging seas churned up by the storm swept it off the tracks, said Brad Bertelli, curator of the Florida Keys History and Discovery Center.

To this day, the Great Hurricane, which happened in an era before storms were given names, holds the record for lowest barometric pressure of any Atlantic Ocean storm to make U.S. landfall. The lower the pressure the more destructive the storm.

Only a handful of Category 5 hurricanes have struck the U.S. The most recent was Hurricane Michael, which roared onto the Florida Panhandle in October, killing at least 59 people and causing more than \$25 billion in damage. Andrew, in August 1992, swept across the southern tip of Florida — also hitting the Bahamas and Louisiana — causing 65 deaths and an estimated

\$27 billion in damage. Camille crashed ashore along the Louisiana-Mississippi border in August 1969, killing more than 250 people and causing nearly \$10 billion in damage in today's dollars. Days later, landslides triggered by Camille killed 150 people in Virginia.

The 1935 Labor Day storm had a barometric pressure of 892 when it reached land; Michael's was 919 and Andrew's, 922, according to Colorado State University researchers.

The middle Keys, mainly the region that is now the town of Islamorada, bore the brunt of the 1935 storm's howling winds and storm surge of up to 20 feet (6 meters). At the time, besides the vets working on the bridge, there were only a few hundred residents, many of whom were founding families of the region.

"It was like nothing ... anyone had experienced before," said Bertelli, who described a scene of terrified residents climbing trees to escape surging ocean waters. "Their clothes were ripped from their skin," he said.

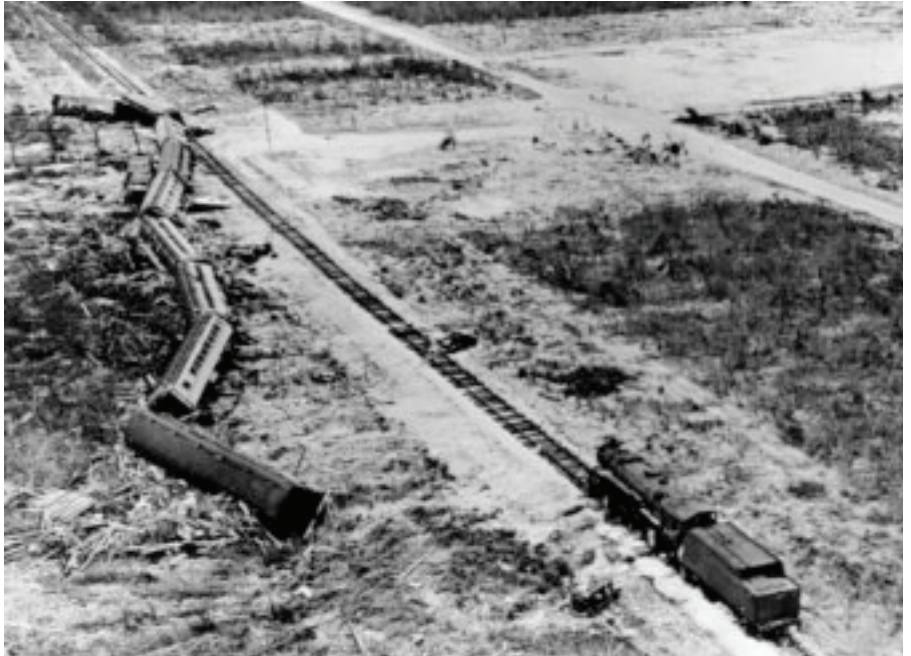
Bertelli said the Great Hurricane "basically wiped the island clean."

"There were only a handful of structures that remained," he said.

Hemingway brought relief supplies to the stricken area in his 38-foot (11-meter) fishing boat *Pilar*, named after a character in his classic novel "For Whom The Bell Tolls."

"The railroad embankment was gone and the men who had cowered behind it and finally, when the water came, clung to the rails, were all gone with it," Hemingway wrote. "You could find them face down and face up in the mangroves."

Other Labor Day weekend hurricanes to hit Florida include David in 1979, Elena in 1985, Frances in 2004, and Hermine in 2016. A relatively weak storm, Hermine nonetheless caused extensive damage along the upper Gulf coast and in the capital of Tallahassee.



In this undated photo made available by the Keys History & Discovery Center, shows a derailed train and surrounding devastation caused by a Labor Day hurricane in 1935. The hurricane is still the most powerful to strike the U.S. More than two dozen hurricanes have made landfall in the U.S. over the same holiday weekend since 1851. Hurricane Dorian is expected near the Florida coast this weekend.

(Keys History & Discovery Center via AP)

"As we get into late August and September, we're definitely in the active period," Zierden said, adding that warmer oceans and the additional water now in the atmosphere as a result of climate change have provided more fuel for the storms.

"There's growing evidence that climate change will continue to affect the hurricane season and hurricanes," Zierden said. "There is evidence that the strongest storms will become stronger."

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Mysterious Iran rocket blast draws Trump tweet, Tehran taunt

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DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — The unexplained explosion of a rocket at an Iranian space center grew more mysterious Saturday as President Donald Trump tweeted what appeared to be an American surveillance photo of the site and Tehran showed off a satellite meant to be launched.

Trump's tweet showing the aftermath of Thursday's explosion at the Imam Khomeini Space Center drew a taunting tweet from Iran's Information and Communications Technology Minister Mohammad Javad Azari Jahromi. However, Jahromi declined to say what went wrong while showing local journalists the Nahid-1 satellite meant to be launched.

