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Chicken Soup
for the Soul

“To forgive is the highest, most beautiful form of love. In return, you will receive untold peace and happiness.”

-Robert Muller

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Football hosts EEK

7:00 p.m.

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

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GROTON TIGERS GAME DAY

WHO: GROTON AREA VS.

ELLENDALE/EDGLELEY/ KLUM

WHEN: FRIDAY AUG. 28TH, 7:00 PM

WHERE: DONEY FIELD, GROTON, SD

OFFICIALS:

SCOTT DEUTSCH REFEREE

TERRY DEUTSCH UMPIRE

PATRICK DEUTSCH JR. BACKLINE JUDGE

PAUL FOUST LINESMEN

SCOTT BARTOLOMEW LINE JUDGE

VISITING TEAM INFORMATION

ARRIVAL: 5:00 PM

LOCKERROOM: OLD GYM/GIRLS JH
LOCKERROOM

BUS DROPOFF: SOUTH DOOR ON
WEST SIDE OF THE SCHOOL

SPECIAL NOTE: SENIOR NIGHT @6:30
WILL NOT AFFECT YOUR WARM-UP

GAME WORKERS:

NATIONAL ANTHEM : JULIANNA KOSEL

CLOCK OPERATOR: MATT LOCKE

PA ANNOUNCER: MIKE IMRIE

ATHLETIC TRAINERS: LINDSEY SWENSON AND
BRITTANY HUBBART

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: BRIAN DOLAN

GAME ADMINISTRATORS: MIKE WEBER, BRETT
SCHWAN, KIERSTEN SOMBKE, AND JOE SCHWAN

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#186 in a series Covid-19 Update: by Marie Miller

In terms of the totals, today looks a lot like yesterday and the day before. We have 45,900 new cases reported, an increase of 0.8% to 5,878,800 cases. This is our 12th day under 50,000 and our second back over 40,000. Four states, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa, set single-day records for new cases. Those four plus Hawaii and Indiana set records for seven-day new case numbers as well. The recent trend has been a shift to the islands (Hawaii, Guam, US Virgin Islands) and the heartland. This could change if the evacuation effort around the hurricanes cause spikes in cases in the evacuated populations. There have now been 180,635 deaths, 1116, or 0.6%, more than yesterday.

The two phase 3 clinical trials for vaccine candidates report they are both about half enrolled; but both also have an issue with minority enrollment. Only about one-fifth of current enrollees are from minority communities, and that could slow down the trial process. As a bare minimum, at least one-third need to be from these communities in order to more accurately reflect their proportion in the population, and most scientists think the proportion should be larger to reflect the burden of disease in those groups. This matters because a trial that does not include appropriate numbers of minority people will not give us a true picture of how well the vaccine will work in the real world. It is quite possible that, if full enrollment is reached without the established proportion that the oversight groups will demand a larger sample of enrollees and the trial would be delayed until that number is met. No one wants that, so there have been Herculean efforts made to find the participants needed. I hope that works out quickly, but it is important to consider the well-founded reluctance of Black people, particularly, to participate in clinical trials of any kind, a vestige of the decades of abuse of Black bodies by researchers who experimented on them with neither their knowledge nor their permission, the most infamous example of which was the Tuskegee experiment. Here's when the bill for that sort of thing comes due.

We've known since early-on that, among older people with Covid-19, men are far more likely than women to become severely ill and to die. What we haven't known is why. I remember reading, back in the first weeks, that Chinese men had much higher smoking rates than Chinese women, and when most of our data were coming from China, there was speculation that maybe this was because of smoking behaviors. I won't say smoking doesn't play a role (because we really do think it does); but it appears there's another thing going on here. Turns out it's probably related to the fact that women, overall, mount faster and stronger immune responses than men do. (For the record, it ain't all roses for women though: Those more-active immune systems mean women are also more likely to develop autoimmune diseases, caused by an immune system that responds to and damages its own tissue when it was supposed to ignore that and leave it alone.)

But we are seeing in one small study that men produce weaker responses to this coronavirus than do women. Men's T-cell activation was less robust, and less-robust activation was linked to worse outcomes in men. Also in men, but not in women, increased age was associated with these less-robust responses. This likely has implications for vaccine research; it is possible vaccines may need larger or additional doses in men to spark a response sufficient to be protective. The FDA has asked companies working on vaccines to release clinical data analyzed by participants' sex, as well as race and ethnicity, so these elements can be factored into the data analysis.

The study's findings also included that cytokine levels were elevated in all of the patients; but two particular cytokines, interleukin-8 and interleukin-15 were elevated in all the men, but in only some of the women. High levels of other cytokines were associated with worse outcomes in women, but not in men.

So women have better T-cell responses, which appear to be beneficial, but they also have more active overall cytokine responses, which appear to be harmful. This may have implications for treatment and vaccines. It is possible treatment and vaccine approaches should be sex-based.

We should remember that the study was small—two cohorts, one with 39 patients and the other with 59. Also, they used for comparison purposes a group of healthy health care workers who were overall younger than the patient cases under study. Nonetheless, this provides some leads for further study. We just keep on learning.

There have been two recent CDC changes in guidance that are extremely concerning and have public

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health and infectious disease experts speaking out. They are the recent elimination of a recommendation for 14-day quarantine for travelers returning from places with high rates of infection and the recent recommendation that asymptomatic individuals who have had close contact with a case of infection need not be tested. Both of these fly in the face of what we know about what is needed to interrupt the transmission of a virus that transmits so efficiently from asymptomatic individuals. There has been no rationale offered for either of these changes. This guidance on testing is likely to significantly decrease the number of tests conducted in the US at a time when we have increased numbers of young people without symptoms transmitting virus; this is not a desirable outcome. An associated problem is that, if fewer tests are done, positivity rates are likely to soar; and positivity rates are used by public health experts to advise policy-makers about lifting restrictions. It could lead to prolonged shutdowns at a time when they may not actually be necessary. Thing is, we won't know just what is necessary in this scenario.

It appears the changes were ordered by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), as CDC has referred all media questions to HHS. The American Medical Association made a statement that said the testing guidance change is "a recipe for community spread, and the Association of American Medical Colleges called it "a step backward in fighting the pandemic." Dr. John Auerbach, president of Trust for America's Health, a nonprofit that works to improve US preparedness for disease, asserted, "The recommendation not to test asymptomatic people who likely have been exposed is not in accord with the science." We know from Dr. Anthony Fauci that he was not in the room when the discussions on the matter were held or when the decision was made for the change; it occurred during his recent absence from the White House task force due to his surgery.

Sandro Galea, epidemiologist at Boston University, recommends, "Broadly speaking, if someone travels to an area with an active outbreak, it's reasonable upon return for them to be required to either get tested or to quarantine." And Dr. Lawrence Mayer, epidemiologist and visiting fellow at Harvard University, says, "If arriving from a high-transmission area, I think testing and quarantining on return would be helpful. Without a test, a 14-day quarantine seems reasonable to prevent spread of the virus." Dr. Tom Frieden, former head of the CDC says, "Both changes are highly problematic." I would have to concur.

When we consider that the FDA also recently issued an emergency use authorization (EUA) for convalescent plasma based on research that offers paper-thin evidence of efficacy and that the FDA Commissioner made false public statements about that purported efficacy when announcing the EUA, we have a constellation of recent decisions regarding Covid-19 that present a real problem. Referring to the testing recommendation changes and the EUA for convalescent plasma, Frieden said, "And these are two moves that have undermined confidence of the public health community, of the scientific community, and I'm afraid of the broader community as well," adding, "Let's be frank. We don't have enough tests. . . . Therefore we have to prioritize. That's reasonable. . . . But a contact of someone who has COVID is high priority, because they may have the infection without having symptoms. They may actually be the source of the infection, without knowing that they have it. And you can't stop chains of transmission unless you can find chains of transmission. So it's really not defensible to say that asymptomatic contacts should not be tested."

The situation offers the appearance that two of the nation's preeminent scientific organizations are buckling under political pressure. I don't know that this is so, but the appearance of it can lead to a loss of public confidence in these organizations in the middle of the greatest public health crisis in a century. That is a problem. I have been careful to stay away from policy issues here because I firmly believe policy, which is politically driven, has no place in matters of science and public health, which are—or should be—driven only by facts. The growing perception that political considerations are taking a place in this critical matter of science and public health is enormously troubling.

I've looked at some new ways to assess risk of exposure to this coronavirus; one is of particular interest. The schema is based on four factors: enclosed space, duration of interaction, crowds (density of people plus challenges for social distancing), and forceful exhalation (sneezing, yelling, singing, and coughing). It then ranks risk from low to high. Environmental scientists point out that there's less point in differentiating a droplet from an aerosol or worrying about three feet away versus 10; what matters most is how much virus has a chance to get into you, however it gets there. Based on these factors, risk categories were assigned by a group of scientists from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, George

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Washington University, University of Arizona, and George Mason University.

Low risk encounters are staying at home alone or with members of your family; walking outdoors with or without pets; running or biking alone or with another person (risks: close contact or potential clustering of people); picking up takeout food, coffee, or groceries from stores (risks: potential crowding); and outdoor picnic or porch dining with non-household people and physical distancing (risks: potential crowding and activity). Low/medium encounters are playing distanced sports outside (examples: tennis or golf), grocery shopping (risks: indoor, close contact, potential clustering of people, high-touch surfaces), and retail shopping (risks: indoor, close contact, potential clustering of people). Medium risk encounters are visiting hospital emergency department (risks: indoor, potential clustering of people), medical office visits (risks: indoor, close contact, potential clustering of people, high-touch surfaces), dentist appointments (risks: indoor, close contact potential clustering of people, patient not wearing a mask), taking a taxi or ride sharing service (risks: dependency on frequency of cleaning, duration of ride, and number of passengers), museum visits (risks: indoor, close contact/potential clustering of people), and outdoor restaurant dining (risks: close contact, potential clustering of people, challenge to wear a mask during eating). Medium/high risk encounters include exercising at a gym (risks: indoor, close contact/potential clustering of people, high-touch surfaces, difficult to wear a mask, high respiratory rate), hair/nail salons and barbershops (risks: prolonged close contact, difficult to wear a mask), working in an office (risks: indoor, high-touch surfaces, prolonged close contact/potential clustering of people), and indoor restaurant or coffee shop dining (risks: indoor, prolonged close contact/potential clustering of people, difficult to wear mask while eating and drinking). And high risk encounters are indoor parties, bars and nightclubs, playing contact sports, air travel, public transportation, concerts, religious services, movie theaters or live theater, and watching sports.

There's a new rapid test for Covid-19 from Abbott Laboratories that's cheap and doesn't require special computer equipment to get results. It's a self-contained test the size of a credit card based on the same sort of technology already in use to test for the flu, strep throat, and other infections. This test uses a nasal swab, does not rely on some commonly-used reagents that have been in short supply, and costs only \$5. The nasal swab is inserted into the card, and a chemical solution is added. You get markings on a card as with pregnancy tests. This is an antigen test, that is, it tests for fragments of the virus. It is not as sensitive as the RT-PCR that is the current gold standard; but it has the benefit of returning results quickly and low cost. A growing consensus among experts is that frequent, less accurate testing may be a better way to approach limiting community spread than infrequent, more accurate testing; so there's likely a place for it.

Tyler and Melanie Tapajna planned to marry on August 15 in Ohio—guests, cake, food, the works. That is, this was the plan before the pandemic: Things changed. The wedding happened, downsized, but on schedule; however they could see the reception wasn't going to work. "We also took into account the concerns of our family getting sick. We didn't want to risk anything," according to Melanie. So they cancelled the reception. They were lucky that their venue agreed to issue a full refund on the food (which is amazing), but the couple thought about that and declined. They had a better idea: Why not donate it?

The food truck that was supposed to cater their reception provided the food instead to Laura's Home Women's Crisis Center in Ohio. The happy couple also decided to help serve the meal. They didn't just donate some fancy reception food; they left their wedding ceremony and went directly to the Center to help serve it. Oh, and did I mention they showed up in their wedding dress and tux? They helped to serve, dishing up food; but then they did something else.

"Like you would do at a regular wedding. They came out from the kitchen and moved around the dining room and greeted the women and children," according to Rich Trickel, CEO at the parent organization. Imagine you've left a terrifying situation with nowhere to go in the middle of a pandemic, and then you somehow end up as a sort of guest at a wedding reception, one where the bride and groom brought their party to you. I'm going to guess it eases things a bit. Good people do stuff like that. Turns out the world's full of good people. If you're looking.

Keep looking, and stay well. We'll talk again.

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Area COVID-19 Cases

	Aug. 26	Aug. 27	Aug. 28
Minnesota	70,707	71,236	72,390
Nebraska	32,348	32,727	33,101
Montana	6,624	6,785	6,929
Colorado	55,800	55,993	56,343
Wyoming	3,089	3,135	3,166
North Dakota	10,229	10,467	10,800
South Dakota	11,505	11,571	12,194

August 27th COVID-19 Update

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Health is reporting 343 new cases of COVID-19 infection in the state today. Today's update also includes cases that were not reported on August 25th and 26th due to a reporting aberration.

The South Dakota Department of Health has identified a reporting aberration that was isolated to the number of new cases and new tests reported to our website on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. The aberration occurred Sunday evening during the automated geocoding process of new test results received into our electronic disease surveillance system and was identified and corrected by Wednesday evening. The geocoding process is a verification step to ensure the state and county of residence are accurate when test results are received for an individual. The process did not verify state and county of residence in the 1:00 PM Monday and 1:00 PM Tuesday data used for reporting to the Department's online dashboard. The data

	Aug. 19	Aug. 20	Aug. 21	Aug. 22	Aug. 23	Aug. 24	Aug. 25
Minnesota	66,061	66,618	67,308	68,133	68,867	69,584	70,298
Nebraska	30,825	31,040	31,348	31,626	31,780	31,889	32,047
Montana	5,846	5,956	6,072	6,216	6,376	6,429	6,489
Colorado	53,631	53,901	54,230	54,586	54,883	55,143	55,341
Wyoming	2,850	2,909	2,940	3009	3009	3,046	3,068
North Dakota	8782	8968	9242	9504	9736	9876	10,000
South Dakota	10,443	10,566	10,691	10,884	11,135	11,276	11,425
United States	5,482,823	5,530,247	5,576,089	5,628,070	5,668,564	5,701,557	5,738,056
US Deaths	171,833	173,193	174,290	175,467	176,371	176,797	177,029
Minnesota	+345	+557	+690	+825	+734	+717	+714
Nebraska	+262	+215	+308	+278	+154	+109	+158
Montana	+54	+110	+116	+144	+160	+53	+60
Colorado	+261	+270	+329	+356	+297	+270	+198
Wyoming	+21	+59	+31	+69	----	+37	+22
North Dakota	+135	+186	+274	+262	+232	+140	+124
South Dakota	+83	+123	+125	+193	+251	+141	+149
United States	+38,708	+47,424	+45,842	+51,981	+40,494	+32,993	+36,499
US Deaths	+1,274	+1,360	+1,097	+1,177	+904	+426	+232

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The Department began a review of the data Tuesday afternoon, completed the review Wednesday afternoon, implemented a fix to the geocoding process, and added an additional review step to our reporting process by Wednesday evening. Please note that the issue only affected the data being reported on the dashboard and did not cause any delays receiving lab reports, investigating new cases, or notifying close contacts.

"In addition to ensuring we report accurate case numbers, the Department continues to monitor the number of people hospitalized as a result of COVID-19 and other key metrics as part of our response," said Kim Malsam-Rysdon, Secretary of Health. "The recent increase in positive cases is not surprising with more people coming into contact with others across the state but our rate of hospitalizations and serious health impacts remains very low."

The Department also reminds South Dakotans of the simple precautions they can take to protect themselves and others from COVID-19.

"We encourage individuals to remember to wash their hands, stay six feet away from others, avoid crowded areas, and consider wearing a mask when that isn't possible," said Dr. Joshua Clayton, state epidemiologist.

The corrected number of cases that should have been reported over the past two days are shown in the table below:

Date	New Cases		Cumulative Cases		Cumulative Persons Tested		Cumulative Tests Reported to SD-DOH	
	Reported (Change)	Corrected	Reported	Corrected	Reported	Corrected	Reported	Corrected
Tuesday, August 25	80 (+54)	134	11,505	11,559	137,679	137,733	178,860	179,039
Wednesday, August 26	66 (+226)	292	11,571	11,851	137,765	138,045	179,620	181,267

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August 27th COVID-19 UPDATE

Groton Daily Independent from State Health Lab Reports

Oh my - this is the worst day yet for South Dakota. The only good news is that Cambell County is back on the fully recovered list. Other than that, it's a nightmare and I'll let you sift through the results. South Dakota had 343 positive cases but there were 4,298 tests administered so the positivity rate remains at 7.9 percent, which is still not bad. Brown County had 32 positive cases, Brookings had 27, Clay had 54, Codington 22, Custer 12, Dewey 30, Lincoln 25, Meade 68, Minnehaha 74 and Pennington 120. Those currently hospitalized jumped to 75, but South Dakota is still looking great for capacity. And Northern State has already cancelled its Gypsy Day Parade for this year.

All I can say is stay safe!

