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Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

Monday, October 14, 2019

7:00pm: School Board Meeting at Groton Area High School

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Oral Interp at Florence High School
Cancelled: Volleyball: Girls 7th/8th Match at Tiospa Zina
6:00pm: Volleyball: Girls Varsity Match @ Tiospa Zina High School

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

LifeTouch Pictures Groton Area Elementary School
12:30pm- 2:50pm: MathCounts at Warner High School

Thursday, October 17, 2019

LifeTouch Pictures Groton Area High School
1:30am- 8:30pm: Parent/Teacher Conferences
GHS Gymnasium, Groton Area Elementary School
3:30pm: Cross Country: Varsity Regions @ Webster Golf Course
6:00pm Financial Aid Night at Groton Area High School Computer Lab

Friday, October 18, 2019

Faculty Inservice Groton Area Elementary School, Groton Area High School
No School Groton Area Elementary School, Groton Area High School
7:00pm: Football: Boys Varsity Game @ Mobridge-Pollock High School

Saturday, October 19, 2019

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Groton Pumpkin Fest
Oral Interp at Florence High School
Robotics at GHS Gymnasium

Volleyball: Girls Varsity Tournament at Milbank High School
8 a.m.: Groton Area vs. Clark/Willow Lake at Milbank High School Armory (west court)
11 a.m.: Groton Area vs. Aberdeen Christian at Milbank High School Armory (west court)
Next match at 1:30 p.m. with the third place match at 3:30 p.m. and the championship match at 4:30 p.m.

OPEN: Recycling Trailer in Groton
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave. It takes cardboard, papers and aluminum cans.

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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

The Minnesota Vikings are now 4-2 after dominating the Philadelphia Eagles with a 38-20 victory on Sunday. The Vikings started off hot, putting up 24 points in less than 21 minutes of game time. The defense, not wanting to be outdone by the offense, held the Eagles to only 10 points in the first half. The Vikings proved that when they are playing their best football, they are among the best teams in the league.

Coming into this game, the Vikings knew they would have to throw the ball if they wanted to win. This game would come down to Kirk Cousins, and how well he performed against an Eagles defense that led the league in rush yards allowed and had 10 sacks just a week ago. This is the type of game that Cousins usually folds, but he surprised many by scorching the Eagles with 333 yards and four touchdowns on 22 of 29 passes (76%). He also spread the ball around, hitting seven different players – even Laquon Treadwell caught a pass on Sunday. Cousins is now 6-3 against the Eagles in his career.

Dalvin Cook knew going into this game that it would be tough sledding on the ground against Philadelphia. Coming into week six, the Eagles hadn't given up more than 87 rushing yards in a game (week three vs. Lions). Cook was only able to pick up 41 yards on 16 carries (2.6 ypc), but the Vikings as a team kept at it and finished with 122 rushing yards on 35 carries (3.5 ypc). The best run of the day was by Alexander Mattison, who had a 35-yard burst up the middle in the fourth quarter.

The Vikings' defense did a fantastic job of stifling the Eagles early in the game, then making some big plays in the second half to prevent any sort of comeback by Philadelphia. Eric Kendricks and Mack Alexander combined for a sack on third down in the fourth quarter, leading to an Eagles punt. On the next defensive stand, Kendricks forced a fumble which was recovered by Anthony Barr. The next time the Eagles' offense was on the field there were less than six minutes left in the game and they were down by 18 points – basically, they needed a miracle. Instead, on the very first play of the drive, Mack Alexander intercepted NDSU alum Carson Wentz (who was throwing deep to SDSU alum Dallas Goedert). Game over.

The player of the game on offense was Stefon Diggs, who caught seven passes for 167 yards and three touchdowns. He nearly had another touchdown in the first half, but Kirk overthrew him deep. There was a clear emphasis to get Diggs the ball in this game, likely in an effort to placate the explosive pass catcher. I'm pretty sure it worked.

The player of the game on defense was Eric Kendricks, who has been playing great all season. When the Eagles were trying desperately to make a comeback, it was Kendricks who made big plays and ended Philadelphia's drives. He also finished tied with Barr for the team lead in tackles to go along with half a sack, a tackle for a loss, a QB hit and two pass deflections.

Looking ahead, the Vikings will travel to Detroit and try to tame the Lions. Coming into week six the Lions are 2-1-1, and all their games were within one score. The Vikings are the better team, but the Lions always seem to play well in divisional games. Mike Zimmer has a record of 5-5 against the Lions as the head coach of the Vikings, but he has a winning record when the teams meet in Detroit (3-2). ESPN is giving the Vikings a 60% chance to win this game, which will air this Sunday on FOX. Kickoff will be at noon (CT). Skol!



CAP Cadet Kyle Clement uses direction-finding equipment in the search for a missing plane near Aberdeen. Photo courtesy CAP.

Civil Air Patrol Continues To Search For Missing Plane

ABERDEEN, South Dakota – The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) continued searching for an aircraft that went missing last week, presumably between Aberdeen, South Dakota, and Oakes, North Dakota. Nearly 90 personnel and four aircraft from units in both states participated in Sunday's efforts.

The missing aircraft is a single-engine Cessna 172, white with light blue markings. It had one person on board. Authorities believe the missing aircraft has an emergency locator beacon but no signal has been detected.

Pilots flying in the Aberdeen and Oakes areas should be on the lookout for more aircraft than usual. CAP aircraft are red, white, and blue in color.

CAP is working closely with officials from Brown County Sheriff's Office and Emergency Management. Anybody with information about this incident should contact the Brown County Dispatch Office at 605-626-7911.

The air and ground search will resume on Monday.

As appropriate, updates will be posted on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/SDWingCAP>) and Twitter (@SDWingCAP). To learn more about CAP in South Dakota, please visit <https://sdwg.cap.gov>. To learn more about CAP in North Dakota, go to <https://www.facebook.com/NorthDakotaCAP/>.

Imaging With a Little Help From My Friends

The world of radiology began in 1895 when a European physicist Wilhelm Röntgen noticed fluorescence behind heavy cardboard when a cathode tube was activated nearby. Röntgen used his wife's hand to demonstrate for the first time how these unknown rays, or X-rays, could penetrate the soft tissue of a hand and illustrate the bones that lay within. Röntgen generously refused to patent his discovery which allowed the explosive growth and development of a new industry.



By Richard P. Holm, MD ~ Prairie Doc® Perspectives

Unfortunately, the first researchers were unaware of the dangers of too much X-ray exposure and, during the early years, harm was done even causing death to some experimenters before safeguards were established. Over time, as technology advanced and more X-rays were being utilized in medicine, interpreting the images became a more difficult challenge and the field of radiology developed. Physicians trained in X-ray INTERPRETATION helped other physicians make better clinical decisions.

I was a first-year resident at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta in the fall of 1975 when the hospital purchased one of the earliest computerized tomography (CT) scanners. It was called an EMI scanner named after the British company, Electric and Music Industries, that took the financial risk for developing the technology. Years earlier, EMI had signed with the Beatles as their recording company. Having amassed a fortune from the exponential rise of Beatles popularity, EMI was able to fund the theoretical work of Godfrey Hounsfield. His invention took X-rays of the head from all directions while a computer compiled the results. "With a little help from his friends" at EMI, Hounsfield's brainchild happened.

I was rotating through neurology when the results of the EMI scans started making an impact. We were amazed how they showed tumors, blood clots and lesions inside the skull. We thought it was going to change everything, and indeed it did!

Jump to the present and see how INTERPRETIVE radiologists have expanded into INTERVENTION. Now, instead of simply identifying a tumor or abscess with ultrasound, X-ray, CT or MRI, radiologists, under the guidance of an imaging modality, can pass a needle into a deep tumor and take a biopsy, drain an abscess, open-up a blocked tube and much more. Procedures that, in the past, would have required open abdominal or chest surgery, now can be done with minimal trauma, with minimal pain and with quick recovery.

As a patient who has benefited under the expert image-guided hands of an INTERVENTIONAL radiologist, I too can sing loud and clear, "I get by with a lot of help from my friends."

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Columbus Day



Partly Sunny

High: 42 °F

Tonight



Mostly Cloudy

Low: 30 °F

Tuesday



Mostly Cloudy and Breezy

High: 39 °F

Tuesday Night



Mostly Cloudy

Low: 28 °F

Wednesday



Partly Sunny

High: 44 °F

High Temperatures Today

Valid: October 14, 2019

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Gusty Northwest Winds on Tuesday

Mainly Dry With Gradually Warming Temperatures

The Week Ahead

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
WINDY		
35-52°	40-55°	55-72°

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Mainly dry conditions can be expected across the area this week. Look for breezy to windy conditions on Tuesday, then for temperatures to gradually warm through the week.

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Today in Weather History

October 14, 1969: Cold air during the overnight produced lows from six degrees in Custer, Gillette, and Devils Tower to fifteen degrees in Dupree, Hot Springs, and the Rapid City Airport.

1909: An F3 tornado struck Pittsburg Landing and Stantonville, TN killing 23 people and injuring 80 others.

1941: America's first television weather forecast was broadcast on New York's WNBT (later WNBC). There weren't many televisions at that time, so viewers were limited to perhaps a few hundred people. The weathercast consisted of a sponsor's message followed by a screen of text containing the next day's forecast.

1957 - Floodwaters roared through a migrant labor camp near the town of Picacho AZ flooding fifty cabins and a dozen nearby homes. 250 migrant workers lost their shelters. The month was one of the wettest Octobers in Arizona weather history. (The Weather Channel)

1965 - Heavy rains hit the coastal areas of southeastern Florida. In a 24 hour period rains of twenty inches were reported from Deerfield Beach to Fort Lauderdale, with 25.28 inches on the Fort Lauderdale Bahia-Mar Yacht Basin. Flooding that resulted caused considerable damage to roads and streets. The rains inundated numerous newly planted vegetable fields, and some residences. Ten miles away just 4.51 inches of rain was reported. (14th- 15th) (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1981 - Four days of heavy rain across northern Texas and southern Oklahoma came to an end. The heaviest rains fell in a band from southwest of Abilene TX to McAlester OK, with up to 26 inches reported north of Gainesville, in north central Texas. The heavy rains were the result of decaying Hurricane Norma, which also spawned thirteen tornadoes across the region. Seven deaths were attributed to the flooding. (Storm Data)

1984 - Dense fog contributed to a 118 vehicle accident on I-94, just south of Milwaukee WI. It was the seventh day of an eight day stretch of dense fog. At the time of the accident the visibility was reportedly close to zero. (Storm Data)

1987 - Sixteen cities, mostly in the Appalachian Region, reported record low temperatures for the date. Record lows included 43 degrees at Lake Charles LA, 35 degrees at Augusta GA, and 27 degrees at Asheville NC. Gale force winds buffeted the Carolina coast. Light snow fell across parts of Wyoming, Colorado, and western South Dakota. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Forty cities in the eastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date. Elkins WV was the cold spot in the nation with a record low of 18 degrees above zero. Thunderstorms in Arizona drenched Phoenix with nine inches of rain in nine hours, the fifth highest total for any given day in ninety-two years of records. Carefree AZ was soaked with two inches of rain. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather over Michigan during the morning, and over New York State and Connecticut during the afternoon and evening hours. Thunderstorms spawned two tornadoes, and there were ninety reports of large hail or damaging winds, including seventy reports of damaging winds in New York State. A tornado at McDonough NY killed one person and injured three other people. Strong thunderstorm winds gusted to 105 mph at Somerset. Temperatures warmed into the 80s and lower 90s over much of the nation east of the Rockies, with eleven cities reporting record high temperatures for the date. Afternoon highs of 81 degrees at Beckley WV and Bluefield WV equalled October records. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

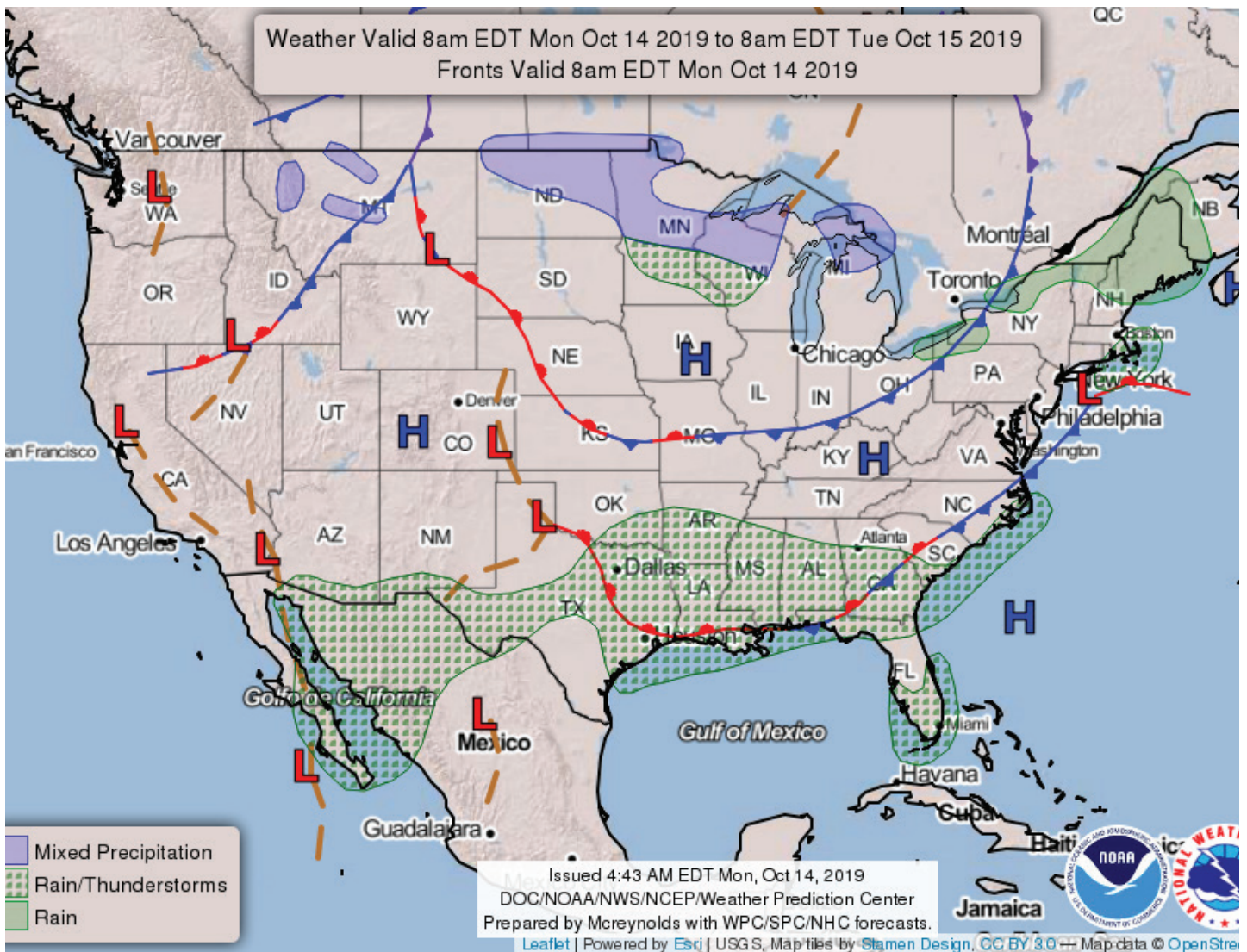
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Yesterday's Groton Weather Today's Info

High Temp: 40 °F at 4:10 PM
Low Temp: 31 °F at 10:27 PM
Wind: 16 mph at 12:33 PM
Day Rain: 0.00

Record High: 87° in 1962, 1933
Record Low: 10° in 1937
Average High: 59°F
Average Low: 34°F
Average Precip in Oct.: 0.94
Precip to date in Oct.: 1.27
Average Precip to date: 19.42
Precip Year to Date: 26.29
Sunset Tonight: 6:50 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:50 a.m.