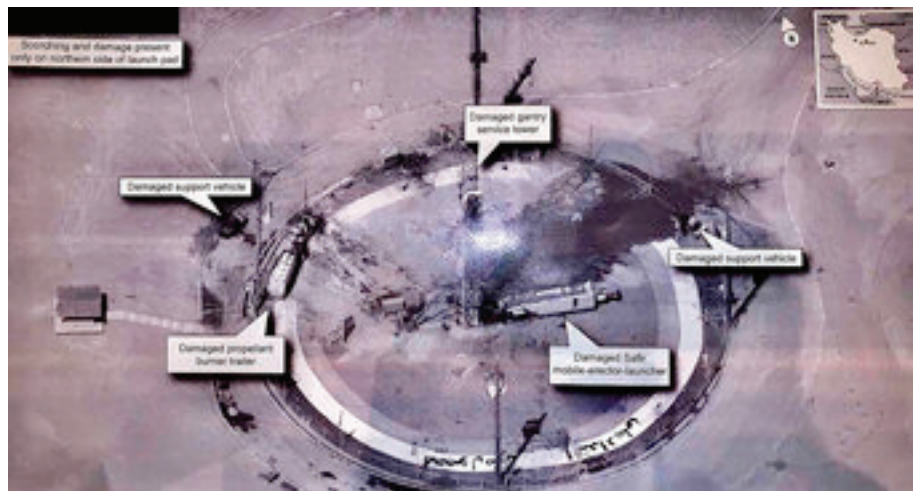
"I have no idea about the Americans' comment about Semnan space site and I think it is more appropriate that the respected minister of defense talk about this because it is within his realm of responsibility," the minister said. "But what could be seen today is that the Nahid satellite is here and has not yet been handed over."

Thursday's explosion marked the third failure involving a launch at the center, which has raised suspicions of sabotage in Iran's space program. The U.S. has criticized the initiative as a way for Tehran to advance its ballistic missiles.

Trump directly acknowledged that in his tweet Friday.

"The United States of America was not involved in the catastrophic accident during final launch preparations for the Safir SLV Launch at Semnan Launch Site One in Iran," Trump wrote, identifying the rocket used. "I wish Iran best wishes and good luck in determining what happened at Site One."

Commercially available satellite images by Planet Labs Inc. and Maxar Technologies showed a black plume of smoke rising above a launch pad Thursday, with what appeared to be the charred remains of a rocket and its launch stand. In previous days, satellite images had shown officials there repainted the launch pad blue.



This image taken from the Twitter account of President Donald J. Trump, @realDonaldTrump, shows an undated photo of the aftermath of an explosion at Iran's Imam Khomeini Space Center in the country's Semnan province. The explosion Thursday, Aug. 29, 2019, left the smoldering remains of a rocket on a launch pad at the center, which was to conduct a U.S.-criticized satellite launch. In his tweet Friday, Aug. 30, 2019, Trump wrote: "The United States of America was not involved in the catastrophic accident during final launch preparations for the Safir SLV Launch at Semnan Launch Site One in Iran. I wish Iran best wishes and good luck in determining what happened at Site One." (Donald J. Trump Twitter account via AP)

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The photo released Friday by Trump appeared to be a once-classified surveillance photo from American intelligence agencies. Analysts said the black rectangle in the photo's upper-left-hand corner likely covered up the photo's classification.

The image showed damaged vehicles around the launch pad, as well as damage done to the rocket's launcher. It also clearly showed a large phrase written in Farsi on the pad: "National Product, National Power."

Trump, later speaking to reporters, described Iran suffering "a big problem" at the space center.

"We had a photo and I released it, which I have the absolute right to do," Trump said. U.S. presidents can declassify information at their discretion.

Trump and American officials did not describe how the U.S. obtained the photograph. However, the image showed far greater detail than what commercial satellites have.

Judging from the angle the image was taken and the timing, analysts have suggested the photograph matched with the passing of an American spy satellite known as USA-224 over the area, which is believed to be a KH-11.

Jahromi, a rising politician in Iran's Shiite theocracy, responded to Trump in a tweet early Saturday with a selfie next to Iran's Nahid-1 at a lab in Tehran. The Nahid-1 is believed to be the satellite Iran was prepping to launch at the space center, which is some 240 kilometers (150 miles) southeast of Iran's capital, Tehran.

"Me & Nahid I right now, Good Morning Donald Trump!" he wrote in English.

Jahromi told The Associated Press in July that Tehran planned three satellite launches this year, two for satellites that do remote-sensing work and another that handles communications.

The Nahid-1 is reportedly the telecommunication satellite. Nahid in Farsi means "Venus." The satellite, which had Iran's first foldable solar panels, was supposed to be in a low orbit around the Earth for some two-and-a-half months.

The apparent failed rocket launch comes after two failed satellite launches of the Payam and Doosti in January and February. A separate fire at the Imam Khomeini Space Center in February also killed three researchers, authorities said at the time.

Over the past decade, Iran has sent several short-lived satellites into orbit and in 2013 launched a monkey into space.

The U.S. alleges such satellite launches defy a U.N. Security Council resolution calling on Iran to undertake no activity related to ballistic missiles capable of delivering nuclear weapons.

Iran, which long has said it does not seek nuclear weapons, maintains its satellite launches and rocket tests do not have a military component. Tehran also says it hasn't violated the U.N. resolution as it only "called upon" Tehran not to conduct such tests.

The tests have taken on new importance to the U.S. amid the maximalist approach to Iran taken by President Donald Trump's administration. Tensions have been high between the countries since Trump unilaterally withdrew the U.S. from Iran's nuclear deal over a year ago and imposed sanctions, including on Iran's oil industry. Iran recently has begun to break the accord itself while trying to push Europe to help it sell oil abroad.

Associated Press writer Nasser Karimi in Tehran, Iran, contributed to this report.

GOP shifts focus to House Dem 'squad' in campaign attacks

By LISA MASCARO AP Congressional Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Move over, Nancy Pelosi. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and the "squad" of freshmen women of color are emerging as new stars of Republican attacks against Democrats running for Congress.

The tone is being set from the top as President Donald Trump bashes the four squad members with a strategy Republicans are quick to mimic, modeled on his own rise to the White House. Trump set a new standard in 2016, making some Republicans uneasy, by taunting rivals and branding them with exag-

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FILE - In this July 15, 2019, file photo, from left, Rep. Rashida Tlaib, D-Mich., Rep. Ilhan Omar, D-Minn., Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., and Rep. Ayanna Pressley, D-Mass., speak at the Capitol in Washington. All are American citizens and three of the four were born in the U.S. President Donald Trump told American congresswomen of color to "go back" to where they came from. He later vowed to revive a racial slur to tear down Elizabeth Warren, promoted a wild conspiracy theory linking a past political opponent to the death of a high-profile sex offender and blamed Friday's stock market slide on a low-polling former presidential candidate. (AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite, File)

Rashida Tlaib, D-Mich., and Ilhan Omar, D-Minn. — are the first Muslim women elected to Congress, part of the historic freshmen class with more women and minorities than ever. The other two members of the self-described squad are Ocasio-Cortez, of New York, and Rep. Ayanna Pressley, D-Mass.

