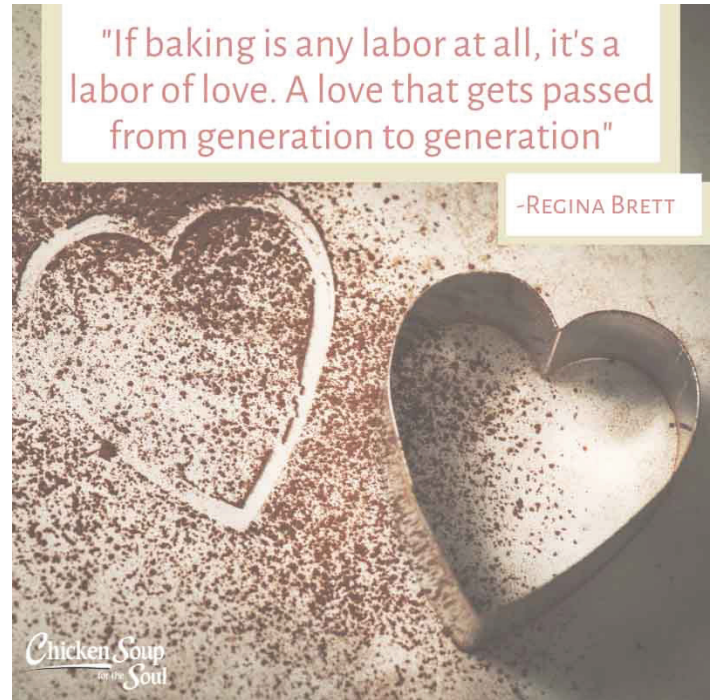


Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 ~ Vol. 28 - No. 138 ~ 1 of 51

- [1- Community Pep Rally](#)
- [2- 8 THINGS YOU SHOULD NEVER USE YOUR CREDIT CARD FOR](#)
- [4- Additional Public Land Opportunities for Hunters This Season](#)
- [5- No. 15 Northern State Checks off First Victory of 2019-20, Defeating South Dakota Mines](#)
- [6- Weather Pages](#)
- [9- Daily Devotional](#)
- [10- 2019 Groton Events](#)
- [11- News from the Associated Press](#)



No School on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 21 and 22 due to the state volleyball tournament

G H S COMMUNITY PEP RALLY

**Everyone is Invited
To Cheer On Our Volleyball Team
To The State Tournament!**



**Tuesday
Nov. 19, 3 p.m.**

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

8 THINGS YOU SHOULD NEVER USE YOUR CREDIT CARD FOR

IT'S TEMPTING TO SWIPE A CARD AND WORRY ABOUT THE BILL LATER. BUT THERE ARE TIMES WHEN USING A CREDIT CARD FOR PAYMENT ISN'T THE BEST IDEA.

By Tara Schatz for AAA

There are a lot of benefits to using your credit card—consumer protections, reward programs, and convenience, to name a few. While it may be tempting to use your credit card for just about everything, think twice before doing so. Here are 8 things you should never use your credit card for.



BUYING A CAR

While it's technically possible to use your credit card to pay for a portion of your new or used car, it's often not a wise decision. Interest rates on car loans are usually much lower than interest rates on credit cards, which means you will spend more in the long run when using plastic. There is one situation where paying for a car on plastic makes sense—if you already have the money, but you use your credit card to earn incentives. This only works if you pay off your balance in full at the end of your billing cycle.

COLLEGE TUITION

The cost of higher education has skyrocketed in recent years, but using your credit card is one of the worst ways to pay for it. This huge expenditure should be planned for well in advance. Start by filling out the Free Application for Student Aid, which will enable you to apply for various grants and scholarships. If you don't have the money to pay for the remainder of your tuition bills out of pocket, set up a payment plan with the school, or apply for student loans. The best part? Interest paid on student loans are tax deductible.

COFFEE

Using your credit card to buy small indulgences is a great way to send your balance sky-high without even realizing it. One cappuccino may not seem like much, but credit is so easy to use, that before long, one turns into a dozen. Instead of using plastic for these little treats, give yourself a cash allowance each week. You'll be much happier at the end of the month.

CASH ADVANCES

A cash advance is a loan you can borrow against your credit card when you're short on cash. As tempting as it may be, taking a cash advance should be reserved for true emergencies. The fees and interest rates on cash advances are much higher than on regular purchases, and cash advances don't come with the grace period that purchases come with. Interest will start accruing on your loan the moment you leave the ATM machine.

MEDICAL BILLS

If you have large medical bills, and let's face it—they're all large, don't even consider trying to pay them off with your credit card. Because medical emergencies are stressful enough, institutions are fairly lenient when it comes to paying your bills. Most will be happy to work with you to set up long-term payment plans at a very low interest rates. Credit card companies are not interested in any stories of woe or hardship, and if you can't pay off your balance at the end of the month, you can expect to be slapped with hefty interest rates.

INCOME TAXES

The IRS imposes a transaction fee for credit card payments. The fees range from two to three percent, which is usually much higher than what you would stand to gain in rewards points. If you don't pay off your credit card balance at the end of the month, your out-of-pocket expenses could be double your initial tax bill. Instead of using plastic, budget for your tax bill throughout the year, and send a check to the IRS.

BUSINESS START-UP FEES

Using a credit card to finance your business start-up fees is risky business indeed. For one thing, credit cards carry much higher interest rates than small business loans. You should also consider the personal guarantee you make when you get a credit card. While nobody expects their new business to fail, if it does, you could lose a lot more than your start-up costs. Using credit cards makes it so much easier to spend beyond your budget, and if you start your business with huge debts, you put the success of your company at risk.

UNRELIABLE WEBSITES

How do you know that a website is trustworthy enough to safeguard your personal information? While you can never be 100% sure, there are a few things to consider. First, only do business with a URL that starts with "https." If the URL begins with "http," it isn't secure. You should also be wary of websites with obscure extensions, or any company with suspicious wording in their web copy. Your credit card is an incredibly useful tool to have on hand, but if used inappropriately, you could wind up in serious debt. When you learn how to use your credit card wisely, you are taking the first step toward becoming a savvy consumer.

Additional Public Land Opportunities for Hunters This Season

PIERRE, S.D. – As hunters hit the field this weekend for the opening of west river deer season, they will have access to more public land. According to Kevin Robling, Deputy Secretary with South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP), the department has been working hard to partner with landowners to open additional public land opportunities for hunters this fall.

“Through our strategic planning process, we identified a goal to increase public land hunting access to 50,000 additional acres by 2020,” Robling said. “One of the key strategies in accomplishing this goal was to develop opportunities with private landowners to access inaccessible, or landlocked, public lands.”

In western South Dakota, nearly 300,000 acres of public land are inaccessible to the public. While these lands are owned by the public, there is not a direct access from a publicly maintained road into these areas.

“To ensure South Dakota’s hunting heritage remains strong for future generations, hunters need a place to hunt,” said Robling. “As a department, we are committed to providing additional public hunting acres and will continue to work with the great landowners in this state to maximize public land access.”

GFP field staff took this commitment to heart.

As of today, GFP and landowners have worked together to provide access to 24,145 acres of landlocked public land by adding 27,730 acres of new land to the Walk-In Area Program.

“That’s a total of 51,875 acres of new access for the public,” said Robling. “That’s a tremendous result from this initiative so far!”

As hunters take to the field for the west river deer season, which opens Saturday, November 16, these new acres are available for them to enjoy and carry on their own hunting traditions.

“Without the support and partnership of the landowners and producers, this wouldn’t be possible,” Robling said. “Whether they sign up for programs through GFP, like Walk-In Areas, or give permission to hunters who respectfully request access, they play a crucial role in the future of hunting in our state.”

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 ~ Vol. 28 - No. 138 ~ 5 of 51

No. 15 Northern State Checks off First Victory of 2019-20, Defeating South Dakota Mines

Spearfish, S.D. – Entering the halftime locker room with a lead proved to be the difference maker for the No. 15 Northern State men's basketball team as they defeated the South Dakota School of Mines. The Wolves remain unscathed from the East-West Challenge after going 2-0 back in 2018.

THE QUICK DETAILS

Final Score: NSU 69, MINES 63

Records: NSU 1-2, MINES 1-2

Attendance: 250

HOW IT HAPPENED

- Northern led 37-26 at the half and despite being out-scored 37-32 in the second, they pulled out the victory over the Hardrockers
- The Wolves shot 53.8% from the floor, 33.3% from beyond the arc, and 70.0% from the foul line
- Defensively, Northern held the Hardrockers to a 31.3 field goal percentage and 22.2 3-point field goal percentage in the first half
- NSU tallied a game high 34 points in the paint, 11 points off turnovers, and five fast break points, while adding ten points off the bench
- They out-rebounded Mines 36-25 in the win, and combined for eight assists, six made 3-pointers, and two steals
- Five Wolves finished the evening shooting 50.0% or better from field goal range and four tallied double figure points in the game
- Parker Fox and Gabe King led the Wolves starting five in the game, while Cole Dahl led the team off the bench

NORTHERN STATE STATISTICAL STANDOUTS

- Gabe King: 14 points, 66.7 FG%, 50.0 3-FG%, 2 assists
- Parker Fox: 14 points, 12 rebounds, 54.5 FG%
- Tommy Chatman: 13 points (career high), 50.0 FG%
- Andrew Kallman: 11 points, 50.0 FG%
- Jordan Belka: 8 rebounds

UP NEXT

Northern will face off against Black Hills State tomorrow evening in Spearfish. Tip-off is set for 8:30 p.m. (CT) in the final game of the 2019 East-West Challenge.

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 ~ Vol. 28 - No. 138 ~ 6 of 51

Today



Chance Rain

High: 47 °F

Tonight



Mostly Cloudy

Low: 30 °F

Sunday



Mostly Cloudy

High: 41 °F

Sunday
Night



20% | 30%

Slight Chance
Rain/Snow
then Chance
Rain

Low: 33 °F

Monday



Partly Sunny

High: 46 °F

Mild – Increasing Clouds & Showers/Sprinkles

Highs in the 40s and 50s

 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

Updated: 11/16/2019 3:52 AM Central

Published on: 11/15/2019 at 11:18PM

A weak system will bring increasing clouds and a few light showers and sprinkles to the area, however enough sunshine and passage of a weak front will still allow for temperatures to warm in to the 40s and 50s. A little bit cooler weather is expected for Sunday but with dry conditions.

Today in Weather History

November 16, 1996: An area of low pressure brought 6 to 9 inches of snowfall to most of central and parts of north-central South Dakota on the 16th, while widespread freezing rain associated with the warm front of the system, along with 4 to 10 inches of snow, fell in northeast South Dakota. Travel was significantly affected, and a few minor accidents occurred during the storm. Several sporting events and activities were postponed or canceled. Strong north winds late on the 16th into early the 17th resulted in near-blizzard conditions across northeast South Dakota. Some storm total snowfall amounts include, 9.0 inches 12SSW of Harrold; 8.5 inches near Highmore; 8.2 inches in Roscoe; 8.0 in Eureka; 7.9 inches near Mellette; 7.0 inches in Waubay; 6.5 inches in Murdo and Redfield; 6.0 inches in Kennebec and Miller; 5.5 inches near Victor; and 5.3 inches in Sisseton.

2006: An early morning F3 tornado killed eight people, injured 20 others and left 100 people homeless in Riegelwood, North Carolina. This storm was the second deadliest tornado in the state in the past 50 years.

1958 - More than six inches of snow fell at Tucson, AZ. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1959 - The most severe November cold wave in U.S. history was in progress. A weather observing station located 14 miles northeast of Lincoln MT reported a reading of 53 degrees below zero, which established an all-time record low temperature for the nation for the month of November. Their high that day was one degree above zero. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - High winds and heavy snow created blizzard conditions across parts of eastern Colorado. Wind gusts reached 68 mph at Pueblo, and snowfall totals ranged up to 37 inches at Echo Lake. In Wyoming, the temperature dipped to 14 degrees below zero at Laramie. Strong thunderstorms in Louisiana drenched Alexandria with 16.65 inches of rain in thirty hours, with an unofficial total of 21.21 inches north of Olla. Flash flooding in Louisiana caused five to six million dollars damage. (15th-16th) (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - A powerful low pressure system in the north central U.S. produced high winds across the Great Lakes Region, with wind gusts to 60 mph reported at Chicago IL. Heavy snow blanketed much of Minnesota, with eleven inches reported at International Falls. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Snow and gusty winds invaded the north central U.S. Winds gusting to 40 mph produced wind chill readings as cold as 25 degrees below zero, and blizzard conditions were reported in Nebraska during the late morning hours. High winds around a powerful low pressure system produced squalls in the Great Lakes Region. Winds gusted to 63 mph at Whitefish Point MI, and snowfall totals in Michigan ranged up to 19 inches at Hart, north of Muskegon. (15th-16th) (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2006 - An F-3 tornado strikes Riegelwood, NC causing eight deaths and twenty injuries

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 ~ Vol. 28 - No. 138 ~ 8 of 51

Yesterday's Groton Weather Today's Info

High Temp: 52 °F at 3:28 PM

Low Temp: 27 °F at 1:49 AM

Wind: 23 mph at 8:07 PM

Day Rain: 0.00

Record High: 71° in 2001

Record Low: -12° in 1955

Average High: 39°F

Average Low: 19°F

Average Precip in Nov.: 0.41

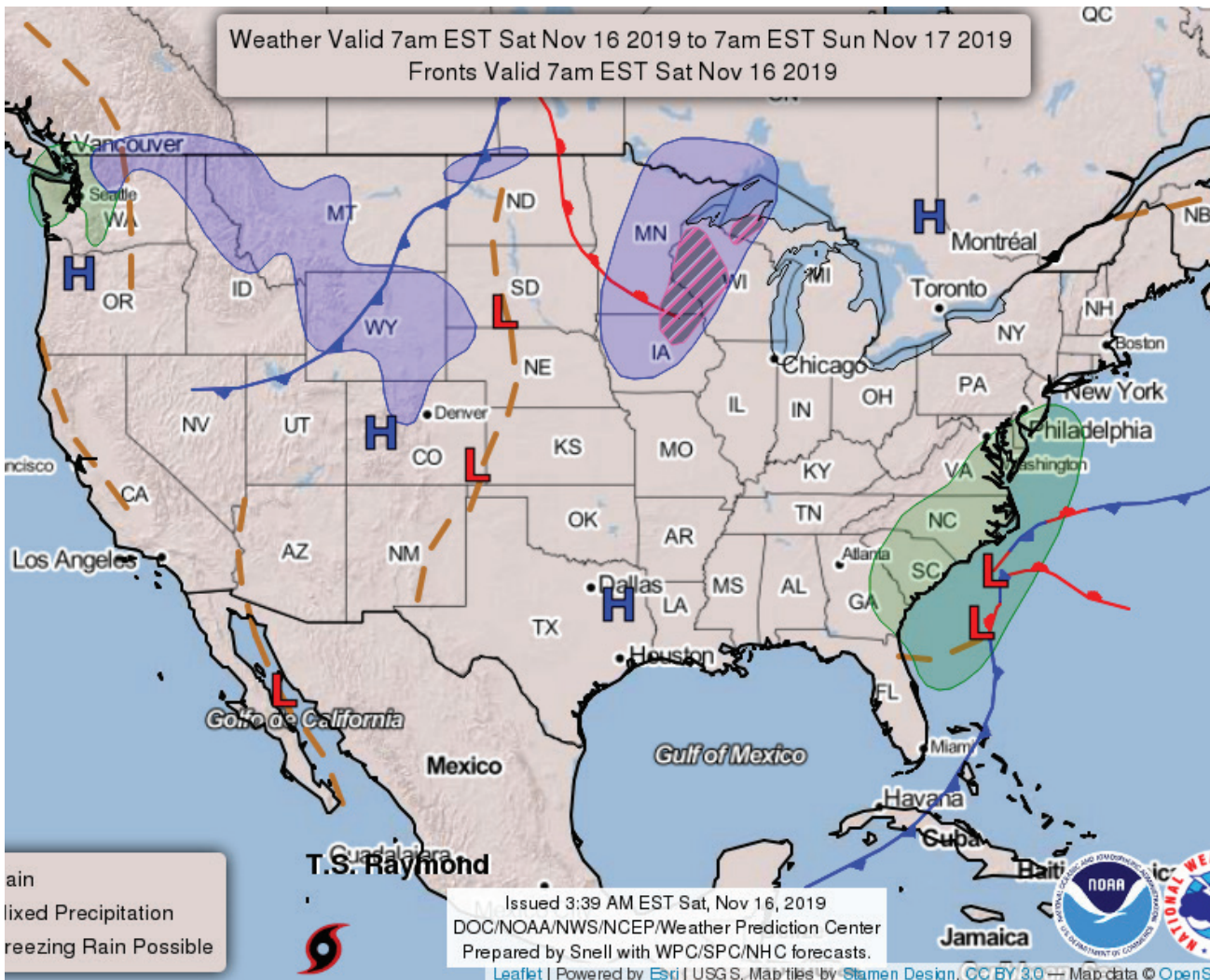
Precip to date in Nov.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 20.88

Precip Year to Date: 26.57

Sunset Tonight: 5:03 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:35 a.m.



Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 ~ Vol. 28 - No. 138 ~ 9 of 51



ME, MY MOP, AND THE DOCTOR

Early one morning Jim Belasco, a noted writer, went to the Methodist Hospital in Houston, to interview the world-famous heart surgeon, Dr. Michael DeBakey. As he made his way toward the operating room, he met a custodian with a smile as large as life and singing happily with all his heart as he mopped the floor.

Curious to see such enthusiasm at such an early hour, the writer asked, "Why are you so happy?"

Came the quick reply, "Me and the Doc are going to save some lives today."

We all form partnerships for many different reasons. There are occasions when partnerships are formed for leisure activities or social events, and other times for work or special projects. But imagine a partnership that included a mop and a scalpel, a doctor and a janitor. Unbelievable! But that is what Paul had in mind when he said, "We work together as partners who belong to (and bring glory to) God!" Who's your partner?

Prayer: Father, May all our "partnerships" be formed with the simple purpose of pleasing You. May we join with others and work to honor You! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture For Today: 1 Corinthians 3:9 For we are both God's workers. And you are God's field. You are God's building.

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 ~ Vol. 28 - No. 138 ~ 10 of 51

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

Football brings some peace to Sioux family after suicide

By STEPHEN GROVES Associated Press

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Teenagers Jashawn and Jayton Pease embraced in the end zone while celebrating the 74-39 victory that made their Crow Creek Chieftains the champions of South Dakota's tribal school league. But as they hugged, tears streamed down their faces.

Jashawn, 15, pounded his fist against his chest and pointed toward the sky.

"I'm playing for my brother because he left for the spirit world," he said.

In July 2018, J'von Justice Shields, who was 17 and who had played wide receiver for the Chieftains, killed himself. Left behind were his girlfriend, Brianne Saul, their young son, J'von's seven brothers, and a team and community that are still trying to make sense of his loss.

Such deaths are all too common in Native American communities, which have a suicide rate among 15- to 24-year-olds that is more than three times that of any other racial or ethnic group in the country. Buffalo County, which includes most of the Crow Creek Reservation where J'von lived, had the highest rate in South Dakota last year.

Friends and family describe J'von as fun-loving and goofy. Jayton, 17, said his brother loved fishing or just sitting in the car and talking. But J'von's girlfriend said he carried the weight of responsibility for his younger brothers in a family with a mostly-absent father.

The Crow Creek Sioux community is working to prevent more suicides, but it struggles under the weight of its past and a litany of present challenges, including substance abuse and a lack of resources. Illustrating the point, the community's suicide prevention hotline rings unanswered because staffers were laid off several months ago after the tribe lost a federal grant.

Christine Obago, a tribal council member who used to work in the suicide prevention program, said it has been difficult for the tribe to win and keep grants that could help its future. In September, two tribal leaders pleaded guilty to embezzling more than \$100,000 from the tribe's general welfare account. Obago said the tribe is working on auditing its accounts to improve its chances of getting grants.

In the meantime, a suicide prevention task force comforts families who lose a loved one. Rod Vaughn, a pastor who responds after suicides, said he feels a sense of dread when his phone lights up with a call from police because it's likely a suicide.

The task force's chairwoman, Jacqueline Rhode, said teenagers openly post suicidal thoughts on social media, but because of a lack of resources, her ability to respond quickly is sometimes limited. She said she can either call the police to put such teens into protective custody or help the teens get an appointment with a behavioral health specialist.

Dale Walker, a psychiatrist and a Cherokee, runs a research center that studies mental health among Native Americans at the Oregon Health & Science University. He said the causes of suicide among Native Americans are complex. Among them: coping with historical trauma and a loss of culture that can result in feelings of shame and isolation.

The Crow Creek Sioux Tribe are descendants of the Mdewakanton Dakota Tribe, which was forcefully removed from Minnesota in 1862 after clashes with white settlers. Before his death, J'von participated in an annual horse ride from Crow Creek to Mankato, Minnesota, to honor 40 Dakota men who were hanged after the conflict.

Rhode encourages young tribal members to take pride in their identity and culture while acknowl-

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 ~ Vol. 28 - No. 138 ~ 12 of 51

edging the struggles they might face.

“There’s a lot of lack and a lot of pain, but it’s also a place of amazing beauty and amazing culture too,” she said of the community. “It’s a place of a lot of contrast all in a tiny space.”

The Indian Health Services wellness center hosts classes for people to celebrate traditional crafts such as beading or making moccasins. Dakota language classes recently opened on the reservation. And this year, the community rallied around the football team’s undefeated season.

Last year, the team won just two games. But this season, it joined the new All Nations Conference, which is only open to schools where at least half the students are Native American. The league has breathed new life into many tribal schools’ football programs, including Crow Creek’s.

Jayton and Jashawn say they share a brotherhood with their teammates.

“You have a lot of people in the community who try to step in and be that older brother or that dad figure in your life,” Jayton said.

The Pease brothers filled their season with rituals of commemoration for J’von. Before every game, they knelt on the sideline, taking a moment to remember him. On a pad protecting his back, Jayton printed “JBOOG,” his brother’s nickname.

In the championship game, Jayton made plays all over the field, throwing himself at opponents. He said J’von had always dreamed of the Chieftains winning at “The Dome” in Vermillion, where football championships are decided, and now his brothers had done it.

After the final whistle but before leaving the field, the Crow Creek players huddled and ended their season with a shout: “Family!”

Sioux Falls man charged for spanking child with soup spoon

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Sioux Falls man accused of spanking a child with a soup spoon has been indicted on child abuse charges.

The Argus Leader reports the 36-year-old man is charged with abuse or cruelty to a minor, a felony. An affidavit in support of a search warrant shows that an 8-year-old child told her mother that she was spanked twice with the spoon. The mother observed bruising on the child’s buttocks.

The suspect allegedly told the child she would get a phone if she didn’t tell her mother. The child was 7 years old at the time of the alleged abuse in September. She told investigators the spanking “hurt so bad” she thought she was going to throw up.

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

SD Lottery

By The Associated Press undefined

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

Mega Millions

12-19-34-35-68, Mega Ball: 20

(twelve, nineteen, thirty-four, thirty-five, sixty-eight; Mega Ball: twenty)

Estimated jackpot: \$178 million

Powerball

Estimated jackpot: \$70 million

Mack scores 24 as Nebraska picks up first win for Hoiberg

By KENT WOLGAMOTT Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Fred Hoiberg was pleased he got his first win at Nebraska, but he was happier with how his Cornhuskers played in building a 31-point first half lead on the way to defeating South Dakota State 90-73.

“It sure beats what happens in the other two,” Hoiberg said. “It’s great to get that first one.”

The Huskers got the win for the first-year coach by playing at the high tempo that has characterized Hoiberg’s teams at Iowa State and the Chicago Bulls.

“To come out here and establish the tempo and the pace where we wanted to have it is an important thing in a game like this,” Hoiberg said. “We allowed them to dictate tempo in the second half. But for us, especially in that first half, it was a thing of beauty.”

That thing was flying up the floor. It was fun for fans to watch.

Nebraska (1-2) struggled to score its first two games, but came out hot, hitting 60 percent of its shots in the first 15 minutes of the game. South Dakota State (3-2) hit just one of its first 10 shots, falling behind 12-2 when Nebraska’s Haanif Cheatam hit a fast-break layup five minutes into the game.

The Huskers put the game out of reach with a 19-2, four-minute run, to lead 45-14 on Yvan Ouedraogo’s putback layup with 4:50 left in the half.

Nebraska led by 24 at halftime. South Dakota State trailed by at least 20 until midway through the second half and got no closer than the 17-point final margin.

“Coach really preached on pace,” Dachon Burke said. “Nobody in the country can run with us. We picked it up and got the win.”

Nebraska improved its shooting percentage over the first two games, hitting 49% of its shots, and outrebounded its opponent for the first time this season.

“We were definitely in tune,” said Cam Mack, who led Nebraska with a career-high 24 points. “I like where we are now. But we have to keep going for sure, for sure.”

South Dakota State coach Eric Henderson said his team needs to learn a lesson from the loss

“What we can learn is we have to play a full 40 minutes,” Henderson said. “You have to be ready from the tip and ready to compete and fight, especially on the road against a team as hungry as Nebraska was to get a win. You have to have a high level of compete for 40 minutes, and I thought we did for moments, especially in the second half.”

Burke and Cheatam had 17 points each for Nebraska. Kevin Cross scored 10.

Douglas Wilson had 15 points to lead South Dakota State. Brandon Key had 12 points and Trey Buchanan had 11 points.

BIG PICTURE

South Dakota State: The Jackrabbits looked like a tired team playing their third road game in a week. They had traveled to California for a double-overtime win against CSU Bakersfield and a loss to USC on Tuesday before coming to Lincoln Friday.

Nebraska: The Huskers scored just 47 points in their season opening loss to UC Riverside. They had 51 at the half Friday. The win allowed Nebraska to avoid its first 0-3 start since the 1980-81 season.

UP NEXT

South Dakota State hosts North Alabama on Tuesday.

Nebraska hosts Southern University on Friday.

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 ~ Vol. 28 - No. 138 ~ 14 of 51

For more AP college basketball coverage: <https://apnews.com/Collegebasketball> and http://twitter.com/AP_Top25

Hagedorn carries South Dakota over Texas Southern 88-69

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Tyler Hagedorn had a career-high 33 points as South Dakota defeated Texas Southern 88-69 on Friday night.

Hagedorn's eight 3-pointers without a miss are a Summit League record. He added eight rebounds and three blocks.

Hagedorn scored 20 points in the first half, making five of his 3-pointers as the Coyotes shot 53% in building a 46-25 halftime lead. Texas Southern made 4 of 7 3-pointers in the half, but only 4 of 23 inside the arc for 27% overall.

South Dakota led by at least 14 points throughout the second half and the lead peaked at 26 with eight minutes remaining.

Stanley Umude had 12 points for South Dakota (4-0). Tyler Peterson added 12 points. Cody Kelley had 11 points for the Coyotes.

Yahuza Rasas had 12 points for the Tigers (0-3). Tyrik Armstrong added 10 points.

South Dakota takes on Southern Illinois-Edwardsville at home on Monday. Texas Southern plays Arkansas on the road on Tuesday.

For more AP college basketball coverage: <https://apnews.com/Collegebasketball> and http://twitter.com/AP_Top25

Elements of this story were generated by Automated Insights, <http://www.automatedinsights.com/ap>, using data from STATS LLC, <https://www.stats.com>

Friday's Scores

By The Associated Press

PREP FOOTBALL=

Class 11AAA=

Championship=

Sioux Falls O'Gorman 21, Brandon Valley 16

Class 11AA=

Championship=

Pierre 32, Brookings 16

Class 11B=

Championship=

Bridgewater-Emery 21, Winner 14

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

South Dakota dismisses complaints of officer misconduct

By STEPHEN GROVES Associated Press

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota officials dismissed complaints Friday against four officers accused of misconduct stemming from sexual harassment allegations.

The Division of Criminal Investigation said it didn't find enough evidence to move forward with the complaints against three officers. The fourth officer, Brown County Deputy Ross Erickson, has resigned. The state paid \$1.2 million to a former investigator who complained that he sexually harassed her.

Two of the officers, Brown County Sheriff Mark Milbrandt and his Chief Deputy David Lunzman, were accused of retaliating against the investigator after she complained. In 2017, a jury sided with Laura Zylstra Kaiser, the former DCI investigator, who said that former Director Bryan Gortmaker and former agent Mark Black pressured her to resign.

The complaints, which were filed by Sioux Falls Republican state Sen. Stace Nelson, alleged that Milbrandt and Lunzman took part in pressuring Zylstra Kaiser out of the department.

Lunzman told The Associated Press he was satisfied with the outcome of the investigation.

"I was confident that the truth would come out and there was nothing that I did wrong," he said.

Lunzman said Milbrandt was not available Friday and unreachable by phone.

Zylstra Kaiser appeared in an ad for Gov. Kristi Noem last year during her Republican primary campaign against former Attorney General Marty Jackley. The ad accused Jackley of mishandling Zylstra Kaiser's complaints. Zylstra Kaiser's husband, Dan Kaiser, ran against Milbrandt for Brown County sheriff last year.

The other officer cleared by the investigation was Madison police Officer Matthew Wollman, a former state legislator who resigned in 2017 after admitting he had sex with legislative interns. He began working as a Madison police officer last year.

Madison police Chief Jason Meyer declined to comment Friday.

South Dakota academic named new Nebraska college president

SCOTTSBUFF, Neb. (AP) — A South Dakota academic has been named as the newest president of Western Nebraska Community College in Scottsbluff.

The Scottsbluff Star-Herald reports that the Western Community College Area Board of Governors announced the hire of Carmen Simone late Thursday evening.

Simone is the current and founding vice president and dean at the University of South Dakota Community College for Sioux Falls. She also is a peer reviewer for the Higher Learning Commission, one of six regional institutional accreditors in the United States. Prior to her position in South Dakota, Simone served as president of Trinidad State Junior College in Colorado for five years.

The board is slated to ratify Simone's selection at a meeting Wednesday. She will assume office in January, succeeding interim president John Harms.

Information from: Star-Herald, <http://www.starherald.com>

Sioux Falls police investigate daycare death

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Police are investigating the death of a 9-month-old child at an in-home daycare in Sioux Falls.

Police spokesman Sam Clemens says emergency responders were called to the home about 2:30

p.m. Thursday and found the baby unresponsive. The child was taken to a Sioux Falls hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Clemens says it's too early in the investigation to determine whether the child's death is suspicious.

He says the daycare provider was caring for too many children. In-home daycares are allowed to have four children under the age of 2, but the daycare had five 1-year-olds and two under the age of 1, including the baby who died. Clemens says the daycare also had two 2-year-olds and a 4-year-old, in addition to the family's six children.

Former professor denied family leave sues university

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — A former professor at Northern State University is suing the school, among others, claiming a dean retaliated against him when she denied his request for paternity leave.

Thomas Orr says he requested time off under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act, but that education dean Kelly Duncan denied the request because Orr is a man and can't give birth.

The Argus Leader says Orr claims in his lawsuit that Duncan retaliated against him because he filed a complaint when Duncan went into his locked office without his permission to retrieve a binder that she loaned him.

The lawsuit says Northern State violated federal laws by discriminating against Orr because of his sex, denying family leave and violating his civil rights.

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

Regional Health to be renamed, join Mayo network

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The largest health care system in the Black Hills will have a new name.

Regional Health says it will rebrand as Monument Health and will join the Mayo Clinic Care Network in January.

Regional Health's president and CEO Paulette Davidson says the collaboration with Mayo is not a merger and that Monument Health will remain independent and continue as its own health system. But, as part of the Mayo Clinic Care Network, Monument Health will have access to Mayo Clinic's physicians and expertise.

Monument Health will be the first South Dakota member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network, which includes about 40 other members across the nation and the world.

Protests grip major Iran cities over gas prices; 1 killed

By JON GAMBRELL Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Protesters angered by Iran raising government-set gasoline prices by 50% blocked traffic in major cities and occasionally clashed with police Saturday after a night of demonstrations punctuated by gunfire, in violence that reportedly killed at least one person.

The protests put renewed pressure on Iran's government as it struggles to overcome the U.S. sanctions strangling the country after President Donald Trump unilaterally withdrew America from Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers.