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HUMILITY MATTERS

It was his first day as a general. For years his one goal was to pin a star on his shoulder. Sitting behind his desk for the first time, with his personal flag behind him, he felt as though he had finally "arrived." He was anxious to impress his staff with his accomplishment.

There was a knock on his door, and he shouted, "Enter." He reached for his phone, and wanting to impress the men who were quietly walking into his office, said, "Thank you, Mr. President, for calling. It was good to speak with you. Yes, sir. Goodbye." He then hung up the phone.

Turning to the men before him, he asked, "And now, men, what can I do for you?"

"Yes, sir, thank you, sir. I'm your aide, and these men have come to connect your phone."

There is nothing wrong with wanting to succeed. But there is something wrong with wanting to succeed for selfish, self-seeking, self-centered reasons. Pride brings with it the idea that we deserve whatever we can get. It creates a greedy appetite within us and leads us to believe that we should have whatever we can get or should have whatever we want in life. It makes us want far more than we need and leaves us unsatisfied with what we have. Sometimes God has to humiliate us to teach us humility. "Pride comes before a fall!"

Prayer: Help us, Lord, to trust You for our needs, to be satisfied with what we have, and to be thankful for Your love. May we be covered with humility and grace. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture For Today: James 4:6 And he gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

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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)

News from the **AP** Associated Press

Some states honoring indigenous people instead of Columbus

By **RUSSELL CONTRERAS** Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A handful of states are celebrating their first Indigenous Peoples Day on Monday as part of a trend to move away from a day honoring Christopher Columbus.

From Minnesota to Vermont, at least five states and Washington, D.C., have done away with Columbus Day celebrations in deference to Native Americans, though the federal Columbus Day remains in place.

Since 1992, Native American advocates have pressed states to change Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day over concerns that Columbus helped launch centuries of genocide against indigenous populations in the Americas.

New Mexico is marking its state-wide Indigenous Peoples Day with an invocation by several tribal leaders in unison in their native languages. There also will be a parade and traditional dances at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque.

"I think it's great and it's about time,"

said All Pueblo Council of Governors Chairman E. Paul Torres, a member of Isleta Pueblo in New Mexico.

State offices in Maine also are scheduled to close for the holiday. Maine, home to four federally recognized tribes, ditched Columbus Day in favor of Indigenous Peoples Day with an April bill signing by Democratic Gov. Janet Mills.

She said at the time she hoped the move would represent a move "toward healing, toward inclusiveness." Tribes in Maine have had a rocky relationship with the state government over the years, and the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes withdrew representatives to the Legislature in 2015, when Republican Gov. Paul LePage was in office.

The change to Indigenous Peoples Day prompted some backlash in conservative circles and among Italian Americans. University of Maine College Republicans, for example, have described the move as part of a "radical left-wing agenda."

But Native Americans in some states have welcomed the change and said it was time to pay homage to Native Americans instead of Columbus.

Democratic New Mexico state Rep. Derrick Lente of Sandia Pueblo, the sponsor of the New Mexico legislation that changed the holiday to Indigenous Peoples Day, said the day allows reflection on the United States' complicated history. Adopting the holiday, he said, provides some restorative justice for indigenous communities.



FILE - In this April 27, 2019 file photo, dancers enter at the Gathering of Nations, one of the world's largest gatherings of indigenous people in Albuquerque, N.M. A handful of states, including New Mexico and Maine, are celebrating their first Indigenous Peoples' Day as part of a trend to move away from a day honoring Christopher Columbus. (AP

Photo/Russell Contreras, File)

Associated Press reporter Patrick Whittle in Portland, Maine, contributed to this report. Russell Contreras is a member of The Associated Press' race and ethnicity team. Follow him on Twitter at: <http://twitter.com/russcontreras>

16-year-old youngest inductee into SD Country Music Hall

By JACI CONRAD Black Hills Pioneer

LEAD, S.D. (AP) — Sixteen-year-old Delaney Johnston, of Lead, said she felt an “overwhelming sense of joy” sweep over her when she stepped on stage last month to become the youngest-ever inductee into the South Dakota Country Music Hall of Fame.

And what she’s demonstrated so far in her short life and brief country music career suggests nothing less than an overwhelming sense of accomplishment.

“When I first got the call I was very shocked because I totally wasn’t expecting it,” Johnston said of her notification to join the class of 2019 inductees. “When I was up on stage accepting the award, I had this overwhelming sense of joy.”

Chair of the South Dakota Country Music Hall of Fame Board of Directors Wini Iverson said she has been following Johnston’s career for a long time and first saw her sing with Sherwin and Pam Linton several years ago.

“She impressed me with her ability to sing with such a high-quality show at such a young age,” Iverson told the Black Hills Pioneer. “Delaney has made great strides in her musical career playing at county fairs and going on tour with Sherwin and Pam. We opened a new category for her due to her youth by introducing the Rising Star Award and hoping to encourage other youngsters to begin their music career at an early age. This young lady had achieved a lot in her young life all while maintaining an excellent academic score.”

“Delaney is a role model for other youngsters who are trying to break into the music business,” Iverson said. “It is a difficult task for adults to make it to stardom, but this young lady has a wonderful start. I am excited for her and I hope to see her continue her music career on stage and will continue to follow her career.”

Johnston, who began her amateur country music career at the tender young age of 8, has performed everywhere from South Shore to Nashville, Tennessee, all across the Midwest, and even a couple of gigs in Europe over the summer.



Sixteen-year-old country music performer Delaney Johnston, of Lead, has already played at the Night Life Theatre in Nashville, Tenn., multiple times in her young career and was recently the youngest inductee ever into the South Dakota Hall of Fame in the new “Rising Star” category.

Courtesy photo

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"I've been singing with Sherwin and Pam Linton of Minneapolis (Minnesota) for eight years," Johnston said. "I went to a show in Labolt, South Dakota, and Sherwin and Pam were playing. I went up and requested 'Jackson' by Johnny (Cash) and June (Carter Cash) and Sherwin says to this day, he just sensed something (in the girl), so he invited me up on stage to sing with him. Then they invited me to the South Dakota State Fair and from there, it's history."

She has performed with them hundreds of times.

Sherwin Linton is a 60-year-old folk, country, and rockabilly music performer known for telling "The Johnny Cash Story."

"She was a very brave little girl to walk up to the stage, requesting to hear her favorite Johnny Cash/June Carter song 'Jackson,'" said Holly Johnston, Delaney's Johnston's mother. "I was not at that show because I was on the road with Jason (Delaney's father) at the time. He was a trucker. My mom called me after the show and said 'You're not going to believe what your little girl just did.' I admit I was very surprised. I always knew that she was musical from a very young age, and Johnny Cash was definitely her music of choice."

Delaney Johnston confirmed that rumor.

Her favorite artist?

"Johnny Cash," Delaney Johnston said. "It's just his music."

"Her preschool teacher used to tell me how she was always singing Johnny Cash songs in class," Holly Johnston said.

And to be clear, Delaney Johnston is a fan of a certain genre of country music.

"I like classic country," she said matter-of-factly. "The musicality is so much more original. I have grown up listening to it. It's always been a love of mine."

Sherwin Linton and the Cotton Kings are purveyors of authentic country music, which suits Johnston's style just fine.

"She has loved country music since she was very little," Holly Johnston said. "She used to stay with my mom a lot and she loved classic country. Delaney developed that same love of classic country."

While Delaney does perform with Sherwin Linton, she also performs as a solo act, often strumming her guitar while crooning those good old classic country tunes.

Linton, also a South Dakota Country Music Hall of Fame member, helped Johnston cut two CDs of classic country tunes, "I'm Little But I'm Loud," made when she was 10 years old, and "You're Looking At Country," two years later.

The first album won an award for "Young Country Artist CD of the Year 2015" from the Rural Roots Music Commission.

While Delaney Johnston sings alto, she is blessed with a four-octave range.

"So I can sing just about anything," she said. "I'm possibly going down to Nashville for a month this summer, possibly performing at the Nashville Night Life Theater every night."

Delaney Johnston has previously performed at the Nashville Night Life Theater two times — once in fifth-grade, and once a couple of weeks ago.

"I performed with Tommy Cash, Johnny Cash's brother," she said. "In my music career, that's my favorite thing I've done."

So, does Delaney Johnston get nervous prior to performing and up on stage?

"The only time I get nervous is when I'm singing something new," she said. "These old songs are just wired in my head. They just stay with me."

Her mother agreed.

"From the very beginning of singing on stage she felt comfortable. She never got nervous, she was just having fun," Holly Johnston said.

Delaney Johnston said the most rewarding part of performing is definitely the reaction from the audience.

"Seeing how supportive some people can be," she said. "It's funny to watch people out in the crowds sometimes and the smiles it puts on their faces. It's just great."

While Delaney Johnston, currently a junior at Lead-Deadwood High School, would like to become a music teacher upon graduating, she's keeping the door to a full-blown singing career open, as well.

"I'd like to continue performing on a smaller level," she said. "I don't want to be some big famous person, but I'm always going to have a love for music, so I need to keep it in my life."

Holly and Jason Johnston are staunch supporters of their daughter, her dedication, and true talent.

"I can't even express how proud we are of her for her accomplishments in music and performing at only age 16," Holly Johnston said. "To be the youngest inductee to the South Dakota Country Music Hall of Fame is amazing. That she has kept a level head and stayed humble through it all makes us even more proud."

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

Lack of Sioux Falls police diversity creates challenges

By MAKENZIE HUBER Argus Leader

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Mark Blackburn knows the clock is ticking.

The Sioux Falls Police Department has talked about the desire to increase demographic diversity on its force for decades, but the numbers don't add up.

A lack of racial and gender representation reflecting the growing Sioux Falls community could lead to troubling situations, said Blackburn, who has 20 years of experience as a diversity practitioner and training consultant.

"We need to be proactive," said Blackburn, a former University of South Dakota football player who serves as dean of students at Augustana. "We live in a great city and we don't have some of the issues bigger cities do. But if we don't try to bridge those gaps and channels of communication, then we will have a problem."

The Sioux Falls population of nearly 190,000 is comprised of 15 percent minorities and is 50 percent male, while the police force is about 90 percent white and male, with one sworn black officer and one sworn Native American officer.

Like his predecessors, Police Chief Matt Burns has a stated goal to build a force that reflects the city's population, though the numbers have remained relatively stagnant during his tenure, the Argus Leader reported.

Recruitment efforts don't always lead to a spike in diversity numbers, say law enforcement officials, who point to a need to hire the best applicants regardless of race or gender.

"Having the goal is the easy part," said Doug Barthel, who served as Sioux Falls police chief from 2003 to 2015. "Trying to accomplish it is where the hard part comes in."

Behind the numbers

From a broader city perspective, the police force makes up the most diverse of the various public de-



Officer Jennifer Suurmeyer answers a hit and run call in Sioux Falls on Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2019. The Sioux Falls Police Department has talked about the desire to increase demographic diversity on its force for decades, but the numbers don't add up. (Abigail Dollins /The Argus Leader via AP)

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partments in Sioux Falls.

But the SFPD's direct connection to public safety and the community provides a unique sense of urgency when it comes to mirroring demographic trends, experts say.

While about 9 percent of sworn officers are of a minority background, black and Native American officers account for fewer than 1 percent combined. Women make up 11.5 percent, according to statistics from the city's human resources department.

In comparison, the Sioux Falls population is 5.4 percent black and 2.4 percent Native American, according to an estimate from the U.S. Census Bureau. Statistically, the department would need 14 black officers to reflect the city's population.

Police spokesman Sam Clemens said SFPD has cast its recruitment net wider to surrounding states and that the department has concentrated efforts to "areas with more diverse people," but he stopped short of saying they are specifically recruiting minority officers.

An increasingly competitive job market has left applicant numbers down for several years, Burns said in an email to the Argus Leader. To address this, the department has increased its presence at job fairs, universities and recruiting forums.

But at the end of the day, law enforcement officials insist that they're looking for the best possible candidate rather than focusing solely on statistics.

"I think they're doing a fantastic job with it," said Barthel, now a District 10 state representative. "It's a difficult goal and, quite frankly, one that won't be reached 100 percent. But I think great strides have been made from years ago."

'They've never been there'

The streets weren't meant for women 40 years ago, or at least that's what Kris Albers' co-workers thought. She was the first female patrol officer in Sioux Falls, and many of her male coworkers doubted she could do the job, she said.

But shortly after starting, officers realized the value of having a woman on staff.

Her perspective was prized regarding rape, domestic abuse and juvenile victims. Albers empathized more easily with women, because she could imagine herself in their shoes, she said.

"Men don't typically like to talk to crying women," Albers said. "They've never been there."

Her experience was so useful that she'd be called in on her days off to talk to victims. Once the police department had her on staff, they were able to ask victims if they'd rather speak to a male or female officer. Many felt more comfortable sharing their story with Albers, who served on the force from 1977 to 2005.

That different perspective and value is still there for female and minority officers, according to Blackburn, adding that such representation builds trust within the community.

The benefits are mutual — if a young person sees an officer of the same minority group in uniform, they're more likely to aspire to that career themselves, Blackburn said.

"Just the visual optics of that, you have black and brown bodies in police uniforms working and living and dialoguing, not only with citizens but people on the police force," he said. "It can bring a great start to the cultural civility we're looking for."

Benefits of diversity

For Jerry James, just watching his stepfather as a police officer in New York City was enough to convince him that law enforcement was part of his future.

James, who was one of two black officers when he joined the SFPD in 1984, served on the force for more than 20 years. In addition to his own experience, he also had brothers who were inspired to join law enforcement like their stepfather.

Racially diverse officers can help their colleagues better understand how to relate to minorities in certain situations, James said.

"My three daughters, me and my ex-wife, we were around the table playing cards this weekend and everybody's talking, everybody's yelling," James said. "To me, that's how black people talk. We yell. So sometimes police are dealing with black people, they talk and say lower your voice, but that's how I speak

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in a situation like that. So you've got to understand some of those things."

But it's impossible to force someone to apply, James said. He believes that low diversity numbers within the SFPD are due to a lack of minority applicants, not insufficient outreach by the department.

The numbers also don't make Sioux Falls unique. Across the country, only 12.5 percent of full-time law enforcement officers were female in 2017, according to the FBI. Sioux Falls is one of several regional police departments that falls short of reflecting its population - including Rapid City, Fargo and Des Moines.

"It's ideal if we could have a department that matches Sioux Falls population. That'd be great. But not all people with diverse background are interested in it," Clemens said. "Realistically, we're not going to hit those numbers."

Focus on training

An emphasis on minority staffing isn't the only way to address race and justice issues. Police departments across the nation are using diversity training to help bridge the gap.

The SFPD didn't establish official diversity training until 2018 and it wasn't implemented in recruit classes until this summer, Burns said. The training, which officers will receive annually, covers racial and ethnic bias, as well as gender, sexual orientation, religion and socioeconomics.

Before the structured diversity training, community members would be invited to speak on racial issues to the department, Barthel said. Current city leadership has tried to envision other ways to address the issue.

Mayor Paul TenHaken included in his 2020 budget a chief culture officer, although the position has mainly been touted as a way to increase retention and recruitment in city staffing.

"This person will be focused on employee engagement, succession planning and creative recruiting practices to help bring in high quality employees to serve our citizens," TenHaken said the position, which was approved by the City Council this week.

Rapid City police have had annual diversity training sessions for the past decade or two, said spokesman Brendyn Medina. Training focuses on the Native American population in the area, which accounts for about 11 percent of the population.

The most recent training established the department as a trauma-informed policing agency, which educated officers on how historical trauma - such as the Wounded Knee massacre, taking back treaty agreements, sending American Indian children to boarding schools - has contributed to American Indians' distrust of police and government.

