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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.

Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

9 - Monday

4 p.m.: JH FB Hosts Webster
7 p.m.: School Board Meeting
Emmanuel: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.
UMC: Girl Scouts, 3:30 p.m.
Breakfast: Eggs and Hash Browns
Lunch: * New Item* Burritos, Rice
Senior Menu: Chicken alfredo, lemon buttered broccoli, fruit dessert.

10 - Tuesday

4 p.m.: Cross Country at Britton
6 p.m.: Volleyball at Webster (C/JV at 6:00)
7 p.m.: City Council Meeting at Groton Community Center
Emmanuel: Council, 7 p.m.
UMC: Bible Study, 10 a.m.
Breakfast: Breakfast Sandwich
Lunch: Chicken -N- Noodles
Senior Menu: Chili, corn bread, coleslaw, Lime Pear Jell-O.

11 - Wednesday

5:45 p.m.: Gospel Solutions to Social Issues: Drugs & Alcohol at United Methodist Church
St. John's: Confirmation, 3:45 p.m.
UMC: Coffee time, 9 a.m.
Breakfast: Breakfast Slider
Lunch: Pancake Bites, Tri Taters
Senior Menu: Baked chicken breast, baked potato with sour cream, green beans, fresh fruit, whole wheat bread.

12 - Thursday

10 a.m.: Boys Golf in Groton
11 a.m.: St. John's Luncheon
4 p.m.: Boys soccer hosts James Valley Christian
6 p.m.: Volleyball hosts Hamlin (JV/C at 6:00)
7 p.m.: Lions Club meets at 104 N Main.
Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito
Lunch: BBQ Sandwich, Sweet Potato Fries
Senior Menu: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, parsley buttered carrots, frosted brownie, fruit, whole wheat bread.

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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

The Minnesota Vikings opened the 2019 NFL season by beating the Atlanta Falcons 28-12 in Minneapolis on Sunday. The Vikings' offense was efficient, the defense didn't allow a score until the fourth quarter, and the special teams even got in on the action with a blocked punt. The Falcons are one of the better teams in the NFC, but on Sunday the Vikings were clearly on another level.

Perhaps the most perplexing thing about the game was the Vikings dominating while also throwing for less than 100 yards. Quarterback Kirk Cousins only threw 10 passes all game, completing eight of them for 98 yards, one touchdown and one interception. Adam Thielen led the team with three catches for 43 yards and a touchdown, while Stefon Diggs was second with two catches for 37 yards. The offensive line was solid in pass protection, only giving up one sack and two quarterback hits.

The biggest reason the Vikings were able to dominate the Falcons while only dropping back to pass 10 times is because the running game was rocking and rolling. Dalvin Cook carried the ball 21 times on Sunday for 111 yards and two touchdowns while also adding two catches for nine yards. Rookie RB Alexander Mattison got nine carries for 49 yards, and as a team, the Vikings ran the ball 38 times for 172 yards (4.5 yards per carry) and three touchdowns.

The Vikings' defense was stifling on Sunday, shutting down the soaring Falcons. Atlanta had 345 total yards on offense, but 137 of those yards came in the fourth quarter when the Vikings were up by 28 points. The Defense, led by Harrison Smith and Anthony Barr, accumulated four sacks, seven quarterback hits, seven tackles for a loss, and eight pass deflections. The Falcons usually have a high-powered offense, but the Vikings' defense set the tone from the very first play and never let up.

The player of the game on offense was Dalvin Cook. After dealing with injuries his first two seasons, Cook is finally healthy and ready to prove to the world that he's one of the best running backs in the NFL. He has the talent to do it, let's just hope he can finally stay on the field.

The defensive player of the game was Anthony Harris. On a defense loaded with superstars, it was the undrafted safety who stole the show. Harris was all over the field on Sunday, picking off two passes from Matt Ryan while also adding a fumble recovery and five tackles.

Looking ahead, the Minnesota Vikings will travel to Green Bay to battle the Packers on Sunday, September 15. The game will air on FOX at noon (CT). The Packers won their week 1 matchup against the Chicago Bears, but their offense got off to a very slow start. On their 11 drives, the Packers had to punt nine times. Defensively, the Packers appear to be improved, but it's hard to tell if that's because they actually got better this offseason, or if it was simply a byproduct of playing a lackluster Bears' offense. There is no love lost between the Vikings and Packers, and these games are usually close. I would expect nothing less in this early-season border battle. Hopefully the Vikings can pull this one out. Skol!

If you have any questions, reach out to me on Twitter (@JordanWrightNFL)

Death Notice: Betty Krueger

Betty Krueger, 87, of Conde passed away Sunday, September 8, 2019 at Avera St. Lukes Hospital, Aberdeen. Services are pending with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Coming Up on GDILIVE.COM

School Board Meeting

7 p.m., Sept. 9

Groton priest also is a father - of 2

By KELDA J.L. PHARRIS American News

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — The Rev. Tom Hartman's first call was as a father. His second was as a Catholic priest.

Hartman's path to the cloth is one he loosely calls his resurrection story. It's not a resurrection of mortal death, but the ending of one path and beginning of another he'd always felt called to.

He married young. After five years, he and his wife had two children and a change of heart. Hartman speaks about that difficult time with love and respect for himself and his former spouse and with a clarity of hindsight only time can yield. Their relationship began in the early 1990s, and he started working full-time at the family grocery store in Milbank. At that time it was called Bill's Super Valu. It now goes by Hartman's Family Foods.

"I was just out of high school thinking I knew everything. I got married to the girlfriend, Becky Johnson. Five years later it ended in divorce," Hartman told the Aberdeen News by phone. "In that time I realized I didn't know everything. I really just came back to my faith."

Now 48, Hartman is the priest for both St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Groton and St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Turton. He will also be sacramental minister at the St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center at Northern State University. The student center has moved away from having a full-time priest to having someone in a part-time ministerial role provide sacraments to the Catholic students.

Hartman, in his decision to divorce, never lost his faith. He'd tell you the opposite happened — it was strengthened.

"There was just a moment in my life before the divorce that I felt it was better to suffer with God than to suffer without him. When the time came I knew I was going to cling to my faith," he said.

Hartman continued to contemplate romantic love as he worked at his family's grocery store.

"Basically through those years, as I was dating a little bit, I realized my heart wasn't called to be with one person, it was called to serve more," Hartman said. "My heart was a priestly heart."

So Hartman put his focus on raising his children, and he and his former wife had their marriage annulled in the Catholic faith. It's a necessary process for a person to have the freedom to enter into another vocation in the eyes of the Catholic Church. For him, it meant the beginning of his path to the priesthood.

The annulment process looks at the beginning of a relationship and how two people came to be married. In Hartman's case, he and his wife were "really pretty young and stupid," he said.

An annulment can take time and is easier when both parties cooperate, he said. Hartman considers it a thoughtful process that doesn't have to be a stigma. It's given him an experience with what some people he's met in his new vocation have also had to contemplate. He's been there and done that, he said. He knows the hurts that come from divorce. He knows that it gets better.

"Maybe the divorced do find it's alienating. I had many people who would come to me. Sometimes that



In this Aug. 22, 2019 photo, Rev. Tom Hartman, a father of two, places bookmarks at the altar as he prepares for Mass at the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Newman Center in Aberdeen, S.D. (John Davis/Aberdeen American News via AP)

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annulment is scary for people. I can show how it brought healing," Hartman said. "From that perspective it's really been beautiful. People do like the fact that I am able to draw on that. It's probably the greatest gift in that sense."

The Sioux Falls Diocese made sure Hartman's children were grown — age 21 or older — and well on their way to successful futures, as well as able to take care of themselves. An adult child with ongoing care needs wouldn't have allowed Hartman to pursue priesthood.

Son Isaiah Hartman, 28, is a firefighter in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Daughter Natasha Karels, 27, is teaching in Harrisburg and living in Sioux Falls. Hartman said his son had left for college in Colorado and wasn't around for some of the major pivots in his father's life. Karels, who'd lived with her father and then attended college just a hop away in Brookings, felt the transition more intensely.

"For my daughter it was always we will continue to pray about this together," Hartman said. "Coming through it, in a spiritual sense, she really prayed through it. Her mom, she remarried. So in light of that, I said, 'With you getting older, this has just freed me up to serve God in this particular way.'"

The children wrote letters to Bishop Paul Swain with their own thoughts and concerns on their father's possible new vocation. Hartman admitted it can be hard for kids. They can have the expectation that their dad will be there to walk his daughter down the aisle, not perform the marriage ceremony.

"They really took a look to see how my kids are doing," Hartman said of the diocese. "The church makes you fulfill your responsibilities. It wasn't until my daughter was in college that I entered seminary."

He attended Holy Apostle Seminary in Connecticut. At the school, Hartman met men from all walks of life, many of whom were his age or older. There were widowers, those who'd never married, those who'd had annulments, firefighters, teachers, coaches, doctors and even others who'd had a change in faith. The median age was 41, he said.

"The seminary nickname was Holy Fossil Seminary," Hartman joked.

He was installed with the local parishes earlier this summer. He spent his first two years as a priest working under another priest, so this is his first time being a lead pastor. He's taking a thoughtful approach, using this first year or so just to get to know the congregations, their needs and opportunities. He knows Turton is challenged by its remoteness, but it's also a boon for rural Catholics for miles around who make the regular commutes.

"I'm not in a hurry for any changes. Those first years I want to, as much as I can, feel out how they do things. Then, together, we can decide what is our vision," Hartman said.

He's got a heart for youth ministry and missions and would like to take a group to the ski slopes — a favorite pastime — as another outreach possibility.

For someone who eventually chose a decidedly different path than the one he started out on, it's still those principles of service to others and a responsibility for fellow man that drive Hartman's passion. He wants it evident in his life that there is a love of God and of neighbor.

"I still consider myself a little bit Grocer Tom. I was always with people," Hartman said. "I don't necessarily want to be the office priest. It's not my forte; I'd rather be out with the people."

Information from: Aberdeen American News, <http://www.aberdeennews.com>



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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

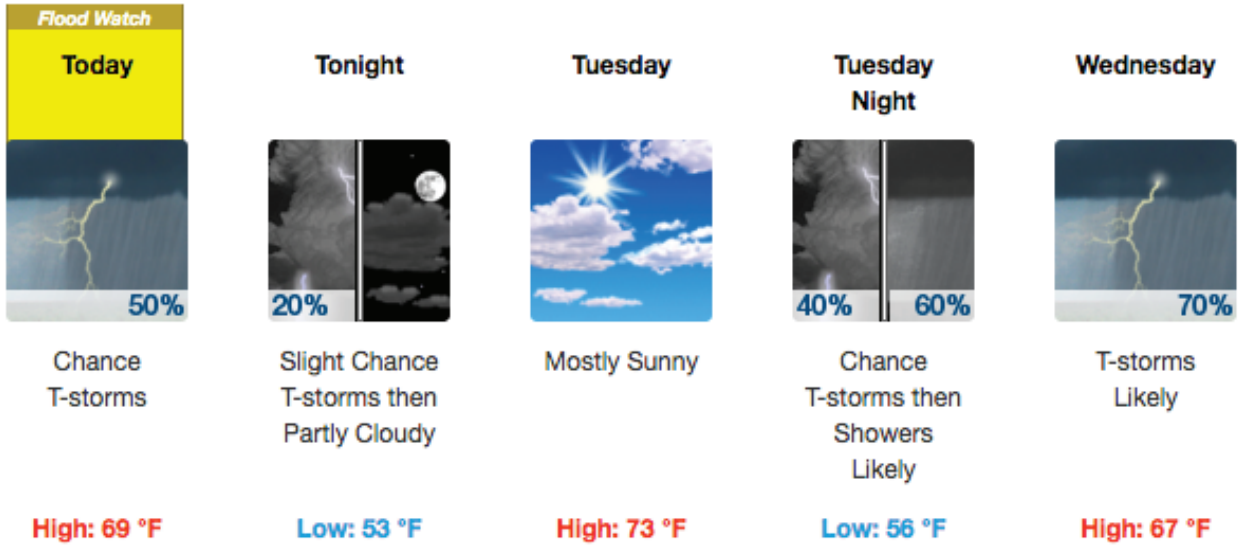
November 6 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church:

Suicide and Bullying

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

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SLIGHT RISK of Severe T-Storms

ISSUED: 5:40 AM - Monday, September 09, 2019

WHAT

Isolated severe thunderstorms possible. These storms could produce **large hail**, **locally damaging winds**, and **possibly a tornado**.

WHERE

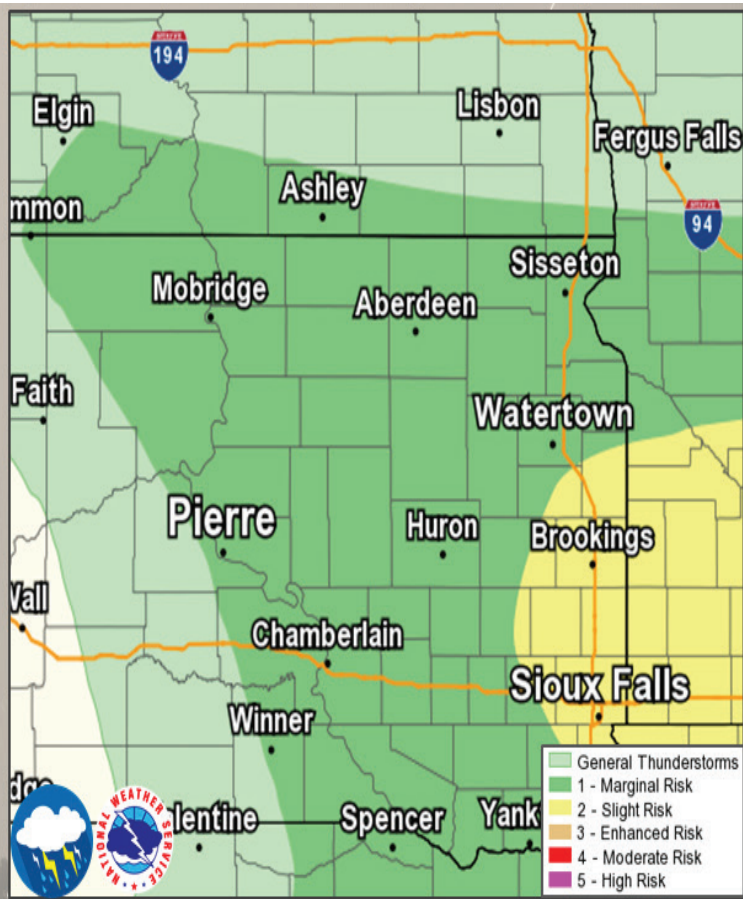
A portion of east-central and southeast South Dakota, including Clear Lake, Castlewood and Brandt.