Michael Fauntroy, an associate professor of political science at Howard University, said Republicans down the ballot are taking Trump's cue with thinly veiled attacks on race and religion.

"Beating up on Pelosi isn't such a big deal because she's been around forever," he said. "This 'squad' is perceived as a new threat and it's this perfect collection of religion, race and policy position, all tied up in a neat little bow, if you will."

It's not just the North Carolina election where Republican candidates are running against the squad.

A Minnesota Republican warned voters off the squad and its home-state representative, Omar, who wears a headscarf, as he launched his campaign to unseat Democratic Sen. Tina Smith. And Republican strategists are trying to link other Democrats to the group's liberal agenda by branding it "socialist," even if the candidates have not signed on to the Green New Deal, Medicare for All and other liberal proposals favored by the four freshmen lawmakers.

"We will make every Democrat own de facto Speaker Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's socialist agenda," said Bob Salera, a spokesman for the National Republican Congressional Committee. "And if a member isn't for it, what are they doing to stop it?"

Republican strategists believe the squad, like Pelosi, will provide a powerful focal point for attacks.

generated nicknames intended to make them unelectable.

The GOP is embracing the tactic for 2020.

A first test will be a Sept. 10 special election in North Carolina, the state where Trump sparked the "send her back!" rally chant. The Trump-endorsed Republican, Dan Bishop, is portraying Marine veteran Dan McCready and other Democrats as "crazies," "clowns" and "socialist."

"These crazy liberal clowns ... They're not funny," Bishop says in one ad that features images of McCready, Pelosi and squad members to a soundtrack of circus music. "They're downright scary."

Yet it remains to be seen whether this line of attack will work. For years, Republicans relied on attacks depicting Pelosi, the House speaker, as an out-of-touch San Francisco liberal as they tried to snap GOP voters to attention.

But singling out a new generation of female leaders is risky when Republicans are trying to prevent an exodus of suburban women and independent voters.

The attacks are especially fraught because two of the women — Reps.

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Ocasio-Cortez is a recognizable name among voters — higher than some presidential candidates — and not all favorable, they say. The Congressional Leadership Fund, the main outside group aligned with House Republicans, is calling out freshmen Democratic lawmakers they say are “as woke” as Ocasio-Cortez and “palling around” with the New Yorker widely known as AOC. The NRCC routinely assigns Democratic candidates Trump-style nicknames.

What Republicans don't want is a repeat of the Trump rally last month in Greenville, N.C., when the president endorsed Bishop on stage but also went after the women one by one, sparking chants of “send her back!” when he got to Omar, who is a Somali refugee. All are U.S. citizens.

“It's no longer a dog whistle, it's a bullhorn,” said Waleed Shahid, a spokesman for Justice Democrats, a group backing the squad.

Republicans acknowledge the risk of taking the rhetoric too far and are trying to keep the barbs focused on policy rather than personalities. They target their liberal policies and criticism of Israel, particularly its treatment of Palestinians.

One Republican strategist said the GOP only expects to use the message in about 13 key House districts where Trump easily won in 2016, rather than more competitive suburban districts that have been trending toward Democrats in recent elections. The strategist was granted anonymity to discuss the internal deliberations.

Ann Gibson, 74-year-old retiree from suburban Charlotte, said Trump's focus on the first-year Democratic women is part of a larger tendency of constantly looking for enemies.

“I think he's a sexist and racist and I think he needs somebody to rage at and that's this squad,” said Gibson, a registered Democrat who voted early for McCready. “Everything that he stands for is just, I'm tired. I'm tired of him, I'm tired of the stuff that goes on every day. ... Just the whole thing.”

But Republican Denise Shirhall, 65, said she didn't like the squad's directness or the Democratic establishment's tolerance of the women, which she attributed to their being members of minority groups — “because they're Muslim, this and that.”

“They're running amok,” Shirhall said outside an early voting site in the Charlotte suburb of Matthews. “If they were my kids, I'd pop their hand.”

Both parties now say the North Carolina contest is a toss-up. In a district Trump swept in 2016, the tight race is raising questions about whether the attacks will resonate during the 2020 presidential campaign.

Trump, who's making a return visit to North Carolina on the eve of the election, shows few signs of changing course, tweeting that McCready “likes the ‘Squad’ more than North Carolina.”

Pelosi, who appears with cameos in the GOP ads, frequently expresses pride at the more than 130,000 attack ads run against her in 2018. Despite those ads, Democrats won control of the House and she regained the speaker's gavel after six years of GOP rule.

Ocasio-Cortez appears to be taking a similar approach, finding humor in the broadsides against her.

“I love everything about this GOP attack ad,” she tweeted about one ad labeled “shallow thoughts” that shows her discussing climate change.

Republicans, she ribbed, are “paying for ads that spread & explain our policy positions.”

Associated Press writer Emery P. Dalesio reported from Mint Hill, North Carolina.

Some states, towns skeptical over proposed opioid settlement

By SUSAN HAIGH and GEOFF MULVIHILL Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — An offer from OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma and the Sackler family to settle some 2,000 lawsuits over their contribution to the national opioid crisis is receiving growing pushback from state and local officials who say the proposed deal doesn't include enough money or accountability.

Connecticut Attorney General William Tong on Friday called for the company, which is headquartered in the state, to be forced out of the opioid business altogether.

“At a minimum, Connecticut demands that Purdue be broken up and shut down, and that its assets be

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liquidated," Tong said in a statement.

He said he wants the controlling Sackler family to pay billions of dollars "they siphoned out of Purdue," with the money going toward addiction research and treatment.

Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey said she wants any settlement to include more money than the \$10 billion to \$12 billion offered by Purdue and the \$3 billion offered from the Sacklers, an amount that represents just a portion of the family's fortune. Much of their money appears to be overseas .

"We owe it to families in Massachusetts and across the country to hold Purdue and the Sacklers accountable, ensure that the evidence of what they did is made public, and make them pay for the damage they have caused," Healey said in a statement.

The company and the family did not answer questions Friday about criticism of the settlement proposal, under which Purdue would file for bankruptcy and transform itself into a "public benefit trust corporation." The trust's profits from drug sales would go to the plaintiffs under the company's settlement offer.

Purdue also has been considering filing for bankruptcy protection on its own, an action that would upend the settlement talks involving state attorneys general and lawyers representing local governments around the country.