Brown County:

Total Positive: +32 (604) Positivity Rate: 14.9%
Recovered: +15 (495)
Active Cases: +27 (106)
Total Tests: 229 (7266)
Ever Hospitalized: 0 (24)
Deaths: 0 (3)
Percent Recovered: 81.9% (-2.5)

South Dakota:

Positive: +343 (12,194 total) Positivity Rates: 7.9%
Total Tests: 4,298 (183,918 total)
Hospitalized: +2 (983 total). 75 currently hospitalized (up 17 from yesterday)
Deaths: 0 (162 total)
Recovered: +136 (10,032 total)
Active Cases: +487 (2,000)
Percent Recovered: 82.2 -3.3
Staffed Hospital Bed Capacity: 3% Covid, 51% Non-Covid, 46% Available
ICU Bed Capacity: 3% Covid, 71% Non-Covid, 26% Available
Ventilator Capacity: 5% Covid, 17% Non-Covid, 79% Available

Fully recovered from positive cases: Gained Campbell. Campbell 4-4, Harding 2-2, Jackson 12-11-1, Hyde 3-3, Mellette 24-24, Miner 15-15, Perkins 4-4, Tripp 20-20.

The following is the breakdown by all counties. The number in parenthesis right after the county name represents the number of deaths in that county.

Aurora: 2 active cases

Beadle (9): +1 positive, +10 recovered (21 active cases)

Bennett: +5 positive, +1 recovered (11 active cases)

Bon Homme (1): +8 positive, +4 recovered (18 active cases)

Brookings (1): +27 positive, +1 recovered (59 active cases)

Brown (3): +42 positive, +15 recovered (106 active cases)

Brule: +5 positive (10 active cases)

Buffalo (3): 4 active cases

Butte (1): +8 positive (22 active cases)

Campbell: +1 recovered (FULLY RECOVERED)

Charles Mix: +1 positive (14 active cases)

Clark: 2 active case

Clay (1) +54 positive, +2 recovered (98 active cases)

Codington (1): +22 positive, +3 recovered (73 active cases)

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Corson: +2 recovered (7 active cases)
Custer: +12 positive, +3 recovered (56 active case)
Davison (2): +8 positive +2 recovered (20 active cases)
Day: +2 positive, +1 recovered (4 active cases)
Deuel: +4 positive, +1 recovered (12 active cases)
Dewey: +30 positive, +18 recovered (36 active cases)
Douglas: +1 positive (6 active cases)
Edmunds: +1 positive, +2 recovered (4 active cases)
Fall River: +5 positive, +2 recovered (8 active cases)
Faulk (1): +2 positive (3 active cases)
Grant: +2 positive (9 active cases)
Gregory: +4 positive (6 active cases)
Haakon: +2 positive (3 active cases)
Hamlin: +4 positive (17 active cases)
Hand: +1 positive (3 active cases)
Hanson: +1 positive (4 active cases)
Harding: Fully Recovered
Hughes (3): +8 positive, +2 recovered (21 active cases)
Hutchinson (1): +1 positive, +1 recovered (4 active cases)
Hyde: 1 active case
Jackson (1): Fully Recovered
Jerauld (1): 1 active case
Jones: 1 active case
Kingsbury: +3 positive (6 active cases)
Lake (6): +1 positive (6 active cases)
Lawrence (2): +4 positive (64 active cases)
Lincoln (2): +25 positive, +14 recovered (118 active cases)

Lyman (3): +4 positive (13 active cases)
Marshall: 6 active cases
McCook (1): +2 positive, +1 recovered (6 active cases)
McPherson: 3 active cases.
Meade (1): +68 positive, +6 recovered (133 active cases)
Mellette: Fully Recovered
Miner: Fully Recovered
Minnehaha (69): +74 positive, +38 recovered (470 active cases)
Moody: +1 positive, +2 recovered (5 active cases)
Oglala Lakota (2): +6 positive, +1 recovered (21 active cases)
Pennington (33): +120 positive, +12 recovered (289 active cases)
Perkins: +4 positive (8 active cases)
Potter: +3 positive (5 active cases)
Roberts (1): +2 positive (11 active cases)
Sanborn: Fully Recovered
Spink: +6 positive, +1 recovered (17 active cases)
Stanley: 1 active cases
Sully: +1 recovered (3 active cases)
Todd (5): 3 active cases
Tripp: Fully Recovered
Turner: +4 positive, +1 recovered (14 active cases)
Union (4): +7 positive (28 active cases)
Walworth: +5 positive, +1 recovered (17 active cases)
Yankton (3): +8 positive, +1 recovered (44 active cases)
Ziebach: 12 active cases

North Dakota Dept. of Health Report
COVID-19 Daily Report, August 27:

- 6,972 tests (1,441)
- 10,800 positives (+337)
- 8,666 recovered (+121)
- 139 deaths (+1)
- 1,995 active cases (+211)

0-9 years	423	0
10-19 years	1126	0
20-29 years	2854	2
30-39 years	2336	6
40-49 years	1769	7
50-59 years	1761	18
60-69 years	1065	29
70-79 years	464	26
80+ years	396	74

SEX OF SOUTH DAKOTA COVID-19 CASES		
Sex	# of Cases	# of Deaths
Female	6098	82
Male	6095	80

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County	Positive Cases	Recovered Cases	Negative Persons	Deceased	Community Spread
▲					
Aurora	42	40	418	0	Minimal
Beadle	621	591	2019	9	Moderate
Bennett	18	7	555	0	Moderate
Bon Homme	47	28	930	1	Substantial
Brookings	224	164	3148	1	Moderate
Brown	604	495	5158	3	Substantial
Brule	55	45	817	0	Minimal
Buffalo	109	102	672	3	None
Butte	41	18	886	1	Moderate
Campbell	4	4	111	0	Minimal
Charles Mix	117	103	1609	0	Minimal
Clark	18	16	426	0	Minimal
Clay	230	131	1592	1	Substantial
Codington	243	169	3250	1	Substantial
Corson	52	45	599	0	Moderate
Custer	104	48	842	0	Substantial
Davison	121	99	2588	2	Moderate
Day	34	28	709	0	Moderate
Deuel	38	26	482	0	Substantial
Dewey	72	44	2446	0	Moderate
Douglas	23	17	440	0	Minimal
Edmunds	27	23	452	0	Moderate
Fall River	32	24	1089	0	None
Faulk	31	27	218	1	None
Grant	41	32	809	0	Moderate
Gregory	14	8	443	0	Minimal
Haakon	5	2	307	0	Minimal
Hamlin	48	31	762	0	Substantial
Hand	14	11	333	0	Minimal
Hanson	23	19	239	0	Minimal
Harding	2	2	59	0	None
Hughes	121	97	2000	3	Moderate
Hutchinson	36	31	977	1	Moderate

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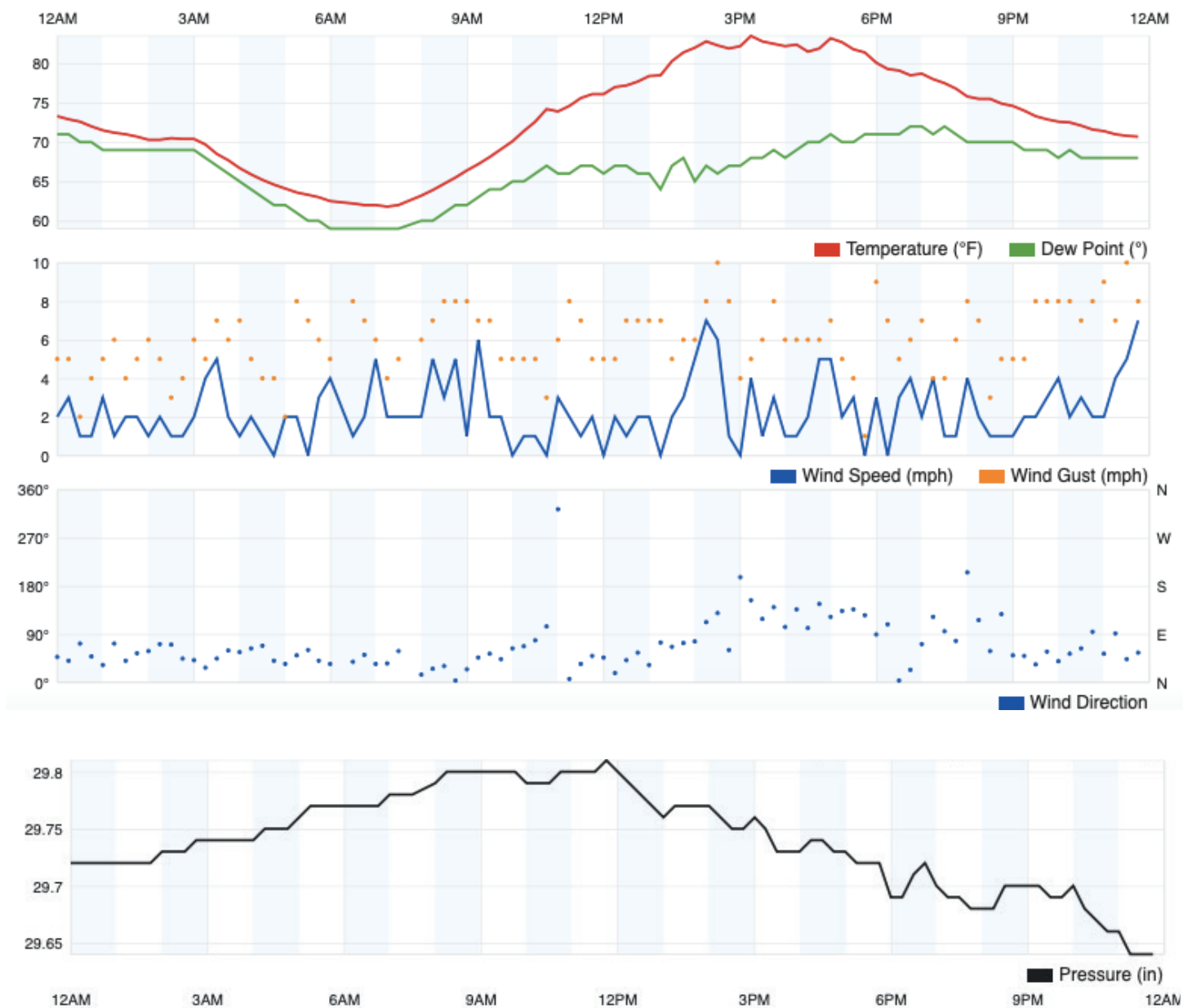
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Hyde	5	4	158	0	Minimal
Jackson	12	11	488	1	None
Jerauld	40	38	286	1	Minimal
Jones	3	2	66	0	Minimal
Kingsbury	21	15	625	0	Minimal
Lake	113	97	1038	6	Moderate
Lawrence	171	72	2352	2	Substantial
Lincoln	830	710	7787	2	Substantial
Lyman	99	83	1050	3	Minimal
Marshall	16	10	509	0	Minimal
McCook	41	34	703	1	Minimal
McPherson	10	7	243	0	Minimal
Meade	247	113	2247	1	Substantial
Mellette	24	24	403	0	None
Miner	15	15	271	0	None
Minnehaha	5028	4488	30904	70	Substantial
Moody	39	34	700	0	Moderate
Oglala Lakota	169	146	3037	2	Moderate
Pennington	1211	889	12089	33	Moderate
Perkins	13	5	221	0	Minimal
Potter	7	2	328	0	Minimal
Roberts	93	81	2044	1	Minimal
Sanborn	13	13	251	0	None
Spink	44	27	1278	0	Moderate
Stanley	20	19	298	0	Moderate
Sully	8	5	97	0	Minimal
Todd	77	69	2393	5	Minimal
Tripp	20	20	646	0	None
Turner	74	60	1015	0	Substantial
Union	244	212	2171	4	Moderate
Walworth	37	20	836	0	Substantial
Yankton	193	146	3462	3	Substantial
Ziebach	46	34	422	0	Substantial
Unassigned	0	0	11286	0	

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Yesterday's Groton Weather Graphs



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Today



Slight Chance
Showers then
Mostly Sunny
and Breezy

High: 77 °F

Tonight



Clear

Low: 51 °F

Saturday



Sunny

High: 77 °F

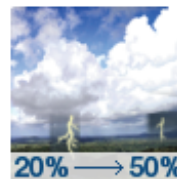
Saturday
Night



Mostly Clear


Low: 58 °F

Sunday



Breezy.
Slight Chance
T-storms then
Chance
T-storms

High: 81 °F

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Today, less humid. Highs in the 70s to around 80. Isolated thunderstorms in eastern SD and Western MN this afternoon.

Tonight, cool. Lows in the 50s.

Saturday, seasonal temps in the 70s to low 80s.

Updated: 8/28/2020 4:44 AM Central

A cold front will slide across the region today, bringing cooler temperatures and less humid conditions. Isolated thunderstorms will be possible along the cold front over eastern South Dakota and western Minnesota this afternoon. Cool temperatures are expected tonight with lows dropping into the 50s.

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Today in Weather History

August 28, 2011: Several thunderstorms tracking southeast across the region brought large hail along with damaging winds to parts of the area. Golf ball hail broke some windows on several homes and the church in Herried in Campbell County. Colossal hail up to three inches in diameter caused some vehicle and siding damage in Tolstoy, in Potter County. In Redfield, seventy mph winds downed a tree along with many large tree branches. Also, the metal on a roof was peeled back.

1973: An F4 tornado touched down near Canaan, New York, and moved to western Massachusetts. Three people were killed in West Stockbridge, Massachusetts when a truck stop was destroyed, and another person died in a ruined house nearby.

1990: Between 3:15 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. a devastating F5 tornado ripped a 16.4 mile-long path through portions of Kendall and Will counties in northern Illinois. A total of 29 people were killed, and 350 more were injured. An estimated \$160 million in damages occurred. The tornado's path width ranged from 200 yards to half a mile. A total of 470 homes were destroyed, and another 1000 homes were damaged. Sixty-five thousand customers lost power.

2005: Hurricane Katrina attained Category 5 status on the morning of August 28 and reached its peak strength at 1800 UTC that day, with maximum sustained winds of 175 mph and a minimum central pressure of 902 mbars (26.6 inHg).

1898 - Torrents of rain accompanied by a furious wind upset the rain gage at Fort Mohave AZ. However, water in a wash tub set out on the mesa, clear of everything, measured eight inches after the 45 minute storm. (The Weather Channel)

1911 - Saint George, GA, was deluged with 18.00 inches of rain in 24 hours to establish a state record. (The Weather Channel)

1959 - Lieutenant Colonel William Rankin bailed out of his plane at a height of 46,000 feet into a violent thunderstorm, and lived to write about the 45 minute journey (which normally would have been a thirteen minute descent). He described it as one of the most bizarre and painful experiences imaginable. (The Weather Channel)

1971 - Heavy rains from Tropical Storm Doria caused devastating floods in central and northeast New Jersey resulting in 138 million dollars damage. In southeastern Pennsylvania, high winds downed trees and power lines, and in New York City, heavy rains flooded streets and subways. (David Ludlum)

1986 - The temperature at Apalachicola, FL, dipped to 62 degrees to shatter their previous August record by four degrees, having tied their August record high of 99 degrees on the 2nd of the month. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Severe thunderstorms broke the heat in the southeastern U.S. and the Gulf Coast Region, but not before seven cities reported record high temperatures for the date. The severe thunderstorms produced wind gusts to 80 mph downing large trees around Horse Shoe NC, and pelted southeastern Meridian MS with hail two inches in diameter. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Tropical Storm Chris spawned a tornado near Manning, SC, which killed one person, and spawned three tornadoes in North Carolina. Chris produced one to two foot tides, and three to six inch rains, over coastal South Carolina. Severe thunderstorms in New York State and Vermont, developing ahead of a cold front, spawned a tornado which killed one person at Hector NY, produced tennis ball size hail at Brandon VT, and produced wind gusts to 80 mph at Lyndonville VT. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Early morning thunderstorms in Nebraska produced 4.50 inches of rain around McCook, and 4.65 inches near Auburn and Brownville. Showers in Montana pushed the rainfall total for the month at Havre past the previous August record of 3.90 inches. (The National Weather Summary)

