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Three Fort Hood soldiers die when an Army truck trying to navigate a low water crossing is swept into a raging creek near Lake Belton. Six were reported missing. An additional 10 inches of rain could hit Texas this weekend. See **TEXAS AND SOUTHWEST, 5**



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Political posturing Ryan endorses Trump

House speaker seeks to bring unity to GOP

STEVE PEOPLES
Associated Press

JANESVILLE, Wis. — House Speaker Paul Ryan endorsed Donald Trump on Thursday, ending an extraordinary public split between the GOP's presumptive presidential nominee and the nation's highest-ranking Republican office holder.

"I had friends wishing I wouldn't support him. I had friends wishing I would," Ryan said in an exclusive interview with The Associated Press. "I really didn't feel any pressure, other than my goal is to make sure that we're unified so that we're at full strength in the fall so we can win the election."

Ryan acknowledged he continues to have concerns about Trump's combative style.

"It is my hope the campaign improves its tone as we go forward and it's all a campaign we can be proud of," he said.

Ryan said the endorsement is not the product of any deal with the billionaire developer. Trump won his endorsement, Ryan said, based on "an understanding of our mutually agreed upon principles." Ryan said he specifically wanted to go over Trump's approach to executive power, judicial appointments, and his position on abortion.

"I feel much more comfortable that he's on the



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House Speaker Paul Ryan endorsed Donald Trump Thursday in Janesville, Wisconsin, ending a lengthy public split between the two.

same page with us. Most importantly, it is obvious that Hillary Clinton is not," Ryan said.

Ryan ended a weeks-long standoff with Trump by outlining his support for the New York billionaire in a column in his hometown newspaper.

Ryan's announcement marks a significant shift for a GOP desperately trying to come together ahead

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Clinton crafting image

Emails show staff suggested event questions, intros

JACK GILLUM
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For Hillary Clinton, the presidential campaign has been about building an approachable image: She's often eschewed big arenas in favor of town halls, peppered her ads with personal stories and planned less-scripted gatherings with voters.

But emails obtained by The Associated Press reveal a careful effort to review introductory remarks for college presidents and students presenting the Democratic front-runner as a speaker, as well as suggesting questions that happened to align with her campaign platform.

While it's not unusual for campaigns to plan detailed appearances, the exchanges preview the kind of image-control apparatus that could be deployed in a Clinton White House, including attempts to steer conversations with her audiences.

Clinton spokesman Nick Mer-



JOHN LOCHER / ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hillary Clinton campaigns Thursday in San Diego. Emails showed a careful plan to control her public appearances.

rill said, "We take pride in Secretary Clinton's ability to answer tough questions. We do not screen questioners at events, nor do we script interactions."

The newly revealed exchanges, which surfaced in open-records requests, show the workings of a Clinton campaign that touts off-the-cuff moments, like the story of a little girl who asked Clinton: "If you're elected the girl presi-

dent, will you be paid the same as the boy president?" That line is a stump speech favorite.

But the campaign still injects itself into the minute details of the candidate's appearances down to the stemless glassware in her green room. That fixation on planning has sometimes pulled local officials uncomfortably into the political arena.

"They offered to write your introduction. I told them no," Becky Mann, the head of public relations for South Carolina's Greenville Technical College, wrote in an email to the college's president, Keith Miller.

Clinton's campaign also suggested questions that Miller could pose such as, "We have a number of students who have a financial need — what do we need to do to make college affordable?" College affordability is one of Clinton's campaign issues.

But Miller dismissed the suggestions, calling them "bad questions" and said he would develop his own.

Des Moines Area Community College's president, Robert Den-

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UCLA shooter killed Minn. woman, then drove to Los Angeles, police say

AMANDA LEE MYERS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The investigation into a murder-suicide on the UCLA campus took a sinister turn Thursday when police announced they suspected the shooter earlier killed a woman in Minnesota, then drove to Los Angeles to confront a professor he believed had stolen his work.

Detectives also believe that Mainak Sarkar, a 38-year-old former engineering graduate student, intended to kill a second professor Wednesday morning, but could not find him on campus, Los Angeles police Chief Charlie Beck said.

In a search of Sarkar's St. Paul, Minnesota home, authorities found a "kill list" with at least three names, including 39-year-old professor William Klug, the woman found dead in Minneapolis and a second UCLA professor who was not harmed, Beck said.

Sarkar shot and killed Klug in a

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CHARLES KNOBLER

UCLA engineering building, leading to a lockdown on the campus with more than 60,000 students and staff members. He then fatally shot himself.

He left a note at the scene of the killing that asked anyone who found it to check on a cat at his home in Minnesota, Beck told reporters. It was there that authorities found the "kill list," which led them to a nearby town, where they found the woman shot dead.

A law enforcement official said the woman was Ashley Hasti, who documents show married the gunman in 2011.

Beck said it appeared mental issues were involved and that Sarkar's dispute with Klug was tied to Sarkar thinking the professor released intellectual property that harmed Sarkar.

Someone identifying himself as Sarkar wrote a blog post in March claiming Klug stole his code.

Beck said UCLA asserts it was all in Sarkar's imagination.

Sarkar is listed on a UCLA website as a member of a computational biomechanics research group run by Klug.

Police were working Thursday to find the car Sarkar drove and sought the public's help.

Classes at UCLA resumed Thursday for most of the school, except for the engineering department, where students and faculty will return Monday.

Klug's colleagues and friends described him as a kind, devoted family man and teacher who

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PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS / ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Air Force Thunderbirds fly in formation during graduation ceremonies at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., on Thursday. President Barack Obama delivered the commencement address. A Thunderbirds jet crashed after a commencement flyover, but the pilot ejected to safety.

2 performance jets crash, 1 pilot dead

Air Force Thunderbird crashes in Colorado; Blue Angel wreck kills pilot in Tennessee

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two jets from different U.S. military elite air performance teams crashed Thursday, leaving one pilot dead.

A Blue Angels F/A-18 fighter jet crashed near Nashville, Tennessee, killing the pilot just days before a weekend air show that the team was practicing for, the Navy said.

A U.S. official said the pilot, Marine Capt. Jeff Kuss, did not eject when the aircraft crashed. Harry Gill, the town manager in Smyrna, just outside Nashville, said no civilians on the ground were hurt.

The pilot was beginning to take off during an afternoon practice session when the crash happened, according to a news release from the Navy. Five other

F/A-18 jets landed safely moments after the crash.

Kuss was a native of Durango, Colorado, and was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant in the Marines in 2006. He had previously served in Afghanistan before joining the Blue Angels. According to his official Blue Angels biography, he joined the elite acrobatics team in 2014 and accumulated more than 1,400 flight hours.

Earlier Thursday, the pilot of a U.S. Air Force Thunderbird ejected safely into a Colorado field, crashing the fighter jet moments after a flyover of a crowd watching President Barack Obama's commencement address for Air Force cadets.

A short helicopter ride later,

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'Be leaders,' Obama tells Air Force grads

President meets pilot who crashed after flyover

JOSH LEDERMAN
Associated Press

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — President Barack Obama implored the next generation of U.S. military leaders Thursday not to give in to isolationism or pull back from U.S. leadership in the world, drawing a contrast with a foreign policy vision that's been laid out by Donald Trump.

Obama used his final commencement address as president

to reassure the military that it remains the world's dominant fighting force. He told graduates at the U.S. Air Force Academy they would be asked to strike a balance between realism and idealism, withdrawal and overreach.

