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### Tuesday Aug. 8

**Senior Menu:** Sloppy joe on wheat bun, oven roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables, crunchy cranberry salad.

**Olive Grove:** Noon bridge, Ladies League at 6 p.m.

**Emmanuel Lutheran:** Church Council at 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, Aug. 9

**Senior Menu:** Tater tot hot dish, green beans, grape juice, sour cream apple pie square, whole wheat bread.

**Olive Grove:** Men's League, 6 p.m.

### Thursday, Aug. 10

**Senior Menu:** Creamed chicken, buttermilk biscuit, peas, pineapple/mandarin orange sauce, peanut butter cookie.

### Friday, Aug. 11

**Senior Menu:** Meat loaf, baked potato with sour cream, California blend veggies, fruited Jell-O salad, whole wheat bread.

## Official Notices

**Groton Area School (updated 8-7)**

**Brown County (updated 8-7)**

**Groton City Book (updated 7-26)**

**Frederick Area School Book (updated 7-26)**

**Westport Town Book (updated 7-26)**

**Frederick Town (updated 7-18)**

**Other Official Notices Book**

**Claremont Town Official Notices Book**

**Open:** Recycling Trailer in Groton  
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

**The cardboard/paper**  
recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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### Midwest Masonry & concrete Pumping

**Greg Heilman, owner**

405 E 1st Ave., Groton

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Mike: 605/492-7041

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“SOME BOOKS LEAVE  
US FREE AND SOME  
BOOKS MAKE US FREE.”

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

Chicken Soup  
for the Soul

## Changes coming for the city's utility customers

There will be a number of potential changes forthcoming for the city utility customers in the upcoming months. The council approved two of them Monday night.

The first is changing the date that the meters are read. It is currently the 15th of the month. Starting October 1, the council will change the meter read date to the first of the month, to coincide with the billing that the city receives from Heartland and WAPA. That would mean the due date would change from the 10th of the month to the 25th of the month.

The other change coming is the way the city charges for demand rates. Starting October 1, commercial customers who peak out at 25KW will fall into the demand rate structure for that month. Under current city policy, once a commercial customer reaches 20KW, they have to pay the demand rate for a year. Now it will be calculated month-to-month just like the city is being charged for its demand on a month-to-month basis. The new monthly policy will be:

If you use 25KW or more during the month, you will be charged \$14 per KW for demand and .075 for KWH.

If you use less than 25KW per month, there will be no demand charge and the KWH charge will be .097.

The option of being charged a demand rate if you use 6,000 KWH in a month will be eliminated.

Councilmen David Blackmun and David McGannon presented the rate study information. "I'm looking at trying to get the rates fair again," Blackmun said. McGannon proposed raising the demand charge to 30KW and Blackmun wanted to be more conservative and raise it to 25KW for now, then review it in six months. McGannon said raising it to 30KW would benefit an extra 13 businesses. But there is a cost to the city budget. By raising it to 25KW, the city could lose about \$8,000 annually in the budget. By raising it to 30KW, the city could stand to lose around \$18,000 annually.

First reading on the date change and the change in rate will be held at the next council meeting.

City Supervisor Terry Herron reported that the city's main lift station, located on Aspen Avenue, lost a pump Monday morning and is now operating with only one pump. The potential risk if the second pump goes down is not great; however, the public works department personnel are concerned, especially since the pumps were installed in the early 1990s and they cannot be rapidly ordered. Herron said it could take up to six weeks to get a pump as they are specially made for each application. Dwight Zerr is looking into the price of a new pump to have on hand and the city is looking for grant money to install a permanent generator at the Aspen Lift Station. Rebuilding the current pump could come in around \$2,500.

Herron also reported on the moving of four sewer services on the SD37 project. He said that the state does not pay for moving utilities in the state right-of-way and it would be tough to pass the cost on to the homeowners, even though it is their line. There will be a bill coming from Webster Scale for digging the lines in and for compacting the dirt.

Then there is the storm sewer pipe on Fourth Avenue East off of SD37. The city's storm sewer is 15 inches too low. The state will be picking up the tab for digging up the 18" storm sewer back to the alley and replacing the new road with fabric and curb and gutter. "It was missed on the original design," Herron said.