Over the past few years, nearly every state and about 2,000 local and tribal governments have sued over the toll of the opioid epidemic. Purdue is a defendant in most of the lawsuits and members of the Sackler family are named in several, including lawsuits filed by Connecticut, Massachusetts and Nevada in state courts.

The federal litigation is being overseen by a judge in Cleveland, who has been pushing for a national settlement but also has scheduled the first trial for October. Reaching a deal before then is proving difficult.

As details of Purdue's settlement offer became public this week, some local government officials said it wasn't good enough.

In Delbarton, West Virginia, Mayor Elmer Spence's son and nephew are two of the more than 400,000 people in the U.S. who have died from opioid overdoses since 2000. If Purdue's offer of a settlement is accepted, the town would receive less than \$50,000.

"That's a drop in the bucket for what it's really cost this community," he said of a crisis that has driven up costs for police, ambulances and courts.

He said residents in the town of roughly 500 people have grown accustomed to losing loved ones: "I mean it's really a slap in the face."



FILE - In this Friday, Aug. 17, 2018, file photo, Christine Gagnon of Southington, Conn., protests with other family and friends who have lost loved ones to OxyContin and opioid overdoses at Purdue Pharma LLP headquarters in Stamford, Conn. Gagnon lost her son Michael 13 months earlier. Reports emerging about a possible financial settlement in 2019 with Purdue Pharma, the company that has come to symbolize the nation's opioid epidemic, suggests the settlement amount won't come anywhere near what the national crisis has cost. (AP Photo/Jessica Hill, File)

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At the highest end of the proposed settlement payout, Ohio's Jackson County could receive \$2 million from the Purdue settlement, although the actual figure would likely be much lower. As high as that figure might sound, it wouldn't begin to address the devastation of the epidemic in the county, said Robin Harris, who runs a tri-county addiction treatment office.

Officials have run out of foster homes, the county jail is out of bed space and treatment centers have long waiting lists.

"We've seen it devastate just the fabric of the community, starting with the family coming apart," Harris said Friday.

Five years ago, the county's human services agency had about 25 children in foster care, a number that has since doubled. Costs also doubled, with the small agency now spending more than \$1 million a year to place children, many of them requiring expensive stays in residential treatment because of the trauma they've experienced, said Tammy Osborne-Smith, director of Jackson County Job and Family Services.

More than eight of every 10 custody cases involve a parent addicted to drugs, she said.

A settlement with Purdue would come in exchange for dropping the company and the Sacklers from lawsuits ahead of the October trial, which will examine claims from Ohio's Summit and Cuyahoga counties. Other opioid manufacturers, distributors and pharmacies also are defendants in the federal litigation, but the negotiations with Purdue are further along.

The company has been strongly associated with the nation's opioid crisis through its drug OxyContin and claims that it aggressively pushed its opioid painkillers while understating the risks of addiction.

The Sackler family has offered to give up control of Purdue and sell another company it owns, Mundipharma, contributing an expected \$1.5 billion more to any settlement.

A person with knowledge of the negotiations who is not authorized to speak about them said at least some states are pushing for the family members to raise their contribution to \$4.5 billion, in part because they don't believe a sale of Mundipharma would generate as much money as the Sacklers estimate.

A court filing on Friday by the Oregon attorney general says the Sacklers engaged in a decade-long effort to siphon \$11 billion out of Purdue.

Another source familiar with the talks said Purdue at one point in the negotiations had suggested paying a settlement that was partly in cash and partly in the overdose-reversing drug naloxone, but that was a nonstarter with the states. The company's current offer includes money from profits of future drug sales, including naloxone.

A number of states are unhappy that settlement money would come from future profits of a company they blame for fanning the crisis. As the sides continue to negotiate, advocates for overdose victims and their families have started to push back and urge attorneys general to reject the Purdue offer.

Some want more money, while others want no settlement as a way to force the Sacklers and Purdue executives to answer for the company's actions in court.

"We can't let them get off the hook this easily," said Sean O'Donnell of the Foundation for Recovery, a nonprofit in Nevada.

Mulvihill reported from Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

Associated Press writers Anthony Izaguirre in Charleston, West Virginia, Carla K. Johnson in Seattle, Steve LeBlanc in Boston, Michelle Price in Las Vegas, Andrew Selsky in Salem, Oregon, and Andrew Welsh-Huggins in Columbus, Ohio, contributed to this report.

Valerie Harper, TV's sassy, lovable Rhoda, dies at 80

By JOHN ROGERS Associated Press



FILE - In this May 7, 2014 file photo, actress and cancer survivor Valerie Harper, testifies before a Senate Special Committee on Aging hearing to examine the fight against cancer on Capitol Hill in Washington. Valerie Harper, who scored guffaws and stole hearts as Rhoda Morgenstern on back-to-back hit sitcoms in the 1970s, has died, Friday, Aug. 30, 2019. She was 80. (AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta, File)

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Valerie Harper, who scored guffaws, stole hearts and busted TV taboos as the brash, self-deprecating Rhoda Morgenstern on back-to-back hit sitcoms in the 1970s, has died.

Longtime family friend Dan Watt confirmed Harper died Friday, adding the family wasn't immediately releasing any further details. She had been battling cancer for years, and her husband said recently he had been advised to put her in hospice care.

Harper was a breakout star on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," then the lead of her own series, "Rhoda." She was 80.

She won three consecutive Emmys (1971-73) as supporting actress on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and another for outstanding lead actress for "Rhoda," which ran from 1974-78. Beyond awards, she was immortalized — and typecast — for playing one of television's most beloved characters, a best friend the equal of Ethel Mertz

and Ed Norton in TV's sidekick pantheon.

Fans had long feared the news of her passing. In 2013, she first revealed that she had been diagnosed with brain cancer and had been told by her doctors she had as little as three months to live. Some responded as if a family member were in peril.

But she refused to despair. "I'm not dying until I do," Harper said in an interview on NBC's "Today" show. "I promise I won't." Harper did outlive her famous co-star: Mary Tyler Moore died in January 2017. Ed Asner, Cloris Leachman, Betty White and Gavin MacLeod are among the former cast members who survive her.

MacLeod recalled her as a "talented, gifted actress" in an email to The Associated Press.