"We can't be isolationists. It's not possible in this globalized, interconnected world," Obama said. "In these uncertain times, it's tempting sometimes to try to pull back and wash our hands from conflicts that seem intractable, let other countries fend of themselves."

The president addressed ca-

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The Air Force Thunderbirds fly overhead as graduating cadets celebrate with the “hat toss” after the 2016 class graduation ceremonies of the U.S. Air Force Academy on Thursday in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Thunderbird pilot ejected safely in Colorado

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the pilot found himself shaking hands with the president at a nearby air base.

“The president thanked the pilot for his service to the country and expressed his relief that the pilot was not seriously injured,” said White House spokesman Josh Earnest.

The Air Force identified the pilot as Maj. Alex Turner, of Chelmsford, Massachusetts. He has more than 270 combat hours over Libya and Iraq.

Turner ejected about 15 miles south of the Air Force Academy near Peterson, where Air Force One was waiting to take off.

There was no obvious sign of trouble with any of the jets during their commencement fly-bys.

Authorities quickly cordoned off the crash area, and a hazardous materials crew suited up to inspect the site, said nearby resident Justin Payne.

Air Force Staff Sgt. Alexander Rodriguez, a U.S. Air Force firefighter stationed in San Angelo, Texas, who was visiting with his family, said he raced from his brother’s house after hearing “a few loud bangs” and saw the plane gliding low before impact.

By then, first responders were arriving, he said.

Klug a ‘kind, gentle soul,’ colleagues say

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didn’t appear to have conflicts with anyone.

“Bill was an absolutely wonderful man, just the nicest guy you would ever want to meet,” said UCLA professor Alan Garfinkel. The two worked together to build a computer model of the heart that could be used to test drugs.

Peter Gianusso, president of the El Segundo Little League and a friend of Klug’s, said Klug spent countless hours on the field coaching the boys and girls in the league.

“Just a great nice guy all around, and to meet his death in such a tragic and horrific manner, is just shocking and unbelievable,” Gianusso said.

Obama urges restraint in foreign policy

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dets in an outdoor ceremony that culminated in a dramatic Thunderbird flyover at the moment cadets toss their caps — a moment later marred by the news that one of the jets had crashed shortly after completing the maneuver. After returning to Peterson Air Force Base, Obama later met with the pilot, Maj. Alex Turner..

The president expressed relief that the pilot was not seriously injured,” a White House staffer said.

Obama didn’t mention any presidential candidates by name, but his target was clear. Trump has called repeatedly for putting “America first” by rethinking U.S. alliances, spending less to ensure other countries’ security and enacting strict tariffs.

“When we panic, we don’t make good decisions,” Obama told the graduates. He said that the U.S. had to engage with the world but must also be wary of overextending itself regard to.

“As we saw in Vietnam and the Iraq war, oftentimes the greatest damage to American credibility comes when we overreach, when we don’t think through the consequences of all of our actions,” he said.

He said he can’t imagine Klug having any problems with anyone after watching him interact with the children in the league.

Charles Knobler, a biology and chemistry professor at UCLA who said he knew Klug for 10 years, said he last saw Klug for lunch last week.

“I never, ever thought Bill Klug would have been the person who was involved,” he said. “It’s beyond belief that someone did this.”

Jim Gimzewski, another colleague at UCLA, was in tears talking about Klug, who he said was a “kind, gentle soul with a brilliant mind.”

Renjie Li, a 21-year-old engineering junior at UCLA, said Klug was one of his favorite professors.

“He was smart, very patient,” Li said. “I always went to his office hours and asked a bunch of questions, and he always answered with passion. He’s very approachable.”

“He had such a bright future.”

Sanders pitches Puerto Rico bill

MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Three days before Puerto Rico’s primary, Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders is digging in on his opposition to a House deal to rescue the U.S. territory from \$70 billion in debt.

Sanders said Thursday that he will introduce his own legislation to allow the Federal Reserve to give the territory emergency loans and provide broad bankruptcy protections, unlike legislation approved by a House committee last week that would create a control board to oversee limited debt restructuring. Sanders’ bill would also boost Medicaid and Medicare payments to the island and designate \$10.8 billion to rebuild the territory’s infrastructure.

The Vermont senator has said the existing House bill would make “a terrible situation even worse” and that it serves Wall Street bondholders over ordinary Puerto Ricans. The compromise bill is backed by House Speaker Paul Ryan, Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi of California and the Obama administration. Puerto Rican officials are split.

“We have got to make it clear to these vulture funds that they can-

not have it all,” Sanders said in a statement. “The solution to Puerto Rico’s debt crisis is not more austerity. The solution is more economic development, more jobs and less poverty.”

The seven-member control board in the House bill would be primarily composed of members chosen by congressional Republicans, with some also chosen by congressional Democrats and the White House. Sanders’ legislation would create a seven-member “public corporation” that would mostly consist of representatives chosen by the legislature and governor of Puerto Rico.

Puerto Rico, which has struggled to overcome a lengthy recession, has missed several payments to creditors and faces a \$2 billion installment, the largest yet, on July 1.

Sanders’ opposition could cause problems in the Senate, where one lawmaker can slow a bill’s progress. Senators have said they are waiting to see what happens in the House before they consider a bill to rescue the territory, so it could be weeks before the chamber takes up the issue. Sanders has been largely absent from Senate proceedings during his lengthy primary campaign.

Ryan marks shift for GOP

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of a general election matchup against likely Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton. Some of the Republican Party’s best known leaders have vowed not to support Trump, including 2012 Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney, who tapped Ryan as his running mate.

The day before Ryan’s announcement, Romney signaled support for a possible third-party candidate instead of the presumptive Republican nominee.

Yet as the GOP’s so-called “Never Trump” movement struggled to identify a viable alternative, many believed it was only a matter of time before Ryan fell in line.

“It’s no secret that he and I have our differences. I won’t pretend otherwise,” Ryan wrote in a column in the Janesville Gazette. “And when I feel the need to, I’ll continue to speak my mind.”

Ryan’s announcement was released as Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton was delivering a foreign policy speech excoriating Trump’s approach.

Clinton curates questions

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son, incorporated talking points sent by Clinton’s campaign into his August 2015 opening remarks ahead of her appearance. In an interview, Denson said the college was visited by several candidates including Clinton and presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump, and handled each campaign the same: reaching out for specific remarks ahead of time to incorporate into his usual introduction, which notes the school is nonpartisan and doesn’t favor any candidate.

“We did the same thing with Trump,” he said, adding that candidate visits at community colleges provide insight into what’s important and the opportunity to hear from future White House occupants who could shape the nation’s policies.

Merrill said the campaign at times assists people as part of an event, “especially those introducing Secretary Clinton, with the points on our campaign’s message. More often than not, it’s because they’ve asked.”

DJ News Fund interns headed to newsrooms

Eleven college students and recent college graduates are headed to paid copy editing internships on daily newspapers after completing 10 days of intensive preparation at The University of Texas at Austin.

The interns are among a group of undergraduate and graduate students placed in internships in copy editing, sports copy editing, business reporting and digital journalism.

The highly competitive national program is funded by the Dow Jones News Fund, and participating newspapers and digital media services. The 921 applicants were required to take a test and complete an extensive application before being considered.

Newspaper professionals, visiting faculty and UT journalism faculty moderated the sessions in this 19th residency program at UT-Austin.

In the latter half of the pre-internship training, participants produced three issues of a model newspaper, the Southwest Journalist, as well as a companion online product, swjournalist.com.