"It's very easy to see the importance of diversity training," Medina said. "Any law enforcement agency that serves its citizens should be doing it in the most effective way possible. Having an extra layer of understanding can go a long way to keeping the community safe."

SFPD has programs set in place to better connect to community members and increase understanding between all communities, such as community resource officers; an ambassador program, which allows community leaders to teach officers about their community while learning about the police department; school resource officers; and regularly meeting with representatives of the refugee and minority communities.

"We are a department that strongly believes in community-oriented policing, and this philosophy is directly reflected in our community recruiting efforts," Burns said in an email to the Argus Leader.

While diversity training and a diverse police force are important for raising awareness, it's not needed to communicate well with citizens, Clemens said.

"These things can be learned. It's easier if you have that background and upbringing and culture, but you can spend a lot of time with a community while patrolling," Clemens said. "I think we do a good job of treating everybody the same. If we would need some of that diversity training, it would probably be because we weren't doing something correctly."

Focus on the future

For most police departments, it's actions taken after implementing diversity training that will lead to positive policy change, said Chris Burbank, vice president of the New York-based Center for Police Equity.

Many departments across the nation have yet to take that education piece and turn it into positive change, he said.

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"We've had lots of training, but have we changed the outcome of policing at all with all the training we've done?" said Burbank, a former Salt Lake City police chief. "What we've done is we've given officers education but we haven't measured the outcome or what it's done for us."

Rapid City has incorporated programs to increase the number of female and Native American police recruits. The Akicita program, roughly translated Lakota for "police officer," pairs American Indian students pursuing law enforcement degrees at Western Dakota Technical School with mentors in the department.

"We recognize that there are a number of diverse perspectives out there," Medina said. "If we can have that reflected in our ranks, we could be of the best service to our community with those different perspectives."

In Sioux Falls, despite years of identifying police diversity as a priority, progress has come slowly. Blackburn is among those stressing that a more aggressive pace is needed to keep up with changing times.

"It's really disappointing," he said. "I'd like to see some of the hiring practices and barriers, if there are any, be eradicated to open up opportunities to systemically non-dominant cultures in our city when it comes to policing. I do believe it's time."

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Woman dies in 1-vehicle rollover in Stanley County

HAYES, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say a 50-year-old woman is dead after a one-vehicle crash west of Hayes, in Stanley County.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol says the woman was driving a 2004 Buick LaSabre east on U.S. Highway 14 Saturday morning when she lost control. The car entered the north ditch and rolled.

The patrol says the driver was not wearing a seatbelt and was thrown from the car. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

The crash remains under investigation.

Brexit talks face uphill struggle as deadline looms

By JILL LAWLESS and RAF CASERT Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Britain and the European Union said Monday that Brexit talks were making progress — but not yet enough to ensure a deal by the end of the month — as the U.K. government tried to look beyond the country's stalled EU exit with a wide-ranging policy platform read by Queen Elizabeth II in a pomp-filled ceremony in Parliament.

In terms of historical importance, the painstaking paragraph-by-paragraph talks at the EU's glass-and-steel Berlaymont headquarters outweighed the regal ritual in which an ermine-bedecked monarch delivered a speech on the priorities of a Conservative government that could last as little as weeks or months.

But the spectacle, complete with horse-drawn coaches, lords in scarlet robes and a diamond-studded crown, at least provided a diversion from the long Brexit grind.

Britain is scheduled to leave the EU on Oct. 31, and an EU summit on Thursday or Friday is considered one of the last possible chances to approve a divorce agreement. Prime Minister Boris Johnson insists the country will leave at the end of the month with or without a deal.

Technical teams from Britain and the EU worked through the weekend to secure a last-minute deal, although both sides said significant gaps remain between their positions.

Johnson's spokesman, James Slack, said "the talks remain constructive but there is still a lot of work to do."

Discussions centered on the difficult issue of the future border arrangements between EU member Ireland and Northern Ireland, which is part of the U.K. Britain has put forward a complex proposal to eliminate the need for customs checks, but EU officials say more work is needed.

An EU diplomat familiar with the talks said there would likely need to be a three-month extension to

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Brexit to turn the proposals into a legally binding deal.

"There are big problems remaining to counter smuggling and fraud because the British outlines are still that vague," said the diplomat, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the talks are ongoing. "There is momentum but there is still little movement."

Arriving for a meeting of EU ministers in Luxembourg, Irish Foreign Minister Simon Coveney said "the less we say now, the better."

Despite his reticence, Coveney said "a deal is possible, and it is possible this month. May be possible this week. But we are not there yet."

Coveney insisted it was essential to give the negotiators time to iron out the remaining difficulties.

"There is still a lot of work to do," he said.

IN London, Queen Elizabeth II delivered a speech outlining an ambitious — and critics say undeliverable — legislative program for Johnson's government.

The 10-minute speech, read by the 93-year-old monarch from a gilded throne in the House of Lords but written by the government, included more than 20 bills, including a law to implement an EU withdrawal agreement, should one be reached.

It also contained plans for post-Brexit reforms to agriculture, fishing and immigration — ending the automatic right of EU citizens to live and work in Britain in 2021. The speech also included a long list of domestic policies, from longer sentences for violent criminals to no-fault divorce, tougher air pollution rules and new building-safety rules.

The government's critics called Monday's speech a stunt, because Johnson's Conservative administration lacks a majority in Parliament and an election looks likely within the next few months, whether or not Britain leaves the EU as scheduled on Oct. 31.

The speech was part of the State Opening of Parliament, a ceremony steeped in centuries-old symbolism of the power struggle between Parliament and the British monarchy. Lawmakers are summoned to listen to the queen by a security official named Black Rod — but only complied after slamming the House of Commons door in their face to symbolize their independence.

The state opening is usually an annual event, but amid the country's Brexit chaos there has been no queen's speech for more than two years — the longest gap for more than three centuries.

EU leaders, including Johnson, are due to meet in Brussels Thursday and Friday to see whether a Brexit deal is possible before Oct. 31.

The challenge of maintaining an invisible border on the island of Ireland — something that underpinned both the local economy and the region's peace deal — has dominated Brexit discussions for three years since U.K. voters chose in 2016 to leave the EU.

Negotiations intensified last week after Johnson and Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar said they could see a "pathway" to a divorce agreement that avoids a no-deal Brexit, something economists say would hurt both the U.K. and EU economies.

If a Brexit deal is reached, it still needs to be approved by both the British and European parliaments. Many British lawmakers — on both pro-Brexit and pro-EU sides of the debate — remain unconvinced.



Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, with Prince Charles, delivers the Queen's Speech at the official State Opening of Parliament in London, Monday Oct. 14, 2019. (Victoria Jones/Pool via AP)

Opposition Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn said Sunday that his party was unlikely to support any deal agreed upon by Johnson.

Casert reported from Luxembourg.

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Japan looks for missing after typhoon kills dozens

By JAE C. HONG and YURI KAGEYAMA Associated Press

NAGANO, Japan (AP) — Rescue crews dug through mudslides and searched near swollen rivers Monday as they looked for those missing from a typhoon that left dozens dead and caused serious damage in central and northern Japan.

Typhoon Hagibis unleashed torrents of rain and strong winds Saturday, leaving thousands of homes on Japan's main island flooded, damaged or without power.

A riverside section of Nagano, northwest of Tokyo, was covered with mud, its apple orchards completely flooded and homes still without electricity.

Japan's Kyodo News agency reported that 48 people died from the typhoon, 17 were missing and some 100 were injured.

The government's Fire and Disaster Management Agency, which is generally more conservative in assessing its numbers, said 24 people were dead and nine were missing.

Experts said it would take time to accurately assess the extent of damage, and the casualty count has been growing daily.

Hagibis dropped record amounts of rain for a period in some spots, according to meteorological officials, causing more than 20 rivers to overflow. In Kanagawa prefecture, southwest of Tokyo, 100 centimeters (39 inches) of rain was recorded over 48 hours.

Some of the muddy waters in streets, fields and residential areas have subsided. But many places remained flooded Monday, with homes and surrounding roads covered in mud and littered with broken wooden pieces and debris. Some places normally dry still looked like giant rivers.

Some who lined up for morning soup at evacuation shelters, which are housing 30,000 people, expressed concern about the homes they left behind. Survivors and rescuers will also face colder weather, with northern Japan turning chilly this week.

Soldiers and firefighters from throughout Japan were deployed to assist with rescue efforts. Helicopters could be seen plucking some of the stranded from higher floors and rooftops of submerged homes.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said the government would set up a special disaster team, including officials



Two vehicles are submerged in floodwaters Monday, Oct. 14, 2019, in Hoyasu, Japan. Rescue crews in Japan dug through mudslides and searched near swollen rivers Monday as they looked for those missing from a typhoon that left as many as 36 dead and caused serious damage in central and northern Japan. (AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)

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from various ministries, to deal with the fallout from the typhoon, including helping those in evacuation centers and boosting efforts to restore water and electricity to homes.

"Our response must be rapid and appropriate," Abe said, stressing that many people remained missing and damage was extensive.

Damage was especially serious in Nagano prefecture, where an embankment of the Chikuma River broke.

In one area, a few vehicles in used car lots were flipped over by the waters that had gushed in, covering everything with mud. Apples swept from the flooded orchards lay scattered in the mud.

Areas in Miyagi and Fukushima prefectures in northern Japan were also badly flooded.

In such places, rescue crew paddled in boats to reach half-submerged homes, calling out to anyone left stranded.

Tokyo Electric Power Co. said 35,100 homes were still without electricity early Monday evening in Tokyo and nearby prefectures that the utility serves. That was down from nearly 57,000 earlier in the day.

East Japan Railway Co. said Hokuriku bullet trains were running Monday but were reduced in frequency and limited to the Nagano city and Tokyo routes.

Mimori Domoto, who works at Nagano craft beer-maker Yoho Brewing Co., said all 40 employees at her company were confirmed safe, though deliveries were halted.

"My heart aches when I think of the damage that happened in Nagano. Who would have thought it would get this bad?" she said.

Tama River in Tokyo overflowed, but the damage was not as great in the capital as in other areas. Areas surrounding Tokyo, such as Tochigi, also suffered damage.

Much of life in Tokyo returned to normal on Monday. People were out and about in the city, trains were running, and store shelves left bare when people were stockpiling were replenished.

Kageyama reported from Tokyo.

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Ambassador expected to testify key assurance came from Trump

By ERIC TUCKER, MARY CLARE JALONICK and LISA MASCARO Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A U.S. ambassador is expected to tell Congress that his text message reassuring another envoy that there was no quid pro quo in their interactions with Ukraine was based solely on what President Donald Trump told him, according to a person familiar with his coming testimony in the impeachment probe.

Gordon Sondland, Trump's hand-picked ambassador to the European Union, is among administration officials being subpoenaed to appear on Capitol Hill this week against the wishes of the White House. It's the latest test between the legislative and executive branches of government, as the impeachment inquiry by House Democrats deepens.

On Monday, the House panels leading the investigation expect to hear from Fiona Hill, a former top National Security Council expert on Russia.

Sondland's appearance, set for Thursday, comes after a cache of text messages from top envoys provided a vivid account of their work acting as intermediaries around the time Trump urged Ukraine's new president, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, to start investigations into a company linked to the family of a chief Democratic presidential rival, Joe Biden.

One witness who may not be called before Congress is the still anonymous government whistleblower who touched off the impeachment inquiry. Top Democrats say testimony and evidence coming in from other witnesses, and even the president himself, are backing up the whistleblower's account of what transpired during Trump's July 25 phone call with Zelenskyy. Lawmakers have grown deeply concerned about protecting the person from Trump's threats over the matter and may not wish to risk exposing the whistleblower's identity.

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Democratic Rep. Adam Schiff, chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, said Sunday, "We don't need the whistleblower, who wasn't on the call, to tell us what took place during the call. We have the best evidence of that."

Schiff said it "may not be necessary" to reveal the whistleblower's identity as the House gathers evidence. "Our primary interest right now is making sure that that person is protected," he said.

But Trump strongly objected.

"Adam Schiff now doesn't seem to want the Whistleblower to testify. NO!" the Republican president tweeted early Monday. "We must determine the Whistleblower's identity to determine WHY this was done to the USA."

The impeachment inquiry is testing the Constitution's system of checks and balances as the House presses forward with the probe and the White House dismisses it as "illegitimate" without a formal vote of the House to open impeachment proceedings.

In calling for a vote, the White House is trying to press House Democrats who may be politically reluctant to put their names formally behind impeachment.

But House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., has resisted those efforts and is unlikely to budge as Congress returns. Democrats say Congress is well within its power as the legislative branch to conduct oversight of the president and it is Republicans, having grown weary of Trump's actions, who may be in the greater political bind over a vote.

Rep. Jim Himes, D-Conn., said Sunday he'd be fine with taking a formal vote, "but it's not required."

"Look, my own opinion is that we ought to just take this off the table because it's such a non-issue, and there's no doubt in my mind that of course if Nancy Pelosi does that she will have the votes and that will pass," Himes said.

Sondland's appearance comes after text messages from top ambassadors described their interactions leading up to Trump's call and the aftermath.

Sondland is set to tell lawmakers that he did understand the administration was offering Zelenskyy a White House visit in exchange for a public statement committing to investigations Trump wanted, according to the person, who demanded anonymity to discuss remarks not yet given.

But Sondland will say he did not know the company being talked about for an investigation, Burisma, was tied to Joe Biden's son, Hunter Biden, the person said. Sondland understood the discussions about combating corruption to be part of a much broader and publicized Trump administration push that was widely shared, the person said.

In the text exchange, the diplomats raised alarm that Trump appeared to up the ante, withholding military aid to Ukraine over the investigation.

One seasoned diplomat on the text message, William Taylor, called it "crazy to withhold security assis-



FILE - In this July 10, 2018, file photo, President Donald Trump is joined by Gordon Sondland, the U.S. ambassador to the European Union, second from right, as he arrives at Melsbroek Air Base, in Brussels, Belgium. Sondland, wrapped up in a congressional impeachment inquiry, was a late convert to Trump, initially supporting another candidate in the Republican primary and once refusing to participate in a fundraiser on his behalf. (AP Photo/Pablo Martinez

Monsivais, File)

tance" to Ukraine in exchange for "help with a political campaign."

Sondland responds that the assertion is "incorrect" about Trump's intentions. "The President has been crystal clear no quid pro quo's of any kind," he said in the text message.

The person familiar with Sondland's testimony said that before Sondland sent that text, he spoke to Trump, who told him there was no quid pro quo. Sondland then repeated that message to Taylor.

Schiff appeared on "Face the Nation" on CBS and Himes spoke on ABC's "This Week."

Tucker reported from Providence, Rhode Island.

NY Times: Violent parody video shown at Trump resort

WASHINGTON (AP) — A graphically violent parody video, shown at a meeting of President Donald Trump's supporters at his Miami resort, depicted a likeness of the president shooting and stabbing his opponents and members of the news media in a church, The New York Times reported Sunday.

In the video, Trump's critics and media members are portrayed as parishioners fleeing his gruesome rampage. The fake Trump strikes the late Sen. John McCain in the neck, hits and stabs TV personality Rosie O'Donnell in the face, lights Sen. Bernie Sanders' head on fire and shoots or otherwise assaults people whose faces are replaced with news organization logos.

The video was shown last week at an American Priority conference at Trump's Doral Miami resort, the newspaper said. Trump was not there.

Event organizer Alex Phillips told the Times the video was played as part of a "meme exhibit" and was not associated with or endorsed by the conference "in any official capacity." "American Priority rejects all political violence," he said, and is looking into the matter.

The video includes the logo for Trump's 2020 campaign but Tim Murtaugh, spokesman for the re-election organization, told the Times the "video was not produced by the campaign, and we do not condone violence."