"It is indeed a sad day. My life has been so enriched by having the experience of working with Valerie and calling her a friend. ... The thing I remember so much about Val is that she loved her family, she loved the actors that she worked with and she loved the underdog. She was always helping someone," he wrote.

In recent years, Harper's other appearances included "American Dad!" "The Simpsons" and "Two Broke Girls."

Harper was a chorus dancer on Broadway as a teen before moving into comedy and improv when, in 1970, she auditioned for the part of a Bronx-born Jewish girl who would be a neighbor and pal of Minneapolis news producer Mary Richards on a new sitcom for CBS.

It seemed a long shot for the young, unknown actress. As she recalled, "I'm not Jewish, not from New York, and I have a small shiksa nose." And she had almost no TV experience.

But Harper, who arrived for her audition some 20 pounds overweight, may have clinched the role when she blurted out in admiration to the show's tall, slender star: "Look at you in white pants without a long jacket to cover your behind!"

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It was exactly the sort of thing Rhoda would say to "Mar," as Harper recalled in her 2013 memoir, "I, Rhoda." Harper was signed without a screen test.

Of course, if CBS had gotten its way, Rhoda might have been a very different character with a much different actress in place. As "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" was being developed, its producers were battling a four-point decree from the network, which insisted that the nation's TV viewers would not accept series characters who were (1) divorced, (2) from New York, (3) Jewish or (4) have mustaches.

The producers lost on having Mary Richards divorced (instead, she had been dumped by her long-time boyfriend). But with Rhoda they overrode the network on two other counts.

The show that resulted was a groundbreaking hit, with comically relatable Rhoda one big reason.

Item: "What am I? I'm not married, I'm not engaged. I'm not even pinned. I bet Hallmark doesn't even have a card for me!"

Item: Eyeing a piece of candy, Rhoda wise-cracked: "I don't know whether to eat this or apply it directly to my hips."

"Women really identified with Rhoda because her problems and fears were theirs," Harper theorized in her book. "Despite the fact that she was the butt of most of her own jokes, so to speak, ... her confident swagger masked her insecurity. Rhoda never gave up."

Neither did Harper, who confronted her own insecurities with similar moxie.

"I was always a little overweight," she once told The Associated Press. "I'd say, 'Hello, I'm Valerie Harper and I'm overweight.' I'd say it quickly before they could. ... I always got called chubby, my nose was too wide, my hair was too kinky."

But as "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" evolved, so did Rhoda. Rhoda trimmed down and glammed up, while never losing her comic step. The audience loved her more than ever.

A spinoff seemed inevitable. In 1974, Rhoda was dispatched from Minneapolis back home to New York City, where she was reunited with her parents and younger sister in a new sitcom that costarred Nancy Walker, Harold Gould and Julie Kavner.

She also met and fell in love with the hunky owner of a demolition firm.

The premiere of "Rhoda" that September was the week's top-rated show, getting a 42 percent share of audience against competition including Monday Night Football on ABC. And a few weeks later, when Rhoda and her fiance, Joe, were wed in a one-hour special episode, more than 52 million people — half of the U.S. viewing audience — tuned in.

But "Rhoda" couldn't maintain those comic or popular heights. A domesticated, lucky-in-love Rhoda wasn't a funny Rhoda. By the end of the third season, the writers had taken a desperate step: Rhoda divorced Joe. Thus had Rhoda (and Harper) defied a third CBS taboo.

The series ended in 1978 with Harper having played Rhoda for a total of nine seasons.

She had captured the character by studying her Italian stepmother. But Harper's own ethnicity — neither Jewish nor Italian — was summed up in a New York Times profile as "an exotic mixture of Spanish-English-Scotch-Irish-Welsh-French-Canadian."

And she was not a Gothamite. Born in Suffern, New York, into a family headed by a peripatetic sales executive, she spent her early years in Oregon, Michigan and California before settling in Jersey City, New Jersey.

By high school, she was taking dance lessons in Manhattan several times a week. By age 15, she was dancing specialty numbers at Radio City Music Hall. By 18, she was in the chorus of the Broadway musical "Li'l Abner" (then appeared in the film adaptation one year later). She also danced in the musicals "Take Me Along" (starring Jackie Gleason) and "Wildcat" (starring Lucille Ball).

She found comedy when she fell in with a group of Second City players from Chicago who had taken up residence in Greenwich Village. One of these improv players was Richard Schaal, whom she wed in 1964. (They divorced in 1978.)

Harper and Schaal moved to Los Angeles in 1968. Two years later, in a theater production, she was spotted by a casting agent for the role of Rhoda.

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During "The Mary Tyler Moore," Harper appeared in her first major film, the comedy "Freebie and the Bean," and later was cast in "Blame It on Rio" and an adaptation of Neil Simon's play "Chapter Two."

In 1986, she returned to series TV with a family sitcom called "Valerie." While not matching her past critical successes, the show proved popular. But in the summer of 1987, Harper and her manager, Tony Cacciotti, whom she had married a few months earlier, were embroiled in a highly publicized feud with Lorimar Telepictures, the show's production company, and its network, NBC.

In a dispute over salary demands, Harper had refused to report for work, missing one episode. The episode was filmed without her. She was back on duty the following week, only to be abruptly dumped and replaced by actress Sandy Duncan. The show was renamed "Valerie's Family" and then "The Hogan Family."

Meanwhile, lawsuits and countersuits flew. In September 1988, a jury decided that Harper was wrongfully fired. She was awarded \$1.4 million compensation plus profit participation in the show (which continued without Harper until 1991).

"I felt vindicated," Harper wrote in her memoir. "I had beaten Lorimar and reclaimed my reputation."

During the 1990s, Harper starred in a pair of short-lived sitcoms (one of which, "City," was created by future Oscar-winner Paul Haggis) and made guest appearances on series including "Melrose Place," "Sex and the City" and "Desperate Housewives."

She reunited with Moore in a 2000 TV film, "Mary and Rhoda." In 2013, there was an even grander reunion: Harper and Moore were back together along with fellow "MTM" alumnae Leachman, White and Georgia Engel to tape an episode of White's hit comedy, "Hot in Cleveland." It was the ensemble's first acting job together in more than 30 years and during a news conference Harper cited a valuable lesson: The character of Rhoda, she said, pointing to Moore, "taught me to thank your lucky stars for a fabulous friend."

Survivors include her husband, Tony Cacciotti, and daughter, Cristina Cacciotti.