The UT-News Fund interns serve internships of 10 to 14 weeks.

Grants from the News Fund and contributions from participating newspapers cover the participants’ pre-internship training, including housing, meals, transportation and instruction.

Participating newspapers also pay interns a weekly wage for their internship work. Students returning to their universities after the internships are eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship provided by the News Fund.

Beth Butler and Bradley Wilson served as co-directors of the workshop with assistance from Lourdes Jones, senior administrative associate of the UT School of Journalism.



PHOTO BY GABRIEL PEREZ

Eleven college students and recent college graduates train at The University of Texas at Austin for 10 days before heading to internships at daily newspapers around the nation. This competitive program is funded by the Dow Jones News Fund. Sitting: Kate Shea, Andrea Platten, Paola Ruano and Beth Butler; standing: Bradley Wilson, Dani Malakoff, Meira Gebel, Zoe McDonald, Shane Graber, Greg Boyd, Jared Servantez, Mark Grabowski, Danielle Parenteau, Jack Heffernan, Edward Graham, Linda Shockley

Faculty included Griff Singer, retired senior lecturer from UT-Austin; Mark Grabowski, associate professor at Adelphi University; Shane Garber, a doctoral student at UT-Austin; and Linda Shockley, managing director of the News Fund in Princeton, New Jersey.

Students also had the opportunity to visit with staff and managers at the GateHouse Media Center for News and Design in Austin, Dan Cunningham, senior editor of the *Houston Chronicle*, R.B. Brenner, director of the UT School of Journalism.



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INTERNATIONAL

Protests occur over Gambian human rights

DAKAR, Senegal — Gambian activists and politicians have called on West Africa’s economic body to take actions against Gambia for its brutal crackdown on rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly in the run-up to elections later in the year.

The group demands accountability for President Yahya Jammeh, who has been in power since 1994, for the arrest and beatings of peaceful protesters and bystanders in opposition protests this spring.

Gambia, a part of the Economic Community Of West African States, must observe and comply with its protocol on democracy and good governance, Amnesty International said, calling for its suspension from the body if no progress on human rights is made.

Prisoner tells of ‘mental torture’ in secret

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — A Somali prisoner at Guantanamo Bay told a military judge Thursday that he has experienced what he believes are intentional noises and vibrations inside the high-security section of the prison, Camp 7.

The testimony of Hassan Guleed, an alleged member of East Africa Al-Qaida, was intended to support allegations by Sept. 11 defendant Ramzi Binalshibh, who has alleged he has been subjected to intentional sleep deprivation.

Military officials have repeatedly denied these claims.

The judge, Army Col. James Pohl, earlier issued an order directing the military to cease any deliberate noises or vibrations without determining whether any had occurred. Binalshibh says it has continued despite that order.

Greek government amends austerity program

ATHENS, Greece — Greece’s parliament has approved a new batch of tweaks to its creditor-mandated austerity program, which it hopes will unlock a promised, vital loan installment.

The amendments include adjustments to some civil service salaries and non-performing loans.

Last month, Greece approved new sweeping tax hikes and other reforms aimed to reduce government spending.

Starting this week, the main sales tax rate increased from 23 to 24 percent. Taxes were also raised on services used heavily by Greeks forced to cut back on leisure activities because of the financial crisis.

Greece’s European creditors have agreed to unfreeze 10.3 billion euros (\$11.5 billion) in bailout funds, starting later this month, but demanded additions to the measures passed in May.

Hackers leaking identities of journalists in Ukraine

MOSCOW — Ambassadors to Ukraine from the Group of Seven countries are expressing concern about hackers publishing the names and contact information of journalists who have reported from rebel-controlled eastern Ukraine.

Hackers from a group called Mirotvorets (Peacekeeper) said they had gained access to computers used by the Russia-backed separatists to register journalists working in the conflict zone. They said they felt it was necessary to publish the list “because these journalists collaborate with fighters from terrorist organizations.”

The embassy of Japan, the current chair of the G-7, says the characterization “endangers the personal security of those affected and Ukraine’s hard-won media freedom.”

Shadow of jailed ex-leader hangs over Peru election

LIMA, Peru — The shadow of imprisoned former president Alberto Fujimori looms over Sunday’s Peru election, between his daughter, Keiko, and banker Pedro Pablo Kuczynski.

His daughter, a former congresswoman, is capitalizing on a well-funded campaign and those who remember her father fondly.

But tens of thousands have marched against the return of any Fujimori, due to the elder’s bloody crackdown on dissent and corrupt government, which have him serving 25 years in prison. Even leading politicians from the left have endorsed Kuczynski.

Recent polls showed Fujimori opening a small lead over Kuczynski, though within the margin of error and with a large number of voters still undecided.

Venezuela police repel protest of hungry citizens

CARACAS, Venezuela — A throng of protesters demanding food made a run for the Venezuelan presidential palace on Thursday in a rare, apparently spontaneous outburst of anger at the socialist administration.

They got within about a half dozen blocks of the presidential palace before police in riot gear headed them off and began firing tear gas.

The country has seen near-daily spontaneous protests in recent weeks over shortages of food and medicine, rolling blackouts, and poor access to running water.

Protesters said the incident began at a nearby supermarket when it appeared that people affiliated with the government were taking away food that people had been waiting all day to buy.

Protesters said they were neither members of the opposition nor supporters of the government, just people trying to feed themselves.

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France floods affect historic Paris sites

ANGELA CHARLTON
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — The rising waters of the Seine overflowed riverbanks, roads and rail tracks across Paris on Thursday, forcing authorities at the Louvre to do something they have not done in generations: hurriedly move precious artworks to higher ground.

The Seine’s water levels are expected to peak Friday around noon. Paris police upgraded their flood warning Thursday to “orange” — the second-highest level — for areas near the Seine, which means they believe the floods could have “a significant impact” on buildings and people.

The Louvre Museum announced it will be closed Friday to remove artworks from rooms threatened by the rising waters, shifting them upstairs.

The Orsay museum, on the left bank of the Seine, will also be closed Friday to prepare for potential flooding.

A spokeswoman at the Louvre said the museum has not taken such precautions since its 1993 renovation. Some underground storerooms created during the



JEROME DELAY / ASSOCIATED PRESS

Residents evacuate their home in Nemours, south of Paris, on Thursday. Floods inundating parts of France and Germany have left five people dead and thousands trapped in homes or cars, as rivers have broken their banks from Paris to Bavaria.

renovation are particularly vulnerable to flood risks.

She spoke on condition of anonymity, in line with the museum’s policy.

The Louvre did move art to higher floors in the flood that devastated Paris in 1910. Authorities are still checking to see if similar actions have been taken from then to 1993.

About 200,000 artworks are lo-

cated in flood-risk areas, most in storerooms.

European rivers have burst their banks this week from Paris to the southern German state of Bavaria, killing six people, trapping thousands and forcing everything from subway lines to castles to museums to shut down.

France’s meteorological service said Thursday that severe flood watches remained in effect in



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Tourist Stephen Fernandez, center-right, takes photos in 2015 of a male silverback mountain gorilla from a family of mountain gorillas in the dense forest on the slopes of Mount Bisoke volcano in Volcanoes National Park, northern Rwanda. In some parts of Africa, tourists and researchers routinely trek into the undergrowth to see gorillas in their natural habitat where there are no barriers or enclosures.