The setting for the massacre is the "Church of Fake News," capturing Trump's familiar refrain about news stories and organizations that he considers to be fake news.

In the video, Trump's face is superimposed on a killer's body as he shoots people in the face and otherwise assaults them. Among the targets: former President Barack Obama, Black Lives Matter, Democratic Rep. Maxine Waters, Bill and Hillary Clinton and Rep. Adam Schiff, who as Democratic chairman of the House Intelligence Committee is leading the impeachment inquiry of Trump.

Late Sunday, the White House Correspondents Association issued a statement saying it was "horrified" by the video.

"All Americans should condemn this depiction of violence directed toward journalists and the President's political opponents," said Jonathan Karl, WHCA president. "We have previously told the President



President Donald Trump speaks at the Values Voter Summit in Washington, Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019. (AP Photo/Manuel

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his rhetoric could incite violence. Now we call on him and everybody associated with this conference to denounce this video and affirm that violence has no place in our society.”

CNN, The Washington Post, BBC, PBS, NBC and Politico are among the news organizations depicted as victims of the fake Trump’s violent fury.

The White House declined immediate comment.

Family seeks answers after police kill Texas woman at home

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A white police officer who killed a black woman inside her Texas home while responding to a neighbor’s call about an open front door “didn’t have time to perceive a threat” before he opened fire, an attorney for the woman’s family said.

“You didn’t hear the officer shout, ‘Gun, gun, gun,’” attorney Lee Merritt said after viewing video taken from a Fort Worth officer’s bodycam during Saturday’s shooting of Atatiana Jefferson, 28. “He didn’t have time to perceive a threat. That’s murder.”

Her family told KXAS television that Jefferson was watching her 8-year-old nephew when she was killed early Saturday.

The Fort Worth Police Department said in a statement that officers saw someone near a window inside the home and that one of them drew his duty weapon and fired after “perceiving a threat.” The video released by police shows two officers searching the home from the outside with flashlights

before one shouts, “Put your hands up, show me your hands.” One shot is then fired through a window.

“It’s another one of those situations where the people that are supposed to protect us are actually not here to protect us,” said Jefferson’s sister, Amber Carr.

“You know, you want to see justice, but justice don’t bring my sister back,” Carr said.

An aunt, Venitta Body, said the family does not understand why Jefferson was killed.

“It’s like from the moment we got the call, it’s been more and more inconceivable and more confusing. And there has nothing been done in order to take away that confusion,” Body said.

A large crowd gathered outside Jefferson’s home Sunday night for a vigil after earlier demonstrations briefly stopped traffic on part of Interstate 35.

Police Lt. Brandon O’Neil said Sunday afternoon that the officer, who’s been on the force since April 2018, is on administrative leave pending the outcome of an investigation and will be interviewed about the fatal shooting on Monday. His name was not released.

At a brief news conference at police headquarters, O’Neil confirmed that the officer did not announce he was police before he fired the fatal shot and that his failure to do so is part of the department’s investigation.

O’Neil also confirmed that Jefferson’s 8-year-old nephew was in the room with Jefferson when she was shot. He said representatives of the police department have spoken with the woman’s family and “shared



In this Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019, image made from a body camera video released by the Fort Worth Police Department an officer shines a flashlight into a window in Fort Worth, Texas. A black woman was fatally shot by a white Fort Worth, Texas, officer inside the home early Saturday after police were called to the residence for a welfare check, authorities said. The Tarrant County Medical Examiner’s Office identified her as 28-year-old Atatiana Jefferson. (Fort Worth Police Department via AP)

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our serious and heartfelt concern for this unspeakable loss." Her family has said she was watching her nephew at the time.

O'Neil declined to answer reporters' questions and said Fort Worth Police Chief Ed Kraus plans to conduct a more in-depth news conference on Monday.

James Smith, who called a police non-emergency number about the open door, told reporters he was just trying to be a good neighbor.

"I'm shaken. I'm mad. I'm upset. And I feel it's partly my fault," Smith said. "If I had never dialed the police department, she'd still be alive."

Smith said Jefferson and her nephew typically lived with an older woman, who's been in the hospital.

"It makes you not want to call the police department," he said.

In an audio recording of Smith's call that was released by police, the neighbor said it was "not normal" for the house to leave its front door open for hours at that time of day.

Merritt said Jefferson's family expects "a thorough and expedient investigation."

The Fort Worth Police Department said it released bodycam footage soon after the shooting to provide transparency, but that any "camera footage inside the residence" could not be distributed due to state law. However, the bodycam video released to media included blurred still frames showing a gun inside a bedroom at the home. It's unclear if the firearm was found near the woman, and police have not said that the officer who shot her thought she had a gun. The police statement released Saturday said only that officers who entered the residence after the shooting found a firearm. Police did not immediately respond to a message seeking comment Sunday.

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders on Sunday called on the Justice Department to investigate.

"The killings of unarmed Black Americans have got to end," Sanders tweeted. "Atatiana Jefferson should be alive."

The shooting comes less than two weeks after a white former Dallas police officer was sentenced to 10 years in prison after being convicted of murder in the fatal shooting of her black neighbor inside his own apartment. Amber Guyger, 31, said during her trial that mistook Botham Jean's apartment for her own, which was one floor below Jean's. Merritt also represents Jean's family.

This story has been corrected to reflect that the initial police statement said officers found a firearm after the shooting.

Syrian army moves to confront Turkish forces as US withdraws

By MEHMET GUZEL and BASSEM MROUE Associated Press

AKCAKALE, Turkey (AP) — Syrian government troops moved into a series of towns and villages in northern Syria Monday, setting up a potential clash with Turkish-led forces in the area, as U.S. troops prepared to pull out.

The Syrian army's deployment near the Turkish border came hours after Syrian Kurdish forces previously allied with the U.S. said they had reached a deal with President Bashar Assad's government to help fend off Turkey's invasion, now in its sixth day.

The announcement of a deal between Syria's Kurds and its government is a major shift in alliances that came after President Donald Trump ordered all U.S. troops withdrawn from the northern border area amid the rapidly spreading chaos.

The shift sets up a potential clash between Turkey and Syria and raises the specter of a resurgent Islamic State group as the U.S. relinquishes any remaining influence in northern Syria to Assad and his chief backer, Russia.

The fighting also seems likely to endanger, if not altogether crush, the brief experiment in self-rule set up by Syria's Kurds since the war began.

"We are going back to our normal positions that are at the border," said a Syrian officer said, as em-

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battled Kurdish authorities invited the government to retake towns and villages in the north.

Syrian troops arrived on Monday in the northern province of Raqqa aboard buses and pickup trucks with mounted heavy machineguns.

Turkey has pressed on with its invasion of northern Syria, warning its NATO allies in Europe and the United States not to stand in its way.

Turkish troops and Syrian proxy forces have steadily pushed their way south of the border, clashing with the Kurdish fighters over a stretch of 200 kilometers (125 miles). The offensive has displaced at least 130,000 people.

Turkey's president signaled that it was ready to launch an assault on the city of Manbij, where Kurdish-led groups invited Syrian government forces to re-enter and defend the town.

"We are about to implement our decision on Manbij," President Recep Tayyip Erdogan told reporters on Monday.

He added that Turkey's aim would be to return the city to Arab populations whom he said were its rightful owners.

Turkish forces were already positioned at the city's edge, according to CNN-Turk.

Erdogan has already said Turkey will not negotiate with the Syrian Kurdish fighters, which it considers "terrorists" for links to a long-running Kurdish insurgency within its own borders.

Syrian state media reported late Sunday that government troops were marching toward Manbij — as well as the border town of Kobani that in 2015 witnessed the Islamic State group's first defeat in a battle by U.S.-backed Kurdish fighters.

In another direction, Syrian troops moved east from Aleppo province to Raqqa where state media said they had reached Ein Issa. Heavy fighting the previous day there reached a Kurdish-run displaced-person camp that is home to some 12,000 people, including around 1,000 wives and widows of IS fighters and their children. Hundreds are believed to have escaped amid the chaos.

The Syrian army also moved into the town of Tal Tamr, which is about 20 kilometers (12 miles) from the Turkish border, and Tabqa, known for its dam on the Euphrates River and its nearby air base that carries the same name.

SANA said government forces planned to "confront the Turkish aggression," without giving further details. Photos posted by SANA showed several vehicles and a small number of troops in Tal Tamr.

Tal Tamr is a predominantly Assyrian Christian town that was once held by IS before it was retaken by Kurdish-led forces. Many Syrian Christians, who make up about 10 percent of Syria's pre-war population of 23 million, left for Europe over the past 20 years, with the flight gathering speed since the country's conflict began in March 2011.



In this photo released by the Syrian official news agency SANA, residents welcome Syrian soldiers shortly after they entered the northern town of Tal Tamr on Monday, Oct 14, 2019. The move toward Tal Tamr came a day after Syria's Kurds said Syrian government forces agreed to help them fend off Turkey's invasion — a major shift in alliances that came after President Donald Trump ordered all U.S. troops withdrawn from the northern border area amid the rapidly deepening chaos. (SANA via AP)

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Joe Biden's son Hunter stepping down from Chinese board

By STEVE PEOPLES AP National Political Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Facing intense scrutiny from President Donald Trump and his Republican allies, Hunter Biden says he will step down from the board of directors of a Chinese-backed private equity firm at the end of the month as part of a pledge not to work on behalf of any foreign-owned companies should his father win the presidency.

Biden, the 49-year-old son of Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden, revealed his plan Sunday in an internet post written by his attorney, George Mesires, who outlined a defense of the younger Biden's work in Ukraine and China, which has emerged as one of Trump's chief lines of attack against Hunter's father despite no proof of impropriety.

"Hunter makes the following commitment: Under a Biden Administration, Hunter will readily comply with any and all guidelines or standards a President Biden may issue to address purported conflicts of interest, or the appearance of such conflicts, including any restrictions related to overseas business interests. In any event, Hunter will agree not to serve on boards of, or work on behalf of, foreign owned companies," Mesires wrote.

He continued: "He will continue to keep his father personally uninvolved in his business affairs, while availing himself as necessary and appropriate to the Office of the White House Counsel to help inform his application of the Biden Administration's guidelines or standards to his business decision-making."

Joe Biden, speaking to reporters after a union forum in suburban Des Moines, Iowa, said his son did not discuss that decision with him before posting the statement.

"No one has asserted my son did a single thing wrong," Biden added, pounding his finger into the podium, "except a lying president."

And Biden promised to bar his family members from occupying any office within the White House and said they won't "sit in meetings as if they are a Cabinet member." That was a jab at Trump, who taps daughter Ivanka and her husband, Jared Kushner, as advisers. Biden did not say if his pledge meant that his wife, Jill Biden, would not get the office traditionally assigned to first ladies, should he win.

He further vowed that no one in his family will have "any business relationship with anyone that relates to a foreign corporation or foreign country."

Hunter Biden's work overseas sits at the center of the House impeachment inquiry into Trump, who has



FILE - In this Jan. 30, 2010, file photo, Vice President Joe Biden, left, with his son Hunter, right, at the Duke Georgetown NCAA college basketball game in Washington. Since the early days of the United States, leading politicians have had to contend with awkward problems posed by their family members. Joe Biden is the latest prominent politician to navigate this tricky terrain. (AP Photo/Nick Wass, File)

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admitted asking foreign powers to investigate Hunter Biden's business dealings abroad.

The White House released a rough transcript of a call in which Trump asks Ukraine's new president, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, to probe Biden's family and Ukraine's role in the 2016 election that put Trump in office. Trump has also encouraged China to dig into Hunter Biden's work in that country, asserting without evidence that earned \$1.5 billion from a "sweetheart" business deal there.

The president's personal attorney, Rudy Giuliani, is also under increasing scrutiny for his efforts to dig into Hunter Biden's business background. Late last week, two businessmen involved in Giuliani's efforts to investigate Hunter Biden's dealings in Ukraine were charged with federal campaign finance violations.

Still, Republicans reacted to news of Hunter Biden's decision to step away from the Chinese-backed BHR Equity Investment Fund Management Co. with deep skepticism.

"I think this is just another way to save a flailing campaign that's going down," Georgia Rep. Doug Collins, the top Republican on the House Judiciary Committee, said on Fox News Channel's "Sunday Morning Futures." "He knows he's in trouble and this is just another way to try and detract attention

On the same show, White House counselor Kellyanne Conway said Hunter Biden "should have done this quite a while ago."

Mesires noted repeatedly that there is no evidence of wrongdoing against Hunter Biden, despite intensifying attacks from Trump before the 2020 election.

"Despite extensive scrutiny, at no time has any law enforcement agency, either domestic or foreign, alleged that Hunter engaged in wrongdoing at any point during his five-year term," Mesires said in his Sunday post of Biden's experience in Ukraine.

The attorney wrote that Hunter Biden worked as an unpaid board member for BHR Equity Investment Fund Management Co. "based on his interest in seeking ways to bring Chinese capital to international markets."

"To date, Hunter has not received any compensation for being on BHR's board of directors," Mesires said. "He has not received any return on his investment; there have been no distributions to BHR shareholders since Hunter obtained his equity interest."

One of Biden's Democratic presidential rivals praised the move, noting that Trump's children are openly trading on his name in business deals around the world while Trump occupies the Oval Office.

"I think it demonstrates the difference in standards relative to the White House," said Pete Buttigieg, the mayor of South Bend, Indiana.

"I mean, here you have Hunter Biden stepping down from a position in order to make sure, even though there's been no accusation of wrongdoing — doing something just to make sure there's not even the appearance of a conflict of interests, while, in the White House, the president of the United States is a walking conflict of interest," he said.

China's trade with US shrinks again in September

By JOE McDONALD AP Business Writer

BEIJING (AP) — China's trade with the United States fell by double digits again in September amid a tariff war that threatens to tip the global economy into recession.

Exports to the United States, China's biggest foreign market, fell 21.9% to \$36.5 billion, a deterioration from August's 16% decline, customs data showed Monday. Imports of American goods sank 15.7% from the year before to \$10.6 billion, an improvement over the previous month's 22% fall.

President Donald Trump agreed Friday to put off an additional tariff hike planned for this week on Chinese imports. In exchange, he said Beijing agreed to buy up to \$50 billion of American farm goods. But they reported no agreements on disputes over China's trade surplus and technology policies that brought on the 15-month-old fight.

"The external environment facing China's foreign trade development is still complicated and severe. Instability and uncertainty are increasing," a customs agency spokesman, Li Kuiwen, said at a news conference.

Tit-for-tat tariff hikes on billions of dollars of each other's goods have battered manufacturers and

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farmers on both sides and disrupted supply chains worldwide. Uncertainty has prompted some companies to postpone investments, adding to downward pressure on global growth and fueling financial market jitters.

China's global exports fell 1.4% from a year earlier to \$218.1 billion. Imports fell 5.8% to \$178.5 billion.

The slump adds to pressure on President Xi Jinping's government to shore up cooling economic growth and prevent politically risky job losses.

Chinese growth fell to its lowest level in at least 26 years in the quarter ending in June, decelerating to 6.2% over a year earlier.

Forecasters expect growth in the July-September quarter, due to be reported this week, to fall further to as low as 5.9%, sinking below the ruling Communist Party's official target for the year of at least 6%.

"While import growth should start to recover soon, it will take longer before export growth bottoms out," said Martin Lyng Rasmussen of Capital Economics in a report. "The mini U.S.-China trade deal reached on Friday doesn't alter the outlook significantly."

The country's politically sensitive trade surplus with the United States contracted by 16.5% from a year earlier but stood at \$25.9 billion.

Increased exports to Britain and other European countries and developing markets such as Vietnam helped to offset some of the losses. China's global trade surplus expanded by 42.2% to \$39.7 billion.