A Safe Route to School Grant expired in January and City Finance Officer Hope Block managed to get an extension on the \$13,900 grant. "They don't do this grant any more so we need to finish it up," she said. It needs to be used by December 31. Once the city approved the grant, the school will also need to approve the grant. Then they can decide what to use the money for. One of the options include a portable speed trailer that the city will have to match at 25 percent of the cost. Then there was discussion on the cross-walk on SD37. Councilman Karyn Babcock said it would be nice if there was a button for pedestrians to push that would turn the light to red to stop traffic while the pedestrians crossed the road.



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Chip and seal project is suppose to start on Thursday.

The old rubber tire packer is on its last leg and will not last much longer. The city is going to borrow a pull-behind one from Webster Scale. The old packer will be junked as it is not worth fixing.

The council authorized for Terry Herron or Hope Block to sign the petition for Les Hinds to be on the WEB Water board. Hinds is running for re-election.

The council approved the swimming pool schedule as proposed by the swimming pool managers.

The Groton Community Fund is giving the Groton Police Department a grant for two AEDs for the patrol vehicles. The current one is 14 years old, The city would pay for about \$700 with the remaining \$2,000 coming from the grant. The council accepted the grant. "We're very, very appreciative of the grant," said Police Officer Jerry Bjerke.

A body camera policy is being considered. Police Chief Stacy Mayou is looking at Webster's policy.

The new police vehicle is one of those vehicles where there have been issues of Carbon Monoxide getting into the cab. As of yet, there is no formal recall on this. A Carbon Monoxide detector was purchased and installed in the police vehicle.

The benefit for former Groton Police Chief Harlan "Butch" Radke is September 10. He was diagnosed with cancer and will be undergoing treatment. The city will put a basket together for a family pass at the pool, a rubble site pass and a season pass to the ball park for the fundraiser.

The new signal lights may be installed at SD37 and US12 by sometime next week.

The council wrote of an old utility account in the amount of \$2,798.

Hope was aauthorized to attend an election workshop and a SDML annual conference.

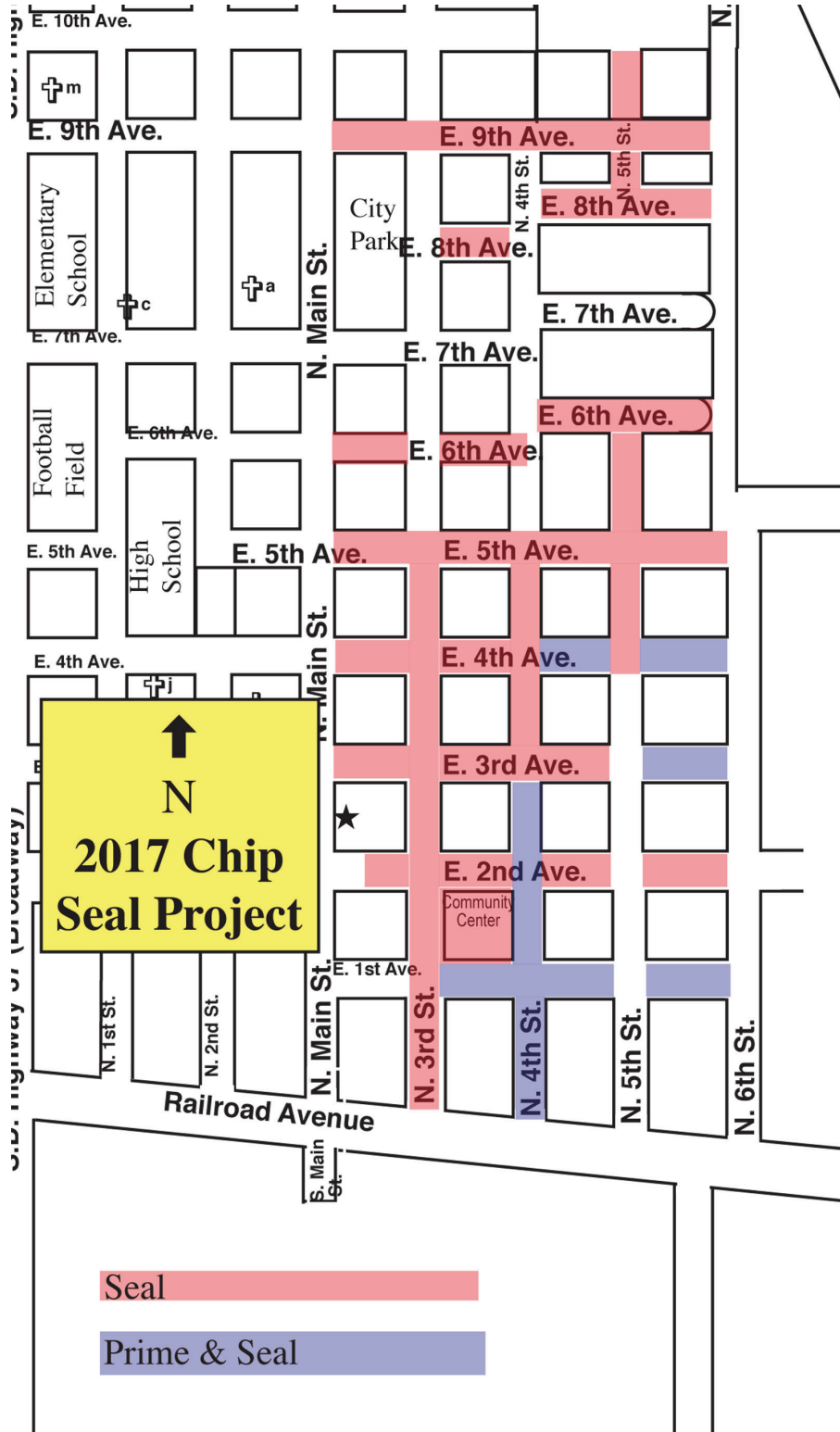
The chamber has to provide a financial statement if the city is going to give \$1,000 a month showing where the money is being spent, per state law. The council has agreed to give the Chamber a \$1,000 monthly donation in the upcoming budget.