Tourists meet gorillas in the wild

CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA
Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG — In some parts of Africa, tourists and researchers routinely trek to see gorillas in their natural habitat. There are no barriers and no enclosures. The apes are often accustomed to people, sometimes moving casually past first-time visitors.

This delicate interaction usually happens without incident, overseen by guides who brief trekkers on rules designed to protect infection-prone gorillas from humans and to shield humans from hulking wild animals. It’s a very different situation to the tense events on May 28 at the

Cincinnati Zoo, where an animal response team shot and killed an endangered adult male gorilla named Harambe after a 3-year-old boy fell into an enclosure.

A key to studying gorillas in their habitats is to maintain a minimum distance and convey “a certain kind of feeling that they are not under too much pressure,” Thomas Breuer, a researcher with the New York-based Wildlife Conservation Society, said in a telephone interview from the Republic of Congo.

Dominant male gorillas like Harambe can be more aggressive in limited spaces like zoos, than they would be in the wild, said Eva Maria Luef, a researcher with the Max Planck Institute for Orni-

thology in Germany.

The Cincinnati scenario was unpredictable. Video shows Harambe swiftly dragging the boy through the moat water, and pausing to touch the child in a way that some people viewed as protective.

Breuer has studied gorillas in Nouabale-Ndoki National Park in the Republic of Congo in a project partly supported by the Cincinnati Zoo. He said a popular image of gorillas as “gentle giants” is misleading, and that experienced Congolese guides would occasionally step forward with raised sticks to ward off aggressive animals.

“These are not pets,” Breuer said.

Germany calls out Turkish genocide

GEIR MOULSON
Associated Press

BERLIN — Germany’s parliament overwhelmingly voted Thursday to label the killings of Armenians by Ottoman Turks a century ago as genocide, prompting Turkey to recall its ambassador assigned to Germany.

The vote heightened tensions between Germany and Turkey at a time when Ankara is playing a key role in stemming the flow of migrants to Europe.

Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim called the German decision a “historic error.” Yildirim said that Turkish people take pride in their past and that “there is no event in our past that would cause us to bow down our heads in embarrassment.”

Armenia’s president and foreign minister welcomed the vote.

Historians estimate that up to 1.5 million Armenians were killed by Ottoman Turks around the time of World War I, an event viewed by many scholars as the 20th century’s first genocide.

Turkey denies that the killings that started in 1915 were genocide and contends the dead were victims of civil war and unrest, and that the death toll has been inflated.

Opening Thursday’s debate, German Parliament speaker Norbert Lammert acknowledged that addressing historical events can



MICHAEL SOHN / ASSOCIATED PRESS

Christian Church of Armenia representatives attend a German Federal Parliament meeting at the Reichstag building in Berlin on Thursday. The German Parliament voted on Thursday to label the killings of Armenians by Ottoman Turks a century ago as genocide.

be painful.

“But we have also seen that an honest and self-critical appraisal of the past does not endanger relations with other countries,” he said. “In fact, it is a precondition for understanding, reconciliation and cooperation.”

When other countries have called the killings genocide it has led to diplomatic strife with Turkey, but not lasting damage.

Last year, Turkey temporarily recalled its ambassadors to Vienna and the Vatican after Austria and Pope Francis described the killings as genocide.

The motion stresses that Germany is aware of the “uniqueness” of the Nazi Holocaust and it “regrets the inglorious role” of Germany, the Ottoman Turks’ main military ally at the time of the Armenians’ killings.

Merkel said the German government hopes that Turkey and Armenia will work together on how to approach their history.

Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan sent telegrams to Merkel, Gauck and Lammert thanking them for the passage of resolution, describing it as a “historic step.”

one Paris-area region: Seine-et-Marne. Nine more regions in central France, including Paris, were facing flood warnings as well.

For the second day, emergency workers evacuated residents in Nemours, 80 kilometers (50 miles) south of Paris, the hardest-hit site in France.

The situation improved somewhat late Thursday, yet about 21,000 homes were still without electricity.

Those killed amid the deluge include an 86-year-old woman who died in her flooded home in Souppes-sur-Loing, southeast of Paris. In southern Germany, five people were killed as floods swept Wednesday through the towns of Simbach am Inn and Triftern near the Austrian border.

French President Francois Hollande said a “natural disaster” will be formally declared next week for areas most affected by the flooding.

In Berlin, meanwhile, German Chancellor Angela Merkel promised continued help for flooded areas, telling reporters Thursday that she “mourns for those for whom the help has come too late, who lost their lives.”

Rio says ready for Olympics

STEPHEN WILSON
AP Sports Writer

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — Seeking to allay myriad concerns as the games approach, Brazilian organizers assured IOC leaders on Thursday that final preparations for the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro would not be derailed by the Zika outbreak, a presidential impeachment or construction delays.

With South America’s first Olympics just over two months away, Rio organizers made their final presentation to the IOC executive board ahead of the Aug. 5 opening ceremony.

“We are confident the games will take place and will be very successful,” IOC spokesman Mark Adams told reporters.

IOC President Thomas Bach plans to visit Brazil from June 14-16 to check on Rio’s preparations. He will meet acting President Michel Temer, who took over last month after Dilma Rousseff was suspended pending a Senate impeachment trial.

Rio organizing chief Carlos Nuzman said the IOC had “no questions, no concerns” over the political crisis.

Last week, a group of 150 scientists suggested the Olympics should be postponed or moved because of the outbreak of Zika, a mosquito-borne virus linked to severe birth defects. But the World Health Organization said there was “no public health justification” to call off the Olympics, and the IOC has repeatedly said the games will go ahead.

Nuzman said the Zika threat diminishes dramatically during Brazil’s winter months.

Not one case of Zika was recorded during 44 test events, Rio spokesman Mario Andrada said.

Nuzman said leading athletes such as Usain Bolt, Rafael Nadal, Neymar and members of the U.S. basketball team have said they have no worries about going to Rio.

However, American cyclist Tejay van Garderen withdrew his name from consideration for the games amid concerns he may contract Zika and pass it along to his pregnant wife.

Brazil is also dealing with its worst economic recession since the 1930s. Brazilian organizers have sought financial help from the IOC, which is already contributing \$1.5 billion to Rio from TV and marketing revenues and could advance payments on that amount to relieve the pressure.

While most venues are ready, the \$43-million velodrome has faced serious construction delays. Union Cycliste Internationale President Brian Cookson said last week he remains “very, very concerned” about the venue.

Andrada said Rio Mayor Eduardo Paes gave assurances the velodrome would be “up and running” by the end of the month.

Andrada also said ticket sales are picking up — with 67 percent sold, or 4 million out of the 6 million available.

Regulators tackle payday loans

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NEW YORK — Federal regulators proposed a significant clamp-down on payday lenders and other high interest loans on Thursday, the first nationwide attempt to address an industry widely thought of as taking advantage of the poor and desperate.

The proposals, if enacted intact, are likely to cause a nationwide contraction and restructuring of the \$38 billion payday loan industry.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau is proposing that lenders must conduct what's known as a "full-payment test." Because most payday loans are required to be paid in full when

they come due. There would also be restrictions on the number of times a borrower can renew the loan.

The CFPB would require that lenders give additional warnings before they attempt to debit a borrower's bank account, and also restrict the number of times they can attempt to debit the account. The aim is to lower the frequency of overdraft fees that are common with people who take out payday loans.

The agency is seeking comments from interested parties and the general public on the proposals before final regulations are issued. Comments are due by Sept. 14. The final rules are likely to go into effect early next year.



Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Director Richard Cordray, center, listens to comments during a panel discussion in Richmond, Va.

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Clinton on Trump: 'A historic mistake'

SAN DIEGO — In a full-throated general election attack, Hillary Clinton lambasted Donald Trump's foreign policy vision Thursday as one of war, international turmoil and economic crisis. She contrasted that with a portrayal of an optimistic, inclusive and diplomatic view of the world.

Electing Trump, she said, would be "a historic mistake."

During a speech in San Diego, the former secretary of state counted down reasons he is not qualified.

She predicted dire consequences if he is elected, saying a Trump presidency could lead the U.S. into war abroad, spark nuclear conflicts and ignite economic catastrophe at home.

"There's no risk of people losing their lives if you blow up a golf course deal, but it doesn't work like that in world affairs," Clinton said.

Clinton's robust assault on Trump was widely carried on television, a change for the leading Democratic candidate who's frequently struggled to break through coverage of Trump.

In Thursday's speech, she sought to prove that she is ready to rumble with the famously combative Trump. She offered a number of aggressive new attack lines, and she ran down a list of people he has insulted, including the pope.

"He has the gall to say prisoners of war like John McCain aren't heroes," Clinton said. "He says he has foreign policy experience because he ran the Miss Universe pageant."

Clinton said she would provide the steady diplomacy the country needs. The opponents offer starkly different visions of U.S. foreign policy. Clinton's proposals reflect the traditional approach of both major parties.

Trump's strong-man "America first" approach is short on details but appeals to the emotions of angry voters.

Trump accused Clinton of lying about his foreign policy plans at a rally at an airport hangar in Sacramento, California, Wednesday night.



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Prince performs during the halftime show at the Super Bowl XLI football game at Dolphin Stadium in Miami.

Prince died of overdose

Prince died of an accidental painkiller overdose, autopsy shows

MICHAEL TARM
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Prince died of an accidental overdose of fentanyl, a powerful opioid painkiller, autopsy results released Thursday show.

The findings confirm suspicions that opioids played a role in the death of the superstar musician, who was found dead April 21 at his Minneapolis-area estate.

It was not immediately clear whether Prince had a prescription for the drug and, if not, how he obtained it.

According to a one-page report released by the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office, Prince administered the drug himself, but the date he took it was unknown. The office said the death investigation is complete, and it had no further comment.

Fentanyl is a synthetic drug that and is partly responsible for a recent surge in overdose deaths in some parts of the country. Because of its risks, it is tightly controlled by the Food and Drug Administration.

The autopsy was conducted the day after Prince's body was found.

The focus of the investigation will now probably turn to determining who supplied the fentanyl and whether the sources were legitimate or illegal, said Gal Pissetzky, a Chicago-based attorney.

Authorities may also look to the singer's associates.

"If fentanyl was obtained illegally, I don't think Prince would have gone out to meet someone in a dark alley to get the substance," Pissetzky said.

At least two doctors' names have come up in the death investigation being conducted by the Carver County Sheriff's Office, the U.S. Attorney's Office in Minnesota and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Dr. Michael Todd Schulenberg, a family practitioner, treated Prince twice in the weeks before his death and told investigators he prescribed medications for the singer. The medications were not specified in a search warrant for the Minnesota hospital that employed Schulenberg at the time.

Fentanyl

Pain patients who have built up tolerances or are addicted to painkillers sometimes seek out stronger drugs like heroin or fentanyl:

- is 50 times more potent than heroin
- is responsible for 700 overdoses reported to the DEA in late 2013 and 2014.
- has legitimate medical uses

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Schulenberg saw Prince April 7 and April 20 — the day before his death — according to the warrant. Schulenberg's attorney has declined to comment on the case.

On April 20, Prince's representatives asked Dr. Howard Kornfeld, a California addiction specialist, to help the singer.

Kornfeld sent his son Andrew on a red-eye flight that night, Andrew Kornfeld was among the people who found Prince's body the next morning, according to Kornfeld's attorney, William Mauzy.

The younger Kornfeld, who is not a doctor, was carrying buprenorphine, a medication that can be used to treat opioid addiction by easing cravings and withdrawal symptoms, Mauzy said. Andrew Kornfeld intended to give the medication to a Minnesota doctor who had cleared his schedule to see Prince on April 21.

Mauzy has refused to identify that doctor. Schulenberg is not authorized to prescribe buprenorphine.

some friends said they never saw any sign of drug use. Long-time friend and collaborator Sheila E. has told the AP that Prince had physical issues from performing, citing hip and knee problems caused by years of jumping off risers and stage speakers in heels.

Orozco takes baby steps through loss, injury

Gymnast John Orozco fought resiliently through hardship to compete at Olympics

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There was a time in John Orozco's life when he'd see his phone buzz immediately after a meet and try not to roll his eyes.

Orozco always answered. Always. Because Damaris Orozco needed to check in. Needed to see how her son was doing. Needed to share in his joy when things went well and provide a pep talk when they did not.

Even now, more than 15 months following her death on Valentine's Day 2015, Orozco still waits almost reflexively for "Mom" to pop up on the screen. The call he occasionally dreaded is now the one he wishes he could take. He expects that feeling to resurface during the U.S. men's championships starting Friday in Hartford, Connecticut.

There'd be plenty to go over. The crushing grief he felt in the immediate aftermath of her passing. That terrifying day last June

when he tore the Achilles' heel in his right leg for a second time, an injury that doctors told him would take a year to recover from and a setback that seemed to put Orozco's chances of making a second U.S. Olympic team in serious jeopardy.

The ensuing surgery forced Orozco to slow down. His training limited to what he could do with his upper body.

"I was in a pretty dark place for a while," he said.

A national champion as a teenager in 2012, the thoughtful 23-year-old from the Bronx is a study in resilience. He aggressively attacked his rehabilitation the second time around, making it to competition in eight months. He'll walk onto the floor at the XL Center on Friday hoping to take another significant step toward making the five-man team that will head to Brazil for the 2016 Summer Games in August.

When Damaris' battle finally ended, Orozco wondered if

he should just call coach Vitaly Marinitch and tell him he was heading back home to New York to start the next chapter of his life.

"I wanted to," Orozco said. "But I knew in the back of my mind I was never going to let myself do that. I'd worked too hard. I'd put too many years in."

The breakthrough came last summer when doctors told him he could ditch the scooter he'd been using for a walking boot. He woke up in the middle of the night and made it — slowly — to the bathroom on his own.

"I took the smallest step and was like 'Yes!'" he said. "It was kind of like a bittersweet moment. I was missing my mom at the time."

Her unyielding belief in him is one of the reasons Orozco kept going. He competed at the Olympic Test Event in April, his third-place finish hardening his resolve to make a return trip this summer, even if he's no longer the star of the U.S. team. Orozco is simply happy to be a part of the mix. For



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John Orozco competes on the parallel bars during the preliminary round of the men's Olympic gymnastics trials on June 28, 2012, in San Jose, Calif.

now, that's enough.

If he makes it, he knows the phone call he desperately wants to take will never come. That's OK. In some ways, his mother feels closer than ever.

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Weekend to bring high temps to West

LAS VEGAS — Parts of the Western U.S. are getting an early taste of scorching summer heat, forcing officials in California, Oregon and desert Southwest states to heed the warnings of dangerous, triple-digit temperatures in the first week of June.