For the first nine months of the year, Chinese imports of American goods were off 26.4% at \$90.6 billion. Exports to the United States were off 10.7% at \$312 billion.

Trump put off a tariff hike planned for Tuesday on \$250 billion of Chinese goods. But Washington still is planning a Dec. 15 tariff hike on \$160 billion of smartphones and other imports.

Before then, Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping are due to attend an economic conference in Chile in mid-November. That is raising hopes a face-to-face meeting might produce progress.

Talks broke down in May over Beijing's insistence that Trump's punitive tariffs had to be lifted once a deal took effect. Washington says some must remain in place to ensure Chinese compliance. Trump and Xi agreed in June to resume negotiations but they have announced no breakthroughs.



Passengers walk by merchandise on display at the Shanghai Disney flagship store at Hongqiao Railway Station in Shanghai, China, Monday, Oct. 14, 2019. China's trade with the United States fell by double digits again in September amid a tariff war that threatens to tip the global economy into recession. (AP Photo/Andy Wong)

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10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press

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

1. U.S. TROOPS TO WITHDRAW FROM CHAOTIC NORTHERN SYRIA

U.S. Defense Secretary Mark Esper says President Donald Trump has directed U.S. troops in northern Syria to begin pulling out "as safely and quickly as possible."

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2. SYRIAN ARMY FACES TURKISH FORCES

Syrian government forces have deployed near the Turkish border, hours after Syrian Kurdish forces previously allied with the U.S. said they had reached a deal with Damascus to help them fend off Turkey's invasion.

3. WHO'S UP NEXT TO TESTIFY IN IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY

Gordon Sondland, Trump's hand-picked ambassador to the European Union, is among administration officials being subpoenaed to appear on Capitol Hill this week against the wishes of the White House.

4. TYPHOON'S FLOODWATERS LEAVE DOZENS DEAD IN JAPAN

Rescue crews dig through mudslides and search near swollen rivers for those missing after a typhoon left as many as 36 dead and caused serious damage in central and northern Japan.

5. FAMILY WANTS ANSWERS AFTER POLICE KILL WOMAN IN HER HOME

The family of a black woman shot and killed by a white police officer in Fort Worth, Texas, early Saturday says the 28-year-old woman was babysitting her 8-year-old nephew when she was gunned down in the family home.

6. WAS CALIFORNIA POWER SHUTOFF WORTH IT

Experts say it's hard to know whether Pacific Gas & Electric's move to shut down power to customers has prevented fires.

7. CALIFORNIA GIVES CHILD SEX ASSAULT VICTIMS MORE TIME TO FILE LAWSUITS

The law signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom gives victims of childhood sexual abuse until age 40, or five years from discovery of the abuse, to file civil lawsuits.

8. WHERE DEAL TO END AUSTERITY AND PROTESTS WAS REACHED

Ecuador is celebrating a deal President Lenín Moreno and indigenous leaders struck to cancel a disputed austerity package and end nearly two weeks of protests.

9. WHO WON THE NOBEL ECONOMIC PRIZE

The 2019 award went to Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer for studies on poverty.

10. LSU JUMPS TO NO. 2 IN AP COLLEGE POLL

The Tigers move up in the rankings with their 42-28 win over Florida. They face top-ranked Alabama in less than a month.



Bullet trains sit at their base as the surrounding land is still flooded following Typhoon Hagibis, in Nagano, central Japan Monday, Oct. 14, 2019. Rescue crews in Japan dug through mudslides and searched near swollen rivers Monday as they looked for those missing from the typhoon that caused serious damage in central and northern Japan.

(Kyodo News via AP)

US pulling out of northern Syria; full withdrawal possible

By ROBERT BURNS AP National Security Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States appears to be heading toward a full military withdrawal from Syria amid growing chaos, cries of betrayal and signs that Turkey's invasion could fuel a broader war.

Defense Secretary Mark Esper said Sunday that President Donald Trump had directed U.S. troops in northern Syria to begin pulling out "as safely and quickly as possible." He did not say Trump ordered troops to leave Syria, but that seemed like the next step in a combat zone growing more unstable by the hour.

Esper, interviewed on two TV news shows, said the administration was considering its options.

"We have American forces likely caught between two opposing advancing armies and it's a very untenable situation," Esper said.

This seemed likely to herald the end of a five-year effort to partner with Syrian Kurdish and Arab fighters to ensure a lasting defeat of the Islamic State group. Hundreds of IS supporters escaped a holding camp amid clashes between invading Turkish-led forces and Kurdish fighters, and analysts said an IS resurgence seemed more likely, just months after Trump declared the extremists defeated.

The U.S. has had about 1,000 troops in northeastern Syria allied with the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces to combat IS. The Pentagon previously had pulled about 30 of these troops from the Turkish attack zone along the border. With an escalation of violence, a widening of the Turkish incursion and the prospect of a deepening conflict, all U.S. forces along the border will now follow that move. It was unclear where they would go.

The Pentagon chief did not say U.S. troops are leaving Syria entirely. The only other U.S. presence in Syria is at Tanf garrison, near Syria's eastern border with Jordan. The U.S. and coalition troops there are not involved in the Kurd mission, and so it seems highly unlikely the 1,000 being moved from the north would go to Tanf.

Critics say the U.S. has betrayed the Kurds by pulling back in the face of Turkey's invasion, but Esper said the administration was left with little choice once President Recep Tayyip Erdogan told Trump a week ago that he was going ahead with a military offensive. Esper said the Kurds have been good partners, "but at the same time, we didn't sign up to fight the Turks on their behalf."

The Kurds then turned to the Syrian government and Russia for military assistance, further complicating the battlefield.

The prospect of enhancing the Syrian government's position on the battlefield and inviting Russia to get more directly involved is seen by Trump's critics as a major mistake. But he tweeted that it shouldn't matter.



A Turkish youth celebrates with a national flag after news about Syrian town of Tal Abyad, in Turkish border town of Akcakale, in Sanliurfa province, Sunday, Oct. 13, 2019. Turkey's official Anadolu news agency, meanwhile, said Turkey-backed Syrian forces have advanced into the center of a Syrian border town, Tal Abyad, on the fifth day of Turkey's military offensive. (Ismail Coskun/IHA via AP)

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"Others may want to come in and fight for one side or the other," he wrote. "Let them!"

Trump tweeted night Sunday: "The U.S. has the worst of the ISIS prisoners. Turkey and the Kurds must not let them escape. Europe should have taken them back after numerous requests. They should do it now. They will never come to, or be allowed in, the United States!"

New Jersey Sen. Bob Menendez, the top Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said Trump is weakening America. "To be clear, this administration's chaotic and haphazard approach to policy by tweet is endangering the lives of U.S. troops and civilians," Menendez said in a statement. "The only beneficiaries of this action are ISIS, Iran and Russia."

The fast-moving developments were a further unraveling of U.S. counterterrorism efforts in Syria, and they highlighted an extraordinary breakdown in relations between the United States and Turkey, NATO allies for decades. Turkish troops have often fought alongside American troops, including in the Korean War and in Afghanistan.

Asked whether he thought Turkey would deliberately attack American troops in Syria, Esper said, "I don't know whether they would or wouldn't."

He cited an incident on Friday in which a small number of U.S. troops fell under artillery fire at an observation post in the north. Esper called that an example of "indiscriminate fire" coming close to Americans, adding it was unclear whether that was an accident.

Esper disputed the notion that the U.S. could have stopped Turkey from invading in the first place. He said Erdogan had made clear he was going to launch his incursion "regardless of what we did."

Strongly critical of the Turks, Esper said "the arc of their behavior over the past several years has been terrible." He added: "I mean, they are spinning out of the Western orbit, if you will. We see them purchasing Russian arms, cuddling up to President Putin. We see them doing all these things that, frankly, concern us."

The chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Rep. Eliot Engel, D-N.Y., said the U.S. and its NATO partners should consider expelling Turkey from the alliance. "How do you have a NATO ally who's in cahoots with the Russians, when the Russians are the adversaries of NATO?"

In explaining Trump's decision to withdraw from northern Syria, Esper cited two weekend developments.

"In the last 24 hours, we learned that they (the Turks) likely intend to expand their attack further south than originally planned — and to the west," he said.

The U.S. also has come to believe that the Kurds are attempting to "cut a deal" with the Syrian army and Russia to counter the invading Turks, he said. As a result, Trump "directed that we begin a deliberate withdrawal of forces from northern Syria," Esper said.

Trump, in a tweet Sunday, said: "Very smart not to be involved in the intense fighting along the Turkish Border, for a change. Those that mistakenly got us into the Middle East Wars are still pushing to fight. They have no idea what a bad decision they have made. Why are they not asking for a Declaration of War?"

Esper said he would not discuss a timeline for the U.S. pullback, but said it would be done "as safely and quickly as possible."

The Pentagon had said before the operation began that the U.S. military would not support it, and the U.S. pulled about 30 special operations troops out of observation posts along the invasion route on the Syrian border to keep them out of harm's way. The Turkish offensive initially covered an area along the border about 125 kilometers (77 miles) wide and about 30 kilometers (19 miles) deep. Esper said it has since grown wider and deeper.

Esper said he was aware of reports of hundreds of IS prisoners escaping as a result of the Turkish invasion and of atrocities being committed against Syrian Kurds by members of a Turkish-supported Syrian Arab militia.

"It gets worse by the hour," Esper said. "These are all the exact things" that U.S. officials warned Erdogan would likely happen by ignoring U.S. urgings not to invade northern Syria.

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin held out the possibility of quick action to impose economic sanctions on Turkey, a move that Trump has repeatedly threatened if the Turks were to push too far into Syria.

"If we go to maximum pressure, which we have the right to do — at a moment's notice the president calls me up and tells me — we will do this," Mnuchin said. "We could shut down all U.S. dollar transactions

with the entire government of Turkey. ... That is something we may do, absolutely."

Esper was interviewed on CBS' "Face the Nation" and "Fox News Sunday." Mnuchin appeared on ABC's "This Week" and Engel was on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Ecuador deal cancels austerity plan, ends indigenous protest

By MICHAEL WEISSENSTEIN and GONZALO SOLANO Associated Press

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) — Ecuador celebrated a deal President Lenín Moreno and indigenous leaders struck late Sunday to cancel a disputed austerity package and end nearly two weeks of protests that have paralyzed the economy and left seven dead.

Under the agreement, Moreno will withdraw the International Monetary Fund-backed package known as Decree 883 that included a sharp rise in fuel costs. Indigenous leaders, in turn, will call on their followers to end protests and street blockades.

"Comrades, this deal is a compromise on both sides," Moreno said. "The indigenous mobilization will end and Decree 883 will be lifted."

The two sides will work together to develop a new package of measures to cut government spending, increase revenue and reduce Ecuador's unsustainable budget deficits and public debt.

In the park that was the epicenter of the protesters, demonstrators armed with wooden sticks and improvised shields shouted: "We did it!"

"I'm so happy I don't know what to say. I don't have words, I'm so emotional. At least God touched the president's heart," said demonstrator Rosa Matango. "I am happy as a mother, happy for our future. We indigenous people fought and lost so many brothers, but we'll keep going forward."

Caravans of cars roamed the streets early Monday honking in celebration, passengers shouting, banging pots and waving Ecuadorian flags.

"The moment of peace, of agreement, has come for Ecuador," said Arnaud Peral, the United Nations' resident coordinator in Ecuador and one of the mediators of the nationally televised talks, which started about 6 p.m. "This deal is an extraordinary step."

Wearing the feathered headdress and face paint of the Achuar people of the Amazon rainforest, the president of the Confederation of Indigenous Nations, Jaime Vargas, thanked Moreno and demanded improved long-term conditions for indigenous Ecuadorians.

"We want peace for our brothers and sisters in this country," Vargas said. "We don't want more repression."

Protests over the austerity package have blocked roads, shuttered businesses from dairies to flower



One of the protesters shakes hands with a security officer as they celebrate the announcement that the government cancelled an austerity package that triggered violent protests, in Quito, Ecuador, Sunday, Oct. 13, 2019. Ecuadorian President Lenin Moreno and leaders of the country's indigenous peoples have struck a deal to cancel the disputed austerity package and end nearly two weeks of protests that have paralyzed the economy and left several people dead. (AP Photo/Dolores Ochoa)

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farms and halved Ecuador's oil production, forcing a temporary halt to the country's most important export.

In a shift from the heated language of the last 10 days of protests, each side at the negotiations praised the other's willingness to talk as they outlined their positions in the first hour before a short break.

Other indigenous demands included higher taxes on the wealthy and the firing of the interior and defense ministers over their handling of the protests.

"From our heart, we declare that we, the peoples and nations, have risen up in search of liberty," Vargas said. "We recognize the bravery of the men and women who rose up."

Earlier in the day, hundreds of black-clad riot police drove protesters out of north-central Quito's Arbolito Park and into surrounding streets.

The park had filled Friday with mostly peaceful protesters chanting against the government. But by Sunday afternoon the air was white with smoke from burning tires and tear gas after more than 24 hours of clashes between police and hard-core protesters with sticks and shields of satellite dishes or plywood. Adjoining streets were piled high with burned tires, tree branches and paving stones.

Volunteer medics from the fire department and medical schools waved white sheets on poles as they led downcast protesters out of the area to safety. Young men from Ecuador's indigenous minority and mixed race, or mestizo, majority, milled on streets under the watch of police and a few dozen soldiers.

The public ombudsman's office said Sunday that seven people had died in the protests, 1,340 had been hurt and 1,152 arrested. The government loosened a 24-hour curfew imposed Saturday, allowing people to move freely around the capital between 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.

The protests have drawn thousands of Ecuadorians from outside the indigenous minority.

Michael Limaico, an unemployed sign-maker, stood on a corner in the Carcelen neighborhood Saturday near a line of burned tires that blocked one of Quito's main thoroughfares. Limaico said he and his wife had struggled for years to feed and house their three children, ages 9 to 15, with their earnings of about \$600 a month from odd jobs around northern Quito.

Then, prices of food and other basic goods rose sharply after Moreno removed fuel subsidies Oct. 2. Limaico said it had become impossible to make ends meet, and he had been protesting for days with neighbors who have blocked Diego de Vazquez Avenue as it passes through Carcelen.

"This isn't a protest of thieves, of gangsters," he said. "This is the people, and we're fed up."

Moreno said the masked protesters had nothing to do with the thousands of indigenous Ecuadorians who have protested for more than a week over the sudden rise in fuel prices, following on the heels of demonstrations by transport workers. Moreno blamed the violence on drug traffickers, organized crime and followers of former President Rafael Correa, who has denied allegations that he is trying to topple Moreno's government.

Moreno served Correa as vice president before he become president and the two men went through a bitter split as Moreno pushed to curb public debt amassed on Correa's watch.

Foreign Minister José Valencia told The Associated Press on Sunday that the Moreno administration believed Correa, Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro and Colombia's far-left FARC and ELN guerrillas are working to destabilize Ecuador. He offered no proof beyond the fact that a handful of Correa loyalists and some Venezuelan nationals had been detained during the protests.

"They have a political agenda and the violence and chaos that they sowed yesterday in the city, a coordinated chaos, lets us see this political agenda," Valencia said.

Correa and Maduro have denied involvement in the protests.

Ecuador, a former OPEC member, was left deeply in debt by a decade of high spending by Correa's government and the international decline in oil prices. Moreno is raising taxes, liberalizing labor laws and cutting public spending in order to get more than \$4 billion in emergency financing from the IMF.

As part of that plan, Moreno's elimination of subsidies drove the most popular variety of gasoline from \$1.85 to \$2.39 a gallon and diesel from \$1.03 to \$2.30. Panic and speculation sent prices soaring, with costs of some products doubling or more.

In the country's Amazon oil fields, protests at installations, described by some government officials as

attacks, have halted or slowed production.

