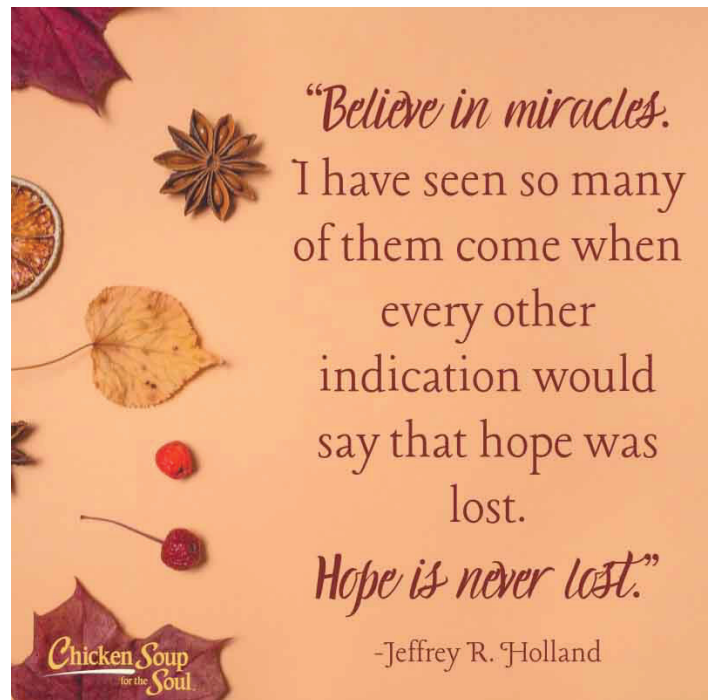


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Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

Monday, Oct. 28

Volleyball hosting Deuel. C match starts at 5 p.m. followed by the junior varsity match and then the varsity match.

Oral Interp at Brookings

Tuesday, Oct. 29

Health Screenings - begin at elementary school at 8:30 a.m. and MS/HS after lunch.

Family Night at GHS, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 30

MathCounts at Aberdeen Roncalli, 8:30 a.m. to 11:35 a.m.

Friday and Saturday, Nov. 1 and 2

All State Chorus and Orchestra in Sioux Falls

Saturday, Nov. 2

Oral Interp Pumpkinstakes at Watertown

Sunday, Nov. 3

Turn clocks back one hour to return to Standard

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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It's Volleyball Action on GDILIVE.COM



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Cardinals VS**



Groton Area Tigers

7:15 p.m., Monday, Oct. 28, 2019
at Groton Area Arena

The Broadcast of this event is made possible by these sponsors:

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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

Last Thursday's matchup between the Minnesota Vikings (6-2, 2nd in the NFC North) and the Washington Redskins (1-7) had plenty of storylines woven throughout. Two seasons ago, Case Keenum was leading the Vikings to the NFC Championship and Kirk Cousins was the starting QB for the Redskins. Now, Keenum was coming back to the building in which he threw the Minneapolis Miracle, only this time he had to use the visitor's locker room. This game also featured the return of Adrian Peterson, who is now 34 years old but continues to work his way up the all-time rushing leaderboard. Keenum and Peterson weren't enough to beat the Vikings, however, and the final score of 19-9 is closer than the game actually was. We are now officially at the midway point of the 2019 NFL season.

Kirk Cousins continued to impress on Thursday and has now put together four great games in a row. According to Pro Football Focus, this stretch is the fourth-highest four-game stretch they have ever recorded, only beaten by Tom Brady and Drew Brees. Cousins had 285 yards, no touchdowns and no interceptions against the Redskins, but it was his completion percentage that really stands out. He completed 23 of 26 throws, and those three misses were because of a drop by Dalvin Cook and two throw away passes.

The ground game, led by Dalvin Cook, was once again amazing. Against the Redskins, Cook amassed 171 total yards and a touchdown while his backup, Alexander Mattison, added another 64 yards. Through eight games, the Vikings are averaging 160 rushing yards, which is the third best in the league.

The Vikings' defense wasn't as dominant as I would've liked against the Redskins. They gave up some big plays and had many costly penalties which allowed Washington to move the ball with relative ease. However, the Vikings' defense strengthened when the Redskins got near the endzone, and Washington had to settle for field goals. Minnesota's defense also did a good job of limiting Washington on third downs, only giving up two first downs in seven attempts. The team finished with four sacks, six QB hits, seven tackles for a loss and five deflected passes.

The player of the game on offense was Stefon Diggs, who set the Vikings' record for receiving yards in a three-game span (452, Randy Moss 446). With Adam Thielen sitting this game out, Stefon Diggs was the go-to receiver on Thursday. Diggs finished the game with seven catches for 143 yards, although he did have a costly fumble early in the game.

The player of the game on defense was Danielle Hunter, who was consistently getting pressure all game long. Hunter finished the game with five tackles, a sack, a QB hit and two tackles for a loss. Through eight games, Hunter has eight sacks and was only one away from the league lead coming into Sunday.

Looking ahead, the Vikings begin the second half of their season against the Chiefs on Sunday. The game will start at noon on FOX. The biggest question coming into this game will be the health of Patrick Mahomes, the Chief's quarterback and current NFL MVP. If Mahomes plays, the Vikings' defense will face their biggest test of the season and this game could go either way. If he doesn't play, the Vikings should be able to take advantage and dominate this matchup. Skol!

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

This Science-Based Guy Believes in Spirits

I am a physician who believes in evidence-based science. I am also old, approaching my own "last chapter" from pancreatic cancer. I share this, not to engender pity . . . none. Rather, I share this in order to give you a sense of my potential bias as I write about the question; do we have a spirit or soul that is more than a brain-chemical reaction that will go away at death?



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

Of course, the ultimate answer to that question is, nobody knows. Some archeologists believe that religion first began when someone wondered what happened to the life force or spirit of a young boy after he died. Where did it go? Archeologists speculate that "job one" for the early church (and, for that matter, churches of today) was to reassure and comfort the family after the death of a dear one. However, just because it reassures us, doesn't prove the soul exists, but there are other experiences that do.

I remember my mother explaining to me one night before prayers that there is so much more going on than we know, so much that cannot be explained by physics and chemistry. She described waking up in the middle of the night in Minneapolis during WWII, filled with dread at the same moment that my dad was landing on some Pacific Island in full combat. That was something about which she could not have known due to radio and mail silence. How DID she know? Do we have spiritual connections we simply don't understand?

During my career, at least three patients described a near-death-experience with all it's typical raiment including an out-of-body experience, a warm and comforting light, a life-review (like a movie) and reassurance that there is nothing to fear about dying. A recent meta-survey indicated that this happens in 17 percent of people who are resuscitated and in equal percentages throughout all cultures and religions. It is also amazing to learn that the warm light is seen even by people blind from birth.

Even as a stubborn science-based guy, together with years of experience as a geriatric internist and hospice director, I truly find a community faith with a loving and inclusionary church very reassuring. I have reason to believe that there is a spirit within us that connects us all and that doesn't die with our bodies.

I have been at the bedsides of many dying people, while their spirits lift from the body and pass through the porthole of eternity. Being there has brought me to believe that the soul is more than a brain-chemical reaction that goes away after death.

Richard P. Holm, MD is founder of The Prairie Doc® and author of "Life's Final Season, A Guide for Aging and Dying with Grace" available on Amazon. For free and easy access to the entire Prairie Doc® library, visit www.prairiedoc.org and follow Prairie Doc® on Facebook featuring On Call with the Prairie Doc® a medical Q&A show streaming on Facebook and broadcast on SDPTV most Thursdays at 7 p.m. central.

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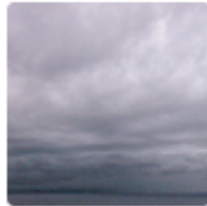
Sunny

Tonight



Increasing
Clouds

Tuesday



Clearing Late

Tuesday
Night



Mostly Clear

Wednesday



Sunny

High: 39 °F

Low: 21 °F

High: 34 °F

Low: 17 °F

High: 36 °F

Chilly Start to the Week

Highs in the 30s. Mostly sunny.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

Updated: 10/28/2019 4:11 AM Central

Published on: 10/28/2019 at 12:16AM

Mostly sunny but cold weather is expected today. A cold front will sweep through late today bringing the chance for some light snow across central SD late tonight and Tuesday morning. Slightly colder temps are expected Tuesday.

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Today in Weather History

October 28, 1989: The season's first snowfall brought much-needed moisture to the Black Hills and portions of western South Dakota as up to nearly a foot of snow fell in the higher elevations. The storms caused motorists some problems. A build-up of ice and slush in combination with blowing snow prompted the State Highway Patrol to close the portion of Interstate-90 from Rapid City to Wall. Numerous multiple vehicle accidents were reported.

October 28, 1993: Very strong northwest winds gusting to 50 to 60 mph raked South Dakota. A new home under construction southwest of DeSmet collapsed in the winds. Reported peak winds included 56 mph at Huron, 55 mph at Rapid City, and 52 mph at Sioux Falls.

1846: In the spring of 1846, a group of nearly 90 emigrants left Springfield, Illinois, and headed west to California. The Donner party arrived at the Great Salt Lake and still needed to cross the Sierra Nevada Mountains late in the season. On this day, a heavy snowfall blocked the pass, thus trapping the emigrants. Only 45 of the original 89 emigrants reached California the following year.

1999: A Super Typhoon, known as Cyclone 05B reached the equivalent of the Category 5 hurricane on this day. This storm is the strongest tropical cyclone ever record in the North Indian Ocean. Cyclone 05B hit the Indian State of Odisha near the city of Bhubaneswar on October 29. An estimated 10,000 individuals would die from this cyclone, and 1.67 million people were left homeless.

1936 - The temperature at Layton, NJ, dipped to 9 above zero to establish a state record for the month of October. (The Weather Channel)

1971 - A severe early season blizzard raged across the Plateau Region and Rocky Mountain Region. Heavy snow blocked railroads and interstate highways, and record cold accompanied the storm. Lander WY received 27 inches of snow, and the temperature at Big Piney WY plunged to 15 degrees below zero. (David Ludlum)

1987 - Thunderstorms over the San Joaquin Valley of California produced three-quarters of an inch of rain in thirty minutes at Placerville, and caused numerous power outages due to lightning. Rain began to diminish in the northeastern U.S., but some flooding continued in Vermont, eastern New York and northern New Jersey. One inch rains in Vermont clogged culverts and sewers with fallen leaves, resulting in erosion of dirt roads. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Arctic cold invaded the north central U.S. Valentine, NE, dipped to 8 degrees, and Cutbank, MT, reported a morning low of one degree above zero. The temperature at Estes Park CO dipped to 15 degrees, but then soared thirty degrees in less than thirty minutes. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - A storm crossing the western U.S. produced 10 to 20 inches of snow across northern and central Wyoming, with 22 inches reported at Burgess Junction. Seven cities in the Lower Ohio Valley and the Upper Great Lakes Region reported record high temperatures for the date as readings again warmed into the 70s. Alpena MI reported a record high of 75 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Yesterday's Groton Weather Today's Info

High Temp: 38 °F at 12:00 AM

Low Temp: 27 °F at 10:21 PM

Wind: 24 mph at 5:10 AM

Day Rain: 0.00

Record High: 82° in 1937

Record Low: -6° in 1919

Average High: 51°F

Average Low: 28°F

Average Precip in Oct.: 1.81

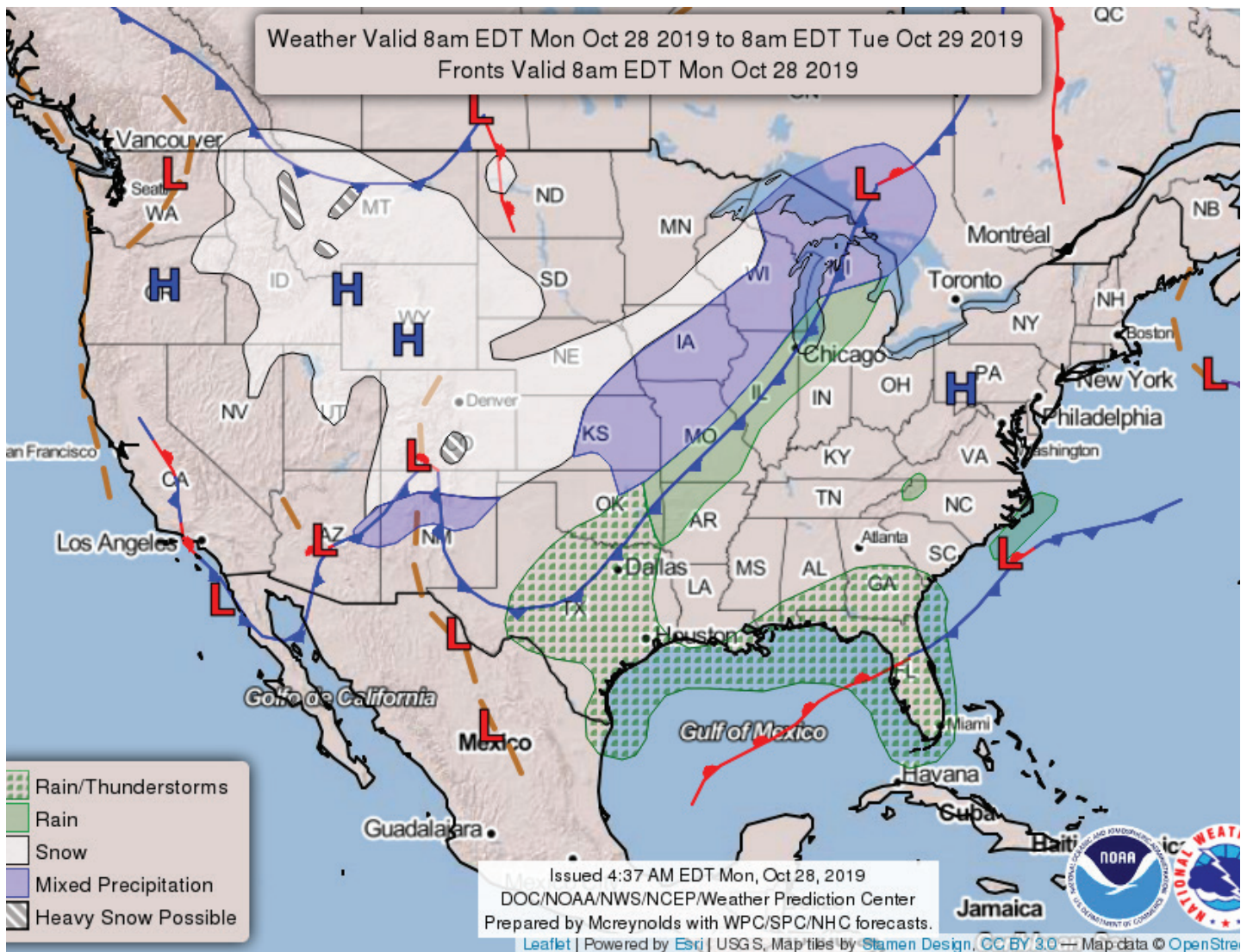
Precip to date in Oct.: 1.55

Average Precip to date: 20.29

Precip Year to Date: 26.57

Sunset Tonight: 6:27 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:09 a.m.



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WHAT DO THEY SEE?

An instructor was trying to encourage his class to be creative. He carefully cut a piece of white paper into a perfect square and held it up before the class. All eyes were focused on the sheet of paper when he asked the question, "What do you see?"

No one said a sheet of white paper, a square, something to write a letter or assignment on or a blank page for a book. The entire class said, "A black spot." In the left corner of the square was a tiny, black speck. Their focus was on the flaw – not the square.

Most of us seem to look for things that are wrong or improper, incorrect or out of place. It comes with our nature – it's part of who we are. For whatever reason, we try to discover anything about anybody that is not perfect. Or, might it be that we are trying to justify what is not "right" about ourselves by seeing what is "wrong" in others?

There is an important message here for every Christian. Peter wrote, "Make every effort to live a pure and blameless life." What great advice. How would we live or act if we were always conscious of the fact that we, as Christians, are always being evaluated by what we do or say by those who are not Christians? The world looks at us differently because of who we claim to be. And, like it or not, they have every reason to do so. We will never be perfect in this world, but we can be careful. What we do speaks louder than what we say!

Prayer: Help us, Lord, to be on guard for that "little spot" that destroys our witness and damages Your name. May we be ever careful to represent You well! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture For Today: 2 Peter 3:14 And so, dear friends, while you are waiting for these things to happen, make every effort to be found living peaceful lives that are pure and blameless in his sight.

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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 Associated Press

Chief: Officers use of force on girl necessary to stop fight

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The mother of a girl involved in a fight outside a Rapid City middle school is upset a police officer struck her daughter in the face while trying to break up the skirmish.

Alicia Cook says it's the first time her seventh-grade daughter has gotten into a fight or had any problems with police. Cook questions the officer's use of force against her daughter after viewing cellphone video of the fight.

The Rapid City Journal reports police Chief Karl Jegeris says the open-palm strike was appropriate given the circumstances and necessary to prevent last week's assault from continuing.

Jegeris says supervisors reviewed the incident by looking at the social media videos, body camera footage and other evidence and determined that the use of force was within the department's policy.

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

Group works to combat human trafficking

By **RANDY DOCKENDORF** Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — A girl who became caught in human trafficking lost more than her freedom.

"She was missing three fingers, which were taken by her trafficker," said Becky Rasmussen, who has led an effort to end trafficking in South Dakota.

Rasmussen serves as executive director of the Call to Freedom organization based in Sioux Falls. She has spoken out about the human trafficking issue, including a recent message at Honor Fest in Yankton. She also spoke with the Press & Dakotan before her recent presentation.

"We define trafficking as the use of force, fear or coercion to exploit for sex or labor," she said.

The Yankton region isn't immune from trafficking — it's here, now and must be addressed and stopped, she said. One solution recently began with an additional resource at a local shelter.

Yankton carries attributes that make it attractive for trafficking, she said. Major highways — U.S. 81 and S.D. 50 — run through the community and provide a thoroughfare for activity.

"You also have I-29 and I-90 near here and going across the state. People can go to North Dakota, Minneapolis or Omaha," she said. "Where you have that kind of transportation, or the ability to transport, you're likely to have more trafficking."

In addition, Yankton is located near Native American reservations, which are targeted by traffickers, Rasmussen said. In those cases, tribal and other local law enforcement need to collaborate on their efforts, she added.

DRAWING A CROWD

South Dakota also hosts major events that draw large amounts of men from across the nation and world, Rasmussen said. She pointed to the Sturgis bike rally along with an event now underway for Yankton — the opening of the fall pheasant season.