The severity of the heat wave in the forecast is putting Southwest desert areas under an excessive heat warning. The life-threatening heat is expected to set in Friday morning through Sunday night, dangerously hot temperatures will peak Saturday, with highs between 105 and 110 in Sin City, 111 to 118 in Phoenix and 115 to 121 in Death Valley.

National Weather Service Meteorologist Clay Morgan said the heat impact level prompted the warning. Gradual temperatures help the body get acclimated, so a sudden upswing and a steep climb in a short period can exacerbate health risks and the potential for heat exhaustion, stroke and even death.

It's a particular concern in Las Vegas, which faced its first triple-digit day this year on Wednesday, a week later than average, and had highs in mid-May swinging from 99 to 75 in a matter of days.

Muhammad Ali in hospital for respiratory issue

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A spokesman for boxing great Muhammad Ali says the former heavyweight champion is being treated in a hospital for a respiratory issue.

Spokesman Bob Gunnell said Thursday that Ali is being treated by doctors as a precaution. He says that the 74-year-old is in fair condition, and that a brief hospital stay is expected.

He declined to say where Ali is hospitalized or when he was admitted.

Ali has battled Parkinson's disease for years.

Nonprofit starts search for problem solver

CHICAGO — A Chicago-based nonprofit is offering a \$100 million grant to a proposal designed solve a critical problem affecting people, places or the planet.

The MacArthur Foundation launched the new competition, called 1008Change, on Thursday. The foundation plans to name up to five finalists by next summer and announce a winner by early 2018.

The competition is seeking meaningful, verifiable, durable and feasible proposals. It's open to organizations working in any field of endeavor anywhere in the world. The applicants must be able to identify the problem and explain their solution.

The \$100 million prize is the MacArthur Foundation's biggest individual grant via a competition in the realms of public-spiritedness and altruism.

Fourth grade Science trip ends with sunken ship

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — A boat that hit something under water and dunked a group of fourth graders into the Chesapeake Bay had ventured into a prohibited area, a U.S. Coast Guard official said Thursday. The U.S. Navy warns of unexploded bombs in the vicinity.

Everyone on board was rescued after the 40-foot Chesapeake Bay Foundation vessel sank near the mouth of the bay Wednesday evening, in water less than 5 feet deep.

The area is marked off-limits on nautical maps, Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class David Marin said.

Those obstructions could have explosive consequences.

The Navy used the Bloodsworth Island Range for live-ordnance training from 1942 to 1995, according to the Naval Air Station Patuxent River, which warns against trespassing too close to shore.

A Coast Guard investigation may determine just what the vessel hit.

The foundation said 23 people including 14 students were picked up by local boatsmen. Five people suffered bumps and bruises, and all were taken to hospitals as a precaution before being discharged, the foundation said.

The students from Kent School in Chestertown, Maryland, were on an annual science trip, said the school's admissions director, Tricia Cammerzell.

Suspect arrested in fatal shooting of 2 students

BATON ROUGE, La. — A man accused of starting a shootout that killed two Southern University students was arrested on murder charges Thursday.

But police don't believe he fired the deadly shots. Brandon Christopher Henderson, 25, of Baton Rouge told investigators that he fired the initial shots in the exchange of gunfire that killed 19-year-old students Lashuntae Benton and Annette January at an off-campus party in April, a police report says.

Henderson, who was wounded in the April 10 shootout, was jailed on two counts of second-degree murder and one count of illegal use of a weapon. Another suspect — 22-year-old Ernest Bernard Felton, of Miami — was arrested within hours of the shooting on a charge of attempted second-degree murder in Henderson's shooting.

Felton, a former Southern football player, hasn't been charged in the women's deaths, but police said in a written statement Thursday that the case remains under investigation with "additional pending arrests."

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TEXAS AND SOUTHWEST

Hurricane Ike’s damage persists in Galveston

GALVESTON — Almost eight years after Hurricane Ike, Galveston County is still dealing with damaged and abandoned property left behind.

About 500 homes qualified for grant money to be removed under a community development program, and a majority of the property owners have removed the hazardous structures.

County spokeswoman Brittany Rainville told The Galveston County Daily News that of the remaining 200 or so buildings, 34 have been taken down, and Galveston County commissioners have now approved razing another 15.

She says the tear-downs can take time because of such items as probate court and foreclosure proceedings. One demolition project was stalled to determine whether the home being razed had any historical significance.

Most of the homes or businesses still awaiting removal are in San Leon or on the Bolivar Peninsula.

Gas prices across Texas up 4 cents per gallon

COPPELL — Retail gasoline prices have climbed another 4 cents across Texas this week to an average of \$2.12 per gallon.

AAA Texas on Thursday reported the nationwide price at the pump also rose 2 cents this week to an average of \$2.33 per gallon.

The AAA survey found that Dallas and Fort Worth have the most expensive gasoline in Texas this week at \$2.19 per gallon. Corpus Christi has the cheapest gas statewide at \$2.04 per gallon.

AAA Texas says drivers in Texas are paying 39 cents less per gallon compared to the same time a year ago.

The auto club says the prices as the summer driving season gets under way are the cheapest in more than a decade.

North Texas firm wants church donations returned

FORT WORTH — A North Texas company is seeking the return of more than \$200,000 donated to a church by its former chief financial officer, who has been tied to a more than \$6 million embezzlement scheme.

Grapevine-based distribution company Raley Holdings is suing First Baptist Church of Carrollton, calling the donations from John Franklin Howard “blood money” and not his to give.

Howard in 2014 was sentenced to life in prison for the attempted capital murder of his wife for hiring men to try to kill her.

The Tarrant County lawsuit filed last week says he used the embezzled money for the murder plot and also gave misappropriated money to the church.

Man charged with DWI after child falls from his car

SPRING — A suburban Houston man with a history of drunken-driving convictions was jailed after one of two children riding with him tumbled from his car and fell onto the street, authorities said.

Montgomery County deputies said Matthew Killian, of Spring, was arrested and accused of driving while intoxicated. Records show he has three previous DWI convictions.

Authorities told the Houston Chronicle that a bystander saw a small child fall from the front passenger seat of his moving car Tuesday. They said Killian got out, retrieved the child and drove off with the door still open. Deputies tracked down the car and found Killian still in it with the kids.

The child who fell is hospitalized. Killian is also charged with injury to a child and endangering a child.

Woman wields knives to threaten Arlington police

ARLINGTON — Arlington police said a 28-year-old woman was jailed on one count of making a terroristic threat after she walked in the front doors of the police station, holding two knives over her head, and started swinging the knives toward the desk officer.

The desk officer called for help, and one of a number of other officers who responded used his electronic stun gun to subdue Patricia Sayan, of Arlington.

A video from the surveillance camera in the police station Tuesday night shows the officer telling Sayan to back away and drop the knives, her refusal and the arrival of the other officers. The video also shows Sayan collapsing after getting hit by the stun gun.

Police say no one was injured.

El Paso police say robberies up by 17 percent in 1 year

EL PASO — El Paso police say robberies in the far west Texas city so far this year are up 17 percent from the same period a year ago.

Police spokesman Robert Gomez told the El Paso Times that police in each of the city’s five regional commands are addressing the increase and that the robberies are not connected.

The 185 robberies include armed robberies and holdups where no weapon was used.

The sharpest jump, 50 percent, has been on the city’s west side.

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Ranchers drive cattle west, away from the surging Brazos River, down Farm-to-Market 1462 in Brazoria County on Thursday. Parts of Texas have been inundated with rain in the past week, and more than half of the state is under flood watches or warnings, including the counties near Fort Hood, where three soldiers died and another six went missing Thursday.

