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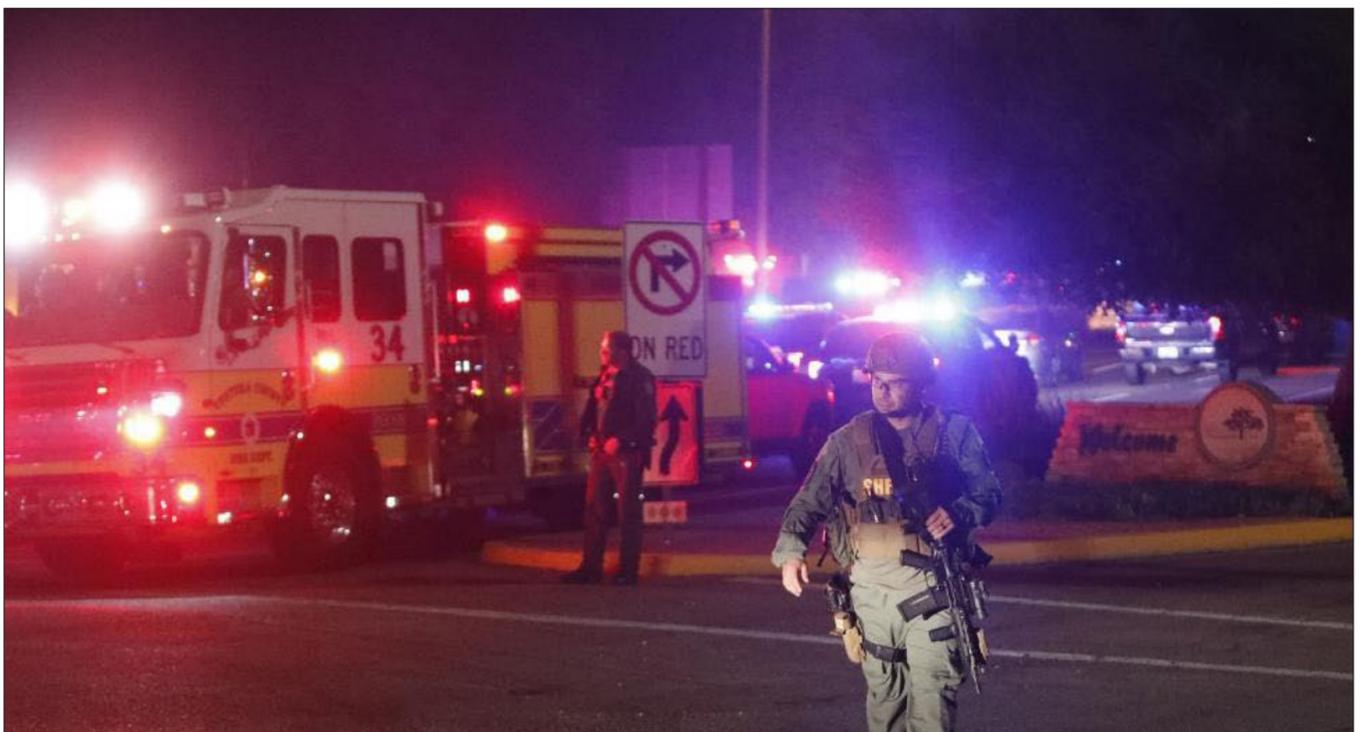
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Law enforcement officers secure a road leading to the Borderline Bar and Grill in Thousand Oaks, Calif., early Thursday after a shooting attack that killed at least 12. Photo by Mike Nelson/EPA-EFE UPI

By **Nicholas Sakelaris**
 UPI

At least a dozen people were shot dead and several more were injured by a gunman inside

a Los Angeles-area dance bar, authorities said Thursday.

Investigators say the gunman walked into the Borderline Bar & Grill in Thousand Oaks late Wednesday and started throwing smoke bombs and shooting into the crowd of mostly

college-age patrons.

A Ventura County sheriff's deputy, who was among the first on the scene, was shot multiple times and died at the hospital, officials said.

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AG Jeff Sessions resigns at Trump's request

By **Danielle Haynes**
 UPI

Attorney General Jeff Sessions resigned effective immediately in a letter he sent to President Donald Trump on Wednesday.

In the letter, Sessions said he was departing as head of the Justice Department at the president's request.

"Since the day I was honored to be sworn in as attorney general of the United States, I came to work at the Department of Justice every day determined to do my duty and serve my country," Sessions wrote. "I have done so

to the best of my ability, working to support the fundamental legal processes that are the foundation of justice."

Trump said Sessions' chief of staff, Matthew Whitaker, would take over as acting attorney general.

"We thank Attorney General Jeff Sessions for his service, and wish him well!" Trump said in a tweet. "A permanent replacement will be nominated at a later date."