"Anytime you have a large number of people come into the community, there's the ability to create human trafficking and other criminal activities," she said. "That's what the traffickers look for. They bring in prospects to meet the demand."

The U.S. Attorney's office for South Dakota has won 80 federal trafficking prosecutions in the state, Rasmussen added. Not all "customers" come from out of state, she said. The South Dakota attorney general's sting using an advertisement drew 14 men, of which 12 came from South Dakota.

The location for transactions has also changed beyond hotels, such as homes turned into brothels, she said. While women are usually the victims, trafficking does target men and boys, Rasmussen said.

Why don't victims just leave their situation? "The trafficker tells them that no one will believe them, and

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the victims don't know who they can trust," she said.

REALIZING THE PROBLEM

Rasmussen admits her current work has turned into a real wake-up call.

"When we started this, we never anticipated to see the need so great," she said. "We started this journey with 1-1/2 employees, and by the end of this year, we'll have 20 employees working with human trafficking in the state of South Dakota."

Recently, Call to Freedom received seven referrals of victims in one day, Rasmussen said. Even with such growing figures, she knows the needs are vastly greater.

"(Fewer) than 3 percent of trafficking victims are ever identified. Why? As a community, we're not educated in the assessment and identification of victims," she said. "And the victims need to have a safe place and believe they can get out of those situations."

Call to Freedom is working to educate the community to identify situations and to ask the right questions "With awareness, there is power. But while we're working to get individuals out of human trafficking, our other goal is to help individuals from getting into it," she said.

Trafficking isn't limited to sex, as it's also used for forced labor of an estimated 21 million people, particularly immigrants, Rasmussen said. In response, Call to Freedom has hired two bilingual caseworkers to deal with the immigrant population. The organization has also hired tribal navigators and youth navigators as case managers for those populations.

"The life expectancy of a trafficking victim is seven years because of the physical, emotional and spiritual abuse," she said. "Once you get in, it's difficult to get out. We need the entire community informed on what to look for and working together. Otherwise, the victim will never think they will be believed or can get out of their situation."

In some cases, trafficking has become a family business, Rasmussen said. Sex traffickers seek to satisfy a customer's specific request, such as a particular age, race and even hair and eye color.

In a number of cases, a family member or boyfriend may "groom" a victim over a period of time before forcing them into trafficking through drugs or other means. In some cases, the "groomer" isn't the trafficker but just the first of many rings in the system.

Sometimes, the home situation becomes a form of trafficking, Rasmussen said. She spoke of a girl whose mother went bar hopping and returned home with a different man every night. The men coerced the girl into a "tickle" game and then told her to keep it secret.

"The girl said, 'I don't know what my mom got out of it. I would find any excuse not to go home,'" Rasmussen said.

Also, traffickers seek out victims who appear homeless or a runaway, she said. "Within 48 hours, (victims) are pulled into the system," she added.

The traffickers also monitor social media to locate individuals who may prove vulnerable, such as having family difficulties, Rasmussen said.

"Nobody wakes up and says, 'I want to be a trafficking victim,'" she said. "It's the grooming and the recruitment process."

OFFERING HELP

In an effort to assist victims, pull tabs with phone numbers of resources have been posted in rest stops along I-29 and I-90, Rasmussen said.

The public is encouraged to watch for anything that seems unusual, she said. "But safety is a key. Don't get directly involved, and make sure to report it to the right people," she added.

Sources could include local law enforcement, child protective services, National Crime Stoppers or the Human Trafficking Hotline. In the case of an emergency situation, call 911.

Call to Freedom has created a video training module for first responders that helps them better understand the issue and how to assess and respond to situations.

The crime leaves its victims damaged in many ways, but one girl forgave her trafficker, Rasmussen said. She found forgiveness promoted her own healing and hoped it would lead the trafficker out of the business.

"We can reach the heart of the trafficker and break the cycle," Rasmussen said. "If we don't break the

cycle, it will just get worse.”

Rasmussen hopes the general public sees themselves as part of the solution.

“If a community is united, it’s a powerful force,” she said. “Victims know it won’t be allowed in our community. Then we’ll be able to combat human trafficking.”

Information from: Yankton Press and Dakotan, <http://www.yankton.net/>

‘Moment of clarity’ sparks recovery from alcoholism

By DANEILLE FERGUSON Argus Leader

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Parker Stewart felt free when he saw the police lights start flashing behind his car after a night of drinking.

He was a month shy of avoiding a Class 6 felony that comes when an individual gets three DWIs in 10 years.

That 2017 traffic stop would result in two years of suspended prison hanging over his head, but the father of three said it was a moment of realization that he needed to surrender.

“I thought it was now or never,” said Stewart, 33. “It was a moment of clarity. I recognized I had a problem and needed help.”

After years of his family trying to convince him to seek treatment, he walked into Face it TOGETHER days after he was pulled over.

The business is celebrating its 10th year in Sioux Falls and is sharing clients’ stories to spread the word of its peer-to-peer and family support for those with addiction.

Stewart and Joe Tlustos have a unique bond.

The two haven’t known each other long, but they’ve connected over their journeys of living life on the other side of addiction’s shackles.

Tlustos was Stewart’s peer coach at Face It TOGETHER, and Tlustos’ near decade of sobriety was a wall-breaking guidebook for Stewart.

“Working with a peer is different,” Tlustos said. “It’s freeing. I can say I’ve been through this.”

Tlustos started as a volunteer at Face It TOGETHER after years of working in public radio. His addiction began in the 1980s after he was injured during a basketball fundraiser. He was given opioids, and it was the first time his mind felt level, he said, later discovering he had a mental illness that needed addressing. At the time, though, all he could think of was finding that level feeling.

“For a couple of days, it was great,” Tlustos said. “And for 20 years, I chased it.”

Stewart’s addiction stemmed from a sip of alcohol he took just before his 21st birthday in the Minneapolis area. He had turned down offers for alcohol up to that point. But from that first sip, it was a slow, steady buildup to daily beers in the double digits or liquor by the bottle.

It was that commonality that allowed Stewart to open up and trust Tlustos to talk out his experiences and let Tlustos find him other avenues of help.

“There’s a different type of connection,” Stewart said. “I had a peer, and now a friend.”

Part of the process

Tlustos tracks his sobriety. He’s almost reached 11 years, but he cautions keeping count.

While it can be an encouraging intention, when relapse comes into the equation, losing a number can feel like a failure, a discouraging feeling of having to start over.

But relapse isn’t failure, Tlustos said. In fact, the majority of people working toward sobriety relapse. Tlustos encourages people to consider relapse as part of the process. It’s likely to happen, he said, but it’s how you handle the next steps.

“There is one number that matters most,” Tlustos said. “That’s today.”

The temptation is there, Stewart said. But his reasons for not drinking outweigh the brief moment of oblivion the alcohol provides.

“It’s rough and you get what you put into it,” Stewart said of his recovery. “Addiction can hit at any point.”

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Finding new fun

A concern Tlustos hears from some new clients is a fear of not knowing how to have fun. For so long, for some, the only fun they knew was associated with the very substance that was disrupting their lives.

The further you are from your last hit, the easier it is to fill your time with more meaningful activities and people, Tlustos said.

For Tlustos, it was finding people who supported his decision and removing himself from tempting situations. He avoids non-alcohol beers. It works for some, but he says it's too close to the real thing. He took a trip to Colorado and didn't go into any marijuana dispensaries.

He also learned more about his mental illness and worked on steadying the imbalance in his mind, something that opioids and alcohol used to do.

Now, he wouldn't have time for mind- and body- numbing substances. He's too busy hunting and scavenging for antiques and vinyls, and he is getting back into an old passion of writing.

Stewart has multiple avenues of accountability and support. The main one is his kids, who he said were the biggest reason he decided he needed to make a change. He has multiple people he knows he can call if he's having a hard time, something he encourages everyone looking to start treatment. If your go-to can't pick up the phone, it can be easy to feel alone and slide back into old habits.

Stewart, the grandson of Stewart's School founder Gordon Stewart, keeps busier than most.

A single father of three who describes himself as an entrepreneur at heart, he co-owns an international printing business with his cousin. He also plays bass at his church, takes his kids fishing, enjoys playing soccer and is thinking about picking up billiards again. It was a game he loved to play when he was at the bars, but he's not sure yet if he's ready to step back in.

It's something he accepts, but he's hoping to eventually get back into the game. Part of his recovery is learning to slow down, and he's embracing the slow, steady practice of sobriety.

"The benefits of sobriety outweigh taking that first sip," he said. "It's worth it. It's a second shot at life."

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

Fire-ravaged forests get help from pine cone collectors

By SUSAN MONTROYA BRYAN Associated Press

ALONG THE BURNT MESA TRAIL, N.M. (AP) — With snow ready to fall, the scramble was on to collect as many ponderosa pine cones as possible.

A crew outfitted with spurs, ropes and hard hats scaled hefty tree trunks and used long clippers to snip branches loaded with the prickly orbs.

The cones being gathered in the Jemez Mountains of northern New Mexico represent the fruits of a bumper crop. Every decade or so, the trees turn out more seeds to ensure future propagation as a hedge against hungry predators and whatever other hurdles nature might throw at the species.

The cones will be dried, their seeds cleaned, sorted and grown into seedlings that can be used to reforest fire-scarred hillsides. Similar work is ongoing in Colorado, South Dakota and other places in the U.S. West.

With warmer temperatures, more frequent drought and the severity of wildfires on the rise, scientists say seed collection and reforestation efforts are becoming more important.

"We've had so many large, high-severity fires in the state, and without our intervention there is a possibility that some of those areas will never be forests again," said Sarah Hurteau with The Nature Conservancy in New Mexico. "What we're trying to do is collect the seed to help reforest these areas. This is a huge effort."

The goal: 1 million seeds.

It might sound lofty, but those helping with the project in New Mexico and southern Colorado are looking to take advantage of a rare bumper crop this fall that has resulted from back-to-back summer and winter seasons of average to above-average rain and snow. This doesn't happen often in the arid Southwest, and scientists say it could become more infrequent as the climate changes.

Kyle Rodman, a post-doctoral research assistant at the University of Colorado Boulder, studied the density

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of seedlings that sprouted following fires between 1988 and 2010. In a study published this month, he and his colleagues found the absence of viable seeds can drastically hamper a forest's ability to recover and that some burned areas were more vulnerable than others.

"The ability of trees to produce seed has a huge implication for natural recovery," he said. "If the seed is not being produced, then it can't get to the places that are disturbed, then the chances for the ecosystem to recover to that forested state are obviously pretty low."

In comes Steven Sandoval and his forestry crew from Santa Clara Pueblo, one of dozens of partners in the seed collecting effort. Sandoval's crew has been charged with scouting parts of Bandelier National Monument to locate those ponderosa stands with the greatest potential.

Cone picking is a science, much different than a leisurely stroll through the woods to collect cones from the forest floor. Crew members are looking for the perfect cones — no curves, no sap, no insect bore holes.

One such tree was standing not far from the trail atop Bandelier's Burnt Mesa. Loaded with cones, it took more than an hour to harvest.

Labor- and time-intensive, but necessary, says Meredith Prentice who leads a seed crew with the Ecological Restoration Institute.

"There's a lot of catastrophic elements like wildfire and drought. It's being exacerbated by climate change, and so the pool of native species that we're able to get seed from is shrinking because their environments are getting destroyed," she said.

From their vantage point atop the mesa, the cone pickers can see for miles past the monument boundary and deeper into the canyons that make up the Jemez Mountains. It's a landscape that has seen several devastating fires in just the past 20 years.

Overall, the number of fires in the U.S. has decreased slightly over the past three decades, but the number of acres burned is on the rise. Every year since 2000, an average of 10,900 square miles (28,231 square kilometers) have been charred, according to figures compiled by the National Interagency Fire Center.

Last year marked a year of particularly dangerous and destructive fires. More than 100 lives were lost in California, with the Camp Fire accounting for most of those deaths. Nationwide, more than 25,000 structures were destroyed.

Far less land has burned this year, but scientists are confident in their predictions that the combination of overgrown forests and hotter, drier conditions increase the threat of catastrophic fires.

Santa Clara Pueblo has been among the hardest hit in New Mexico, with much of its watershed destroyed by fire in 2011. Sandoval said the tribe is fortunate because it began collecting native seed years earlier and had built up its own seed bank of ponderosa, Douglas fir, spruce and other pine variations.

The pueblo has gathered seeds from about 2.5 million trees in over a decade, he said. Some are stored in special freezers to ensure they last another century. Others are sent to nurseries in New Mexico and Arizona, where they are grown for post-fire restoration efforts.

Sandoval has one word for drought-hardy native seeds from lower elevations: "precious."

Similar work is happening in the Black Hills of South Dakota, where an estimated 2 million trees have been planted since 2003. Nevada and Utah also have seed banks.

This is the first year for collecting at Bandelier, where officials have requested that the seeds from each tree be kept separate to ensure a genetic profile. Crews also record details on the tree's location, elevation and measurements.

Earlier this fall, Bandelier planted 6,000 seedlings from cones collected from the Jemez Mountains. Some were planted in study plots that will be monitored to see what planting strategies work best.

"We want to make the best use of this resource," said Kay Beeley, who has worked at Bandelier for nearly three decades. "It's renewable but not always available."

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1 killed, 1 hurt in rollover in Charles Mix County

WAGNER, S.D. (AP) — One man was killed and another injured in a rollover southwest of Wagner in Charles Mix County.

Authorities say the Chevrolet Impala crossed the center line, went off the roadway and rolled about 15 miles southwest of Wagner around 5 p.m. Saturday.

A 24-year-old man who was in the car died at the scene. The other occupant, a 22-year-old man, suffered serious but non-life-threatening injuries and was taken to a Wagner hospital.

Authorities have not determined who was driving. Neither man was wearing a seat belt.

Police: Victim shot himself in leg with flare gun

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police say a man accidentally shot himself in the leg with a modified flare gun.

Police were called to a residence Friday night about someone with a gunshot wound. Officers arrived and determined the man had accidentally shot himself with a modified flare gun.

The man was taken to a hospital, where he was in stable condition.

Police continue to investigate.

Pickup crash kills 1 in Pennington County

KEYSTONE, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say a man is dead after a pickup crash west of Keystone in Pennington County.

The South Dakota Department of Public Safety says the driver of the Dodge Ram pickup lost control on Old Hill City Road a mile west of Keystone, went off the roadway, struck a concrete culvert and rolled Saturday morning.

The 49-year-old man died at the scene. He was the only occupant and was not wearing a seatbelt.

The name of the victim was not immediately released. South Dakota's Highway Patrol is investigating.

Sioux Falls police seek 2 vehicles in fatal shooting

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police are seeking two vehicles that might be connected to a fatal shooting.

Police say a 37-year-old Sioux Falls man was fatally shot in downtown Sioux Falls shortly after 1 a.m. Saturday.

No one has been arrested, but the Argus Leader reports police are searching for two vehicles that might be connected to the shooting.

The vehicles are described as a gray sedan and a white SUV. No other information on the vehicles was provided.

Therapy horse adds to options for veterans

By KELDA J.L. PHARRIS Aberdeen American News

WARNER, S.D. (AP) — Max is 18 and milk wash white with a cap, tail and four socks of brown.

Chris Reder calls to him. Max's buddy, JJ, a miniature horse, keeps a watchful eye.

"He's a bit feisty," Reder said of Max.

The two had just completed a therapy session with a veteran. It's a warm-in-the-sun, breezy September Wednesday at the DTOM/22 Ranch just north of Warner. Max shows his spirit as he nuzzles Reder and taste tests a harness lead and a fence panel. He's not shy and extends a salutation with his pink, peach stubble muzzle as a human would a fist for a bump.

Max is a large Medicine Hat paint and a therapist. He was trained at the Horseback Miracles Ranch in Perry Park, Colorado, to be used in equine-assisted Draper sensory method therapy by the method's founder, Terry Draper. Reder brought Max to South Dakota to add to the services he provides to veterans at the ranch, the Aberdeen American News reported.

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"Mr. Draper has been perfecting this method for approximately 22 years and uses it daily at Horseback Miracles to help at-risk youth and autistic children. He just recently started looking into veteran uses, and that is when we met and became involved with them," Reder said. "This type of therapy helps our struggling heroes with PTS (post-traumatic stress), TBI (traumatic brain injuries), chemical dependency, all kinds of different types of neurological issues, and it neutralizes the stress hormones and resets the chemical imbalances in the brain."

A traumatic brain injury survivor, he shared brain scans from before and after sessions of horse therapy. Scans from before his therapy are lit with red, indicating stress and increased cortisol levels. Cortisol is a stress hormone, he explained. In later scans, green is the dominant color, showing reduced stress and cortisol levels. He also provided scans from a Vietnam War-era doctor. The before scans show red around both hemispheres of a brain and clear or blue in the same locations in the after images.

"We worked very hard to raise the money for the schooling to purchase Max and (to) build the arena and lean-to shelter to house him because we need a real sense of urgency. Veteran suicide is not going away, so we need to do more immediately," Reder said.

His efforts to help fellow veterans have culminated in a plot of land with large trees, a house, a new sheetmetal building and relics of past agricultural life. The land has been in Reder's family for five generations and he now leases it from his parents for nothing. An arena has been added, as well as Max's and JJ's shelter.

The place will eventually serve as a retreat for veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, brain injuries and other maladies. The facilities Reder is looking to add are long-term goals, but he also pushes for ways to serve veterans immediately, so Max was made a priority.

The way it works is Reder takes a rider around the arena on Max. First the rider sits forward on just a saddle pad so a physical connection to the movement of the horse is maintained. Then Reder instructs and assists the rider to turn around backward on the horse. Max takes this in stride and seems just a bit bored.

The backward motion is unfamiliar but was easier than anticipated for me.

Reder begins to walk Max again. Then with some clicks, the horse goes into a pleasure riding trot. I was instructed to close my eyes and focus on the movement of the horse.

The ride is not easily explained. The sense of well-being afterward could easily be attributed to Max, and getting outside for a bit didn't hurt.

Reder stops Max after a few rounds and instructs me to open my eyes. He asks about dizziness. He leads subsequent, similar jaunts. Max is settling into the rhythm. As I lean into the rhythm of the horse, both a disconnect and connection occur. It's too trite to say I became one with the horse. It was like I floated, and Max was the grounding — a bit like a balloon with Max being the string.

The next day, Reder asks for feedback after a night's sleep that he assured would be a good one. I didn't sleep any longer than usual, but upon waking I felt an alertness I had not felt in a while.

Done with his work, Max settles back into the lean-to where he begins to paw the ground and slowly spin in a circle.