Though largely peaceful, demonstrations devolved into violence in several instances, with online videos purporting to show police officers firing tear gas at protesters and mobs setting fires. While representing a political risk for President Hassan Rouhani ahead of February parliamentary elections, it also shows the widespread anger among Iran's 80 million people who have seen their savings evaporate amid scarce jobs and the national rial currency's collapse.

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 ~ Vol. 28 - No. 138 ~ 17 of 51

The demonstrations took place in over a dozen cities in the hours following Rouhani's decision at midnight Thursday to cut gasoline subsidies to fund handouts for Iran's poor. Gasoline in the country still remains among the cheapest in the world, with the new prices jumping up to a minimum of 15,000 rials per liter of gas — 50% up from the day before. That's 13 cents a liter, or about 50 cents a gallon. A gallon of regular gasoline in the U.S. costs \$2.60 by comparison.

But in a nation where many get by as informal taxi drivers, cheap gasoline is considered a birth-right. Iran is home to the world's fourth-largest crude oil reserves. While expected for months, the decision still caught many by surprise and sparked immediate demonstrations overnight.

Violence broke out Friday night in Sirjan, a city some 800 kilometers (500 miles) southeast of Tehran. The state-run IRNA news agency said "protesters tried to set fire to the oil depot, but they were stopped by police." It did not elaborate, but online videos circulating on Iranian social media purported to show a fire at the depot as sirens wailed in the background. Another showed a large crowd shouting: "Rouhani, shame on you! Leave the country alone!"

Mohammad Mahmoudabadi, an Interior Ministry official in Sirjan, later told state television that police and demonstrators exchanged gunfire, wounding several. He said many protestors were peaceful, but later masked men armed with guns and knives infiltrated the demonstration.

"They insisted on reaching the oil depot and creating crises," Mahmoudabadi said.

The semi-official ISNA news agency later quoted Mahmoudabadi as saying the violence killed one person.

In Iran's oil-rich Khuzestan province, online videos purported to show police firing tear gas on crowds. The province's city of Khorramshahr also saw gunfire, as could be heard in a brief clip played on air by state television. The region has long been a political tinderbox, with its ethnic Arab population that feels disenfranchised from the country's Persian-language majority.

Saturday morning, the start of the Iranian workweek, saw protesters stop cars on major roadways across the capital, Tehran. Peaceful protesters blocked traffic on Tehran's Imam Ali Highway, calling for police to join them as the season's first snow fell, according to online videos. A dump truck later dropped bricks on the roadway to cheers.

A large crowd in the city of Kermanshah demonstrated and later drew tear gas fire from police, a video showed. Others reportedly clashed in Tabriz, another major Iranian city. The online videos corresponded to Associated Press reporting on the protest.

Such protests require prior approval from Iran's Interior Ministry, though authorities routinely allow small-scale demonstrations over economic issues, especially as the country has struggled with currency devaluation.

It wasn't immediately clear if police made arrests. Iranian state television aired a segment Friday night trying to dispute the claims of opposition satellite news channels about the protests, calling their videos of demonstrations "fake news" in English. Demonstrators in many online videos Saturday began identifying the time and place in response.

Iranian internet access meanwhile saw disruptions and outages Friday night into Saturday, suggesting "a response to limit attendance and media coverage of the protests," according to the group NetBlocks, which monitors worldwide internet access.

Protester chants mirrored many from the late 2017 economic protests, which resulted in nearly 5,000 reported arrests and at least 25 people being killed. Some criticized Iran's spending abroad on Palestinians and others while the country's people remain poor. Protests meanwhile continue in Iraq and Lebanon, two Mideast nations home to Iranian proxies and crucial to Tehran's influence abroad.

Iran long has suffered economic problems since its 1979 Islamic Revolution cut off its decades-long

relationship with the U.S. Its eight-year war with Iraq in the 1980s followed, further straining its economy.

The collapse of the nuclear deal has exacerbated those problems. The Iranian rial, which traded at 32,000 to \$1 at the time of the accord, fell to 122,600 to \$1 in trading Saturday. Iran has since begun breaking terms of the deal as it tries to force Europe to come up with a way to allow it to sell crude oil abroad despite American sanctions.

Henry Rome, an analyst at the Eurasia Group, said that after mass protests, Rouhani was forced to back down from a 2017 plan to increase fuel prices by 50%.

"The government was clearly attuned to this risk: The latest announcement was made in the middle of the night before a weekend," Rome said. "It took effect immediately, and it was announced without direct consultation with lawmakers."

Impeachment testimony comes from White House budget official

By LISA MASCARO and MICHAEL BALSAMO Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — House impeachment investigators met in private Saturday with a White House budget official as the historic inquiry produces new testimony offering direct insight of President Donald Trump's actions toward Ukraine.

After a week of dramatic public hearings, investigators heard late Friday in closed session from State Department official David Holmes, who delivered a firsthand account that puts the president at the forefront of events.

Holmes, the political counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Kyiv, testified that he overheard Trump in a phone call with his European Union ambassador, Gordon Sondland, saying he wanted Ukraine to conduct investigations. Sondland later explained the investigations pertained to "Bidens" — a reference to former Vice President Joe Biden and Biden's son Hunter, who served on the board of a gas company in Ukraine. No wrongdoing by either Biden has been substantiated.

It was one of the first direct accounts of Trump seeking investigations of a political rival and provides Democrats with a counterargument to Republicans, who dismiss the testimony so far as largely hearsay from diplomats and others with, at best, secondhand knowledge of events.

Sharpening the arguments, both sides are preparing for an intense lineup of public hearings in the coming week. Americans are deeply split over impeachment in a historic test the Constitution's system of checks and balances.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., says the president's actions amount to "bribery."

Pelosi, in an interview to air Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation," said Trump "made a mistake" by live-tweeting his criticism of Marie Yovanovitch, the U.S. ambassador to Ukraine he ousted, during her public testimony Friday. Democrats said that amounted to witness intimidation.

Pelosi acknowledged that presidents are able to nominate and dismiss ambassadors. Trump "should not frivolously throw out insults, but that's what he does," she said. "I think part of it is his own insecurity as an impostor. I think he knows full well that he's in that office way over his head."

In a speech Friday night, Attorney General William Barr said congressional Democrats were pursuing "scores of parallel investigations through an avalanche of subpoenas" that are "designed to incapacitate the executive branch."

Barr, who favors an expansive view of executive power, said that "the cost of this constant harassment is real."

The latest witness Saturday was Mark Sandy, a White House budget officer, as Democrats scrutinize the administration's decision to withhold military aid from Ukraine while Trump pushed the coun-

try's new president for the political investigations.

Sandy was the first official from the Office of Management and Budget to defy Trump's instructions not to testify. Like others, he received a subpoena to appear.

Questions over that trade-off — military aid and a coveted White House visit for Ukraine's president in exchange for the investigations — are central to the impeachment inquiry. Trump says he did nothing wrong.

"When people come in, we learn more," said Rep. Eric Swawell, D-Calif., a member of the House Intelligence Committee, as he arrived for Saturday's session.

Rep. Mark Meadows, a top Trump ally, said he did not expect to hear much from Sandy, a career budget official.

"All I expect him to say is he doesn't know why the aid was held and wished that he did," said Meadows, R-N.C. "But I may be surprised."

St. Mark's Square reopens in Venice, but water remains high

By COLLEEN BARRY Associated Press

VENICE, Italy (AP) — Tourists and residents were allowed back into St. Mark's Square in Venice on Saturday, a day after it was closed due to exceptionally high tidal waters that swept through most of the lagoon city's already devastated center.

Despite sunny skies, the city remained on edge due to possibly more wind-propelled high tidal waters during the weekend. The city was struck Tuesday by devastating floods, the worst in decades.

Water rose up again in St. Mark's Square on Saturday and the forecast for Sunday was worse. The tide peaked at 1.10 meters (3 feet, 7 inches) above sea level on Saturday at noon, leaving St. Mark's inundated with more than 20 centimeters (8 inches) of water.

Late Tuesday, water levels in Venice reached 1.87 meters (6 feet, 1 inch) above sea level, the highest flooding since 1966. The forecast for Sunday was for the high water mark to reach 1.6 meters (5.2 feet) above sea level.

On Saturday, tourists sloshed through St. Mark's Square and strolled across it on raised walkways. Many snapped photos of themselves standing in shallow water in front of St. Mark's Square to document their presence during this exceptional high-water season. Museums filled up again with tourists and the city's gondolas were back in business. But the city's museums were expected to shut down on Sunday due to the threat of high water.

Luigi Brugnaro, the city's mayor, estimated damages from the flooding would reach at least 1 billion euros (\$1.1 billion). He said a final tally of the damage to homes, businesses, stores and the city's rich cultural heritage would be done once the city dries out, according to Italian media.

"Venice is once again being watched by the world and it needs to show that it can succeed and pick itself back up," the mayor said in an interview with the Gazzettino and Messaggero newspapers.

Brugnaro said Venice was setting up programs to help cover damages sustained by individuals and businesses, noting that families could expect up to 5,000 euros (\$5,500) and businesses up to 20,000 euros (\$22,000) in aid. He said businesses and individuals suffering even more serious losses could possibly qualify for aid covering up to 70% of damages.

Among those recovering from Tuesday's devastating high waters was Sabrina Laggia and her husband. She was blowing dry stone jewelry made by her husband, Alfredo, in their workshop near St. Mark's Square. She was dreading forecasts for more high water on Sunday.

"We have been here 30 years and we have never seen anything like this," she said. "Lots of acqua

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 ~ Vol. 28 - No. 138 ~ 20 of 51

alta, but never this high.” “Acqua alta” is the term Venetians use to describe flooding from wind-driven high tides.

Alfredo said they used to feel safe if the forecast said anything up to 1.4 meters (4.6 feet) – about the level they expected Tuesday night only to be surprised when it surged to 1.87 meters without warning.

He spent until 2 a.m. Tuesday in their store, named “Not Just Wine,” moving his creations to higher positions. But the water reached about 50 centimeters (19.6 inches) in height – well above the usual 10 centimeters to 15 centimeters (4 inches to 6 inches). Finally there was no place else to move objects in the tiny workshop.

The couple lost an air conditioner and a small soldering gun in the store and a washing machine at their home nearby.

Sabrina was rinsing her husband’s creations – which include filigree bags with velvet detailing and Swarovski crystal-encrusted masks – with fresh water and blowing them dry, but she was uncertain if what she was doing will really do the trick against the lagoon’s salt water.

An employee at another shop, Dorina Balku, was cleaning up Murano glass creations. They lost one large glass fish in the flood that is priced at over 3,000 euros (\$3,300) and another large vase. While much of the glass could be cleaned, the jewelry made from the glass beads would have to be taken apart and remade to be salvaged because the fixtures had already corroded from the salty, briny water.

“What can we do? It happened. It is important that people are OK,” she said.

On Thursday, the government declared a state of emergency, approving 20 million euros (\$22.1 million) to help Venice repair the most urgent damage.

Built on a series of tiny islets amid a system of canals, Venice is particularly vulnerable to a combination of rising sea levels due to climate change coupled with the city’s well-documented sinking into the mud. The sea level in Venice is 10 centimeters (4 inches) higher than it was 50 years ago, according to the city’s tide office.

The flooding has left Italians exasperated at the incompleteness of the city’s long-delayed Moses flood defense project. Moses consists of a series of moveable barriers in the lagoon that can be raised when high winds and high tides combine to threaten to send “acqua alta” rushing across the city.

Completion of the multibillion-euro project, under construction since 2003, has been delayed by corruption scandals, cost overruns and opposition from environmentalists worried about its effects on Venice’s delicate lagoon ecosystem.

“They need to finish the Moses tomorrow,” said Sabrina Laggia. “Not next year.”

Cain Burdeau reported from Castelbuono, Sicily.

Trump urges Louisianans to flip governor’s office to GOP

By MELINDA DESLATTÉ Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — In a race that has become a nail-biter, Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards battled Saturday to defy the partisan odds in the ruby red South and win reelection to a seat that President Donald Trump desperately wants returned to Republicans.

Trump has made the runoff election between the Deep South’s only Democratic governor and GOP political donor and businessman Eddie Rispone a test of his own popularity and political prowess heading into the 2020 presidential race. Early Saturday, Trump went on Twitter in a vigorous plug for Rispone.

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 ~ Vol. 28 - No. 138 ~ 21 of 51

“Good morning Louisiana! Polls are open at 7AM. Get out and VOTE for @EddieRisponse to be your next Gov! He will get your taxes and auto insurance (highest in Country!) way down. Loves our Military & Vets. Will protect your 2A,” a reference to the right to bear arms in the Second Amendment.

Trump provided a link to polling locations and then minutes later tweeted: “LOUISIANA, VOTE @ EddieRisponse TODAY! He will be a great governor!”

The president particularly wants to capture Louisiana’s governorship for the GOP after Democrats ousted a Republican incumbent in Kentucky despite Trump’s intervention for the GOP. Trump made three trips to Louisiana to rally against Edwards.

But in targeting Louisiana’s moderate Democratic incumbent, Trump is trying to replace a governor who still maintains positive approval ratings and who has managed to keep the competition far tighter than Republicans want.

Polls in Louisiana close at 8 p.m.

Risponse was not among the top-tier candidates GOP leaders hoped would challenge Edwards. The 70-year-old owner of a Baton Rouge industrial contracting company had never run for office and had little name recognition. He hitched his entire candidacy to Trump, introducing himself in ads that focused on support for the president.

“If Eddie Risponse pulls this off, Trump will be an extraordinarily important factor,” said Pearson Cross, a political science professor and associate dean at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. “Without Donald Trump weighing in heavily in this race, I’m not sure that this race would be this close.”

Both parties spent millions on attack ads and get-out-the-vote work, on top of at least \$36 million spent by candidates. Republicans sought to prove that Edwards’ longshot victory in 2015 was a fluke, against a flawed GOP opponent hobbled by a prostitution scandal. Democrats wanted to show they could win conservative states with the right candidates.

Trump and Risponse tried to nationalize the election in a state the president won by 20 percentage points. But the 53-year-old Edwards, a former state lawmaker from rural Tangipahoa Parish, isn’t exactly a national Democrat.

The West Point graduate and former Army Ranger opposes gun restrictions, signed one of the nation’s strictest abortion bans and talks of working well with Trump. He dismissed the president’s support for Risponse as Washington partisanship.

“They talk about I’m some sort of a radical liberal. The people of Louisiana know better than that. I am squarely in the middle of the political spectrum,” Edwards said. “That hasn’t changed, and that’s the way we’ve been governing.”

The Democrat highlighted his bipartisan work with the majority-GOP state Legislature to end years of budget crises, pass the first K-12 statewide teacher raise in a decade and overhaul criminal sentencing laws.

While Edwards focused on state-specific issues, his supporters and the Democratic Party used Trump’s backing of Risponse to bolster efforts to get black voters and anti-Trump voters to the polls.

The president’s repeated visits appeared to drive turnout, for both candidates.

Restaurant manager Rachel Speyrer, 28, a registered Democrat, said Edwards was her choice.

“I think he’s doing a good job and we need to continue moving forward,” she said after voting in Jefferson Parish.

Mike Machado, 43, who works in cybersecurity, said he voted for Risponse.

“I believe in his values,” said Machado, a registered Republican. “I’m not real happy with Edwards.

I'm not happy with how the state is moving under Edwards."

Rispono says he's like Trump, calling himself a "conservative outsider" whose business acumen will help solve Louisiana's problems. He offered few specifics about his agenda. He promised tax cuts, without saying where he'd shrink spending, and he pledged a constitutional convention, without detailing what he wanted to rewrite.

"We want Louisiana to be No. 1 in the South when it comes to jobs and opportunity. We have to do something different," Rispono said. "We can do for Louisiana what President Trump has done for the nation."

Rispono poured more than \$12 million of his own money into the race.

He struck at Edwards for tax hikes used to balance Louisiana's budget, saying they were driving people and companies from the state and stagnating the economy. Rispono disparaged Edwards as a "trial lawyer," suggesting he's anti-business.

Edwards hit Rispono for his support of unpopular former Gov. Bobby Jindal, saying Rispono would return Louisiana to policies that boosted state deficits. Edwards said Rispono's proposal to freeze enrollment in the state's Medicaid expansion program would force hundreds of thousands off health coverage.

AP reporter Kevin McGill contributed to this report from New Orleans.