WHEN

Late this afternoon into the early evening hours. The **highest risk period** will be from 4 pm – 8 pm.

ACTION

Monitor the weather and have a plan of action if severe weather approaches your area.



Published on: 09/09/2019 at 1:46AM

Another storm system moves into the region today giving our area a good chance for more showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could become strong to severe, particularly later this afternoon into the early evening hours. The highest risk area for any severe weather will be across east-central and southeast South Dakota. The weather pattern remains active this week with additional chances for showers and storms through Thursday.

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Today in Weather History

September 9, 1961: A young girl in Bullhead, Corson County, was killed by lightning on the afternoon while walking on the highway. Her little brother was slightly injured.

September 9, 1983: High winds from the late evening into the early morning hours of the 10th blew through east central South Dakota damaging crops, downing hundreds of trees, breaking windows, damaging roofs and buildings, downing power poles and damaging vehicles. Gusts to 75 mph in Huron moved a semi-trailer a half block. Scattered power outages of up to 24 hours were reported in numerous areas as branches fell across power and telephone lines. Thirty power poles were downed in Kingsbury County alone. Corn, beans, and sunflowers suffered extensive damage in many areas with up to 50 percent losses reported. Gusts up to 90 mph were reported at Lake Poinsett, Lake Norden, and Estelline, where roofs and shingles were ripped from buildings and numerous windows, were broken. At Lake Poinsett, extensive damage was done to boats, docks, and automobiles.

1775: The Independence Hurricane slammed into Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. Many ships were sunk and buildings demolished. 4,000 people died in what is considered to be Canada's deadliest hurricane disaster.

1821: A tornadic outbreak affected the New England states of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont on this day. Five tornadoes reportedly touched down from this event. One storm in New Hampshire had a path width of a half mile and tracked an estimated 23 miles. This tornado killed at least six individuals, which could be the deadliest tornado in New Hampshire history.

1965: Hurricane Betsy slammed into New Orleans on the evening of September 9, 1965. 110 mph winds and power failures were reported in New Orleans. The eye of the storm passed to the southwest of New Orleans on a northwesterly track. The northern and western eyewalls covered Southeast Louisiana and the New Orleans area from about 8 PM until 4 AM the next morning. In Thibodaux, winds of 130 mph to 140 mph were reported. The Baton Rouge weather bureau operated under auxiliary power, without telephone communication.

2013: Historical rainfall occurred in northern Colorado from September 9 to September 16 and resulted in severe flash flooding along the northern Front Range of Colorado and subsequent river flooding downstream along the South Platte River and its tributaries. The heaviest rain fell along the Front Range northwest of Denver on September 11-12.

1921 - A dying tropical depression unloaded 38.2 inches of rain upon the town of Thrall in southeastern Texas killing 224 persons. 36.4 inches fell in 18 hours. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1944 - The "Great Atlantic Hurricane" ravaged the east coast. The storm killed 22 persons and caused 63 million dollars damage in the Chesapeake Bay area, then besieged New England killing 390 persons and causing another 100 million dollars damage. (The Weather Channel)

1971 - Hurricane Ginger formed, and remained a hurricane until the 5th of October. The 27 day life span was the longest of record for any hurricane in the North Atlantic Ocean. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather in the central U.S. Thunderstorms in West Texas spawned four tornadoes in the vicinity of Lubbock, and produced baseball size hail and wind gusts to 81 mph at Ropesville. Thunderstorms produced hail two inches in diameter at Downs KS and Harvard NE, breaking car windows at Harvard. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Florence became a hurricane and headed for the Central Gulf Coast Region. Florence made land-fall early the next morning, passing over New Orleans LA. Winds gusts to 80 mph were recorded at an oil rig south of the Chandeleur Islands. Wind gusts around New Orleans reached 61 mph. Total property damage from Florence was estimated at 2.5 million dollars. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - The first snow of the season began to whiten the mountains of Wyoming early in the morning, as for two days a moist and unusually cold storm system affected the state. By the morning of the 11th, a foot of snow covered the ground at Burgess Junction. Thunderstorms developing along a cold front crossing the Ohio Valley produced severe weather in Indiana during the late afternoon and early evening hours. Strong thunderstorm winds blew down a tent at Palestine injuring seven persons, and frequent lightning interrupted the Purdue and Miami of Ohio football game, clearing the stands. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Yesterday's Groton Weather Today's Info

High Temp: 58 °F at 2:20 PM

Low Temp: 51 °F at 5:23 AM

Wind: 14 mph at 6:29 PM

Day Rain: 1.51 total

Record High: 101° in 1931

Record Low: 26° in 1898

Average High: 75°F

Average Low: 49°F

Average Precip in Sept.: 0.60

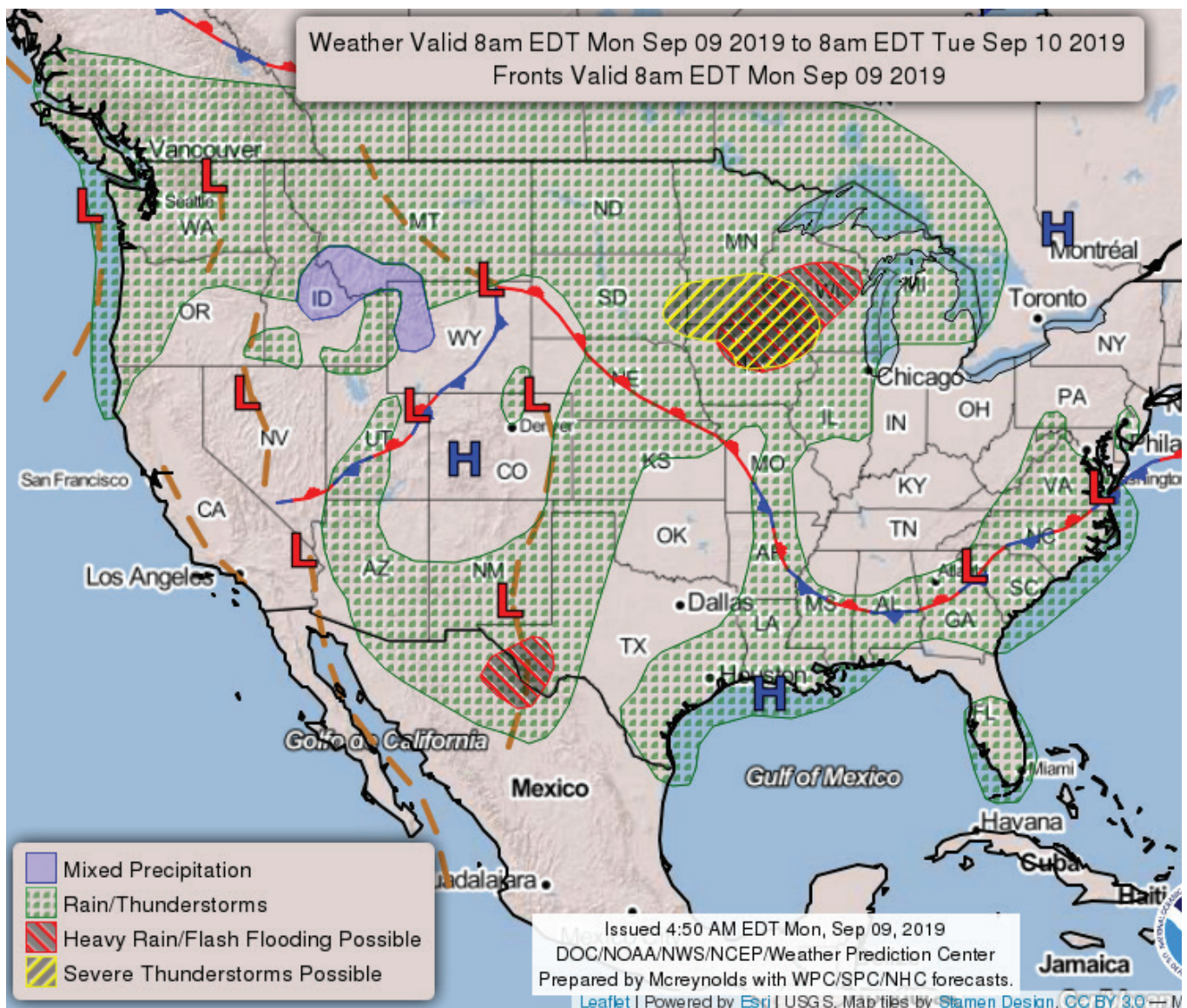
Precip to date in Sept.: 1.51

Average Precip to date: 16.89

Precip Year to Date: 21.27

Sunset Tonight: 7:57 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:06 a.m.



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DRIVEN BY DESIRE

Young Antonio was driven by a desire to play the violin and sing. Unfortunately, his fingers were not nimble enough to move swiftly over the strings, and his voice sounded screechy. He went from one teacher to another, and then another. They all agreed that he would never be a great musician. They would laugh, and he would cry.

One day, by chance, he met Amati, a violin maker. He was very attracted to the sincerity and passion that Antonio had for music, even though he could neither play nor sing. Son, said Amati, it is a song in your heart that makes the difference. There are many ways to make music. And you can make music if you want.

Those words inspired Antonio, and he became an apprentice to Amati to learn how to make violins. In time, Antonio Stradivarius became the worlds greatest maker of violins. He was helped by a friend, something all of us can do for others.

The Apostle Paul had some great advice: Dont make your children - or anyones children - angry by the way you treat them. The true purpose of guidance is to help children grow by example and encouragement. All children deserve a parent or teacher who is Christ-honoring, hard-working, accountable to God and others. Expressing love by being kind, patient, and encouraging to children, ours and others, is an honor and calling. Showing our Fathers love by encouraging and mentoring children is a gift we can all give to children.

Prayer: We pray, Lord, for opportunities to demonstrate Your concern for children. May we show Your love and grace by word and deed, and follow Your example. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Scripture For Today: Ephesians 6:4 Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

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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

Sewage dumping at Rapid City airport caused no contamination

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — State regulators say Rapid City Regional Airport did not cause contamination when it dumped sewage on its property last month.

The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources says tests of the airport's septic lagoon found that its contents would have been safe to spread on land had airport officials sought permission to do so.

A department spokesman tells the Rapid City Journal that regulators also determined there was "no evidence of runoff or impacts to surface water bodies" in places where wastewater was dumped. Those results were corroborated by a private firm that also conducted tests.

The airport dumped about 74,000 gallons of sewage on its property without a permit.

The airport's executive director said the open-air lagoon was at risk of overflowing following weeks of heavy rainfall.

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

Rapid City man accused in fatal embankment push

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A Rapid City man is accused of pushing another man down an embankment and causing his death.

Police were called early Thursday about a man who was unresponsive and not breathing. Authorities found 38-year-old Schuyler Swan of Rapid City on an embankment. He was pronounced dead on the way to a hospital.

An autopsy found Swan died of a brain bleed. Police spoke to witnesses and determined that the 51-year-old suspect pushed Swan down the embankment.

The suspect was arrested Friday night on suspicion of second-degree manslaughter. He remains in the Pennington County Jail.

South Dakota coffee shop is memorial to beloved son

By PATRICK ANDERSON Argus Leader

HARTFORD, S.D. (AP) — Joshua Obenauer never liked coffee but it was his dad's dream to open a coffee shop in the historic John Mundt building.

The old stone structure on North Main Avenue needed a lot of love when the Obenaus bought it.

His dad planned to restore it to its former glory, so Joshua lent his hands to the task.

There he was, hands in pockets, posing for a photo next to a set of uninstalled windows.

There he was, at work between wooden beams on the second floor.

There he was, dancing to a country song on the radio while he and his dad tuck-pointed the inside of the lower apartment.

Joshua, who learned about life, God and the value of hard work from his dad, including during the family's restoration of the Mundt, died in a job site accident in Sioux Falls while cleaning windows.

He was 22.

His father, David Obenauer, was too overcome with grief to continue work at the same pace. He restored the tin ceiling through his tears and then took a break.

"When a child dies," David told the Argus Leader, "what happens is, part of your dreams die."

Seven years later, the Obenaus have a new dream.

Restoration of the main floor is nearly finished, and the family will soon show off their handiwork to the public in a way that also memorializes Joshua.

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Joshua's Coffee House is set to open for business Sept. 9, with an open house scheduled for a day earlier so the family can show off their space to the community. Joshua's will have a menu that includes food options such as soups and paninis, coffee from Cofea and hot chocolate.

Joshua loved hot chocolate, said Victoria Obenauer, David's wife.

But it is Joshua's legacy that makes the coffee house something more.

