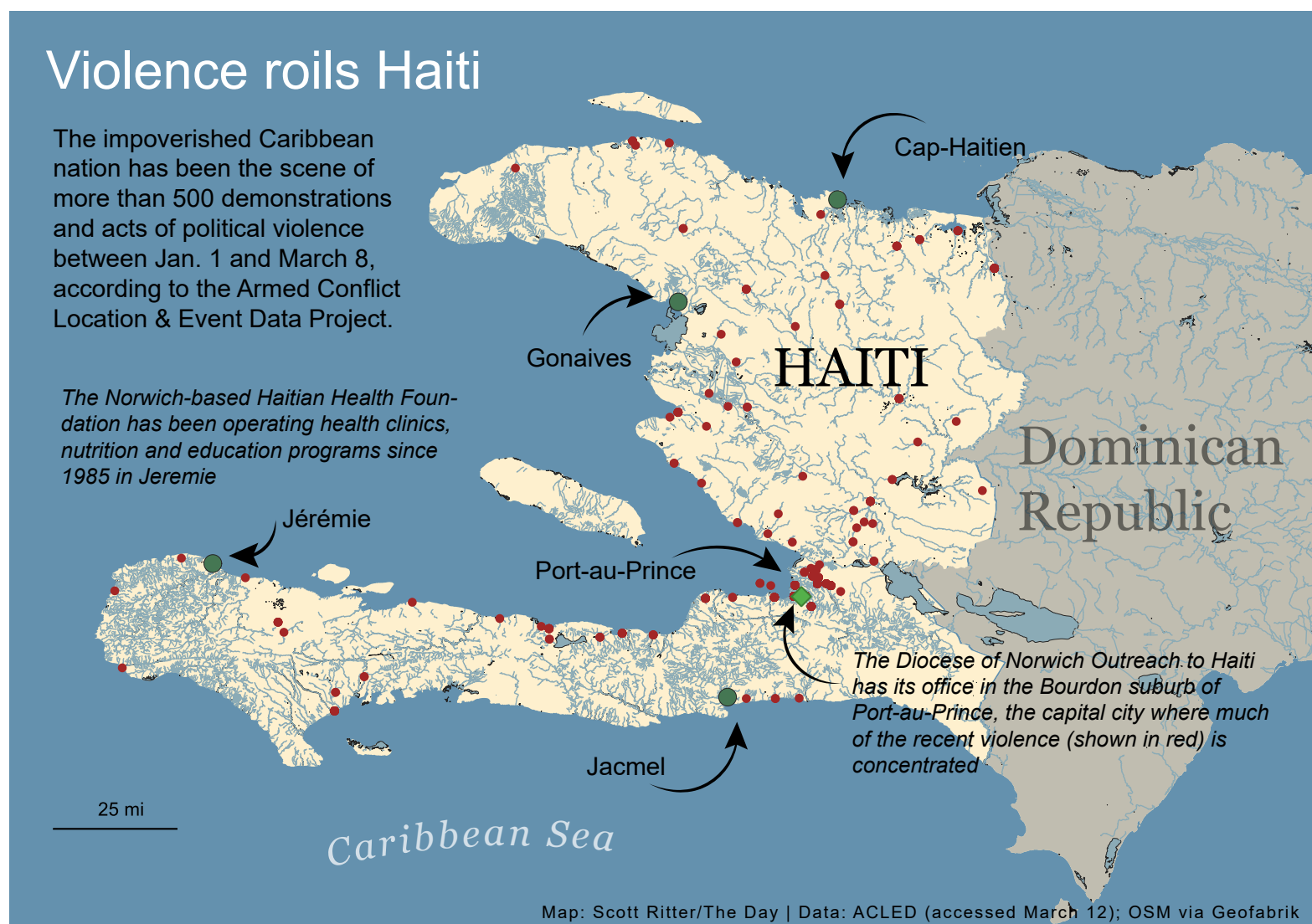


Violence roils Haiti

The impoverished Caribbean nation has been the scene of more than 500 demonstrations and acts of political violence between Jan. 1 and March 8, according to the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project.

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The Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti has its office in the Bourdon suburb of Port-au-Prince, the capital city where much of the recent violence (shown in red) is concentrated

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Hearing is proxy fight for Biden, Trump

Both sides grill special counsel in documents case

By ZEKE MILLER, COLLEEN LONG and FARNOUSH AMIRI
Associated Press

Washington — Lawmakers turned a Tuesday hearing on President Joe Biden's handling of classified documents into a proxy battle between the Democratic president and Republican front-runner Donald Trump, as a newly released transcript of Biden's testimony last fall showed that he repeatedly insisted he never meant to retain classified information after he left the vice presidency.

Special counsel Robert Hur, testifying for more than four hours before the House Judiciary Committee, stood steadfastly by the assessment.

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STAYING IN TOUCH AMID CHAOS

Norwich-based human service agencies continue their work in Haiti

By CLAIRE BESSETTE
Day Staff Writer

Norwich — In her 11 years as country director in Haiti for the Norwich-based Haitian Health Foundation, Nadesha Mijoba has seen devastating earthquakes, hurricanes and political strife that have rocked the tiny half-island nation.

"No question whatsoever that this is the worst I've ever seen Haiti and Jérémie," Mijoba said by phone Monday in her temporary location in Dominican Republic. "Our little city of Jérémie, even just a few years ago, on a Sunday morning we could go to the beach or go to downtown Jérémie and have some goat. In Port-au-Prince, you could go to a jazz club."

The Haitian Health Foundation has been operating health clinics, nutrition and education programs since 1985 in Jérémie, a waterfront city in the southwest part of the country.