Ecuador had been producing 430,000 barrels a day, but that had dropped to 176,029 barrels by Sunday, said an official at state oil producer Petroamazonas, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release the information. The drop in output has led to a loss of about \$14 million a day, the official said.

Associated Press writer Raisa Avila contributed to this report.

AP FACT CHECK: Trump's premature win on trade, Syria fiction

By HOPE YEN and CALVIN WOODWARD Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — It was a week of caustic rhetoric by President Donald Trump over Syria and the impeachment inquiry, and truth often took a beating.

Seeking to justify pulling U.S. troops out of Syria, Trump spread false information about the total defeat of the Islamic State and misrepresented the scope of the original U.S. mission, saying it was only supposed to last "30 days."

He stepped up political attacks on his Democratic investigators, contradicting himself in the process.

First he accused a Democratic lawmaker of concocting a dramatic account of a Trump phone call with Ukraine's president without having seen a rough White House transcript of what was actually said in the conversation. Then he accused the same lawmaker of concocting his account only after reviewing the rough transcript and deciding it wasn't interesting enough.

On the economy, the president declared a premature victory for farmers over the weekend, incorrectly suggesting that China's pledge to buy up to \$50 billion in U.S. farm products was a signed, done deal.

Here's a review, also covering statements about Hunter Biden, judges and the auto industry:

TRADE

TRUMP: "The deal I just made with China is, by far, the greatest and biggest deal ever made for our Great Patriot Farmers in the history of our Country." — tweet Saturday.

TRUMP: "Start thinking about getting bigger tractors!" — tweet Saturday.

THE FACTS: Not so fast. No final trade agreement has been reached.

It's true that U.S. and China declared a temporary truce in their 15-month trade war. As part of a cease-fire deal announced Friday, China agreed to buy up to \$50 billion in U.S. farm products, while the Trump administration said it would suspend a tariff increase on \$250 billion worth of Chinese imports that was set to take effect Tuesday.

However, negotiators reached their tentative agreement only in principle. No documents have been signed. A final deal could still fall through, though Trump told reporters Friday he didn't think that would happen.

Many of the details remained to be worked out. Some of the thorniest issues — such as U.S. allegations



President Donald Trump speaks at the Values Voter Summit in Washington, Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019. (AP Photo/

Manuel Balce Ceneta)

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that China forces foreign companies to hand over trade secrets — were dealt with only partially, or not at all, and will require further talks.

“The president is acting as if a lot of Chinese concessions have been nailed down, and they just haven’t,” said Derek Scissors, a China specialist at the conservative American Enterprise Institute.

The administration still has in place tariffs on more than \$360 billion worth of Chinese imports. Beijing has lashed back by taxing about \$120 billion in U.S. goods, focusing on soybeans and other agricultural products.

Meanwhile, the threat of escalation still hangs over the two countries. Trump has yet to drop plans to impose tariffs that are set to take effect Dec. 15 on an additional \$160 billion in Chinese products — a move that would extend the sanctions to just about everything China ships to the United States.

SYRIA and TURKEY

TRUMP: “We were supposed to be there for 30 days and we’ve been there for 10 years.” — remarks Saturday at the Values Voter summit.

TRUMP: “The United States was supposed to be in Syria for 30 days, that was many years ago.” — tweet on Oct. 7.

THE FACTS: Previous administrations had never indicated a specific timeline for U.S. involvement in Syria , let alone set a limit of 30 days.

The first American ground troops entered Syria in late 2015, initially 50 and eventually growing to about 2,000, to recruit, organize and advise thousands of Syrian Kurdish and Arab fighters and push IS out of most of its strongholds. At the time, the Obama administration did not set a timeframe, indicating that the fight against the Islamic State would take time.

At an Oct. 30, 2015, press conference , White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest made clear when asked how long troops would stay that “this is not a short-term proposition in terms of our counter-ISIL strategy.”

He added: “I don’t have a specific date to give you when they will come out.”

Earlier last week, Brett McGurk, a former senior diplomat who was the special envoy for the U.S.-led anti-Islamic State coalition, tweeted in response to Trump’s claim of an initial 30-day plan: “None of this is true.”

Trump on Sunday took steps toward a likely full withdrawal from Syria of roughly 1,000 U.S. troops that remain, ordering troops to withdraw from the country’s north to avoid a bloody conflict between Turkey and U.S.-backed Kurdish fighters.

TRUMP, on removing U.S. troops from Syria: “I was elected on getting out of these ridiculous endless wars, where our great Military functions as a policing operation to the benefit of people who don’t even like the USA. The two most unhappy countries at this move are Russia & China, because they love seeing us bogged...down.” — tweets on Oct. 7.

THE FACTS: That’s a dubious reading of Russia , in particular.

Both Russia and Iran stand to gain from a U.S. troop withdrawal and will probably bide their time until they can move in and retake the area. With their help, Syrian President Bashar Assad has recaptured most of the Syrian territory except for the north and east.

Iran and Russia are both key allies of Assad’s government with troops on the ground in Syria. While they may publicly oppose a Turkish incursion into Syria , they probably don’t mind an operation that diminishes the U.S.-allied Kurdish forces.

Some of Turkey’s incursions into Syria appeared to have been coordinated with Russia and Iran.

TRUMP: “We defeated 100% of the ISIS caliphate.” — interview Saturday on Fox News.

TRUMP: “When I arrived in Washington, ISIS was running rampant in the area. We quickly defeated 100% of the ISIS Caliphate.” — tweet on Oct. 7.

THE FACTS: His claim of a 100% defeat is misleading because the Islamic State group still poses a threat .

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IS was defeated in Iraq in 2017, then lost the last of its land holdings in Syria in March, marking the end of the extremists' self-declared caliphate.

Still, extremist sleeper cells have continued to launch attacks in Iraq and Syria and are believed to be responsible for targeted killings against local officials and members of the Syrian Democratic Forces.

IS controlled large swathes of northern and eastern Syria, where they declared a caliphate in 2014 along with large parts of neighboring Iraq.

U.N. experts warned in August that IS leaders are aiming to consolidate and create conditions for an "eventual resurgence in its Iraqi and Syrian heartlands."

On Sunday, former Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, a retired Marine general, said "it's absolutely a given" that IS will return if U.S. troops leave. "We may want a war over. We may even declare it over," he said on NBC's "Meet the Press," but "if we don't keep the pressure on, then ISIS will resurge."

TRUMP: "So many people conveniently forget that Turkey is a big trading partner of the United States, in fact they make the structural steel frame for our F-35 Fighter Jet." — tweet Tuesday.

THE FACTS: Actually, Turkey won't be providing the steel for U.S. F-35 fighter jets much longer.

The Trump administration removed Turkey from the F-35 program in July because the Turks refused to cancel the purchase of a Russian S-400 air defense system that is incompatible with NATO forces. At the time, the White House said the S-400 would compromise the F-35 program and aid Russian intelligence.

As part of that process, the U.S. said it will stop using any Turkish supplies and parts by March.

TRUMP: "We quickly defeated 100% of the ISIS Caliphate, ...including capturing thousands of ISIS fighters, mostly from Europe. But Europe did not want them back, they said you keep them USA!" — tweet on Oct. 7.

TRUMP: "Most of them came from Europe." — Minneapolis rally on Thursday.

THE FACTS: Not true. The foreign fighters captured and being held by the U.S.-allied Kurds are not mostly from Europe, which Trump has argued could easily reclaim them.

Of the more than 12,000 IS fighters in custody in Kurdish areas, only 2,500 are from outside the region of the conflict, some from Europe, some from other parts of the world. But most of captured fighters — about 10,000 — are natives of Syria or Iraq.

Trump has said it will now be up to countries in the region to decide what to do with captured fighters.

UKRAINE

TRUMP, on Hunter Biden, whose father is former Vice President Joe Biden, a Trump political rival: "Guy walks in, no experience, no nothing, walks out with \$1.5 billion. Gee, flies in on Air Force 2 with his father, the vice president. ... So China gives his son \$1.5 billion. How would you like to have Joe Biden take over negotiations right now with China? I don't think so." — Minneapolis rally Thursday.

THE FACTS: There's no evidence Hunter Biden pocketed \$1.5 billion from China. More generally, accusations of criminal wrongdoing by father or son are unsubstantiated.

In 2014, an investment fund started by Hunter Biden and other investors joined with foreign and Chinese private equity firms in an effort to raise \$1.5 billion to invest outside China. That's far from giving Hunter Biden such a sum, as Trump describes it.

Hunter Biden's lawyer, George Mesires, wrote in an internet post Sunday that his client was an unpaid director of the fund at the time "based on his interest in seeking ways to bring Chinese capital to international markets."

"To date, Hunter has not received any compensation for being on BHR's board of directors," Mesires said, referring to the fund. "He has not received any return on his investment."

Trump's attempt to press Ukraine to investigate the Bidens is at the center of the impeachment inquiry into the president's activities in office; Trump also has called for China to investigate them. Joe Biden is contending for the 2020 Democratic nomination to run against Trump.

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Hunter Biden said Sunday that he will step down from the Chinese board at the end of the month as part of a pledge not to work on behalf of any foreign-owned companies should his father win the presidency.

IMPEACHMENT

TRUMP: "We released a perfect conversation. ...I will say this: Adam Schiff took that conversation before he saw it and fabricated a conversation. To me, that's criminal. What he did is criminal." — remarks Friday to reporters.

TRUMP: "Congressman Adam Schiff, who when seeing the REAL Ukraine phone call Transcript decided he'd better make up one of his own." — tweet Sunday.

THE FACTS: Which is it? Did Schiff characterize the phone call before or after the White House memo describing the conversation came out? As far as the timeline goes, Trump was right the second time. But Schiff, chairman of the House intelligence committee, said nothing criminal.

Trump is referring to remarks the California Democrat made at a Sept. 26 committee hearing, when Schiff mocked the president's pleas to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy to investigate Democratic rival Joe Biden. The White House memo of that July 25 call was released one day before.

During the hearing, Schiff offered an exaggerated performance of that rough transcript. He said his remarks reflected the "essence" of what he believed Trump was conveying to Zelenskiy, "shorn of its rambling character" and were meant as parody.

There's no question of criminality in what Schiff said. Lawmakers are given wide protections from liability for comments made in the course of Congress under the "speech or debate" clause in the Constitution, which seeks to foster political debate.

Trump routinely mocks critics and invents dialogue that he attributes to them; Schiff did similar in his remarks.

TRUMP: "Adam should be Impeached!" — tweet Tuesday.

TRUMP, on Schiff and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi: "Nancy Pelosi knew of all of the many Shifty Adam Schiff lies and massive frauds perpetrated upon Congress and the American people, in the form of a fraudulent speech ...This makes Nervous Nancy every bit as guilty as Liddle' Adam Schiff for High Crimes and Misdemeanors ... I guess that means that they, along with all of those that evilly 'Colluded' with them, must all be immediately Impeached!" — tweet on Oct. 6.

THE FACTS: There's no danger that either Schiff or Pelosi, who last month launched impeachment proceedings against Trump, will be impeached themselves. That's because House members cannot be impeached under the Constitution.

The House does have the power to expel one of its members by a two-thirds vote, but there are little grounds for it based on what Trump alleges. Schiff said his remarks during a committee hearing were a parody, reflecting the "essence" of what he believed Trump was conveying to Zelenskiy.

The House has expelled only five of its own, based on charges of members supporting the Confederacy during the Civil War or bribery and corruption.

JUDGES

TRUMP, criticizing Barack Obama's struggle to win confirmation of federal judges as president, contends "they were unable to fill 142 important Federal Judgeships (a record by far), handing them all to me to choose." — tweet Wednesday.

TRUMP: "I said, 'By the way, how many federal judgeships do I have?' They said, 'Sir you have 142.' ...I said, 'You got to be kidding.' ...And President Obama was not very good in getting it done." — Values Voter summit on Saturday.

THE FACTS: First, his number is false. So is his insinuation that Obama couldn't fill judicial vacancies due to complacency.

It's true that Trump has a stronger record than Obama so far in picking federal judges. But it was due to

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unprecedented lack of action by the Republican-controlled Senate on Democrat Obama's judicial nominees in his last two years in office. That left Trump more vacancies to fill.

Of the 71 people whom Obama nominated to the district courts and courts of appeals in 2015 and 2016, only 20 were voted on and confirmed, said Russell Wheeler, an expert on judicial nominees at the Brookings Institution. Trump entered office in January 2017 with under 110 vacancies on the federal bench — not 142 as he asserts — about double the number Obama had in 2009.

Trump has since been aided by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., who has pushed through Trump's nominations of appeals court judges in particular.

ECONOMY

TRUMP: "If our opponent had won that election, you know what would have happened? Right now, China would be the No. 1 economy anywhere in the world. And right now, I can tell you, they're not even close." — Minneapolis rally.

TRUMP: "So I think China might have caught us if my opponent had gotten in. By now, they would have caught us. And now it's going to be a long time before they catch us, if they ever catch us. I don't think anybody is going to catch us." — remarks Oct. 7 on trade .

THE FACTS: No matter who got elected in 2016 — Trump or Democrat Hillary Clinton — there is no way China's economy would have caught up with America's by now.

Even if the U.S. economy hadn't grown at all since 2016, China's gross domestic product — the broadest measure of economic output — would have had to have surged a fantastical 79% in three years to have pulled even with America's. That comes to growth of more than 21% a year — something even China's super-charged economy has never approached.

Moreover, despite Trump's suggestion that China can't ever catch up, the Chinese economy continues to slowly narrow the gap because every year it grows much faster than America's. In 2019, for example, the International Monetary Fund expects Chinese GDP to increase 6.2%, more than double the 2.6% growth it expects for the United States.

RONNA MCDANIEL, Republican National Committee chair: "New data is out on median income growth: Under Barack Obama, incomes rose \$11 a month. Under @realDonaldTrump, incomes are rising at \$161 a month. That's huge!" — tweet on Oct. 7, retweeted by Trump.

THE FACTS: This comparison is misleading.

McDaniel's statement relies on an op-ed by conservative commentator Stephen Moore that obscures the track records of both presidents and the economic conditions that their administrations inherited.

For the first two full years of Trump's presidency, the Census Bureau shows that median household income has been growing by a monthly average of \$58, to \$63,179 in 2018. That's almost one-third of what was claimed in McDaniel's tweet.

Under Obama, incomes rose at a monthly average of only \$31. But that average includes Obama's first term, when the economy was dealing with the ravages from the Great Recession that began before he became president. Trump took office at a moment when the economy was relatively healthy.

Obama's track record improved sharply after 2012, as the recovery took hold. Median incomes during that period rose at a monthly average of \$122. That is more than double the income growth during Trump's first two years.

TRUMP: "As you know, in addition to what we're talking about today, they're building — Japan — many car plants in the United States, which they weren't doing for a long time. And they're building in Michigan, Ohio, lots of different states. And we just appreciate it very much. Been a tremendous investment." — remarks Oct. 7 on trade.

THE FACTS: Not true. Japanese automakers are not building "many" car plants in the U.S. No Japanese automakers are building assembly plants in Michigan, and Honda is making only a small investment at an

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existing facility in Anna, Ohio, near Dayton. Honda has announced it will build a hybrid SUV at a factory in Greensburg, Indiana, but that investment is \$4.2 million and will add 34 new jobs.

The only major assembly plant being built now by Japanese automakers in the U.S. is the Toyota-Mazda factory in Alabama, which is expected to employ 4,000 people and will start producing vehicles in 2021.

Normally, parts-making companies set up operations in or near the main assembly plant, and that's happening in Huntsville. Six companies are investing about \$491 million in the area, creating an expected 1,765 jobs, according to Toyota.