The 2018 budget was proposed There is a little more than \$1 million that will have to be removed from the budget. Everything was put into, now they council has to prioritize.

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City residents are reminded not to park any vehicles on the shaded streets from now until the project is down. The city needs to get these streets ready as the chip and seal crew is expected to arrive on Thursday. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!



## SDSU Extension Encourages Testing of Dial Pressure Canner Gauges Before Canning Season

BROOKINGS, S.D. - With canning season just around the corner, for accuracy before use, SDSU Extension recommends that dial pressure canner gauges get tested each year.

"Dial gauge pressure canners use dial gauges to indicate if the correct pressure is being maintained. Gauges that read high cause under-processing and may result in unsafe food. Low readings cause under-processing," said Curtis Braun, SDSU Extension Food Safety Specialist.

Braun explained that pressure adjustments can be made if the gauge reads up to 2 pounds high or low. Replace gauges that differ by more than 2 pounds.

Owners of pressure canners can have the gauges checked by mailing them in to be checked or by taking them into a Nyberg's Ace Hardware location in Sioux Falls. Nyberg's Ace Hardware, 330 W 41st St., Sioux Falls, SD 57105, Phone: 605-336-6467. Nyber's Ace will test free of charge.

### **Not all gauges need to be tested**

Two types of pressure canners exist, weighted gauge pressure canners and dial gauge pressure canners. Weighted gauges do not require testing.

"Weighted gauge canners will either keep rocking gently or make a frequent jiggling noise to indicate if the correct pressure is being maintained," Braun said.

To know how a particular weighted gauge should rock or jiggle, Braun encourages owners to read the manufacturer's instructions.

### **Dial gauges do require annual testing.**

Presto, a manufacturer of dial gauge pressure canners, will test gauges at no charge. The manufacturer will only test gauges from these brands:

- \* Magic Seal
- \* National
- \* Maid of Honor
- \* Kook-Kwick
- \* Presto

For specifics on other models of pressure canner gauges, please check with the manufacturer. All American for example, has been selling their pressure canners with both a dial and weighted gauge for each unit. Weighted gauges do not need to be tested.

### **Steps to send in your pressure gauge:**

1. Carefully remove dial gauge from canner and package in foam, bubble wrap or newspaper to avoid shipping damage.

2. Ship gauge only. If you cannot remove the gauge from the canner lid, send canner lid with the gauge attached.

3. Gauges are checked within three working days of receipt and shipped for return.

Send to:

National Presto Industries Inc

3925 North Hastings Way

Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54703-3703

For more information, phone Presto Customer Service: 1-715-839-2121 or 1-800-877-0441. For more information visit the Presto website at [www.GoPresto.com](http://www.GoPresto.com).