"He's just like a dog," Reder said.

Max squats down, flips over takes a roll in the dirt. He gets up and saunters back to Reder and stares him down. The man's face brightens as he remembers it's treat time. He digs in a nearby bag, and Max accepts his payment for a job well done.

The DTOM/22 Ranch is named after the phrase Don't Tread On Me and the Department of Veterans Affairs statistic of years past that an average of 22 veterans or armed services personnel died each day from suicide. More recently, the number dropped to 20. And the latest number, using data through 2017, is 17.

At least a portion of that drop can be attributed to a change in calculation of the statistic, Reder said.

The VA removed troops who were not federally activated from its count, according to an article by Stars and Stripes. Reder thinks the data reflects an undercount of what is really happening. Whether the average is 17 or 22, it'll always be too high.

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What's Next: Depositions turn to the White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — For only the fourth time in U.S. history, the House of Representatives has started a presidential impeachment inquiry. House committees are trying to determine if President Donald Trump violated his oath of office by asking Ukraine to investigate political rival Joe Biden and his family, and to investigate the country's involvement in the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

A quick summary of the latest news:

DEPOSITIONS TURN TO WHITE HOUSE

The three House committees leading the Democratic investigation have scheduled several current and former National Security Council officials to testify this week behind closed doors — an attempt to get a better look inside the White House as Trump pushed Ukraine to conduct politically motivated investigations.

The officials include Charles Kupperman, a former deputy at the NSC under then-national security adviser John Bolton, and current NSC staffers Tim Morrison and Alexander Vindman. Morrison is particularly significant. William Taylor, the top U.S. diplomat in Ukraine, told lawmakers in his deposition last week about phone calls he had with Morrison that described the Ukraine effort.

The chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, Rep. Adam Schiff, who's leading the inquiry, said Sunday he would like Bolton to testify but expects the White House would "fight us" over his appearance. Bolton is "a very important witness" who has "very relevant information," Schiff, D-Calif., told ABC's "This Week."

The committees are scheduled to hear from three other State Department and Defense Department witnesses as well. Lawmakers want to determine whether military aid to Ukraine was held up as a condition of the investigations.

The Democrats are moving quickly, sometimes scheduling multiple depositions in one day. They're trying to compile facts and eventually transition to public hearings. Schiff said Saturday that the committees are making "rapid progress." He told ABC that "we will be doing public hearings, and I think we'll be doing them soon."

A WITNESS SUES

It is unclear if all of the officials will appear because Trump has pledged to obstruct the probe. So far, most witnesses have decided to testify after receiving subpoenas from the committees.

One of the witnesses, Kupperman, has taken the extraordinary step of asking a federal court who he should listen to — Congress or Trump.

After he was subpoenaed, Kupperman filed a lawsuit in federal court on Friday asking a court whether he should accede to House demands for his testimony or to assert "immunity from congressional process" as directed by Trump.

In the lawsuit, Kupperman said he "cannot satisfy the competing demands of both the legislative and executive branches." Without the court's help, he said, he would have to make the decision himself — one that could "inflict grave constitutional injury" on either Congress or the presidency.

DEMOCRATIC COURT VICTORY

A judge on Friday ordered the Justice Department to give the House secret grand jury testimony from special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation, handing a victory to Democrats who want the material for the impeachment inquiry.

In ordering the department to turn over the material by Oct. 30, Chief U.S. District Judge Beryl Howell affirmed the legality of the impeachment inquiry itself. The Mueller materials could reveal previously hidden details to lawmakers about Trump's actions during the 2016 election and become part of the impeachment push.

The Trump administration could appeal the decision, however, further delaying the release of the materials.

WORTH WATCHING

The basics of the impeachment process are explained in under two minutes in this AP-produced animated video: https://youtu.be/TSuLV_kDzeo

Vietnam receives documents from UK on truck victims

By HAU DINH Associated Press

DIEN THINH, Vietnam (AP) — Vietnam's government said Monday that it has received from British authorities documents on four of the people found dead in the back of a truck in England last week to help determine whether they are Vietnamese.

The documents were handed over to Vietnam's Ministry of Public Security and will be used to help identify the victims, Deputy Foreign Minister Pham Thanh Son was cited by the VNExpress news website as saying.

It was not immediately clear what type of documents were sent.

British police initially believed the victims were Chinese, but later acknowledged that details around the bodies found last Wednesday in southeastern England were still evolving. Up to 24 Vietnamese families have since reported missing relatives whom they fear to be among the dead.

Vietnamese authorities have taken hair and other forensic samples from families who have reported missing people to assist the identification efforts.

British police said they have removed all the bodies from the truck and are awaiting autopsies. Identifying the victims is expected to be difficult and officials said very few documents were found with the bodies.

British Ambassador Gareth Ward said he met with Vietnamese officials on Monday to discuss cooperation in the identification process.

Ward said in a statement that he told Vietnam's Ministry of Public Security that Britain still has not confirmed the victims' identities or nationalities.

Smugglers normally take the passports of their passengers to obscure their identities, stripping them of their names and giving them new documents when they arrive at their destinations.

Families in central Vietnam continue to cling to hope that their missing loved ones are not among the victims.

In Dien Thinh village in Nghe An province, Hoang Thi Ai cried Monday as she received relatives and neighbors coming to her house to check on the latest news on her missing 18-year-old son, Hoang Van Tiep, who the family fears may be among the victims.

Tiep worked as a restaurant dishwasher in France for two years before deciding to go to England for a better-paying job at a nail salon, Ai said.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said China has asked British authorities to provide more information on the identity of the victims in what British officials have called one of the country's deadliest cases of human smuggling.

Geng also said Monday that reports that the victims had Chinese passports was "speculation."

China's Assistant Foreign Minister Chen Xiaodong said the case shows that illegal immigration is a global issue.

"It needs to be jointly dealt with and properly resolved by all parties concerned so that we can prevent a tragedy like this from repeating in the future," Chen said at a news conference in Beijing.

British authorities charged the 25-year-old truck driver with 39 counts of manslaughter and conspiracy to traffic people. He was expected in court Monday. Three other people have been arrested in connection to the case.

Associated Press writer Yanan Wang in Beijing contributed to this report.

EU grants Brexit delay to Jan. 31; UK ponders new election

By SAMUEL PETREQUIN Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — The European Union agreed Monday to delay Brexit until Jan. 31 next year — just three days before Britain was due to become the first country ever to leave the 28-nation bloc.

After a very short meeting of diplomats in Brussels, European Council President Donald Tusk said on Twitter that the EU's 27 other countries will accept "the UK's request for a Brexit flexextension until 31 Janu-

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ary, 2020.”

Tusk added the decision is expected to be formalized through a written procedure, meaning a special summit of EU leaders won't likely be necessary to approve the move.

Two diplomats told The Associated Press the term “flexextension” means that the U.K. will be able to leave even earlier than Jan. 31 if the Brexit divorce deal that the EU and British Prime Minister Boris Johnson agreed upon earlier this month is ratified before Jan. 31. If that happens, the U.K. will leave the EU on the first day of the month following the ratification.

Speaking anonymously because details of the decision have yet to be made public, one diplomat added that the Brexit withdrawal agreement can't be renegotiated during the extension period.

Johnson did not immediately comment on Tusk's announcement, but under a law passed by British parliamentarians that forced him to request the extension that he did not want, Johnson must notify Tusk that Britain agrees to the proposed delay.

Johnson had previously said he would “rather be dead in a ditch” than agree to extend Brexit beyond Oct. 31. He has been hammering his “Get Brexit Done” mantra since he replaced Theresa May this summer, and his apparent willingness to consider leaving the bloc without a Brexit deal has spooked many British lawmakers.

Economists say a no-deal Brexit would hurt the economies of both Britain and the EU.

Tusk's announcement came after the EU diplomats met to sign off on the Brexit new delay. Leaving the envoys, EU Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier told reporters “it was a very short and efficient and constructive meeting and I am happy the decision has been taken.”

It's the second time the Brexit deadline has been changed since British voters in 2016 referendum decided to leave the bloc.

In London later Monday, British politicians are to vote on whether to hold an early election to try to break the country's deadlock over Brexit. Johnson wants a Dec. 12 election, but looks unlikely to get the required support from two-thirds of lawmakers.

In a tactical chess move, two opposition parties — the Liberal Democrats and the Scottish National Party — plan to push for a Dec. 9 election if Johnson's proposal fails.

The ruling Conservatives desperately want a new election to bolster their numbers in Parliament, but they face resistance from the main opposition Labour Party, which fears the country will be unwittingly tricked into crashing out of the EU without a deal.

The Dec. 9 election proposal is an effort to force Johnson to delay debate in Parliament on his Brexit withdrawal bill until after any election, depriving him of a possible victory on his trademark issue. It makes Johnson's government choose between holding an election to improve its position in Parliament and its goal of securing Brexit before that election takes place.

France was initially reluctant to extend the Brexit deadline beyond its scheduled date of Oct. 31, but French European Affairs minister Amelie de Montchalin said the perspective of a new election in Britain justifies a new delay.

She said the important thing now is that “the British and the Europeans understand that, if there are some more weeks or months, it's not to postpone difficult decisions but to put ourselves in a position to clarify the situation.”

Montchalin also suggested that Britain can still backpedal on its decision to leave the bloc and revoke Article 50, meaning the U.K. would remain in the EU and cancel Brexit.

“The prime minister can pick up his phone and call Brussels to say: I stop everything,” she said.

Lorne Cook in Brussels and Danica Kirka in London contributed to this report.

US travel industry to Chinese tourists: What trade war?

By **BANI SAPRA AP Business Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Washington, D.C., has dangled hotel discounts tied to the Chinese Lunar New Year. Arizona has promoted its outdoor attractions to draw visitors during another popular Chinese holiday. San Francisco has expanded its social media presence on Chinese apps to market year-round travel to millennial tourists.

Across the country, the U.S. tourism industry is trying to counter one of the casualties of the trade war with China that is still raging despite a temporary truce this month: A drop in the flow of affluent Chinese visitors to the U.S. As the conflict has dragged on for 15 months with no meaningful breakthrough, the travel industry is trying to minimize the damage.

It has good reason. An enlarged Chinese middle class has become a lucrative market for the U.S. travel industry. Close to 3 million Chinese tourists visited the U.S. last year. And they spent liberally: An estimated average of \$6,700 per person per trip — exceeding the average spending of international tourists by more than 50% — according to the U.S. Travel Association.

Concerns among U.S. tourism agencies have grown as Beijing has warned that Chinese travelers to the United States may face harassment. Compounding the problem is increased difficulty in obtaining U.S. visas.

The number of visitors from China dropped nearly 4% in the first half of this year after a nearly 6% drop in 2018. More broadly, the U.S. share of the global travel market has slipped in the past year, and travel and hospitality groups blame the trade conflicts and intensified competition from rival countries. To close the gap, they've urged the government to extend funding for the U.S. national tourism marketing agency and to work more closely with overseas trade fairs and tour groups.

At the same time, tourism marketing agencies for states and cities are hedging their bets by intensifying their outreach to countries other than China. Utah and Los Angeles, among others, are trying to expand their presence in nations like India, whose large and youthful middle class is seen as a potentially rich source of tourist dollars.

Yet there is no easy way to replace a drop in Chinese tourism. Some U.S. tourism agencies say they worry that Chinese travelers feel unwelcome in the country under the Trump administration. Warnings from Beijing about traveling to the U.S. have likely reinforced that view.

"With the trade war, with some of the travel warnings, with some of our visa challenges that we've had, we've seen a little bit of a dip in Chinese visitors," said Theresa Belpulsi, a senior official at Destination DC, the city's tourism marketing office.

Tourism is one of the few industries where the U.S. has enjoyed a substantial advantage over China. In 2018, Chinese tourists traveling to the U.S. spent \$30 billion more than American tourists visiting China did. Yet that edge may be shrinking.

"The U.S. is just losing market share," said Adam Sacks, president of consulting company Tourism Economics. "Something's made the U.S. uncompetitive, and I would target the trade war as one of the reasons."

Larry Yu, a professor of hospitality management at George Washington University, warns that once impressions of an unwelcome environment take hold, they're hard to erase.

"The trade war creates a kind of environment in China that makes people think twice," Yu said. "Even though we know that Chinese demand is high, the current environment makes people substitute the U.S. for another place."

Beijing has issued two warnings to would-be visitors to the United States — one about gun violence, the other about harassment by U.S. law enforcement.

Visa approvals for Chinese visitors have meanwhile become more difficult. The rejection rate for Chinese tourist visa applications to the U.S. reached 17% in the 2018 fiscal year from a low of 8.5% in 2013.

Some tourism companies are feeling squeezed. DFS Hawaii, which operates duty-free stores in Hawaiian airports, plans to shed a quarter of its workforce and has pointed to a drop-off in tourists from China and elsewhere in Asia as a reason. As of August, Chinese tourist visits to Hawaii are down 27% this year.

"There is no foreseeable indication this will be reversed in the near term," said Tim DeLessio of the DFS

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Group, parent company of DFS Hawaii.

Sacks of Tourism Economics says he holds out hope that local travel marketing agencies can reverse the trend. The District of Columbia, for one, says its outreach to China has intensified. Destination DC's latest initiative — hotel discounts for the Lunar New Year early in 2020, with events and performances tailored for Chinese tourists — builds on a sister-city partnership with Beijing.

San Francisco's social media expansion to three new Chinese apps marks its latest effort to draw more Chinese tourists. Ads the city created and hosted on two popular Chinese apps, WeChat and Weibo, drove 12 million people to a contest promoting the city's landmarks, according to the San Francisco Travel Association.

Arizona leveraged social media and Ctrip, a Chinese travel website, to urge visitors to check out the state's outdoor and wellness activities during the Golden Week holiday period this month.

At a gathering of industry CEOs in September, leading travel brands urged the government to stem the eroding U.S. share of the global market by guaranteeing future funding for Brand USA, a tourism marketing agency. Entry fees paid by international travelers entering the United States fund that agency. But its dedicated funding expires next year. If it does, tourism from China and other countries could drop, travel industry officials warn, and American jobs might be put at risk.

"Without Brand USA, we would be in an even worse situation vis-a-vis our international competitors," said Heather McCrory, CEO of Accor, a leading hotel group.

Even New York City, which enjoyed a surge in tourism this year thanks in part to the new Hudson Yards development and World Pride Day, has grown concerned about attracting Chinese visitors.

"We can't control the market conditions," said Christopher Heywood of NYC & Company, the city's official tourism marketing agency. "The geopolitics comes into play."

In the meantime, some U.S. competitors may gain an edge. The European Travel Commission, which says Europe welcomed 14 million Chinese last year, has joined with its Chinese counterparts at travel shows and partnered with Chinese celebrities to share videos and social media posts involving Europe.

American tourism agencies say they're seeking other potential sources of visitors in India and elsewhere. But Indian tourists are still less accustomed to traveling in the United States.

"There's a great deal of interest," said Jamie Foley of the Los Angeles Tourism and Convention Board. "But that comes with the understanding that India is very different from China."

Left with little choice, the U.S. travel industry is redoubling its efforts to engage with Chinese tourists while waiting out the trade war.

"The trade war's an important subject, but it's seen as a temporary setback," said Sage Brennan, co-founder of the consulting firm China Luxury Advisors. "Over the next 20 to 30 years, China is going to continue to impact and shape the tourism market."

Mindful of that likelihood, David O'Donnell of the Greater Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau, said that city has built a pipeline of projects to try to drive tourism from China. Boston is working with China's Hainan Airlines to showcase the city and with Boston's airports to develop additional routes to China. It's also seeking partnerships with China Union Pay and Ctrip, the Chinese travel website.

"Are we concerned that the trade war may impact the travel trade?" O'Donnell said. "Of course. Are we frustrated by new and more restrictive visa policies? Absolutely. But we know that Boston will always be very appealing to the China market. We are in to stay."

Fires spread amid power outages in Northern California

By **TERENCE CHEA** and **DON THOMPSON** Associated Press

SANTA ROSA, California (AP) — As nearly 200,000 people remain under evacuation order from threat of wildfire, some of the millions of people in Northern California on track to get their electricity back may not have power restored before another possible round of shut-offs and debilitating winds.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co. has notified more than 1.2 million people that they may have their electricity shut off for what could be the third time in a week and the fourth time this month.

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Meanwhile, more than 2.4 million people who lost electricity over the weekend were awaiting restoration as hurricane-force winds whipped through the state, fueling a wildfire in Sonoma County as smaller spot fires cropped up.

Fire conditions statewide made California "a tinderbox," said Jonathan Cox, a spokesman for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. Of the state's 58 counties, 43 were under red flag warnings for high fire danger Sunday.

Gov. Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency in response to the wildfires, powered by gusts that reached more than 102 mph (164 kph).

The Kincadee Fire in Sonoma County, which started Wednesday, grew to 85 square miles (220 square kilometers), destroyed 94 buildings and was threatening 80,000 buildings, state fire authorities said Sunday night.

In the San Francisco Bay Area, two grass fires briefly halted traffic on an interstate bridge. The flames came dangerously close to homes in Vallejo. Another grass fire closed a stretch of interstate that cut through the state capital as smoke obstructed drivers.

In the south, a wildfire in the Santa Clarita area near Los Angeles destroyed 18 structures. As of Sunday, the Tick Fire was 70% contained. Early Monday, a brush fire broke out along the west side of Interstate 405, north of Sunset Boulevard and near the Getty Center in Southern California. It had grown to more than 70 acres by 4 a.m. and was moving west and south, according to the Los Angeles Fire Department.

The LAFD called the fire "a very dynamic situation due to high winds" and issued mandatory evacuation orders for people living between the freeway and Mandeville Canyon. Mount Saint Mary's University tweeted that students at its Chalon campus near the museum were evacuated to another campus and classes were canceled for Monday. The Getty itself was designed with fire protection in mind, with thick walls and doors to compartmentalize any flames.

To prevent power lines from sparking in high winds and setting off more blazes up north, PG&E said Sunday that power is out to 965,000 customers and another 100,000 have lost electricity because of strong gusts, bringing the number of residents impacted by blackouts to nearly 2.7 million people.

The biggest evacuation was in Northern California's Sonoma County where 180,000 people were told to pack up and leave. Some evacuating early Sunday had done so two years ago, when devastating wildfires swept through Sonoma and Napa and neighboring counties, killing 44 people.

At an evacuation center at Napa Valley College, Francisco Alvarado, 15, said he, two younger brothers and his parents decided to vacate their Calistoga home in advance of evacuation orders. Two years ago, the family had to flee, but in the middle of the night.