Earlier this year, Japanese truck maker Hino opened a new assembly plant in Mineral Wells, West Virginia, investing \$100 million and creating 250 jobs. It replaced an older facility that also was in West Virginia.

Trump is also wrong to suggest recent construction from Japanese car companies in the U.S. is somehow new. Japanese automakers have been building in the U.S. since the 1970s and have expanded manufacturing over the years. The companies have announced millions in investments to retool existing plants to make new models.

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Voters weary of more investigations as impeachment ramps up

By SARA BURNETT Associated Press

FISHERS, Ind. (AP) — As Democrats' impeachment inquiry into President Donald Trump intensifies, Mark Stenske feels like he's seen this movie before, and the storyline is getting old.

First, there was the nearly two-year investigation into Russia's interference in the 2016 election and Trump's possible role in it. Then came the accusations against Trump's pick for the Supreme Court, Brett Kavanaugh, and contentious hearings before a Senate committee. Now it's questions about Trump's dealings with Ukraine's president and whether that should lead to Trump's removal from office.

"I think they wanted to do it all along, and they're just looking for another way, another avenue," Stenske, a 55-year-old Trump supporter, said of the impeachment proceedings as he walked his dog through a suburban Indianapolis park last week. "I think it's kind of a ploy to help keep the pressure on him and muddy his campaign, his chances to win in 2020."

Polling finds that support for the inquiry has grown since House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., announced the start of the investigation last month following a whistleblower complaint. But what those numbers don't show is the sense of fatigue among some Americans — a factor that could be significant as Democrats leading the inquiry debate how to proceed with an election year approaching.

It's a feeling shared by people on both sides.

For Trump supporters such as Stenske, the impeachment inquiry is more of the same from obstructionist Democrats still bitter about the 2016 election. Those who want Trump gone say it's tough to feel hopeful after watching him flout the rules and spew divisive rhetoric for almost a full term — and get away with all of it.

"Impeachment in general has been depressing because it's sad that it's taken this long," said Megan Gettelfinger, 33, a preschool teacher and mother of two who moved to Fishers from Indianapolis almost three years ago.

The question about how to move forward with impeachment is of particular concern to both parties in places such as Fishers, one of the country's fastest-growing suburbs. The community has more than doubled in population since 2000, to just over 90,000 people. Companies have located to the area, and young families have been drawn to its good schools, entertainment and acres and acres of green space.

The boom in Fishers and the surrounding region has changed the face of Indiana's 5th Congressional Dis-

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trict, a once reliably Republican area that backed Trump by nearly 12 percentage points in 2016. The increased number of college-educated, more liberal residents has given Democrats hope that they may pick up a seat here in 2020, when GOP Rep. Susan Brooks is retiring.

Democrat Joe Donnelly narrowly won the district in 2018, even as he lost his Senate reelection bid statewide, and Democrats think the area looks a lot like the suburban districts that helped them win control of the House during last year's midterm elections.

Trump should find plenty of ardent defenders here — people like Stenske, who voted for Trump in 2016 and thinks he's doing a "great job" as president despite what he sees as Democrats' relentless efforts to sabotage him. But at a park in the heart of

Fishers' Sunblest neighborhood, an upper middle-class area of young families and two-story homes, there were signs of problems for Trump and the GOP. For every supporter of the president, it was easy to find someone — most of them women — eager for his time in office to end.

Gettelfinger, who voted for Hillary Clinton in 2016 after supporting Republican candidates over Barack Obama in 2008 and 2012, has a long list of things she dislikes about Trump, from his treatment of women and minorities to his inability to admit when he's wrong. But even she sees the impeachment proceedings as both a legitimate inquiry and a political move by Democrats.

"I think that what happened is impeachable," she said. "I also think that at this point anyone who doesn't support him is now jumping on 'This is how we can impeach him. This is our path to get this done to get him out of office.'"

Kathrynne Shaw, 28, also opposes Trump but described impeachment as "too late in the game." She said Democrats should hold off for now and proceed only if Trump wins a second term in 2020.

"It's something they've been talking about forever," said Shaw, who lives in nearby Noblesville and works in a distribution center. "They're trying to show that they're able to do something, but it's almost like when a toddler throws a temper tantrum. They're trying to do something, but everything they've tried to do thus far isn't really working."

Shaw supported Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders in the 2016 primary, then voted for Clinton in the general election, and said she didn't believe Trump could be elected president — until it happened. These days, she largely avoids the news and peruses Facebook only for the "funny videos," skipping over anything political.

"At this point, there's not much I can do but vote," Shaw said.

Randall Scott, 55, voted for Trump in 2016 and said he also avoids watching TV news or spending time on social media. He reads some but generally distrusts both the media and the information politicians are putting out. Like Shaw, he doesn't feel that following the impeachment proceedings is a worthwhile use of his time.

"I feel powerless. There's not a damn thing I can do about it," said Scott, who lives in Fishers and owns a business. "I'm not depressed about it. I don't feel woeful or anything. I think that's the nature of politics."



Randall Scott discusses the impeachment inquiry into President Donald Trump while sitting in a park in the Nickel Plate District, Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2019, in Fishers, Ind. (AP

Photo/Darron Cummings)

New Orleans hotel collapse: Search on for a missing worker

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Rescue crews on Sunday searched for a worker missing in the partial collapse of a New Orleans hotel that was under construction, their work proceeding cautiously amid fears about the stability of the structure, authorities said.

Officials declined to say if they have any indication whether the missing worker is alive after Saturday's collapse. New Orleans Fire Chief Tim McConnell said they are treating their work as a rescue mission until they have evidence the missing person is dead along with two other people killed when a large part of the Hard Rock Hotel project crashed down near the city's historic French Quarter.

"Safety is the No. 1 thing. The last thing you want to do when you are trying to rescue somebody is lose someone else," McConnell said at a news conference Sunday.

Several floors of the hotel toppled down Saturday amid blinding dust and flying debris. WWL-TV obtained a viewer's dramatic video of upper floors collapsing Saturday before one side of the building crashed to the street.

New Orleans Mayor LaToya Cantrell told media outlets later Sunday that the body of one of the two dead has been recovered and the coroner's office is working to identify the victim.

Thirty people were injured. Only one remains in the hospital. The mayor visited the man, who had surgery for a leg injury.

"He told me it could have been worse. He wanted to make sure his co-workers were safe. He was envisioning the two who were on the floor with him," Cantrell said.

Crews on Sunday were assembling a 220,000-pound (99,800-kilogram) crane driven into the city overnight to begin the delicate process of removing the large amount of fallen debris, McConnell said.

"Our original estimate to get a crane was two weeks. We got it here in less than 24 hours," McConnell said.

The project's contractor, Citadel Builders LLC, was flying in engineers from Europe to help crews remove debris without risking the life of the missing person or nearby buildings and aid in the investigation, officials said.

Neither Citadel Builders nor emergency officials have commented on any potential cause of the building collapse.

The new Hard Rock Hotel was under construction at the corner of Rampart Street and Canal Street, a broad boulevard just outside the French Quarter that is lined with restaurants hotels and retailers. Canal, which carries six lanes of traffic divided by a wide median where streetcars roll, separates the Quarter from the city's main business district.

Officials warned massive disruptions in the area will likely last for weeks. Reports said about 100 residents in the mandatory evacuation zone have been displaced from their homes. And some debris from the building fell on the roof of the Saenger Theatre. Cantrell said the exact damage to the theater has



This aerial photo shows the Hard Rock Hotel, which was under construction, after a fatal partial collapse in New Orleans, Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019. (AP Photo/Gerald Herbert)

not been determined, but productions of "Wicked" have been canceled through the end of its run next weekend. She urged patience because it could take weeks or even months to clean up the area.

"This structure is not stable. We want people to stay away from the area. How we touch it — it just matters," the mayor said.

Syria's Kurds look to Assad for protection after US pullout

By LETERIS PITARAKIS and SARAH EL DEEB Associated Press

AKCAKALE, Turkey (AP) — Syria's Kurds said Syrian government forces agreed Sunday to help them fend off Turkey's invasion — a major shift in alliances that came after President Donald Trump ordered all U.S. troops withdrawn from the northern border area amid the rapidly deepening chaos.

The shift could lead to clashes between Turkey and Syria and raises the specter of a resurgent Islamic State group as the U.S. relinquishes any remaining influence in northern Syria to President Bashar Assad and his chief backer, Russia.

Adding to the turmoil Sunday, hundreds of Islamic State families and supporters escaped from a holding camp in Syria amid the fighting between Turkish forces and the Kurds.

The fast-deteriorating situation was set in motion last week, when Trump ordered U.S. troops in northern Syria to step aside, clearing the way for an attack by Turkey, which regards the Kurds as terrorists. Since 2014, the Kurds have fought alongside the U.S.

in defeating the Islamic State in Syria, and Trump's move was decried at home and abroad as a betrayal of an ally.

Over the past five days, Turkish troops and their allies have pushed their way into northern towns and villages, clashing with the Kurdish fighters over a stretch of 200 kilometers (125 miles). The offensive has displaced at least 130,000 people.

On Sunday, U.S. Defense Secretary Mark Esper said all American troops will withdraw from northern Syria because of the increasing danger of getting caught in the crossfire.

"We have American forces likely caught between two opposing advancing armies, and it's a very untenable situation," he said on CBS' "Face the Nation." He did not say how many would withdraw or where they would go but that they represent most of the 1,000 U.S. troops in Syria.

The peril to American forces was illustrated on Friday, when a small number of U.S. troops came under Turkish artillery fire at an observation post in the north. No Americans were hurt. Esper said it was unclear whether that was an accident.

Trump, in a tweet, said: "Very smart not to be involved in the intense fighting along the Turkish Border,



People standing on a rooftop in Akcakale, Sanliurfa province, southeastern Turkey, at the border with Syria, watch as in the background smoke billows from fires caused by Turkish bombardment in Tal Abyad, Syria, Sunday, Oct. 13, 2019. Turkey's official Anadolu news agency says Turkey-backed Syrian forces have advanced into the center of a Syrian border town, Tal Abyad, on the fifth day of the Turkey's military offensive against Kurdish fighters in Syria.

(AP Photo/Letteris Pitarakis)

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for a change. Those that mistakenly got us into the Middle East Wars are still pushing to fight. They have no idea what a bad decision they have made.”

Later in the day Sunday, Kurdish officials announced they will work with the Syrian government to fend off the Turkish invasion, deploying side by side along the border. Syrian TV said government troops were moving to the north to confront the Turkish invasion but gave no details.

The Kurdish fighters had few options after the United States abandoned them, and it had been anticipated they would turn to Assad’s government for support.

A return by Assad’s forces to the region where Syrian Kurds have built up autonomy in the north would be a major shift in Syria’s long-running civil war, further cementing Assad’s hold over the ravaged country. Late Sunday, Syrian TV broadcast from the northern town of Hassakeh where residents took to the streets to celebrate the announcement of cooperation between the Syrian government and the Kurds, and many vowed to defeat the Turkish invasion.

It would also mean that U.S. troops no longer have a presence in an area where Russia and Iranian-backed militias now have a role.

It was not clear what Russia’s role was in cementing the agreement. But Russian officials have been mediating low-level talks between the Kurds and Damascus. Syria is allied with Russia, and Turkey, though it is a NATO member, has drawn close to Moscow in recent years under Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

The U.S. withdrawal leaves open the question of what happens to the Kurdish-run prisons and detention centers that hold thousands of Islamic State prisoners, including more than 2,000 foreign militants.

On Sunday, heavy fighting reached a Kurdish-run displaced-persons camp in Ein Eissa, some 35 kilometers (20 miles) south of the border, that is home to some 12,000 people, including around 1,000 wives and widows of Islamic State fighters and their children.

The Kurdish-led administration in northern Syria said in a statement that 785 Islamic State supporters escaped after attacking guards and storming the gates. It was not immediately possible to confirm that figure.

“It gets worse by the hour,” Esper said of the fighting. “These are all the exact things” that U.S. officials warned Erdogan would probably happen in urging him not to invade.

Erdogan on Sunday ruled out any mediation in the dispute with the Kurds, saying Turkey won’t negotiate with “terrorists.”

Turkey’s official Anadolu news agency said Turkey-backed Syrian forces had advanced into the center of a Syrian border town, Tal Abyad, on the fifth day of Turkey’s offensive. Turkey’s Defense Ministry tweeted that its forces had taken control of the main highway running between Hassakeh, a major town and logistics hub, and Ein Eissa, the administrative center of the Kurdish-held areas.

Casualties mounted. On Sunday, at least nine people, including five civilians, were killed in Turkish airstrikes on a convoy in the Syrian border town of Ras al-Ayn, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and Syrian Kurdish officials.

Images of the attack showed bodies and severed limbs strewn in the street. Some of those killed appeared to be carrying guns. Activists said the gunmen were guarding the convoy.

Turkey said 440 Kurdish fighters have been killed since the operation began Wednesday. The SDF said 56 of its fighters have died. Turkey also said four of its soldiers were killed, along with 16 allied Syrian fighters.

Associated Press writer Lefteris Pitarakis reported this story in Akcakale and AP writer Sarah el Deeb reported from Beirut. AP writer Zeynep Bilginsoy in Istanbul contributed to this report.

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Darnold throws 2 TDs in return, Jets edge Cowboys 24-22

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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Sam Darnold returned — and so did the New York Jets' hopes to turn around a season that was quickly unraveling without him.

Darnold gave the Jets' struggling offense a huge boost by throwing two touchdown passes in his return from mononucleosis, and New York held on to beat the Dallas Cowboys 24-22 on Sunday night for their first win of the season.

"I'm just really, really excited for the guys in this locker room," Darnold said. "We were starving for a win."

The Jets led 21-9 in the fourth quarter, but Dak Prescott and the top-ranked Cowboys offense stormed back — and had a chance to tie in the wild closing moments.

With Dallas marching down the field, officials called six straight penalties during one stretch including four on the Jets putting the Cowboys in scoring position.

Prescott ran for a 4-yard touchdown with 43 seconds left, making it a two-point game. Going for the tie, Prescott dropped back and was quickly met by a blitzing Jamal Adams and his pass on the conversion try fell short of Jason Witten in the end zone.

The Cowboys (3-3) tried an onside kick, but Demaryius Thomas recovered for the Jets (1-4), who won for the first time under coach Adam Gase. It was the third straight loss for Dallas.

"To come out here and do it in the fashion we did and the defense getting a huge stop on the 2-point conversion," Darnold said, "I wouldn't want it any other way."

Darnold, who missed three games while recovering from mononucleosis, finished 23 of 32 for 338 yards — including a 92-yard touchdown toss to Robby Anderson and a 5-yarder to Ryan Griffin. Darnold was intercepted by Jourdan Lewis late in the third quarter after throwing 179 consecutive passes without being picked off, dating to Week 14 of last season at Buffalo.

Le'Veon Bell also ran for a score, his first on the ground with the Jets.

The Cowboys played without starting tackles La'el Collins and Tyron Smith, and star wide receiver Amari Cooper was sidelined most of the game with a quadriceps injury. But Dallas made it a five-point game on Ezekiel Elliott's 5-yard run with 6:30 remaining, capping an 11-play, 84-yard drive.

Sam Ficken's 38-yard field goal with 3:24 left made it 24-16, but the Cowboys had one more long drive in them.

And, the Jets' defense had one final stop in them.

"No one counted us to win that game," linebacker Jordan Jenkins said. "Everyone bet on the Cowboys. They thought we were going to come in and get blown out."

Prescott was 28 of 40 for 277 yards. Elliott finished with 105 yards and a touchdown on 28 carries.

"We're putting ourselves behind," Prescott said. "We're putting our defense in a tough spot. We're not playing complementary football. It's simple as that. We've got to start faster. We've got to get points. We've got to get touchdowns and allow our defense to play from up."

"As long as we have these slow starts, we're going to struggle."