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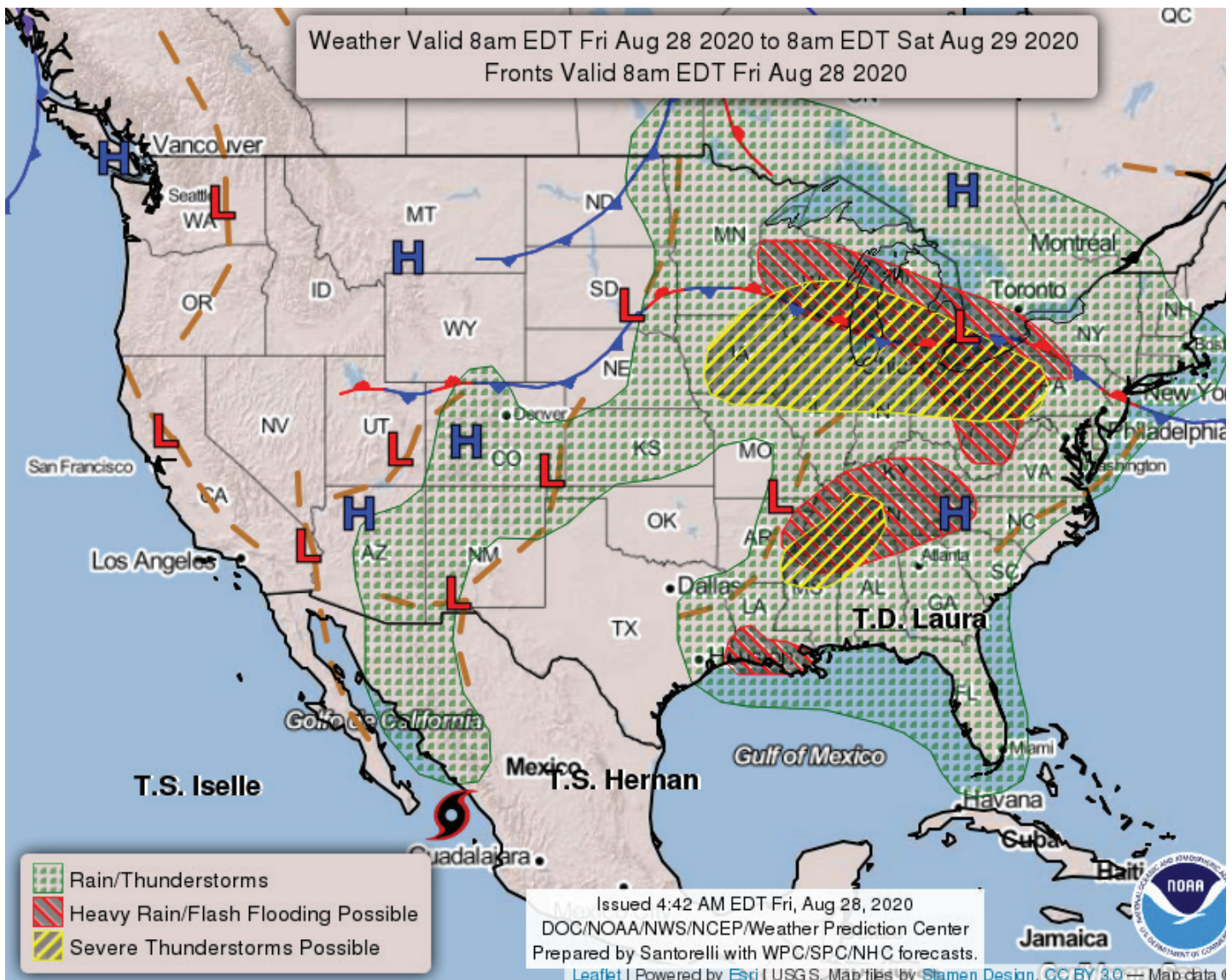
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Yesterday's Groton Weather

High Temp: 84 °F at 3:14 PM
Low Temp: 62 °F at 7:05 AM
Wind: 13 mph at 10:50 PM
Precip: .67

Today's Info

Record High: 104° in 1937
Record Low: 31° in 1893
Average High: 79°F
Average Low: 53°F
Average Precip in Aug.: 2.12
Precip to date in Aug.: 2.37
Average Precip to date: 15.98
Precip Year to Date: 12.98
Sunset Tonight: 8:18 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:52 a.m.



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TO BELIEVE IS TO ACHIEVE

A group of men was preparing to climb Mount Everest. As the final pieces of their plan fell into place, a psychologist asked if he could interview them. They agreed to his request, and he met with them at their camp.

Looking at each one of them carefully and intently, he asked them – one by one – “Tell me, will you get to the top?”

The first answered, “I certainly hope so.” The second responded, “I’ll do my best.” The third, “I’m going to give it all I’ve got.” And, the fourth said, “Yes, I will.” And he did – and he was the only one!

Our bodies can achieve what our hearts believe, and our hearts believe what comes from our minds. A lack of faith enlarges our fears and turns the fears into facts. The shadows that our thoughts create can become so dreadful that we are afraid to face them. Our worries eventually become walls that we cannot climb over or around.

Often when someone asks us to do “something” for the Lord, our minds create fears that are not based on facts, but shadows that have no substance. We have no vision of being able to accomplish new challenges and cannot see through the windows of opportunity God offers us.

Isaiah, the Prophet, boldly declared, “See, God has come to save me, I will trust in Him and not be afraid! The Lord God is my strength and my song, He has become my salvation!”

If we truly trust God, all things are possible.

Prayer: Lord, in Your grace, You bring so many opportunities and challenges into our lives that allow us to honor You. Help us to trust in You and be victorious. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Scripture For Today: See, God has come to save me, I will trust in Him and not be afraid. The Lord God is my strength and my song, He has become my salvation. Isaiah 12:2

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2020 Groton SD Community Events

- **CANCELLED** Groton Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt - City Park (Saturday a week before Easter Weekend)
- **CANCELLED** Dueling Piano's Baseball Fundraiser at the American Legion
- **CANCELLED** Fireman's Fun Night (Same Saturday as GHS Prom)
- **POSTPONED** Front Porch 605 Rural Route Road Trip
- **CANCELLED** Father/Daughter dance.
- **CANCELLED** Spring City-Wide Rummage Sales, (1st Saturday in May)
- **CANCELLED** Girls High School Golf Meet at Olive Grove Golf Course
- 05/25/2020 Groton American Legion Post #39 Memorial Day Services
- 07/04/2020 Firecracker Golf Tourney at Olive Grove Golf Course
- 07/12/2020 Summer Fest/Car Show
- 07/16/2020 Olive Grove Golf Course Pro Am Golf Tourney
- 07/24/2020 Olive Grove Golf Course Ferney Open Golf Tourney
- 07/25/2020 City-Wide Rummage Sales
- **CANCELLED** State American Legion Baseball Tournament in Groton
- 08/07/2020 Wine on Nine Event at Olive Grove Golf Course
- 09/12-13/2020 Groton Fly-In/Drive-In at the Groton Airport north of Groton
- 09/12/2020 Fall City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Sat. after Labor Day)
- 09/13/2020 Olive Grove Golf Course Couples Sunflower Classic
- 10/09/2020 Lake Region Marching Band Festival (2nd Friday in October)
- 10/10/2020 Pumpkin Fest (Saturday before Columbus Day)
- 10/31/2020 Downtown Trick or Treat
- 10/31/2020 Groton United Methodist Trunk or Treat
- 11/14/2020 Groton Legion Annual Turkey Party (Saturday closest to Veteran's Day)
- 11/26/2020 Community Thanksgiving at the Community Center
- 12/05/2020 Olive Grove Golf Course Tour of Homes & Holiday Party
- 12/05/2020 Santa Claus Day at Professional Management Services
- 01/--/2021 83rd Annual Carnival of Silver Skates

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News from the **AP** Associated Press

Thursday's Scores

By The Associated Press

Volleyball

Bon Homme def. Viborg-Hurley, 22-25, 25-23, 23-25, 25-20, 15-10

Bridgewater-Emery def. Corsica-Stickney, 25-19, 25-18, 25-15

Chester def. Ethan, 25-15, 25-20, 25-15

Colome def. Burke, 16-25, 24-26, 26-24, 25-23, 15-13

Dakota Valley def. Sioux Falls Lincoln, 22-25, 28-26, 25-15, 25-23

Dell Rapids St. Mary def. Alcester-Hudson, 25-22, 25-17, 24-26, 25-21

Deubrook def. DeSmet, 19-25, 25-17, 25-13, 25-12

Estelline/Hendricks def. Wessington Springs, 23-25, 25-5, 25-13, 25-13

Faulkton def. Sunshine Bible Academy, 25-6, 25-15, 25-8

Garretson def. Beresford, 25-12, 25-10, 25-17

Groton Area def. Britton-Hecla, 25-20, 25-14, 25-15

Ipswich def. Highmore/Harrold, 18-25, 25-16, 25-22, 25-22

Leola-Frederick def. Waubay/Summit, 25-15, 25-20, 20-25, 25-13

Madison 3, Flandreau 0

Menno def. Centerville, 25-18-, 25-20, 25-18

Northwestern def. Wolsey-Wessington, 25-5, 25-12, 25-4

Parker def. Mt. Vernon/Plankinton, 25-20, 25-9, 25-18

Parkston def. Tripp-Delmont/Armour, 25-17, 25-21, 21-25, 25-21

Platte-Geddes def. Avon, 25-20, 25-21, 25-20

Roncalli def. Deuel, 25-9, 25-22, 25-21

Scotland def. Irene-Wakonda, 27-25, 25-21, 25-15

Sioux City West, Iowa def. Elk Point-Jefferson, 25-19, 25-19, 25-21

Valentine, Neb. def. Bennett County, 25-20, 25-15, 25-19

Wagner def. Vermillion, 25-22, 25-15, 25-6

Warner def. Aberdeen Christian, 25-18, 25-7, 25-12

Watertown 3, Yankton 0

Waverly-South Shore def. Wilmot, 28-26, 25-20, 25-20

Webster def. Milbank, 25-21, 25-18, 29-27

West Central def. Dell Rapids, 25-20, 25-23, 25-13

Home explosion kills man, injures woman near Marshall

MARSHALL, Minn. (AP) — Authorities say one person was killed and another was injured in an explosion that destroyed a home in southwestern Minnesota.

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office says the explosion happened near Marshall about 6:30 a.m. Thursday at a home along state Highway 19.

Sheriff's officials say a man was pronounced dead at the scene and a woman was taken to a hospital in Marshall for treatment of her injuries.

KSFY-TV said it received reports of people feeling the explosion that leveled the home at least two miles away. The cause of the blast is under investigation.

160 positive COVID-19 cases on South Dakota college campuses

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Trackers following coronavirus cases at South Dakota's six higher education

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institutions shows 160 active positive cases overall and more than 600 additional people in isolation or quarantine.

The numbers posted to the schools' websites as part of the South Dakota Board of Regents' effort to keep the public updated on the number of cases on the campuses. The tracker tool is based on self-reported cases from each of the colleges, the Argus Leader reported.

Regents Executive Director Bran Maher says it also includes reported to the universities by the state health department.

The largest group of COVID-19 cases is at the University of South Dakota, officials said. The university has four active employee cases, 94 active student cases and 406 people in quarantine or isolation either at home or on campus.

The other schools tracking the virus include Black Hills State University, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, Northern State University and South Dakota State University and Dakota State University.

Victims of fatal park shooting in Rapid City identified

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Police have identified the two victims found fatally shot in a park in western South Dakota earlier this week.

Charles Red Willow, a 26-year-old local man, and 29-year-old Ashley Nagy, of Greeley, Colorado, were found dead from multiple gunshots in Thomson Park in Rapid City Monday night, authorities said.

Investigators believe the two knew the shooter, but a suspect hasn't been identified. They say evidence at the scene leads them to believe the shooting was drug-related. Police have declined to say what evidence was found.

Officer went to the park about 10:40 p.m. after a 911 caller reported a disturbance. The caller then reported hearing multiple gunshots. Police found the two victims inside a car, the Rapid City Journal reported.

The deaths raise the number of homicides in the city of 75,000 to seven this year, compared to six homicides in all of 2019.

SD Lottery

By The Associated Press undefined

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

Dakota Cash

11-19-22-23-34

(eleven, nineteen, twenty-two, twenty-three, thirty-four)

Estimated jackpot: \$134,000

Lotto America

05-16-22-24-31, Star Ball: 9, ASB: 5

(five, sixteen, twenty-two, twenty-four, thirty-one; Star Ball: nine; ASB: five)

Estimated jackpot: \$2.05 million

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$68 million

Powerball

08-12-19-47-58, Powerball: 2, Power Play: 2

(eight, twelve, nineteen, forty-seven, fifty-eight; Powerball: two; Power Play: two)

Estimated jackpot: \$37 million

Coastal Louisiana a hot mess as Laura's leftovers move east

By MELINDA DESLATTÉ, STACEY PLAISANCE and GERALD HERBERT Associated Press

LAKE CHARLES, La. (AP) — The remnants of Hurricane Laura unleashed heavy rain and twisters hundreds of miles inland from a path of death and mangled buildings along the Gulf Coast, and forecasters warn of

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new dangers as the tropical weather blows toward the Eastern Seaboard this weekend.

Flooding and more tornadoes were possible as the leftovers of the once fearsome Category 4 hurricane move eastward through Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama Friday after an apparent tornado tore through a church and homes in Arkansas Thursday night. Laura weakened to a tropical depression late Thursday, but could become a tropical storm again when it moves off the mid-Atlantic coast on Saturday.

More than 750,000 homes and businesses were without power in Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas in the storm's wake, according to poweroutage.us, which tracks utility reports.

One of the strongest hurricanes ever to strike the United States, Laura was blamed for six deaths as it barreled across Louisiana and parts of Texas.

A sense of relief prevailed that Laura was not the annihilating menace forecasters had feared, but a full assessment of the damage could take days. Buildings were demolished and entire neighborhoods left in ruins along the coast. Thunderstorms and sizzling heat were expected in the disaster area on Friday, complicating recovery efforts.

"It is clear that we did not sustain and suffer the absolute, catastrophic damage that we thought was likely," Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards said. "But we have sustained a tremendous amount of damage."

He called Laura the most powerful hurricane to strike Louisiana, meaning it surpassed even Katrina, which was a Category 3 storm when it hit in 2005.

The hurricane's top wind speed of 150 mph (241 kph) put it among the strongest systems on record in the U.S. Not until 11 hours after landfall did Laura finally lose hurricane status as it plowed north and thrashed Arkansas, and up until Thursday evening it remained a tropical storm with winds of 40 mph (65 kph).

The storm crashed ashore in low-lying Louisiana and clobbered Lake Charles, an industrial and casino city of 80,000 people. On Broad Street, many buildings had partially collapsed. Windows were blown out, awnings ripped away and trees split in eerily misshapen ways. A floating casino came unmoored and hit a bridge, and small planes were thrown atop each other at the airport. A television station's tower toppled.

A Confederate statue in front of a courthouse that local officials had voted to keep in place just days earlier was knocked down by Laura.

"It looks like 1,000 tornadoes went through here. It's just destruction everywhere," said Brett Geymann, who rode out the storm with three relatives in Moss Bluff, near Lake Charles. He described a roar like a jet engine as Laura passed over his house around 2 a.m.

"There are houses that are totally gone," he said.

As the extent of the damage came into focus, a massive plume of smoke visible for miles began rising from a chemical plant. Police said the leak was at a facility run by Biolab, which manufactures chemicals used in household cleaners and chlorine powder for pools. Nearby residents were told to close their doors and windows, and the fire smoldered into the night.

Four people were killed by falling trees in Louisiana, including a 14-year-old girl and a 68-year-old man. A 24-year-old man died of carbon monoxide poisoning from a generator inside his residence. Another man drowned in a boat that sank during the storm, authorities said.

No deaths had been confirmed in Texas, which Republican Gov. Greg Abbott called "a miracle." Chev-ellce Dunn considered herself among the fortunate after a night spent huddling on a sofa with her son, daughter and four nieces and nephews as winds rocked their home in Orange, Texas. Left without power in sweltering heat, she wondered when the electricity might come back.

"It ain't going to be easy. As long as my kids are fine, I'm fine," Dunn said.

It was unclear when the journey home would be complete for more than 580,000 coastal residents who evacuated under the shadow of a coronavirus pandemic. Although not everyone fled, officials credited those who did leave with minimizing the loss of life.

A lower-than-expected storm surge also helped save lives. Edwards said ocean water rose as much as 12 feet (4 meters) rather than the 20 feet (6 meters) that was predicted.

Finishing search and rescue efforts was a top priority, Edwards said, followed by efforts to find hotel or motel rooms for those unable to stay in their homes. Officials in Texas and Louisiana both sought to avoid

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traditional mass shelters for evacuees over fears of spreading COVID-19.

Bucky Millet, 78, of Lake Arthur, Louisiana, considered evacuating but decided because of the coronavirus to ride out the storm with family. A small tornado blew the cover off the bed of his pickup. That made him think the roof of his house was next.

"You'd hear a crack and a boom and everything shaking," he said.

Laura's winds blew out every window of the living room in the Lake Charles house where Bethany Agosto survived the storm with her sister and two others. They huddled in a closet, where she said, "it was like a jigsaw puzzle...we were on top of each other, just holding each other and crying."

Laura was the seventh named storm to strike the U.S. this year, setting a new record for U.S. landfalls by the end of August. Laura hit the U.S. after killing nearly two dozen people on the island of Hispaniola, including 20 in Haiti and three in the Dominican Republic.

President Donald Trump planned to visit the Gulf Coast this weekend to tour the damage.

Associated Press contributors include Jeff Martin in Marietta, Georgia; Kevin McGill in New Orleans; John L. Mone in Holly Beach, Louisiana; Paul J. Weber in Austin, Texas; Seth Borenstein in Kensington, Maryland; Juan A. Lozano in Houston; Jay Reeves in Birmingham, Alabama; Jill Bleed in Little Rock, Arkansas; and Sophia Tulp in Atlanta.

Trump lashes Biden, defies pandemic on White House stage

By JONATHAN LEMIRE, MICHELLE L. PRICE and KEVIN FREKING Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump blasted Joe Biden as a hapless career politician who will endanger Americans' safety as he accepted his party's renomination on the South Lawn of the White House. While the coronavirus kills 1,000 Americans each day, Trump defied his own administration's pandemic guidelines to speak for more than an hour to a tightly packed, largely maskless crowd.