"I'm pretty mad that we have to keep evacuating," he said. "I just want to be home. I'm trying to leave here tomorrow; I want to sleep in my bed."

He said he wasn't sure who, if anyone, to blame for the repeated fires, but said he didn't fault PG&E for turning off the electricity to try to prevent them.

Rosa Schuth of Sebastopol stayed up late packing bags but didn't think she would need to evacuate because the fires never reached her town in 2017.

She had been asleep for a half hour when she heard sirens telling residents to go. She got in her car and hopped on a country road that became jammed with evacuees.

"The wind is really something. It just rages and suddenly it stops, and you see a bird drifting by," she said.

Electricity is expected to begin being restored by Monday, though the utility warned it might cut power again as soon as Tuesday because of another forecast of strong winds that are expected to last until Wednesday.

The fear that the winds could blow embers and spread fire across a major highway prompted authorities to expand evacuation orders that covered parts of Santa Rosa, a city of 175,000 that was devastated by wildfire two years ago.

Hundreds of people arrived at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds in Santa Rosa by Sunday. Some came from senior care facilities. More than 300 people slept inside an auditorium filled with cots and wheeled

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beds. Scores of others stayed in a separate building with their pets.

Among them was Maribel Cruz, 19, who packed up her dog, four cats and fish as soon as she was told to flee her trailer in the town of Windsor, about 60 miles (100 kilometers) north of San Francisco. She also grabbed a neighbor's cat.

"I'm just nervous since I grew up in Windsor," she said. "I'm hoping the wind cooperates."

A historic attraction outside Healdsburg was lost Sunday when embers carried by wind sparked a blaze that engulfed the Soda Rock Winery. Buildings included a general store and post office founded in 1869.

In the central California, a tree toppled in strong wind Sunday killed a woman and injured a man who was taken to a hospital, officials said.

In the San Francisco Bay Area, gusts knocked over a 30-foot (9-meter) tree at a farmers' market in Martinez, injuring nine people, including a toddler. Six people left with injuries that were not life-threatening were taken to a hospital, police said.

During the 2017 fires, winds up to 90 mph (144 kph) lasted for about 12 hours. This time, the gusts were stronger and expected to last more than 36 hours, ending Monday night, said Matt Mehle, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service's Monterey office.

Parched vegetation from unseasonably hot weather and low humidity was already igniting elsewhere, and firefighters scrambled to keep up.

Two grass fires shut down a 6-mile (10-kilometer) stretch of Interstate 80, including a bridge between the cities of Crockett and Vallejo, and forced the evacuation of 200 people from California State University Maritime Academy. An ember from one fire possibly sparked the other.

Smoke from another grass fire Sunday forced the closure of a stretch of Interstate 80 running through Sacramento's downtown. Meanwhile, fire officials spotted downed power lines in the area of a small fire that destroyed a building at a tennis club and three other structures in Lafayette, a leafy suburb in the east San Francisco Bay Area.

The city of Vallejo said the power blackout shut off its pumping station needed to access its well water, prompting an emergency. The city barred residents from watering yards and asked people to limit bathing and flushing toilets, reported The Vallejo Times Herald.

Associated Press writers Daisy Nguyen and Janie Har in San Francisco, Christopher Weber in Los Angeles and Julie Watson in San Diego contributed to this report.

California Rep. Katie Hill resigns amid ethics investigation

By LAURIE KELLMAN Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Freshman Rep. Katie Hill, a rising Democratic star in the House, announced her resignation amid an ethics probe, saying explicit private photos of her with a campaign staffer had been "weaponized" by her husband and political operatives.

The California Democrat, 32, had been hand-picked for a coveted leadership seat. But in recent days, compromising photos of Hill and purported text messages from her to a campaign staffer surfaced online in a right-wing publication and a British tabloid.

The House ethics committee also had launched an investigation into whether Hill had an inappropriate relationship with an aide in her congressional office, which is prohibited under House rules. Hill, one of the few openly bisexual women in Congress, has denied that and vowed to fight a "smear" campaign waged by a husband she called abusive.

But her relationship with the campaign aide became a concern for House Democrats who have made equality in the workplace a particular priority. On Sunday, after apologizing for the relationship with a subordinate, Hill announced she was stepping aside.

"It is with a broken heart that today I announce my resignation from Congress," she wrote in a statement released Sunday.

"Having private photos of personal moments weaponized against me has been an appalling invasion of

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my privacy. It's also illegal, and we are currently pursuing all of our available legal options," she added. "However, I know that as long as I am in Congress, we'll live fearful of what might come next and how much it will hurt."

Hill's statement provided no details on that or when she would step down. Hill's office and campaign provided no additional public comment.

Her abrupt fall came after a blazing rise in which she won the last Republican-held House seat anchored in Los Angeles County, part of a rout that saw GOP House members driven out of their seats in Southern California.

Hill was elected by 9 percentage points last year, ousting two-term Republican Rep. Stephen Knight and capturing the district for her party for the first time since 1990. Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton carried the district in 2016 by 7 points.

Hill's campaign had raised a healthy \$2.2 million so far this year, putting her on track for a strong re-election bid.

Citing the more than 4-in-10 district voters from minority groups, Rep. Cheri Bustos, D-Ill., who heads House Democrats' campaign committee, said there was "no doubt" her party would hold the district next year.

But Rep. Tom Emmer, R-Minn., chairman of the House GOP campaign arm, said Republicans "look forward to winning back this seat."

Nationally, Hill was part of the wave that flipped the House to Democratic control. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi picked her for a coveted leadership seat. Hill also is vice chair of the powerful House Oversight Committee.

In a statement Sunday, Pelosi praised Hill for bringing "a powerful commitment to her community and a bright vision for the future" to the House but added: "She has acknowledged errors in judgment that made her continued service as a Member untenable. We must ensure a climate of integrity and dignity in the Congress, and in all workplaces."

In recent days, Hill's Los Angeles-area constituents were wrestling with questions about who might have been wronged, how much it matters and whether any punishment was warranted.

Hill, celebrated as a face of millennial change in Congress, said in her statement that she had no choice but to step down.

"This is what needs to happen so that the good people who supported me will no longer be subjected to the pain inflicted by my abusive husband and the brutality of hateful political operatives who seem to happily provide a platform to a monster who is driving a smear campaign built around cyber exploitation," Hill said. "I can no longer allow my community, family, friends, staff, supporters, and especially the children who look up to me as a role model, to suffer this unprecedented brand of cruelty."

She apologized to "people who have been hurt."

She's asked U.S. Capitol Police to investigate potential legal violations for posting and distributing the photos online without her consent.

Hill is divorcing her husband, Kenneth Heslep, and says he is abusive. While not providing any evidence of abuse, Hill says she turned elsewhere for companionship because of their turbulent relationship and lamented that "the deeply personal matter of my divorce has been brought into public view."

In court papers, Heslep sketches a different story, one in which he was rejected by an ambitious wife after agreeing to her request that he play the role of house-husband, while she pursued her career aspirations. He said she left him soon after being elected to Congress.

"Our agreement was that I would stay at home and take care of all the domestic duties and responsibilities while (Hill) worked," Heslep said in documents filed in July in Los Angeles Superior Court. He did not allege any extramarital affairs by his wife.

Islamic State still poses a threat after al-Baghdadi's death

By ROBERT BURNS and ERIC TUCKER Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eliminating the Islamic State group's elusive leader gives President Donald Trump a new argument for leaving Syria, but the U.S. military campaign against the extremists is far from finished.

The killing of Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi by U.S. forces leaves the Islamic State without an obvious leader, a major setback for an organization that in March was forced by American troops and Kurdish forces out of the last portion of its self-declared "caliphate," which once spanned a swath of Iraq and Syria.

But the militant group, which arose from the remnants of al-Qaida in Iraq after that group's defeat by U.S.-led forces in 2008, has ambitions to regenerate again. And it remains a dangerous threat in Iraq, Afghanistan and beyond.

"The bottom line is: This puts the enemy on its heels, but the ideology — and this sounds so clichéd — it is not dead," said Chris Costa, a former senior director for counterterrorism for the National Security Council in the Trump administration.

Key to the Islamic States is its "kill where you are" ethos, encouraging a far-flung network of followers, including those in the United States, to commit violence however and wherever they can. That jihadist message is likely to live on, even with the death of al-Baghdadi.

That means U.S. forces, perhaps in reduced numbers, will continue hunting and attacking key Islamic State targets, even as Trump says he's committed to a 2016 campaign pledge to bring them home and end "endless wars" started under his predecessors.

Trump earlier this month went from declaring a near-complete withdrawal of U.S. forces from Syria to deciding that some, perhaps several hundred, must stay to keep eastern Syria's oil fields from falling back into the hands of the Islamic State. Trump also agreed to keep about 150 U.S. troops at a base in southern Syria.

In announcing on Sunday that al-Baghdadi had blown himself up after being cornered in a dead-end underground tunnel in Syria, Trump acknowledged that IS, which he often calls "100 percent" defeated, still has ambitions to make a comeback. The group is "very, very strongly looking to build it again," he said.

This, he said, explains why Baghdadi was in the Idlib province of northwestern Syria, an area largely controlled by a rival group — the al-Qaida-linked Hayat Tahrir al-Sham — although other jihadi groups sympathetic to Islamic State are also there.

"Well, that's where he was trying to rebuild from because that was the place that made most sense, if you're looking to rebuild," Trump said.

Trump suggested that other countries, including Russia, carry on the fight against IS, but there is no indication that U.S. forces will abandon the mission any time soon.

"Our job is to stay on top of that and to make sure that we continue to take out their leadership," Defense Secretary Mark Esper said on ABC's "This Week."

Rep. Mike Rogers, the ranking Republican on the House Homeland Security Committee, said five years of U.S. and coalition effort inside Syria have not eliminated the Islamic State threat.

"While the death of its leader is a tremendous blow for the group, about 10,000 ISIS fighters remain in the region and will continue to carry out guerrilla attacks and seek new territory," he said.

According to defense officials in Iraq and Afghanistan who study Islamic State and have watched its movements, the group is growing in power and numbers outside of Syria.

Its flagship affiliate is known as ISIS-Khorasan in Afghanistan, and it is expanding into other countries, including Pakistan, Tajikistan, Iran, India, Bangladesh and Indonesia. Many of those affiliates have liaisons in the terror group's hub in eastern Afghanistan.

In addition to conducting high-profile attacks inside Afghanistan, the official said the Islamic State has also already proven its ability to inspire and enable terrorist attacks outside Afghanistan, including a deadly one in Sweden.

It is this global reach that makes the Islamic State a continuing worry, including for U.S. officials seeking to protect the homeland.

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Al-Baghdadi served as a direct inspiration for extremists in the United States, where multiple jihadists in the last five years invoked his name as they carried out deadly acts of violence.

Omar Mateen, the gunman who in 2016 killed 49 people inside an Orlando, Florida nightclub, pledged allegiance to al-Baghdadi during a 911 call in which he identified himself as an Islamic soldier. Months earlier, Tashfeen Malik, who along with her husband killed 14 people at a San Bernardino, California, holiday party, took to Facebook after her massacre was already underway to declare her support for al-Baghdadi.

"That voice, the face associated with it — the name in particular — it's all directly linked to those in the United States who have pledged allegiance to him so as to conduct attacks in the group's name," said Joshua Geltzer, a former senior counterterrorism official in the Obama administration.

The death of al-Baghdadi leaves the group without an equally brand-name successor and deprives would-be jihadists of a figurehead leader to rally behind. Counterterrorism experts say that leadership void is a significant loss for a terror group that had lost the vast stretches of the physical caliphate in Syria and Iraq it had once controlled. But they also caution that they expect the group's ideology to endure beyond al-Baghdadi.

"I've always said, yes, I will celebrate when Baghdadi is dead, but at the same time, that celebration is quiet and quick, because there are other Baghdadis out there who have been radicalized," said Costa, the former NSC official.

Still, Costa said, the raid was hugely significant in part because it shows the U.S. can use solid intelligence to carry out a successful military operation, no matter the current Syria policy.

"This impacts morale and that's an important idea — the fact that the enemy is on the run. We can track them, and we can hunt them, and we can kill them."

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The tip, the raid, the reveal: The takedown of al-Baghdadi

By DEB RIECHMANN and AAMER MADHANI Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The helicopters flew low and fast into the night, ferrying U.S. special forces to a compound where Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi was hiding in Syria. Half a world away, President Donald Trump watched the raid in real time via a video link as troops blasted into the hideout and sent the most-wanted militant running the last steps of his life.

The daring raid was the culmination of years of steady intelligence-gathering work — and 48 hours of hurry-up planning once Washington got word that al-Baghdadi would be at a compound in northwestern Syria.

The night unfolded with methodical precision and unexpected turns. This reconstruction is based on the first-blush accounts of Trump and other administration officials eager to share the details of how the U.S. snared its top target, as well observations from startled villagers who had no idea al-Baghdadi was in their midst.

A CELEBRATION AND A SECRET TWO-DAY SCRAMBLE

Events developed quickly once the White House learned on Thursday there was "a high probability" that al-Baghdadi would be at an Idlib province compound.

By Friday, Trump had military options on his desk.

By Saturday morning, the administration at last had "actionable intelligence" it could exploit.

There was no hint of that interior drama as Trump headed to Camp David on Friday night to celebrate the 10th wedding anniversary of daughter Ivanka and son-in-law Jared Kushner. Then he was off to Virginia on a brisk fall Saturday for a round at one of his golf courses.

He teed off with Major League Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred, in town for the World Series, and Sens. Lindsey Graham and David Perdue.

Trump got back to the White House at 4:18 p.m. By 5 p.m., he was in a suit in the Situation Room in the

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basement of the West Wing to monitor the raid. They named it after Kayla Mueller, an American humanitarian worker abused and killed by al-Baghdadi.

The rest of Washington had its focus on Game 4 of the World Series about to get underway a few miles away at Nationals Park.

PANIC THEN DEATH

Moments after the White House team had gathered, U.S. aircraft, mostly twin-rotor CH-47 helicopters, took off from Al-Asad air base in western Iraq.

Within hours, al-Baghdadi was dead.

The first inkling that something was afoot came when villagers saw helicopters swooping low on the horizon.

"We went out in the balcony to see and they started shooting, with automatic rifles. So we went inside and hid," said an unidentified villager. Next came a large explosion — Trump said soldiers blasted a hole in the side of a building because they feared the entrance might have been booby-trapped. Al-Baghdadi fled into a network of underground bunkers and tunnels that snaked through the compound.

The stout, bearded militant leader wore a suicide vest and dragged along three children as he fled from the American troops.

Trump, happy to play up the drama, said that as U.S. troops and their dogs closed in, the militant went "whimpering and crying and screaming all the way" to his death.

"He reached the end of the tunnel, as our dogs chased him down," Trump said. "He ignited his vest, killing himself and the three children."

'IT WAS HIM'

Al-Baghdadi's body was mutilated in the blast, and the tunnel caved in on him. To get to his corpse, troops had to dig through debris.

"There wasn't much left," Trump said, "but there are still substantial pieces that they brought back."

That's when the military raid turned into a forensics operation — and the special forces had come prepared.

They had brought along samples of al-Baghdadi's DNA.

The soldiers who conducted the raid thought the man who fled looked like al-Baghdadi, but that wasn't enough. Various accounts had heralded his death in the past, only for him to surface yet again.

This time there could be no doubt.

Lab technicians conducted an onsite DNA test to make sure and within 15 minutes of his death, positively identified the target.

"It was him," Trump said.

Al-Baghdadi's body wasn't all they retrieved.

Trump said U.S. troops remained in the compound for about two hours after al-Baghdadi's death and recovered highly sensitive material about the Islamic State group, including information about its future plans.

After the American troops retreated, U.S. fighter jets fired six rockets at the house, leveling it.

THE BIG TEASE

Trump was so excited he couldn't contain himself.

He hinted of the successful military operation late Saturday by tweeting obliquely that "something very big has just happened!" White House spokesman Hogan Gidley announced the president would make a "major statement" Sunday morning.

That sent reporters in Washington and the Middle East scrambling, and news organizations soon confirmed that U.S. forces believed they had killed America's most-wanted man.

It was a measure of the strained atmosphere in Washington that two top Democrats — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Rep. Adam Schiff, who heads the House intelligence committee — didn't get a heads-up from Trump about the operation.

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Trump didn't trust them to keep it secret.

"Washington is a leaking machine," Trump said. In this case, he said, "there were no leaks, no nothing. The only people that knew were the few people that I dealt with."

THE REVEAL: 'THE BIGGEST'

Trump chose the Diplomatic Room to make his big announcement on Sunday.

In announcing al-Baghdadi's death, he leaned into comparing the successful operation with the 2011 mission to kill 9/11 mastermind Osama bin Laden.

While bin Laden orchestrated the deadliest militant attack in U.S. history, the killing of al-Baghdadi — who helped the IS group at its height control more than 34,000 square miles of territory in Iraq and Syria — was "the biggest there is," Trump said.

Reveling in the moment, Trump spent more than 45 minutes speaking and taking questions about the raid.

By late Sunday afternoon, Trump's reelection campaign was ready to turn the raid into political capital. It sent a text to supporters that said, "Trump has brought the #1 terrorist leader to justice—he's KEEPING AMERICA SAFE."

Associated Press writers Sarah El Deeb in Beirut, Qassim Abdul-Zahra in Baghdad and Nancy Benac in Washington contributed to this report.

10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press

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

1. HOW THE DEATH OF AL-BAGHDADI UNFOLDED

The daring raid was the culmination of years of intelligence-gathering work and 48 hours of hurry-up planning once Washington got word that the elusive Islamic State group leader would be at a compound in northwestern Syria.

2. WAITING FOR ELECTRICITY IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Pacific Gas & Electric Co. has notified more than 1.2 million people that they may not have power restored as the threat of wildfires loom with nearly 200,000 people under evacuation order.

3. RISING DEMOCRATIC STAR CALLS IT QUILTS

Freshman Rep. Katie Hill resigns amid an ethics probe, saying explicit private photos of her with a campaign staffer had been "weaponized" by her husband and political operatives.

4. WHO CONCEDED DEFEAT AFTER A DRAMATIC ELECTION

Argentina's incumbent President Mauricio Macri likely swung the country back to the center-left and Peronists are celebrating their return to power.

5. WHO SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR WEIGHT-LOSS SURGERY

The American Academy of Pediatrics says some severely obese preteens would benefit from the procedure based on evidence of medical studies.

6. TRUMP BOOED AT THE WORLD SERIES

The president drew boos, jeers and chants of "lock him up" when introduced during Game 5.