Sessions took the oath of office as Trump's first attorney general

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Attorney General Jeff Sessions said he was resigning at President Donald Trump's request. File Photo by AJ Sisco/UPI | License Photo

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OPINION

The midterms: A referendum on the souls of Americans

Brazil's business elite may regret supporting Jair Bolsonaro

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Brazil has just experienced one of its most important and divisive elections since the end of the country's 1964-85 military dictatorship. The first presidential election to be held since the 2016 impeachment of Dilma Rousseff took place against a backdrop of political and economic turmoil. And this proved to be fertile ground for the winner -- the far right, conservative populist, Jair Bolsonaro.

Much has been made of Bolsonaro's Trump-like, anti-establishment rhetoric and flagrant disdain for minority rights, which struck a chord with a population increasingly disillusioned with politics. But Bolsonaro also won the backing of Brazil's business elite, which has a long history of shaping politics in the country.

We have researched how the country's business elite has been seeking to influence Brazilian politics since 2002, leading to its recent backing of Bolsonaro. And our findings go some way toward explaining how the country has swung from the far left to the far right in a little over a decade.

When Luiz Inácio "Lula" da Silva of the Workers' Party (PT) was elected president in 2002, the prospect of a left-wing government shook Brazil's business elite and its international supporters. Business initially withdrew its support from the Brazilian economy through a reluctance to invest, leading the stock market to tumble, the currency to collapse and the costs of government borrowing to escalate. As a consequence, Lula was forced to promise business increased macroeconomic stability, to control inflation and to seek fiscal equilibrium.

This recognition of the interests of business was the basis of a perhaps surprising alliance between Lula's left-wing administration and powerful business associations. Lula's social and economic agenda, dubbed "New Developmentalism," aimed to support the development of Brazilian multinationals by providing low-interest loans from the state bank, BNDES. Commentators even called this economic policy the "FIESP agenda" (after the most powerful business association, the Federation of Industries of São Paulo), showing how close the ties between big business and the PT government were for most of the 2000s.

Despite his government's close relationship with business, Lula also launched redistribution policies such as the "bolsa familia," which financially rewarded poor families if they kept their children in school and health programs. Against a backdrop of booming commodity prices, incomes rose, the middle class expanded, inequality decreased -- and major Brazilian companies expanded abroad and in the growing home market.

End of the good times

But then the relationship between the left-wing government and big business turned sour. From 2012 onward, the PT government, now under Rousseff, faced a less favorable international economy, hampered by declining global commodity prices, which damaged Brazilian exports. This led to a growing gap in Brazil between state revenue and expenditure, coupled with high levels of borrowing and the threat of tax increases. The poor quality of public services and infrastructure projects -- including the 2014 World Cup and 2016 Olympics -- and growing evidence of large-scale corruption among politicians from all parties, led to massive street protests in June 2013.

Our research shows how FIESP and its allies in the media and the legislature shaped these protests into a narrative that focused blame on the alleged corruption of the PT and its mismanagement of the economy. FIESP thus became a key force behind the increasing street protests against Rousseff (and their mascot, a huge inflatable yellow duck).

The duck symbolized the Brazilian proverb "pagar o pato" (to pay the duck). The saying relates to unfairly paying for someone else's mistakes -- in this case, the mistakes of the PT government.

The economy has never been better, and Americans are getting their jobs back at a record pace. For the second quarter in a row, economic growth has exceeded 3 percent -- a miracle given that just two years ago, people wondered whether or not we were stuck in semi-permanent slow growth doldrums.

Despite these historic improvements, things are still far from perfect.

As a country, we are facing a battle over the idea of what it means to be an American.

Right around the corner, the midterm elections are a litmus test that will determine whether Americans will choose the positive changes over the morally problematic aspects of today's political landscape.

Not unlike the 2016 presidential, there are many prognosticators who feel that they have a reliable pulse on what is going to drive people to vote in the Nov. 6 election.

Will liberals' disaffection with the president's tone and tenor produce a blue wave of Democrats elected to Congress?

Or will conservatives' indignation over the witch hunt spectacle of the Kavanaugh confirmation hearings drive them to the polls? What will American political leadership look like after Nov. 6?

After it is all said and done, it will be the voters, not prognosticators, who will decide the course our nation will take.

The media is fragmented and under siege like never before.

It is no longer seen as the neutral arbiter of truth, providing a fair and balanced account of issues.

Instead, it is perceived,

rightly or wrongly, by the American people as a group of peddlers of propaganda who represent the corporate and political interests that support them.

As a result, the news cycle is becoming increasingly bewildering, with even the most sensational stories being reduced to sound bites. Less than a month has lapsed since the momentous theatre of the Kavanaugh hearings, which, according to the media, were supposed to galvanize the blue wave. Instead, it has been relegated to a mere footnote by whatever the new scandal of the day might be.

As exemplified by the polls and media jargon leading up to the 2016 election, in an absence of objective truth in the media, predictions about what voters are going to decide are almost meaningless.