Facing a moment fraught with racial turmoil, economic collapse and a national health emergency, Trump delivered a triumphant, optimistic vision of America's future Thursday. But he said that brighter horizon could only be secured if he defeated his Democratic foe, who currently has an advantage in most national and battleground state polls.

"We have spent the last four years reversing the damage Joe Biden inflicted over the last 47 years," Trump said, referring to the former senator and vice president's career in Washington.

When Trump finished, a massive fireworks display went off by the Washington Monument, complete with explosions that spelled out "Trump 2020."

His acceptance speech kicked off the final stretch of the campaign, a race now fully joined and, despite the pandemic, soon to begin crisscrossing the country. Trump's pace of travel will pick up to a near daily pace while Biden, who has largely weathered the pandemic from this Delaware home, announced Thursday that he will soon resume campaign travel.

Teasing once more that a vaccine could arrive soon, the president promised victory over the coronavirus pandemic, which has killed more than 180,000 people in the United States, left millions unemployed and rewritten the rules of society. And, in the setting for his speech, Trump sought to project a sense of normalcy by throwing caution about the coronavirus aside.

All week long, Republicans at the nonconvention convention tried to create the illusion that the pandemic is largely a thing of the past. The rows of chairs on the South Lawn were inches apart. Protective masks were not required, and COVID-19 tests were not administered to everyone.

As his speech brought the scaled-back Republican National Convention to a close, Trump's incendiary rhetoric risked inflaming a divided nation reeling from a series of calamities, including the pandemic, a major hurricane that slammed into the Gulf Coast and nights of protest after Jacob Blake, a Black man, was shot by a white Wisconsin police officer. Prosecutors charged a white, 17-year-old police admirer with the fatal shooting of two protesters and wounding of a third.

The president spoke from a setting that was both familiar and controversial. Despite tradition and regu-

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lation to not use the White House for purely political events, a huge stage was set up outside the executive mansion, dwarfing the trappings for some of the most important moments of past presidencies. The speaker's stand was flanked by dozens of American flags and two large video screens.

Trying to run as an insurgent as well as incumbent, Trump rarely includes calls for unity, even in a time of national uncertainty. Presenting himself as the last barrier protecting an American way of life under siege from radical forces, Trump has repeatedly, if not always effectively, tried to portray Biden — who is considered a moderate Democrat — as a tool of extreme leftists.

He mocked his opponent's record and famous empathy, suggesting that "laid-off workers in Michigan, Ohio, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania" don't "want Joe Biden's hollow words of empathy, they wanted their jobs back."

In a week of racial tumult, Republicans have claimed that the violence that has erupted in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and some other American cities is to be blamed on Democratic governors and mayors and would only grow worse under a Biden administration. That drew a stern rebuke from Biden.

"Every example of violence Donald Trump decries has happened on his watch. Under his leadership. During his presidency," Biden tweeted. He has accused Trump of "rooting for more violence" to benefit him politically.

Both parties are watching with uncertainty the developments in Wisconsin and cities across the nation with Republicans leaning hard on support for law and order — with no words offered for Black victims of police violence — while falsely claiming that Biden has not condemned the lawlessness.

Rudy Giuliani, Trump's personal attorney and New York City's former mayor, declared that Democrats' "silence was so deafening that it reveals an acceptance of this violence because they will accept anything they hope will defeat President Donald Trump."

Though some of the speakers, unlike on previous nights, offered notes of sympathy to the families of Black men killed by police, Giuliani also took aim at the Black Lives Matter movement, suggesting that it, along with antifa, was part of the extremist voices pushing Biden to "execute their pro-criminal, anti-police policies" and had "hijacked the protests into vicious, brutal riots."

Along with Biden, running mate Kamala Harris offered counter-programming for Trump's prime-time speech. She delivered a speech a half-mile from the White House, declaring, "Donald Trump has failed at the most basic and important job of a president of the United States: He failed to protect the American people, plain and simple."

Some demonstrations took to Washington's streets Thursday night, ahead of a march planned for Friday. New fencing was set up along the White House perimeter to keep the protesters at bay, but some of their shouts and car horns were clearly audible on the South Lawn, where more than 1,500 people gathered. Soon after Trump began talking, the horns and sirens — which came through occasionally to the millions watching at home — caused some people in the last row to turn around and look for the source of the disturbance.

After the convention concluded, there were skirmishes as protesters yelled and threw water bottles at police at the historic St. John's Church near Black Lives Matter Plaza. There were some arrests.

Trump, who has defended his handling of the pandemic, touted an expansion of rapid coronavirus testing. The White House announced Thursday that it had struck a \$750 million deal to acquire 150 million tests from Abbott Laboratories to be deployed in nursing homes, schools and other areas with populations at high risk.

Most of the convention has been aimed at former Trump supporters or nonvoters, and has tried to drive up negative impressions of Biden so that some of his possible backers stay home. Many of the messages were aimed squarely at seniors and suburban women.

Four years ago, Trump declared in his acceptance speech that "I alone can fix" the nation's woes, but he has found himself asking voters for another term at the nadir of his presidency, amid the devastating pandemic, crushing unemployment and real uncertainties about schools and businesses reopening.

Another one million Americans filed for unemployment benefits last week, in numbers released Thurs-

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day. And the U.S. economy shrank at an alarming annual rate of 31.7% during the April-June quarter as it struggled under the weight of the viral pandemic. It was sharpest quarterly drop on record.

Price reported from Las Vegas. Associated Press writers Zeke Miller, Jill Colvin, Darlene Superville and Aamer Madhani contributed reporting.

Protesters try to drown out Trump speech, yell at Sen. Paul

By ASHRAF KHALIL Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hundreds of demonstrators gathered around the White House for a “noise demonstration and dance party” in an attempt to drown out President Donald Trump’s speech accepting the Republican presidential nomination.

And later, a crowd enveloped U.S. Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky as he left the convention, yelling for him to say the name of police shooting victim Breonna Taylor, who was killed in his state.

“I hope you hear us, Trump,” the leader of the popular local band TOB shouted Thursday night near the site of Trump’s speech. The band blared Go-Go music, a distinctive D.C. variant on funk, as it moved in the direction of the White House, where Trump delivered his acceptance speech to a crowd of more than 1,500 people on the South Lawn.

One protester held up a sign, “Nightmare on Pennsylvania Avenue” — the street where the White House is located.

There was no indication that Trump heard the protesters, but there were a few points when a mix of sirens, music and blowhorns could be heard in the background and spectators in the back turned to see where the sounds were coming from.

Acknowledging the coronavirus pandemic, the demonstrators wore masks but there was no social distancing.

“Make some noise if you want to drown out Trump,” protest organizer Justin Johnson said.

After the convention concluded, there were skirmishes as protesters yelled and threw water bottles at police at the historic St. John’s Church near Black Lives Matter Plaza. There were some arrests.

Video posted online showed dozens of people confronting Paul and his wife, who were flanked by police officers, on a street after midnight. Protesters shouted “No Justice, No Peace” and “Say Her Name” before one appears to briefly clash with an officer, pushing him and his bike backward, sending the officer into Paul’s shoulder.

Paul later tweeted that he had been “attacked” by a “crazed mob” a block from the White House. The senator and his wife kept walking and did not appear to have been touched by any of the protesters or to have suffered any injuries.

Videos showed other attendees also being confronted by protesters after leaving Trump’s event.

There was a robust police presence, but the noise demonstration outside the White House was generally peaceful. There was a moment of levity at the end.

“You guys gotta get some rhythm,” a protester told Secret Service officers.

“Would you have rhythm if you were wearing 30 pounds of gear,” one responded.

The demonstration was significantly smaller than the protests that rocked the nation’s capital this past spring after George Floyd died at police hands in Minneapolis.

Floyd’s family and the families of other Black Americans who were victims of police violence were expected to participate Friday in a commemoration of the 1963 March on Washington that is being led by the Rev. Al Sharpton and Martin Luther King III.

Before Trump spoke, there was a brief standoff between police and demonstrators, who shouted anti-police slogans. “Free the people, fight the power,” they chanted. Nearby protesters set up a small guillotine, with the District of Columbia flag as the blade.

Lafayette Park, a traditional site of demonstrations across from the White House, was sealed off and there were some street closures.

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The groups ShutdownDC and Long-Live Go-Go had put out word in advance about the planned “noise demonstration and dance party” to coincide with Trump’s speech.

“We’ll be at the White House on Thursday to drown out (Trump’s) racist rhetoric with another vision for the future of our country,” the groups said in a statement.

A longtime D.C. signature sound, Go-Go music emerged last year as a battle anthem for activists fighting fast-moving gentrification in the nation’s capital. The music has been a regular presence in recent protests against racial injustice and rolling Go-Go trucks with live bands have appeared frequently at the epicenter of the protests, which was renamed by the city as Black Lives Matter Plaza

Katrina to COVID: New Orleans’ Black community pounded again

By REBECCA SANTANA Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Levee breaches from Hurricane Katrina dumped six feet of water into the New Orleans home of Mary Duplessis and her husband in 2005. The house was uninhabitable. Rebuilding meant piles of paperwork in a mountain of bureaucracy. She didn’t return to the city for a year.

But as the 15th anniversary of the storm approaches, and as another monster storm narrowly missed the city, it’s not memories of Katrina that weigh on Duplessis’ mind. It’s the coronavirus.

The Black community of New Orleans, already economically lagging behind white residents before Katrina, was pummeled by the Category 3 storm that made landfall Aug. 29, 2005 and by the lengthy rebuilding process. Images of residents, mostly Black, on top of roofs, cars and at the Superdome stadium became the most iconic of a storm that revealed to the world a city starkly divided into haves and have-nots.

Today, the city is still majority African American but has nearly 100,000 fewer Black residents than it did before Katrina. Many couldn’t imagine the community taking a bigger hit than it did from Katrina, but in some ways, that’s happening with the coronavirus pandemic. Data show New Orleans’ Black residents dying at greater rates — a trend mirrored nationally — and finding themselves less able to bounce back economically .

After Katrina, Duplessis’ husband, Barrett, was back at work as a Sheraton Hotel maintenance mechanic within weeks. Now, he’s been out of work for nearly six months. They visit food banks and use disability checks and retirement saving to get by.

She fell ill with the virus in March, she said, was hospitalized for seven days. The list of people she knows who’ve died of COVID-19 is growing — a sister-in-law, two close friends.

“Every night I go to sleep, I say, ‘Is it going to ever be the same?’” Duplessis said. “We don’t know when this is going to be over with.”

Black New Orleanians account for 60% of the city’s population but 77% of its coronavirus-related deaths as of June, according to a study by The Data Center, a New Orleans-area think tank. Among contributing factors, the study found: African Americans are more likely to live in multigenerational homes where it’s harder to self-isolate, and a larger proportion fill essential jobs that potentially put them in contact with infected people.

“My estimation of the COVID health and economic crisis is that it will be more severe on Black New Orleanians than Katrina was in terms of personal trauma, in terms of financial impact, in terms of potentially the number of deaths at the end of the day,” said Allison Plyer, of The Data Center.

For Doreen Ketchens, the pandemic is economically much tougher than Katrina. When she isn’t touring the world for clarinet concerts, she’s playing in the French Quarter with her husband (sousaphone) and daughter (drums). After Katrina, she could travel for gigs around the country, but that’s not an option now. A once-full calendar has dwindled to nothing.

Around her, she sees the virus’s racial disparities. In one day, she lost her brother and a teacher. It’s frustrating, she said: “It’s only serious if you are Black or brown.”

A sign on downtown’s Joy Theater reads, “Everything you love about New Orleans is because of Black people” — a testament to the food, music, and parades that African Americans have created in the city.

But for the Black people who make up the tourism industry’s backbone — hotel cleaners, Frenchman

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Street musicians, line cooks — the work usually doesn't meant wealth.

"This is still the best tourist destination in the world," said Jay H. Banks, a Black City Council member. "People want to come here because of this magic. But it certainly has not been of great benefit to the people that make the magic happen."

Black and Hispanic workers fill a disproportionate share of hotel-industry jobs paying less than \$15 hourly, while the relatively small number paying more are largely filled by white staffers, a 2018 Data Center report found.

That's amid soaring housing costs. Rents increased 50% from pre-Katrina amounts, a 2015 Housing NOLA report said. Black residents have more trouble making rent, with over 60% using at least a third of income on housing.

Renter Shaun Mills sees how the housing landscape has changed since Katrina — the double shotguns converted to single-family homes, rebuilt public housing with fewer units, pricey condos springing up.

Even before he lost his line-cook job at Harrah's sports bar amid the pandemic, he said, he struggled.

"The prices of your rent, the prices of the insurance, the living expenses, the food expenses. Everything goes up year after year except for the pay," he said. "How can you expect a grown person to be able to provide for his family?"

After Katrina, billions of recovery dollars flowed into the city, largely rebuilding structural damage. Yet Black New Orleans families are hurting, advocates say. Black households earn significantly less. About half the city's Black children live in poverty, compared with 9% of white children, The Data Center says. Analysts do point to some gains — the 2016 Medicaid expansion improved health care access, and the jail population has dropped.

Mary and Barrett Duplessis have found firmer footing since Katrina but still lived month-to-month pre-pandemic. When the virus hit, and Mary was hospitalized, Barrett was glued to his phone, awaiting updates. When she came home, he was still so worried that Mary feared he'd make himself sick.

Prayer has helped. So has staying busy at home — their iron fence is now painted black and gold, for their beloved New Orleans Saints. They try to help neighbors by giving milk or vegetables from food-bank visits. Mary's attention was briefly diverted to Hurricane Laura, as she worried the storm could make a last-minute shift toward New Orleans. They were largely spared.

Meanwhile, the bills keep coming, including September's \$900 one for health care. As long as coronavirus is around, that's one expense the Duplessises can't drop.

"I'm really scared of that COVID," Barrett said. "It scares me."

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AP FACT CHECK: Trump distorts record; BLM falsely accused

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump claimed accomplishments he didn't earn on the pandemic, energy and veterans at a Republican convention finale that also heard Black Lives Matter baselessly accused of coordinating violent protests across the country.

A look at some of the rhetoric Thursday from Trump and his supporting speakers at Republican National Convention proceedings:

COVID-19

TRUMP: "Instead of following the science, Joe Biden wants to inflict a painful shutdown on the entire country. His shutdown would inflict unthinkable and lasting harm on our nation's children, families, and citizens of all backgrounds."

THE FACTS: That's false. Biden has publicly said he would shut down the nation's economy only if scientists and public health advisers recommended he do so to stem the COVID-19 threat. In other words, he said he would follow the science, not disregard it.

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Speaking Sunday in an ABC interview, Biden said he "will be prepared to do whatever it takes to save lives" when he was asked if he would be willing to shut the country again.

"So if the scientists say shut it down?" asked ABC's David Muir.

"I would shut it down," Biden responded. "I would listen to the scientists." The former vice president has said repeatedly that no one knows what January would look like.

TRUMP: "For those of you that still drive a car, look how low your gasoline bill is. You haven't seen that in a long time."

THE FACTS: Trump seems to be taking credit for lower prices that were the byproduct of a pandemic that has killed more than 180,000 Americans.

Gasoline prices didn't fall because of the Trump administration. They plunged because of the coronavirus forcing people to abandon their offices, schools, business trips and vacations.

As more people worked from home, they needed to fill up their cars less frequently. Airlines didn't need to burn through as much fuel. Here's the statement from the U.S. Energy Information Administration: "Reduced economic activity related to the COVID-19 pandemic has caused changes in energy demand and supply patterns in 2020." World demand for oil has fallen by 8 million barrels a day, according to that agency's estimates.

TRUMP: "The United States has among the lowest case fatality rates of any major country anywhere in the world."

THE FACTS: Not true. Not if you consider Russia, Saudi Arabia, the Philippines and India to be major countries.

The U.S. sits right in the middle when it comes to COVID-19 mortality rates in the 20 nations most impacted by the pandemic, according to data from the Johns Hopkins University Coronavirus Resource Center.

Of the 20, Mexico has the highest mortality rate at 10.8 deaths for every 100 confirmed COVID cases, followed by Ecuador at 5.8. Saudi Arabia had the lowest rate of the 20 nations at 1.2, followed by Bangladesh, the Philippines, Russia, Morocco, India, Argentina, South Africa and Chile.

The U.S. had the 10th lowest of the 20 nations, with a mortality rate of 3.1.

When the center looked at the data in another way, analyzing the COVID death rate for every 100,000 residents, the U.S. fares even worse. Only three nations — Brazil, Chile and Peru — posted higher death rates.

Understanding deaths as a percentage of the population or as a percentage of known infections is problematic because countries track and report COVID-19 deaths and cases differently. Many other factors are in play in shaping a death toll besides how well a country responded to the pandemic, such as the overall health or youth of national populations.

BLACK LIVES MATTER

RUDY GIULIANI, Trump's personal attorney and former New York mayor: "Black Lives Matter and antifa sprang into action and, in a flash, they hijacked the peaceful protest into vicious, brutal riots."

THE FACTS: That's a hollow claim.

There's no evidence that Black Lives Matter or antifa, or any political group for that matter, is infiltrating racial injustice protests with violence.