Follow Melinda Deslatte on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/melindadeslatte>

Bolivia's crisis turns dangerous as 8 killed in clash

By LUIS ANDRES HENAO and JUAN KARITA Associated Press

SACABA, Bolivia (AP) — Bolivia's political crisis turned deadly again when security forces opened fire on supporters of Evo Morales. Officials said Saturday that at least eight people died and dozens were injured in an incident that threatens the interim government's efforts to restore stability following the resignation of the former president in an election dispute.

Most of the dead and injured Friday in Sacaba, near the city of Cochabamba, had been shot, Guadalberto Lara, director of the town's Mexico Hospital, told The Associated Press. He called it the worst violence he's seen in his 30-year career.

The national Ombudsman's Office said Sunday the death toll had risen to eight.

Angry demonstrators and relatives of the victims gathered at the site of the shootings, chanting: "Civil war, now!"

Morales, who was granted asylum in Mexico after his Nov. 10 resignation, said on Twitter that a "massacre" had occurred and he described the interim government led by Jeanine Áñez as a dictatorship.

"Now they are killing our brothers in Sacaba, Cochabamba," he said in another tweet.

At least 13 other people had died during weeks of earlier protests against Morales before his departure, according to the Ombudsman's Office. Several came in clashes between the president's backers and those accusing him of fraudulently trying to win reelection.

The U.N. human rights chief, former Chilean President Michelle Bachelet issued a statement Saturday calling the deaths "an extremely dangerous development."

"I am really concerned that the situation in Bolivia could spin out of control if the authorities do not handle it sensitively and in accordance with international norms," she said in a statement.

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 ~ Vol. 28 - No. 138 ~ 23 of 51

“The country is split and people on both sides of the political divide are extremely angry. In a situation like this, repressive actions by the authorities will simply stoke that anger even further and are likely to jeopardize any possible avenue for dialogue,” she added.

Protesters said police fired when demonstrators, including many coca leaf growers who backed Bolivia’s first indigenous president, tried to cross a military checkpoint. Emeterio Colque Sánchez, a 23-year-old university student, said he saw the dead bodies of several protesters and about two dozen people rushed to hospitals, many covered in blood.

Presidency Minister Jerjes Justiniano told reporters in La Paz that five people had been killed and an estimated 22 were injured.

He accused protesters of using “military weapons.”

Lara, the hospital director, said that 75 people were injured.

Earlier in the day, Áñez said Morales would face possible legal charges for election fraud if he returns home from Mexico City.

Áñez also has said Morales would not be allowed to participate in new presidential elections, which are supposed to be held within three months.

The ousted leader, meanwhile, contended this week he is still president since the country’s legislature has not yet approved his resignation.

Morales stepped down following nationwide protests over suspected vote-rigging in an Oct. 20 election in which he claimed to have won a fourth term in office. An Organization of American States audit of the vote found widespread irregularities. Morales has denied there was fraud.

Families of the victims held a candlelight vigil late Friday in Sacaba. A tearful woman put her hand on a wooden casket surrounded by flowers and asked: “Is this what you call democracy? Killing us like nothing?” Another woman cried and prayed in Quechua over the coffin of Omar Calle, which was draped both in the Bolivian national flag and the multicolor “Wiphala” flag that represents indigenous peoples.

Bolivia’s Ombudsman’s Office called on the interim government to investigate if the security forces had acted within the constitution and international protocols on human rights.

“We express our alarm and concern over the result of an attempt to stop a demonstration by coca leaf growers from entering the city of Cochabamba,” it said, adding that it had counted 13 earlier deaths since the protests began.

The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights condemned what it called “the disproportionate use of police and military force” in the clash.

“Firearms must be excluded from the operations used to control the social protests,” the commission said on Twitter with along with a video that showed the five people lying dead on a blanket on the floor. Soldiers and police in riot gear had been patrolling the area with armored vehicles in the previous days.

“We’re not going to let them make us flee, nor humiliate us. Let me say to Mrs. Áñez that she must denounce this. If not the whole country is going to close in on her,” said Enrique Mamani, 21, a local resident. “They have carried out a state coup, paid off the military, paid off the police. There’s political persecution against our leaders.”

Backers of the interim government deny any coup, saying police and the military withdrew backing from Morales only to avoid shedding civilian blood during the massive protests against him.

Supporters of Morales, who had been Bolivia’s president for almost 14 years and was the last survivor from the “pink tide” of South American leftist leaders, have been staging disruptive protests since his ouster, setting up blockades that forced closure of schools and caused shortages of gasoline in

the capital.

“There’s no gas,” said Efraín Mendoza, a taxi driver from El Alto, who was forced to buy gasoline on the black market at twice the regular price.

“Products are scarce. There’s no meat, no chicken, people are making long lines. It’s all because of the blockades,” he said. “There’s division in Bolivia. It’s exasperating.”

Áñez, who had been the highest-ranking opposition official in the Senate, proclaimed herself president when Morales resigned, saying every person in the line of succession ahead of her — all of them Morales backers — had resigned.

The Constitutional Court issued a statement backing her claim that she didn’t need to be confirmed by Congress, a body controlled by Morales’ Movement Toward Socialism party.

Much of the opposition to Morales sprang from his refusal to accept a referendum that would have forbidden him from seeking a new term.

Associated Press Writers Carlos Valdez and Paola Flores in La Paz contributed to this report.

Alleged gunman, 4 others charged in football game shooting

By BRUCE SHIPKOWSKI undefined

Authorities have charged five men, including the alleged gunman, in connection with a shooting at a New Jersey high school football game that they said Saturday was the result of “petty vengeance.” Three people were wounded, including two seriously.

The shooting at a packed Friday night playoff game between the Camden Panthers and the Pleasantville Greyhounds, sent fans and players frantically running for safety.

A 10-year-old boy was wounded and remained in critical condition Saturday, while a 27-year-old man was in stable condition and will be undergoing surgery. A 15-year-old boy was also treated for a graze wound. The victims’ names have not been released.

“Unlike some of the shootings that have occurred on school premises throughout the country, this incident had nothing to do with the students of Pleasantville High School or Camden High School,” Atlantic County Prosecutor Damon Tyner said in a news release. “The venue simply presented an opportunity for criminals to pursue their own form of petty vengeance against one another. As a result, an innocent child was caught and injured in their crossfire. Our community will not be held hostage by a few idiots intent on jeopardizing our safety and the safety of our children.”

He did not say any more about the motive for the shooting.

Tyner said Alvin Wyatt, 31, of Atlantic City, has been charged with three counts of attempted murder and two weapons counts. Three other men face weapons charges, and a fourth faces weapons and eluding charges. It wasn’t known Saturday if any of the five have retained attorneys.

The stands in Pleasantville, near Atlantic City, were packed Friday night to watch the Greyhounds, which won its first division title in 43 years this season.

When the shooting began, panicked spectators and some of the players knocked down a fence in their haste to escape the confines of the field. Some children were separated from their parents, and other parents held babies and young children tight to keep them from being run over by those fleeing, according to Jonathan Diego, who was at the game.

“It was mayhem, literally people coming in waves running away,” said Diego, who helped coach a Pleasantville youth football team involved in a game in which three people were shot and wounded in 2005. All survived. That same team was practicing in 2015 when a spectator was shot but survived.

Diego said his friend, a retired paramedic, gave first aid to the young boy who was shot.

“He applied pressure to the little boy’s wounds on his neck, trying to slow down the bleeding until the ambulance could come up,” Diego said.

Videos obtained by The Associated Press show people hitting the ground, running from the bleachers and jumping over chain-link fences as gunfire sounds. At least six gunshots are audible in a video from Jersey Sports Zone, which also shows players stop mid-play, look at the stands and then turn and run.

Democratic Gov. Phil Murphy lamented the violence.

“High school playoff football should be a cause for community celebration, not the backdrop for panic and terror,” Murphy said Saturday. “Last night was a stark reminder that no community is immune from gun violence, and that we must not ever give up in our efforts to prevent such senseless acts.”

Czechs use anniversary of Velvet Revolution to pressure PM

By KAREL JANICEK Associated Press

PRAGUE (AP) — More than 200,000 Czechs have gathered on the 30th anniversary of the Velvet Revolution that brought an end to decades of communist rule in the country to give Prime Minister Andrej Babis an ultimatum — sell your business or quit your job.

Protesters from across the Czech Republic attended Saturday’s demonstration, the second massive protest opposing Babis at Letna park, the scene of massive gatherings in 1989 that greatly contributed to the fall of communism.

Police estimated more than 200,000 people attended the demonstration.

The demonstrators see the populist billionaire and his ally, pro-Russian President Milos Zeman as a threat to democracy. They have given Babis a deadline of Dec. 31 to get rid of his business and media empire or resign.

“We won’t give up until you’re gone,” said Mikulas Minar, a student who put his studies on hold to lead a group called Million Moments for Democracy that organizes the demonstrations against Babis.

Babis was required to transfer ownership of his businesses that includes a conglomerate of some 250 companies and two major newspapers to two trust funds in February 2017.

But his critics, including Transparency International, say he still maintains control and a preliminary European Union report leaked to media concluded the same, saying Babis is in a position to influence the EU subsidies companies receive.

Babis denies wrongdoing and says there’s no reason for him to resign.

Over 250,000 were at the previous rally at the same place in June which was considered the biggest anti-government protest since the end of communism.

“Resign, resign,” the crowd chanted, facing a banner on the big stage that read “We want healthy democracy.”

Babis also faces allegations that he collaborated with Czechoslovakia’s secret police before 1989, and has been criticized for his government’s power-sharing deal he signed July 10 last year that gave the Communist Party a role in governing for the first time since the Velvet Revolution.

The Communists are not part of the minority coalition government of Babis’ centrist ANO movement and the leftist Social Democrats but enabled the government’s creation by supporting it in a confidence vote.

Babis’ movement won the parliamentary election on October 2017 but his first minority government lost a confidence vote in January 2018 and had to resign. Zeman asked him to form a government

again.

"I'm here because I consider Babis and Zeman an evil," said Zbynek Fiedler, who traveled 350 kilometers (220 miles) from the eastern city of Ostrava to Prague with friends over.

"They destroy our society," the 68-year-old pensioner said.

The organizers are set to announce a new wave of protests on Jan. 7 if Babis doesn't meet their demands.

Chinese troops join Hong Kong cleanup as protesters retreat

By KEN MORITSUGU and PATRICK QUINN Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — Chinese troops came out of the barracks in Hong Kong on Saturday — not to quell protests but to help clean up.

It was a rare public appearance by the People's Liberation Army on the streets of the semiautonomous territory, where the local government's inability to end more than five months of often violent protest has fueled speculation that Beijing could deploy its troops.

Running in formation with brooms instead of rifles, they chanted in military cadence before joining street cleaners removing debris near Hong Kong Baptist University, where police fired tear gas at protesters earlier this week.

Most anti-government protesters left Hong Kong's universities after occupying them for about a week. Police were facing off late Saturday night with a group that remained in and around Hong Kong Polytechnic University in an apparent attempt to flush them out.

For a city now accustomed to fierce weekend clashes between police and protesters, Hong Kong had a relatively quiet Saturday. Small contingents of protesters harassed some of those cleaning up, and those at Polytechnic kept a major cross-harbor tunnel closed. About 1,000 people turned out for an annual Gay Pride event in the center of the city.

Dozens of Chinese troops, dressed in black shorts and olive drab T-shirts, came out from a nearby barracks to pick up paving stones, rocks and other obstacles that had cluttered the street and prevented traffic from flowing. Hong Kong riot police kept watch from nearby streets.

China, which maintains a garrison of about 10,000 soldiers in Hong Kong, publicly noted several times earlier during the protests that it could deploy them, though technically it would have to be requested by Hong Kong's government.

Doing so, however, would incur international criticism and revive memories of the army's bloody crackdown on pro-democracy protesters at Tiananmen Square in 1989.

The Hong Kong government said that it had not requested the military's assistance in the clean-up, describing it as a voluntary community activity.

Police advanced toward the protesters at Polytechnic with tear gas around 10:30 p.m. After a hiatus, police and protesters traded volleys of tear gas and gasoline bombs as the clash extended past midnight.

Earlier, there were scattered incidents of protesters arguing with people clearing roadways, and in one instance, throwing a gasoline bomb near City University of Hong Kong.

Protesters also massed near Hong Kong University in the evening to try to block a main road again, but they were stopped by police firing pepper-spray balls.

Traffic disruptions continued to plague parts of Hong Kong, and schools and universities remained closed in the city of 7.5 million people.

Now in their sixth month, the anti-government protests have grown increasingly violent even as

they have shrunk in size, often causing chaos in the streets.

The protests were sparked by a government decision to submit legislation that would have allowed the extradition of criminal suspects to the mainland. Activists saw it as an erosion of Hong Kong's autonomy under the "one country, two systems" formula implemented in 1997, when Britain returned the territory to China.

The bill has been withdrawn, but the protests have expanded into a wider resistance movement against what is perceived as the growing control of Hong Kong by Communist China, along with calls for more autonomy for the territory.

Universities have become the focus of the protests in the past week and the main battleground between pro-democracy activists and the police.

Police retook control of suburban Chinese University of Hong Kong after students and protesters left.

Authorities said that all lanes of Tolo Highway, which the Chinese University protesters had blocked, were reopened around midday.

Police and protesters fought intense running battles at the Chinese University campus Tuesday, which had been transformed into a fortress by hundreds of protesters.

Except for the Polytechnic University in Kowloon, most of the remaining nine major universities in the city were for the most part no longer occupied, except by a handful of protesters.

The campus is adjacent to a major road tunnel under the water to Hong Kong island that has been closed for days after protesters set toll booths on fire.

Service remained partially suspended on at least three of Hong Kong's 12 rail lines because of damage to stations and other facilities, and many of the city's buses were not running.

The presidents of nine universities issued a joint statement late Friday calling on the government to resolve the political deadlock and restore safety and public order.

"No political viewpoint gives a license to damage property, employ physical threats, or use violence against individuals," the statement read in part. "It is regrettable that societal disagreement has led to university campuses becoming major political battlefields, and that the government response has so far not been effective."

Many universities have canceled classes for the rest of the year and hundreds of foreign students, and from mainland China, had left or were leaving Hong Kong. Some protesters targeted mainland students, while foreign students were asked to leave by their universities or governments.

Hong Kong media reported Saturday that at least 300 Dutch exchange students were asked by their home universities to return home because of the violence.

Associated Press news assistant Nadia Lam contributed to this story.

Scuffles mar anniversary of birth of yellow vest movement

By CLAIRE PARKER Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Scuffles between Paris police and activists on Saturday marred the anniversary of the birth of the yellow vest movement against government policies seen as favoring the rich.

On a day of largely peaceful demonstrations across France, there were a few violent incidents in the capital that ended up with police firing off tear gas and water cannon.

Paris police chief Didier Lallement denounced "people who came not to defend a cause but to de-struct things" and deplored "attacks against security forces but also against firefighters."

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 ~ Vol. 28 - No. 138 ~ 28 of 51

Police used tear gas as protesters tried to smash windows and enter into a shopping mall. Some were seen throwing stones at officers and setting fire to several vehicles, street trash cans and other urban equipment on Place d'Italie, in the southeast of the capital.

Earlier, the windows of a bank and several bus shelters in the area had been broken, leading to several police charges.

Police have managed to dislodge protesters trying to block the bypass around Paris in the morning and were progressively evacuating Place d'Italie during the afternoon.

Lallement noted that most protesters marched in a "quite serene" atmosphere in another demonstration from northwestern Paris to Bastille plaza, in the east of the capital.

Police had detained 105 people by late afternoon and 71 people have been fined for protesting in a forbidden area. All demonstrations were banned in a large perimeter including the Champs-Elysees, the presidential palace and both houses of parliament.

Protests were taking place around the country at traffic circles where the grassroots movement first took root in November 2018 in protest at plans to raise fuel taxes. For weeks, the protesters brought large parts of the country to a standstill.

No major incident was reported outside Paris on Saturday afternoon.

The outpouring of anger at perceived social and economic injustice eventually prompted President Emmanuel Macron to reverse some of his tax plans and to offer 10 billion euros (\$11 billion) in measures to address protesters' concerns.

Some protesters in Paris wore the high-visibility vests drivers are required to carry in their cars that gave the movement its name. Other demonstrators wore all black, their faces protected with gas masks.

Waving French flags, blowing whistles, and beating drums, some demonstrators marched in northwestern Paris streets, singing their trademark song: "We are here, we are here. Even if Macron doesn't want it, we are here."