No matter what the so-called media "experts" try to tell us about the midterm elections, chances are it will come down to the news of the week.

Will the president be able to control the cycle from his early morning perch above the Twitter feed?

Or will outside events, such as last Saturday's Synagogue massacre in Pittsburgh, drive the narrative and make it hard for him to control the spin?

We are a week away from the election -- which is an eternity in today's news cycle. In the mean time, anything could happen.

Meanwhile, the president has been squarely focused

on driving Americans to early voting, the only insurance he could possibly have against the fickle whims of last-minute voters.

In his constant rallying ahead of the midterms, Trump has made it clear that the elections are a referendum on his presidency.

He seems to be making the argument that while many might consider his methods and tone unorthodox or even unsettling, the bottom line is that he has delivered on many of his 2016 campaign promises.

Trump has appointed two conservative judges to the Supreme Court; he has lowered taxes for everyone, including middle-class Americans; and he has signaled that he will protect the border against the streaming mob of refugees and migrants that have gathered to breach it.

While Trump might appear ridiculous at times, he's not all wrong, and voters are able to distinguish between his rhetoric and the substantive changes that he has actually delivered.

The president's hands-on approach to driving party-line voting could easily drive an additional 200,000 to 300,000 votes across the congressional districts.

This could provide a margin of victory for Republicans in what Senate Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi has acknowledged is likely to be a very close election -- an election that could be decided by fewer than 100,000 votes in key races across the country.

Keep in mind the media elite predicted that Hillary Clinton would become president in 2016 and that there was no possible scenario to elect Trump.

Many are still recovering from the puppet masters'

display of ignorance and elitism.

Clearly, they are out-of-touch with forgotten Americans.

While the economy is doing well, there is an ever-widening breach in the moral fiber of this country.

The events of the past week have demonstrated that there are no sacred places anymore. Even synagogues full of elderly women seem to be fair game for extremists. It wasn't a Middle Eastern radicalized Muslim who committed the latest act of hate and terror in Pittsburgh; it was a middle-aged white Christian male. Imagine if he had been a Muslim terrorist.

Would the right have been so circumspect in its willingness to assign blame beyond the attacker himself?

What responsibility does the president have in all this to mediate the anger of the white middle class that he has channeled so successfully into political power for himself?

I love this country, but it's painful to see how we debase ourselves more and more each day.

President Trump must, as our leader, set the example through his words and actions to change this deadly and acrimonious divide in our nation! @POTUS: We are for you listening, and we are waiting for you.

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Evangelical Christians hold diverse views on immigration

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The influence of white evangelicals on American politics is well known. More than 80 percent supported Donald Trump in the 2016 election. But two of the fastest-growing segments of the American population -- Latino and Asian-American voters -- also are part of evangelical America.

What will drive their votes in the upcoming midterms? Voting patterns in my book, Immigration, Evangelicals and Politics in an Era of Demographic Change, I look at the tenacious hold of white evangelicals on political power, despite a dramatic decline in their numbers over the past decade.

At least 1 out of 4 voters in the past three election cycles has been a white evangelical, even though they currently constitute only 17 percent of the total American population.

Given that white evangelicals account for the largest religious group in some of the states hosting the most competitive House races this November, including Kansas, Virginia and North Carolina, it is important to first consider the

role of religiously framed issues such as abortion.

Similar religious values Popular assumptions contend that religious values are what set white evangelicals apart from others. A 2015 Public Religion Research Institute study suggests that white evangelicals are more likely than other Americans to express dismay that the United States is no longer a "Christian nation."

However, it is also the case that white evangelicals do not have a monopoly on religious values. In fact, Asian-American evangelicals report higher levels of church-going and fundamentalist beliefs than their white counterparts.

And, on issues such as abortion, my research shows that Latino evangelicals express more conservative attitudes than their white counterparts.

In the 2008 Collaborative Multiracial Post-Election Survey, for example, 76 percent of Latino evangelical voters opposed making abortion legal, compared to 72 percent of white evangelicals.

And yet despite what appears to be higher levels of religious commitment, far fewer Asian-American and Latino evangelicals sup-

ported Trump compared to white evangelicals.

In my book, I describe how less than 40 percent of registered evangelical Asian-Americans and less than 30 percent registered Latino evangelicals reported voting for Trump in 2016.

Immigration and race issues What I argue is that attitudes toward immigration, more than religion, matter for white evangelicals' political attitudes and vote choice. It is true that over the past decade, for example, a large number of white evangelical leaders have publicly stated their support for a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants. They have also voiced support for extending a program that allows young undocumented immigrants who arrived in the United States as children protection from deportation.

However, what I argue is that the rank-and-file of white evangelicals in the United States have only become more conservative on these issues. In fact, while support for a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants had slowly been increasing among white evangelicals for the five years from 2009 to 2013, it dipped in 2014.