In June, The Associated Press analyzed court records, employment histories and social media posts for 217 people arrested in Minneapolis and the District of Columbia, cities at the center of the protests earlier this year.

More than 85 percent of the people arrested were local residents, and few had affiliation with any organized groups. Social media posts for a few of those arrested indicated they were involved in left-leaning activities while others expressed support for the political right and Trump himself.

Local police departments across the country were forced to knock down widespread social media ru-

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mors that busloads of "antifa," a term for leftist militants, were coming to violently disrupt cities and towns during nationwide racial justice protests. In June, Twitter and Facebook busted accounts linked to white supremacy groups that were promoting some of those falsehoods online.

EDUCATION

TRUMP: "Biden also vowed to oppose school choice and oppose all charter schools."

THE FACTS: That's false. Biden doesn't oppose charter schools. He opposes federal money going to for-profit charter companies.

Such firms are only a slice of the charter school market, meaning Biden's position wouldn't substantially alter the charter landscape that is dominated by non-profit organizations.

Biden does oppose federal money for tuition vouchers.

MILITARY

TRUMP: "We have spent \$2.5 trillion on completely rebuilding our military, which was very badly depleted when I took office, as you know."

THE FACTS: That's an exaggeration.

His administration has accelerated a sharp buildup in defense spending and paused spending limits but a number of new Pentagon weapons programs, such as the F-35 fighter jet, predate Trump.

The Air Force's Minuteman 3 missiles, a key part of the U.S. nuclear force, for instance, have been operating since the early 1970s and the modernization was begun under the Obama administration.

VETERANS

TRUMP: "We also passed VA accountability and VA Choice, our great veterans. We are taking care of our veterans."

THE FACTS: False. He didn't get Veterans Choice approved; President Barack Obama did in 2014. Trump expanded it, under a 2018 law known as the MISSION Act. It allows veterans to get health care outside the VA system at public expense under certain conditions.

ENERGY

TRUMP, claiming to have "secured for the first time American energy independence."

HOUSE MINORITY LEADER KEVIN MCCARTHY, R-California: Under Trump, "we ... achieved energy independence."

THE FACTS: This is misleading. The pandemic has severely lessened the demand for crude oil. But through June, the United States was still importing more crude oil than it was selling overseas, according to the Census Bureau.

While the United States has become less reliant on foreign oil, it only produces 11.3 million barrels a day and consumes 18.5 million barrels of liquid fuels daily, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Technological advances like fracking and horizontal drilling have allowed the U.S. to greatly increase production, but the country still imports millions of barrels of oil from Saudi Arabia, Canada, Iraq and other countries. One reason is that foreign oil is more affordable. Another is that much of what the U.S. produces is hard for domestic refiners to convert to practical use. So the U.S. exports that production and imports oil that is more suitable for American refineries to handle.

VIRUS TESTING

IVANKA TRUMP: "Our president rapidly mobilized the full force of government and the private sector to produce ventilators within weeks — to build the most robust testing system in the world."

THE FACTS: Her assertion of superior U.S. testing for COVID-19 is dubious. The U.S. repeatedly stumbled with testing in the early weeks of the outbreak, allowing the virus to quickly spread in the U.S. His own experts say the U.S. is nowhere near the level of testing needed to control the virus.

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Dr. Robert Redfield, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, recently testified that health officials are still working to significantly increase testing capacity, calling such expansion a "critical underpinning of our response."

The U.S. currently is conducting nearly 750,000 tests a day, far short of what many public health experts say the U.S. should be testing to control the spread of the virus. Looking to the fall, some experts have called for 4 million or more tests daily, while a group assembled by Harvard University estimated that 20 million a day would be needed to keep the virus in check.

Redfield has said the U.S. was aiming to boost testing to 3 million daily by "pooling" multiple people's samples, a technique that is still under review by the FDA. He stressed the need for expanded surveillance because some people who get infected may not show symptoms.

"We still have a ways to go," Redfield said.

Frequent shortages also spurred the CDC to quietly issue new guidance on testing. While in the early months of the outbreak Trump repeatedly insisted that "anybody" who wants a test can get a test, Redfield issued a statement this week that "Everyone who wants a test does not necessarily need a test."

The U.S. stumbled early in the pandemic response as the CDC struggled to develop its own test for the coronavirus in January, later discovering problems in its kits sent to state and county public health labs in early February.

It took the CDC more than two weeks to come up with a fix to the test kits, leading to delays in diagnoses through February, a critical month when the virus took root in the U.S.

IRAN

SEN. TOM COTTON of Arkansas: "Joe Biden sent pallets of cash to the ayatollahs."

THE FACTS: This is a distorted tale Trump and Republicans loves to tell. Yes, the U.S. flew cash to Iran in the Obama years, but it was money the United States owed to that country.

Cotton also played into the convention's pattern of attributing every questionable action of President Barack Obama's administration to Biden personally.

EDITOR'S NOTE — A look at the veracity of claims by political figures.

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Russian navy conducts major maneuvers near Alaska

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MOSCOW (AP) — The Russian navy conducted major war games near Alaska involving dozens of ships and aircraft, the military said Friday, the biggest such drills in the area since Soviet times.

Russia's navy chief, Adm. Nikolai Yevmenov, said that more than 50 warships and about 40 aircraft were taking part in the exercise in the Bering Sea, which involved multiple practice missile launches.

"We are holding such massive drills there for the first time ever," Yevmenov said in a statement released by the Russian Defense Ministry.

It wasn't immediately clear when the exercises began or if they had finished.

Yevmenov emphasized that the war games are part of Russia's efforts to boost its presence in the Arctic region and protect its resources.

"We are building up our forces to ensure the economic development of the region," he said. "We are getting used to the Arctic spaces."

The Russian military has rebuilt and expanded numerous facilities across the polar region in recent years,

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revamping runways and deploying additional air defense assets.

Russia has prioritized boosting its military presence in the Arctic region, which is believed to hold up to one-quarter of the Earth's undiscovered oil and gas. Russian President Vladimir Putin has cited estimates that put the value of Arctic mineral riches at \$30 trillion.

Russia's Pacific Fleet, whose assets were taking part in the maneuvers, said the Omsk nuclear submarine and the Varyag missile cruiser launched cruise missiles at a practice target in the Bering Sea as part of the exercise.

The maneuvers also saw Onyx cruise missiles being fired at a practice target in the Gulf of Anadyr from the coast of the Chukchi Peninsula, it added.

As the exercise was ongoing, U.S. military monitored a Russian submarine surfacing near Alaska on Thursday. U.S. Northern Command spokesman Bill Lewis noted that the Russian military exercise is taking place in international waters, well outside U.S. territory.

The presence of Russian military assets in the area caused a stir for U.S. commercial fishing vessels in the Bering Sea on Wednesday.

"We were notified by multiple fishing vessels that were operating out the Bering Sea that they had come across these vessels and were concerned," U.S. Coast Guard spokesman Kip Wadlow said Thursday.

The Coast Guard contacted the Alaskan Command at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, which confirmed the ships were there as part of a pre-planned Russian military exercise that was known to some U.S. military officials, he said.

The Russian military has expanded the number and the scope of its war games in recent years as Russia-West relations have sunk to their lowest level since the Cold War after Russia's 2014 annexation of Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula, and other crises.

AP Analysis: Trump wields fear in pitch for 4 more years

By JULIE PACE AP Washington Bureau Chief

WASHINGTON (AP) — As he laid out his case for reelection, President Donald Trump deployed a powerful, and familiar, political tactic: fear.

In a tradition-defying convention address delivered from the White House, Trump painted a grim portrait of violence in American cities run by Democrats and populated by voters who largely oppose him. Though his depictions were at odds with the full reality on the ground in those cities, Trump held himself up as the last best hope for keeping lawlessness from reaching suburban communities — the same communities where he needs to stem the tide of voters turning against the Republican Party.

"Your vote will decide whether we protect law-abiding Americans, or whether we give free rein to violent anarchists, agitators and criminals who threaten our citizens," Trump declared, adding that the "American way of life" is on the line in his race against Democrat Joe Biden.

Fear has long been wielded by politicians, in part because it works. Richard Nixon, who ran on a similar "law and order" message when seeking the presidency in 1968, once said: "People react to fear, not love. They don't teach that in Sunday school, but it's true."

Trump embraced that belief during his 2016 campaign, barnstorming the country warning that an influx of immigrants would steal Americans jobs, rape and murder citizens, and change the fabric of American society. When he accepted the Republican nomination that year, he painted a dark portrait of America and vowed that "crime and violence that today afflicts our nation will soon come to an end."

Democrats, too, have deployed fear as a political tactic in the 2020 race, seeking to harness the deep disdain many Americans have for Trump by issuing dire warnings about the consequences of his reelection and the lengths he could go to remain in the White House, including blocking access to voting and not accepting the results if they don't go his way.

During last week's Democratic Party convention, former President Barack Obama raised the prospect that Trump would undermine the very tenets of American democracy this fall if that's what it takes to win.

However, Trump's embrace of fear as a reelection strategy is notable given that it's rarely the provenance

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of incumbent presidents seeking a second term. Having spent nearly four years leading U.S. government, sitting presidents typically offer up an optimistic vision of the nation's direction and urge Americans to stay the course, knowing that their political fate is linked to whether voters believe the country is heading in the right direction.

Trump hit some of those notes in his address Thursday, touting a criminal justice reform bill his administration championed and tougher tariffs on China aimed at leveling the playing field for American workers. He cast his accomplishments in historic, if sometimes inaccurate, terms and proclaimed that he had kept his promises to the American people.

But Trump is also running against historic headwinds, and generating increasingly negative reviews from the public for how he has handled the pandemic that has killed more than 180,000 people, an economy that is sputtering with unemployment above 10%, and a reckoning over race amid several high-profile killings and shootings of Black Americans, including the shooting of Jacob Blake in Kenosha, Wisconsin, last week.

Just 23% of Americans say the country is heading in the right direction, while 75% think it is on the wrong path, according to a recent poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

It's against that backdrop that Trump has embraced some of those Americans' fears and worries as his own, leaning hard into the notion that the nation is at risk of being overrun by violent mobs burning and looting cities. That's despite the fact that the protests throughout the country over police brutality against Black Americans have been largely peaceful, though there have been instances of looting and violence.

In Kenosha, for example, Blake's shooting led to several nights of protests, with some demonstrators destroying buildings and setting fires. Late Tuesday, a 17-year-old from a nearby Illinois community killed two demonstrators, according to authorities.

Trump made no mention of Blake or other Black Americans killed by police during his convention address. Instead, he continued to seize on some of the most unruly imagery from the summer of protests to cast cities as overrun by violence.

He's also falsely argued that Biden supports efforts to defund police departments, casting his rival as willing to let violent protests consume the country. Biden has proposed more money for police, conditioned on improvements in their practices.

But in Trump's telling Thursday, "No one will be safe in Biden's America."

While Trump's comments energize his loyal supporters, his real target is Republican-leaning voters who may be eyeing Biden, a more moderate Democrat, as a viable alternative. Timothy Naftali, a presidential historian and professor at New York University, said Trump's message to those voters is that it's OK to stick with a candidate they may not like, but see as tough on crime.

"The argument is, he may not be beloved but he's necessary," Naftali said. "But he's only necessary if the consequences of him not being there are apocalyptic."

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5 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press undefined

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

1. **TRUMP LASHES BIDEN ON WHITE HOUSE STAGE** The president blasts his Democratic rival as a hapless career politician who will endanger Americans' safety as he accepts his party's renomination on a packed and largely maskless South Lawn.

2. **KENOSHA SHOOTING STRAINS COMMUNITY TIES** Like other places in America, the Wisconsin city's Black residents saw inequality in the way police treated them, but there had been nothing like the shooting that left Jacob Blake paralyzed.

3. **LAURA POSES CONTINUED THREAT** The once fearsome Category 4 hurricane unleashes heavy rain and twisters hundreds of miles inland from a path of death and destruction and mangled buildings along

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the Gulf Coast.

4. SHINZO ABE TO STEP DOWN Japan's longest-serving prime minister plans to leave office because of declining health, ending an era marked by strong ties with Trump even as Abe's ultra-nationalism riled the Koreans and China.

5. 'WE ARE NOT EVEN TRYING NOW' Under military command, Brazil's once effective but recently declining investigation and prosecution of rainforest destruction by ranchers, farmers and miners has come to a virtual halt, AP finds.

GOP convention takeaways: What virus? Fear motivates

By JILL COLVIN and ZEKE MILLER Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump refused to allow the coronavirus to deny him the crowd he craved for the Republican National Convention. He ordered up a scene never before seen at the White House: an American president using the South Lawn as the official backdrop for such overtly political activity. The federal guidelines about keeping distance, avoiding crowds and wearing masks to fight the spread of the virus were emphatically ignored.

Here are some key takeaways from the last night of the convention:

NO 'SHINING CITY ON A HILL'

Trump made one thing abundantly clear in his speech accepting his party's renomination: He will try to turn political orthodoxy on its head again by trying to paint himself as an outsider even though he is the head of government.

His words were often foreboding, his new policies were few, and he gave only a vague idea of what four more years under him would bring. He used the White House as a stage in the way none of his predecessors had, and spoke of the deadly coronavirus pandemic as though his handling of it was an unqualified success.

In his 2016 convention address, Trump declared "I alone can fix it." Four years later, after voters gave him a chance to prove it, Trump is now dealing — or his opponents would say not dealing — with multiple crises.

One thing has been clear: Trump believes the rhetoric of fear is far more powerful than words of hope.

Trump became a celebrity through highly effective branding, putting his name on buildings, airplanes, helicopters, hotels, golf courses, apparel, water and wine.

It all conveyed a sense of ownership and being fully in charge. But in his handling of the coronavirus and racial unrest that has touched every corner of the country he governs, he has acted more like a tenant, complaining that the landlord should come fix all the problems in the house.

His speech was replete with grave warnings, and his criticisms of Joe Biden were biting and personal. "If the left gains power, they will demolish the suburbs, confiscate your guns and appoint justices who will wipe away your Second Amendment and other Constitutional freedoms," Trump said.

And it was Biden, he said, who had not told Americans what he would do as president. "Joe Biden may claim he is an ally of the Light, but when it comes to his agenda, Biden wants to keep you completely in the dark," Trump said.

But he offered only a glimpse of what he hopes to do with another four years in the White House, focusing on an economic rebound from a deep, coronavirus-induced recession. "In a new term as President, we will again build the greatest economy in history — quickly returning to full employment, soaring incomes and record prosperity," he said.

Trump's address was more than twice as long as Biden's a week ago. And unlike nominees before him, he had inserted himself into the campaign program each of the previous three nights.

No one can say Trump is not betting on himself.

THE TRUMP SHOW MUST GO ON

Parents and children have been laid to rest without their loved ones in attendance, schools have gone to online-only learning and weddings have been indefinitely postponed to halt the spread of the coronavirus.

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For fear of infection, many haven't seen their families in months.

But about 1,500 people packed tightly together Thursday night on the South Lawn of the White House so Trump could accept his party's nomination for reelection in front of a roaring crowd.

The size of the ceremony violated the guidelines for the rest of Washington, D.C. — by a lot — and was at odds with guidance from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The GOP and Trump's campaign transformed the White House grounds of the South Lawn into an outdoor convention hall, complete with a grand stage, massive Trump signs, rows of white chairs and a blur of American flags, notwithstanding the federal law that prohibits the use of taxpayer resources for partisan politics.

To top it off: Masks were not required, chairs were placed close together, with no room for social distancing, and many attendees had not been tested for COVID-19.

The event could be a preview for how Trump intends to campaign in the fall.

ALL ABOUT THE BASE

Politics is supposedly about addition. For Trump, it's about zero sum.

His convention made clear that his appeal is to those who supported him before, with scant evidence of reaching beyond that base.

Trump announced his candidacy five years ago by accusing Mexico of sending rapists across the border and declaring that he alone could revive the American dream.

After nearly four years in office, Trump's approach hasn't changed. It's still about the base and winning by division.

AUDIENCE OF ONE

While many of this week's speakers used their time to make the case for Trump's reelection, it was clear others were addressing a different audience: an audience of one.

Again and again, convention headliners appeared to be speaking directly to Trump, showering him with flattery and affection.

"Dad, people attack you for being unconventional, but I love you for being real, and I respect you for being effective," his daughter Ivanka said Thursday night.

His son Eric Trump went the same route earlier in the week.

"Dad, let's make Uncle Robert proud," he said as he wrapped up his remarks, referring to the president's recently-deceased brother. "Let's go get another four years. I love you very much!"

Speaking to Trump by appearing on television is a common tactic for those hoping to get on his good side or press favored policies.

A FLEETING NOD TO A VICTIM

Ben Carson, secretary of Housing and Urban Development, stood out as a speaker for one reason: He directly acknowledged the shooting of Jacob Blake in Kenosha, Wisconsin, by police Sunday.

Carson, the highest-ranking Black American serving in the Trump administration, delivered his remarks to the convention in a prerecorded video. "I'd like to say that our hearts go out to the Blake family," Carson said. "The images everyone has seen from this tragic event in Kenosha are heart-wrenching. This action deserves a serene response, one that steers away from the destruction of a community that molded Jacob and his family into the kind of man his family and friends know today."

Carson's comments come as the Trump convention has focused on amplifying his "law and order" message against violence and protests.