Dozens of police in riot gear guarded the Arc de Triomphe overlooking the Champs-Elysees, which was the scene of weekly rioting and police crackdowns at the height of last year's protests.

Corentin Pihel, 28, said he traveled to Paris from Montpellier to mark the movement's anniversary. He joined the yellow vest movement two weeks after it began, identifying with its mission as a struggling student at the time.

"In the beginning, I found that the movement made a lot of sense, to mobilize from the bottom for better buying power," Pihel said. "But after, it enlarged its communication to become much greater — it's just people who want to live. And I felt a real solidarity."

Cathy Nauleau, 44, came to Paris from eastern France to participate as "we're still exactly in the same place but we won't give up."

The French government has also pledged to cut taxes for households next year by 9 billion euros (\$9.8 billion), a spending boost that has its roots in the yellow vest movement.

Rosa Drissi, who joined the movement on its first day, said she struggles to make ends meet with just 800 euros per month. She said she's protesting "for my retirement, and for my buying power."

Drissi said the movement has evolved since the start.

"We were novices at the beginning. We didn't know politics; we didn't know how to be in the streets. We didn't know how to protest," she said. "We made errors, we made mistakes. That's normal."

Now, they've honed their protest tactics, she said. "We want to be heard. We want money — but just what we need."

Natasha Weens said she joined the movement in January to push for "a democratic regime."

“We don’t want any more a representative democracy, but rather participative democracy,” she said.

Some protesters in other countries subsequently adopted the yellow vests as a symbol of anti-government anger.

Associated Press writers Angela Charlton and Sylvie Corbet contributed to this report.

Ousted ambassador, amid cheers and a tweet, has her say

By LAURIE KELLMAN Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The box of white tissues stood by, two seats to Maria Yovanovitch’s right, as she told the world about being “shocked, appalled, devastated” that the president had badmouthed her after firing her as ambassador to Ukraine. But Yovanovitch stayed a picture of soft-spoken reserve, even as her former boss disparaged her again, in real time, during her solo testimony in the House’s impeachment proceedings.

“It’s very intimidating,” she said of President Donald Trump’s tweet, which was displayed on screens in the hearing room.

Whatever the president’s intent, the moment seemed consistent with Yovanovitch’s account that she was “kneecapped” by a smear campaign, then ousted, as Trump and his allies pushed Ukraine to investigate Joe Biden and his son.

It was also hard not to notice that Trump, who has an extensive history of putting down women who challenge him, had abstained from attacking a pair of tweedy male diplomats who had told a similar story Wednesday. But when Yovanovitch, who usually goes by Masha, sat at the same witness table and relayed her experience, Trump fired off a tweet that weaponized her three-decade record of diplomatic postings.

“Everywhere Marie Yovanovitch went turned bad,” Trump wrote in part, referencing Somalia, the first of her 13 assignments.

Yovanovitch, 60, shrugged and smiled. “Well,” she said. “I don’t think I have such powers, not in Mogadishu and some other places.”

By the end of the day, the dark-suited career diplomat and daughter of immigrants who fled the former Soviet Union and Nazi Germany had her own Twitter hashtag and her version of a mic drop moment.

It was far from the first time Yovanovitch felt threatened by Trump and his associates, according to her testimony. But Democrats conducting impeachment proceedings against the nation’s 45th president said his tweets amounted to evidence of witness intimidation, potentially for a separate article of impeachment. Republicans, too, were stunned by Trump’s tweet and declined to defend it, if they were willing to talk about it at all.

“The president’s going to defend himself,” said Rep. Lee Zeldin, R-N.Y.

The House’s No. 3 Republican said Trump had been “wrong.”

Yovanovitch “clearly is somebody who’s been a public servant to the United States for decades and I don’t think the president should have done that,” said Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyo.

For her part, Yovanovitch offered chilling detail about the lead-up to her firing, in which she said she felt pressured to put out public shows of support for Trump and got none in return. She said she was told during a 1 a.m. phone call from a State Department official to return to the United States “on the next plane” because of concerns from “up the street,” which she believed to mean the White House.

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 ~ Vol. 28 - No. 138 ~ 30 of 51

She said Deputy Secretary of State John Sullivan told her the president had lost confidence in her. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, Sullivan said, “was no longer able to protect” her from attacks led by Trump’s personal attorney, Rudy Giuliani.

But months after her firing, Yovanovitch said she felt alarmed again as she read a transcript of Trump’s July 25th phone call. On it, he asked Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy for the “favor” of the investigations. Trump also made clear that Yovanovitch, though gone, was very much on his mind.

“The woman,” Trump said, according to a rough transcript released by the White House, “she’s going to go through some things.”

“It was a terrible moment,” Yovanovitch recalled Friday. Someone who watched her read the White House’s rough transcript told her “that the color drained from my face. I think I even had a physical reaction.”

It sounded, she said, “like a threat.”

In private testimony, she had grown emotional retelling the story and at one point agreed to take a break.

That didn’t happen Friday, so there was no need for tissues. But Yovanovitch made clear she was still unnerved by the ordeal. It’s hard to believe, she said, “the president would talk to any ambassador like that to a foreign head of state, and it was me.”

Watching from the rows reserved for the public were some women from Long Island who had taken the train to Washington to see the proceedings firsthand. When Yovanovitch was done, Schiff delivered a stemwinder of a closing statement, telling her, “You were viewed as an obstacle that had to go.”

He gaveled the proceedings, which had stretched over six hours, to a close. Republicans shouted for his attention but Schiff walked out.

Members of the public jumped to their feet and applauded Yovanovitch as she, her lawyers and others in her retinue stood. Yovanovitch heard the hoots and looked over her shoulder. Then she smiled and headed out a side door, her turn in the public eye complete.

“It touched my soul, the way Schiff just ended it,” said Ann Orton, of Northport, New York, a retired teacher who took the train to the hearings with two friends. “I wanted to cheer.”

Her friend, Cathy Benjamin of Bay Shore, said it was Yovanovitch who had moved her.

“Having to testify in front of the world to Congress,” she said. “What courage.”

By the end of the day, someone had removed the box of tissues from the witness table.

Follow Kellman on Twitter at <http://www.twitter.com/APLaurieKellman>

This story has been corrected to change “such power” to “such powers” in Yovanovitch quote in 6th paragraph that begins, “Yovanovitch, 60, ...”

Analysis: Deval Patrick revives debate over ‘electability’

By ERRIN Haines AP National Writer

Former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick’s late entry into the presidential race offers Democrats a fresh — and perhaps last — chance to reassess who they think is the strongest candidate to take on President Donald Trump.

It adds to the now months-long debate within the Democratic Party over “electability” less than

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 ~ Vol. 28 - No. 138 ~ 31 of 51

three months before the first votes are cast. For a party that prides itself on diversity, the answers so far have been consistent and, to some, frustrating — a top tier dominated by white candidates, only one of whom is a woman.

But Patrick's campaign is a reminder of the divergent paths to victory for presidential hopefuls. White candidates must prove they can win over black voters. Blacks and other minority contenders, however, must show they can build white support.

That type of multiracial coalition has eluded virtually everyone in the race except Joe Biden, who — for now — has deep support among black voters in addition to working-class whites. Those who assess that backing as soft, however, see an opening for a moderate candidate like Patrick, a black governor who made history winning in a majority-white state.

That, some strategists say, differentiates Patrick from Sens. Kamala Harris of California and Cory Booker of New Jersey, the two other major black candidates whose past electoral success has come in more diverse states and who are lagging in the presidential polls.

"Kamala Harris and Cory Booker are well-funded, high-profile black candidates, but have not been able to rise during a cycle where appeals to black voters are central to who will be the eventual winner of the primary," said Democratic strategist Joel Payne. He said the election will confront what stigma still exists with white voters toward black candidates in the post-Barack Obama era.

"We can make the assumption that Patrick will be the next black candidate to face this test, but his appeal is altogether different than Booker and Harris," Payne said. "The Patrick candidacy is an appeal to moderation and to the center-left more than a direct appeal to black voters."

In 2008, then-Sen. Obama was the lone black candidate in the Democratic primary field and didn't begin to gain momentum until the final weeks before the Iowa caucuses, trailing Hillary Clinton and John Edwards for much of the contest. But Obama's showing— winning an overwhelmingly white electorate — gave him momentum to convince black voters in South Carolina and across the Black Belt that he was viable.

Obama's diverse coalition was a new blueprint in Democratic electoral mapmaking, earning him the party's nomination and his history-making general election victory. Observers say it's an electorate Democrats will have to replicate to win in 2020.

The trio of African Americans have taken different approaches in how they contend with the racial aspects of their candidacies.

Harris announced her candidacy on Martin Luther King Jr. Day and has unique status as an alumna of historically black Howard University, member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and the lone black woman in the 2020 fray.

New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker announced during Black History Month. The former mayor of Newark touts his residency in an impoverished black neighborhood in the city but has also sought to cast himself as a bridge builder — pointing out his ties to a civil rights legacy that changed his family's trajectory with intervention from progressive whites that helped him integrate his childhood neighborhood.

In a brief interview Friday, he encouraged voters to "pull the lens back on diversity."

"We have women in this race, we have an openly gay person in this race, we have (a) biracial person in this race, African-Americans in this race," he said. "It is an incredible moment in American history that our field is so diverse and that voters have such qualified folks to choose from."

Patrick himself has made relatively few references to race since launching his campaign. But as he registered this week to appear on the ballot in the New Hampshire primary, he spoke of the "skepticism" he has experienced as a black man.

“He has demonstrated an ability to win over white voters in an overwhelmingly white state,” said Democratic strategist Doug Thornell. “The question is whether he has enough time, whether he can raise the money, and whether he can carve out a compelling narrative and identity that allows him to break through. That’s a lot to accomplish in two months, but it’s not crazy.”

His path would be a challenging one. Though Patrick is not a national name, he is fairly well-known in neighboring New Hampshire, where voters saw television ads for his gubernatorial campaigns.

A strong finish in the Granite State could provide momentum heading into South Carolina, disrupting the field and leaving no clear frontrunner heading into Super Tuesday, said Thornell.

“If you look at the African American candidates running, he might be the best positioned to pull that off,” Thornell said.

Patrick’s late entry is reminiscent of Gen. Wesley Clark’s 11th-hour bid in 2003. Clark was able to briefly break through after some among the electorate worried about then-Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry’s path to the nomination, or that former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean was too liberal.

As a prominent African American who can appeal to black and white voters, Patrick could appeal to soft Biden voters looking for an alternative to Booker or Harris, or who don’t like Sen. Elizabeth Warren or Sen. Bernie Sanders’ progressive agenda, said Democratic strategist Adrienne Elrod.

“He can create that ‘I’m more left than Biden, but not crazy like Warren/Sanders’ message,” Elrod said. “He could appeal to some of those voters who are on the fence and not satisfied with others in the field. He can say, ‘I can be your candidate.’”

EDITOR’S NOTE — Errin Haines has covered race and politics for the AP since 2015.

AP FACT CHECK: Impeachment hearings and that Trump tweet

By HOPE YEN and CALVIN WOODWARD Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump said he was just exercising his right to free speech. Democrats said he was intimidating a witness.

Whichever is the case, Trump’s Twitter assault on an ex-ambassador’s record came with a heavy dose of distortion.

He portrayed her, in a few choice words, as a wrecking ball in every country where she served U.S. interests in a long diplomatic career that has spanned danger zones and emerging democracies.

The tweet jolted impeachment hearings where Marie Yovanovitch was already testifying to the personal threat she has been feeling from the president.

Over two days, the hearings by the House Intelligence Committee featured a variety of statements at odds with the known facts.

Each day, the committee’s top Republican wrapped into his opening statement the provocative claim that Democrats went on a hunt for naked pictures of the president in a flailing attempt to come up with dirt on him. The lawmaker didn’t tell the story straight.

A look at some of the claims from the first round of public hearings and the larger political arena from the week:

YOVANOVITCH

TRUMP: “Everywhere Marie Yovanovitch went turned bad. She started off in Somalia, how did that go?” — tweet Friday.

THE FACTS: The notion that countries “turned bad” when Yovanovitch went to them has no credence.

Yovanovitch served as a low-level diplomat in Somalia in her first foreign tour after joining the for-

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 ~ Vol. 28 - No. 138 ~ 33 of 51

ign service in her 20s. She had nothing to do with the 1984 famine that preceded her arrival in Somalia and contributed to that country's unraveling, nor anything to do with the government's collapse and the onset of anarchy after she left.

"I don't think I have such powers," she said pointedly when asked about Trump's tweet during Friday's hearing.

Of the seven countries where Yovanovitch served, five were designated hardship posts. In that sense, they were "bad" before she got there.

Mogadishu, Somalia, was her first tour after she joined the foreign service in 1986. She was a general-services officer with little clout, before she moved to other countries in increasingly senior positions.

The Somali civil war began in earnest in 1988, leading to a collapse in law and order by 1990, the overthrow of the government in 1991 and eventually to the ill-starred, U.S.-led U.N. peacekeeping intervention in 1992.

By then, she had moved on. After several years in Somalia, she went to Uzbekistan to help open the post-Soviet-era U.S. Embassy in Tashkent.

After a series of promotions from both Republican and Democratic administrations, Yovanovitch worked from 2001 to 2004 as the U.S. deputy chief of mission in Ukraine before being named ambassador to Kyrgyzstan, then to Armenia. She returned to Ukraine after President Barack Obama nominated her to be U.S. ambassador in 2016.

TRUMP: "Then fast forward to Ukraine, where the new Ukrainian President spoke unfavorably about her in my second phone call with him. It is a U.S. President's absolute right to appoint ambassadors." — tweet Friday.

THE FACTS: His description of appointment powers is problematic — ambassadors must be confirmed by the Senate. But he's correct that Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskiy criticized Yovanovitch in his July 25 phone call with Trump.

He did so after Trump called Yovanovitch "bad news."

"It was great that you were the first one who told me that she was a bad ambassador because I agree with you 100%," said the eager-to-please Zelenskiy, according to the rough White House transcript.

Trump followed up by saying, "Well, she's going to go through some things."

Yovanovitch testified that she took those remarks, made two months after she had left the post, as a threat against her by the president.

On Trump's other point, presidents do not have the "absolute right" to put ambassadors on the job. The Senate must approve them. But presidents can fire them at will.

IMPEACHMENT

REP. DEVIN NUNES, the top Republican on the House Intelligence Committee: "When you find yourself on the phone like the Democrats did with Russian pranksters offering you nude pictures of Trump and after you ordered your staff to follow up and get the photos, as the Democrats also did, then it might be time to ask yourself if you've gone out too far on a limb." — from opening statement Friday.

NUNES on Democrats: "In the blink of an eye, we're asked to simply ... forget about them trying to obtain nude pictures of Trump from Russian pranksters who pretended to be Ukrainian officials." — from opening statement Wednesday.

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 ~ Vol. 28 - No. 138 ~ 34 of 51

THE FACTS: His assertion that Democrats were hunting down nude photos of Trump is misleading. Nunes' oft-made claim refers to a 2017 phone call that Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., took from Russian pranksters who claimed to be a member of Ukraine's parliament. The pranksters said they had "compromising materials" on Trump, including "pictures of naked Trump" from his 2013 visit to Moscow, along with information and recordings on questionable conversations.

While Schiff told the pranksters the information was helpful, his questions focused on the audio recordings and the nature of the meetings, not the prospect of nude photos. Schiff made clear he would be referring the matter to the FBI to investigate.

"I'll be in touch with the FBI about this," said Schiff, now chairman of the House Intelligence Committee. "We would welcome a chance to get copies of those recordings, so we will try to work with the FBI to figure out, along with your staff, how we can obtain copies."

His office later told The Atlantic magazine it had alerted U.S. law enforcement both before and after the call and had conveyed the view the offer was probably bogus.

WHITE HOUSE: "Don't rely on second, third, and fourth-hand accounts. Read the transcript for yourself." — tweet Wednesday.

NUNES: "They saw us sit through hours of hearsay testimony about conversations that two diplomats, who'd never spoken to the President, heard second-hand, third-hand, and fourth-hand from other people—in other words, rumors. The problem of trying to overthrow a president based on this type of evidence is obvious." — hearing Friday.

STEPHANIE GRISHAM, White House press secretary: "Dems star witnesses can't provide any first hand knowledge." — tweet Wednesday.