A study by PRRI and Brookings Institution, found that from 56 percent, the support dropped to 48 percent. This downward trend is notable, since the change for the U.S. population as a whole was negligible -- from 63 percent to 62 percent support. These results were based on interviews conducted in 2013 about their immigration views and re-interviews with the same set of people in 2014.

Recent polling by PRRI shows that white evangelicals continue to be the most conservative of all major racial and religious groups on immigration issues ranging from policies to restrict the number of refugees entering the United States to separating families at the border.

There are stark differences on immigration issues between white and non-white evangelicals. The survey of more than 10,000 people I use in my book shows that in 2016, Latino, black and Asian-American evangelicals were half as likely to say immigrants have a negative effect on the economy compared to white evangelicals.

These differences remained even after I accounted for party identification and economic status.

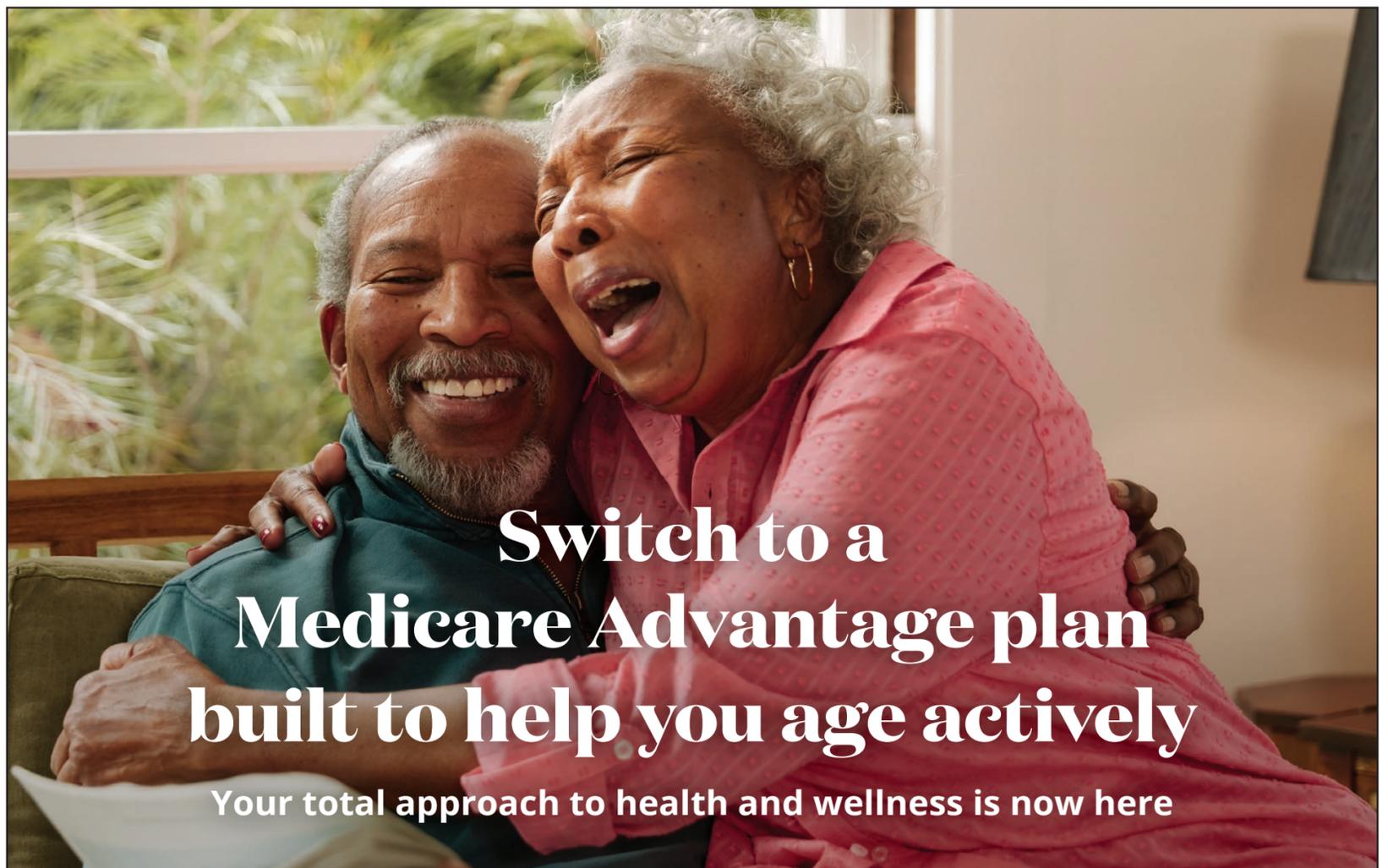


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Gunman

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The gunman also died at the bar, but it wasn't clear how, Ventura County Sheriff Geoff Dean said.