QUICK START

Darnold came out throwing in his first snap since the season opener and connected with Thomas for a 17-yard gain. But, Robert Quinn sacked him on the next play and the drive stalled — making it 29 straight games the Jets have failed to score a touchdown on their opening possession, the longest active streak in the NFL.

But, Darnold and the Jets got on the scoreboard on their second drive, capped Bell's 2-yard touchdown run.

Darnold was efficient on the 14-play, 83-yard drive, going 6 of 8 for 43 yards. New York was also helped by three penalties on Dallas, including a horse-collar tackle of Darnold by Maliek Collins on third-and-goal from the 7 that gave the Jets the ball at the 2.

"I definitely felt like myself out there," Darnold said. "Especially after the first play to D.T., that pass I made to D.T., I knew we were going to have a good game offensively."

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New York finished with 382 yards after getting 233 combined in the last two games with Luke Falk at quarterback.

"It's unacceptable for us to give up that many points," Cowboys linebacker Jaylon Smith said. "That's not an elite defense."

SWING

Trailing 7-3, Prescott and the Cowboys marched down the field and got to the Jets 6, but stalled. Elliott lost a yard on third down and Jason Garrett opted to go for it on four-and-2 from the 7. Prescott took the ball on a keeper, but was stuffed by rookie Quinnen Williams for a loss of a yard — and a turnover on downs.

Darnold came out on the very next play and found a wide-open Anderson zipping down the field and hit him in stride for a 92-yard touchdown to put the Jets up 14-3 with 3:34 left in the opening half. It was the second-longest reception in franchise history behind the 96-yard TD catch by Wesley Walker on a pass from Ken O'Brien at Buffalo on Dec. 8, 1985.

FOR KICKS

Brett Maher kicked three field goals for the Cowboys, including tying his franchise record with a 62-yarder as the first half ended to make it 21-6.

It was also the longest field goal ever made against the Jets. Maher also made a 62-yarder against the Eagles last December, making him the first kicker in NFL history, according to Sportradar, with two field goals of at least 62 yards.

Denver's Matt Prater holds the NFL record for longest field goal, kicking a 64-yarder in 2013.

Maher, who also had field goals of 50 and 32 yards, later missed a 40-yarder that sailed wide right 51 seconds into the fourth quarter.

INJURIES

Cowboys: CB Byron Jones left in the second half with a hamstring injury. ... DE Dorance Armstrong left in the second quarter to be checked for a neck injury. ... CB Anthony Brown left in the second half with a hamstring injury.

Jets: LT Kelvin Beachum hurt an ankle in the third quarter and didn't return. LB Neville Hewitt, the team's leading tackler, left midway through the second quarter with an undisclosed injury but returned late in the third quarter. ... NT Steve McLendon suffered a concussion in the third quarter. ... LB Albert McClellan left in the third quarter to be evaluated for a concussion.

UP NEXT

Cowboys: home vs. NFC East rival Philadelphia Eagles next Sunday night.

Jets: host undefeated AFC East rival New England Patriots next Monday night.

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49ers remain unbeaten with 20-7 win over slumping Rams

By GREG BEACHAM AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles Rams ran the ball on their first seven consecutive plays, marching straight through San Francisco's defense for 65 yards and a touchdown.

"That definitely hits you on a personal level," 49ers defensive tackle DeForest Buckner said. "I'm pretty sure a lot of guys took it personally."

The Niners' defense vowed to spend the rest of a memorable Sunday making up for that embarrassment. And with a fourth-down stop on the goal line several minutes later, San Francisco completely changed the direction of this NFC West rivalry.

Jimmy Garoppolo passed for 243 yards and ran for a touchdown, and San Francisco remained unbeaten with a dominant defensive performance in a 20-7 victory over the struggling Rams.

George Kittle had eight catches for 103 yards for the Niners (5-0), but their tenacious defense did most of the work. San Francisco held Los Angeles' once-unstoppable offense to 157 yards in coach Kyle Shanahan's first victory over Rams coach Sean McVay in a game in which both California rivals were playing

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their starters.

"LA has gotten after us a lot the last couple of years, so it was a game for us to come out here and just show that we are back and for real," Niners defensive lineman Solomon Thomas said.

These rivals are going in opposite directions after this one-sided showdown at the Coliseum. San Francisco stayed alongside New England as the NFL's only unbeaten teams, while the Rams (3-3) are on their first three-game losing streak of McVay's 2½-year tenure.

After enduring two miserable seasons while the Rams reached Super Bowl heights, the Niners were eager to reassert themselves in this classic NFL rivalry.

San Francisco won a defense-dominated game by thoroughly throttling the defending NFC champions' once-impressive passing game. Jared Goff went 13 of 24 for a career-low 78 yards while failing to get comfortable behind a porous offensive line, and the Rams didn't manage a completion longer than 12 yards while going 0 for 9 on third down and 0 for 4 on fourth down.

"We were running the ball so well early, and we were trying to stick with that," Goff said. "We just never really got in a rhythm. Their defense was able to settle in, and that's part of it."

The game was still up for grabs when the Rams reached the San Francisco 1 on third down shortly before halftime, but the Niners smothered two straight running plays up the middle.

"It sparks everybody," Garoppolo said. "Coaches, players, everybody is hollering on the sideline."

Tevin Coleman rushed for an early touchdown for San Francisco, while Garoppolo was mostly effective despite two turnovers. The Niners didn't score a touchdown in the final 27 minutes, but they're off to their fourth 5-0 start in franchise history, and their first since 1990.

With Todd Gurley sitting out to rest his bruised thigh, Los Angeles couldn't move the ball in its least productive performance of McVay's tenure.

Robert Woods rushed for a touchdown on the opening drive for the Rams, who then managed 48 net yards on their next seven drives combined.

"We came out and started fast, but it comes back to consistency," Woods said. "We look like a good offense sometimes, (and then) we look like a bad offense. We're just not being consistent."

The Niners' offense wasn't significantly better during a first half in which both teams turned the ball over at the opponents' 1, but San Francisco capitalized on Rams rookie Darrell Henderson's fumble on the opening snap of the second half for a short go-ahead TD drive capped by Garoppolo's sneak.

San Francisco then took control, moving the ball deliberately and thoroughly shutting down the Rams. Garoppolo's fumble was returned to the San Francisco 36 with 8:40 to play, but the Rams promptly turned it over on downs.

"After that, I had a feeling that if we just don't turn it over, we'll win this game," Shanahan said. "I haven't had that feeling very much in my career, and the defense definitely gave it to me the whole game."

SLOW START

San Francisco answered the Rams' opening TD drive with Coleman's TD run capping a 75-yard drive. The Niners drove to the Rams 1 again, but Garoppolo's atrocious throw at the goal line was easily intercepted by Marcus Peters.

KEY FUMBLE

Henderson, a third-round pick with one career carry before this game, dropped a pitchout from Goff on the opening play of the second half, and Arik Armstead recovered at the Rams 17. San Francisco easily scored on the short field.

INJURIES

49ers: They played without both of their starting offensive tackles, Mike McGlinchey and Joe Staley. ... CB Richard Sherman left the game with a stinger in the second half, but was OK.

Rams: LG Joe Noteboom was taken to the locker room on a cart during the first quarter after he injured his right knee. The second-year pro didn't return. ... S John Johnson was ruled out with an injured shoulder in the second half. ... Gurley missed his first game of the season, as did LB Clay Matthews, their sacks leader. CB Aqib Talib sat out with bruised ribs.

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Column: In Miami, a showdown of the NFL's worst By TIM DAHLBERG AP Sports Columnist

In the air above Hard Rock Stadium, before the bungling Redskins and hapless Dolphins took the field, a plane towed a banner calling for Miami fans to do their part to help get Washington team president Bruce Allen fired.

On the ground, it was not only a battle for the bottom but a fight for the future — a future that for the Dolphins now appears to include Alabama quarterback Tua Tagovailoa.

And in the half-empty stands, some visiting fans wore paper bags over their heads and held up signs asking Daniel Snyder to sell his perennially underperforming team.

Who said there wasn't anything at stake Sunday in a showdown of the worst the NFL has to offer? In, of all places, the same stadium where the best of the NFL will be playing in the Super Bowl in February.

There was plenty on the line in a game someone had to win, and someone eventually did. The Redskins held on to a 17-16 victory that gave them their first win of the season even if the performance wasn't nearly good enough for their fans to dump the paper bags for next week's game against the San Francisco 49ers.

The real winner, though, was probably the Dolphins. They scored in the second half for the first time this season, and had a rushing touchdown for the first time, too.

In a game of firsts, the Dolphins actually made things exciting at the end by going for a 2-point conversion and the win. Naturally, it failed but, hey, a team has to start somewhere.

More importantly, Miami remained winless and in prime position to take Tagovailoa in the first pick of the 2020 draft. And for now, about all the Dolphins' fans can bank on are moral victories and promises of a brighter future.

"Obviously it's disappointing to me, but we came close to our first win," said quarterback Josh Rosen, who was replaced in the second half by Ryan Fitzpatrick despite being assured just a few weeks ago by head coach Brian Flores that he was the quarterback for the remainder of the season. "But this is disappointing to me."

For Washington, it was not only the first win in six games but also the first for interim coach Bill Calhahan, who took over after Jay Gruden was unceremoniously dumped earlier in the week. That was some cause for celebration among the Washington faithful, as was the play of rookie receiver Terry McLaurin.

It won't be enough to suddenly lift the Redskins into playoff contention, far from it. But it was enough to get out of the winless column and get a break when the discussion turns to the worst teams in the NFL.

"We're here now, we're going on the right foot," said McLaurin, who had four catches for 100 yards and two TDs. "Let's go."

The Redskins, of course, are going nowhere but give McLaurin a break. He's a rookie who hasn't been around the chronic mess in the nation's capital, where Washington has made the playoffs only five times in 20 years with Snyder as owner.

Against the Dolphins, though, they were favored to win — by about 5 points in most sports books. Not only did the Redskins fail to cover the spread, they would have lost the game outright had the Dolphins run a better play than the pass Kenyan Drake dropped for the 2-point conversion with 6 seconds left.

That's life at the bottom of the pile in the NFL, where the only thing the Dolphins will be favored for this season is getting the first pick in next year's draft. The Twitter hashtag for this game was #tankforTua, but the Dolphins are so bad that losing a game comes naturally, without any tanking necessary.

Even when Miami cut the score to 17-10 in the second half, the Dolphins were called for offside after recovering an onside kick that would have given them the ball at the Washington 47. That was bad all by itself, but the second time in five games where they have been offside this year in an onside kick they

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recovered.

A botched kick, and a botched conversion. The best you can say about the Dolphins was at least they took a chance and tried.

"Games like this, two winless teams, everybody pulls out the stops," Callahan said. "It was wild all the way to the last minute."

Wild and not completely meaningless, which in better times would mean more for both teams. Unfortunately, there's a lot of season left to be played and a lot more losses to be endured.

When you're bad in the NFL, you stay bad for a long time.

"There's no quick fix or magic in the NFL," Callahan said. "You've got to dig yourself out of the hole."

Despite some fun at the end Sunday, the battle for the bottom showed that hole remains awfully deep for both teams.

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Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Monday, Oct. 14, the 287th day of 2019. There are 78 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 14, 1947, U.S. Air Force Capt. Charles E. ("Chuck") Yeager (YAY'-gur) became the first test pilot to break the sound barrier as he flew the experimental Bell XS-1 (later X-1) rocket plane over Muroc Dry Lake in California.

On this date:

In 1912, Theodore Roosevelt, campaigning for the presidency, was shot in the chest in Milwaukee. Despite the wound, he went ahead with a scheduled speech.

In 1930, Ethel Merman made her Broadway debut in the musical comedy "Girl Crazy" with songs by George and Ira Gershwin.

In 1933, Nazi Germany announced it was withdrawing from the League of Nations.

In 1939, a German U-boat torpedoed and sank the HMS Royal Oak, a British battleship anchored at Scapa Flow in Scotland's Orkney Islands; 833 of the more than 1,200 men aboard were killed.

In 1960, the idea of a Peace Corps was suggested by Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy to an audience of students at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

In 1964, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was named winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.

In 1968, the first successful live telecast from a manned U.S. spacecraft was transmitted from Apollo 7.

In 1981, the new president of Egypt, Hosni Mubarak (HOHS'-nee moo-BAH'-rahk), was sworn in to succeed the assassinated Anwar Sadat. Mubarak pledged loyalty to Sadat's policies.

In 1987, a 58-hour drama began in Midland, Texas, as 18-month-old Jessica McClure slid 22 feet down a narrow abandoned well at a private day care center; she was rescued on Oct. 16.

In 2001, as U.S. jets opened a second week of raids in Afghanistan, President George W. Bush sternly rejected a Taliban offer to discuss handing over Osama bin Laden to a third country.

In 2003, John Allen Muhammad pleaded not guilty to murder as the first trial in the deadly Washington-area sniper rampage got under way in Virginia Beach, Va. (Muhammad was later convicted of killing Dean Harold Meyers and executed in 2009.)

In 2017, a truck bombing in Somalia's capital killed more than 500 people in one of the world's deadliest attacks in years; officials blamed the attack on the extremist group al-Shabab and said it was meant to target Mogadishu's international airport, but the bomb detonated in a crowded street after soldiers opened fire. The board of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences revoked the membership of movie mogul Harvey Weinstein (WYN'-steen), after published reports about sexual harassment and rape

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allegations against Weinstein.

Ten years ago: The Unification Church held the largest mass wedding in a decade, with some 40,000 people participating in dozens of cities around the world. NASCAR founder Bill France Sr. headlined the five inductees into the first Hall of Fame class; Richard Petty, Dale Earnhardt, Bill France Jr. and Junior Johnson were the others. Pro wrestler Lou Albano, 76, died in Westchester County, New York.

Five years ago: A second nurse at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas came down with Ebola after contracting it from a dying patient. (The nurse, Amber Joy Vinson, was later declared free of the disease.) After a conspicuous public absence of nearly six weeks, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un (gihm jung oon) appeared in images released by state media attending a pair of events, dispelling rumors that he was gravely ill, deposed — or worse.

One year ago: Saudi Arabia threatened to retaliate for any sanctions imposed on it over the disappearance and suspected murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi (jah-MAHL' khahr-SHOHK'-jee); President Donald Trump had told CBS's "60 Minutes" that the kingdom deserved "severe punishment" if it was responsible. Pope Francis made saints of Pope Paul VI and Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero, praising them as prophets who shunned wealth and looked out for the poor.

Today's Birthdays: Classical pianist Gary Graffman is 91. Movie director Carroll Ballard is 82. Country singer Melba Montgomery is 82. Former White House counsel John W. Dean III is 81. Fashion designer Ralph Lauren is 80. Singer Sir Cliff Richard is 79. Singer-musician Justin Hayward (The Moody Blues) is 73. Actor Greg Evigan is 66. TV personality Arleen Sorokin is 64. World Golf Hall of Famer Beth Daniel is 63. Singer-musician Thomas Dolby is 61. Actress Lori Petty is 56. Former New York Yankees manager Joe Girardi is 55. Actor Steve Coogan is 54. Singer Karyn White is 54. Actor Edward Kerr is 53. Actor Jon Seda is 49. Country musician Doug Virden is 49. Country singer Natalie Maines (The Dixie Chicks) is 45. Actress-singer Shaznay Lewis (All Saints) is 44. Actor Stephen Hill is 43. Singer Usher is 41. TV personality Stacy Keibler is 40. Actor Ben Whishaw is 39. Actor Jordan Brower is 38. Director Benh Zeitlin is 37. Actress Skyler Shaye is 33. Actor-comedian Jay Pharoah is 32. Actor Max Thieriot is 31.

Thought for Today: "If a problem cannot be solved, enlarge it." — Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890-1969).
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