7. COLLEGE PARTY IN TEXAS TURNS FATAL

A gunman opened fire at an off-campus event in a night club killing two people; 12 others were injured in the melee.

8. HONK KONG PROTESTERS TATTOO TO SUPPORT

While groups of hardcore protesters tangling with riot police have become the movement's most visible symbol, others are using skin and ink.

9. BOUNDARY-PUSHING COMEDIAN HONORED

Dave Chappelle receives the Mark Twain prize for lifetime achievement in comedy.

10. THE ASTROS LEAD THE NATIONALS 3-2 IN THE WORLD SERIES

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Gerrit Cole and the Houston Astros are heading home just one win from another crown.

Growing uncertainty looms over Dems' 2020 primary

By **STEVE PEOPLES, ALEXANDRA JAFFE and HUNTER WOODALL** Associated Press

MUSCATINE, Iowa (AP) — Look no further than Pearl City Station, a plain brick building set along the banks of the Mississippi River, to understand the growing sense of uncertainty seeping into the Democratic Party's 2020 primary contest.

Inside, 200 Iowa Democrats recently sized up Joe Biden, the former vice president and one of their party's leading presidential candidates. He engenders respect and admiration, but generates little excitement.

One elderly man sitting in the back of the room fell asleep as the former vice president shared his vision for America's future in unusually hushed tones for nearly 45 minutes without taking questions.

Afterward, David Metz, a member of the county Democratic committee, said that despite a campaign season that has already featured millions of dollars spent, countless miles logged and four debates staged, there is a deepening feeling of indecision among local voters who now have less than 100 days to finalize their 2020 pick.

"Nobody knows what to do," Metz said. "They're all afraid. There's a lot of anxiety."

In almost every campaign cycle, there comes a phase of indifference, fear and difficult questions. But in the 2020 cycle, Democratic officials hoped that the fervent desire to beat Trump would eventually lead to an enthusiastic embrace of its presidential field.

The lack of enthusiasm for Biden's candidacy underscores a broader trend emerging in the states that matter most in the Democratic Party's high-stakes presidential nomination fight: Primary voters appear to be getting less certain of their choice as Election Day approaches.

The historically large field, while in part of measure of the desire to oust the incumbent president, has also made it harder for the top contenders to forge a more focused contest. Nine Democrats so far have qualified for the party's November debate and a dozen more are still fighting for attention. Among the top tier, the liabilities of Biden, Sen. Elizabeth Warren and Sen. Bernie Sanders, in particular — are becoming more visible as Iowa's Feb. 3 caucuses approach.

Major donors and party leaders across the country have publicly and privately raised concerns about the direction of the primary election recently as well. But interviews with dozens of primary voters across Iowa and New Hampshire in recent days reveal a pervasive feeling of unease.

Polling suggests that the number of undecided voters in Iowa has jumped significantly in recent weeks. And even among those who have a favorite candidate, most say they could change their mind before voting begins.

Tom Steyer, a billionaire progressive activist, is among those lower-tier candidates aggressively fighting to capitalize on the uncertainty. He's vowed to spend at least \$100 million of his own money in the campaign, although he acknowledged in a weekend interview that his investment could shift up or down depending on conditions on the ground.

"We're three months out from Iowa and we thought that there would be a lot of indecision, but it's definitely higher than we would have expected. No question," Steyer said. "That is something that has to be true if I'm going to win. And it is true."

Just ask the voters.

In New Hampshire, Greg Bruss, a 68-year-old retired teacher, says he's usually volunteering for a candidate by this time in the primary cycle. That's not the case this year as he mulls voting for either Sanders or Warren.

"The times are that much more dire," Bruss said. "I don't want to get it wrong."

Former New Hampshire state Sen. Bette Lasky says she's impressed with the Democratic field, but she's remained on the sidelines as well, even after hosting house parties for several candidates.

"Generally, I don't have trouble making up my mind," she said. "But (it's) difficult for me to get out there

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behind any one candidate.”

Back in Iowa, 43-year-old Waterloo school employee Danielle Borglum said she expected to finalize her decision after watching the last debate, but she couldn't do it.

“I didn't realize the amount of people that we had as candidates!” Borglum said. “So many people have a plan. Is anyone really right?”

Bev Alderson, a 59-year-old retired teacher from Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, said she has “a couple of frontrunners, but they're not etched in stone.”

“There's too much to be said yet. There's too many things that are happening and going on, it's just too early,” she said.

While significant, history suggests that the uncertainty currently defining the 2020 primary season is not totally unique.

Before Iowa's 2004 contest, for example, former House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt, Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman and Vermont Gov. Howard Dean all led the polls at times before then-Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry made a late surge to win.

And three months before Iowa's 2008 Democratic caucuses, most polls had Hillary Clinton with a significant lead over John Edwards and a little-known Illinois senator named Barack Obama. Obama, of course, went on to win the Iowa caucuses by almost 8 points and Clinton finished third.

That history, backed by polling that shows most voters could still change their minds, is convincing low-polling underdog candidates to keep fighting.

“One of the things I've learned by listening to the people of Iowa is they tend to make up their minds fairly close to caucus night,” former Texas Rep. Beto O'Rourke told reporters during a forum in Des Moines last week.

New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker, who hasn't topped 2% in any Iowa poll since June, said he was encouraged by a crowd of 200 that showed up to see him speak the night before. He said he's getting a clear message from voters who say, “I'm excited about you — you're first on my list, or you've moved up from four to two,” which I'm learning is really important in the Iowa caucuses.”

And former Housing Secretary Julian Castro warned supporters last week that he'd need to raise \$800,000 by the end of the month to keep his campaign alive. But he, too, seized on the large number of undecideds.

The primary campaign, Castro said, is “more unstable than it's ever been.”

“You have a lot of people in these polls that, even though they express a preference for one candidate or another, are saying that they can still change their mind,” he said. He added: “Three months is probably 10 lifetimes in politics.”

Jennifer Konfrst, a first-term Iowa state senator, agrees.

She's supporting Booker, but she says many of her friends have already changed their minds about which candidate they like best.

“So many of my friends have three top choices — and they're not the same three,” she said. “Anybody who says they know what's going to happen is lying.”

Woodall reported from Manchester, New Hampshire.

Argentina's center-left Peronists celebrate return to power

By **LUIS ANDRES HENAO** and **DEBORA REY** Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Argentina's Peronists celebrated their return to power after incumbent President Mauricio Macri conceded defeat in a dramatic election that likely swung the country back to the center-left, saw the return of a divisive former president and threatened to rattle financial markets.

As investors nervously eyed Monday's market opening, thousands of jubilant supporters of Alberto Fernández and his vice presidential running mate, ex-president Cristina Fernández, waved sky-blue and white Argentine flags and chanted “We're coming back! We're coming back!”

“Today, Alberto is the president of all Argentines,” Cristina Fernández told supporters, some of whom

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brandished tattoos with her image and the image of her late husband and predecessor as president, Nestor Kirchner.

Late Sunday night, authorities said Alberto Fernández had 48.1% of the votes compared to 40.4% for Macri, with almost 97% percent of the votes counted. He needed 45% support, or 40% support with a 10 percentage point lead, over the nearest rival to avoid a runoff vote on Nov. 24. No official winner has yet been declared.

The election was dominated by concerns over the country's economic woes and rising poverty, with voters rejecting austerity measures that Macri insisted were needed to revive the struggling economy.

"The only thing that concerns us is that Argentines stop suffering once and for all," Alberto Fernández told the crowd.

The 60-year-old lawyer said he would need the support of Macri's administration to reconstruct what he called the inherited "ashes" of Argentina.

"We're back and we're going to be better!" he said.

Earlier in the evening, Macri told disappointed supporters that he had called Alberto Fernández to congratulate him and invited him for a breakfast chat Monday at the presidential palace.

"We need an orderly transition that will bring tranquility to all Argentines, because the most important thing is the well-being of all Argentines," Macri said.

Argentina's inflation rate is one of the highest in the world, nearly one third of Argentines are poor and its currency has plunged under Macri, who came into power in 2015 with promises to boost South America's second-largest economy and one of the world's top grains suppliers.

When Macri did surprisingly poorly in August party primaries, which are seen as a barometer of candidate popularity, stocks plunge and the peso depreciated on the possibility of a return to the interventionist economic policies of Cristina Fernández, who governed from 2007 to 2015.

Observers fear the same could happen Monday.

Argentina's Central bank said early Monday that it would sharply limit the amount of dollars that people can buy amid growing worries of a rapid loss of foreign exchange following Macri's apparent loss. The bank said dollar purchases will be restricted to \$200 a month by bank account and \$100 cash until December. The previous amount allowed was \$10,000 a month.

"The last two years have been brutal in Argentina," said Benjamin Gedan, an Argentina expert at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. "Voters have suffered a painful recession, unimaginably high inflation and a debt crisis. No incumbent could survive in these conditions."

Gedan said Fernández is "an untested leader," whose proposed solutions to Argentina's daunting challenges remain a mystery and who inherits a ruinous economy and unfavorable international conditions.

Sunday's result would also mark a dramatic return to high office for Cristina Fernández, who opponents say might be the real power behind Alberto Fernández's throne. The running mates - who are not related - dismiss those concerns.

Alberto Fernández served as chief of staff from 2003 to 2007 for Kirchner. He remained in the position during part of Cristina Fernández's term as president but left after a conflict with farmers in 2008. Macri's camp tried but failed to force a runoff by portraying her as a puppet master waiting in the wings.

"I'm so happy. We were waiting for this change for a long time. We're tired of everything that has been happening," said Fernández supporter Juan Jose De Antonio, 46.

For many voters, the Fernández ticket was more palatable because the moderate Alberto Fernández was in the top spot, handpicked - in a shrewd move - by Cristina Fernández, who represents the more radical wing of the Peronist party and enjoys hard-core support of some 30% of Argentines, according to Michael Shifter, head of the Inter-American Dialogue, a Washington-based think tank.

"The government of Alberto Fernandez and Cristina Kirchner will feature Peronists of varied political tendencies, but the crucial question is what the dynamic will be between the pragmatic president and more ideological and polarizing vice president," Shifter said. "The nature of that power struggle will determine the direction of Argentina's economic, social and foreign policy in coming years."

Shifter said that despite some market fears, a return of the populist policies under Cristina Fernández

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is highly unlikely.

"Today Argentina simply does not have the economic conditions for unchecked spending," he said. "This will not be a replay of her presidency."

The result would mark a shift leftward for South America, which has seen conservative governments elected in Brazil, Colombia and Chile in recent years. Cristina Fernández was considered part of the "pink tide" of leftist governments that arose in the region in the 1990s and 2000s.

Some of Argentina's neighbors have experienced social upheaval recently fueled by discontent over corruption, inequality and slowing growth.

Prior to Sunday's election, many Argentines had taken to the streets to protest the loss of purchasing power under high consumer prices and frustrated with cuts in subsidies that have led to rises in utilities and transportation costs.

"This thing that happened in Argentina, what has been happening in the sister country of Chile, and recently in Ecuador, must open our minds, not just among political leaders, but all business and social leaders about the unviability of political and economic models based on permanent adjustments," said Cristina Fernández.

Macri retained wide support among the key farming sector in one of the world's top suppliers of grains. But overall frustration over the economy eroded the popularity of the pro-business former mayor of Buenos Aires and ex-president of the popular Boca Juniors soccer club.

Argentina faces tough challenges ahead: Its commodities exports - the backbone of its economy - are vulnerable to a tough global outlook. It has huge foreign debt. The World Bank forecasts that Argentina's economy will shrink 3.1% this year. More than a third of the country is poor, unemployment is at 10.6%, and consumer prices are expected to hit 55% this year.

On the election trail, Fernández criticized Macri's decision to seek a record \$56 billion bailout from the International Monetary Fund, a deeply unpopular institution in Argentina that is blamed for creating the conditions that led to the country's worst economic meltdown in 2001.

"Argentina will be on even more uncertain ground as negotiations with the IMF could go either way," said Monica de Bolle, senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics.

On the campaign trail, Macri pleaded for more time to reverse fortunes and reminded voters of the corruption cases facing Cristina Fernández, who has denied any wrongdoing.

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Argentines also chose 130 lower house seats and 24 senators in Congress, as well as regional mayors, governors for three provinces and the head of government for the Argentine capital.

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Mexico's Culiacan tries to regroup after fierce gunbattles

By PETER ORSI Associated Press

CULIACAN, Mexico (AP) — A dozen or so charred vehicles sit in a government impound lot outside this northwestern city including a patrol car, a military pickup and a tractor-trailer, casualties of a recent terrifying shootout between drug gang henchmen and Mexican security forces.

In a central district where the worst of the violence took place, blown-out windows have been replaced and bullet holes are plastered over on restaurants, convenience stores and a home where the son of Mexico's notorious drug lord was believed to have been holed up.

Those physical scars of the Oct. 17 gunbattles — what's come to be known as "black Thursday" by residents of Culiacan, the capital of Sinaloa and a stronghold of the Sinaloa cartel long led by Joaquín "El Chapo" Guzmán — are beginning to heal. But residents are still coming to grips with the worst cartel

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violence in recent memory, in which 13 people were killed including at least three innocents caught in the crossfire. More than a week later, it's what's on everyone's lips, from cab conversations to newspaper editorials, as the city of some 800,000 wonders how to move on.

"For people here in Culiacan, there is a psychosis that it could happen again at any moment," said Marco Castillo, a 52-year-old who works in the transportation industry, speaking on the street-side patio of a restaurant outside of which the gunbattle raged. "On a social level it is going to leave a scar that will be tarnished by what Culiacan has been through."

Set in an inland valley between the beaches of the Gulf of California and the marijuana plantations of the Sierra Madre Oriental range, Culiacan is home to major exporters of crops such as tomatoes, chilis and eggplant to U.S. markets. A low-slung city with few high-rises, its historic center teems with smoky minibuses and families strolling on weekend shopping trips.

Sinaloa has been "El Chapo" territory for about three decades since the cartel was founded, and it's seen dark times. In 2011, around a high point of Mexico's drug war, nearly 2,000 people were murdered. But homicides have been on a downward trend more recently with just 695 this year through September, compared with 1,202 for all last year.

So while locals long ago grew accustomed to crime and shootings — mostly between local gangsters — the Oct. 17 firefights were shocking. Hundreds of gunmen with high-caliber weapons blockaded 19 key intersections and river bridges, setting vehicles aflame and turning the cityscape into something resembling a war zone with staccato gunfire and columns of smoke rising skyward.

In the face of the fierce response to their ill-fated operation that had cornered Ovidio Guzmán, federal security officials ordered a retreat and "El Chapo's" son was free to escape.

But the chaos abated only after residents spent hours hunkering down in homes, malls and auto dealerships as the bullets flew. Outside a car wash where two people died, a smatter of small bloodstains can still be seen on the white exterior wall.

Car wash worker Arturo González Verdugo, 18, said he, too, fears it could happen again and that people of Culiacan are resigned to living with violence.

"I think people are already accustomed to ... the fact that there are bad people," González said. "I don't think it will be forgotten."

Six 24/7 checkpoints have been set up on the main entrances to the city to search for weapons or contraband. At one, next to a prison where over 50 inmates escaped during the chaos, soldiers and police waved over to the side of the road two young men in a Cooper Mini with tinted windows and out-of-state plates this weekend. They peered inside and made the annoyed passenger step out and unzip a backpack.

Clad head-to-toe in police black, a helmet and a heavy flak vest, an officer who was not authorized to speak to the media in an official capacity said he expects the checkpoints aren't going away any time soon. Local security officials did not respond to interview requests over the weekend.

There are certainly signs of a return to normalcy. Hundreds of people came out Saturday to dine and listen to live music on a street off the main square that closes to car traffic at night.

Sinaloa Gov. Quirino Ordaz said state tourism and investment have not been harmed by the shootouts, which made international news, and that an effort is under way to burnish the state's image.

"It is a team effort," Ordaz was quoted as saying by El Noroeste newspaper. "We are in the streets, many people are going to the plazas, the malls. On the contrary, I think Sinaloans are showing the world their great capacity to move ahead."

But plenty remain jittery.

A manager of a restaurant on the street where the worst of the gunbattles took place said business has fallen by 60% since. Speaking on condition of anonymity for safety reasons, the manager said restaurateurs like him need government help to clean up the streets and convince people it's safe.

"We want to get back up," the person said. "Recovery is possible."

Ana Paula Inzunza Mascareño, a 35-year-old psychologist, took visitors from out of town to see the city's shrine to Jesús Malverde, a Robin Hood-like folk saint revered by many in the narco world. On tables outside, statuettes of Malverde were on sale plus necklaces bearing the images of "El Chapo" and the Holy

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Infant of Atocha — Ovidio Guzmán had one of the latter around his neck in a mugshot-like picture that surfaced purportedly showing him during the chaos.

Inzunza said she was shopping far from the shootouts when she learned about it. Family members called each other to make sure everyone was safe, and then remained sheltered in their homes. She's avoiding going out more than necessary and hopes for peace.

"I think a bit more time has to go by," Insunza said. "Yes, we have entered normalcy in our jobs, schools and everything, but that uncertainty exists, that little fear ... the less we are outside, the better."

Hundreds of people marched Sunday from a soccer stadium parking lot to a riverside park to call for peace.

"We are here to promote peace, unity," Mayor Jesús Estrada Ferreiro said.

Billed as a nonpartisan demonstration, there was little in the way of concrete demands.

Rather, many say they just want to go back to a life where the dangers in the city, historically one of the more violent places in Mexico, are a known, manageable quantity.

Guillermo Ibarra Escobar, an urban economist at the Autonomous University of Sinaloa and the author of "Culiacan: City of Fear," said his research suggests the drug trade and related economic activity represent about 20% of the state's gross domestic product.

With organized crime inextricably intertwined with society and government over the last 30 years through corruption, collusion and money-laundering, residents have become used to narcos living in their midst.

"Just as the New Yorker accepts the traffic, just as the inhabitant of Mexico City accepts the smog ... the inhabitant of Culiacan knows how to negotiate the day-to-day of ecologies of fear," Ibarra said.

That was ruptured, he argued, by the ill-conceived raid and ferocious response, and he believes it could be months before a return to the status quo. Culiacan residents seem about evenly divided over whether authorities did the right thing in surrendering to the cartel, and Ibarra predicted they will now be less supportive of future anti-cartel operations after this last one turned the city on its ear.

"There is a kind of routine that lets people calculate how they go about their daily lives," Ibarra said, "that if they're going to take their child (to school) in the morning, they won't run across a group of narcos that are going to be shooting at each other and might get their child killed."