THE FACTS: The White House and GOP allies are incorrect in suggesting the impeachment inquiry is based purely on secondhand and thirdhand information. Many allegations have been corroborated by witnesses with firsthand knowledge, some of whom are scheduled to testify in the coming week.

It is true that William Taylor, the highest-ranking U.S. official in Ukraine, who testified Wednesday, was not on the call at the center of the whistleblower complaint and that his account relies in great part on what he learned from other witnesses. Even the most sensational aspect of his testimony — that Trump spoke with Gordon Sondland, U.S. ambassador to the European Union, about investigations into Democrat Joe Biden and Biden's son Hunter one day after Trump's call with Zelenskiy — was based on what Taylor learned from staff.

But key elements of Taylor's account have been subsequently confirmed by Sondland, including in an addendum Sondland filed after his closed-door congressional testimony. In addition, text messages of Taylor's discussions with Sondland and Kurt Volker, another U.S. envoy, lay out the contours of a quid pro quo.

Yovanovitch, who testified Friday, was ousted from her position before Trump's July 25 call with Ukraine's leader. But Trump had brought her up during that call in which he called her "bad news" and praised a Ukrainian prosecutor unhappy with her efforts to root out corruption in the country.

Both Sondland and Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman, a top Trump national security adviser who listened in on Trump's call, are scheduled to appear before the House committee this coming week.

The White House has tried to prevent those closer to Trump from appearing before the House committee, including acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney and former national security adviser John Bolton.

More broadly, the rough transcript of the July 25 phone call between Trump and Ukraine's leader does not clear Trump. It is largely in sync with the whistleblower's complaint and the words of a succession of career civil servants and Trump political appointees brought before Congress.

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 ~ Vol. 28 - No. 138 ~ 35 of 51

Together they stitched an account that shows Trump pressing for a political favor from a foreign leader and, as key testimony has it, conditioning military aid on getting what he wanted.

WHISTLEBLOWER

SCHIFF, the committee chairman, responding to Nunes' claim that the Democrat knows the identity of the whistleblower and that Schiff's staff has spoken with the whistleblower: "That's a false statement. I do not know the identity of the whistleblower." — hearing Wednesday.

THE FACTS: Nunes is correct about one part of that statement: Schiff's staff has been in touch with the whistleblower.

Schiff may not know the whistleblower's identity himself, but someone on his committee staff very well could.

Schiff wrongly stated in September that his committee had not communicated with the whistleblower before that official's complaint was filed.

Schiff spokesman Patrick Boland said the whistleblower contacted the committee for guidance, speaking to an aide who counseled the official to contact the inspector general and get his own counsel.

NUNES: "The whistleblower was acknowledged to have a bias against President Trump." — hearing Wednesday.

THE FACTS: That may or may not be so. Whatever the whistleblower's political beliefs, though, the whistleblower's complaint was deemed credible by the inspector general who received it.

Moreover, the July 25 phone conversation described by the whistleblower closely tracked the account later released by the White House.

It was during that call that Trump pressed Zelenskiy to investigate Democrats, along with Joe and Hunter Biden, as a "favor."

UKRAINE

NUNES: "The Democrats cooperated in Ukrainian election meddling. ... Officials showed a surprising lack of interest in the indications of Ukrainian election meddling that deeply concerned the president at whose pleasure they serve." — hearing Wednesday.

THE FACTS: The theory that Ukrainians interfered in the U.S. election and that Democrats cooperated in that effort is unsubstantiated. If U.S. officials showed a lack of interest in pursuing the matter, it's because they considered it "fiction," as one put it.

Trump himself was told by his officials that the theory was "completely debunked" long before the president pressed Ukraine to investigate it anyway, according to Tom Bossert, Trump's first homeland security adviser. In testimony at the closed-door hearings that preceded Wednesday's public session, Fiona Hill, former special assistant to Trump on the National Security Council, said it was bogus.

"It is a fiction that the Ukrainian government was launching an effort to upend our election," Hill testified. "I'm extremely concerned that this is a rabbit hole that we're all going to go down in between now and the 2020 election, and it will be to all of our detriment."

Broadly, the theory contends that a hack of the Democratic National Committee in 2016 was a setup designed to cast blame on Russia but actually cooked up by or with the help of Ukrainians. But the evidence points conclusively to Russia, not Ukraine.

Based on a security firm's findings that Russian agents had broken into the Democrats' network

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 ~ Vol. 28 - No. 138 ~ 36 of 51

and stolen emails, as well as other evidence, special counsel Robert Mueller indicted 12 members of Russia's military intelligence agency. He also concluded that their operation sought to help Trump's candidacy, not Democrat Hillary Clinton's, as the conspiracy theorists and Trump have it.

REP. JIM JORDAN, R-Ohio, on why the hold on military aid to Ukraine doesn't amount to a quid pro quo: "Zelenskiy had to commit to an investigation of the Bidens before the aid got released. And the aid got released, and he didn't commit to an investigation." — hearing Wednesday.

THE FACTS: It's true that the aid was released without Trump's demand for a Ukrainian probe of the Bidens being met. But Jordan and other Republicans who made this point ignored a key detail about the failure of the this-for-that deal to be consummated: The administration got caught holding up the aid to Ukraine.

According to the hearing, the aid that Congress had approved months earlier and Trump had frozen was finally freed Sept. 11.

That was days after congressional committees had begun looking into the matter, aware that the assistance had been sidelined and that a whistleblower had a complaint in motion.

The fact that this episode was coming to light also got Zelenskiy off the hook from having to decide between announcing the investigation Trump wanted or defying the U.S. president.

According to testimony to the committee, Zelenskiy was planning to go on CNN to announce the probe — satisfying Trump's wish to have him commit to one publicly — when the disclosure of the pressure campaign by Trump and his underlings relieved him of that need.

NUNES: "The president approved the supply of weapons to Ukraine, unlike the previous administration, which provided blankets as defense against invading Russians." — hearing Wednesday.

THE FACTS: He's exaggerating the disparity in aid given to Ukraine by the Obama and Trump administrations.

While the Obama administration refused to provide Ukraine with lethal weapons in 2014 to fight Russian-backed separatists, it offered a range of other military and security aid — not just "blankets."

By March 2015, the Obama administration had provided more than \$120 million in security aid for Ukraine and promised \$75 million worth of equipment, including counter-mortar radars, night vision devices and medical supplies, according to the Defense Department. The U.S. also pledged 230 Humvee vehicles.

The U.S. aid offer came after Russian President Vladimir Putin in 2014 annexed Crimea and provided support for separatists in eastern cities near Russia's border.

Ultimately between 2014 and 2016, the Obama administration committed more than \$600 million in security aid to Ukraine.

In the last year of the Obama administration, the U.S. established the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative, which provided U.S. military equipment and training to help defend Ukraine against Russian aggression. From 2016 to 2019, Congress appropriated \$850 million for this initiative.

The Trump administration in 2017 agreed to provide lethal aid to Ukraine, later committing to sell \$47 million in Javelin anti-tank missiles.

VETERANS

WHITE HOUSE: "President Trump signed the VA Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act, making it easier to identify problems within the VA and improve the quality of service for veterans." — news release Monday.

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 ~ Vol. 28 - No. 138 ~ 37 of 51

TRUMP: "To think I signed the Whistleblower Protection Act!" — tweet Monday.

VICE PRESIDENT MIKE PENCE: "To end an era of heartbreaking abuse and neglect, President Trump also signed the VA Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act to ensure that our veterans receive the highest quality of care in the VA system. And under our administration, we've fired more than 8,000 employees for negligent behavior." — Veterans Day address at Arlington National Cemetery.

THE FACTS: The new law has failed in its core mission of protecting whistleblowers who reported potential harm to veterans, according to a government watchdog.

A report released last month by the VA inspector general found that the accountability office established under the 2017 law did not consistently conduct sound and unbiased investigations and may not have protected identities of whistleblowers reporting wrongdoing.

It said the office had "significant deficiencies," like poor leadership, shoddy training of investigators and a failure to push out underperforming senior leaders.

Just one senior manager out of the 8,000 employees fired by VA had been removed by an office created to help keep senior-level managers accountable, according to the findings by inspector general Michael Missal.

The VA acknowledged many of the findings and said it was working to make changes.

ECONOMY

TRUMP: "We have delivered on our promises and exceeded our expectations by a very wide margin. ... We have launched an economic boom the likes of which we have never seen before." — remarks Tuesday to the Economic Club of New York.

THE FACTS: He hasn't delivered on all his promises to boost the economy. Growth in the most recent quarter slowed to an annualized 1.9% — far short of the gains of "4%, 5% and even 6%" that Trump said his 2017 tax cuts would make possible.

The longest expansion in U.S. history has been sustained under Trump. That's generally viewed as a positive for a president seeking reelection, though the gains are not at the levels that Trump promised when seeking office in 2016.

In the late 1990s, growth topped 4% for four straight years, a level it has not reached on an annual basis under Trump. Growth reached 7.2% in 1984. The economy grew 2.9% in 2018 — the same pace it reached in 2015 under Obama — and hasn't hit historically high growth rates.

It is true that unemployment is near a five-decade low of 3.6%, defying the forecasts of many government economists who anticipated less hiring due to an aging population. But the proportion of Americans with a job was higher in the 1990s, and wages were rising at a faster pace back then, too.

More Americans are now out of the workforce, taking care of children or relatives, or going to school, while others became discouraged about their job prospects and stopped looking. The government doesn't count people as unemployed unless they are searching for jobs.

Associated Press writers Matthew Lee, Lynn Berry, Eric Tucker, Josh Boak and Kevin Freking in Washington and Andrew Meldrum in Johannesburg, South Africa, contributed to this report.

Find AP Fact Checks at <http://apne.ws/2kx8bd>

Follow @APFactCheck on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/APFactCheck>

Garrett's helmet swing is latest violent incident in sports

By The Associated Press undefined

Violence is part of the game in many sports but Myles Garrett crossed a line that attracts the attention of authorities sometimes from within their sport and in other cases from criminal prosecutors.

The Cleveland Browns' star defensive end ripped the helmet off Steelers quarterback Mason Rudolph and hit him in the head with it in front of a national television audience Thursday night.

The NFL swiftly suspended Garrett for at least the rest of the 2019 season and playoffs, the longest suspension for an on-field infraction in league history.

Garrett is not the only player to face stiff punishment. Here are some others:

JUAN MARICHAL

Aug. 22, 1965: Juan Marichal hit John Roseboro in the head with a bat. After a high and inside pitch by the Dodgers' Sandy Koufax, Roseboro's return throw whizzed close to Marichal's ear. Roseboro, his mask still on, moved toward the Giants' Marichal, who then swung his bat and hit Roseboro on the head. The attack opened a bloody, two-inch gash. Roseboro grabbed Marichal, both benches emptied and a 15-minute scuffle ensued. Marichal was ejected and apologized the next day. Roseboro left the game at Candlestick Park with a blood-soaked towel pressed against his head and returned to the lineup three days later.

Penalty: Marichal was suspended for eight games (he missed two starts) and fined \$1,750 by the National League. Roseboro later sued Marichal for \$110,000 in damages. The case was settled in 1970, with Roseboro reportedly receiving \$7,500.

THE BATTLE OF BOET ERASMUS

July 13, 1974: British & Irish Lions played one of the most violent rugby matches ever. Lions players adopted a "99 call," a policy where all members of the team would gather to retaliate if they felt the opposition were being too physical and trying to injure players. Lions fullback JJ Williams at one point ran halfway down the field to launch himself at Johannes van Heerden. Scuffles all over the field ensued.

Penalty: No Lions player was ejected during the tour and the visitors returned home with a 3-0 win in the test series.

KERMIT WASHINGTON

Dec. 9, 1977: Rockets forward Kermit Washington punched Rudy Tomjanovich in the face during a fight at midcourt in a game between the Los Angeles Lakers and Houston. Tomjanovich ran in to try to play peacemaker. Instead, he took a hard right-hand punch from Washington that knocked him out. Tomjanovich eventually needed multiple operations to repair facial fractures. He also suffered a concussion and other serious injuries. Tomjanovich returned the next season, though was never the same player again.

Penalty: Washington was fined \$10,000 and suspended at least 60 days (26 games). At the time, the suspension was the longest in NBA history.

ERIC CANTONA

Jan. 25, 1996: Manchester United's Eric Cantona already had a checkered record when he was ejected for a retaliatory kick at a Crystal Palace defender who had pulled his shirt. As he walked along the sideline, Cantona suddenly jumped feet-first over the advertising boards to attack Palace fan Matthew Simmons. The pair traded punches before Cantona was hauled away and escorted toward the tunnel by teammate Peter Schmeichel.

Penalty: Cantona was arrested by police and convicted of assault, although he successfully appealed a two-week jail sentence and instead completed 120 hours of community service. United

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 ~ Vol. 28 - No. 138 ~ 39 of 51

suspended Cantona for the rest of the season and the Football Association extended the ban to eight months, a punishment that was made worldwide by FIFA. Cantona also lost the captaincy of the France national team over the incident and never played for his country again. The player later said he was wrong to attack Simmons but acknowledged that it had given him "a great feeling."

MIKE TYSON

June 28, 1997: Mike Tyson bit Evander Holyfield's ear in the third round of their heavyweight re-match. The attack led to his disqualification from the match and suspension from boxing, and was the strangest chapter yet in the champion's roller-coaster career.

Penalty: Tyson was suspended permanently and fined \$3 million. He appealed his suspension and was reinstated one year later.

JEFF VAN GUNDY

April 30, 1998: Knicks coach Jeff Van Gundy, trying to play peacemaker during a brawl, grabbed Heat center Alonzo Mourning by the legs and was tossed around like a rag doll until the fight ended.

Penalty: Larry Johnson and Chris Mills of New York and Mourning were suspended one game. Mourning was fined \$20,000, Johnson was fined \$10,000 and Mills \$2,500.

MARTY MCSORLEY

Feb. 21, 2000: Bruins enforcer Marty McSorley hit Vancouver's Donald Brashear in the head with his stick. McSorley swung his stick using both hands and hit Brashear in the head. Brashear fell backward and hit his head on the ice, was unconscious for a brief time, and had a concussion and memory lapses. He returned to play several weeks later.

Penalty: McSorley was suspended indefinitely by the NHL, missing the final 23 games of the season. On Oct. 4, 2000, a Canadian court found him guilty of assault and placed him on probation with no jail time. After the conviction, the suspension was extended to a full year, and McSorley never played in another NHL game.

ROY KEANE

April 21, 2001: Roy Keane, one of soccer's most colorful characters, was punished for a foul and then punished again. Keane launched a two-footed, knee-high challenge on Alfie Inge Haaland.

Penalty: Initially, Keane was banned for three matches. But the English Football Association charged Keane with bringing the game into disrepute in September 2002 when Keane later admitted to deliberately setting out to injure Haaland. "I'd waited almost 180 minutes for Alfie, three years if you looked at it another way," Keane said in his ghostwritten book. "I'd waited long enough. I hit him hard. The ball was there (I think). Take that." Under a ruling that the vicious tackle was "improperly motivated," in October 2002 Keane was banned for a further five games and fined a record 150,000 pounds (then \$234,000).

TODD BERTUZZI

March 2, 2004: Canucks forward Todd Bertuzzi sucker-punched the Colorado Avalanche's Steve Moore, knocking him to the ice and breaking his neck during a game.

Penalty: Bertuzzi was suspended indefinitely four days after the incident, and missed 20 NHL games during his 17-month suspension, the final 13 regular-season games in the 2003-04 season and the Canucks' first-round playoff loss. He wasn't allowed to play anywhere during the NHL lockout the following season.

RON ARTEST

Nov. 19, 2004: Pacers-Pistons fight spilled into the stands. The most infamous brawl in NBA history started when Indiana's Ron Artest (now Metta World Peace) fouled Detroit's Ben Wallace late in the game. Wallace shoved back, other players got involved and Artest wound up lying on the scorer's

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 ~ Vol. 28 - No. 138 ~ 40 of 51

table. He put on a pair of headphones at one point, while others on the court continued a battle of mostly words for over a minute. Then a fan threw a drink on Artest, prompting him and teammate Stephen Jackson to head into the stands. "Someone started trouble," Artest said years later, "but I ended it."

Penalty: Nine players were suspended for 140 games. Artest got 73 games and Jackson received 30 games.