"It was a horrific incident," Dean said. "It's part of the horrors that are happening in our country and everywhere, and I think it's impossible to put any logic or sense to the senselessness. This community in my 41 years had never experienced anything like this."

Witnesses said about 30 shots were fired in the bar and the shooter wore a black trench coat and glasses. It

was "college night" at the dance bar in Thousand Oaks, about 40 miles northwest of Los Angeles, which has a large dance floor and regularly hosts large events.

Patrons described a chaotic scene of panic as they tried to escape the building or hide from the shooter. Others used chairs to break windows to escape. "All of the sudden, you just hear, bang bang, bang," one witness said. "The music was still going. And then it just started going bang, bang, bang ... and everybody ducked down and started running." "The gunman was throwing smoke grenades

all over the place," another witness told KABC-TV. "I saw him point to the back of the cash register ... and he just kept firing. I ran out the front door. There was probably three or four [shots]." Bar-goer Josh Coaly wasn't there during the shooting but showed up after to check on his friends. He said one of them had also been present at the country music festival in Las Vegas a year ago, when a gunman killed 58 people.

"I just came to see if there's anything I can do," Coaly said. Another witness said the gunman shot people at close range. The sheriff's

deputy who died was identified as Sgt. Ron Helus, a veteran of the sheriff's office and California Highway Patrol. Pepperdine University tweeted that several students from the private Christian university were at the bar.

"At this time, the University is working to identify and provide support to those students. Pepperdine officials are working with authorities and will provide updates as more information is available. The university offers its deepest condolences and is praying for everyone involved," Pepperdine tweeted.

Sessions

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Feb. 8, 2017. The two butted heads when shortly after, Sessions recused himself from over-

seeing the Russia investigation of special counsel Robert Mueller. His recusal came after it was revealed

he didn't disclose a meeting with former Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak during his confirmation hearings. Trump said he never would've nominated Sessions to be attorney general if he knew he would recuse himself. The president repeatedly took shots at Sessions over the probe during rallies, interviews and on Twitter. "The Russian Witch Hunt Hoax continues, all because Jeff Sessions didn't tell me he was going to recuse himself...I would have quickly picked someone else. So much time and money wasted, so many lives ruined...and Sessions knew better than most that there was No Collusion!" he wrote on Twitter in June. Sessions' recusal left Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein to oversee Mueller's probe into alleged Russian meddling in the 2016 election. With Sessions' departure, Whitaker will take over oversight of the probe, Justice Department spokeswoman Sarah Isgur Flores told The Hill.



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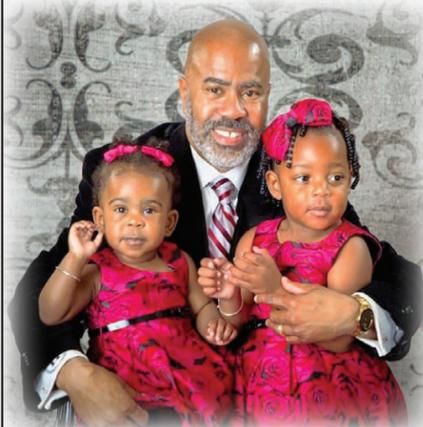
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Georgia Sec. of State's office: Failed alleged hack of voter system

By Daniel Uria
UPI

Georgia's secretary of state's office said Sunday morning that it had opened an investigation into the Democratic Party of Georgia after a failed alleged attempt to hack the state's voter registration system.

The office of Brian Kemp, who is also the Republican candidate for governor, said federal partners, including the Department of Homeland Security and Federal Bureau of Investigation, were immediately alerted Saturday night as the investigation began.

Kemp's office didn't immediately provide any evidence to support the allegations. "While we cannot comment on the specifics of an ongoing investigation, I can confirm that the Democratic Party of Georgia is under investigation for pos-

sible cyber crimes," press secretary Candice Broce said. "We can also confirm that no personal data was breached and our system remains secure." The Georgia Democratic Party responded to the announcement Sunday, saying the "scurrilous claims are 100 percent false" and declaring the investigation "another example of abuse of power" by Kemp.

"This political stunt from Kemp just days before the election is yet another example of why he cannot be trusted and should not be overseeing an election in which he is also a candidate for governor," the state Democratic Party's executive director, Rebecca DeHart, said. Democratic gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams said Sunday morning, she had heard nothing of the probe, saying the investigation was meant to be a distraction with election



The office of Georgia Secretary of State Brian Kemp opened an investigation into the Democratic Party of Georgia after a failed alleged attempt to hack the state's voter registration system. Photo by Gary I Rothstein/UPI | License Photo

day nearing. "Once again Brian Kemp is trying to dis-

tract voters with a desperate ploy. He twice this week

was told by federal judges that he was wrong when it

comes to voter suppression," she said.