"There's many, many memories here that Joshua's a part of," Victoria said. "From the basement to the second floor."

More than a coffee shop

David and Victoria want to use their space and their new business to reach and help others who are struggling, including those coping with the loss of a loved one or child.

They've already started the work.

Both became ordained pastors after losing Joshua, and have already started hosting prayer groups, bible studies and services.

"God uses our experiences, he uses our testimonies to share with others," Victoria said.

The coffee shop is its own business. They have no intention of forcing their faith on customers, Victoria said.

"We just want you to feel the peace in here, the ambiance and enjoy it," David said. "We're here to serve."

David and his family cleared away ramshackle single-story storefronts that once hung like unwanted growths of the two-story stone Mundt building. In their place now is a meticulously landscaped courtyard and garden. Customers will find a shady retreat, with comfortable outdoor seating and the calming sound of a garden fountain babbling in the background.

A corner storefront of the Mundt has already been leased to a garden shop.

Joshua's is next door, in a sprawling, high-ceiling space that also feels inviting.

"We wanted a warm environment," Victoria said.

Like nearly everything about the building, the interior is David's handiwork. He lined the inside walls with cedar and made the wooden bar where customers will place their order.

When he bought the building in 2010, his first project was restoring the basement apartment, where David and Victoria still live.

Work continues on the upstairs, a former Masonic lodge where the couple plan to eventually make their home.

Remembering Joshua

A hint of a Massachusetts accent still comes through when David speaks, but he's lived in South Dakota since 1981.

He owns and operates High Rise of Sioux Falls Inc., a professional window cleaning business that also does caulking and tuck pointing.

When David was hired to wash windows for the local Burger King stores, young Joshua — the oldest of eight siblings — used to go with and help dip his dad's tools in cleaner.

Smart and diligent, Joshua learned from David how to figure out what kind of work was needed for a



In this Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2019 photo, David and Victoria Obenauer make a toast to their new business, Joshua's Coffee House, in Hartford, S.D. The shop is named for their son who died in 2012. (Erin Bormett/The Argus Leader via AP)

project and then re-apply those skills to other jobs.

Joshua married his wife out of high school. They lived in a fourplex Joshua bought at the age of 21 and rented out the other three units, following David's financial advice.

Joshua loved autumn. He liked the changing colors of the leaves. He liked the approach of football season. His life will be memorialized in the fall of 2019, when Hartford welcomes a new business to its growing and revitalized downtown.

"If Josh could look at this place now, he'd look at me and say, 'Dad, we did it,'" David said. "We did it, Dad."

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

British Airways grounds nearly all flights as pilots strike

By GREGORY KATZ Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — British Airways said Monday it has canceled almost all its flights for 48 hours, affecting as many as 195,000 travelers, due to a strike by pilots over pay.

The U.K.'s flagship carrier said in a statement that it had "no way of predicting how many (pilots) would come to work or which aircraft they are qualified to fly."

As a result, it said it had "no option but to cancel nearly 100%" of its flights for the duration of the strike.

British Airways said it stands ready to return to talks with the pilots' union, BALPA, and that it has offered affected customers full refunds or the option to rebook. The airline had prepared for weeks for the strike, giving travelers advanced notice.

"We understand the frustration and disruption Balpa's strike action has caused our customers. After many months of trying to resolve the pay dispute, we are extremely sorry that it has come to this," it said.

British Airways says it has offered the pilots a pay raise of 11.5% over three years but the union says its members want a bigger share of the company's profits.

The union accuses British Airways is making big profits at the expense of workers who made sacrifices during hard times. A further strike is penciled in for Sept. 27.

Union leader Brian Strutton said pilots are determined to be heard.

"They've previously taken big pay cuts to help the company through hard times. Now BA is making billions of pounds (dollars) of profit, its pilots have made a fair, reasonable and affordable claim for pay and benefits."

British Airways' parent company, IAG, made a net profit of 2.9 billion euros (\$3.2 billion) last year.

British Airways operates up to 850 flights a day. London's sprawling Heathrow Airport will be the most affected by the work stoppage as it is the airline's hub and is used for many of the company's long-haul international flights.



British Airways planes sit parked at Heathrow Airport in London, Monday, Sept. 9, 2019. British Airways says it has had to cancel almost all flights as a result of a pilots' 48-hour strike over pay. (AP Photo/Matt Dunham)

US priest who gave out gifts in Philippines accused of abuse

By TIM SULLIVAN Associated Press

TALUSTUSAN, Philippines (AP) — The American priest's voice echoed over the phone line, his sharp Midwestern accent softened over the decades by a gentle Filipino lilt. On the other end, recording the call, was a young man battered by shame but anxious to get the priest to describe exactly what had happened in this little island village.

"I should have known better than trying to just have a life," the priest said in the November 2018 call. "Happy days are gone. It's all over."

But, the young man later told the Associated Press, those days were happy only for the priest. They were years of misery for him, he said, and for the other boys who investigators say were sexually assaulted by Father Pius Hendricks.

His accusations ignited a scandal that would shake the village and reveal much about how allegations of sex crimes by priests are handled in one of the world's most Catholic countries.

He was just 12 — a new altar boy from a family of tenant farmers anxious for the \$1 or so he'd get for serving at Mass — when he says Hendricks first took him into the bathroom of Talustusan's little rectory and sexually assaulted him.

"I asked why he was doing this to me," the rail-thin 23-year-old said in an interview, the confusion still with him years later.

"It's a natural thing," he said the priest told him, "It's part of becoming an adult."

The abuse continued for more than three years, he says, but he told no one until a village outsider began asking questions about the American priest's extravagant generosity with local boys, and until he feared his brother would be the next victim.

In November, he went to the police and told them what he knew.

Soon after, local authorities arrested Hendricks, 78, and charged him with child abuse. Since then, investigators say, about 20 boys and men, one as young as 7, have reported that the priest sexually abused them. Investigators say the allegations go back well over a decade — though many believe it goes back for generations, and could involve many dozens of boys — continuing until just weeks before the December arrest. Hendricks' lawyers insist he is innocent.

The AP, which does not identify alleged victims of sexual assault, has met with five of the accusers.

Hendrick's arrest was a sudden fall for a priest who had presided over this community for nearly four decades. He rebuilt Talustusan's chapel and installed rooftop loudspeakers to summon parishioners to Mass. He pressed officials to pave the village road. He drove the sick to the hospital, and paid school fees for poor children. Many here will still tell you how much he did.

But the case also reflects much about the Philippines, a country where the church has long shrugged



In this Jan. 27, 2019 photo, three boys have a snack at a beach resort in Talustusan on Biliran Island in the central Philippines. Since December 2018, the small village has been rocked by controversy after about 20 boys and men, including these three, accused their Catholic parish priest Father Pius Hendricks of years of alleged sexual abuse. (AP

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off the presence of its sex offenders and where the criminal justice system often ignores the problem.

"It's a culture of coverup, a culture of silence, a culture of self-protection," said the Rev. Shay Cullen, an Irish priest who has spent decades in the Philippines and works with victims of child sexual abuse. "It's a silent consent to the abuse of children."

In 2018, after the young man had gone to police — but before Hendricks had been arrested — he recorded a phone call with the clergyman.

In extracts of the conversation heard by the AP, Hendricks laments the passing of those happy days, and admits to an unspecified "mistake on my part."

"Well, it's true. I'm not saying it's not. Did I say it's not?" Hendricks said, his voice a combination of self-pity and resignation.

He said he'd probably have to retire.

"So I have to learn," he continued. "I have to take the good with the bad."

For nearly two decades, the Philippine church has vowed to confront a looming shadow of clergy abuse.

In 2002, the Philippines' national conference of bishops ended years of silence to admit that the church faced "cases of grave sexual misconduct" among the clergy. One archbishop estimated that 200 of the country's 7,000 priests may have committed some form of sexual impropriety. The bishops promised new rules that would "provide steps for profound renewal."

But in a country home to more than 80 million Catholics and churches that date to the time of Shakespeare, such promises have long disappeared into a haze of tradition, piety and clerical influence that suffuses everything from sex education classes to national politics.

Until about 2013, for example, the church's own guidelines insisted bishops did not need to report sexually abusive priests to police, saying they had "a relationship of trust analogous to that between father and son." Media reports and legal action "adds to the pain" in cases of sexual abuse, Manila Cardinal Luis Tagle told the Catholic news site UCAN in 2012. In Asian cultures, he said, it is often better for such cases to be handled quietly, inside the church.

The church's influence remains vast here, even as it has seen its power chipped away in recent years, weakened by the spread of evangelical missionaries and attacks by the nation's populist president, Rodrigo Duterte.

Duterte, who says he was sexually abused by a priest while he was a student, has publicly derided bishops as "sons of bitches," and urged Filipinos to stop going to Mass. Investigators say Duterte is closely watching the Hendricks case.

On Biliran, the poor island where Hendricks spent nearly half his life, his fondness for boys had been widely discussed for decades among villagers, local officials and, according to a former Catholic brother, members of the clergy. While many people had long believed he was a pedophile, almost nothing was said openly. Nor did anyone act on the suspicions.

That's how it happens across the Philippines. Silence continues to shield priest after priest.

On the island of Bohol, the priest Joseph Skelton serves mass, more than 30 years after the then-seminarian was convicted of sexual misconduct with a 15-year-old boy. Local news reports reveal even more working clergyman: the priest outside Manila who recruited young men for the priesthood after admitting to sexually assaulting teenage boys; the priest who moved into a bishops' residence after being accused of raping a 17-year-old girl; the composer of sacred music accused of sexually abusing boys as young as six.

Prosecutions of accused priests are exceedingly rare here, and convictions are rarer. "No priest in the Philippines has ever been convicted" of child sexual abuse, Bishop Buenaventura Famadico, who oversees a diocese south of Manila, told the Catholic newspaper La Croix last year. By comparison, the group BishopAccountability.org says that since 1990 more than 400 priests have been convicted in the U.S. on child sexual abuse charges.

The 23-year-old from Talustusan said he might not have come forward without encouragement from an American visitor to the village, the boyfriend of a woman related to an accuser. The American was shocked

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at the gifts the priest had doled out to him and other local boys and began to ask probing questions.

"He kept asking why Father Pius was doing these things for boys in the village," said the 23-year-old, who began wrestling then with his own feelings about what he should say.

"I thought this might be it, this might be the help I'm asking for, that my life will change," he said. Finally, he told his family, and then local authorities, about the abuse.

Even then, the case may not have gone anywhere without intervention by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The agency started its own probe of Hendricks under a statute that allows the U.S. government to prosecute child sexual abuse by American citizens anywhere in the world.

The local case against the priest would have stalled if U.S. authorities hadn't started their inquiry, pressuring Philippine authorities to act, according to an investigator involved in the case, speaking on condition of anonymity because the investigation is still under way.

Kenneth Hendricks was born in 1941 in working-class Cincinnati, as the Great Depression was grinding to an end. His parents divorced when he was young, and Hendricks' mother supported her two sons by cleaning houses.

By his late teens, Hendricks was interested in the Franciscans, the Catholic order of brothers and priests known for their long brown robes and centuries of work among the poor.

Hendricks became a Franciscan brother by his early 20s, taking the name Pius. His assignments ranged from the St. Catherine Indian School in Santa Fe, New Mexico to the then-rough Cincinnati neighborhood of Over-The-Rhine, where he helped run a youth boxing club.

His branch, the Province of St. John the Baptist, declined comment on his work, saying in a statement that it was "fully cooperating with the authorities."

Residents say Hendricks was still a Franciscan when he found his way to Talustusan, a village of about 2,000 people a couple miles uphill from the coast. It was a quiet place with dirt roads, a small school and a time-worn chapel above the Anas River. He left the Franciscans around 1986 and soon after was ordained as a priest by the local diocese.

While Hendricks never learned to speak Bisaya, the primary local language, he seemed to love the village. He told his parishioners that he'd be buried one day in a storage room behind the chapel. "Here is my tomb!" he'd call out cheerfully, pointing to four concrete slabs set into the floor, near a battered statue of the Virgin Mary with broken hands and carefully manicured eyebrows.

But he never fit in fully. His quick temper and sharp tongue were intimidating. He chastised toddlers for not sitting at the front of the Talustusan chapel, and publicly berated adults who annoyed him. "Crazy Filipino people!" he would snap when he was frustrated.

Then there were the boys.

They stayed at Hendricks' house, rode in his car and walked with him through Talustusan, residents say. He gave them gifts ranging from clothing to money to school fees.

"All of us knew about Pius and his boys," said a former Catholic clergyman who worked with Hendricks for years, and who spoke on condition of anonymity, fearing retaliation from the church.

Once, at a gathering of priests and others, he said he erupted angrily at Hendricks, calling him a pedophile. That brought the clergyman a quick rebuke from church authorities who told him to keep quiet. Church officials declined to comment.

"All of them knew about Pius," he said of church leaders on the island, the anger still in his voice years after the confrontation.

Similar comments are echoed in Talustusan, where there is no indication police or church authorities looked into the allegations.

"Ever since I was young I heard the stories, that he would touch altar boys," said a longtime village resident, who also spoke on condition of anonymity, fearing backlash from her neighbors.

Even the local prosecutor barely blinked when the case was brought to her.

"I was not really surprised, because he was always with small boys," said Edna Pitao-Honor. "We were friends, actually. But that ends when he's facing prosecution."

Yet the church has done little to reckon with its role in what investigators now say was years of his abuse.

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The Rev. Romulo Espina, a top official in the Diocese of Naval, where Hendricks served, insisted neither he nor other diocesan leaders saw any signs of sexual mistreatment by the American.

But Espina, who worked regularly with Hendricks in a small cluster of offices behind the main regional cathedral, also quickly made clear that if Hendricks did anything wrong, the church bears no responsibility.