BUT THEN, THERE WAS RUDY

Rudy Giuliani, the former New York City mayor and Trump personal attorney who has gotten his client into as much trouble as he's tried to offset, was sharply critical of the Black Lives Matter movement.

Giuliani called the movement members "co-conspirators" in at-times violent protests sweeping the nation. "If Biden is elected, along with the Democrats who are unwilling to speak out against this anarchy, then the crime wave will intensify and spread from cities and towns to suburbs and beyond," he added.

In a sometimes rambling address, he attacked Biden and Democrats for not doing more to stop gun

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violence in cities. Giuliani alleged that "Obama and Biden did nothing at all to quell the carnage," adding, "I guess these Black lives didn't matter to them."

QANON ON THE WHITE HOUSE LAWN

Marjorie Taylor Greene, a Republican congressional nominee from Georgia who supports the QAnon conspiracy theory, attended Trump's acceptance speech as an invited guest. Greene posted a photo of herself on the South Lawn on Thursday evening hours ahead of Trump's remarks.

Greene has a long history of bolstering the baseless pro-Trump theory, which centers on an alleged anonymous, high-ranking government official known as "Q" who shares information about an anti-Trump "deep state" often tied to satanism and child sex trafficking. She has also made a series of racist, anti-Semitic and Islamophobic comments.

Trump has praised her as a "future Republican Star." Greene's presence comes after the Trump campaign was forced to pull at the last minute a prerecorded speech by "Angel Mom" Mary Ann Mendoza from Tuesday night's program after she fired off a now-deleted tweet directing her followers to a series of anti-Semitic, conspiratorial messages.

The Latest: Merkel warns of pandemic difficulties to come

By The Associated Press undefined

BERLIN — Chancellor Angela Merkel is cautioning that the coronavirus crisis will make life more difficult in the coming months than it has been over the summer and is calling on Germans to continue taking the threat seriously.

Germany's response to the virus is generally viewed as relatively successful, but the country has seen a pickup in new infections in recent weeks, as have many others in Europe.

Merkel said Friday: "We have to expect that some things will be even more difficult in the coming months than in the summer."

She said it is important to keep infections down as people increasingly meet indoors.

She told reporters in Berlin that "we will have to keep living with the virus."

The long-time German leader said she had three priorities, including ensuring that children can continue access education despite the pandemic, ensuring economic revival, and maintaining social cohesion at a time when many in society are suffering hardship.

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HERE'S WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING:

LONDON — London's Gatwick Airport says it doesn't expect air traffic to return to pre-pandemic levels for four or five years after passenger volume dropped 66% in the first half of the year.

The capital's second-biggest airport said Friday that just 7.5 million people traveled through Gatwick in the first six months of 2020, down from 22.2 million in the same period last year.

Gatwick says it has already eliminated 740 jobs and expects to cut another 600 during the third quarter.

CEO Stewart Wingate says, "like any other international airport, the negative impact of COVID-19 on our passenger numbers and air traffic at the start of the year was dramatic and, although there are small signs of recovery, it is a trend we expect to continue to see."

NEW DELHI — India has recorded another high of 77,266 new coronavirus cases in the past 24 hours,

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raising the country's total to more than 3.38 million reported cases.

Nearly 47% of India's virus cases were detected this month alone.

The Health Ministry on Friday also reported 1,057 deaths for a total of 61,529.

India has been recording more than 60,000 new infections per day for nearly three weeks. India's previous highest daily count was 75,760 on Wednesday.

With up to 900,000 tests every day, India's cumulative tests reached 39 million on Thursday, the ministry said.

SEOUL, South Korea -- South Korea is tightening social distancing restrictions in the greater capital area, requiring restaurants to provide only delivery and takeout after 9 p.m. and shutting down gyms and after-school academies.

Health Minister Park Neung-hoo announced the plans Friday after the country reported 371 new infections of COVID-19, marking its 15th straight day of triple digit jumps and bringing national totals to 19,077 reported cases, including 316 deaths.

The measures will be imposed for eight days starting Sunday.

Park said more than 470,000 businesses in the Seoul area will be affected by the measures.

BEIJING — China began moving into its final weekend before a full re-opening of schools amid continuing measures to prevent any further spread of the coronavirus.

The country reported just nine new cases on Friday, all brought from outside the country. Hospitals are treating 288 people for COVID-19 and another 361 are being monitored in isolation for showing signs of the illness or having tested positive for the virus without displaying symptoms.

China has reported 85,013 cases since the virus was first detected in the central Chinese city of Wuhan late last year, with 4,634 dying from COVID-19.

The roughly 25% of students still out of school are due to return to classes on Monday.

Classes are being held on a staggered schedule and mask wearing and social distancing are required. College undergraduates are also due to return to campus next week, with Beijing ordering tests for all 600,000 taking up places at the city's institutions.

SEOUL, South Korea -- South Korean officials are considering reducing the working hours of restaurants and cafes as the country counted its 15th straight day of triple-digit jumps in coronavirus infections.

The 371 new cases reported by the South Korea's Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Friday brought the national caseload to 19,077, including 316 deaths. The country has seen more than 4,300 new cases over the past 15 days, prompting concerns about the potential for overwhelmed hospital systems.

While the government has recently banned large gatherings and shut down nightspots and churches nationwide, there are calls for elevating social distancing measures to the highest "Level 3," which would prohibit gatherings of more than 10 and advise private companies to have employees work from home.

Prime Minister Chung Sye-kyun said during a virus meeting Friday that the government wasn't ready to do that yet, citing concerns about hurting an economy that policymakers will likely shrink for the first time in 22 years. Chung said officials will instead explore other ways to improve distancing, such as limiting the hours of restaurants and cafes.

MELBOURNE, Australia — Australia's hard-hit Victoria state has reported 113 new coronavirus cases for a second consecutive day, with authorities warning that the infection rate will have to fall substantially if a six-week lockdown is to be relaxed on schedule on Sept. 13.

The latest daily tallies are the lowest in more than eight weeks, with a peak of 725 in early August.

The latest death toll dropped to 12 from 23 on Thursday. Thursday's was the third-highest toll of the pandemic.

Authorities want daily infections to fall at least to low double-digits before they would consider relaxing restrictions.

Elsewhere in Australia, the federal health department said there were 18 new cases. New South Wales state recorded 13, Queensland three and Western Australia two

Japan PM Shinzo Abe says he's resigning for health reasons

By MARI YAMAGUCHI Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's longest-serving prime minister, Shinzo Abe, said Friday he intends to step down because a chronic health problem has resurfaced. He told reporters that it was "gut wrenching" to leave so many of his goals unfinished.

Abe has had ulcerative colitis since he was a teenager and has said the condition was controlled with treatment. Concerns about Abe's health began this summer and grew this month when he visited a Tokyo hospital two weeks in a row for unspecified health checkups. He is now on a new treatment that requires IV injections, he said. While there is some improvement, there is no guarantee that it will cure his condition and so he decided to step down after treatment Monday, he said.

"It is gut wrenching to have to leave my job before accomplishing my goals," Abe said Friday, mentioning his failure to resolve the issue of Japanese abducted years ago by North Korea and a territorial dispute with Russia.

He said his health problem was under control until earlier this year but was found to have relapsed in June when he had an annual checkup.

In a country once known for its short-tenured prime ministers, the departure marks the end of an unusual era of stability that saw the Japanese leader strike up strong ties with U.S. President Donald Trump even as Abe's ultra-nationalism riled the Koreans and China. While he pulled Japan out of recession, the economy has been battered anew by the coronavirus pandemic, and Abe has failed to achieve his cherished goal of formally rewriting the U.S.-drafted pacifist constitution because of poor public support.

Abe is a political blue blood who was groomed to follow in the footsteps of his grandfather, former Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi. His political rhetoric often focused on making Japan a "normal" and "beautiful" nation with a stronger military and bigger role in international affairs.

Abe, whose term ends in September 2021, is expected to stay on until a new party leader is elected and formally approved by the parliament.

Abe became Japan's youngest prime minister in 2006, at age 52, but his overly nationalistic first stint abruptly ended a year later because of his health.

In December 2012, Abe returned to power, prioritizing economic measures over his nationalist agenda. He won six national elections and built a rock-solid grip on power, bolstering Japan's defense role and capability and its security alliance with the U.S. He also stepped up patriotic education at schools and raised Japan's international profile.

Abe on Monday became Japan's longest serving prime minister by consecutive days in office, eclipsing the record of Eisaku Sato, his great-uncle, who served 2,798 days from 1964 to 1972.

But his second hospital visit Monday accelerated speculation and political maneuvering toward a post-Abe regime.

Ulcerative colitis causes inflammation and sometimes polyps in the bowels. People with the condition can have a normal life expectancy but serious cases can involve life-threatening complications.

After his recent hospital visits were reported, top officials from Abe's Cabinet and the ruling party said he was overworked and badly needed rest.

His health concerns came as his support ratings plunged due to his handling of the coronavirus pandemic and its severe impact on the economy, on top of a stream of political scandals.

There are a slew of politicians eager to replace Abe.

Shigeru Ishiba, a 63-year-old hawkish former defense minister and Abe's archrival, is a favorite next leader in media surveys, though he is less popular within the governing party. A low-key former foreign minister, Fumio Kishida, Defense Minister Taro Kono, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga, and economic revitalization minister Yasutoshi Nishimura, who is in charge of coronavirus measures, are widely

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mentioned in Japanese media as potential successors.

Abe was often upstaged in dealing with the coronavirus pandemic by Tokyo Gov. Yuriko Koike, a former governing party conservative who is seen as a potential prime minister candidate by some. But she would have to first be elected to parliament to be in the running for the top job.

The end of Abe's scandal-laden first stint as prime minister was the beginning of six years of annual leadership change, remembered as an era of "revolving door" politics that lacked stability and long-term policies.

When he returned to office in 2012, Abe vowed to revitalize the nation and get its economy out of its deflationary doldrums with his "Abenomics" formula, which combines fiscal stimulus, monetary easing and structural reforms.

Perhaps Abe's biggest failure was his inability to fulfill a long-cherished goal of his grandfather to formally rewrite the U.S.-drafted pacifist constitution. Abe and his ultra-conservative supporters see the U.S.-drafted constitution as a humiliating legacy of Japan's World War II defeat.

He was also unable to achieve his goal of settling several unfinished wartime legacies, including normalizing ties with North Korea, settling island disputes with neighbors and signing a peace treaty with Russia formally ending their hostilities in World War II.

Analysis: The NBA restart is about to restart, with purpose

By TIM REYNOLDS AP Basketball Writer

The restart is about to restart.

Basketball will be played again inside the NBA's bubble at Walt Disney World on Friday, albeit of the practice variety. Playoff matchups are set to resume on Saturday, meaning games will have stopped for three days while players protested the shooting of a Black man by police in Wisconsin earlier this week.

To shut up and dribble has never been less of an option for players. LeBron James is helping lead a massive get-out-the-vote effort, and Stephen Curry appeared with his family in a video aired as part of the Democratic National Convention last week. The bubble's purpose was two-fold — crown a champion, and help players seek societal changes that simply haven't come fast enough for their liking. That was what brought them to Central Florida, and ultimately, that's why they decided to stay now.

"There's a lot of emotions built up with what's going on," Miami's Andre Iguodala said Thursday night from the bubble at Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

Iguodala, the First Vice President of the National Basketball Players Association — making him the second-highest ranking player in the union behind only Chris Paul — wrote a best-selling book last year, a 256-page memoir of his life and career.

The saga of this week alone is another story in itself, he said.

"The last 24 hours would be another 256 pages," Iguodala said Thursday. "It's been very interesting."

There was the refusal to play by the Milwaukee Bucks, something that caught the league — and even the Bucks' would-be opponent Wednesday, the Orlando Magic — by surprise. That led to two other games being called off, and ultimately a three-hour meeting involving players, coaches and others where some suggested the prudent move would be to end the season.

By Thursday morning, cooler heads prevailed, and players decided to continue the playoffs. Iguodala said players reminded one another of why they decided to reboot this pandemic-interrupted season in the first place — to use the stage of the NBA playoffs as a platform to urge social change. And walking away now, many said, would do much more harm than good.

"It's bigger than basketball, but the platform is one of the largest platforms on the entire earth and we've got to continue to leverage that platform," Iguodala said. "The reason why we came down here was continuing to shed light on it. And we didn't want that to be taken away by those who don't want us to see that mission seen all the way through."

Some players were asked earlier this week if they were concerned that the messaging — "Black Lives Matter" being painted on the courts, many players and coaches kneeling en masse for the national an-

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them, phrases urging social change and awareness on the back of most uniforms, all of them being steps unprecedented in NBA history — was getting stale, if there was a concern that fans were tuning it out.

That wouldn't seem to be the case now.

Not playing the games surely made people, whether they support NBA players or criticize their efforts, take notice. Even President Donald Trump, a frequent critic of the league and its players, said Thursday that the NBA has become like "a political organization."

Just as when the pandemic hit and the NBA suspended play on March 11, other leagues followed. The NBA was the first league to stop for the coronavirus; it was the first league to stop play in response to the shooting of Jacob Blake in Kenosha, Wisconsin, some 40 miles from Milwaukee. The WNBA, some teams from Major League Baseball, Major League Soccer, the National Hockey League, and even professional tennis all stopped play this week as well.

"As an African American you're facing backlash no matter what decision you make," Iguodala said. "You decide to go play and you're being chained. But if you don't play, you're ungrateful. ... We're able to go out and be advocates for the issues that have come about before we got here and we're trying to rid them. They won't be gone before we leave or after we leave, but we going to try to make it incrementally better any way we can."

Michael Jordan, the NBA legend who now owns the Charlotte Hornets, spoke to players Thursday, officially in the capacity of his being the league's Labor Relations Committee Chairman — but also as a Black man struggling with the challenges of these times.

Playing basketball didn't prevent Blake from being shot seven times, apparently in the back, as his three children watched. Playing basketball hasn't provided justice for Breonna Taylor, the 26-year-old Black woman who was fatally shot when police officers burst into her Louisville, Kentucky, apartment using a no-knock warrant during a narcotics investigation on March 13. And it hasn't helped players get over the sight from May 25, when George Floyd died after a white Minneapolis police officer pressed a knee into the Black man's neck for nearly eight minutes.

Restarting the restart won't keep another atrocity from happening.

But by staying in the game, NBA players clearly believe they're staying in the fight for change.

"They're trying to find out what to do or what can they do," Los Angeles Clippers coach Doc Rivers told Fox Sports West. "It's funny. You realize you can't solve the world's problems, but you can definitely get involved with the world's problems. And I think that's what our guys are trying to do."

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Small businesses in college towns struggle without students

By LARRY LAGE Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Perry Porikos sat in the street outside one of his five businesses, in a make-shift patio area that didn't exist before the COVID-19 pandemic sent his best customers — University of Michigan students — back home in mid-March.

The Greek immigrant arrived here more than four decades ago as a 20-year-old soccer player for the Wolverines and part-time dishwasher at The Brown Jug Restaurant, which he now owns. He nonchalantly dropped names of sports stars like Tom Brady and Michael Phelps, two of the many former Michigan students he counts as friends, and recalled hustling enough to own more than 10 businesses at one time.

"Living the dream that people talk about, especially if you live in Europe and you come here," Porikos said, "I am the dream."

Lately, though, it has been difficult for Porikos to rest easy. And he's not alone.

Both the stress and the stakes are high for all the small business owners near Michigan's campus on and around South University Avenue, which winds through the city of about 120,000 residents -- about

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one-third of them students.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Small businesses around the world are fighting for survival amid the economic fallout from the coronavirus pandemic. Whether they make it will affect not just local economies but the fabric of communities. Associated Press journalists tell their stories in the series "Small Business Struggles."

The fall term will begin Monday with at least some in-person classes on campus, which has generated equal parts of hope and anxiety for those who need students to return to pay the bills.

A big part of the worry: Will students take the measures essential to keep infections from surging? The early signs aren't promising. Alarmed by pictures of unsafe partying, the Ann Arbor City Council this week enacted an emergency ordinance that reinforces the state's requirement to wear masks and also places restrictions on gatherings.

Across the country, business owners in college towns share the fear that student support could dry up almost entirely, and many are scrambling for survival strategies.

Nick Ducoff, co-author of "Better Off After College," said businesses catering primarily to students might be able offset some losses through delivery and e-commerce, but that many could find the effects devastating.

"Smaller town-and-gown communities will suffer if students stay with their parents and don't return to campus, but colleges in cities with larger populations and more diversified economies like Austin and Boston will be less affected," Ducoff said.

In Ann Arbor, Espresso Royale Coffee -- just steps from an arched walkway on The Diag, a collection of diagonal sidewalks in the middle of campus -- already has its windows covered by brown paper. The once-successful shop closed and is not coming back due to the pandemic, according to its website.

"Espresso Royale is the first place that you see when you come through that arch," 22-year-old University of Michigan graduate Chris Young said as he dined with friends at Good Time Charley's patio. "To hear that was gone was really, really surprising to me. Also, just really sad because it shows the impact that all of this has had on something that's so central and personal to so many students."

About two blocks down, a sports bar and a nightclub that Porikos owns are at least temporarily shuttered due to an executive order from Gov. Gretchen Whitmer because alcohol accounts for at least 70% of their gross receipts.