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A wrinkle in time: Deceased Montford Point Marine awarded Congressional Gold Medal

By Vanessa Remmers
Trice Edney Wire

Towanda C. Lee's father left many stories untold. He was a man of few words, she said. And when she was a child, she simply ignored his old war tales.

It wasn't until after he died in January 1991 that Ms. Lee discovered documents stowed in the basement that shed light on his hidden history.

Her father, Herman Russell Charity Sr., a lifelong Richmond resident, was among a pioneering group of African-American U.S. Marine Corps members known as the Montford Point Marines, and he was eligible to receive the highest civilian honor bestowed by Congress.

Last Sunday, Ms. Lee dissolved into tears when retired Master Sgt. Forest E. Spencer Jr., national president of the Montford Point Marine Association, arrived at her Mechanicsville home and cracked open a velvet blue box to reveal a Congressional Gold Medal being awarded posthumously to Mr. Charity.

Ms. Lee and her brother, Damon R. Charity, also were presented a certificate of recognition from the association, a nonprofit military veterans organization begun to memorialize the historic contributions of the first African-Americans to serve in the Marine Corps. "He would have been so proud," Ms. Lee whispered of her dad as she stared at the medal and wiped away tears.



Towanda C. Lee of Mechanicsville cries as she and her brother, Damon R. Charity, right, receive the Congressional Gold Medal for their father, the late Sgt. Herman Russell Charity Sr., who was one of the nation's Montford Point Marines. Retired Master Sgt. Forest E. Spencer Jr., left, presented the award. PHOTO: Sandra Sellars/Richmond Free Press/Trice Edney Wire

She then looked up at the relatives, Marine Corps officials and reporters gathered in her living room. "My father would have been so proud of this. He wouldn't have said anything, but he would have been so proud," Ms. Lee said. "This is unbelievable. I just want to thank you all so much for ... bestowing this honor on our father and making sure that everyone knows about the Montford Point Marines. Just like

the Tuskegee Airmen, the Montford Point Marines are right there with them." In November 2011, President Obama signed legislation directing the Congressional Gold Medal be given to all Montford Point Marines, a group of about 20,000 men who were trained between 1942 and 1949 at the segregated camp in Jacksonville, N.C. In June 1941, under the threat of a major march in Washington by African-Americans protesting be-

ing shut out of war jobs with government agencies and contractors, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an executive order banning such employment discrimination.

The presidential directive also enabled African-Americans to join the Marine Corps. But the Marine Corps segregated these newly enlisted Marines and sent them to basic training at a facility outside Camp Lejeune in North Carolina known as Camp Montford Point. Traditionally, Marines were sent to boot camps at Parris Island,

S.C. or in San Diego, Calif., association officials said. These initial African-American Marines were assigned laborious duties to essentially build the new facility, transforming the land from thick pine forest with mosquitoes and snakes into Camp Montford Point, according to the association. Less than a year after the first African-American recruits reported to Montford Point, Mr. Charity enlisted as a stated 18-year-old. But Ms. Lee and the family would later learn that Mr. Charity falsely made himself older on

his enlistment documents so that he could become a Marine. He was trained as an electronic stockman, but served as a munitions worker. He would later serve in the Asia Pacific from December 1943 to December 1945. Ms. Lee's family photos include one of a young Mr. Charity not long after he joined the Marine Corps in 1943. The family had it retouched in preparation for Sunday's ceremony. The original photo was signed to Ms. Lee's mother, Edna Henry Charity, who her father affectionately called "Mutt."

"Despite being denied many basic rights, the Montford Point Marines committed to serve our country with selfless patriotism," President Obama wrote in a 2011 letter to all Montford Point Marines in celebration of their congressional recognition. "Choosing to put their lives on the line, these men helped advance civil rights and influenced President Harry Truman's decision to desegregate the Armed Forces in 1948."

Since the legislation's passage, the Montford Point Marine Association has recognized many of these Marines whose stories, association officials said, have largely been buried.

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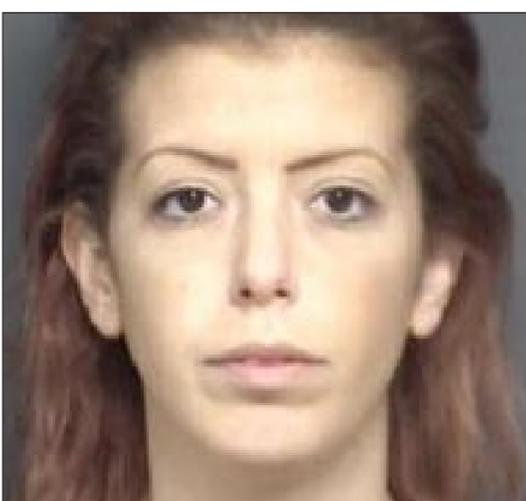
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Sasnett related two tragedies; just as her family life returned to normal after she recovered from breast cancer, her teenage son Reid, who joined the Pinetown Volunteer Fire Department, had his life cut short by a farm equipment accident.