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Cole, powerful Astros hammer Nats 7-1, lead World Series 3-2

By BEN WALKER AP Baseball Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gerrit Cole and the Houston Astros went to Washington, hoping to snap out of their funk and bring the World Series back to Minute Maid Park.

Not only are they heading home with more games to play, now they're just one win from another crown.

Handed the ball for what was supposed to be a high-stakes showdown against Max Scherzer, Cole gave Houston a firm grip on the Series by beating the Nationals 7-1 Sunday night for a 3-2 lead.

Cole looked exactly like the stud who dominated baseball most of this season, bouncing back from a Game 1 clunker to pitch the Astros to their third straight win.

What a turnaround for his teammates, too — outscored 17-7 overall at home, Houston hammered the Nationals 19-3 in a Washington wipeout.

"We look like ourselves now," Astros manager AJ Hinch said.

Something was definitely missing for the Nationals. Namely, Scherzer.

The three-time Cy Young Award winner beat Cole in the opener, and was the Nats' best hope to slow Houston. But then Scherzer was scratched only 3 1/2 hours before game time because of an irritated nerve near his neck, an injury that could finish him for the Series.

Slumping rookie Yordan Alvarez and Carlos Correa each hit an early two-run homer off emergency starter Joe Ross. George Springer added another postseason drive for the Astros, who led the majors with a

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franchise-best 107 wins during the regular season.

"We actually hit some balls hard. We really did," Washington manager Dave Martinez said. "We just can't get nothing going these last three days."

With the road team winning every time so far, Houston heads home with two chances to claim its second title in three years. Justin Verlander gets the first try when he starts against Stephen Strasburg in Game 6 on Tuesday night.

"High level of confidence," Cole said.

Cole threw three-hit ball for seven innings, nicked only by Juan Soto's home run in the seventh, and struck out nine — eight on breaking balls.

Cole's mix of 99 mph heat and sharp secondary pitches induced a bevy of bad swings from the wild-card Nats as he improved to 4-1 with a 1.72 ERA this postseason. It might've been his final start for Houston — he's eligible for free agency and figures to command a steep price.

Standing tall on the mound, Cole was unflappable in the face of 43,910 fans who went from fired up to furious to flat-out frustrated.

"He knew what this game meant to this Series," Hinch said. "So, nobody better to have on the mound."

The crowd gave Ross a huge ovation when he walked onto the field for warmups, sympathetic to his situation — he had pitched a total of two innings in almost a month.

But when President Donald Trump was shown on the videoboard for about 10 seconds before the fourth inning, watching from a lower-level suite, the fans let loose with loud boos and broke into a brief but very audible chant of "Lock him up!"

The fans weren't finished, either.

Cole ended his outing by getting Victor Robles on a called third strike, a pitch the TV zone showed to be off the plate. Robles chucked his bat, helmet and gloves, and the crowd soon began a derisive chant at umpire Lance Barksdale.

"I know there were some choice words but that's just in the heat of the moment," Martinez said.

Cole acknowledged he finished his outing "with a break."

"It's tough. I think ultimately some of those pitches were off the plate," he said.

Most fans, meanwhile, stayed to the very end.

"They came to support us and really gave us everything they had all the way to the end, all 27 innings. Hats off to them. We apologize that we didn't give them more to celebrate," outfielder Adam Eaton said. "It wasn't that we didn't try."

Cole led the majors in strikeouts this year, was second to Verlander in wins and topped the AL in ERA. He took a 19-game winning streak into the opener but hardly looked like an October star, giving up five runs over seven uneven innings.

In his second shot at the Nationals, he aced the test. Cole escaped a first-and-third, no-out jam in the second, then breezed into the seventh.

With two outs and a full count on Ryan Zimmerman, Cole suddenly stepped off the mound — video that quickly made the rounds showed two women right behind the backstop lifting their tops to flash Cole. It wasn't clear whether he saw them, and he walked Zimmerman before getting Robles.

Alvarez, normally Houston's designated hitter, justified his spot in left field in a hurry. He launched a drive to left-center in the second and went 3 for 3.

Alvarez hit 27 home runs in 87 games this season, but hadn't connected in 71 at-bats since Sept. 21.

"Obviously we did the job here, which was to win three games. And very happy to go back to Houston and to do my job to hit as a DH," he said through a translator.

Correa made it 4-0 with his homer in the fourth and Yuli Gurriel added a two-out RBI single in the eighth.

Springer's 15th career postseason home run — seven in the World Series for the 2017 Series MVP — finished off the rout.

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Nationals: Strasburg is 4-0 with a 1.93 ERA this postseason. He won the wild-card game in relief, then

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won starts against the Dodgers, Cardinals and Astros. He outpitched Verlander in Game 2, giving up two runs in six innings. Strasburg led the NL with 18 victories this season.

Astros: Verlander is the only pitcher to start out 0-5 in the World Series after losing Game 2. He's made six starts overall in the Fall Classic with a 5.73 ERA. Verlander went 21-6 this year and led the majors in wins, but is 1-3 with a 4.15 ERA in five postseason starts.

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Argentina's center-left Peronists poised to return to power

By **LUIS ANDRES HENAO** and **ALMUDENA CALATRAVA** Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Conservative President Mauricio Macri conceded defeat in Argentina's election Sunday night, paving the way for the country's Peronist center-left to return to power under Alberto Fernández as frustrated voters rejected the incumbent's handling of a bruising economic crisis that has sunk many into poverty.

The result could rattle financial markets and possibly further depreciate Argentina's already weak currency over concerns of a return to the interventionist policies of former President Cristina Fernández, who is Alberto Fernández's vice presidential running mate. Opponents believe she would be the power behind the throne in a Peronist government - a fear dismissed by the candidates.

Thousands of the two Fernández's supporters crowded their campaign headquarters in a jubilant celebration waving sky-blue and white Argentine flags and chanting "We're coming back! We're coming back!"

"Today, Alberto is the president of all Argentines," said Cristina Fernández, who governed Argentina from 2007 to 2015. "He will have a very hard task ahead of us that will require the cooperation of all Argentines."

She blew kisses at the crowd and thanked supporters who brandished tattoos with her image and the image of her late husband and predecessor as president, Nestor Kirchner, who died nine years ago Sunday.

Alberto Fernández thanked all Argentines, paid homage to the late Kirchner and said he would need the support of Macri's administration to reconstruct what he called the inherited "ashes" of Argentina

"The only thing that concerns us is that Argentines stop suffering once and for all," he told the crowd. "We're back and we're going to be better!"

Earlier in the evening, Macri told disappointed supporters at his headquarters that he had called Alberto Fernández to congratulate him and invited him for a breakfast chat Monday at the Pink Presidential Palace.

"We need an orderly transition that will bring tranquility to all Argentines, because the most important thing is the well-being of all Argentines," Macri said.

Authorities said Fernández has 48% of the votes compared to 40.47% for Macri, with 95.54% percent of the votes counted. He needs 45% support, or 40% support with a 10 percentage point lead, over the nearest rival to avoid a runoff vote on Nov. 24. The result still needs to be confirmed.

Argentina's Central bank said early Monday that it would sharply limit the amount of dollars that people can buy amid growing worries of a rapid loss of foreign exchange after Macri's loss. The bank said dollar purchases will be restricted to \$200 a month by bank account and \$100 cash until December. The previous amount allowed was \$10,000 a month.

Macri was elected president in 2015 promising to jumpstart the country's economy. Argentines rejected at the time a successor chosen by Cristina Fernández, who along with her late husband dominated Argentina's political scene for 12 years and rewrote its social contract. But the divisive former leader, who embodies Argentina's enduring cycle of hope and despair, is back.

"I'm so happy. We were waiting for this change for a long time. We're tired of everything that has been happening," said supporter Juan Jose De Antonio, 46. "Some of us live a different reality from those suffering hunger, but when you have a friend who lost a job, a neighbor who can't make ends meet, it hits you."

Sunday's largely peaceful election was dominated by concerns over rising poverty, a sharp depreciation of the currency and one of the world's highest inflation rates. Voters appeared to have rejected austerity measures that Macri insisted were needed to revive Argentina's struggling economy. Many Argentines have

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taken to the streets frustrated with cuts subsidies that have led to rises in utilities and transportation costs.

The result also marks a shift leftward for South America, which has seen conservative governments elected in Brazil, Colombia and Chile in recent years. She was considered part of the “pink tide” of leftist governments that arose in the region in the 1990s and 2000s.

The Peronists apparent return to power in Argentina comes as other governments in the region come under pressure for corruption, inequality and slowing growth, most notably in Chile which recently saw a protest with more than 1 million participants.

“We Argentines deserve a better country, with work, where we can live peacefully, above all,” said Antonella Bruna, 32, as she voted at the medical school of the National University of Rosario, about 180 miles (290 kilometers) northwest of Buenos Aires.

Macri retained wide support among the key farming sector in one of the world’s top suppliers of grains. But overall frustration over the economy eroded the popularity of the pro-business former mayor of Buenos Aires. It also propelled the candidacy of Alberto Fernández, whose surge has sent jitters in the financial markets.

In Argentina’s August party primaries seen as a barometer of candidate popularity, the surprisingly poor performance by Macri caused stocks to plunge and the peso depreciated on the possibility of a return to the interventionist economic policies of Cristina Fernández.

Macri’s camp tried, but failed to capitalize on that unease, portraying her as a puppet master waiting in the wings. The presidential candidate has dismissed those fears.

Alberto Fernández served as chief of staff from 2003 to 2007 for Cristina Fernández’s predecessor and late husband, Néstor Kirchner. He remained in the position during part of her term as president but left after a conflict with farmers in 2008.

Peronism is a broad but splintered political movement in the South American country of 44 million people.

On the election trail, Fernández criticized Macri’s decision to seek a record \$56 billion bailout from the International Monetary Fund, a deeply unpopular institution in Argentina that is blamed for creating the conditions that led to the country’s worst economic meltdown in 2001.

Macri is credited with returning Argentina to international global markets following a break after the 2001 crisis and with helping strike a free trade deal between South America’s Mercosur bloc and the European Union amid global trade tensions and rising protectionism. But he failed to deliver on promises to jumpstart the economy of the recession-hit country, while Argentines continue to lose purchasing power to an inflation rate of more than 55 percent and about a third have been plunged under the poverty line.

On the campaign trail, Macri pleaded for more time to reverse fortunes and reminds voters of the corruption cases facing Cristina Fernández, who has denied any wrongdoing and remains a powerful if divisive figure in Argentina.

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Hong Kong protesters use skin and ink to support movement

By **KELVIN CHAN** Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — Mike Chan’s tattoo needle buzzes gently as he draws a design on his customer’s thigh — a figure wearing a helmet, goggles and mask.

Dipping his needle into pots of black, red and yellow ink, Chan hunches over his client’s leg as he painstakingly brings to life the image of a Hong Kong protester clad in protective gear.

Using his art is Chan’s way of contributing to Hong Kong’s anti-government protest movement, which

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has consumed the semi-autonomous Chinese territory for months.

While groups of hardcore protesters tangling with riot police have become the movement's most visible symbol, others are using skin and ink to show their support.

"I am actually just a peaceful protester. I really want to go to the front line, but I don't have the courage yet to stand and fight against the government at the front because I'm very frightened," said Mary, who was getting the thigh tattoo, her first.

She chose her thigh because she could easily cover it up. She would reveal only her first name because she didn't want anyone she works with to find out.

Many protesters have sought to conceal their identities with face masks to avoid being identified, out of fear of arrest.

Hong Kong's protest movement erupted in June in opposition to an extradition bill that would have sent suspects to stand trial in mainland China, and later expanded to include full democracy and police accountability.

Rallies have frequently ended in mayhem, with hardcore protesters wearing goggles and gas masks throwing bricks and firebombs at police armed with tear gas, pepper spray and water cannons.

Now in its fifth month, the unrest has polarized the city.

Mary, 29, said she has taken part in mass protests that involved peaceful activity, such as singing along to the movement's anthem.

But she added, "I really admire front-line protesters who fight at the front and are not afraid of getting arrested or being beaten up. Not everyone has this courage."

Mary said she had been thinking about getting a protest tattoo for about two months. She hoped that it would inspire her friends to get them too.

Chan, who has been working as a tattoo artist for two years, said demand took off after he started doing the protest tattoos for free in July, though it has tapered off more recently.

"I do these resistance tattoos free of charge because I see this as part of protesting," said Chan, comparing himself to supporters handing out free water bottles during rallies in Hong Kong's sweltering heat.

He offers a few dozen variations of the mask and goggles figure for free and has done about 70 of them.

"I want to give them a choice, not just like a stamp that's all the same," he said.

He charges for other protest-themed tattoos such as slogans like "Free Hong Kong" and "Fight for freedom" done in calligraphy, because they take more time.

Tattoos in Hong Kong used to have unsavory connotations, usually signifying that the bearer was a member of an organized crime gang. But Chan and Mary say those attitudes have changed in recent years and their acceptance as an art form has grown.

After about half an hour, Chan is finished and Mary shows off her thigh, now decorated with a stylized figure of a protester wearing a yellow helmet, goggles and respirator mask with pink filters.

Even though it's permanent, Mary said she'd never regret it.

"Because of what has happened over the past few months, you actually can't speak out much or do anything much," she said. "This is the only thing that you can do to remember this for the rest of your life."

Tiger Woods ties Sam Snead's record of 82 PGA Tour wins

By JIM ARMSTRONG AP Sports Writer

INZAI CITY, Japan (AP) — For Tiger Woods, it all comes down to consistency.

Surgeries on his knee and back and a crisis in his personal life have cost him opportunities to play his best golf over the past decade. But when he's been healthy and free from off-course distractions, he's always found ways to win. And now, he's won as much as anybody on the PGA Tour.

Woods completed a wire-to-wire victory at the Zozo Championship on Monday, equaling Sam Snead's PGA Tour record of 82 victories.

"It's a big number," Woods said. "It's a lot of consistency and doing it for a long period of time, Sam did it into his 50s and I'm in my early to mid-40s, so it's about being consistent and doing it for a very long

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period of time. I've been very fortunate to have the career I've had so far."

The 43-year-old returned Monday to play the final seven holes in the rain-hit tournament, completing a 3-under 67 to beat local favorite Hideki Matsuyama by three strokes at Accordia Golf Narashino Country Club.

Woods had arthroscopic surgery on his left knee two months ago — his fifth on the same problem joint. He's also had four back surgeries, including a spinal fusion, and looked at times as if his career was over, but he returned to win the Tour Championship in 2018 before his triumph at the Masters in April for his 15th major.

The Japan event was Woods' first start of his 23rd season on the PGA Tour.

"I can still manage my way around the golf course," Woods said. "I know how to play. I was able to do that this week."

The fourth round was suspended because of darkness Sunday with Woods holding a three-stroke lead over Matsuyama in the first official PGA Tour event in Japan.

He bogeyed his first hole of the day, the par-4 12th, but was solid the rest of the way with birdies on Nos. 14 and 18 to finish at 19-under 261. Matsuyama also closed with a 67.

Woods opened with consecutive 64s, with a day off in between because of rain. He had a 66 on Sunday in the third round.

"It's been a long week," Woods said. "Five days at the top of the leaderboard is a long time."

As the U.S. Presidents Cup captain, Woods was asked about picking himself for the team.

"I think the player got the captain's attention," Woods said.

Woods' approach shot on the 12th found a greenside bunker. He blasted out and left himself a long par putt that he missed for bogey, cutting the lead to two strokes.

But that was the only time he would falter.

Matsuyama missed a short birdie putt on the par-5 14th with a chance to cut the lead to a stroke. Woods, playing in the group behind Matsuyama, made birdie to restore the three-stroke lead.

Matsuyama cut the lead to two with a birdie on par-3 16th. On the par-5 18th, he drove into a fairway bunker, and hit his approach into a greenside bunker before saving par.

Woods' second shot on 18 also found a greenside bunker. He blasted to 10 feet and made the putt.

Woods last played in an official tournament in Japan in 2006 at the Dunlop Phoenix, where he lost in a playoff to Padraig Harrington. He won the Dunlop Phoenix the two previous years.

It was a wild debut for the PGA in Japan. Torrential rain washed out play Friday, forcing the second round to be moved to Saturday. To make up for the lost day, the players started the fourth round immediately after finishing the third to get in as many holes as possible.

The course took on over 8 inches of rain Friday and was in remarkably good shape when play resumed on Saturday for the second round.

Woods got in 11 holes and played 29 holes Sunday before having to come back for a 7:30 a.m. start.

"This was certainly demanding," Woods said "Being in the lead for the better part of five days puts a stress on the mind. It's not easy to do. ... It's stressful, it wears one out, but somehow I was able to finish out on top and made key putts this week."

Rory McIlroy, the highest-ranked player in the field, completed his round with two birdies for a 67 to tie for third at 13 under with Sungjae Im, who shot 65.

And at the end of a long week of golf, Woods was still talking about consistency when asked if he could envision winning in his 50s like Snead did.

"As far as playing until 52, I hope that's the case," Woods said. "If you would have asked me a few years ago, I would have given you a different answer, but certainly the future looks brighter than it has and hopefully I can be as consistent as he was well into my 40s and early 50s."

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2 dead, 12 injured in shooting at college party in Texas

By JAMIE STENGLE Associated Press

GREENVILLE, Texas (AP) — A gunman opened fire at an off-campus college party in Texas, leaving two people dead and 12 others injured before he escaped in the ensuing chaos, authorities said Sunday.

Authorities believe the shooter may have been targeting just one person at the party of about 750 people outside Greenville, 15 miles (24 kilometers) southwest of a satellite campus of the Texas A&M University System, and that others may have been shot at random, Hunt County Sheriff Randy Meeks said. Authorities were still looking for the suspect, Meeks said, and had not yet identified him.

The shooting took place around midnight Saturday at what Meeks described as a Halloween and homecoming party for Texas A&M University-Commerce, though officials have said it was not a school-sanctioned event. Authorities believe there was one male shooter who entered the venue through the back door and began firing with a handgun, Meeks said.

Meeks described "complete chaos" after the shots rang out, with hundreds of people fleeing, including the gunman. Authorities initially had said 14 people were injured, but they later revised that figure.

The 12 injured included six people who were trampled or hurt by glass in the melee, according to Sgt. Jeff Haines, a spokesman for the sheriff's department. Six others were injured by gunfire. Four of them were in critical condition and one was in good condition Sunday afternoon, he said. He did not know the condition of the sixth person.

The two people killed were both males, Meeks said. Family members identified one of the victims to local media as Kevin Berry Jr., 23, of Dallas.