"If it is true, was he told to do it? No," Espina said. "You cannot attach the behavior to the institution. It is the devil."

Hendricks, Espina said, was told something similar.

"If there is a criminal case, we told him 'This is your fight. You have to face the music.'"

Poverty is deeply rooted in Talustusan, where many people get by working on nearby coconut plantations or rice paddies. Others run informal gas stations, selling gasoline in old Pepsi bottles, or operate home groceries where they offer tiny bars of soap and packets of instant coffee for a few cents apiece.

For a village like Talustusan, having its own priest — particularly an American one — meant a financial boost, with donations to rebuild the chapel, and jobs as drivers and clerks. Hendricks became the center of his own small economy, doling out jobs, loans and gifts. He built a little library, where theological texts (The Law of Christ, The Catholic Catechism) sit beside secular fare (two biographies of Justin Bieber, a British royal wedding video).

His presence also brought status, setting Talustusan apart from the other poor farming villages.

"We were the only village that had our own priest!" said Ayelina Abonales, 55, one of the group of local women who now fiercely defend Hendricks.

For parents, having a church also meant their sons could earn a little money by serving as altar boys.

In a tradition common in Philippine villages— a custom often observed to this day — altar boys were expected to stay overnight on Saturdays at the priest's house. That way, they could get up early to prepare for Mass.

Sometimes, the boy would try to stay home on Saturday nights, hoping to avoid the priest and the rectory and what he knew would happen there.

But Hendricks would send other boys running to the three-room house he shared with his parents and six siblings. The house is a monument to working-class aspirations and Catholic devotion, a plain concrete building decorated with school awards, plastic rosaries and statues of Jesus. "The priest wants you back there!" they'd call to the boy, now the 23-year-old man who reported Hendricks to authorities.

His mother would insist he stay at the rectory: "It's good for you," she would say.

"I had to go back," he said recently, sitting at a small beachfront restaurant, speaking above the gentle crash of the surf and the warble of karaoke singers crooning 1970s American love songs.

He believes most of Hendricks' altar boys were sexually abused, with some occasionally confiding in others about what was happening. But mostly, he says, it was a silent brotherhood of shame.

Victims say the abuse often started off with Hendricks' bathing them, then progressing to oral and anal sex. Boys would often be cast aside once they reached their late teens or got involved with girls.

"He got jealous" if someone had a girlfriend, said a teenager from a troubled village family who said he was abused at age 15. The assaults ended after a couple months, the teenager said, when he refused to work as an altar boy.

Even now, the 23-year-old can't explain why he kept returning to the rectory.

"It's like I was trapped," he said. "I don't know myself anymore when I'm there."

In part it was about money. Hendricks paid him a few dollars a week and eventually bought him a motorcycle. When he said he wanted to leave the village for a distant school, Hendricks built an extra room beside the family house, giving the young man his own bedroom.

"I didn't want him to touch me. I only wanted to work for him," the 23-year-old said. "But then I was depending on him."

Things finally changed in 2015 with a case of "tulo" — gonorrhea — which he says he got from Hendricks.

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After that "I did not let him touch me anymore," he said.

Most of Hendricks' accusers are from the lower rungs of the village's economic ladder, tough-talking teenagers with spiked hair and a love for noisy motorbikes.

Occasionally, though, their defenses drop. At one point, the 23-year-old's voice drifts away, and he begins addressing Hendricks directly: "Father, how could my life be without you? And why are you doing this to me?"

He craves an apology: "I want him to feel that inside I am already destroyed."

Experts say victims can have immense trouble breaking away from their abusers, many of them adept manipulators who have woven themselves deeply into children's lives.

That confusion is amplified when abusers are priests, often revered as Christ-like figures in the Philippines, and amplified further when the priests are foreigners.

A foreign priest "would be beyond any suspicion, and any complaint would be denied and covered up," said Cullen, the Irish priest.

Even during the recorded phone call, the 23-year-old found no victory. He apologized repeatedly for what the priest was going through, even as he tried to get Hendricks to say outright what he had done.

"I'm so sorry about it, Father," he said. "I'm so sorry."

In 2016, the Philippine church again committed itself to change, vowing "transparency, accountability and cooperation with civil authorities" in clergy child abuse cases.

As a result, over the past few years, bishops and priests have launched awareness campaigns and run training sessions. Official guidelines now spell out victims' rights and bar moving predatory priests.

Inside the church, such regulations are seen as ground-breaking.

"From their perspective, they're making huge changes," said Dr. Gabriel Dy-Liacco, a Manila-based psychotherapist who has studied sexual abuse and is a member of Pope Francis' sex abuse advisory board.

But even as the church promises change it also appears to spread the blame, with a 2016 statement from the bishops' conference saying abused children are "not necessarily the passive partner in an exploitative relation."

The government, meanwhile, is often openly intimidated by the church's influence.

Pitao-Honor, the prosecutor who filed the charges against Hendricks, noted in court documents that the priest's stature, and the chaos that accusations against him could spark in Talustusan, made her proceed very carefully "as if treading on top of eggshells piled one after the other."

Plus, some key issues, such as when predatory priests must be reported to civil authorities, remain confusing, and experts say abuse cases rarely get reported. The Philippine church declined to respond to questions on those and other issues.

Silence remains the rule.

"Very often it's taken care of quietly, and outside of the public sphere," said Dy-Liacco.

There are those in Talustusan who mourn for Hendricks.

"I don't understand why they say these things about Father Pius," said Edrich Sacare, a 37-year-old from an impoverished family who spent nearly a decade living with Hendricks, working as an altar boy and at the church. Hendricks, in turn, sent Sacare to school. He insists he never saw Hendricks behave improperly. "Father Pius was strict, but he was kind to people."

A balding man in a basketball jersey, Sacare is in obvious pain as he speaks about Hendricks' arrest.

"Anyone who asked, Father Pius was willing to help," he said, sitting on the porch of his house, a short walk from the church. On the wall is a poster from his 7-year-old daughter's birthday party.

The accusations have divided the village, cutting through friendships and families and isolating the accusers, who say the benefits Hendricks brought — status, money, jobs — blinded villagers to his crimes. Often, the accusers say, they are shunned on the streets by people they have known all their lives.

Hendricks' supporters say the accusers invented the charges, angry the priest stopped financially supporting them. The priest's lawyers dismiss any talk of guilt, with attorney Melvin Vaporoso declaring him

“innocent of the charges.”

Numerous priests and brothers and a retired bishop who oversaw Hendricks either declined comment or did not respond to repeated messages. In Cincinnati, the archdiocese has acknowledged Hendricks received some financial support from its missionary office but added a note to its website declaring, “Fr. Hendricks is not, nor has ever been, a priest of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.”

For now, Hendricks is being held in a Manila jail, facing Philippine and U.S. child abuse charges that could put him in prison for decades. U.S. Attorney Benjamin Glassman in Cincinnati, who filed the American charges, calls them “very serious, very disturbing allegations.” U.S. investigators are also looking into whether Hendricks may have been involved in sexual misconduct during his time as a Franciscan brother in New Mexico and Ohio in the 1960s and 1970s.

Philippine jails are notoriously overcrowded, and people in contact with Hendricks say he’s losing weight and isn’t sleeping well.

Back in Talustusan his house sits empty. There’s one chair at the dinner table. A houseplant is dying on the windowsill, its leaves turning brown. The narrow single bed is neatly made.

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Trump’s North Carolina rally to be a test for his clout, GOP

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump’s rally in North Carolina will serve as a measure of his clout in trying to elect a Republican to the House in a closely watched special election that’s seen as a tossup race.

It will be his first campaign rally since a tough end of summer that saw slipping poll numbers, warning signs of an economic slowdown and a running battle over hurricane forecasts.

Trump will visit the state Monday night on the eve of the House election. He enjoys wide popularity within his own party, but a GOP defeat in a red-leaning state could, when combined with a wave of recent bad headlines, portend trouble for his reelection campaign.

The rally may also pose a different sort of test: It will be held just over a 100 miles from the site of a Trump rally in July where “send her back” chants aimed at a Somali-born American congresswoman rattled the Republican Party and seemed to presage an ugly reelection campaign.

Trump’s appearance Monday on



In this Aug. 15, 2019 photo, President Donald Trump speaks at a campaign rally, Thursday, Aug. 15, 2019, in Manchester, N.H. Trump’s rally in North Carolina Monday will serve as a measure of his clout in trying to elect a Republican to the House. In addition, his appearance Monday will be his first campaign rally since a tough end of summer that saw slipping poll numbers, warning signs of an economic slowdown, and a running battle over weather maps. Trump is backing the GOP candidate in a North Carolina special election Tuesday that is considered a toss-up. (AP

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behalf of Republican Dan Bishop is shaping up as a test of the president's pull with voters. The special election could offer clues about the mindset of Republicans in the suburbs, whose flight from the party fueled the GOP's 2018 House election losses.

The House district flows eastward from the prosperous Charlotte suburbs into rural areas hugging the South Carolina border. State officials invalidated last November's election following allegations of voter fraud by a GOP operative.

The district has been held by the GOP since 1963. In 2016, Trump won the district by 11 percentage points. Should Bishop defeat Democrat Dan McCready, it could let Trump assert that he pulled Bishop over the top. If McCready prevails or Bishop wins by a whisker, it will suggest GOP erosion and raise questions about Trump's and his party's viability for 2020.

"This will tell us if Trump can carry candidates through suburban districts or not," said Sarah Chamberlain, president of the Republican Main Street Partnership, which represents moderate Republicans. If not, she said, the GOP must "work harder to address the concerns of suburban individuals, mainly women."

While the stakes for the House are high, Trump's trademark rallies inevitably become more about him than the local candidate, as he uses the stage to settle political scores, sharpen attacks and take on perceived foes. After a light rally schedule of late, the president will have plenty of new material to work with.

Chief among them are the White House's worries about the impact an economic downturn could have on a president who has made a strong economy his central argument for a second term. Trump advisers worry that moderate Republican and independent voters who have been willing to give him a pass on some of his incendiary policies and rhetoric would blame him — and, in particular, his trade war with China — for slowing down the economy.

Trump has increasingly turned to culture-war issues to rev up his core supporters. He's leveled harsh criticism at majority African American cities, like Baltimore, and delivered repeated broadsides against four liberal Democratic congresswomen of color.

Those attacks have been cheered by Trump's advisers, who are bullish on running a campaign critical of Democrats they cast as socialist and unpatriotic. But they went too far for many Republicans, who recoiled when the crowd at a Trump rally in Greenville, North Carolina, in July erupted into a "send her back" chant about Rep. Ilhan Omar of Minnesota.

In the hours before the rally, Trump is expected to visit coastal North Carolina to inspect the damage left by Hurricane Dorian. He spent considerable effort over the last week defending his erroneous claim that Alabama was likely to face significant impact from the storm.

McCready has not had any public events in the district with Democratic presidential hopefuls, appearances that might not help him in the moderate area as those candidates jostle to appeal to liberal voters. But former Vice President Joe Biden and Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., two rival candidates, have emailed fundraising solicitations on his behalf. Meanwhile, Vice President Mike Pence will also campaign in the district on Monday for the Republican.

Democrats captured 39 GOP-held House districts in the 2018 midterm elections, more than enough to give them majority control of the chamber. Much of that turnover occurred in suburbs, largely in Democratic strongholds like California and New Jersey but also in red-leaning communities near places like Dallas, Oklahoma City and Atlanta. GOP alarm bells have been ringing about the suburbs ever since.

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Congress returns to McConnell's legislative 'graveyard'

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Facing criticism that the Senate has become little more than what one member calls an "expensive lunch club," Congress returns for the fall session Monday with pressure mounting on Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to address gun violence, election security and other issues.

The Kentucky Republican has promised a "Grim Reaper" strategy focused on burying House Speaker

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Nancy Pelosi's legislative priorities, but without a robust GOP agenda it could prove unsatisfying for lawmakers facing restive voters ahead of 2020 elections.

President Donald Trump has not fully explained what he would like to see Congress accomplish, particularly on gun control, and McConnell is reluctant to venture too far, beyond confirming the White House's administrative and judicial nominees.

That leaves big-ticket legislative victories highly unlikely as Pelosi's Democratic House churns out bills, the Republican Senate takes a pass, and the legislative calendar folds into campaign season.

"Senate Democrats must work to increase pressure on Leader McConnell to stop burying bills he doesn't like in his graveyard and to get the Senate working again," Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer said in a letter to colleagues.

One test of voter mood will come in Tuesday's special election in North Carolina, where the Democrat for an open House seat, Marine veteran Dan McCready, faces Republican Dan Bishop, in a contest both parties see as toss-up. Trump is swooping in for a rally to push voters to the polls.

As legislating makes way for campaigning, Sarah Binder, a professor at George Washington University, said by email, "The challenge for both parties though is that they really do need something to deliver to voters in 2020."

Trump does want Congress to pass the new U.S.-Mexico-Canada trade deal. And Congress needs to fund the government by the end of the month or risk another federal shutdown. But the president roiled talks by shifting \$3.6 billion from military projects for the border wall and fallout continues over migrant detentions. Questions of impeachment hover.

Gun regulation, perhaps more than other issues, is putting pressure on the Senate to act.

August was bookended by devastating mass shootings across three cities that killed dozens and left scores more injured. Big business is stepping in to fill the void, with Walmart becoming the latest to announce limits on some ammunition sales. While a House-passed background checks bill stalled in the Senate, McConnell says he expects the White House to soon offer next steps.

"We're under discussion about what to do on the gun issue," McConnell said on the Hugh Hewitt radio show.