The accident happened at a time when emergency services were more distantly located from her farm and the Belhaven Hospital had closed, but the Vidant Multispecialty Clinic had not opened yet.

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Beaufort County, paramedics play a vital role in community health. The first responders stayed with her son after they transported him to the hospital. She felt confident as a nurse and as a mother that the medics had provided the best possible care for Reid because of their thorough documentation. She emphasized this to the graduates, "If you don't document it, it didn't happen." Billy Respass, EMS program director, announced Gail Moretz as the top student in the 2018 class, and Molly Bridgeman, the first student to achieve perfect attendance.

Tyler Kelly, Tanner Coble, Martin Oro, John Taylor, Bryan Gurkin, Clark Pollard, and Tanner Phelps were also among the proud graduates.

The course readies students to provide advanced medical care for critical and emergent patients who access the emergency services. Paramedics function



as part of a comprehensive EMS response, under medical oversight. They perform interventions with the basic and advanced equipment typically found on an ambulance. A new emergency training facility is in the design phase. It will include classrooms and a driving pad used to teach students to operate emergency vehicles. As part

of the course, students must learn to perform techniques properly while a training ambulance is moving.

The college has also implemented a community paramedicine program, which will train paramedics to check on frequent emergency room visitors when they are not responding to emergencies in order to prevent health problems

from deteriorating.

This program has been enabled by \$7000 from Jonathan Haven's Trust, \$5000 from Vidant Hospital Foundation and \$25000 from GlaxoSmithKline. The funding allowed the college to purchase training equipment and hire an instructor to meet the specific needs of the program.

Successful graduates

of the paramedic program receive a curriculum certificate and are qualified to seek state certification through the NC Office of Emergency Medical Services.

Students interested in more information about the paramedic program should contact Billy Respass at 252-940-6468 or billy.respass@beaufortccc.edu.

Exemplary online: BCCC IT Professor Robin Lilley presented award by Blackboard

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Los Angeles Lakers hope for improvement vs. Minnesota Timberwolves

By Dan Arritt
Sports Xchange
UPI

The Los Angeles Lakers will get another opportunity to measure their improvement when they host the Minnesota Timberwolves on Wednesday at Staples Center.

The Lakers (4-6) lost to the Timberwolves 124-120 in Minnesota on Oct. 29 after Jimmy Butler made five 3-pointers in the fourth quarter and scored 32 points.

Not only would the Lakers like to improve on that performance, but they hope to better their effort from Sunday, when they fell behind 41-10 against the visiting Toronto Raptors before losing 121-107.

The 42-17 deficit at the end of the first quarter was the first time Los Angeles trailed by more than 24 points at the end of any quarter during the shot-clock era.

"It's very, very hard to make a game out of it when you start like that and expend so much energy trying to get back into it," Lakers forward LeBron James told

reporters afterward. "You still learn from it. We're going to watch some film and things of that nature.

You don't put too much into it. There are games like this in an 82-game season where you just don't have it.

We had it in spurts, but for 48 minutes we didn't have it."

The Timberwolves (4-7) are still looking for their first road victory of the season after losing 120-109 against the Los Angeles Clippers on Monday night at Staples Center. Minnesota is 0-6 away from Target Center this season.

Butler, who has been demanding a trade since the preseason, has sat out every other game since the win against the Lakers last week. He wouldn't discuss his status for Wednesday's game, however.

"I'm not worried about nothing, none of that," Butler told reporters.

"You continue to ask those questions, but it's not going to change the way I go about the game, not going to change the way I interact with guys in this locker room."

The Lakers are 27th



in the league in scoring defense, allowing an average of 120 points a game, though they've kept their opponent under that mark in five of the past seven games.

Help could soon be on the way as Tyson Chandler recently cleared waivers on a contract buyout with the Phoenix Suns, and the

veteran center is expected to sign with the Lakers.

"We love the fact that we're going to get another veteran," James told reporters.

"A guy who plays hard, a guy who's very smart and another champion to add to the champions that we have in this system here today, and it adds depth in

our frontcourt, which we have had trouble with at times."

Los Angeles is 24th in the league in rebounding differential (-3.8).

Lakers center JaVale McGee has been one of the bright spots so far this season, averaging 14.4 points and 7.5 rebounds. He had 16 points and 15 rebounds

in a 114-113 win against the visiting Dallas Mavericks last Wednesday, his first double-double since March 24, 2017, but has seen his minutes decline the past two games.

McGee played a season-low 17 minutes against the Raptors on Sunday, finishing with eight points and six rebounds.