After a vigil for Berry on Sunday night at a Dallas park, at least one person opened fire. Mourners and reporters on hand for the event took cover and at least one vehicle was struck by bullets, according to local media reports. Multiple gunshots can be heard in a video posted by one reporter.

Dallas police said the shooting stemmed from a "disturbance" at the vigil and that no injuries were reported.

University President and CEO Mark Rudin, in a statement on the school's Facebook page, said four of its students were treated and released from area hospitals. The students were not identified.

Rudin said there is "a tremendous amount of misinformation" about the shooting and that counseling services are available to all our students at the university's counseling center.

Authorities do not believe the gunman was wearing a mask or costume, Hunt County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Buddy Oxford. He added that the shooter was dressed in a blue hoodie.

Authorities have not found the gun that was used, Oxford said.

The shooting came as Texas A&M University-Commerce, about 60 miles (97 kilometers) northeast of Dallas, celebrated homecoming weekend. According to its website, it is the second-largest university in the Texas A&M University System.

Word of the violence spread online overnight, with many sharing on social media graphic video purported to show seriously wounded victims lying on the ground as crying and screaming could be heard in the background.

"I just briefly saw one that was a very graphic video," Meeks said. "I don't know that's going to help anything at all."

Meeks said the party was held at a facility called The Party Venue and that the owner was cooperating with authorities. The venue sits along a highway in a rural area some 2.5 miles (4 kilometers) from the Greenville city limits. Meeks said he was not aware of any surveillance video in the area.

Outside the venue Sunday, a few Halloween masks and other debris were strewn about. Pools of blood could be seen on the ground.

Kimberly Wilson, 46, was waiting for a tow truck to get her daughter's car out of a muddy field nearby. She said her 19-year-old daughter had traveled to the party from Dallas. She said her daughter ran when she heard gunshots and that she called a sibling to come pick her up.

"She's angry, hurt, upset. She's going through that whole emotional thing," said Wilson, who is retired

from the Army and served in Afghanistan. "When you've not been trained to deal with something like that — it just throws you off."

A patrol sergeant and deputy were at the venue when the shooting happened, having been called there for complaints about illegal parking, Meeks said. An off-duty Farmersville police officer was also there, working as security for the party.

Authorities were questioning someone who appeared to be intoxicated when they heard gunshots from the back of the building, Meeks said.

Meeks praised the patrol sergeant and deputy, saying the sergeant quickly determined that one of gunshot victims had life-threatening injuries and transported that person to a hospital, while the deputy triaged others until paramedics arrived.

Texas A&M University-Commerce was founded in 1889 and was known by several names, including East Texas State University, before joining the Texas A&M system in 1996. The university has around 6,000 undergraduate students and 4,000 graduate students.

Associated Press writer Mallika Sen in New York contributed to this report.

John Conyers, longest serving black congressman, dies at 90

By COREY WILLIAMS undefined

DETROIT (AP) — Former U.S. Rep. John Conyers, one of the longest-serving members of Congress whose resolutely liberal stance on civil rights made him a political institution in Washington and back home in Detroit despite several scandals, has died. He was 90.

Conyers, among the high-profile politicians toppled by sex harassment allegations in 2017, died at his home on Sunday, said Detroit police spokesman Cpl. Dan Donakowski. The death "looks like natural causes," Donakowski added.

Known as the dean of the Congressional Black Caucus, which he helped found, Conyers became one of only six black House members when he won his first election by just 108 votes in 1964. The race was the beginning of more than 50 years of election dominance: Conyers regularly won elections with more than 80% of the vote, even after his wife went to prison for taking a bribe.

That voter loyalty helped Conyers freely speak his mind. He took aim at both Republicans and fellow Democrats: He said then-President George W. Bush "has been an absolute disaster for the African-American community" in 2004, and in 1979 called then-President Jimmy Carter "a hopeless, demented, honest, well-intentioned nerd who will never get past his first administration."

Throughout his career, Conyers used his influence to push civil rights. After a 15-year fight, he won passage of legislation declaring the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday a national holiday, first celebrated in 1986. He regularly introduced a bill starting in 1989 to study the harm caused by slavery and the possibility of reparations for slaves' descendants. That bill never got past a House subcommittee.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson said Sunday that without Conyers there would be no King holiday — "no doubt about that."

"He was one of the most consequential congressmen," Jackson said.

His district office in Detroit employed civil rights legend Rosa Parks from 1965 until her retirement in 1988. In 2005, Conyers was among 11 people inducted to the International Civil Rights Walk of Fame.

But after a nearly 53-year career, he became the first Capitol Hill politician to lose his job in the torrent of sexual misconduct allegations sweeping through the nation's workplaces. A former staffer alleged she was fired because she rejected his sexual advances, and others said they'd witnessed Conyers inappropriately touching female staffers or requesting sexual favors.

He denied the allegations but eventually stepped down, citing health reasons.

"My legacy can't be compromised or diminished in any way by what we're going through now," Conyers told a Detroit radio station from a hospital where he'd been taken after complaining of lightheadedness in December 2017. "This, too, shall pass. My legacy will continue through my children."

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Conyers was born and grew up in Detroit, where his father, John Conyers Sr., was a union organizer in the automotive industry and an international representative with the United Auto Workers union. He insisted that his son, a jazz aficionado from an early age, not become a musician.

The younger Conyers heeded the advice, but jazz remained, he said, one of his "great pleasures." He sponsored legislation to forgive the \$1.6 million tax debt of band leader Woody Herman's estate and once kept a standup bass in his Washington office.

Before heading to Washington, Conyers served in the National Guard and with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during the Korean War supervising repairs of military aircraft. He earned his bachelor's and law degrees from Wayne State University in the late 1950s.

His political aspirations were honed while working as a legislative assistant from 1958 to 1961 to U.S. Rep. John Dingell, a fellow Michigan Democrat who, when he retired in 2014 at age 88, was Congress' longest-serving member. That mantle then was passed onto Conyers.

Dingell died in February.

Soon after being elected to Congress, Conyers' leadership at home — in the segregated streets of Detroit — would be tested. Parts of the city were burned during riots in July 1967 that were sparked by hostilities between black residents and Detroit's mostly white police force, and by the cramped living conditions in black neighborhoods.

Conyers climbed onto a flatbed truck and appealed to black residents to return to their homes, but he was shouted down. His district office was gutted by fire the next day. But the plight of the nation's inner cities would remain his cause.

"In Detroit you've got high unemployment, a poverty rate of at least 30%, schools not in great shape, high illiteracy, poor families not safe from crime, without health insurance, problems with housing," he told The Associated Press in 2004. "You can't fix one problem by itself — they're all connected."

He was fiercely opposed to Detroit's finances being taken over by a state-appointed emergency manager as the city declared bankruptcy in 2013. Conyers, whose district included much of Detroit, sought a federal investigation and congressional hearings, arguing it was "difficult to identify a single instance" where such an arrangement, where local officials are stripped of most of their power, succeeds.

Conyers was the only House Judiciary Committee member to have sat in on two impeachment hearings: He supported a 1972 resolution recommending President Richard Nixon's impeachment for his conduct of the Vietnam War, but when the House clashed in 1998 over articles of impeachment against President Bill Clinton, Conyers said: "Impeachment was designed to rid this nation of traitors and tyrants, not attempts to cover up an extramarital affair."

Conyers also had scandals of his own.

In 2009, his wife Monica Conyers, a Detroit city councilwoman largely elected on the strength of her husband's last name, pleaded guilty to bribery. The case was related to a sludge hauling contract voted on by the City Council, and she spent nearly two years in prison.

Three years earlier, the House ethics committee closed a three-year investigation of allegations that Conyers' staff worked on political campaigns and was ordered to baby-sit for his two children and run his personal errands. He admitted to a "lack of clarity" with staffers and promised changes.

But he couldn't survive the last scandal. An ethics committee launched a review after a former longtime staffer said Conyers' office paid her more than \$27,000 under a confidentiality agreement to settle a complaint in 2015. She alleged she was fired because she rejected his sexual advances, and other said they'd witness inappropriate behavior.

Conyers initially said he looked forward to vindicating himself and his family, but he announced his immediate retirement in December 2017 after fellow Democrats called for his resignation. The chorus included Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, the House's top Democrat.

Conyers became chairman of the House Judiciary Committee when Democrats regained the House majority in 2006. He oversaw 2007 hearings into the White House's role in the firings of eight federal prosecutors and 2009 hearings on how the NFL dealt with head injuries to players.

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Conyers frequently swam against the prevailing political currents during his time in Congress. He backed, for example, anti-terrorism legislation that was far less sweeping than a plan pushed by then-Attorney General John Ashcroft in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

He was also an early supporter in 2007 of then-Sen. Barack Obama, who was expected by some in the Congressional Black Caucus to push public health insurance, sharp funding increases for urban development and other initiatives long blocked by Republicans.

"We want him to stand strong," Conyers said in 2009.

Conyers enjoyed his greatest support back home in Detroit — except when he tried to venture into local politics. Conyers took on 16-year incumbent Mayor Coleman A. Young in 1989, launching his bid with the statement: "Look out, Big Daddy, I'm home." But a poorly organized campaign helped him finish a mere third in the primary. He ran again for mayor when Young retired in 1993, and lost again.

Along with his wife, Conyers is survived by two sons, John III and Carl.

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AP Top 25: LSU No. 1 ahead of 'Bama, Ohio St in close vote

By RALPH D. RUSSO AP College Football Writer

The No. 1 vs. No. 2 game between Alabama and LSU in two weeks looks set, though the order of the Crimson Tide and Tigers changed in the AP Top 25 in one of the closest votes ever.

Heading into an off date for both teams, LSU flip-flopped with Alabama on Sunday to become the new No. 1 in The Associated Press college football poll presented by Regions Bank. The Tigers received 1,476 points, two more than Alabama, for the closest margin between 1 and 2 since No. 1 Florida State was two points ahead of Auburn on Oct. 5, 2014.

No. 3 Ohio State was not far behind with 1,468 points. Eight points separating first from third is the fewest during a regular-season poll since the current point system went into place in 1978. The previous low was Dec. 3, 1979, when No. 1 Ohio State was 10 points ahead of No. 3 Southern California, with Oklahoma in between, two back of the Buckeyes.

Alabama received the most first-place votes this week with 21. LSU and Ohio State both got 17 first-place votes. No. 4 Clemson received seven first-place votes. There have now been three No. 1 teams this season and none of them have lost.

Sam McKewon of the Omaha (Nebraska) World-Herald has switched No. 1 teams three times, going from Clemson to Alabama to Ohio State.

"When I've switched teams, I've done it based on performance and the quality of the teams each has faced," McKewon said. "Ohio State is the best combination of those two components for me."

The Alabama-LSU game is scheduled for Nov. 9 in Tuscaloosa, but the top of the rankings should be locked until then. LSU, Alabama, Ohio State and No. 5 Penn State are all off next week, and No. 4 Clemson is tuning up against Wofford.

Oklahoma became the third top-six team in the last three weeks to lose to an unranked team, falling at Kansas State and dropping five spots to No. 10.

POLL POINTS

There was a lot going on at the top of the ranking this week.

This is the second time this season the No. 1 team won and dropped out of the top spot. Preseason No. 1 Clemson was the first, back in late September. The last time it happened twice in a season with different teams was 2009, when Florida and Alabama dropped out in consecutive weeks.

Brooks Kubena, who covers LSU for The Advocate, made the switch to LSU at No. 1 from Ohio State this week. He said the Tigers' victories against No. 6 Florida and No. 11 Auburn, plus a road victory at Texas, which was No. 9 at the time, swayed him.

"Wins matter and who you beat matters," and LSU's three victories over top-10 opponents is the most impressive resume of all undefeated teams," said Kubena, who had Clemson at No. 1 to start the season.

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The last time the No. 1 team did not receive the most first-place votes was Nov. 30, 2014, when No. 2 Florida State had 29 and No. 1 Alabama had 25.

The smallest previous margin in the top three in the current weighting format was nine points in the 1994 preseason poll — No. 1 Florida, 1,416; No. 2 Notre Dame, 1,414 and No. 3 Florida State, 1,407.

GAMES OF THE CENTURY

Barring some weirdness with the voters next week, Alabama-LSU will be the 26th 1 vs. 2 regular-season game, including conference championship games. The No. 1 team is 15-8-2, including LSU's 9-6 victory at Alabama in 2011, the last time 1 and 2 met in the regular season.

The advent of the Bowl Championship Series in 1998, and then later the College Football Playoff, have created frequent 1-2 matchups during bowl season. Overall, No. 1 is 28-21-2. After LSU and Alabama played as 1 and 2 in the regular season, they had a rematch in the BCS championship game in January 2012 won by the Crimson Tide.

Heading into that BCS championship was the last time LSU was No. 1.

IN

— No. 22 Kansas State returned to the rankings after a brief stint in September.

— No. 24 Memphis also returned after a one-week stay earlier this month.

— No. 25 San Diego State is the ranking for the first time since the final 2017 poll.

OUT

— Texas fell out of the rankings for the first time this season after losing its third game, this time to unranked TCU. The Longhorns' other losses were to LSU and Oklahoma.

— Iowa State continues its yo-yo season, falling out of the rankings again after losing at home to Oklahoma State.

— Arizona State is out again after being upset by UCLA.

CONFERENCE CALL

Big Ten — 6 (Nos. 3, 5, 13, 14, 18, 19)

SEC — 5 (Nos. 1, 2, 6, 8, 11)

Big 12 — 3 (Nos. 10, 12, 22)

American — 3 (Nos. 15, 17, 24)

ACC — 2 (Nos. 4, 23)

Pac-12 — 2 (Nos. 7, 9)

Mountain West — 2 (Nos. 21, 25).

Sun Belt — 1 (No. 20).

Independent — 1 (No. 16).

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After bishops call for married priests, pope urges new ways

By FRANCES D'EMILIO Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (AP) — On the heels of a landmark call by Amazon region bishops for married men to become priests, Pope Francis on Sunday exhorted Catholics to be open to fresh ways of evangelization, saying the church must "open new roads for the proclamation of the Gospel."

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He also cautioned against self-righteousness, in an apparent slap at conservative critics who fear he is weakening the church's foundations.

Allowing married men to be ordained in remote Amazon areas with severe shortages of priests would chip away at the church's nearly millennium-old practice upholding priestly celibacy. It would also help the church compete with evangelical and Protestant churches that have been increasingly winning converts there.

A three-week-long Vatican gathering, or synod, on the special needs of Catholics in that South American region featured a vote by a majority of the more than 180 synod bishops who proposed the ordination of married men with established families to help minister to the region's far-flung faithful, where some Catholics don't see priests for months, even years.

Francis expressed gratitude that the bishops spoke with "sincerity and candor." He has said he will put his response in writing by year's end.

Addressing the public in St. Peter's Square, Francis said he and synod participants felt spurred to "leave comfortable shores" in seeking new ways to carry out the church's core mission to spread the Catholic faith.

Francis has often praised celibacy for priests. If the Argentine-born pontiff embraces the appeal from bishops on his native continent, it is not clear whether that might trigger an erosion of the celibacy rule elsewhere.

Ordaining married men, even in limited circumstances, risks deepening the antipathy in strongly conservative church circles toward Francis, whom they deem to be dangerously progressive.

Francis said he and the bishops "felt spurred to go out, to leave the comfortable shores of our safe ports to sink into deep waters — not in the swampy waters of ideologies, but in the open sea in which the Spirit invites us to throw out the fishing nets," he said, referring to Gospel writings about fishing for the souls of people.

In prepared remarks, which he didn't read, he appeared to hint at the appeal for married priests when he encouraged being open to "new things."

His critics, including so-called traditionalist Catholics, insist the Vatican adheres strictly to centuries-old rules demanding that priests be celibate, unmarried men. But in the first centuries of the church, married men did serve as priests. Even the first pope, St. Peter, hand-picked by Jesus, was married, as were many of the first apostles.

Currently, the Vatican allows married men to become priests in Eastern rite churches. Eager to include converts, it has also allowed married Anglicans to remain priests when they join the Roman Catholic church.

In a possible reference to those who consider themselves guardians of the faith, Francis warned against self-righteousness and what he derided as "self-canonization."

The idea that mature, married men of "proven virtue" could become priests has been suggested for decades, including during the papacy of St. John Paul II, a darling of conservatives.

But the Amazon synod's formal proposal was the first official call for it.

Francis might seize that momentum. But he also might tread cautiously to avoid disorienting faithful whose trust in the church hierarchy has been seriously eroded by decades of pedophile priest scandals in many countries.

Italian theologian Marinella Perroni, noting in an interview with Italian daily La Stampa that the ban on married priests became formal more than 1,000 years after the church's founding, ventured that it could be more than a century before marriage is no longer an impediment to ordination.

Synod bishops also called for the Vatican to revive study of whether women can be ordained as deacons, a lesser role than priests. During Francis' papacy, a commission to study that prospect produced no action.

Deborah-Rose Milavec, a co-director of Future Church, an advocacy group for progressive change, was cautious about whether there would someday be female deacons, especially since any married priest in the Amazon would probably be selected from the ranks of male deacons.

Francis also echoed environmental concerns by the Amazon bishops.

He lamented that the Amazon's native peoples had been considered "backward and of little worth," and denounced those who have despised their traditions and sought to erase their history as well as "occupy

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their lands and usurp their goods.”

“How much alleged superiority, transformed into oppression and exploitation, exists even today!” Francis said. “The mistakes of the past were not enough to stop the plundering of other persons and the inflicting of wounds on our brothers and sisters and on our sister earth.”

For an encore, ‘Joker’ is No. 1 again at the box office

By JAKE COYLE AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Put on a happy face. “Joker” is No. 1 again.

Todd Phillip’s R-rated comic-book hit regained the top spot at the weekend box office in its fourth week of release, narrowly besting “Maleficent: Mistress of Evil.” The Warner Bros.’ sensation, starring Joaquin Phoenix, took in \$18.9 million in ticket sales over the weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday.

That came in just above the \$18.6 million haul for the Walt Disney Co.’s “Maleficent” sequel, which slid to second after a disappointing No. 1 debut last weekend of \$36 million. “Mistress of Evil,” starring Angelina Jolie, is performing better overseas, where it grossed \$64.3 million over the weekend.

With such a close race at the top between “Joker” and “Mistress of Evil,” the order could switch when final figures are released Monday.

But ticket sales have continued to surge well past expectations for “Joker.” With a modest budget of \$60 million, it’s been extraordinarily profitable for Warner Bros. — although the studio, to mitigate risk, shared costs with Bron Studios and Village Roadshow Pictures.