McConnell has made it clear that he won't make any moves without Trump's commitment to sign the bills into law. But the president has flip-flopped on guns, first suggesting he'd be open to background checks legislation or other measures to try to stem gun violence, only to backtrack after speaking to the National Rifle Association and others in the gun lobby. The Senate leader is trying to avoid a politically uncomfortable situation of Republicans joining Democrats to pass bills, only to have Trump reject them.

Against this backdrop, McConnell outlined what he must see before considering any guns legislation: "If



FILE - In this Jan. 24, 2019, file photo, the Capitol at sunset in Washington. Facing criticism that the Senate has become little more than what one member calls "an expensive lunch club," Congress returns for the fall session with pressure mounting on Leader Mitch McConnell to address gun violence, election security and other issues.

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the president is in favor of a number of things that he has discussed openly and publicly, and I know that if we pass it it'll become law, I'll put it on the floor."

Senators from both parties have been meeting privately and with the White House on possible areas of agreement. Trump said he was talking with Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., who has a bipartisan background checks bill with Republican Sen. Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania that has failed in previous votes.

Toomey, who said he has spoken several times with Trump over Congress' summer break, said the president has been more consistent in his support for expanding background checks than people give him credit for.

"The president has a real interest in doing something in this area," Toomey said. Several Republican senators are also now more interested but, he said, "it's hard to say how this will turn out."

Sen. Chris Coons, D-Del., who is also involved in talks, including with White House senior adviser Ivanka Trump, said he is encouraged that the president may be interested in more narrow efforts, including his bipartisan bill with Toomey. It would require federal authorities to alert state officials when people trying to buy firearms are denied by the National Instant Criminal Background Check System.

Before lawmakers left town for the six-week summer recess, senators from both parties bemoaned the way the world's most deliberative body has become what Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., calls a pricey lunch club. He too is working on gun legislation.

"I miss the Senate that used to spend the odd-year really legislating and really working on policy," said Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, who is up for reelection. "We seem now to be caught up in a constant campaign and that is I think a disservice to the American people."

Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., and chairman of the Senate's health committee, is working on a bipartisan package of bills to lower health care costs. He said there's more happening than the public often sees on the endless loop of political and partisan fighting.

"We always have those two screens going on," said Alexander, who is retiring at the end of his term. "While things could be much better in the United States Senate, there's a lot being done."

McConnell has taken pride in stopping Democrats' agenda and is incorporating the "Grim Reaper" role in his own reelection campaign for 2020. The GOP leader, who suffered a fractured shoulder in a fall in early August, has been recovering at home in Kentucky but is expected to return to open the Senate on Monday.

Asked about the Senate agenda for fall, his office had little to add. A spokesman sent a memo that included a long list of administrative nominees up for Senate confirmation.

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Minnesota oil pipeline fight highlights Democratic dilemmas

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MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A divisive fight over the future of a crude-oil pipeline across Minnesota is pinning presidential candidates between environmentalists and trade unions in a 2020 battleground state, testing their campaign promises to ease away from fossil fuels.

Progressive candidates Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders have condemned a Canadian company's plan to replace its old and deteriorating Line 3 pipeline, which carries Canadian crude across the forests and wetlands of northern Minnesota and into northern Wisconsin. They've sided with environmental and tribal groups that have been trying to stop the project for years, arguing that the oil should stay in the ground.

Others candidates — including home-state Sen. Amy Klobuchar and front-runner Joe Biden — have remained largely silent, mindful that such projects are viewed as job creators for some of the working-class voters they may need to win the state next year.

The fight illustrates a hard reality behind the Democratic candidates' rhetoric on climate change. For months, Democrats vying for the White House have sounded strikingly progressive on the issue, endorsing

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ambitious targets for reducing carbon emissions and putting forward sweeping proposals for investing in the green jobs of the future. But the debate often glosses over the harder, more immediate choices between union jobs and phasing out fossil fuels. Those fights often divide Democrats and may create an opening for President Donald Trump.

Enbridge Energy's Line 3 project has generated opposition on two main grounds: that the oil it would carry would aggravate climate change and that it would risk spills in pristine areas of the Mississippi River headwaters where Native Americans harvest wild rice. Enbridge says replacing the 1960s-era pipeline, which is increasingly prone to corrosion and cracking, will be safer for the environment while allowing it restore the line's original capacity and ensure reliable deliveries to refineries. Labor unions, once the bedrock of Democrats' support in northern Minnesota, backed the plan on the promise it will create scores of new jobs.

Regulators in Canada, North Dakota and Wisconsin have given the necessary approvals, and some work on those segments already has been completed. In Minnesota, the Calgary, Alberta-based Enbridge is still waiting for permits while court challenges play out.

While it waits, the pipeline has become a political weapon. Democrats and Republicans in Minnesota are in a tug of war over working-class, rural voters needed to win statewide. Trump won enough of those voters to come within just 1.52 percentage points — fewer than 45,000 votes — of beating Democrat Hillary Clinton in 2016. He has said repeatedly he intends to win Minnesota in 2020, something not done by a Republican since Richard Nixon in 1972.

While Trump hasn't taken a specific stand on Line 3, he's made it clear that he's all for oil pipelines. Soon after taking office, he signed executive actions to advance the highly disputed Keystone XL and Dakota Access projects, vowing, "From now on we are going to start making pipelines in the United States." He backed that up in April with more orders to assert presidential power over cross-border pipelines and to make it harder for states to block them over environmental concerns.

Some Democratic candidates have been eager to draw a contrast. Sanders, a Vermont senator, was the first to come out against Line 3. In January, he tweeted a video of himself listening to indigenous activists about the proposal and wrote: "The dangerous Line 3 pipeline in Minnesota would send a million barrels of tar sands oil — the dirtiest fossil fuel in the world — through the headwaters of the Mississippi River, tribal treaty lands and sacred wild rice beds. It must be stopped."

Warren, a senator from Massachusetts, weighed in just ahead of a recent visit to Minnesota by tweeting: "The Line 3 pipeline would threaten Minnesota's public waters, lands, and agricultural areas important to several Tribal Nations. I'm with @MN_350 and Minnesota organizers fighting to #StopLine3 and protect



FILE - In this June 29, 2018, file photo, pipeline used to carry crude oil is shown at the Superior terminal of Enbridge Energy in Superior, Wis. The divisive fight over the future of a crude oil pipeline across Minnesota highlights the dilemmas for Democrats in a state that's expected to become a battleground in the 2020 presidential race. And that could spell opportunity for President Donald Trump, who came close to winning the historically red state in 2016. (AP Photo/Jim Mone, File)

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our environment.”

She was referring to MN350, a climate change group that’s part of the opposition. Its spokesman, Brent Benson, called on other candidates who’ve spoken out against climate change to oppose Line 3, too.

“It’s folly to be promoting fossil fuel infrastructure in the middle of a climate crisis,” Benson said. “Presidential candidates have an opportunity and a duty to point that out.”

Other Democrats have not taken clear positions on the project. The campaigns of Biden and South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg did not respond to repeated requests for comment. A spokesman for Sen. Kamala Harris of California didn’t address whether she has a position on Line 3, but pointed out that she opposed the Keystone XL and Dakota Access pipelines.

Klobuchar has also avoided taking a position. She has said she wants to ensure a thorough environmental and scientific review to determine if the Line 3 project should move forward. Minnesota regulators signed off on the main environmental review last year, although an appeals court has ordered additional study on the potential impacts to the Lake Superior watershed. But she recently returned \$5,600 in donations from an Enbridge project manager after a liberal watchdog group, the Public Accountability Initiative, revealed them.

In contrast to the divided Democrats, Minnesota Republicans have made it clear that they support Line 3, and that they see it as a winning strategy for 2020, coupled with other issues that split Democrats along ideological and geographic lines, such as copper-nickel mining to northeastern Minnesota.

Just before her visit to Minnesota, Warren also tweeted her opposition to a proposed Twin Metals mine near Ely. Like her position against Line 3, it drew an angry response from labor unions.

“Why would you want to be against something that will create so many jobs, and living (wage) jobs, within an area that desperately needs it?” Mike Syversrud, president of the Iron Range Building and Construction Trades Council, told the online news site MinnPost.

When Republican Jason Lewis launched his U.S. Senate campaign at the Minnesota State Fair, the former congressman said he would focus on greater Minnesota — the mostly rural part outside the Minneapolis-St. Paul area — to make up for Democratic strength in the cities. He highlighted the 8th Congressional District, which covers northeastern Minnesota and has swung from blue to red. Lewis said Trump’s campaign is “dead serious about Minnesota,” and that he expects them to follow the same strategy.

“Greater Minnesota is turning red, deep red. ... I don’t know how a Democrat’s going to win the 8th District promising to give pink slips to every trade union member on the Iron Range, promising to stop Enbridge, to stop copper mining, to stop logging, to stop people from having jobs on the Iron Range,” Lewis said.

At 9/11 memorial, new recognition for a longer-term toll

By JENNIFER PELTZ Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — When the names of nearly 3,000 Sept. 11 victims are read aloud Wednesday at the World Trade Center, a half-dozen stacks of stone will quietly salute an untold number of people who aren’t on the list.

The granite slabs were installed on the memorial plaza this spring. They recognize an initially unseen toll of the 2001 terrorist attacks: firefighters, police and others who died or fell ill after exposure to toxins unleashed in the wreckage.

The unusual addition reflects a memorial that is evolving as the aftermath of 9/11 does. And for families like Joanna Reisman’s, the new 9/11 Memorial Glade gives their loved ones a place in the landscape of remembrance at ground zero.

A firefighter’s widow, she emphasizes that the losses thousands of families suffered on Sept. 11 were horrific.

“We just have to recognize that there were others, too,” says Reisman, whose 54-year-old husband, Lt. Steven Reisman, searched through the World Trade Center debris for remains, and then died in 2014 of brain cancer. He was 54.

Subtle and sculptural, the memorial glade features six stone pieces inlaid with steel salvaged trade center

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steel. They jut from the ground along a tree-lined pathway.

Unlike the plaza's massive waterfall pools memorializing people killed on 9/11 — those whose names are read at anniversary ceremonies — the boulders are not inscribed with the names of those they honor. There is no finite list of them, at least not yet.

Instead, nearby signs dedicate the glade "to those whose actions in our time of need led to their injury, sickness, and death," including first responders, recovery workers, survivors and community members at the attack sites at the trade center, at the Pentagon and near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

The collapse of the trade center's twin towers produced thick dust clouds, and fires burned for months in the rubble.

Many rescue and recovery workers later developed respiratory and digestive system ailments potentially linked to inhaled and swallowed dust. Some were diagnosed with other illnesses, including cancer.

Research continues into whether those illnesses are tied to 9/11 toxins. A 2018 study did not find higher-than-normal death rates overall among people exposed to the dust and smoke, but researchers have noted more deaths than expected from brain cancer, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and certain other diseases; an unusual number of suicides among rescue and recovery workers. Studies also have suggested that highly exposed workers may face more problems, including somewhat higher death rates and a modestly higher risk of heart trouble, than less-exposed colleagues.

Over 51,000 people have applied to a victims compensation fund that makes payments to people with illnesses potentially related to 9/11; it has awarded over \$5.5 billion so far. After impassioned advocacy, lawmakers this summer ensured it won't run out of money .

None of that was foreseen when the memorial design was chosen in January 2004. But the selection jury "knew that we'd be picking something that allowed for an evolution of the site," says member James E. Young, a retired University of Massachusetts Amherst professor.

As attention grew to the deaths of ailing 9/11 rescue, recovery and cleanup workers, some memorials elsewhere began adding their names . A remembrance wall focused on them was dedicated in 2011 in Nesconset, on Long Island.

But the trade center memorial has a "responsibility — especially where it's located, on sacred ground — to continue to tell the story," says John Feal, who lost part of a foot while working as a demolition supervisor there and later founded a charity that maintains the Nesconset memorial.

Ground zero memorial leaders had misgivings at first, memorial CEO Alice Greenwald says. They noted



In this Thursday, Aug. 29, 2019, photo a visitor touches one of the granite slabs at the 9/11 Memorial Glade at the National September 11 Memorial & Museum in New York. When the names of nearly 3,000 Sept. 11 victims are read aloud Wednesday, Sept. 11 at the World Trade Center, a half-dozen stacks of stone will quietly salute an untold number of people who aren't on the list. The granite slabs were installed on the memorial plaza this spring. They recognize an initially unseen toll of the 2001 terrorist attacks: firefighters, police and others who died or fell ill after exposure to toxins unleashed in the wreckage. (AP

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that the health problems were documented in the below-ground Sept. 11 museum, though it gets far fewer visitors than the memorial plaza. And the leaders felt protective of the memory of people killed on 9/11.

Responders and health advocates "could see what we couldn't see right away ... that this was really something that needed to be commemorated, as much as documented," Greenwald said.

Plans for the \$5 million glade, designed by memorial plaza architects Michael Arad and Peter Walker, were ultimately announced in 2017.

The traditional image of a memorial is an immutable tribute, literally written in stone — if also potentially susceptible to shifting views of its subject, as demonstrated by ongoing debate over Confederate statues around the American South.

But sometimes monuments adapt to take on more meanings.

Some memorials built after one war get expanded or rededicated to include veterans of other wars. A memorial to victims of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing was destroyed on 9/11, and their names were included in the current memorial.

After the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was built in Washington, additions nearby recognized nurses and other women who served, and veterans who died years later from lasting effects of the defoliant Agent Orange, post-traumatic stress disorder or other injuries that initially weren't recognized.

Such memorials speak to a change over time in how, and whom, monuments commemorate, said Kirk Savage, a University of Pittsburgh art and architecture history professor and memorials expert.