3 soldiers die in flood 6 more missing in torrent near Fort Hood

JUAN A. LOZANO Associated Press

HOUSTON — Three soldiers were killed and six were missing after a military truck was swept away in a rain-swollen creek Thursday at Fort Hood, Army officials said.

Fort Hood spokesman John Miller said the truck, called a light medium tactical vehicle, was using the Owl Creek Tactical Crossing, a low-water creek crossing, when swift flood waters from two days of intermittent heavy rains swept it down the road.

The vehicle, which resembles a flatbed truck with a walled bed and is used to carry troops, was carrying 12 soldiers when it overturned in the current, according to a statement from Fort Hood.

Parts of Texas have been inundated with rain in the past week, and more than half of the state is under flood watches or warnings, including the counties near Fort Hood.

At least six people died in floods

last week in Central and South-east Texas.

The soldiers were performing routine training activities when they were swept from the road, post spokesman Chris Haug said. Army aircraft, canine search teams, swift-water rescue watercraft and heavy trucks were used in the search for the six missing soldiers. The Army has not yet released the names of the dead because it is still notifying relatives.

Three soldiers were rescued from the swift water and were in stable condition at Coryell Memorial Healthcare System in Gatesville.

Parts of Texas still recovering from heavy rainfall are watching a new batch of storms, which could dump up to 10 inches of rain between now and Sunday, worsening flooding caused by rivers and other waterways that have already risen to record levels.

A storm system that moved through the Houston area

Wednesday night and Thursday morning dumped nearly 8 inches of rain in some of the city’s northern suburbs. In Fort Bend County, southwest of Houston, about 1,400 homes have been affected by the Brazos River, swelling from heavy rainfall from last week.

The river reached 54.8 feet in Fort Bend County — 4 feet higher than the record set in 1994.

Depending on how much rain falls, the Brazos River could rise to up to 56 feet, said Fort Bend County Judge Robert Hebert.

Officials in Fort Bend have conducted nearly 560 water rescues since Sunday. Fort Bend County emergency management coordinator Jeff Braun said it could be at least a week before the flooding recedes and residents can go home.

Fort Bend is one of the 31 counties included in a disaster declaration by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott.

Cowboys stacked at running back

SCHUYLER DIXON Associated Press

IRVING — Ezekiel Elliott ran with the first team in offseason practices for the Dallas Cowboys this week.

That’s at least partly because Darren McFadden was out for personal reasons.

As for how the depth chart will look at running back in three months going into the opener against the New York Giants, the Cowboys are tiptoeing around the question in an age when No. 4 overall picks are almost always walk-in starters, regardless of position.

It’s an interesting issue in Dallas, because McFadden was fourth in the NFL in rushing last season, with 1,089 yards, even though he was the lead back for just 10 games.

At the same time, Elliott is saying all the right things: The job isn’t his, and he has plenty to learn.

But now it’s been almost a month since the star of the Buck-

eyes’ title game win two seasons ago first took the field.

McFadden was the fourth overall pick by Oakland eight years ago, so he knows something about the expectations Elliott faces now. Elliott wasn’t surprised they quickly developed a good relationship because, he said, McFadden reached out even before the Cowboys drafted him.

McFadden signed with Dallas last year. He was No. 2 behind Joseph Randle before Randle got hurt early in the sixth game against the Giants and McFadden filled in with the team’s season high of 152 yards.

Stephen Jones, executive vice president of personnel, doesn’t see McFadden simply handing the job to the rookie, though.

“As competitive as that room is, the great news is these are all not only good football players but they’re good people off the field.”

Elliott said he embraces the expectations. And those include becoming a starter.



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Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott prepares to run a drill during the team’s NFL football minicamp in Irving on May 7. Elliott was the fourth overall pick in the draft.

Video reveals details in Houston boy’s death

MICHAEL GRACZYK Associated Press

HOUSTON — A new surveillance video that shows a “person of interest” in the slaying of an 11-year-old Houston boy was released Thursday, more than two weeks after the stabbing.

“We have a very clear picture of this man’s face,” said police Sgt. Tommy Ruland, the lead investigator in the murder of Josue Flores. “Someone out there in the community knows who this person is. And we need this man’s identity.”

The sixth-grader was walking home from a science club meeting after school May 17 when he was attacked and fatally stabbed on a sidewalk a couple of blocks from his home just north of downtown Houston.

The 36-second video shows a black man running down a street not far from the scene. The man has a mustache and possible goatee, is 25 to 30 years old and about 6 feet tall, and weighs 180 to 200 pounds.

He’s wearing a green jacket with a partially



HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT/ASSOCIATED PRESS

This photo from a surveillance video shows a man that Houston police are calling a person of interest in the investigation of the slaying of Josue Flores.

obscured word containing the letters “LY-MEN” on the hood of the jacket.

“Somebody’s going to recognize that jacket or recognize what the significance is or the origination of that jacket,” Ruland said.

Briles says he never saw Baylor report

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WACO — Former Baylor coach Art Briles told a Waco television station that the report on the handling of sexual assault allegations commissioned by the school has not been shared with him and that he assumes it supports a conclusion already drawn by the Board of Regents.

KWTX-News 10 posted the statement on its website Thursday. It marks the first time that Briles has spoken publicly since being ousted by the board last week.

The board terminated Briles after he had served as coach of the Bears for eight years.

The report commissioned by the law firm Pepper Hamilton stated that school leadership, including Briles and his staff, inappropriately handled allegations of sexual violence made by students, some against football players.

Briles said his “heart goes out to the victims for the pain that they endured,” adding, “I have certainly made mistakes, and, in hindsight, I would have done certain things differently.



Briles

“Keep in mind, the complete scope of what happened here has not been disclosed and unfortunately at this time I am contractually obligated to remain silent on the matter,” he told News 10.

“The report prepared by Pepper Hamilton ... has not been shared with me directly, despite my full cooperation with the investigation. I can only assume that the report, which is not independent, supports the conclusions that the Board has already drawn.”

TO VIEW A TIMELINE OF SEXUAL ASSAULT ALLEGATIONS AT BAYLOR UNIVERSITY, VISIT SWJOURNALIST.COM.

Revolutionary ROADBLOCKS

"I realized that what I did was an individual political act, and I must take responsibility for it." — Wang Keming

DIDI TANG
Associated Press

May 16, 1966 — The Communist Party's decision-making Politburo calls an extended meeting at which four leading officials are purged and a document is issued announcing the start of what was formally known as the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution.

May 25, 1966 — Big character posters denouncing all those who opposed Chairman Mao Zedong and his revolution begin appearing, opening the floodgates to mass political movements at college campuses throughout the country. Soon after, classes in schools nationwide are suspended indefinitely.

June 16, 1966 — After swimming in the mighty Yangtze River to signal his readiness for ideological battle, Mao defeats an attempt to introduce work teams to calm the growing chaos in schools and factories.

August 5, 1966 — Mao issues his own big character poster proclaiming, "Bombard the headquarters," prompting the youthful Red Guards at the vanguard of the Cultural Revolution to step up their attacks on officials and rival factions.



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In this August 1966 file photo, Mao, center, waves as he meets with teachers and students from Beijing.



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In this file photo taken Aug. 10, 1966, a young woman identified only as "Ms. Zhou" calls out to embolden her fellow Red Guards in Beijing's Tiananmen Square at the start of the 1966-76 Chinese Cultural Revolution.