____ Frazier Moore, a long-time television writer for The Associated Press who retired in 2017, was the principal writer of this obituary. AP Television Writer Lynn Elber contributed.

Operation indiscriminately infects iPhones with spyware

By FRANK BAJAK AP Cybersecurity Writer

Researchers say suspected nation-state hackers infected Apple iPhones with spyware over two years in what security experts on Friday called an alarming security failure for a company whose calling card is privacy.

A mere visit to one of a small number of tainted websites could infect an iPhone with an implant capable of sending the smartphone owner's text messages, email, photos and real-time location data to the cyberespies behind the operation.

"This is definitely the most serious iPhone hacking incident that's ever been brought to public attention, both because of the indiscriminate targeting and the amount of data compromised by the implant," said former U.S. government hacker Jake Williams, the president of Rendition Security.

Announced late Thursday by Google researchers, the last of the vulnerabilities were quietly fixed by Apple by February but only after thousands of iPhone users were believed exposed over more than two years.

The researchers did not identify the websites used to seed the spyware or their location. They also did not say who was behind the cyberespionage or what population was targeted, but experts said the operation had the hallmarks of a nation-state effort.

Williams said the spyware implant wasn't written to transmit stolen data securely, indicating the hackers were not concerned about getting caught. That suggests an authoritarian state was behind it. He speculated that it was likely used to target political dissidents.

Sensitive data accessed by the spyware included WhatsApp, iMessage and Telegram text messages, Gmail, photos, contacts and real-time location — essentially all the databases on the victim's phone. While the messaging applications may encrypt data in transit, it is readable at rest on iPhones.

Google researcher Ian Beer said in a blog posted late Thursday that the discovery should dispel any

notion that it costs a million dollars to successfully hack an iPhone. That's a reference to the case of a United Arab Emirates dissident whose iPhone was infected in 2016 with so-called zero-day exploits, which have been known to fetch such high prices.

"Zero day" refers to the fact that such exploits are unknown to the developers of the affected software, and thus they have had no time to develop patches to fix it.

The discovery, involving 14 such vulnerabilities, was made by Google researchers at Project Zero, which hunts the security flaws in software and microprocessor firmware, independent of their manufacturer, that criminals, state-sponsored hackers and intelligence agencies use.

"This should serve as a wake-up call to folks," said Will Strafach, a mobile security expert with Sudo Security. "Anyone on any platform could potentially get infected with malware."

Beer said his team estimated that the infected websites used in the "indiscriminate watering hole attacks" receive thousands of visitors per week. He said the team collected five separate chains of exploits covering Apple's iOS system as far back as version 10, released in 2016.

Apple did not respond to requests for comment on why it did not detect the vulnerabilities on its own and if it can assure users that such a general attack could not happen again. Privacy assurance is central to the Apple brand.

Neither Google nor Beer responded to questions about the attackers or the targets, though Beer provided a hint in his blog post: "To be targeted might mean simply being born in a certain geographic region or being part of a certain ethnic group."

Security manager Matt Lourens at Check Point Software Technologies called the development an alarming game-changer. He said that while iPhone owners previously compromised by zero days were high-value targets, a more widespread seeding of spyware at a lower cost per infection has now been shown possible.

"This should absolutely reshape the way corporations view the use of mobile devices for corporate applications, and the security risk it introduces to the individual and/or organization," Lourens said in an email.

In his blog post, the Google researcher Beer warned that absolute digital security can't be guaranteed.

Smartphone users must ultimately "be conscious of the fact that mass exploitation still exists and behave accordingly;" he wrote, "treating their mobile devices as both integral to their modern lives, yet also as devices which when compromised, can upload their every action into a database to potentially be used against them."

___ AP Cybersecurity Writer Frank Bajak on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/fbajak>



FILE - This Sept. 12, 2018, file photo shows an Apple iPhone XR on display at the Steve Jobs Theater after an event to announce new products, in Cupertino, Calif. Suspected nation-state hackers used malware-laden websites to infect iPhones with spyware in what security researchers are calling the worst general security failure yet affecting the Apple devices. Announced late Thursday, Aug. 29, 2019, by Google researchers, the vulnerabilities were quietly fixed by Apple in February but only after thousands of iPhone users were believed exposed over more than two years. (AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez, File)

Electric bikes soon to be humming along national park trails

By ELLEN KNICKMEYER and DAVID SHARP Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Motorized electric bicycles may soon be humming along serene trails in national parks and other public lands nationwide. It's part of a new Trump administration order — hotly opposed by many outdoors groups — that will allow e-bikes on every federal trail where a regular bike can go.

Sales of the bikes, powered by both pedals and battery-driven small motors, are booming, and some aging or less fit people have sought the rule change. It will allow them to whirr up and down biking trails in the country's roughly 400 national parks and other federally managed backcountry areas.

Interior Secretary David Bernhardt signed the order without fanfare Thursday, classifying e-bikes as non-motorized bikes.

The e-bikes "make bicycle travel easier and more efficient, and they provide an option for people who want to ride a bicycle but might not otherwise do so because of physical fitness, age, disability or convenience," National Park Service Deputy Director P. Daniel Smith said in a statement Friday.

Welcoming the change in Bar Harbor, Maine, on Friday, Gordon Goodwin, 69, said he and his wife look forward to riding the 57 miles (92 kilometers) of carriage paths that meander throughout Acadia National Park.

The paths, offering stunning views of lakes, mountains, forests and the ocean, are popular with bicyclists, but e-bikes have had to stay on the park's roads instead.

"We're stoked. We're really stoked," Goodwin said. "There's just too much traffic on the main park roads that you can't enjoy them. It'll be great to get in the park and see nature and all that stuff."

But more than 50 hiking, horse-riding and other outdoor and conservation associations, including the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and Pacific Crest Trail Association, objected in a July letter to the Interior Department. They say the administration is fundamentally changing the nature of national parks with little or no public notice or study.

"If you're hiking on a trail in Utah and you're rounding a bend and something's coming at you at 20 mph, that really changes the experience," said Kristen Brengel, a vice president of the National Parks Conservation Association, a nonprofit that advocates for the national park system.

"It's pretty jarring" to those who take to public lands to escape city noise and stress for nature, Brengel said. "You're adding significant speed and a throttle to those trails."