Rather than a 19th-century leader on a pedestal, newer memorials often acknowledge everyday people's involvement in historic events and shift focus "from recognizing people that we emulate to people that we grieve for," he said.

Caryn Pfeifer has had many people to grieve for over the past 18 years.

First there were the colleagues and friends whom her husband, firefighter Ray Pfeifer, lost on 9/11 and whose remains he sought in the debris. Then there were those who got sick and died over the years, as he fought for health care for first responders while battling his own kidney cancer.

Now she also mourns her husband. He died in 2017, at 59.

With the new memorial glade, she says, "now we have a place to go and sit, think about everybody, and just pray for the next poor guy."

Plan for Taliban meeting latest bold Trump gamble to unravel

By **DEB RIECHMANN** and **MATTHEW LEE** Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's weekend tweet canceling secret meetings at Camp David with the Taliban and Afghan leaders just days before the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks is the latest example of a commander in chief willing to take a big risk in pursuit of a foreign policy victory only to see it dashed.

What had seemed like an imminent deal to end the war has unraveled, with Trump and the Taliban blaming each other for the collapse of nearly a year of U.S.-Taliban negotiations in Doha, Qatar.

The insurgents are now promising more bloodshed. The Afghan government remains mostly on the sidelines of the U.S. effort to end America's longest war. And as Trump's reelection campaign heats up, his quest to withdraw the remaining 14,000 U.S. troops from Afghanistan remains unfulfilled — so far.

Trump said he axed the Camp David meetings and called off negotiations because of a recent Taliban bombing near the U.S. Embassy in Kabul that killed a U.S. service member, even though nine other Americans have died since June 25 in Taliban-orchestrated violence. But the deal started unraveling days earlier after Afghan President Ashraf Ghani postponed his trip to Washington and the Taliban refused to travel to the U.S. before a deal was actually signed, according to a former senior Afghan official.

Trump's secret plan for high-level meetings at the presidential retreat in Maryland resembled other bold, unorthodox foreign policy initiatives — with North Korea, China and Iran — that the president has pursued that have yet to bear fruit.

"When the Taliban tried to gain negotiating advantage by conducting terror attacks inside of the coun-

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try, President Trump made the right decision to say that's not going to work," said Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who appeared Sunday on five TV news shows.

Trump's three high-profile meetings with North Korea's Kim Jong Un — including the president's recent brief footsteps onto North Korean soil — prompted deep unease from many quarters, including his conservative base in Congress.

And while the meetings produced the ready-for-television visuals that Trump is known to relish, negotiations between Washington and Pyongyang have been stalled for months with no tangible progress in getting the North to abandon its nuclear weapons.

Trump's offers to hold talks with the Iranian leadership have similarly met with no result and Iran has moved ahead with actions that violate the 2015 nuclear deal that the president withdrew from last year.

With China, Trump has vigorously pursued a trade war, imposing billions of dollars in tariffs on Chinese imports that have yet to force a retreat by Beijing. So far, the discussions have unsettled financial markets and have resulted in retaliatory steps by both Beijing and Washington.

Pompeo defended Trump's foreign policy, depicting it as tough diplomacy, rather than naivete or inexperience.

"He walked away in Hanoi from the North Koreans where they wouldn't do a deal that made sense for America," Pompeo said. "He'll do that with the Iranians. When the Chinese moved away from the trade agreement that they had promised us they would make, he broke up those conversations, too."

Democrats said Trump's decision to nix a deal with the Taliban was evidence that he was moving too quickly to get one. Far from guaranteeing a cease-fire, the deal only included Taliban commitments to reduce violence in Kabul and neighboring Parwan province, where the U.S. has a military base.

New Jersey Sen. Bob Menendez, the ranking Democrat on the Foreign Relations Committee, said the talks were ill-conceived from the start because they haven't yet involved the Afghan government.

The Taliban have refused to negotiate with the government it sees as illegitimate and a puppet of the West so the Trump administration tried another approach, negotiating with the Taliban first to get a deal that would lead to Taliban talks with Afghans inside and outside the government.

"It's another example of the Trump administration's foreign policy, which is a high-wire act that ultimately is focused on Trump as a persona but not in the strategic, methodical effort of creating peace," Menendez said.

Criticism of the Camp David plan was not limited to Democrats or "Never Trump" Republicans.

"Camp David is where America's leaders met to plan our response after al Qaeda, supported by the Taliban, killed 3000 Americans on 9/11," tweeted Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyo. "No member of the Taliban should set foot there. Ever."



An Army carry team moves a transfer case containing the remains of Sgt. 1st Class Elis Barreto Ortiz, 34, from Morovis, Puerto Rico, past Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019, at Dover Air Force Base, Del. According to the Department of Defense, Ortiz was killed in action Sept. 5, when a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle in Kabul, Afghanistan. Ortiz was supporting Operation Freedom's Sentinel. (AP

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A U.S. official familiar with the Taliban negotiations said the “very closely held” idea of a Camp David meeting was first discussed up to a week and a half ago when Trump huddled with his national security team and other top advisers to talk about Afghanistan. The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss private deliberations.

Some administration officials, including national security adviser John Bolton, did not back the agreement with the Taliban as it was written, the official said. They didn’t think the Taliban can be trusted. Bolton advised the president to draw down the U.S. force to 8,600 — enough to counter terror threats — and “let it be” until a better deal could be hammered out, the official said. Pompeo said he didn’t know if Trump will follow through on his pledge to reduce the number of U.S. troops there from 14,000 to 8,600.

U.S. envoy Zalmay Khalilzad had recently announced that he had reached an agreement in principle with the Taliban. Under the deal, the U.S. would withdraw about 5,000 U.S. troops within 135 days of signing. In exchange, the insurgents agreed to reduce violence and prevent Afghanistan from being used as a launch pad for global terror attacks, including from local Islamic State affiliate and al-Qaida.

Pompeo said the Taliban agreed to break with al-Qaida — something that past administrations have failed to get the Taliban to do. The insurgent group had hosted al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden as he masterminded the 9/11 attacks. After the attacks, the U.S. ousted the Taliban, which had ruled Afghanistan with a harsh version of Islamic law from 1996 to 2000.

But problems quickly emerged. Even as Khalilzad explained the deal to the Afghan people during a nationally televised interview, the Taliban detonated a car bomb targeting a compound in Kabul where many foreign contactors lived. Then on Thursday, a second Taliban car bomb exploded near the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, killing 12 people including a U.S. service member. Khalilzad abruptly returned to Doha, Qatar for at least two days of negotiations with the Taliban, but has since been recalled to Washington.

It’s unclear if the talks will resume because the Taliban won’t trust future deals they negotiate with the U.S. if they think Trump might abruptly change course, according to the former senior Afghan official, who was not authorized to discuss the issue and spoke only on condition of anonymity. The official, who has had many discussions about the peace process with both U.S. and Afghan officials, said Khalilzad’s team was not aware of Trump’s plans to tweet the end of the talks Saturday evening.

Trump’s suspension of the negotiations “will harm America more than anyone else,” the Taliban said in a statement. “It will damage its reputation, unmask its anti-peace policy to the world even more, increase its loss of life and treasure and present its political interactions as erratic.”

The former official said the deal fell apart for two main reasons. First, the Taliban refused to sign an agreement that didn’t state the end date for a complete withdrawal of American forces. That date was to be either November 2020, the same month of the U.S. presidential election, or January 2021, he said.

The U.S.-Taliban agreement was to be followed by Taliban talks with Afghans inside and outside the government to chart a political future for the country. Ghani told Khalilzad that putting a withdrawal date in the agreement would undermine the all-Afghan discourse before it began; the Taliban would have leverage in those negotiations from the get-go because the U.S. troops would be on a timeline to permanently withdraw.

Secondly, the U.S. was unsuccessful in convincing Ghani to postpone the Afghan presidential election set for Sept. 28, the official said. The U.S. argued that if the elections were held and Ghani won, his opponents and other anti-Ghani factions would protest the results, creating a political crisis that would make the all-Afghan talks untenable. Other disagreements included why the deal did not address the Taliban’s linkages to Pakistan and prisoner-hostage exchanges, the official said.

Associated Press writers Cara Anna and Rahim Faiez in Kabul; Robert Burns and Jonathan Lemire in Washington; and Julie Walker with AP Radio contributed to this report.

10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press undefined

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

1. TRUMP'S LATEST BIG RISK TO UNRAVEL

The president's pursuit of a foreign policy victory has fallen apart after his tweet cancelling secret meetings at Camp David with the Taliban and Afghan leaders.

2. 'I ASKED WHY HE WAS DOING THIS TO ME'

The AP speaks with alleged victims of a U.S. priest accused of sexually assaulting boys for decades in the Philippines.

3. WHO WARNED THE US TO STAY OUT OF ITS AFFAIRS

Thousands of demonstrators in Hong Kong held a weekend march to the U.S. Consulate to appeal to President Trump but the government advised against any interference; Students have formed protest chains in solidarity with the push for democratic reforms today.

4. WHERE THE PRESIDENT IS GOING TO TEST HIS CLOUT

Trump is heading to North Carolina to try to help a Republican get elected to the House in a closely watched special election.

5. MCCONNELL'S LEGISLATIVE 'GRAVEYARD' BACK IN SESSION

Congress returns Monday with mounting pressure on the Senate majority leader to address gun violence, election security and other issues.

6. SEARCH FOR MISSING CREW OF OVERTURNED CARGO SHIP

Rescue teams are trying to stabilize the 656-foot vehicle carrier that overturned and caught fire in efforts to locate four people.

7. BRITISH AIRWAYS GROUNDS NEARLY ALL FLIGHTS

Pilots' 48-hour strike over pay leads to the cancellations with another strike expected Sept. 27

8. WHAT TECH GIANT IS BEING TARGETED AND WHY

Texas, leading a group of states, is expected to announce an investigation into Google to examine if the company is too big and effective at stomping or acquiring rivals.

9. WHO INSPIRED TORY BURCH'S LATEST COLLECTION

The designer looked to fashion icon Princess Diana to showcase her work at New York Fashion Week.

10. REIGNING SUPER BOWL CHAMPS START SEASON WITH BLOWOUT

Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, in his 20th season, showed the Pittsburgh Steelers why "he's the best in the world," according to Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, with a stunning 33-3 win.



Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, left, and New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady speak at midfield after an NFL football game, Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019, in Foxborough, Mass. (AP Photo/Steven Senne)

Ex-SC Gov. Sanford adds name to GOP long shots against Trump

By MEG KINNARD Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Mark Sanford, the former South Carolina governor and congressman, joined the Republican race against President Donald Trump on Sunday, aiming to put his Appalachian trail travails behind him for good as he pursues an admittedly remote path to the presidency.

"I am here to tell you now that I am going to get in," Sanford said in an interview on "Fox News Sunday." "This is the beginning of a long walk."

When asked why he was taking on an incumbent who's popular within the party, Sanford, who has acknowledged his slim chances by saying he doesn't expect to become president, said: "I think we need to have a conversation on what it means to be a Republican. I think that as the Republican Party, we have lost our way."

Sanford joins Joe Walsh, a former tea-party-backed, one-term congressman from Illinois, and Bill Weld, the former Republican governor of Massachusetts, as primary challengers to Trump.

"This vanity project is going absolutely nowhere," said Drew McKissick, the South Carolina Republican Party chairman.

Sanford tweeted that he respects "the view of many Republican friends who have suggested that I not run, but I simply counter that competition makes us stronger."

"Humbly I step forward," he said.

The 59-year-old Sanford has long been an outspoken critic of Trump's, frequently questioning his motivations and qualifications during the run-up to the 2016 presidential election and calling Trump's candidacy "a particularly tough pill to swallow."

Ultimately, though, Sanford said he would support Trump in the 2016 general election, although he had "no stomach for his personal style and his penchant for regularly demeaning others," continuing a drumbeat that the then-candidate release his tax returns.

As Sanford sought reelection to his post representing South Carolina's 1st District in 2018, drawing a primary challenger who embraced Trump, the president took interest in the race. State Rep. Katie Arrington repeatedly aired ads featuring Sanford's on-air critiques of Trump and attached the "Never Trump" moniker to Sanford, a condemnation in a state that Trump carried by double digits in 2016.

Although unlikely to have had a significant impact on the results, Trump endorsed Arrington just hours before the polls closed, tweeting that Sanford "has been very unhelpful to me in my campaign" and that "He is better off in Argentina" — a reference to Sanford's secret 2009 rendezvous to South America for an extramarital affair while his in-the-dark gubernatorial staff told reporters he was hiking the Appalachian Trail.

Asked Sunday if that incident could be a distraction to his campaign, Sanford said that the aftermath



FILE - In this July 21, 2018, file photo, Republican politician Mark Sanford speaks at OZY Fest in Central Park in New York. Sanford, the former South Carolina governor and congressman, has decided to launch a longshot Republican challenge to President Donald Trump. "I am here to tell you now that I am going to get in," Sanford said in an interview on "Fox News Sunday," Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019.

(Photo by Evan Agostini/Invision/AP, File)

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had forced him to attain a new "level of empathy."

"I profoundly apologize for that," he added, noting that South Carolina voters subsequently forgave him politically and sent him back to Congress.

Days after his first-ever political loss, Sanford described Trumpism as "a cancerous growth," warning the GOP that the cancer is spreading.

"We have a president that will tell numerous dis-truths in the course of a day, yet that's not challenged," Sanford said. "What's cancerous here is in an open political system, there has to be some measure of objective truth."

Sanford won three terms for U.S. House in the 1990s, then two four-year terms as governor before the affair marred the end of his second term. He returned to politics a couple of years later and won a special election to his old U.S. House seat in 2013, holding on twice more.