This week, “Joker” became the most successful R-rated movie ever, not accounting for inflation, in worldwide release. It’s made \$849 million globally, including \$47.8 million internationally over the weekend. (Mel Gibson’s “The Passion of the Christ” remains the R-rated domestic leader, with \$370.8 million.)

Despite mixed reviews, “Joker” — a “Taxi Driver”-styled spin on a comic-book origin story — has already amassed a box-office total exceeding that of more mainstream superhero movies such as “Thor: Ragnarok” and “Wonder Woman.”

No new releases mustered any competition with the holdovers. The best-performing newcomer was the STX Entertainment horror thriller “Countdown.” It grossed \$9 million. Sony Screen Gems’ “Black and Blue,” a police thriller starring Naomi Harris, opened with \$8.3 million.

Holding especially well was “The Addams Family,” United Artists and MGM’s Halloween-timed animated reboot of the macabre family. It slid just 28% in its second weekend with \$11.7 million, good for third place.

Much of the weekend’s action was in limited or expanding releases for acclaimed Oscar contenders.

Robert Eggers’ “The Lighthouse,” a black-and-white psychological drama starring Willem Dafoe and Robert Pattinson as 19th century lighthouse keepers, made \$3 million on just 586 screens for A24.

Taika Waititi’s “Jojo Rabbit,” about a 10-year-old boy growing up in Nazi Germany, expanded into 55 theaters, earning a strong \$1 million. In September, the Fox Searchlight release won the Toronto Film Festival’s highly predictive audience award, setting it up as a potential Academy Awards favorite. Its initial expansion suggests it will be a hit with audiences, too.

Less successful was the Bruce Springsteen concert film “Western Stars” (\$560,000 in 537 theaters).

Alfonso Gomez-Rejon’s “The Current War” also finally landed in theaters more than two years after it first premiered. Gomez-Rejon recut his film after Harvey Weinstein, shortly before his downfall, pushed out a critically panned version of the Thomas Edison (Benedict Cumberbatch) and George Westinghouse (Michael Shannon) tale. Gomez-Rejon’s “director’s cut,” which 101 Studios acquired from the now-defunct Weinstein Co., opened with \$2.7 million from about 1,000 theaters.

“Terminator: Dark Fate,” which is expected to lead the box office next weekend, got off to a \$12.8 million start in a handful of international markets before its stateside debut.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Comscore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

1. “Joker,” \$18.9 million (\$47.8 million international).

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2. "Maleficent: Mistress of Evil," \$18.6 million (\$64.3 million international).
3. "The Addams Family," \$11.7 million.
4. "Zombieland: Double Tap," \$11.6 million.
5. "Countdown," \$9 million.
6. "Black and Blue," \$8.3 million.
7. "Gemini Man," \$4 million.
8. "The Lighthouse," \$3.1 million.
9. "The Current War," \$2.7 million.
10. "Abominable," \$2 million.

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Frustrated Democratic governors find ways to sidestep GOP

By SCOTT BAUER Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Wisconsin Democratic Gov. Tony Evers tried for months to get the Republican-controlled Legislature to take up a pair of gun control bills, holding news conferences and touting polls showing strong public support. When Republicans wouldn't budge, Evers turned up the heat by turning to other powers of his office, using an executive order — his 54th in less than a year — to call a special session on the issue.

"We need an up or down vote," Evers said. "We have to get this done, folks."

Evers isn't the only frustrated Democratic governor looking for ways to get around Republican majorities firmly against their agenda. Turning to executive orders is reminiscent of the growing use of similar power by President Donald Trump, and Barack Obama before him, to accomplish their goals without lawmakers' agreement.

In Wisconsin, North Carolina and other states, governors are getting creative to advance their agendas, with varying degrees of success. Evers' use of his broad veto power has so angered Republicans they've filed a lawsuit and trying to amend the state constitution to block the governor.

Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf has signed numerous executive orders while Democrats' agenda is stalled in the GOP-controlled Legislature, including calling for new gun violence prevention programs. In Kansas, Gov. Laura Kelly had state agencies enact one of the nation's most aggressive policies for collecting state and local taxes on online sales. And in North Carolina, Gov. Roy Cooper issued executive orders designed to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions and bar LGBT discrimination in state employee hiring and in awarding government contracts.

Turning to executive orders "is a rational reaction by an executive who finds their agenda gummed up by a state Legislature," said University of Wisconsin political science professor Barry Burden. To be able to show voters what they've accomplished, governors "start to look at things they can do unilaterally," he said.

Evers, like past governors, largely uses executive orders for routine ceremonial purposes like honoring soldiers and police officers killed in the line of duty. But he also used them to raise a gay pride flag over the Capitol, recall Wisconsin National Guard troops sent to the southern border by his Republican predecessor and form a task force on climate change.

It's a power play that has its limits.

Republicans greeted his order for a special session next month on guns by saying they would convene — and immediately adjourn. In North Carolina, Republicans frustrated because Cooper vetoed the two-year state budget are passing "mini-budgets" largely containing popular items and daring the governor to veto them. Cooper has signed all but one into law, giving him less room to negotiate.

In addition to executive orders, governors can impose their power through appointments, sometimes by filing lawsuits and in how they direct state agencies, Burden said. Evers, for example, has directed the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to make combatting climate change a priority.

He used his veto power to recast the state budget in dozens of ways, including increasing funding for

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schools. Republicans are now trying to scale back his veto powers through a lawsuit that the conservative-controlled Supreme Court agreed this month to hear directly and a constitutional amendment.

When it comes to enacting laws, Republican-controlled legislatures have shown little appetite for working with Democratic governors in recent years. The contrast is particularly stark in Wisconsin.

In eight years as governor, Republican Scott Walker signed an average of 179 bills a year. The last time there was divided government, in the 2007-2008 session, Democratic Gov. Jim Doyle signed 242 bills into law when Republicans controlled one chamber of the Legislature. The session before that, Doyle signed 491 bills into law even though Republicans controlled both the Senate and Assembly.

Evers has signed just 19 bills into law.

"There's got to be more than 20 issues that are confronting Wisconsin, from small to very large," Doyle said. "It's obvious things aren't getting done."

Democrats argue Republicans are dodging issues that voters care about, including gun control, legalizing marijuana, expanding Medicaid, creating a nonpartisan redistricting process, raising the minimum wage and further increasing school funding.

Republican Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald said the Legislature's role was to "play goalie" and block bad ideas coming from Evers. There's no incentive to pass a bill that Evers is going to veto, Fitzgerald said.

Republican state Sen. Luther Olsen, who was in the Legislature when Doyle was governor, said the problem is that Evers has not built relationships with lawmakers. He predicted few bills of consequence will pass.

But he's not worried.

"At the end of the day, the state will be just fine," Olsen said.

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AP Explains: What a Trump impeachment trial might look like

By MARK SHERMAN Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — As House Democrats quickly move forward with impeachment proceedings, the likelihood grows that Donald Trump will become the third president to face a Senate trial to determine whether he should be removed from office.

The examples of Andrew Johnson and Bill Clinton, who were both acquitted, offer insight into the process that Trump would face. Still, much remains unknown about how a trial would proceed, including what the charges would be. It's also unknown whether witnesses would be called and whether parts of the proceedings would be conducted behind closed doors. Republicans who control the Senate will have a big say on both of those issues.

A look at what's known about the impeachment trial:

IMPEACHMENT IN THE HOUSE

Formal articles of impeachment probably would be developed and approved by the House Judiciary Committee and then sent on to the full, Democratic-led House for a vote.

Not all proposed articles are certain to be adopted, even if Democrats control the process. The Republican-led House approved two and rejected two for Clinton. (In 1974, the House Judiciary Committee adopted three articles of impeachment against President Richard Nixon and rejected two others. Nixon resigned before the full House voted.)

ON TO THE SENATE

If impeachment articles are adopted, the House will appoint members to serve as managers who will prosecute the case in the Senate. For Clinton's trial, Republicans on the House Judiciary Committee made the case against the president. One House manager was Lindsey Graham, now a senator from South Carolina.

Twenty years ago, the House managers walked silently across the Capitol to the Senate, where the

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sergeant-at-arms escorted them to the well of the chamber and Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., then the House Judiciary Committee chairman, read the impeachment articles aloud. When he finished, Hyde said, "That concludes the exposition of the articles of impeachment against William Jefferson Clinton. The managers request that the Senate take order for the trial."

It's not clear whom Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., would appoint as managers, but one lawmaker who's not on the Judiciary Committee seems a good bet: Adam Schiff of California, a former prosecutor who has been leading the impeachment inquiry as House Intelligence Committee chairman.

After impeachment articles are read, Chief Justice John Roberts would be sworn in to preside over the trial. Roberts in turn would swear in the 100 senators. Last time, they also signed an oath book and kept commemorative pens the Senate produced for the historic moment, though with an unfortunate misspelling: "Untied States Senator."

THE PRELIMINARIES

The Senate has rules for impeachment trials, but some key questions, such as the length of the proceeding, are likely to be decided in negotiations between Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York, the Democratic leader. McConnell noted recently that their predecessors as leaders, Republican Trent Lott and Democrat Tom Daschle, hammered out agreements for Clinton's impeachment trial.

One important issue to be resolved is who, if anyone, will be called as witnesses.

In Clinton's trial, the House Republican managers sought to call witnesses. Democrats strenuously objected that this would drag out the trial. In the end, there were only three witnesses and no live testimony in the Senate: Monica Lewinsky, White House aide Sidney Blumenthal and Clinton confidant Vernon Jordan. All were questioned in private by both sides with a senator of each party present to keep order and resolve disputes. Excerpts of their videotaped depositions were shown at the trial.

HOW WILL THE TRIAL WORK?

In some respects, a Senate impeachment trial resembles a typical courtroom proceeding with a judge presiding and an unusually large jury of 100 senators. But there are important differences.

For one, it takes a vote of two-thirds of those present (67 out of 100 if everyone is there) to convict and remove the president from office. For another, while senators are jurors, they also set the rules for the trial, may ask questions and can be witnesses.

While courtroom jurors are screened for possible biases, voters already have selected the jury in elections that gave Republicans a Senate majority, with 53 seats. The GOP could insist on rules benefiting Trump, including limiting witnesses against him, though it would take just three Republicans to foil a party-line effort.

Even if all Democrats vote to convict Trump, the Democratic House managers still need to win over more than one-third of Republican senators for a conviction — a formidable task. By comparison, in the Clinton trial, Republican managers couldn't win over a single Democrat and several Republicans voted to acquit.

To make their case, the managers are likely to give opening and closing arguments that could last for several days and respond to senators' questions that also could be time-consuming. They also might question any witnesses. Trump's defense team would have equal time to rebut the charges. Each step, as well as the time it takes to reach agreement on the rules, takes days, if not weeks.

COULD TRUMP TAKE PART?

Yes, but that would be unprecedented. Senate rules call on the person impeached, or a representative, to answer the charges. The Clinton legal team that handled those chores in 1999 included his top White House lawyers, but also Dale Bumpers, a former Democratic senator from Arkansas who was at ease in the chamber in which he served for nearly a quarter-century.

HOW LONG?

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The Senate will determine the length of the trial. In theory, it could be cut off almost at the outset if a majority of the Senate votes to dismiss the charges. McConnell has suggested that is not likely, despite the Republicans 53-47 majority.

In Clinton's trial, Lott, R-Miss., and Daschle, D-S.D., allowed Democratic Sen. Robert Byrd of West Virginia to move for dismissal a couple of weeks after the proceeding began, but it failed basically along party lines.

Clinton's trial began on Jan. 7, 1999. Each side had 24 hours to make opening arguments and an additional three hours for closing arguments.

Three weeks after the trial began, senators agreed that they would hold a final vote no later than Feb. 12. President Johnson's impeachment trial lasted just over two months.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE

The chief justice presides over an impeachment trial of the president because the Constitution says so. The Founding Fathers took the vice president, who also is the president of the Senate, out of the equation, because the vice president would become president if the Senate convicts.

Roberts would decide questions of evidence and procedure that are not spelled out in Senate rules. But unlike in a courtroom where the judge's ruling is final, the Senate can override Roberts' decisions by a majority vote. When senators have questions for lawyers or witnesses, they submit them to the chief justice, who does the asking.

In the Clinton trial, Chief Justice William Rehnquist stayed above the political fray. There's no reason to think Roberts would approach his role differently.

Rehnquist balanced his job at the court with his duties across the street at the Capitol, though the court was not in session for most of Clinton's trial. On one day, when the court heard arguments and the trial was in session, Rehnquist ducked out about 10 minutes early during arguments over electoral districts in North Carolina. Walter Dellinger, an attorney arguing the case, said the lawyers were notified that Rehnquist would leave early, but nothing was said in the courtroom.

THE END GAME

Eventually, senators will deliberate. Whether that's done in private is up to them.

In 1999, the Senate defeated a Democratic effort to open up deliberations. Once a decision has been reached, the Senate meets in open session to vote on each article of impeachment. Senators will stand one by one at their desks and offer their verdict, guilty or not guilty.

Twenty years ago, Republican House members could not persuade any Democratic senators to convict Clinton and they lost five Republican votes on one impeachment article and 10 on the other. Democrats have an equally tall order this time. To convict Trump, they need to draw 20 Republican senators, assuming all 45 Democrats and two Democratic-allied independents vote against the president.

If Trump is not convicted, the trial ends and he remains in office.

But if he is convicted, the country would enter an unprecedented situation. Trump would be automatically removed from office and Vice President Mike Pence would become president. It's not clear how quickly the succession would happen, but the Constitution does not contemplate any gap between a Senate vote to convict and the new president assuming power. "In the case of the removal of the President from office or of his death or resignation, the Vice President shall become President," the 25th Amendment says.

This story has been corrected to reflect that Trent Lott represented Mississippi, not Louisiana.

Today in History By The Associated Press

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Today is Monday, Oct. 28, the 301st day of 2019. There are 64 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

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On Oct. 28, 1886, the Statue of Liberty, a gift from the people of France, was dedicated in New York Harbor by President Grover Cleveland.

On this date:

In 1726, the original edition of "Gulliver's Travels," a satirical novel by Jonathan Swift, was first published in London.

In 1858, Rowland Hussey Macy opened his first New York store at Sixth Avenue and 14th Street in Manhattan.

In 1922, fascism came to Italy as Benito Mussolini took control of the government.

In 1940, Italy invaded Greece during World War II.

In 1962, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev informed the United States that he had ordered the dismantling of missile bases in Cuba; in return, the U.S. secretly agreed to remove nuclear missiles from U.S. installations in Turkey.

In 1965, Pope Paul VI issued a Declaration on the Relation of the Church with Non-Christian Religions which, among other things, absolved Jews of collective guilt for the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

In 1976, former Nixon aide John D. Ehrlichman entered a federal prison camp in Safford, Arizona, to begin serving his sentence for Watergate-related convictions (he was released in April 1978).

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter and Republican presidential nominee Ronald Reagan faced off in a nationally broadcast, 90-minute debate in Cleveland.

In 2001, the families of people killed in the September 11 terrorist attack gathered in New York for a memorial service filled with prayer and song.

In 2002, American diplomat Laurence Foley was assassinated in front of his house in Amman, Jordan, in the first such attack on a U.S. diplomat in decades. A student flunking out of the University of Arizona nursing school shot three of his professors to death, then killed himself.

In 2003, firefighters beat back flames on Los Angeles' doorstep, saving hundreds of homes in the city's San Fernando Valley from California's deadliest wildfires in more than a decade.

In 2013, Penn State said it would pay \$59.7 million to 26 young men over claims of child sexual abuse at the hands of former assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky.

Ten years ago: Taliban militants stormed a guest house used by U.N. staff in the heart of the Afghan capital, leaving 11 dead, including five U.N. staff and three attackers. A car bomb exploded in a crowded market in Peshawar, Pakistan, killing at least 112. Angela Merkel (AHN'-geh-lah MEHR'-kuhl) was sworn in for a second term as German chancellor. The defending champion Philadelphia Phillies beat the New York Yankees 6-1 in Game 1 of the World Series.

Five years ago: An unmanned commercial supply rocket bound for the International Space Station exploded moments after liftoff, with debris falling in flames over the launch site in Virginia. A video was posted online by a group called Hollaback! showing actress Shoshana Roberts being verbally accosted by men as she silently walked through Manhattan over a 10-hour period; the video "went viral," spurring outrage and sparking discussions about the pervasiveness of street harassment that women face. The World Series was evened at three games each as the Kansas City Royals routed the San Francisco Giants 10-0.

One year ago: The Boston Red Sox beat the Los Angeles Dodgers, 5-1, with the help of two home runs from Steve Pearce, to wrap up a World Series in five games. A brash far-right congressman, Jair Bolsonaro, cruised to a 10-point victory in Brazil's presidential election, becoming the latest world leader to rise to power by mixing tough, often violent talk with hard-right positions.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz singer Cleo Laine is 92. Actress Joan Plowright is 90. Musician-songwriter Charlie Daniels is 83. Actress Jane Alexander is 80. Actor Dennis Franz is 75. Pop singer Wayne Fontana is 74. Actress Telma Hopkins is 71. Caitlyn Jenner is 70. Actress Annie Potts is 67. Songwriter/producer Desmond Child is 66. Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates is 64. The former president of Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad (ah-muh-DEE'-neh-zahhd), is 63. Rock musician Stephen Morris (New Order) is 62. Country/gospel singer-musician Ron Hemby (The Buffalo Club) is 61. Rock singer-musician William Reid (The Jesus & Mary Chain) is 61. Actor Mark Derwin is 59. Actress Daphne Zuniga (ZOO'-nih-guh) is 57. Actress Lauren Holly is 56. Talk show host-comedian-actress Sheryl Underwood is 56. Actress Jami Gertz is 54. Actor Chris Bauer is

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53. Actor-comedian Andy Richter is 53. Actress Julia Roberts is 52. Country singer-musician Caitlin Cary is 51. Actor Jeremy Davies is 50. Singer Ben Harper is 50. Country singer Brad Paisley is 47. Actor Joaquin Phoenix is 45. Actress Gwendoline Christie is 41. Singer Justin Guarini (TV: "American Idol") is 41. Pop singer Brett Dennen is 40. Rock musician Dave Pirion (Plain White T's) is 40. Actor Charlie Sheen is 39. Actor Matt Smith is 37. Actor Finn Wittrock is 35. Actress Troian Bellisario is 34. Singer/rapper Frank Ocean is 32. Actress Lexi Ainsworth (TV: "General Hospital") is 27. Actor Nolan Gould is 21.

Thought for Today: "If liberty means anything at all, it means the right to tell people what they do not want to hear." — George Orwell (Eric Blair), English author (1903-1950).

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