E-bikes are the fastest-growing segment of the bicycle industry, with U.S. sales jumping 72% to \$144



FILE-In this June 8, 2019 file photo, Janice Goodwin stands by her electric-assist bicycle at a gate near the start of the carriage path system where bikes such as her are banned inside Acadia National Park, in this photo June 8, 2018, in Bar Harbor, Maine. Interior Secretary David Bernhardt signed the order on Thursday allowing motorized electric bicycles into national parks and other public lands.

(AP Photo/David Sharp, files)

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million last year, according to the NPD Group, which tracks bike sales. The motorized bikes are popular with commuters and aging baby boomers who might not otherwise get out on a bicycle.

The bikes, which can cost \$2,000 or more, combine the frame of a regular bike with lightweight batteries and electric motors.

In parks and other public lands as on city streets and sidewalks, people moving on vehicles powered by electric or gasoline engines frequently jostle for the right of way with people on foot or traditional bikes. In the National Park Service, officials over the decades have tried to carefully sort out rules and systems to minimize conflicts.

In their letter, the outdoor groups complained the decision to allow motorized bikes on bike trails breaks with policies dating back to the early 1970s confining cars, dirt bikes, all-terrain vehicles and all other motorized vehicles to roads and designated areas or trails on public lands.

Interior's order allows motorized bikes that can go up to 28 mph to be classified as regular bikes.

"Parks are already having a shortage of staffs and rangers," said Randy Rasmussen, whose organization, Back Country Horsemen of America, opposes the rules. "And now what: they're supposed to be out there with radar guns? It's unenforceable."

He suspects riders going faster than permitted will create dangerous encounters with spooked horses.

The Interior statement said riders must use the motor only to boost their pedaling on the trails, and not zip along on motor power alone.

Bernhardt's order gave agency officials 30 days to come up with public guidance on how the new policy will be carried out by the National Park and National Wildlife Refuge systems, and on land overseen by the Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Reclamation.

The National Park Service said in a statement that public comment would be sought as it works to develop a revised rule on bicycle use.

Ashley Korenblat, an advocate for preserving public lands and CEO of Western Spirit Cycling in Moab, Utah, saw several upsides.

E-bikes could lead to fewer cars at congested national parks, she said. The bikes are quiet, not much faster than regular bikes and allow people who otherwise couldn't physically ride to go cycling.

"You can bring grandma and a 7-year-old and the whole group will be able to stay together," said Korenblat.

Adam Garipey, manager of the Bar Harbor Bicycle Shop, said Friday he's "tentatively happy" about the new rules. But he has reservations because some e-bikes like his can reach around 28 mph, he said. That speed could be dangerous on trails that have a mix of bicycle riders, horses and carriages, hikers, families and pets.

"It's a two-edged sword. It'll be great for older folks who are afraid of the hills and want to continue riding. But there should be some speed limit with them," he said.

Park Service Deputy Director Smith said the parks "should be responsive to visitors' interest in using this new technology wherever it is safe and appropriate to do."

But Brengel, the parks conservation association official, noted the order comes in a season when thousands of volunteers with trail groups have been in the parks all summer improving trails.

"You put a policy out like this, and it's a slap in the face," she said.

Sharp reported from Portland, Maine. Associated Press writer Brady McCombs contributed from Salt Lake City.

Wave of child sex abuse lawsuits threatens Boy Scouts

By MIKE CATALINI Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — The Boy Scouts of America is facing a threat from a growing wave of lawsuits over decades-old allegations of sexual abuse.

The Scouts have been sued in multiple states in recent months by purported abuse victims, including plaintiffs taking advantage of new state laws or court decisions that are now allowing suits previously barred

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because of the age of the allegations.

More litigation is on the way.

A lawyer representing 150 people who say they were abused as Boy Scouts is planning a suit in New Jersey when the state's new civil statute of limitations law takes effect Dec. 1. New Jersey was home to the Boy Scouts' headquarters for about 25 years until 1978.

Among the plaintiffs is Greg Hunt, 62, of St. Petersburg, Florida. He said he was abused during a camping trip in about 1969 in Pennsylvania, where his family lived at the time.

"It'd be nice to have the Boy Scouts account for their lack of ability to do the right thing," he said. "It would be nice for me to have the Scouts say we did wrong by you and by these other boys and by your parents."

The lawsuits raise the possibility that the Boy Scouts, one of the largest youth organizations in the U.S., might be staring at many millions of dollars

in settlements or judgments that could lead it to declare bankruptcy, as several Roman Catholic dioceses have done amid litigation over abusive clergy.

The New Jersey suit will come on top of at least 24 that have been filed against the Scouts in New York since Aug. 14, when that state opened a one-year window in which victims of child sex abuse will be able to sue over encounters outside the usual statute of limitations.

Another lawsuit was filed against the Boy Scouts this month in Philadelphia by lawyers who say they have identified hundreds of victims, after a Pennsylvania appeals court ruled that the state's statute of limitations could be set aside if a victim could prove that abuse was concealed by fraud.

Hundreds of other lawsuits filed in Guam and other states have already strained the Boy Scouts finances and have led the organization to consider bankruptcy, among other options.

"The Boy Scouts are going to have to come to grips with the issues of their past," said Michael Pfau, Washington state-based attorney planning the New Jersey lawsuit.

In a statement responding to the pending New Jersey suit, the Boy Scouts said it apologizes to the victims and encourages them to report abuse to law enforcement.

"We believe victims, we support them, we pay for counseling by a provider of their choice, and we encourage them to come forward," the organization said. It added that policies have also been changed to include mandatory criminal background checks. It also added a rule that at least two adult leaders must be present with children at all times during activities.

New Jersey's law, signed in May, allows child victims to sue up until they turn 55 or within seven years of their first realization that the abuse caused them harm. The current statute of limitations is age 20 or two years after first realizing the abuse caused harm. The bill also opens up a two-year window to victims who were previously barred by the statute of limitation. It also allows victims to seek damages from institutions.

That has opened the door to lawsuits by people like Charles Wright, 75, of Salt Lake City, who said he was sexually assaulted by a "Scout commissioner" in Southern California when he was about 11.