Throughout his political career, Sanford has played up his outsider credentials — both in the U.S. House, where he supported a box to check on federal tax returns to put \$3 toward the national debt, and as governor, bringing a pair of squealing pigs to the state House and Senate chamber to protest what he call pork spending.

As the main focus of his presidential bid, Sanford has said he plans to zero in on holding down federal spending, an issue on which he has railed since his initial stint in the House. Known during his Capitol Hill years as a deficit hawk, Sanford expressed a determination to bring debt and fiscal restraint into the national conversation.

"Let's go out and try to force a conversation about that which is not being talked about in this country," Sanford said Sunday.

Sanford won't be able to compete in his home state of South Carolina, which on Saturday — along with Nevada and Kansas — announced it won't hold presidential nominating balloting in 2020, erecting more hurdles for the long shot candidates challenging Trump.

Sanford's possible presidential motivations immediately drew skepticism from a primary opponent and some South Carolina political observers who have watched him plot a political comeback before and questioned whether he was merely seeking publicity and relevance.

"This is about Mark Sanford looking to raise his political career from the grave, not him wanting to advance ideas," said McKissick, the state party chairman.

Last month, Sanford acknowledged his motivations in an interview with The Associated Press.

"It's not as if I'm saying, you know, I think I can become president," he said. "But I think you can change the debate, and you might even have an impact on the general election."

Walsh said he welcomed Sanford's candidacy but questioned his commitment.

"How the hell can you say 'I'm going to primary the president of the United States, but I don't think I can win, it's not about winning?'" Walsh said in Manchester, New Hampshire. "That makes no sense to me. ... Why would you do this unless you really had a good reason?"

But Weld, in a tweet, proclaimed himself "so excited" that Sanford, "an experienced and thoughtful fiscal conservative," was in the race.

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Hong Kong tells US to stay out; students form protest chains

By EILEEN NG Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — Thousands of students formed human chains outside schools across Hong Kong on Monday to show solidarity to push for democratic reforms after violent weekend clashes in the semi-autonomous Chinese territory.

The silent protest comes as the Hong Kong government condemned the "illegal behavior of radical pro-

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testers" and warned the U.S. to stay out of its affairs.

Thousands of demonstrators held a peaceful march Sunday to the U.S. Consulate to seek Washington's support, but violence erupted later in the day in a business and retail district as protesters vandalized subway stations, set fires and blocked traffic, prompting police to fire tear gas.

Hong Kong's government agreed last week to withdraw an extradition bill that sparked a summer of protests, but demonstrators want other demands to be met, including direct elections of city leaders and an independent inquiry into police actions.

Protesters in their Sunday march appealed to President Donald Trump to "stand with Hong Kong" and ensure Congress pass a bill that proposes economic sanctions and penalties on Hong Kong and China officials who are found to be suppressing democracy and human rights in the city.

Hong Kong's government expressed regret over the U.S. bill, known as the Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act. It said in a statement Monday that "foreign legislatures should not interfere in any form in the internal affairs" of Hong Kong.

The government said it was "very much in Hong Kong's own interest to maintain our autonomy to safeguard our interests and advantages under the 'one country, two systems' principle" after the former British colony returned to Chinese rule in 1997.

U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said last week that Hong Kong residents deserve real autonomy and freedom from fear. She urged an end to police violence against protesters and said Congress looks forward to "swiftly advancing" the Hong Kong bill.

The unrest has become the biggest challenge to Beijing's rule since it took over Hong Kong, and an embarrassment to its ruling Communist party ahead of Oct. 1 celebrations of its 70th year in power. Beijing and the entirely state-controlled media have portrayed the protests as an effort by criminals to split the territory from China, backed by what it said were hostile foreigners.

Trump has suggested it's a matter for China to handle, though he also has said that no violence should be used. Political analysts suggest that his response was muted because he doesn't want to disrupt talks with China over their tariff war.

High school and university students across Hong Kong held hands for a second straight week Monday to form long human chains that snaked into the streets outside their schools before the bell rang. They were joined by many graduates wearing the protesters' trademark black tops and masks.

Some university students continued their protest chains at lunch time, with passing cars honking in support. Many rallied against what they viewed as excessive use of force by police, with one student carrying a placard that read "Stop violence, we are not rioters."

At the St. Paul Co-educational College, a Catholic school, students in blue dresses also chanted "Five key



Students wearing mask hold hands to surround St. Stephen's Girls' College in Hong Kong, Monday, Sept. 9, 2019. Thousands of demonstrators in Hong Kong urged President Donald Trump to "liberate" the semiautonomous Chinese territory during a peaceful march to the U.S. Consulate on Sunday, but violence broke out later in the business and retail district as police fired tear gas after protesters vandalized subway stations, set fires and blocked traffic.

(AP Photo/Kin Cheung)

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demands, not one less," the slogan of protesters who have refused to yield until all their demands are met.

Apart from the extradition bill's withdrawal, protesters also want direct elections for Hong Kong's leader, an independent probe into alleged police brutality against demonstrators, unconditional release of those detained and not characterizing the protests as riots. Police have detained more than 1,200 people.

Separately, well-known Hong Kong activist Joshua Wong was released Monday, a day after he was detained at the airport following an oversight in his bail certificate.

Wong, a leader of Hong Kong's 2014 pro-democracy protest movement, was among several people held last month and was charged with inciting people to join a protest in June. His prosecution comes after his release from prison in June for a two-month sentence related to the 2014 protests.

A court said Wong's overseas trips had been approved earlier and his detention was due to mistakes in dates in his bail certificate.

Wong, who visited Taiwan last week, said he will proceed with trips to Germany and the U.S. to raise global awareness about Hong Kong's fight for democratic reforms.

Germany's foreign minister welcomed Wong's release and called it "a good signal."

Heiko Maas said if Wong is Berlin, "I am prepared to see him," and the opportunity might arise.

"We hope that the conflict there will be de-escalated bit by bit, but without that entailing the rights people are entitled to — namely the right to express their opinion, including on the street — in any way being limited," Maas told reporters in Berlin.

Associated Press writer Geir Moulson in Berlin contributed to this story.

Georgia: Search on for 4 missing after cargo ship overturned

ST. SIMONS ISLAND, Ga. (AP) — Rescuers scoured the Georgia coast on Sunday for four missing crew members of a cargo ship that overturned and caught fire, but the efforts ran into trouble amid the flames and instability of the ship, the U.S. Coast Guard said.

The Golden Ray cargo ship's problems began early Sunday morning when it listed heavily and rolled on its side in St. Simons Sound near the Port of Brunswick with 23 crew members and one pilot on board.

Coast Guard Capt. John Reed said 20 were safely evacuated from the ship before rescuers determined the situation, as smoke and flames appeared, was too risky to go further inside the vessel. The vessel was just offshore in view of beachgoers on the shoreline.

Reed said rescue teams Sunday were trying to stabilize the 656-foot

(200-meter) vehicle carrier to continue their search for the missing crew, but they have been unable to determine if the fire has been extinguished. The Coast Guard tweeted later Sunday afternoon that one of its groups, called the Atlantic Strike Team, was preparing to depart to the site to assess what it called



People are shown on Jekyll Island's Driftwood Beach as the Golden Ray cargo ship is capsized in the background, off the Georgia coast, Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019. (AP Photo/Terry

Dickson)

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a complex situation.

"Once salvage professionals have determined the vessel to be stable, we will identify the best option to continue our rescue efforts for the four crew members who remain on board," Reed said at a news conference Sunday afternoon.

Search and rescue operations involve federal, state and local agencies. Coast Guard Lt. Lloyd Heflin said rescuers remained on the scene.

"They continue to do what they can. It is a complex situation. We're looking not just for the safety to be able to rescue the people that are on board, but also to be able to provide safety for our crew. It's ongoing," he said.

The Coast Guard said it was notified by a 911 call at about 2 a.m. Sunday of a capsized vessel in the sound.

The cause of the incident remains under investigation. Petty Officer 3rd Class Ryan Dickinson said it isn't clear if weather conditions caused the ship to lurch. Hurricane Dorian brushed past the Georgia coast last week before being downgraded to a post-tropical cyclone.

The Coast Guard said the overturned ship hasn't released any pollutants so far, but mitigation responses are ready in case they're needed.

The Golden Ray, which the Coast Guard said was transporting cars, is flagged out of the Marshall Islands and was headed to Baltimore, according to the website vesselfinder.com. The ship's registered owner is a South Korean company.

The Port of Brunswick is currently closed to vessel traffic, with an established emergency safety zone in St. Simons Sound. Vessels are not authorized within a half mile of the Golden Ray.

The port is one of the busiest U.S. seaports for shipping automobiles. Nearly 614,000 vehicles and heavy machinery units moved across its docks in the 2019 fiscal year that ended June 30, according to the Georgia Ports Authority.

Brady starts his 20th season by beating Steelers 33-3

By JIMMY GOLEN AP Sports Writer

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — The New England Patriots trolled the Pittsburgh Steelers on Saturday and then blew them out Sunday night.

A day after the acquiring former Steelers malcontent Antonio Brown, the reigning Super Bowl champions showed they might not even need him, getting 341 yards and three touchdown passes from 42-year-old Tom Brady to beat Pittsburgh 33-3.

"Well, he's the best in the world," Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger said. "There's a reason he's the best when he's out there doing his thing."

Phillip Dorsett caught two touchdown passes, including a 58-yard score, and Josh Gordon — another receiver who wore out his welcome elsewhere — caught one TD pass. On the night New England unveiled its sixth NFL championship banner, Super Bowl MVP Julian Edelman caught six passes for 83 yards and also completed a throw to help the Patriots begin their title defense.

No one has won back-to-back NFL titles since New England did it in 2003 and '04.

"We were so locked in on the moment. We were locked in because we knew of the expectations," defensive back Duron Harmon said. "We knew that when we had the opportunity to play the Steelers, on opening night, with the banner raising, we were going to do everything possible to prepare the right way."

Facing the last team to beat them, back in Week 15 last year, the Patriots opened a 20-0 lead before Pittsburgh kicked a field goal on fourth-and-goal from the 1 with 10:17 left in the third quarter. Brady responded with a 58-yard touchdown pass to Dorsett and a 27-3 lead.

Dorsett had four catches for 95 yards and the first multi-score game of his career. He will be moving down the depth chart Monday when the Patriots are expected to make Brown's signing official.

"He's a playmaker," Edelman said. "The more playmakers you have, the more dynamic we can be."

The move couldn't be welcome in Pittsburgh. Unable to get Brown to behave, the Steelers refused to

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trade the disgruntled diva to New England only to see him wind up with the team that has reached the AFC championship game eight straight seasons.

"Whatever," Roethlisberger said

"Didn't spend a lot of time thinking about it or dwelling on it," said Steelers coach Mike Tomlin. "I'm not specifically worried about anything relative to Antonio Brown."

Roethlisberger completed 27 of 47 passes for 277 yards and an interception, though 116 of the yards came on non-scoring drives in the fourth quarter with the Steelers down four scores. The offense showed the effects of losing two of its biggest playmakers: Brown, who talked and tweeted his way out of both Pittsburgh and Oakland in one offseason, and running back Le'Veon Bell, a two-time All-Pro who sat out all of last season to avoid a franchise tag.

In their place, James Conner gained 21 yards on 10 carries; the Steelers gained only 32 yards rushing in all. Top receiver JuJu Smith-Schuster caught six passes for 78 yards, 26 of it coming on one throw in the final six minutes with the Steelers already trailing 33-3.

The drive ended when Roethlisberger threw it into the end zone from the 41-yard line and was picked off by Devin McCourty.

The Steelers had five full possessions in the first half and punted on four of them, going three-and-out three times.

"We got our butts whooped," defensive tackle Cameron Heyward said.

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Brown, who asked for and was granted his release by Oakland on Saturday morning and then agreed to terms with the Patriots in the afternoon, and was not yet eligible to play.

There was no sign of him at the stadium. The Patriots are expected to announce on Monday the one-year deal that will guarantee the four-time All-Pro \$9 million. Asked about it during his postgame news conference, coach Bill Belichick didn't even allow a reporter to finish his question.

"Do you have any comment on the reports ... "

"No," Belichick interrupted. "Next."

"Of Antonio Brown ..."

"Next," Belichick said.

BANNER NIGHT

The Patriots made room for another Super Bowl memento above their south end zone.

The team unveiled their sixth championship banner before the game in a ceremony that included fireworks and a highlight video projected onto a screen covering much of the field.

Drew Bledsoe, Ty Law, Willie McGinest, Rob Ninkovich and Martellus Bennett brought out the first five Lombardi Trophies. Owner Robert Kraft brought out the one the team won in February by beating the Los Angeles Rams 13-3 — the one that was dented by Rob Gronkowski when he used it for batting practice at the Boston Red Sox opener.

Kraft received a big cheer from the fans, who seemed unbothered by charges that he solicited prostitution in a Florida massage parlor. Gronkowski, who retired in March, also received a loud cheer.

INJURIES

Steelers: Linebacker T.J. Watt left with a hip injury and did not return.

Patriots: Linebacker Marcus Cannon had a shoulder injury.

UP NEXT

Steelers: Host the Seattle Seahawks next Sunday.

Patriots: Visit Miami next Sunday.

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19 Slams: Nadal stops Medvedev comeback bid to win US Open

By HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Rafael Nadal's 19th Grand Slam trophy went from inevitable to suddenly in doubt in a thrill-a-minute U.S. Open final.

What had all the makings of a casual crowning morphed into a grueling contest thanks to Nadal's opponent, Daniil Medvedev, a man a decade younger and appearing in his first major title match. Down by two sets and a break, Medvedev shifted styles, upped his level against a rattled Nadal — and even received an unexpected boost from the Arthur Ashe Stadium spectators.