Others who own businesses on or near the three-block stretch known as South U are praying they can hang on long enough to still be standing whenever it becomes business as usual again.

"This is going to be an unprecedented time that we're entering into to see if this street can survive," said Justin Herrick, the co-owner of Good Time Charley's, a neighborhood staple since the late 1970s.

When the pandemic sent many of the school's 40,000-plus students back to all parts of the globe earlier this year, the center of the college town's small-business district became eerily quiet.

"It was like a three-foot blizzard without snow," recalled Richard Schubach, who owns Replenish, a small grocery store across the street from campus, on the ground floor of a high-end apartment complex that caters to students.

Whitmer lifted Michigan's stay-at-home order after more than two months in early June, letting restaurants reopen for dine-in customers with capacity limits.

While The Brown Jug and Porikos' Backroom Pizza have been open and are expected to survive, the doors at the nearby Blue Leprechaun and Study Hall Lounge that he also owns may stay closed for good.

"If I don't have higher capacity, I cannot make it," the 62-year-old Porikos said between drags of a cigarette. "Couples have to stay six feet apart? Instead of having 50 people dancing, you got 12. Who's going to come and enjoy themselves and not be able to dance with their friends? What kind of club is that?"

Earlier this summer, Porikos popped up out of the only occupied chair on the Brown Jug's patio to greet a reporter, apologizing in advance if he had to get up again to seat customers. Sadly, that wasn't necessary. He was uninterrupted by business over the next hour at his bar and restaurant, which has been a go-to destination for University of Michigan students since 1936.

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"It's going to take a long time to recover from my losses," he said softly.

As the summer wore on, many business owners across the U.S. didn't even know what to brace for as colleges considered whether to hold in-person classes or make all learning remote. And even then, decisions changed: Some schools had planned to provide at least some in-person instruction, only to reverse course and move classes online amid outbreaks linked in some cases to student housing and parties.

The University of North Carolina, Michigan State and Notre Dame were among the colleges announcing recently that they were making a switch to teach remotely.

Purdue, Syracuse and other schools have suspended students for gathering in large groups at parties, as colleges crack down on the kind of socializing that can spread the coronavirus. And the Tuscaloosa mayor said he would close bars for two weeks after what University of Alabama officials called an unacceptable rise in COVID cases on campus.

The University of Michigan, meanwhile, is attempting to stick to its plan to pack people in dorms while students off campus move into high-rise apartments and single-family homes.

Two blocks off South U on a sun-splashed afternoon, 20-year-old Ethan Ruwe from Edina, Minnesota, took a break from moving into his rented house to share his feelings about fellow students socializing upon their return.

"I really, really hope people adhere to the guidelines, but I'm not sure if that's going to happen," said Ruwe, a junior studying neuroscience, adding that "my more realistic self says here for a month or two and then cases spike and things kind of get shut down again."

Owners share that apprehension.

"We love the students. They're the lifeblood of the business," Good Time Charley's co-owner Adam Lowenstein said. "But having them manage their social behaviors is the big concern. If they can do that and we don't see a big spike in numbers, then we can stay open."

If not, some businesses in this and other college towns may not last much longer.

Porikos, who was born and raised near Athens, came to the United States in 1978. Outside of a brief semi-pro soccer career, he has made Ann Arbor his home, marrying a local woman and raising a son who also played hockey for the Wolverines.

"We lost already quite a few businesses that had been around for a long time," he lamented. "And I hate to say that — it might include me — but I think there are a lot more to come."

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Virus lockdown brings new misery to long-suffering Gaza

By FARES AKRAM Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Ahmed Eissa, a father of two living in the Gaza Strip, was already struggling to make ends meet on \$7 a day, dealing with frequent electricity cuts and worried that another war might break out.

Then the coronavirus found its way into the impoverished Palestinian territory, just as Israel was tightening its blockade in a standoff with Gaza's militant Hamas rulers, and a strict lockdown has confined everyone to their homes.

Now Eissa doesn't know how he will feed his family.

"I don't have savings and I don't have a job, so no one would lend me money," he said. "I won't beg from anyone."

The restrictions imposed by Hamas are aimed at averting what many fear would be an even bigger catastrophe: a wide-scale outbreak in a population of 2 million people confined to a territory where the health care system has been devastated by years of war and isolation.

The lockdown was triggered by the discovery earlier this week of the first locally spread cases, after months in which infections were confined to quarantine facilities where all returning travelers were forced to isolate for three weeks. Authorities have not yet determined how the virus made its way into the gen-

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eral population.

Israel and Egypt imposed a crippling blockade on Gaza after Hamas seized power from rival Palestinian forces in 2007. Israel, which has fought three wars and countless smaller battles with Hamas since the takeover, says the closures are needed to prevent the militants from importing and manufacturing arms. Critics view it as a form of collective punishment.

The blockade, the periodic fighting and a longstanding feud between Hamas and the Palestinian Authority in the occupied West Bank have devastated the local economy, which suffers from roughly 50% unemployment.

In recent weeks, Hamas-linked groups have sent incendiary balloons and rockets into Israel in a campaign aimed at pressuring it to ease restrictions and allow large-scale development projects. In response, Israel launched airstrikes targeting Hamas military infrastructure, sealed off Gaza's fishing zone and closed its sole commercial crossing. That forced Gaza's only power plant to shut down for lack of fuel.

Most Gazans now get just four hours of electricity a day, leaving them without refrigeration, air conditioning or electric fans for hours on end as temperatures hover around 32 degrees Celsius (about 90 degrees Fahrenheit).

Eissa's wife, Majda, says it's "unbearable." They struggle to sleep at night because of the heat and humidity. Her daughters sleep on the tile floor because it's cooler. They change rooms, they open and close windows, trying to catch the occasional breeze.

The water pump in their building runs on electricity, so the taps run dry when the power goes out.

"The dishes and laundry are piling up in the kitchen," she said. "Everything gets dirty, and I have to keep scrubbing and cleaning using a bottle of water. I can't bear to stay at home anymore."

Eissa used to buy from fishermen and then resell the fish in local markets, work that he says brought in around 25 shekels (\$7) a day. But the fishermen are marooned by the Israeli closures, and he's not allowed to leave home because of the lockdown to look for other work.

On Thursday, his parents, who live downstairs, sent him a pot of stew for lunch.

"I don't know what or how we will eat tomorrow," he told The Associated Press by phone from his home in the Nusseirat refugee camp in central Gaza. He complained that he has not seen a serious government plan on how to cope with the crisis.

In recent days, authorities have detected 80 cases of local transmission and two people have died from COVID-19, the illness caused by the virus. Hamas has extended the lockdown until Sunday, forcing most businesses to close and setting up checkpoints to limit movement.

"We may have to shut down entire neighborhoods and lock up residents in their houses while providing them with what they need," Tawfiq Abu Naim, the head of Hamas' security services, told reporters.

Many Gazans live day-to-day on meager wages earned at markets, shops, restaurants and cafes, all of which are shuttered.

About two thirds of Gaza's population are refugees whose families fled or were driven out during the 1948 war surrounding the creation of Israel. More than a million receive food aid from the U.N. agency for Palestinian refugees, but it has been forced to suspend food distribution due to the pandemic and is now providing only health care and basic sanitation.

"We are aware that food is even more critical during such a period, and are working hard on finding a modality that will allow us to resume this massive food operation in the very near future in a safe way," said Matthias Schmale, the UNRWA director in Gaza.

UNRWA launched a program to deliver food to people's homes in March, at the start of the global pandemic, but ended it when an initial lockdown was lifted.

The electricity crisis also poses challenges, Schmale said.

"If we're not able to run our generators this would be a major challenge for continuing essential services, and in particular, health," he said.

Teen charged in Kenosha shootings that killed 2, wounded 1

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By STEPHEN GROVES and SCOTT BAUER Associated Press

KENOSHA, Wis. (AP) — Prosecutors on Thursday charged a 17-year-old from Illinois in the fatal shooting of two protesters and the wounding of a third in Kenosha, Wisconsin, during a night of unrest following the weekend police shooting of Jacob Blake.

Kyle Rittenhouse faces five felony charges that include first-degree intentional homicide and first-degree reckless homicide, and a misdemeanor charge for possession of a dangerous weapon by a minor. Rittenhouse, a white teen who was armed with a semi-automatic rifle as he walked the streets with other armed civilians amid protests this week, would face a mandatory life sentence if convicted of first-degree intentional homicide.

The shootings late Tuesday — largely caught on cellphone video and posted online — and the shooting by police Sunday of Blake, a 29-year-old Black father of six who was left paralyzed from the waist down, made Kenosha the latest focal point in the fight against racial injustice that has gripped the country since the May 25 death of George Floyd in Minneapolis police custody.

The two men killed were Joseph Rosenbaum, 36, of Kenosha, and Anthony Huber, 26, of Silver Lake, about 15 miles (24 kilometers) west of the city.

A third man was injured. Gaige Grosskreutz, 26, of West Allis, about 30 miles (48 kilometers) northwest of Kenosha is recovering after surgery, said Bethany Crevensten, another activist. She said Grosskreutz was volunteering as a medic when he was shot and called him “a hero.”

Rosenbaum was shot and killed first, after following Rittenhouse into a used car lot, where he threw a plastic bag at the gunman and attempted to take the weapon from him, according to a criminal complaint released by prosecutors Thursday. The medical examiner found that Rosenbaum was shot in the groin and back — which fractured his pelvis and perforated his right lung and liver — and his left hand. He also suffered a superficial wound to his left thigh and a graze wound to his forehead.

Rittenhouse then ran down the street and was chased by several people shouting that he just shot someone before he tripped and fell, according to the complaint and video footage. Huber, who was carrying a skateboard, was shot in the chest after apparently trying to wrest the gun from Rittenhouse, the complaint said.

Grosskreutz, who appeared to be holding a gun, then was shot in the left arm after approaching Rittenhouse, the complaint said.

Rittenhouse’s attorney, Lin Wood, said the teenager was acting in self-defense.

“From my standpoint, it’s important that the message be clear to other Americans who are attacked that there will be legal resources available in the event false charges are brought against them,” he said. “Americans should never be deterred from exercising their right of self-defense.”

Kenosha police faced questions about their interactions with the gunman on Tuesday night. According to witness accounts and video footage, police apparently let the gunman walk past them and leave the scene with a rifle over his shoulder and his hands in the air, as members of the crowd yelled for him to be arrested because he had shot people.

Kenosha County Sheriff David Beth said the gunman likely slipped away because the scene was chaotic, with lots of radio traffic and people screaming, chanting and running — conditions he said can cause “tunnel vision” among law officers.

Video taken before the shooting shows police tossing bottled water from an armored vehicle and thanking civilians armed with long guns walking the streets. One of them appears to be Rittenhouse.

Wisconsin Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes on Thursday decried how Rittenhouse, whom he described as a vigilante accountable to nobody, could walk away while police talked about finding a knife inside Blake’s vehicle after he was shot in the back.

He said the fact that Rittenhouse and others came to Kenosha to take matters into their own hands “was completely horrifying.”

Rittenhouse, of Antioch, Illinois, about 15 miles (24 kilometers) from Kenosha, was taken into custody Wednesday in Illinois. He was assigned a public defender in Illinois for a hearing Friday on his transfer to Wisconsin. Under Wisconsin law, anyone 17 or older is treated as an adult in the criminal justice system.

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Kenosha's streets were calm Thursday following peaceful protests. During and after demonstrations earlier in the week, dozens of fires were set and businesses were ransacked and destroyed.

Blake was shot in the back seven times Sunday as he leaned into his SUV, in which three of his children were seated.

State authorities have identified the officer who shot Blake as Rusten Sheskey, a seven-year veteran of the Kenosha Police Department.

Authorities said Sheskey was among officers who responded to a domestic dispute, though they have not said whether Blake was part of the dispute. Sheskey shot Blake while holding onto his shirt after officers unsuccessfully used a Taser on him, the Wisconsin Justice Department said. State agents later recovered a knife from the floor on the driver's side of the vehicle, the department said. State authorities did not say Blake threatened anyone with a knife.

Ben Crump, the lawyer for Blake's family, said Tuesday that it would "take a miracle" for Blake to walk again. He called for the arrest of Sheskey and for the others involved to lose their jobs. State officials have announced no charges.

Blake's father told the Chicago Sun-Times on Thursday that he was upset to learn his son was handcuffed to the hospital bed.

"He can't go anywhere. Why do you have him cuffed to the bed?" said his father, also named Jacob Blake.

Online court records indicate Kenosha County prosecutors charged Blake on July 6 with sexual assault, trespassing and disorderly conduct in connection with domestic abuse. An arrest warrant was issued the following day.

The Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office said in a statement that all hospitalized patients in police custody are restrained unless undergoing medical procedures, and that it was working "to ensure a safe and humane environment for Mr. Blake."

At a news conference, Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers replied "hell yes," when asked if he was concerned about Blake being handcuffed. "He paid a horrific price already," the governor said.

The governor has authorized the deployment of 500 members of the National Guard to Kenosha, doubling the number of troops in the city of 100,000. Guard troops from Arizona, Michigan and Alabama were coming to Wisconsin to assist, Evers said Thursday. He did not say how many.

In Washington, the Justice Department said it was sending in more than 200 federal agents from the FBI, U.S. Marshals Service and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The White House said up to 2,000 National Guard troops would be made available. The Justice Department also announced that the U.S. attorney's office and FBI would conduct a civil rights investigation into the shooting of Blake, in cooperation with Wisconsin state law enforcement agencies.

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Thousands expected at March on Washington commemorations

By AARON MORRISON Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Capping a week of protests and outrage over the police shooting of a Black man in Wisconsin, civil rights advocates will highlight the scourge of police and vigilante violence against Black Americans at a commemoration of the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

Thousands are expected at the steps of the Lincoln Memorial on Friday, where the Rev. Martin Luther

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King, Jr. delivered his historic "I Have A Dream" address, a vision of racial equality that remains elusive for millions of Americans.

And they are gathering on the heels of yet another shooting by a white police officer of a Black man — this time, 29-year-old Jacob Blake in Kenosha, Wisconsin, last Sunday — sparking days of protests and violence that left two dead.

"We've got to create a different consciousness and a different climate in our nation," said Martin Luther King III, a son of the late civil rights icon and co-convenor of the march.

"That won't happen though, unless we are mobilized and galvanized," King said Thursday.

He and the Rev. Al Sharpton, whose civil rights organization, the National Action Network, planned Friday's event, said the objective of the march is to show the urgency for federal policing reforms, to decry racial violence, and to demand voting rights protections ahead of the November general election.

To underscore the urgency, Sharpton has assembled the families of an ever-expanding roll call of victims: George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Rayshard Brooks, Ahmaud Arbery, Trayvon Martin, Eric Garner, Blake, among others.

Following the commemorative rally that will include remarks from civil rights attorney Ben Crump, who represents several of the victims' families, participants will march to the Martin Luther King, Jr. memorial in West Potomac Park, next to the National Mall, and then disperse.

Turnout in Washington will be lighter than initially intended due to city-imposed coronavirus pandemic restrictions that limit out-of-state visitors to the nation's capital. To that end, the National Action Network organized a handful of satellite march events in South Carolina, Florida and Nevada, among others.

While participants march in Washington, Sharpton has called for those in other states to march on their U.S. senators' offices and demand their support of federal policing reforms. Sharpton said protesters should also demand reinvigorated U.S. voter protections, in memory of the late Congressman John Lewis who, until his death on July 17, was the last living speaker at the original march.

In June, the Democrat-controlled House of Representatives passed the George Floyd Justice In Policing Act, which would ban police use of stranglehold maneuvers and end qualified immunity for officers, among other reforms. Floyd, a Black man, died May 25 after a white police officer in Minneapolis held a knee to the man's neck for nearly eight minutes, sparking weeks of sustained protests and unrest from coast to coast.

In July, following Lewis' death, Democratic senators reintroduced legislation that would restore a provision of the historic Voting Rights Act of 1965 gutted by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2013. The law previously required states with a history of voter suppression to seek federal clearance before changing voting regulations.

Both measures are awaiting action in the Republican-controlled Senate.

"We're demanding that that be enacted," King said. "The senators won't even take action on it. That gives us an opportunity to say, 'OK, we gave you guys a chance, we as the people, as Black people, as white people, as Latinos and Hispanics and we're going to vote you out.'"

He added: "There are a number of senators who need to go because they don't have the capacity or have not demonstrated they have a capacity to understand what needs to happen in the community."

Thursday evening, the NAACP began commemorating the March on Washington with a virtual event that featured remarks from voting rights activist Stacey Abrams and Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, and Academy Award-winning actor Mahershala Ali.

"Thanks to the activism of countless young people, the movement for justice goes on," Pelosi said. "We must keep up the fight and, as John Lewis would say, 'find a way to get in the way.'"

Later in the evening, the Movement for Black Lives, a coalition of more than 150 Black-led organizations that make up the broader Black Lives Matter movement, will hold its virtual Black National Convention.

The convention will coincide with the unveiling of a new Black political agenda intended to build on the success of this summer's protests. The platform will deepen calls for defunding police departments in favor of investments to healthcare, education, housing and other social services in Black communities,

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organizers said.

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AP FACT CHECK: Trump distorts record; BLM falsely accused

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump claimed accomplishments he didn't earn on the pandemic, energy and veterans Thursday at a Republican convention finale that also heard Black Lives Matter baselessly accused of coordinating violent protests across the country.