"I kept it all a secret for years. I became an alcoholic. I wanted to become a Baptist minister. Instead



In this Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2019 photo, Greg Hunt poses for a photo in St. Petersburg, Fla. Attorneys for victims from around the country of alleged childhood sex abuse by Boy Scout officials say they are preparing to sue the organization in New Jersey when the state's new civil statute of limitations goes into effect. Hunt, 62, is planning to be on the suit in New Jersey. (AP Photo/Chris O'Meara)

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I became an alcoholic. I became addicted to numerous types of drugs," he said. "It's not easy with this thought rolling through your head about what happened to you when you were a kid."

The Associated Press does not usually identify people who say they were sexually assaulted unless they give permission, as both Wright and Hunt have.

Plaintiffs' attorneys say estimating how much the Boy Scouts have paid out to date and could be liable for is hard because the organization seeks confidentiality in settlements.

Paul Mones, the plaintiff's lawyer in a 2010 case that resulted in a nearly \$20 million judgment against the Boy Scouts, said the organization never expected to face such staggering financial liabilities because of statutes of limitations, which barred many purported victims from suing and which states are now beginning to change to help those who say they were abused.

"We are witnessing now, not just with the Boy Scouts, a major transformation (in) how victims of abuse and society view these institutions," Mones said.

The Boy Scouts also said in a statement that they're considering "all options available so we can live up to our social and moral responsibility to fairly compensate victims who suffered abuse during their time in Scouting."

If the suits in New Jersey and across the country lead the scouts to pursue bankruptcy, that would offer the organization a chance to come up with a plan to repay any plaintiffs, who would have to sign off on the plan, according to Pamela Foohey, a bankruptcy expert at the Maurer School of Law and Indiana University.

Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Saturday, Aug. 31, the 243rd day of 2019. There are 122 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 31, 1986, 82 people were killed when an Aeromexico jetliner and a small private plane collided over Cerritos, California. The Soviet passenger ship Admiral Nakhimov collided with a merchant vessel in the Black Sea, causing both to sink; up to 448 people reportedly died.

On this date:

In 1886, an earthquake with an estimated magnitude of 7.3 devastated Charleston, South Carolina, killing at least 60 people, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

In 1888, Mary Ann Nichols, believed to be the first victim of "Jack the Ripper," was found slain in London's East End.

In 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an act prohibiting the export of U.S. arms to belligerents.

In 1939, the first issue of Marvel Comics, featuring the Human Torch, was published by Timely Publications in New York.

In 1969, boxer Rocky Marciano died in a light airplane crash in Iowa, a day before his 46th birthday.

In 1972, at the Munich (MYOO'-nik) Summer Olympics, American swimmer Mark Spitz won his fourth and fifth gold medals in the 100-meter butterfly and 800-meter freestyle relay; Soviet gymnast Olga Korbut won gold medals in floor exercise and the balance beam.

In 1980, Poland's Solidarity labor movement was born with an agreement signed in Gdansk (guh-DANSK') that ended a 17-day-old strike.

In 1989, Britain's Princess Anne and her husband, Capt. Mark Phillips, announced they were separating after 15 years of marriage.

In 1992, white separatist Randy Weaver surrendered to authorities in Naples, Idaho, ending an 11-day siege by federal agents that had claimed the lives of Weaver's wife, son and a deputy U.S. marshal. (Weaver was acquitted of murder and all other charges in connection with the confrontation; he was convicted of failing to appear for trial on firearms charges and was sentenced to 18 months in prison but given credit for 14 months he'd already served.)

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In 1994, the Irish Republican Army declared a cease-fire. Russia officially ended its military presence in the former East Germany and the Baltics after half a century.

In 1997, Prince Charles brought Princess Diana home for the last time, escorting the body of his former wife to a Britain that was shocked, grief-stricken and angered by her death in a Paris traffic accident earlier that day.

In 2017, rescuers began a block-by-block search of tens of thousands of Houston homes, looking for anyone who might have been left behind in the floodwaters from Hurricane Harvey. The scope of the fake accounts scandal at Wells Fargo expanded, with the bank now saying 3.5 million accounts may have been opened without customers' permission.

Ten years ago: Extremely dangerous and strengthening Hurricane Jimena roared toward Mexico's resort-studded Baja (BAH'-hah) California Peninsula. Walt Disney Co. announced it was acquiring comic book giant Marvel Entertainment for \$4 billion.

Five years ago: On the Sunday talk shows, leaders of the House and Senate intelligence committees prodded President Barack Obama to take decisive action against what they said were growing threats from Islamic State militants on U.S. soil.

One year ago: At a memorial in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda, congressional leaders saluted the late Arizona Republican Sen. John McCain as a model of service in war and peace and "one of the bravest souls our nation has ever produced." Aretha Franklin, the "Queen of Soul," was laid to rest after an eight-hour funeral at a Detroit church, where guests included Bill and Hillary Clinton, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Stevie Wonder and Smokey Robinson. Serena Williams scored her most lopsided victory ever against her sister Venus, winning a third-round match at the U.S. Open, 6-1, 6-2. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos said she had "no intention of taking any action" regarding any possible use of federal money to arm teachers or provide them with firearms training.

Today's Birthdays: Japanese monster movie actor Katsumi Tezuka ("Godzilla") is 107. Actor Warren Beringer is 82. Rock musician Jerry Allison (Buddy Holly and the Crickets) is 80. Actor Jack Thompson is 79. Violinist Itzhak Perlman is 74. Singer Van Morrison is 74. Rock musician Rudolf Schenker (The Scorpions) is 71. Actor Richard Gere is 70. Actor Stephen Henderson is 70. Olympic gold medal track and field athlete Edwin Moses is 64. Rock singer Glenn Tilbrook (Squeeze) is 62. Rock musician Gina Schock (The Go-Go's) is 62. Singer Tony DeFranco (The DeFranco Family) is 60. Rhythm-and-blues musician Larry Waddell (Mint Condition) is 56. Actor Jaime P. Gomez is 54. Former baseball pitcher Hideo Nomo is 51. Rock musician Jeff Russo (Tonic) is 50. Singer-composer Deborah Gibson is 49. Rock musician Greg Richling (Wallflowers) is 49. Actor Zack Ward is 49. Golfer Padraig (PAH'-drig) Harrington is 48. Actor Chris Tucker is 47. Actress Sara Ramirez is 44. Rhythm-and-blues singer Tamara (Trina & Tamara) is 42.

Thought for Today: "When you pray, rather let your heart be without words than your words without heart." — John Bunyan (1628-1688).

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