Truly tested for the only time in the tournament, the No. 2-seeded Nadal managed to stop Medvedev's surge Sunday and hold off his historic comeback bid, pulling out a 7-5, 6-3, 5-7, 4-6, 6-4 victory in 4 hours, 50 minutes of highlight-worthy action and Broadway-worthy drama to collect his fourth championship at Flushing Meadows.

"One of the most emotional nights of my tennis career," said Nadal, who covered his face with his hands while crying when arena video boards showed clips from each of his Slam triumphs.

"The last three hours of the match have been very, very intense, no?" Nadal said. "Very tough mentally and physically, too."

Now at 19 majors — a total Medvedev called "outrageous" — Nadal is merely one away from rival Roger Federer's record for men.

But this one did not come easily. Not at all.

Sure seemed it might, with Nadal ahead by two sets and a break in the third at 3-2, playing like "a beast out there," as the No. 5-seeded Medvedev put it.

At that moment, Medvedev would joke afterward, this is where his thoughts were: "OK, in 20 minutes I have to give a speech. What do I say?"

But the 23-year-old from Russia did not go gently into the night. He broke right back to 3-all, then again to claim that set and yet again to end the fourth.

"The nerves were so high," Nadal said. "A crazy match."

Not since 1949 has anyone won a U.S. Open final after trailing by two sets to none. Never before had Medvedev won a five-set match. Only once before had Nadal lost a Grand Slam match after taking the opening two sets.

And yet the tension was real.

At the very end — or what appeared to be the very end — Nadal couldn't close it out. After breaking to lead 3-2 in the fifth, in a game Medvedev led 40-love before flubbing an easy forehand, Nadal broke again and served for the championship at 5-2.

The way this back-and-forth tale was spun, though, it probably was inevitable that Medvedev would break there. And so he did, because Nadal double-faulted on break point after he was docked a serve for



Rafael Nadal, of Spain, poses with the championship trophy after defeating Daniil Medvedev, of Russia, to win the men's singles final of the U.S. Open tennis championships Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019, in New York. (AP Photo/Charles Krupa)

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his third time violation of the evening, which elicited loud boos from folks in the stands.

In the next game, Nadal held a pair of match points, but Medvedev, of course, avoided defeat yet another time, erasing one of those with a backhand winner, the other with a service winner, earning a standing ovation.

With Nadal's backers screaming, "Close it out!" at the ensuing changeover, he once more stepped to the baseline to try to serve it out, this time at 5-4. Naturally, he was forced to deal with another heart-in-throat break point, but came up with a stinging forehand that drew a long forehand from Medvedev.

Two points later, it was over, and the indefatigable Nadal was splayed on his back on the court, as he's been so often at the conclusion of energy-sapping, will-challenging, high-stakes matches.

"What he went through during the match and still being able to survive and finish the match that way, it's out of this world," said one of Nadal's coaches, Carlos Moya. "You have to be, mentally, a genius. He's still there, still fighting and turning things around when things look really bad. He was able to do that today."

Add the Spaniard's haul in New York to his 12 titles at the French Open, two at Wimbledon and one at the Australian Open, and the 20-19 gap between Federer and Nadal is the closest it's been in 15 years. Federer led 1-0 after his breakthrough triumph at the All England Club in 2003, and he had four by the time Nadal got his first at Roland Garros in 2005.

Federer, who lost in the quarterfinals at the U.S. Open, is 38, while Nadal is 33 — making him the oldest male champion at Flushing Meadows since 1970. He's also the first man to win five majors after turning 30.

Nadal says he wants to finish his career at No. 1 in the Grand Slam standings — ahead of Federer and Novak Djokovic, looming in third place currently with 16 — but also insists he won't base his happiness on how it all shakes out in the end.

This particular match ended the way he wanted it to. The journey just took more detours than anyone could have anticipated.

It also, Nadal said, made "this day unforgettable, part of my history."

When the 6-foot-6 (1.98-meter) Medvedev sensed the loss approaching, he turned into a trickier foe, playing less defensively and more aggressively. He alternated serve-and-volley rushes with a penchant for out-hitting Nadal at the baseline. For a stretch, it felt as if Medvedev simply could not miss, and he finished with a 75-62 edge in winners.

That's the sort of ball-striking Medvedev displayed while going 20-2 during the North American hard-court circuit until Sunday, reaching four finals in a row. But he also switched tactics, winning 22 of 29 serve-and-volley points.

"The way that he was able to fight, to change the rhythm of the match, was just incredible," Nadal said.

The Flushing Meadows fans that jeered Medvedev in Week 1 because of his on-court behavior — he trolled his detractors by sarcastically thanking them and telling him their vitriol was why he won — were pulling for him.

Or, as he noted during the trophy ceremony, pulling for more bang for the bucks they spent on tickets. They certainly got that.

"I'll definitely remember it," Medvedev said, "even when I'm, like, 70 years old."

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Dorian lashes east Canada, then weakens heading out to sea

By ROB GILLIES Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — The storm that already walloped the Virgin Islands, Bahamas and North Carolina lashed at far-eastern Canada with hurricane-force winds for much of Sunday, knocking out power to hundreds of thousands of people before weakening and heading into the North Atlantic.

Dorian had hit near the city of Halifax Saturday afternoon, ripping roofs off apartment buildings, toppling a huge construction crane and uprooting trees. There were no reported deaths in Canada, though the storm was blamed for at least 50 elsewhere along its path.

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The U.S. National Hurricane Center said the post-tropical cyclone was centered about 375 miles (600 kilometers) north of Cape Race, Newfoundland, late Sunday. Its top sustained winds continued at to 60 mph (95 kph), after being above the 74 mph threshold of hurricane force earlier in the day. It was heading to the east-northeast, roughly up the St. Lawrence River, at 24 mph (39 kph).

The storm swept over northwestern Newfoundland and southeastern Labrador during the afternoon and moved out over the cold waters of the Labrador Sea during the night.

Nova Scotia officials asked people in the province to stay off the roads so crews could safely remove trees and debris and restore power.

The government said up to 700 Canadian troops would be fanning out across the Maritimes to help restore electricity, clear roadways and evacuate residents in flooded areas.

Nova Scotia Power Inc. chief executive Karen Hutt said over 400,000 Nova

Scotia Power customers lost power at the peak of the storm and 50,000 had since been restored. About 80% of Nova Scotia's homes and businesses were blacked out — the highest in the company's history. Hutt said some customers could remain without service for days.

On Prince Edward Island, about 75% of homes and businesses had no electricity by Sunday afternoon, according to the province's Public Safety Department.

Widespread blackouts affecting up to 80,000 NB Power customers were reported in southern New Brunswick.

By far the greatest devastation caused by the storm was in the Bahamas, where Dorian struck a week ago as a Category 5 hurricane with 185 mph (295 kph) winds, and then hovered just offshore for more than a day and a half, obliterating thousands of homes.

Planes, cruise ships and yachts were evacuating people from the Abaco Islands and officials were trying to reach areas still isolated by flooding and debris.

The country's National Emergency Management Agency said it was sending in extra staff because operations had been hampered by the storm's impact on local workers.

The agency said it was setting up shelters or temporary housing for the newly homeless across the islands and appealed for Bahamians to take in storm victims.

Health Minister Duane Sands said Sunday the death toll had risen by one to 44. Dorian was blamed for five deaths in the U.S. Southeast and one in Puerto Rico.

Meanwhile, floodwaters were receding from North Carolina's Outer Banks, leaving behind a muddy trail of destruction. The storm's worst damage in the U.S. appeared to be on Ocracoke Island, which even in good weather is accessible only by boat or air and is popular with tourists for its undeveloped beaches.

Residents who waited out the storm described strong winds followed by a wall of water that flooded the



A street is blocked by fallen trees as a result of Hurricane Dorian pounding the area with heavy rain and wind in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019. Hurricane Dorian brought wind, rain and heavy seas that knocked out power across the region, left damage to buildings and trees as well as disruption to transportation. (Andrew Vaughan/

The Canadian Press via AP)

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first floors of many homes and forced some to await rescue from their attics.

"We're used to cleaning up dead limbs and trash that's floating around," said Ocracoke business owner Philip Howard said Saturday. "But now it's everything: picnic tables, doors, lumber that's been floating around."

Gov. Roy Cooper said about 800 people had remained on the island to wait out Dorian, which made landfall Friday morning over the Outer Banks as a far weaker storm than the monster that devastated the Bahamas.

The governor said officials were aware of no serious injuries on the Outer Banks from the storm. About 200 people were in shelters and 45,000 without power Saturday, according to the governor's office. Emergency officials transported fuel trucks, generators, food and water to Ocracoke.

Dorian also lashed the eastern tip of Maine with heavy rain, strong winds and high surf as the storm passed offshore. Several hundred homes and businesses lost power.

For more of AP's coverage of Hurricane Dorian, go to: <https://apnews.com/Hurricanes>

Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Monday, Sept. 9, the 252nd day of 2019. There are 113 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 9, 1971, prisoners seized control of the maximum-security Attica Correctional Facility near Buffalo, New York, beginning a siege that ended up claiming 43 lives.

On this date:

In 1776, the second Continental Congress made the term "United States" official, replacing "United Colonies."

In 1850, California became the 31st state of the union.

In 1942, during World War II, a Japanese plane launched from a submarine off the Oregon coast dropped a pair of incendiary bombs in a failed attempt at igniting a massive forest fire; it was the first aerial bombing of the U.S. mainland by a foreign power.

In 1943, Allied forces landed at Salerno and Taranto during World War II.

In 1948, the People's Democratic Republic of Korea (North Korea) was declared.

In 1956, Elvis Presley made the first of three appearances on "The Ed Sullivan Show."

In 1960, in the first regular-season American Football League game, the Denver Broncos defeated the Boston Patriots, 13-10.

In 1986, Frank Reed, director of a private school in Lebanon, was taken hostage; he was released 44 months later.

In 1991, boxer Mike Tyson was indicted in Indianapolis on a charge of raping Desiree Washington, a beauty pageant contestant. (Tyson was convicted and ended up serving three years of a six-year prison sentence.)

In 1997, Sinn Fein (shin fayn), the IRA's political ally, formally renounced violence as it took its place in talks on Northern Ireland's future. Actor Burgess Meredith died in Malibu, California, at age 89.

In 2005, Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Michael Brown, the principal target of harsh criticism of the Bush administration's response to Hurricane Katrina, was relieved of his onsite command.

In 2013, four days of vehicular gridlock began near the George Washington Bridge when two of three approach lanes from Fort Lee, New Jersey, were blocked off; the traffic jam was later blamed on loyalists to New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie over the refusal of Fort Lee Mayor Mark Sokolich (SAHK'-oh-lich) to endorse Christie for re-election. (Christie denied any prior knowledge of the lane closures.)

Ten years ago: In a speech to a joint session of Congress, President Barack Obama summoned lawmakers to enact sweeping health care legislation, declaring the "time for bickering is over." (In an extraordinary

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breach of congressional decorum, Rep. Joe Wilson, R-S.C., shouted "You lie!" when the president said illegal immigrants would not benefit from his proposals; Wilson ended up apologizing.) British commandos in Afghanistan freed New York Times reporter Stephen Farrell from Taliban captors, but one commando and a Times translator were killed.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama met privately with congressional leaders at the White House to discuss his plan for taking action against Islamic State militants. Former Massachusetts Sen. Scott Brown glided to an easy win in the Republican primary for Senate in neighboring New Hampshire (he ended up losing in November to incumbent Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (jeen shuh-HEEN'). Apple unveiled its long-anticipated smartwatch as well as the next generation of its iPhone.

One year ago: CBS chief Les Moonves (MOON'-vehz) resigned, hours after six more women accused the veteran television executive of sexual misconduct. Miss New York, Nia Imani Franklin, won the Miss America title, becoming the first woman to win the crown without having to put on a swimsuit. On the NFL's opening Sunday, Dolphins teammates Kenny Stills and Albert Wilson were the only two players to kneel during the national anthem. Novak Djokovic (NOH'-vak JOH'-kuh-vich) won his 14th Grand Slam title, beating Juan Martin del Potro 6-3, 7-6 (4), 6-3 in the U.S. Open final.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Topol is 84. Rhythm-and-blues singer Luther Simmons is 77. Singer Inez Foxx is 77. Singer Dee Dee Sharp is 74. College Football Hall of Famer and former NFL player Joe Theismann is 70. Rock musician John McFee (The Doobie Brothers) is 69. Actor Tom Wopat is 68. Actress Angela Cartwright is 67. Musician-producer Dave Stewart is 67. Actor Hugh Grant is 59. Sen. Chris Coons, D-Del., is 56. Actor-comedian Charles Esten (formerly Chip) is 54. Actress Constance Marie is 54. Actor David Bennent is 53. Actor Adam Sandler is 53. Rock singer Paul Durham (Black Lab) is 51. Actress Julia Sawalha (suh-WAHL'-hah) is 51. Model Rachel Hunter is 50. Actor Eric Stonestreet is 48. Actor Henry Thomas is 48. Actor Goran Visnjic (VEEZ'-nihch) is 47. Pop-jazz singer Michael Buble' (boo-BLAY') is 44. Latin singer Maria Rita is 42. Actress Michelle Williams is 39. Actress Julie Gonzalo is 38. Neo-soul singer Paul Janeway (St. Paul & the Broken Bones) is 36. Actress Zoe Kazan is 36. Author-motivational speaker-businessman Farrah Gray is 35. Actress Kelsey Asbille is 28. Contemporary Christian singer Lauren Daigle is 28. Country singer-songwriter Hunter Hayes is 28.

Thought for Today: "A heretic is a man who sees with his own eyes." — Gotthold Lessing, German dramatist-critic (1729-1781).

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