Cowboys' Jason Garrett starting to sour on QB Dak Prescott



Sports Xchange
UPI

Dallas Cowboys head coach Jason Garrett answered a question about his job security during his follow-up press conference after Monday night's 28-14 loss to the Tennessee Titans. It's not surprising, considering Dallas fell to 3-5 this season and lost for the first time at home in this campaign. The Cowboys, who won the NFC East in 2016 with rookies Ezekiel Elliott and Dak Prescott leading the way, haven't been able to get back to that level the last two seasons. It's also not surprising that Garrett, who is composed to the point of seeming robotic at times, handled the query about his

job status without a flare up. "I just focus on doing my job as well as I can do it every day," Garrett said.

The Cowboys coach has been supportive of quarterback Prescott and his work ethic throughout the past two up-and-down seasons. But Garrett acknowledged that the quarterback's play hurt Dallas at times in the loss to Tennessee. Prescott

threw an interception in the Titans' end zone and also lost a fumble in the second half. "He made two poor decisions in the game yesterday on the turnovers," Garrett said. "In each of those cases, you want him to let the play die, live for a third down or punt the ball and go to the next one. Unfortunately, he didn't make those decisions." Un-

til Monday night, Dallas had played well at home, especially on defense.

But Tennessee, which entered as one of only three teams that ranked worse

than Dallas on offense, moved the ball effectively. Quarterback Marcus Mariota and the Titans converted 11-of-14 third downs on the way to victory.

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Mail bomb suspect ordered held without bail

By Ray Downs
UPI

Cesar Sayoc, the man accused of sending devices that looked like pipe bombs to prominent critics of President Donald Trump, will be held without bail, a federal judge in New York City ruled Tuesday.

During a brief hearing in a Manhattan courtroom, Sayoc told U.S. Magistrate Judge Robert Lehrburger that he fully understood his rights and the charges he faces, which include

interstate transport of explosives, mailing of explosives, threats against former presidents, making threatening interstate communications and assault of current or former officials, NBC News reported.

Before the hearing, prosecutors argued that Sayoc was too dangerous to be released on bail, amNY reported.

But Sayoc didn't contest that argument as his attorney, federal defender Sarah Baumgartel, told the court her client would not request bail.

Sayoc, 56, is accused of sending at least 14 devices to Democratic politicians, including Bill and Hillary Clinton, Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., and Kamala Harris, D-Calif., as well as well-known Trump critics, including former CIA Director John Brennan, billionaire Democratic donor George Soros and actor Robert DeNiro.

None of the devices exploded and it's not clear if they were real bombs.

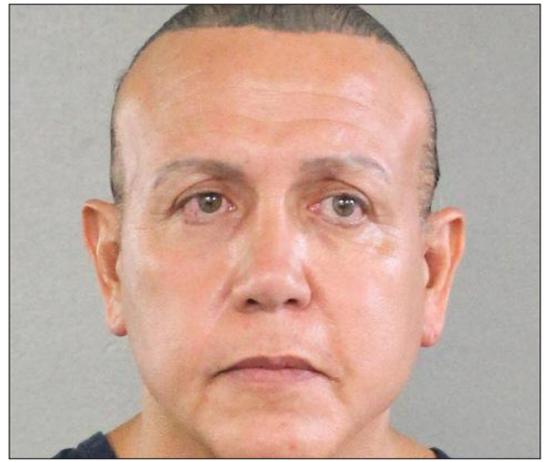
Sayoc, who is originally from New York but living in Florida at the time of his

arrest, was known to be a vocal Trump supporter who decorated his van with stickers in support of the president.

Family members described him as mentally ill. An attorney who deposed him in 2014 said he would make up outlandish claims, such as being a financial wizard and a professional soccer player.

Trump denounced Sayoc in an interview with Fox News.

"He was insane a long time before," Trump said. "You look at his medi-



cal records -- he was insane for a long time."

Gabriel Jesus gets hat trick in Manchester City shutout

By Alex Butler
UPI

Gabriel Jesus pocketed

a hat trick in Manchester City's 6-0 domination of Shakhtar Donetsk in Champions League play on

Wednesday in Manchester, England.

The Brazilian striker scored in the 24th, 72nd



and 92nd minutes of the Group F matchup at Etihad Stadium.

The Sky Blues also shut-out their Ukrainian foes in the first leg of their Group F matchup 3-0 on Oct. 23 in the Ukraine.

David Silva got the scoring started for City in the 13th minute. Riyad Mahrez dribbled against several

defenders on the right side of the net before eventually spotting Silva in front of the goal. He raced toward the end line before firing a quick pass to Silva, who buried a tap-in past keeper Andriy Pyatov. Then came the first of Jesus' trio of tallies. That score came via penalty kick before Raheem Sterling gave the

Sky Blues a 3-0 advantage in the 48th minute.

Sterling dribbled around multiple defenders before blasting a shot into the far-post netting from just outside the box on that play.

Jesus added another score on a penalty kick in the 72nd minute before Mahrez got in the scoring column in the 84th minute.

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