As a teenager, Wang Keming felt nothing but contempt for the older peasant his village singled out for collective persecution in 1970. Stirred by Mao Zedong's radical ideology and inured to the rampant violence of China's Cultural Revolution, he beat the man bloody and saw nothing wrong with it.

Decades later, Wang felt something that few of the millions of people who committed abuses have publicly acknowledged — guilt. He expressed remorse to his victim, and later he shared his apology in a national journal, in what is believed to be the first public apology by anyone for personal acts committed during the Cultural Revolution's violent decade.

"I realized that what I did was an individual political act, and I must take responsibility for it," the retired newspaper editor said in an interview at his suburban Beijing home. "Otherwise, my heart would be troubled for the rest of my life."

Since Wang's 2008 public apology, dozens of other participants have accepted responsibility and shown contrition. The vast majority have not, although an entire generation was almost wholly caught up in the events. About 1 million people were estimated to have died from execution, persecution, extreme humiliation, factional warfare and savage prison conditions — often in the hands of their fellow country people.

The Communist Party, which still rules China with an iron fist, also has yet to apologize five decades after Mao launched the movement to realize his radical communist vision.

The party closed the book on the era in 1981 without holding Mao responsible or apologizing to the nation. Last month's 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Cultural Revolution was met mostly with stony official silence.

Advocates of greater openness say that without an honest accounting, wounds will never heal and the movement's unaddressed history will impede China's political development.

'REVOLUTION IS VIOLENCE'

Wang was among millions of city youths sent to the countryside at the height of the Cultural Revolution in 1969.

By then, schools had been shut down and urban teenagers were wandering the streets with little to do but pick fights with one another. To prevent further rounds of chaos, Mao sent them to the vast countryside, ostensibly to spread the revolution and learn life lessons from the peasantry.

Wang found himself in Yujiagou in the northern Shaanxi province, a stark area of loess hills where he was forced to endure back-breaking work plowing fields on the arid slopes.

Wang was not allowed to participate in the revolution in Beijing, partly because his father had been labeled a "capitalist roader," one of Mao's worst class enemies. Now, he saw his chance.

"I really wanted to join the revolution. I thought it was a meaningful thing," Wang said.

He never had a second thought about using violence. "Revolution is violence," he said, citing a common saying from the Cultural Revolution years.

When the village picked peasant Gu Zhiyou to meet its quota of bad elements, Wang enthusiastically joined the farce of shaming the man, whose alleged counter-revolutionary crimes had included quoting an ancient Chinese proverb linking a weather pattern to mass deaths.

At an August 1970 denouncing session, Wang shouted slogans against Gu. The group took a break, and Gu sat on a grindstone in the shade of a tree — but Wang felt a need to continue hounding the man.

"I stepped forward, raised my right arm and slung it at him," Wang wrote in his public apology.

Gu was left splayed on the grindstone, his nose and mouth bleeding.

"I was a bit taken aback that I beat him to the point of bleeding, but then I told myself, 'He is an enemy, and I can beat him as long as he is an enemy.'"

TORTURE FOR THE FUTURE

Scholars say that by engineering the Cultural Revolution for mass participation, Mao unleashed destructive powers upturning the prevailing social order, distorting morals and setting free the ugliest side of human nature.

"Too many ordinary people were part of it, and they are unwilling to admit wrongs," said Wang Youqin, a University of Chicago lecturer.

The movement began with a document issued May 16, 1966, by the Communist Party's Politburo.

Widespread violence was not immediate, but that August and early September in Beijing alone, Wang said, an official document tallied 1,772 related deaths of people who were beaten, tortured or took their own lives.

Many of the victims were school teachers persecuted by their students, who were organized into Mao's bands of youthful revolutionary Red Guards.

Wang said the killing spree — intensified by Mao's encouragement of Red Guard violence — was one of the worst in Chinese history during peacetime.

"It should be called torture-killing," Wang wrote in a 2014 article.

BLOOD ON THEIR HANDS

Cheng Bi, a 93-year-old retired Beijing school administrator, was abused by many students but believes two students, whose names she still remembers, should have apologized for their particularly brutal acts against her during the Cultural Revolution. One is dead, and she does not expect the other to apologize.

She recalled how she was forced to kneel with her arms raised while one of the students beat her wrists repeatedly. The other whipped her 45 times, turning her body purple.

"They beat me with belts, slapped me in the face, forced me to perform labor and starved me," Cheng said. "The students threw away my pain medications, so I had to endure the physical pains."

But she survived. At her school, one teacher hanged herself after five rounds of savage beatings by students during a single night. Another young staffer was beaten to death by students wielding wooden training guns, belts and lead pipes.

Decades later, Cheng did receive an apology from an unexpected source. Shen Xiaoke, who as a student once harangued Cheng using the ideological language of the extreme left, sent her a letter in 2010.

"I was really surprised," Cheng said. "I didn't think he'd done anything bad to me and wondered why he needed to apologize."

Shen is happy that a national newspaper published his letter, though it was printed without his prior knowledge.

"It can serve to represent the classmates who are too ashamed or do not have guts to apologize yet," Shen said.

He noted that it's easier for students with no blood on their hands to say sorry than those who do, Shen said.

'ACCOMPLICES OF THE EVIL'

After attacking Gu, Wang remained in Yujiagou for several years and even worked alongside his victim. Gu was kind to him.

"I kept coming up with reasons for my act, but my inner conflicts only grew worse," Wang said.

In 1978, Wang returned to Beijing. He worked as a laborer, then landed a job at a newspaper.

He later devoted himself to studying the dialects and folk cultures of northern Shaanxi.

Wang came to realize the Cultural Revolution was a mistake and later concluded that he bore personal responsibility.

"When we put collective values ahead of individual values, there can be no place for human rights and no respect for humanity," Wang said. In 2004, Wang apologized to Gu, who died four years later.

"Hey, it was a political movement," Wang quoted Gu as saying in his public apology. "You were only a kid and didn't know anything."

In January 2008, Wang's apology appeared in a national journal.

The article prompted a book project spearheaded by Wang and other Chinese intellectuals to find more people willing to own up to their actions.

More than 30 agreed, including Zhang Hongbing, a Beijing lawyer who had informed on his own mother. She died during the course of her persecution.

"We were the accomplices of the evil," Zhang wrote.

July 27, 1968 — The military is dispatched to restore order, and urban youth are sent down to the countryside, ostensibly to spread the revolution and learn from the nation's peasantry. Over the next seven years, 12 million Chinese are rusticated — equivalent to about 10 percent of the urban population.

April 1-24, 1969 — The Communist Party elevates famed general Lin Biao as Mao's heir-apparent and "closest comrade in arms." The same year, a 15-year-old Xi Jinping, China's current leader, was sent to work in his father's home province of Shaanxi.

September 13, 1971 — Lin dies in a plane crash in Mongolia, along with close family members and aides, while apparently fleeing China. Mao is left without a successor while his wife, Jiang Qing, exerts ever greater influence on culture and politics as the leader of the "Gang of Four."



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In this photo, taken Aug. 29, 1966, drummers raise their sticks during a demonstration in front of the Soviet Embassy in Beijing.



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September 9, 1976 — Mao dies in Beijing at the age of 82.

October 6, 1976 — Jiang Qing and the Gang of Four are arrested in a revolt led by the military, ending the Cultural Revolution. All four were sentenced to prison and blamed for injustices that have been attributed to Mao.