ZINEDINE ZIDANE

July 9, 2006: Zinedine Zidane, seemingly without provocation, turned toward Italy defender Marco Materazzi and gave him a head-butt to the chest.

Penalty: FIFA banned Zidane for three matches but he had already retired. Zidane instead agreed to spend three days working with children as part of a FIFA humanitarian project. Zidane said he knocked Materazzi to the ground because he had insulted his sister. Materazzi later confirmed Zidane's version of events.

ALBERT HAYNESWORTH

Oct. 1, 2006: Albert Haynesworth of the Tennessee Titans stomped on Dallas Cowboys center Andre Gurode's head, knocking off his helmet, then kicked and stomped his face. Gurode needed 30 stitches to repair the cuts left by the tackle's cleats.

Penalty: Haynesworth was suspended for five games without pay.

NIGEL DE JONG

July 11, 2010: Nigel de Jong kicked Xabi Alonso in the chest in the 2010 World Cup final.

Penalty: English referee Howard Webb handed out only a yellow card to De Jong.

More AP sports: <https://apnews.com/apf-sports> and https://twitter.com/AP_Sports

Sacked: NFL suspends Garrett, Browns' season in jeopardy

By TOM WITHERS AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — Myles Garrett couldn't control the rage that makes him a defensive star.

With a blinding moment of anger, the former No. 1 overall draft pick lost his composure, jeopardized Cleveland's revived season and perhaps tarnished his image — forever.

The sack specialist took himself down. And probably the Browns with him.

Garrett was suspended indefinitely on Friday by the NFL, which acted swiftly and strongly in handing down its punishment hours after the edge rusher pulled off Pittsburgh quarterback Mason Rudolph's helmet and used it "as a weapon" in a frightening moment that sent a shock wave through the league.

The soft-spoken Garrett, whose outside interests include poetry and paleontology, won't play again this season — or in the playoffs — and it's not clear when he'll be allowed to return.

It's a stunning setback for Garrett and the Browns (4-6), a talented squad which had finally gained some positive momentum during a strange season now experiencing the most bizarre twist yet.

They've won two straight and with a favorable upcoming schedule — Miami and Cincinnati twice — the playoff talk that had been muted by a four-game losing streak had been renewed.

Garrett changed that. Not the impact he wanted to make.

"It's tough. He was playing like a possible Defensive Player of the Year candidate and that is what I think everyone knows him as," Browns guard Joel Bitonio said. "He's a guy that gets after the quarterback, plays the run well. He is a great player. It is tough. Anytime you lose a guy to injury, to suspen-

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 ~ Vol. 28 - No. 138 ~ 41 of 51

sion or to anything of that nature, it is something that you have to try and fill that spot.

“It’s tough when you lose your best defender.”

Garrett’s implosion came on the night the Browns played their best defensive game, holding the Steelers to seven points and 236 yards. The Browns have been waiting for the pieces to fall into place, and just when it looked like they were, a monstrous distraction.

The Browns, who are trying to end the league’s longest playoff drought, will also be without defensive tackle Larry Ogunjobi next week. He was suspended one game for shoving Rudolph. Also, safety Morgan Burnett suffered an apparent serious Achilles injury and Olivier Vernon, who plays on the opposite side from Garrett, remains out with a sprained knee.

“It’s hard, but I think we have the men in the room to accept the challenge,” coach Freddie Kitchens said. “There will not be any excuses. We will have 11 out on the field, and those 11 will be expected to do their job.”

Garrett will lose \$1.14 million in salary and he was fined an undisclosed amount, adding to the \$50,000 bill he rang up earlier this season with several personal fouls. He’ll also be required to meet with Commissioner Roger Goodell before his reinstatement is considered.

Garrett’s violent outburst resulted in him receiving the longest suspension for a single on-field infraction in league history. Tennessee’s Albert Haynesworth was suspended five games in 2006 for yanking off Dallas center Andre Gurode’s helmet and kicking him in the face.

Now, Garrett finds himself in notorious company, lumped in with other athletes who have come unglued.

“I made a terrible mistake,” Garrett said in a statement. “I lost my cool and what I did was selfish and unacceptable.”

Garrett apologized to Rudolph, his teammates and fans, adding “I know I have to be accountable for what happened, learn from my mistake and I fully intend to do so.”

It was all so avoidable. The Browns were seconds away from beating the rival Steelers for just the seventh time in 41 games since 1999 when things got out of control.

With no chance at rallying to win, Pittsburgh, which lost two wide receivers to concussions from helmet hits by Browns defensive backs, was still trying to move the ball when Rudolph completed a short pass and was dragged down by Garrett. The two players wrestled on the ground and Rudolph unsuccessfully tried to pry Garrett’s helmet off.

Garrett got his hands on Rudolph’s black-with-gold striped helmet and as the two tussled near the end zone, the 6-foot-4, 270-pounder swung the 6-pound helmet at Pittsburgh’s second-year quarterback, who suffered a concussion earlier this year. The bottom part of the helmet connected with Rudolph’s head, a glancing blow that could have been so much worse.

Thankfully, Rudolph avoided serious injury.

The damage to Garrett might be harder to see.

Kitchens met with Garrett, who showed remorse while apologizing to teammates. Kitchens likened Garrett’s behavior to a family member who needs love.

Kitchens said his message to Garrett was not to let his actions define him as a person or player.

“Myles is to understand that the ball is in his court on how he responds to this,” Kitchens said. “It’s up to him on showing people and showing the National Football League that that is not who he is. ... He just lost his cool. He lost his composure. A terrible mistake, and sometimes things like that carry on with someone. If the person puts enough time into it, he can make amends.

“This will never be like it never happened. But people understand that that is an outlier of Myles Garrett and not the norm.”

More AP NFL: <https://apnews.com/NFL> and https://twitter.com/AP_NFL

Email shows Trump's property not among original G-7 sites

WASHINGTON (AP) — A newly released email shows President Donald Trump's private golf resort near Miami was not among the original sites to be considered to host a major international summit next year.

Trump had claimed in August that his Trump National Doral had emerged as a top contender for the Group of Seven summit after Secret Service and other officials visited various locations. But an internal Secret Service email obtained and released Friday by the government watchdog group Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington shows otherwise.

According to the July 12 email, agents were told to add Trump's resort after they had arrived at a list of four finalists.

The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The Secret Service declined comment, citing "operational security reasons."

The email references the "the original 10 site surveys we conducted at the end of May/beginning of June" and said: "Yesterday was the first time we put eyes on this property," meaning Doral. The author of the email noted that Trump has visited the location in the past and added - without elaboration - that the property presents "some challenges."

In announcing Doral as the site for the June 10-12 summit, acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney called it "the best place" to host the annual meeting of the leaders of France, Germany, Canada, Japan, Britain, Italy and the United States.

Trump first floated the idea of Doral as G-7 host in August, and said he wasn't the only one pushing for the south Florida resort as a venue. He said the Secret Service and the military had been visiting various sites and appeared to have formed a consensus about Doral.

"They went to places all over the country and they came back and they said, 'This is where we'd like to be,'" Trump said in France at the conclusion of this year's G-7 summit. "It's not about me. It's about getting the right location."

Two days after Mulvaney's Oct. 17 announcement that the summit would be held at Doral, Trump abruptly dropped the plan following accusations that he was using the presidency for personal enrichment by attempting to have one of his businesses host the gathering.

A new site has not been announced.

CREW said it requested records about the prospect of hosting the G-7 at Doral in late August and sued for the records in October after receiving nothing from the State Department or the Secret Service.

The Washington Post first reported on the email.

And the Grammy nomination goes to...

By MESFIN FEKADU AP Music Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — L may typically stand for "loser" but artists like Lizzo, Lady Gaga, Lil Nas X and Lewis Capaldi are likely to score big next week when the Grammy nominations are unveiled, with expected nods in key categories, from album of the year to record and song of the year.

The Associated Press breaks down who might score multiple nominations on Wednesday, including performers whose names don't start with the letter L.

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 ~ Vol. 28 - No. 138 ~ 43 of 51

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

It's the year of the newbie. Billie Eilish, Lewis Capaldi, Lil Nas X and Lizzo — though she really doesn't count here (her debut came out in 2013 people!!!) — should make splashes in big categories, with a 99.9% guarantee for best new artist. Eilish, who has one of the year's top-selling albums with her debut, is a shoo-in for album of the year, along with song and record of the year for "Bad Guy." Lizzo should also score bids for the big three with her major-label debut, "Cuz I Love You," and her super-successful two-year-old song "Truth Hurts" — yes, the Grammys let it qualify for its 2020 show (talk about bending the rules).

Lil Nas X and Billy Ray Cyrus' "Old Town Road" set a record for most weeks at No. 1, making it a strong possibility that the unlikely duo will score nods for record and song of the year. And Capaldi is a perfect candidate for song and record of the year: Not only did his debut ballad, "Someone You Loved," top the Billboard Hot 100 chart, he's a big-voiced British singer, and we know the Grammys have a weak spot for those types (see Adele and Sam Smith).

As far as best new artist goes, those likely to join Lizzo, Lil Nas X, Eilish and Capaldi would be four others from this group: Rosalia, Morgan Wallen, Juice WRLD, Megan Thee Stallion, Lauv, Summer Walker, Jimmie Allen or Ari Lennox.

A STAR IS BORN AGAIN

Though Lady Gaga won two honors for "Shallow" at this year's Grammys, the soundtrack for "A Star is Born" is in contention for categories like album of the year and best pop vocal album at the 2020 show.

Several songs from the soundtrack were submitted, and could result in nominations in the pop and American Roots fields.

An album of the year win for Gaga — who won an Oscar for "Shallow" — would be her first after competing for the prize three times with 2008's "The Fame," 2009's "The Fame Monster" and 2011's "Born This Way."

THE OBAMAS: GRAMMY FAMILY

Michelle Obama is on task to join her hubby as a fellow Grammy winner.

The former first lady is likely to earn a nomination for best spoken word album for her book, "Becoming." Barack Obama won best spoken word album twice — in 2006 for "Dreams from My Father" and in 2008 for "The Audacity of Hope."

Other winners in that category include Jimmy Carter, Carrie Fisher, Joan Rivers, Betty White, Maya Angelou, Hillary Clinton, Bill Clinton and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who won in 1971 for "Why I Oppose the War In Vietnam."

TAYLOR SWIFT: LOVE HER OR NOT?

Taylor Swift made history as the first woman to win album of the year twice with her own albums — but now the question is: Can she even score an album of the year nomination?

Swift's newest album, "Lover," was released a week before the Grammys' cutoff date, so it's eligible. But some question if that could happen since her 2017 album, "reputation," didn't earn a bid for the top prize, and none of its songs earned nominations. Its sole nomination was for best pop vocal album, but lost to Ariana Grande's "Sweetener."

Though two songs from "Lover" reached No. 2 on the Hot 100 chart, the songs haven't made a

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 ~ Vol. 28 - No. 138 ~ 44 of 51

splash like singles from her first five albums — so nominations for song and record of the year, or even best pop solo performance, go could either way.

One nomination that is likely: best music video for the LGBTQ-friendly hit “You Need to Calm Down,” a video featuring high-profile celebrities like Billy Porter, Ryan Reynolds, Ellen DeGeneres, RuPaul, Katy Perry, Laverne Cox, and the cast of “Queer Eye.”

HIP-POP

The Billboard charts may let Lizzo and Lil Nas X call themselves rappers, but the Grammys’ rap committee have said “bye Felicia” to the breakthrough acts. Lizzo and Lil Nas X submitted their major hits — “Truth Hurts” and “Old Town Road” — to the rap categories but they were both pushed to the pop genre. “Truth Hurts” will now compete for best pop solo performance, while Lil Nas X and Billy Ray Cyrus’ song may be nominated for best pop duo/group performance (it didn’t qualify for country either). Lil Nas X’s debut EP, “7,” was also kicked out the rap category and could earn a nomination for best pop vocal album.

REAL RAP

J. Cole’s “Middle Child” became a Top 5 pop hit this year and could earn nominations for best rap song and best rap performance. It could even compete for record of the year.

Tyler, the Creator, DaBaby, Meek Mill, Megan Thee Stallion and 21 Savage could also earn rap nominations, including best rap album.

R&BEYONCE

Beyoncé has two albums gunning for Grammy nominations, “Homecoming: The Live Album” and “The Lion King: The Gift.”

She submitted songs to both the R&B and pop categories, and she’ll likely earn a nomination for best traditional R&B performance for “Before I Let Go” and best song written for visual media for “Spirit,” from the “Lion King” film where she voiced the character Nala.

In other R&B categories, including best R&B song and best R&B performance, it’s hard to say if she’ll be nominated: Sometimes the R&B committee won’t nominate her since she’s won 18 R&B Grammys and they want to make room for others to win.

More likely contenders include Ella Mai, Summer Walker, Ari Lennox and H.E.R.

CHRIS’ COMEBACK

Well, Chris Brown technically had a comeback when he won best R&B album at the 2012 Grammys — three years after his assault on Rihanna.

But Brown could have another chance at Grammy gold this time around: His hit with Drake, “No Guidance,” has spent five months in the Top 10 on the pop charts and his 30-track album, “Indigo,” is still in the Top 10 of the charts and is streaming extremely well.

POP PLAYERS

The best pop duo/group performance category will be stacked this year.

The Jonas Brothers marked a major comeback, and will likely be nominated for the No.1 hit, “Sucker.” Another guarantee is Shawn Mendes and Camila Cabello’s “Senorita,” which could even score nominations like record or song of the year.

Other likely nominees are “Old Town Road,” Swae Lee and Post Malone’s “Sunflower,” Ed Sheeran

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 ~ Vol. 28 - No. 138 ~ 45 of 51

and Justin Bieber's "I Don't Care," Sam Smith and Normani's "Dancing With a Stranger" and a live version of Panic! at the Disco's "High Hopes."

MUSIC FILMS

Another loaded category will be best music film, with Aretha Franklin's "Amazing Grace" as the front-runner.

Other nominees should include Beyoncé's "Homecoming," "Springsteen on Broadway," "Rolling Thunder Revue: A Bob Dylan Story by Martin Scorsese," the Clarence Avant doc "The Black Godfather" and Ron Howard's film on opera tenor Luciano Pavarotti.

DYNAMIC DUO: MAREN MORRIS and BUSBEE

Maren Morris, who won album of the year for "GIRL" at the CMA Awards this week, is a likely contender for album of the year at the Grammys.

It would be a sentimental win for Morris, a Grammy favorite, since her longtime producer busbee died in September at age 43 from brain cancer.

Busbee co-produced 11 of the 14 songs on "GIRL," giving him enough credit to also earn a Grammy nomination for album of the year alongside Morris.

Morris has earned nine Grammy nods throughout her career — winning best country solo performance for her hit "My Church," which busbee co-wrote and co-produced.

OTHER ALBUM OF THE YEAR CONTENDERS

Ariana Grande, whose "Thank U, Next" album launched multiple hits, is a likely contender for the top prize. Khalid's sophomore album, "Free Spirit," was a streaming juggernaut and could also compete for the show's biggest honor.

KANYE'S GOSPEL

Kanye West's new gospel album won't qualify for the 2020 Grammys since it was released after eligibility. But the big question is: Will the Grammys let the pop-star-rapper qualify for gospel Grammys in 2021?

Currently, West's "Jesus Is King" is spending its second week at No. 1 on Billboard's gospel albums chart, while his 11 of his songs have taken over the Top 11 spots on the gospel songs chart.

WWJD: What would Jesus do?

Mormon leader: We didn't leave Boy Scouts, they left us

By GARY FIELDS and BRADY McCOMBS Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A high-ranking leader with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints said Friday the church severed its century-long tie with the Boy Scouts of America because the organization made changes that pushed it away from the church.

"The reality there is we didn't really leave them; they kind of left us," said M. Russell Ballard, a member of a top governing panel of the church called the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. "The direction they were going was not consistent to what we feel our youth need to have...to survive in the world that lies ahead for them."

Ballard is in New York City to lead events with young adult church members and talk about preparations for the faith's bicentennial next April.

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 ~ Vol. 28 - No. 138 ~ 46 of 51

During an interview, he talked about topics as diverse as the church's support for medical marijuana, incivility in daily life and political discord.

The Latter-day Saints decided in 2018 to cut ties with the Boy Scouts of America and begin its own youth initiative in 2020 after declining membership prompted the Boy Scouts of America to open its doors to openly gay youth members and adult volunteers as well as girls and transgender youth.