A look at some of the rhetoric Thursday from Trump and his supporting speakers at Republican National Convention proceedings:

COVID-19

TRUMP: "Instead of following the science, Joe Biden wants to inflict a painful shutdown on the entire country. His shutdown would inflict unthinkable and lasting harm on our nation's children, families, and citizens of all backgrounds."

THE FACTS: That's false. Biden has publicly said he would shut down the nation's economy only if scientists and public health advisers recommended he do so to stem the COVID-19 threat. In other words, he said he would follow the science, not disregard it.

Speaking Sunday in an ABC interview, Biden said he "will be prepared to do whatever it takes to save lives" when he was asked if he would be willing to shut the country again.

"So if the scientists say shut it down?" asked ABC's David Muir.

"I would shut it down," Biden responded. "I would listen to the scientists." The former vice president has said repeatedly that no one knows what January would look like.

TRUMP: "For those of you that still drive a car, look how low your gasoline bill is. You haven't seen that in a long time."

THE FACTS: Trump seems to be taking credit for lower prices that were the byproduct of a pandemic that has killed more than 180,000 Americans.

Gasoline prices didn't fall because of the Trump administration. They plunged because of the coronavirus forcing people to abandon their offices, schools, business trips and vacations.

As more people worked from home, they needed to fill up their cars less frequently. Airlines didn't need to burn through as much fuel. Here's the statement from the U.S. Energy Information Administration: "Reduced economic activity related to the COVID-19 pandemic has caused changes in energy demand and supply patterns in 2020." World demand for oil has fallen by 8 million barrels a day, according to that agency's estimates.

TRUMP: "The United States has among the lowest case fatality rates of any major country anywhere in the world."

THE FACTS: Not true. Not if you consider Russia, Saudi Arabia, the Philippines and India to be major countries.

The U.S. sits right in the middle when it comes to COVID-19 mortality rates in the 20 nations most impacted by the pandemic, according to data from the Johns Hopkins University Coronavirus Resource Center.

Of the 20, Mexico has the highest mortality rate at 10.8 deaths for every 100 confirmed COVID cases, followed by Ecuador at 5.8. Saudi Arabia had the lowest rate of the 20 nations at 1.2, followed by Bangladesh, the Philippines, Russia, Morocco, India, Argentina, South Africa and Chile.

The U.S. had the 10th lowest of the 20 nations, with a mortality rate of 3.1.

When the center looked at the data in another way, analyzing the COVID death rate for every 100,000 residents, the U.S. fares even worse. Only three nations — Brazil, Chile and Peru — posted higher death

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rates.

Understanding deaths as a percentage of the population or as a percentage of known infections is problematic because countries track and report COVID-19 deaths and cases differently. Many other factors are in play in shaping a death toll besides how well a country responded to the pandemic, such as the overall health or youth of national populations.

BLACK LIVES MATTER

RUDY GIULIANI, Trump's personal attorney and former New York mayor: "Black Lives Matter and antifa sprang into action and, in a flash, they hijacked the peaceful protest into vicious, brutal riots."

THE FACTS: That's a hollow claim.

There's no evidence that Black Lives Matter or antifa, or any political group for that matter, is infiltrating racial injustice protests with violence.

In June, The Associated Press analyzed court records, employment histories and social media posts for 217 people arrested in Minneapolis and the District of Columbia, cities at the center of the protests earlier this year.

More than 85 percent of the people arrested were local residents, and few had affiliation with any organized groups. Social media posts for a few of those arrested indicated they were involved in left-leaning activities while others expressed support for the political right and Trump himself.

Local police departments across the country were forced to knock down widespread social media rumors that busloads of "antifa," a term for leftist militants, were coming to violently disrupt cities and towns during nationwide racial justice protests. In June, Twitter and Facebook busted accounts linked to white supremacy groups that were promoting some of those falsehoods online.

EDUCATION

TRUMP: "Biden also vowed to oppose school choice and oppose all charter schools."

THE FACTS: That's false. Biden doesn't oppose charter schools. He opposes federal money going to for-profit charter companies.

Such firms are only a slice of the charter school market, meaning Biden's position wouldn't substantially alter the charter landscape that is dominated by non-profit organizations.

Biden does oppose federal money for tuition vouchers.

MILITARY

TRUMP: "We have spent \$2.5 trillion on completely rebuilding our military, which was very badly depleted when I took office, as you know."

THE FACTS: That's an exaggeration.

His administration has accelerated a sharp buildup in defense spending and paused spending limits but a number of new Pentagon weapons programs, such as the F-35 fighter jet, predate Trump.

The Air Force's Minuteman 3 missiles, a key part of the U.S. nuclear force, for instance, have been operating since the early 1970s and the modernization was begun under the Obama administration.

VETERANS

TRUMP: "We also passed VA accountability and VA Choice, our great veterans. We are taking care of our veterans."

THE FACTS: False. He didn't get Veterans Choice approved; President Barack Obama did in 2014. Trump expanded it, under a 2018 law known as the MISSION Act. It allows veterans to get health care outside the VA system at public expense under certain conditions.

ENERGY

TRUMP, claiming to have "secured for the first time American energy independence."

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HOUSE MINORITY LEADER KEVIN MCCARTHY, R-California: Under Trump, "we ... achieved energy independence."

THE FACTS: This is misleading. The pandemic has severely lessened the demand for crude oil. But through June, the United States was still importing more crude oil than it was selling overseas, according to the Census Bureau.

While the United States has become less reliant on foreign oil, it only produces 11.3 million barrels a day and consumes 18.5 million barrels of liquid fuels daily, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Technological advances like fracking and horizontal drilling have allowed the U.S. to greatly increase production, but the country still imports millions of barrels of oil from Saudi Arabia, Canada, Iraq and other countries. One reason is that foreign oil is more affordable. Another is that much of what the U.S. produces is hard for domestic refiners to convert to practical use. So the U.S. exports that production and imports oil that is more suitable for American refineries to handle.

VIRUS TESTING

IVANKA TRUMP: "Our president rapidly mobilized the full force of government and the private sector to produce ventilators within weeks — to build the most robust testing system in the world."

THE FACTS: Her assertion of superior U.S. testing for COVID-19 is dubious. The U.S. repeatedly stumbled with testing in the early weeks of the outbreak, allowing the virus to quickly spread in the U.S. His own experts say the U.S. is nowhere near the level of testing needed to control the virus.

Dr. Robert Redfield, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, recently testified that health officials are still working to significantly increase testing capacity, calling such expansion a "critical underpinning of our response."

The U.S. currently is conducting nearly 750,000 tests a day, far short of what many public health experts say the U.S. should be testing to control the spread of the virus. Looking to the fall, some experts have called for 4 million or more tests daily, while a group assembled by Harvard University estimated that 20 million a day would be needed to keep the virus in check.

Redfield has said the U.S. was aiming to boost testing to 3 million daily by "pooling" multiple people's samples, a technique that is still under review by the FDA. He stressed the need for expanded surveillance because some people who get infected may not show symptoms.

"We still have a ways to go," Redfield said.

Frequent shortages also spurred the CDC to quietly issue new guidance on testing. While in the early months of the outbreak Trump repeatedly insisted that "anybody" who wants a test can get a test, Redfield issued a statement this week that "Everyone who wants a test does not necessarily need a test."

The U.S. stumbled early in the pandemic response as the CDC struggled to develop its own test for the coronavirus in January, later discovering problems in its kits sent to state and county public health labs in early February.

It took the CDC more than two weeks to come up with a fix to the test kits, leading to delays in diagnoses through February, a critical month when the virus took root in the U.S.

IRAN

SEN. TOM COTTON of Arkansas: "Joe Biden sent pallets of cash to the ayatollahs."

THE FACTS: This is a distorted tale Trump and Republicans loves to tell. Yes, the U.S. flew cash to Iran in the Obama years, but it was money the United States owed to that country.

Cotton also played into the convention's pattern of attributing every questionable action of President Barack Obama's administration to Biden personally.

EDITOR'S NOTE — A look at the veracity of claims by political figures.

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Lute Olson, Hall of Fame coach, Arizona icon, dies at 85

By JOHN MARSHALL AP Basketball Writer

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Lute Olson, the Hall of Fame coach who turned Arizona into a college basketball powerhouse, has died. He was 85.

Olson's family said he died Thursday evening. The cause of death wasn't given.

"Coach Olson is the absolute best, one of the greatest coaches ever and one of the greatest human beings ever," Georgia Tech coach and former Arizona player Josh Pasnter tweeted. "My feelings of gratitude and appreciation cannot be put in words. I love him dearly. My heart hurts, but I know he is now in heaven. May god bless his family. #RIP"

Olson spent 24 seasons at Arizona, revitalizing a fan base in the desert while transforming a program that had been to the NCAA Tournament just three times in 79 years before he was hired in 1983.

Olson first took the Wildcats to the NCAA Tournament during his second season in Tucson to start a string of 25 straight appearances. The streak would have been the third-longest in NCAA history, but the 1999 and 2008 appearances were later vacated by the NCAA for impermissible benefits to players and recruiting violations.

The Wildcats won a national championship under Olson in 1997 with a team led by Mike Bibby, Jason Terry and Miles Simon. Olson's Arizona teams reached the Final Four four times and lost the 2001 national title game to Duke.

"It's hard to put into words how much Lute Olson meant to me," Warriors and former Olson player Steve Kerr tweeted. "He was an amazing coach & a wonderful man. Being part of the U of A basketball family changed my life forever. I will never forget Coach O, those awesome nights at McKale and all my teammates. Thank you Coach- I love you!"

Olson won a school-record 589 games at Arizona, 11 Pac-10 titles and was named the conference coach of the year seven times. He led Arizona to 20 straight 20-win seasons and is one of five coaches in NCAA history with 29 seasons of at least 20 wins.

Olson's 327 conference victories are most in Pac-10/12 history and he was inducted into the Naismith Hall of Fame in 2002.

"It's rare that a man is a Hall of Famer and still under appreciated," former Arizona and NBA player Richard Jefferson tweeted. "I'll always feel like you never got the credit you deserved as a leader, family man, grandfather, coach and as a mentor. I love you Coach O."

Olson had a series of health issues late in his coaching career, leading to his retirement in 2008.

Arizona announced minutes before the 2007-08 season opener that Olson would take an indefinite leave of absence. Associate head coach Kevin O'Neill coached the Wildcats on an interim basis the rest of the season.

Olson was set to return for the 2008-09 season, but the school announced his retirement after he missed practice and a function in Tucson. His doctor held a news conference five days later, saying Olson had an initially undiagnosed stroke earlier in the year, causing depression and impaired judgment. Olson also was hospitalized in 2019 after suffering a minor stroke.

"I will miss seeing him at our home games and hearing our crowd yell, 'Lute!'" current Arizona coach Sean Miller said in a statement "My family joins all of the current members of the Arizona Basketball program in sending our condolences and prayers to his wife, Kelly, and the entire Olson Family. I am forever grateful to be a part of the basketball program and community that he impacted so immensely. Coach O will certainly be missed, but always remembered by us."

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Olson remained in Tucson and became a regular at the McKale Center during his retirement, drawing cheers every time he appeared on the video board.

Born on a farm outside Mayville, North Dakota, on Sept. 22, 1934, Olson led his high school team to the 1952 state championship and was a three-sport athlete at Augsburg College in Minnesota from 1953 to 1956.

Olson started his career as a high school coach in Minnesota and Southern California before becoming the head coach at Long Beach City College, where he won the state junior college title in 1971.

He spent one season at Long Beach State before going on to coach nine seasons at Iowa. He led the Hawkeyes to the NCAA Tournament his final five seasons, including a trip to the 1980 Final Four.

Olson had a career record of 780-280 in 34 years as a Division I coach.

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Today in History

By The Associated Press undefined

Today in History

Today is Friday, Aug. 28, the 241st day of 2020. There are 125 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 28, 1963, more than 200,000 people listened as the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech in front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

On this date:

In 1917, ten suffragists demanding that President Woodrow Wilson support a constitutional amendment guaranteeing women the right to vote were arrested as they picketed outside the White House.

In 1944, during World War II, German forces in Toulon and Marseille (mahr-SAY'), France, surrendered to Allied troops.

In 1955, Emmett Till, a Black teen from Chicago, was abducted from his uncle's home in Money, Mississippi, by two white men after he had supposedly whistled at a white woman; he was found brutally slain three days later.

In 1964, two days of race-related rioting erupted in North Philadelphia over a false rumor that white police officers had beaten to death a pregnant Black woman.

In 1968, police and anti-war demonstrators clashed in the streets of Chicago as the Democratic National Convention nominated Hubert H. Humphrey for president.

In 1996, Democrats nominated President Bill Clinton for a second term at their national convention in Chicago. The troubled 15-year marriage of Britain's Prince Charles and Princess Diana officially ended with the issuing of a divorce decree.

In 2005, New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin (NAY'-gin) ordered everyone in the city to evacuate after Hurricane Katrina grew to a monster storm.

In 2009, the Los Angeles County coroner's office announced that Michael Jackson's death was a homicide caused primarily by the powerful anesthetic propofol (PROH'-puh-fahl) and another sedative, lorazepam (lor-AZ'-uh-pam).

In 2013, a military jury sentenced Maj. Nidal Hasan to death for the 2009 shooting rampage at Fort Hood that claimed 13 lives. On the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial, President Barack Obama stood on the same steps as he challenged new generations to seize the cause of racial equality.

In 2014, comedian Joan Rivers was rushed to New York's Mount Sinai Hospital after she suffered cardiac arrest at a doctor's office where she'd gone for a routine outpatient procedure (Rivers died a week later at age 81).

In 2017, floodwaters reached the rooflines of single-story homes as Hurricane Harvey poured rain on the Houston area for a fourth consecutive day; thousands of people had been rescued from the flooding.

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In 2018, a white former police officer, Roy Oliver, was convicted of murder for fatally shooting an unarmed Black 15-year-old boy, Jordan Edwards, while firing into a car packed with teenagers in suburban Dallas; Oliver was sentenced the following day to 15 years in prison.

Ten years ago: Conservative commentator Glenn Beck and former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin headlined a "Restoring Honor" rally attended by tens of thousands in Washington. U.S. and Afghan forces repelled attackers wearing American uniforms and suicide vests in a pair of simultaneous assaults before dawn on NATO bases near the Pakistan border. A gunman in Lake Havasu City, Arizona, shot and killed the mother of his two children, the woman's boyfriend and three other people before fleeing with the children to Rancho Cucamonga, California, where he killed himself (the children were unharmed).

Five years ago: President Barack Obama compared tensions between the U.S. and Israel over the Iranian nuclear deal to a family feud, and said in a webcast with Jewish Americans that he expected quick improvements in ties between the longtime allies once the accord was implemented. A jury in Concord, New Hampshire, acquitted Owen Labrie, a prep school graduate, of rape but convicted him of committing lesser sex offenses against a 15-year-old freshman girl in a case that exposed a tradition in which seniors competed to see how many younger students they could have sex with.

One year ago: New York Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand dropped out of the race for the Democratic presidential nomination; the campaign collapsed amid low polling and major fundraising struggles. Hurricane Dorian strengthened as it moved toward the U.S. Southeast coast; the storm left little damage in its wake in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. British Prime Minister Boris Johnson maneuvered to give his political opponents less time to block a chaotic no-deal Brexit, winning Queen Elizabeth's approval to suspend Parliament. (Britain's highest court later ruled that Johnson broke the law by suspending Parliament.)

Today's Birthdays: Actor Sonny Shroyer is 85. Actor Marla Adams is 82. Actor Ken Jenkins is 80. Former Defense Secretary William S. Cohen is 80. Actor David Soul is 77. Former MLB manager and player Lou Piniella (pihn-EHL'-uh) is 77. Actor Barbara Bach is 74. Actor Debra Mooney is 73. Singer Wayne Osmond (The Osmonds) is 69. Actor Daniel Stern is 63. Olympic gold medal figure skater Scott Hamilton is 62. Actor John Allen Nelson is 61. Actor Emma Samms is 60. Actor Jennifer Coolidge is 59. Movie director David Fincher is 58. Actor Amanda Tapping is 55. Country singer Shania (shah-NY'-uh) Twain is 55. Actor Billy Boyd is 52. Actor Jack Black is 51. Actor Jason Priestley is 51. Actor Daniel Goddard (TV: "The Young and the Restless") is 49. Olympic gold medal swimmer Janet Evans is 49. Actor J. August Richards is 47. Rock singer-musician Max Collins (Eve 6) is 42. Actor Carly Pope is 40. Country singer Jake Owen is 39. Country singer LeAnn Rimes is 38. Actor Kelly Thiebaud is 38. Actor Alfonso Herrera is 37. Actor Sarah Roemer is 36. Actor Armie Hammer is 34. Rock singer Florence Welch (Florence and the Machine) is 34. Actor Shalita Grant is 32. Country-pop singer Cassadee Pope (TV: "The Voice") is 31. Actor Katie Findlay is 30. Actor/singer Samuel Larsen is 29. Actor Kyle Massey is 29. Actor Quvenzhané (kwuh-VEHN'-zhah-nay) Wallis is 17. Reality TV star Alana Thompson, AKA "Honey Boo Boo," is 15.