Usually a bit removed from periodic political turmoil and violence in the capital city of Port-au-Prince about 180 miles away, Jérémie is no longer spared from the violence now ravaging Haiti.



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Susan Wallace, executive director, and Father Frank Rouleau, chaplain and director of Parish Twinning, with the Diocese of Norwich's Outreach To Haiti, talk to Ivlande, director of operations in Haiti, and Jude, past director of operations in Haiti, on Tuesday during a Zoom call.

Violent gangs and protesters demanding the resignation of appointed Prime Minister Ariel Henry have dominated the country in recent months. Henry announced Tuesday he will resign once a transitional

governance plan is in place.

Henry was appointed prime minister in a controversial move following the June 7, 2021, assassination of President Jovenel Moïse. Henry has been abroad trying to enlist an international

security force to help secure Haiti. Gangs took over airports and cities, preventing him from returning.

People fleeing the gang violence of Port-au-Prince and other areas are arriving in Jérémie. Main roads are closed, cutting off shipments of desperately needed medical supplies and food. Protests and gun violence have arrived in Jérémie, Mijoba said.

"There is really no food and very little health care available," Mijoba said, "because the health care organizations are having quite a challenge in getting the health care equipment and supplies. They can't treat the regular patients, not including the gunshots and violence we are experiencing in just the last week or so."

Mijoba and her husband are from the New London area and recently returned to the region for family matters. She could not return to Jérémie and now is trying to coordinate the foundation's work from the nearby Dominican Republic.

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Inside: President Joe Biden wrapped up the Democratic presidential nomination, and Donald Trump was closing in on the Republican nomination. **A2**

Old Lyme Zoning Commission slams pickleball proposal

By ELIZABETH REGAN
Day Staff Writer

Old Lyme — Pickleball is a sport unlike any other.

That's according to the Zoning Commission, which on Monday rejected a motion to approve the Old Lyme Country Club's plans for two dedicated pickleball courts by a 4-2 vote.

There had been vehement opposition from neighbors who complained the pop, pop, pop of the perforated balls against paddles and profanities shouted by aggressive players disrupted their ability to enjoy their backyards.

The country club at 40 McCurdy Road was seeking to modify a 2006 special permit that spells out tennis — not pickleball — as an approved use of the property.

Commission member Jane Marsh during deliberations said the difference between pickleball and tennis was at the crux of the decision.

"Is this another tennis court or is it something completely different? If it's something completely different, we can say no just on that basis," she said, referring to a zoning tenet that says any activity not expressly approved is not allowed.

According to Marsh, the difference is evident in how the sports impact neighbors' lives.

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1,200 urge Montville Town Council to build animal control facility

But action delayed as town awaits grants

By DANIEL DRAINVILLE
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Montville — As the crowd of residents who want the town to build a \$2.2 million animal control facility exited the Town Council chambers Monday night, one of them sat dejectedly in the front row after councilors declined to immediately approve the project.

For the past two weekends, Ann Gaulin had stood outside the Stop & Shop on Route 32 asking people to sign a petition to build a new animal control facility. She and others collected 1,193 signatures, which were presented to the council in Monday.

Twenty-five local businesses including Herb's Country Deli, Breakfast at Diana's and All Bright Canines had the petition in their stores. As of Tuesday, the number of signatures

was 1,207, with 1,089 coming from Montville residents and 118 from those in Salem, which shares the shelter, Gaulin said.

Becky Maurice, owner of All Bright Canines, a dog training, grooming and day care business, presented the signatures to the council, saying they were "a sampling of what our townspeople want."

She and Gaulin handed out purple ribbons and buttons that said "Build our Shelter! Montville, CT" to those

who attended the meeting. She said she hoped the signatures would demonstrate to the council and Mayor Leonard Bunnell that residents want a new shelter.

Residents say they want a new shelter to replace the current, dilapidated building at 225 Maple Ave., which over the past several years has been cited for numerous violations of state animal shelter guidelines.

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WEATHER

Today, mostly sunny and mild. High 51. Thursday, partly sunny and comfortable. High 57. **B8**

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ANDREW TATE, BROTHER TRISTAN DETAINED IN ROMANIA

Andrew Tate, the self-described misogynist influencer, was detained in Romania under an arrest warrant from British authorities, according to a statement shared by his spokesperson and Romanian police.

Romanian police said Tate, 37, and his brother, Tristan Tate, 35, were detained Monday evening on charges of committing sexual offenses. They said the men would be held for 24 hours.

The warrant stems from charges in the United Kingdom that include "allegations of sexual aggression" from 2012 through 2015, according to the statement from the Tate brothers.

Spokeswoman Mateea Petrescu said the two could be held for longer than 24 hours. An appeals court in Bucharest is expected to make a decision on next steps.

— Washington Post

NEW AIRBNB POLICY BANS INDOOR SECURITY CAMERAS

Airbnb will no longer allow any indoor security cameras at its listings, the company announced Monday.

The short-term rental site's policy previously allowed the use of indoor cameras in common areas as long as they were disclosed in the listing, visible and not in bathrooms or bedrooms.

"Our goal was to create new, clear rules that provide our community with greater clarity about what to expect on Airbnb," Juniper Downs, Airbnb's head of community policy and partnerships, said in a news release.

Hosts will have until April 30 to remove any indoor cameras before potentially facing penalties, including bans from the platform.

— New York Daily News

Fire jumping in Iran



VAHID SALEMI/AP PHOTO

A woman and girl jump over a bonfire as people celebrate Chaharshanbe Souri, the Persian fire-jumping festival, on the eve of the last Wednesday of the solar Persian year in Tehran, Iran, on Tuesday.