At the time of the announcement, church leaders emphasized the desire to have a uniform scouting-like program it could use around the world and didn't mention any philosophical differences.

The church, while moving to be more empathetic toward LGBTQ members, has maintained its stance that being in a homosexual relationship is a sin and its opposition to same sex-marriage. The church also has seen significant expansion in countries outside the U.S. where Boy Scouts wasn't offered. More than half the church's nearly 17 million members live outside the U.S. and Canada.

In another area, Ballard said the church supports medical marijuana but cautioned that its use be monitored. Medical marijuana became legal this year in the faith's home state of Utah, where the faith has 2.1 million members. It's also been legal for several years in Arizona, where 432,000 church members live.

"We think this ought to be managed under the medical profession and understand the real need and the real purpose for administering marijuana medically," he said, "but recreational marijuana, we think has consequences because addiction, one way or another, starts very subtle sometimes."

Ballard, 91, is the acting president of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, which is modeled after Jesus Christ's apostles and serves under the church president and his two counselors to help set policy and manage church programs. Ballard is a Utah native who has been on the top governing panel for 34 years.

In response to a question on the church's tenet on kindness, Ballard said the country's behavior needs to improve.

"We ought to be nice to each other," he said.

The people should pray that the leaders of this country feel the urgency and importance of turning in a divine direction, Ballard said.

"Surely if there was a time that we need it with all the things that are going on in the country and the world, wouldn't it be nice if we asked heaven to help us a little bit?" he asked.

--

Associated Press religion coverage receives support from the Lilly Endowment through the Religion News Foundation. The AP is solely responsible for this content.

Twitter details political ad ban, admits it's imperfect

By BARBARA ORTUTAY AP Technology Writer

Twitter's new ban on political ads will cover appeals for votes, solicitations for campaign contributions and any political content. But the company quickly acknowledged Friday that it expects to make mistakes as individuals and groups look for loopholes.

Twitter is defining political content to include any ad that references a candidate, political party, government official, ballot measure, or legislative or judicial outcome. The ban also applies to all ads — even non-political ones — from candidates, political parties and elected or appointed government officials.

However, Twitter is allowing ads related to social causes such as climate change, gun control and abortion. People and groups running such ads won't be able to target those ads down to a user's ZIP code or use political categories such as "conservative" or "liberal." Rather, targeting must be kept

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 ~ Vol. 28 - No. 138 ~ 47 of 51

broad, based on a user's state or province, for instance.

News organizations will be exempt so they can promote stories that cover political issues. While Twitter has issued guidelines for what counts as a news organization — single-issue advocacy outlets don't qualify, for instance — it's unclear if this will be enough prevent partisan websites from promoting political content.

Twitter announced its worldwide ban on political ads Oct. 30, but didn't release details until Friday. The policy, which goes into effect next Friday, is in stark contrast to Facebook's approach of allowing political ads, even if they contain false information. Facebook has said it wants to provide politicians with a "level playing field" for communication and not intervene when they speak, regardless of what they're saying.

Response to Twitter's ban has been strong and mixed, with critics questioning the company's ability to enforce the new policy given its poor history banning hate speech and abuse from its service. The company acknowledges it will make mistakes but says it's better to start addressing the issue now rather than wait until all the kinks are worked out.

Aside from ongoing concerns about foreign elections interference, the political advertising issue rose to the forefront in recent months as Twitter, along with Facebook and Google, refused to remove a misleading video ad from President Donald Trump's campaign that targeted Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden.

In response, Democratic Sen. Elizabeth Warren, another presidential hopeful, ran her own ad on Facebook taking aim at Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg. The ad claimed — admittedly falsely to make its point — that Zuckerberg endorsed Trump for re-election.

Over the past several weeks, Facebook has been pressed to change its policy. But it was Twitter instead that jumped in with its bombshell ban.

Drew Margolin, a Cornell University communications professor who studies social networks, said Twitter's broad ban is a reflection that "vetting is not realistic and is potentially unfair."

He said a TV network might be in a position to vet all political ads, but Twitter and Facebook cannot easily do so. While their reliance on automated systems makes online ads easier and cheaper to run, Margolin said it also makes them an "attractive target" for spreading misinformation.

Political advertising makes up a small sliver of Twitter's overall revenue. The company does not break out specific figures each quarter, but said political ad spending for the 2018 midterm election was less than \$3 million. It reported \$824 million in third-quarter revenue.

Because of this, the ban is unlikely to have a big effect on overall political advertising, where television still accounts for the majority of the money spent. In digital ads, Google and Facebook dominate.

Unlike Facebook, which has weathered most of the criticism, Google has been relatively quiet on its political ads policy. It has taken a similar stance to Facebook and does not review whether political ads tell the truth.

Twitter, Facebook and Google already take steps to prevent political manipulation by verifying the identities of some political advertisers — measures prompted by the furor over Moscow's interference. But the verifying systems, which rely on both humans and automated systems, have not been perfect.

NOT REAL NEWS: A look at what didn't happen this week

By BEATRICE DUPUY, ARIJETA LAJKA and AMANDA SEITZ Associated Press

A roundup of some of the most popular but completely untrue stories and visuals of the week. None of these is legit, even though they were shared widely on social media. The Associated Press

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 ~ Vol. 28 - No. 138 ~ 48 of 51

checked them out. Here are the real facts:

CLAIM: Video shows a rigged voting machine in Mississippi as a voter clicks the box for Bill Waller Jr. in the Republican primary runoff for governor and the machine switches the vote to Lt. Gov. Tate Reeves.

THE FACTS: The video shows a voting machine malfunction in Lafayette County, Mississippi, during the August 27 runoff. Posts sharing the false claim that the machine was deliberately rigged began circulating on Twitter following Nov. 5 off-year elections across the country. The video was first shared in August during the Republican primary runoff. One video showing the malfunction, which marked the ballot for Reeves when Waller was pressed, recirculated during the November election with a caption that falsely stated, "Voter Fraud ... Rigged Machines." The Mississippi Secretary of State issued a press release on August 27, explaining that the video showed a machine malfunction at the Burgess precinct in the city of Oxford. Nineteen votes were cast on the machine before authorities were made aware of the issue, according to the release. The machine was replaced after the issue was discovered. "Each political party's county executive committee is responsible for providing testing on TSX machines. Both parties contracted with the county election commission and the county technician to provide accuracy testing for this machine and the machine operated correctly prior to the election," the press release said. Reeves won the runoff and went on to defeat Democrat Jim Hood, the state attorney general, in the Nov. 5 elections.

CLAIM: The young man pictured in photos with former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Democratic Sen. Charles Schumer, Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Elizabeth Warren and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is the whistleblower whose complaint sparked the Trump impeachment inquiry.

THE FACTS: The man in the photo is Alex Soros, son of billionaire philanthropist George Soros. He is not the anonymous whistleblower whose complaint about a July 25 phone call between President Donald Trump and Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky sparked impeachment proceedings. Posts with the false identification spread widely on Facebook and Twitter as public impeachment hearings began Wednesday. Rep. Steve King of Iowa amplified the false claim Thursday, tweeting the photos with the comment: "Adam Schiff said, 'I do not know the identity of the whistleblower.'" @RepAdamSchiff here are four strong clues." King's tweet was taken down Thursday after receiving more than 1,000 likes. He did not respond to requests for comment. The photos were taken from Alex Soros' Instagram and Twitter accounts. Alex and his father have been the target of conservative attacks for their ties to the Democratic party and liberal causes. Alex Soros serves as deputy chairman of the Open Society Foundations, a philanthropic organization founded by his father. "Rep. King is circulating false information," the Open Society Foundations said in a statement Thursday. "He is not the whistleblower, and any attempt to identify the whistleblower is a violation of protections put in place to help people in government root out waste, fraud and abuse."

CLAIM: Virginia Democratic Gov. Ralph Northam has declared it illegal for minors to participate in hunting season.

THE FACTS: No such announcement has been made, and the youth hunting season in Virginia, which has concluded for the year, has not been outlawed. Posts began circulating on Facebook after Virginia Democrats won control of the Legislature in the Nov. 5 election, with Northam soon after announcing he intends to reintroduce several legislative gun proposals once the new lawmakers are

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 ~ Vol. 28 - No. 138 ~ 49 of 51

sworn in. Youth hunting season in Virginia — which applies to hunters age 15 or younger — has not been altered, the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries confirmed to the AP in an email. “Any reports of cancellations or changes to the scheduled youth hunting days are inaccurate,” the agency said in a statement. In 2019, youth hunting days were offered Sept. 28-29 for deer, and Oct. 12-13 for bear and turkey. A youth waterfowl hunting day was held Oct. 26. After the Nov. 5 election, Northam said he plans to work with the new Democratic majority when the legislative session begins in January. Stricter gun laws, which include universal background checks and banning military-style assault weapons, are at the top of the governor’s list, the AP reported last week. Northam had also proposed a package of gun-control measures during a special session in July, in response to a mass shooting in Virginia Beach. One of the bills calls for anyone who “recklessly leaves a loaded unsecured firearm in such a manner to endanger the life or limb of any child under the age of 14” to be punished with a misdemeanor charge and up to a \$500 fine. “A responsible hunter -- regardless of age -- would not be affected by this bill,” Alena Yarmosky, a spokeswoman for the governor, said in an email to the AP.

CLAIM: Video shows sanitation trucks surrounding Madison Square in New York to protect Trump from booing protesters.

THE FACTS: Sanitation trucks were lined up strategically around Madison Square Park when President Donald Trump spoke at the launch of the New York City Veterans Day Tribute on Nov. 11, but they were there for security purposes, a common occurrence at events that draw large crowds. “Trash trucks surrounding Trump in Madison Square to protect him from the booing is the perfect metaphor,” stated a tweet with the video of the event, which was viewed more than 600,000 times. Officials with the New York City Police Department and the Department of Sanitation confirmed to The Associated Press that sanitation trucks are often used for security at big events, including the annual Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade, and the New Year’s Eve celebration in Times Square. The trucks are used as “part of our counterterrorism overlay, not unique to this visit,” Lt. Eugene Whyte, of the NYPD’s public information office, told the AP.

CLAIM: The city of Dallas opened a convention center for people seeking shelter from the cold and then police arrested people with unpaid tickets who tried to enter.

THE FACTS: The Dallas Police Department told the AP that no arrests were made for parking tickets or non-violent offenses. A cold front swept through Texas on Monday sending temperatures plummeting into the 20s. Due to the cold weather, Dallas officials opened the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center for those seeking shelter. The Dallas Police Department offered security Monday night at the shelter. “To ensure the safety of all individuals, each person was notified upon entering the shelter that they were subject to checks for registered sex offenders,” the police department said in a statement. “In addition, if an individual had active warrants for sex offenses, serious felonies, and violent crimes they were subject to arrest.” The department made 11 arrests that night on outstanding warrants for crimes including sexual assault of a child. “No one was arrested for unpaid parking tickets,” the statement said. “That claim is not true.” Anastasia Reed, senior public affairs officer for the city, also confirmed in an email that individuals with minor, nonviolent and non-felony warrants were permitted to stay overnight. Police officers also conducted checks on Tuesday night.

This is part of The Associated Press’ ongoing effort to fact-check misinformation that is shared widely online, including work with Facebook to identify and reduce the circulation of false stories on

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 ~ Vol. 28 - No. 138 ~ 50 of 51

the platform.

Find all AP Fact Checks here: <https://apnews.com/APFactCheck>

Follow @APFactCheck on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/APFactCheck>

Today in History

By The Associated Press undefined

Today in History

Today is Saturday, Nov. 16, the 320th day of 2019. There are 45 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 16, 1914, the newly created Federal Reserve Banks opened in 12 cities.

On this date:

In 1776, British troops captured Fort Washington in New York during the American Revolution.

In 1933, the United States and the Soviet Union established diplomatic relations.

In 1939, mob boss Al Capone, ill with syphilis, was released from prison after serving 7 1/2 years for tax evasion and failure to file tax returns.

In 1960, Academy Award-winning actor Clark Gable died in Los Angeles at age 59.

In 1961, House Speaker Samuel T. Rayburn died in Bonham, Texas, having served as speaker since 1940 except for two terms.

In 1966, Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard was acquitted in Cleveland at his second trial of murdering his pregnant wife, Marilyn, in 1954.

In 1981, actor William Holden was found dead in his apartment in Santa Monica, California; he was 63.

In 1982, an agreement was announced in the 57th day of a strike by National Football League players.

In 2001, Investigators found a letter addressed to Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., containing anthrax; it was the second letter bearing the deadly germ known to have been sent to Capitol Hill.

In 2004, President George W. Bush picked National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice to be his new secretary of state, succeeding Colin Powell.

In 1997, China's most prominent pro-democracy campaigner, Wei Jingsheng (way jeeng-shuhng), arrived in the United States after being released following nearly 18 years of imprisonment in his country.

In 2006, Democrats embraced Nancy Pelosi as the first woman House speaker in history, but then selected Steny Hoyer as majority leader against her wishes.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama, on his first-ever trip to China, gave his hosts a pointed, unexpected nudge to stop censoring Internet access, but the message was not widely heard in China, where the president's words were blocked online and shown on only one regional television channel. A U.S. government health task force suggested most women wait until age 50 to get mammograms, conflicting with the American Cancer Society's advice to start at 40. Space shuttle Atlantis blasted off with six astronauts and a full load of spare parts for the International Space Station. Actor Edward Woodward, 79, died in Cornwall, England.

Five years ago: The Islamic State group released a video featuring a masked militant standing over the severed head of Peter Kassig (KAS'-ihg), a former U.S. soldier-turned-aid worker in Syria; President Barack Obama denounced the killing as one of "pure evil." President Obama returned to

Groton Daily Independent

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 ~ Vol. 28 - No. 138 ~ 51 of 51

Washington following the conclusion of the Group of 20 economic forum in Brisbane, Australia. Erica Enders-Stevens won the Auto Club NHRA Finals in Pomona, California, to become the first woman to earn the Pro Stock world championship title.

One year ago: A U.S. official said intelligence officials had concluded that Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman had ordered the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi (jah-MAHL' khahr-SHOHK'-jee). A federal judge ordered the Trump administration to immediately return the White House press credentials of CNN reporter Jim Acosta. A federal judge in Virginia ruled that John Hinckley Jr., who had tried to assassinate President Ronald Reagan in 1981, could move out of his mother's house and live on his own. Ten days after the election Democrat Stacey Abrams acknowledged that Republican Brian Kemp had won Georgia's gubernatorial race; Abrams had hoped to make history as America's first black woman governor.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Clu Gulager is 91. Journalist Elizabeth Drew is 84. Blues musician W.C. Clark is 80. Actress Joanna Pettet is 77. Actor Steve Railsback is 74. Actor David Leisure is 69. Actor Miguel Sandoval is 68. Actress Marg Helgenberger is 61. Rock musician Mani is 57. Country singer-musician Keith Burns (Trick Pony) is 56. Former pro tennis player Zina Garrison is 56. Former MLB All-Star pitcher Dwight Gooden is 55. Jazz singer Diana Krall is 55. Actor Harry Lennix is 55. Rock musician Dave Kushner (Velvet Revolver) is 53. Actress Lisa Bonet (boh-NAY') is 52. Actress Tammy Lauren is 51. Rhythm-and-blues singer Bryan Abrams (Color Me Badd) is 50. Actress Martha Plimpton is 49. Actor Michael Irby is 47. Actress Missi Pyle is 47. Rock musician Corey McCormick (Lukas Nelson & Promise of the Real) is 43. Olympic gold medal figure skater Oksana Baiul (ahk-SAH'-nah by-OOL') is 42. Actress Maggie Gyllenhaal (JIHL'-ehn-hahl) is 42. Pop singer Trevor Penick is 40. Former NBA player Amare Stoudemire (ah-MAR'-ay STOW'-duh-my-ur) is 37. Actress Kimberly J. Brown is 35. Rock singer Siva Kaneswaran (The Wanted) is 31. Actor-comedian Pete Davidson (TV: "Saturday Night Live") is 26. Actor Casey Moss is 26. Actor Noah Gray-Cabey is 24.

Thought for Today: "An American who can make money, invoke God, and be no better than his neighbor, has nothing to fear but truth itself." — Marya Mannes, American critic (1904-1990).

Copyright 2019, The Associated Press. All rights reserved.