NOTE: Replacement gauges and other parts (e.g. gasket, safety plugs) for canners are often found at stores that sell food preservation equipment or from canner manufacturers. When ordering parts, be sure to provide your canner model number and describe the parts you need. Here are additional resources where you can find replacement gauges and other parts:

Prestocanner Outlet

Mirro Replacement Parts

For other canning related questions, contact AnswerLine at 1.888.393.6336, or contact your local SDSU Extension Regional Center. A complete listing can be found at [www.iGrow.org](http://www.iGrow.org), under the Field Staff Listing tab.

## Visit iGrow.org for 2017 State Fair Results

BROOKINGS, S.D. - It's almost time for the South Dakota State Fair!

Keep up with 4-H'ers from your county and across the state during the 2017 South Dakota State Fair at iGrow.org where results and photos will be posted daily.

This year more than 3,000+ 4-H members from across South Dakota are expected to enter more than 17,000+ exhibits during the fair held Aug. 31-Sept. 4, 2017 in Huron.

"State Fair showcases the best of what our 4-H youth have gained in the form of project-based learning, leadership skills and public speaking," said Peter Nielson, SDSU Extension Director of Youth Development Operations. "Youth are our future. I encourage the public to visit the Nordby Exhibit Hall to meet the best and brightest and show their support for them, their parents and the volunteers who make up South Dakota's 4-H family."

New in 2016, the expansive Nordby Exhibit Hall will feature much more than static exhibits. It will host several 4-H events like Special Foods demonstrations, public speaking presentations, Fashion Review and Performing Arts.

"4-H is as diverse as the youth we serve," explained Donna Bittiker, SDSU Extension State 4-H Program Director. "4-H has a long history of evolving with the needs of its members. If you haven't checked out 4-H livestock shows or visited member exhibits in a while, you'll be amazed at all the new opportunities 4-H offers its members."

Bittiker added that State Fair is an excellent place to see 4-Hers, as young as 8, polishing their public speaking skills.

"Through judging, demonstrations and presentations 4-H members are developing public speaking and communication skills they will use well into their adult lives and future careers," Bittiker said.

To view photos, results and to learn more, visit [iGrow.org](http://iGrow.org).

## South Dakotans are Heading to Nebraska and Wyoming to Catch the "Eclipse across America," 99 Years in the Making

**AAA offers advice for travelers wanting the total solar eclipse experience on Aug. 21**

August 4, 2017 – On Monday, August 21, 2017, all of North America will be treated to an eclipse of the sun. Anyone within the path of totality can see one of nature's most awe-inspiring sights - a total solar eclipse. This path, where the moon will completely cover the sun and the corona or halo can be seen, will stretch from Lincoln Beach, Ore. to Charleston, S.C.

"South Dakotans will see a partial solar eclipse with 80 to 90 percent of the sun obscured," said Marilyn Buskohl, spokesperson for AAA South Dakota. "AAA South Dakota Travel counselors report those wishing to view the eclipse in its totality are traveling to Kansas City, Mo., and Lincoln, Neb., and Casper, Wy."

Dubbed the "Eclipse across America," this once-in-a-lifetime event (the last total solar eclipse to cross the U.S. from coast-to-coast happened in 1918) will prove to be a tourist and vacationer's dream, as it occurs during the final few weeks of summer. More than 250 million Americans live within 600 miles of the solar eclipse path, which will undoubtedly lead to many late-season trips to do some skyward gazing. And, because the eclipse will take place on a Monday, the trek to see it could start as early as the Friday before.

"If you're planning to travel to the so-called path of totality, we recommend you have a plan – select a destination, map out a route, book lodging and allow plenty of travel time," said Buskohl. "Plus, be prepared for traffic congestion in larger cities before and after the actual eclipse."

The path of totality will pass over 14 states, starting on the coast of Oregon, at 10:15 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time, and leaving American soil just north of Charleston, S.C., at 2:49 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time. It will cross cities in Oregon, Idaho, a sliver of Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, northeast Kansas, Missouri, a sliver of Iowa, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina. Darkness will last anywhere from a few seconds to two minutes and 41 seconds, depending on the location.

Among some of the best cities/places for viewing the "path of totality," as noted by science experts, will likely be:

Madras, Ore.

Snake River Valley, Ida.

Casper, Wy.

Sand Hills, Neb.

St Joseph, Mo.

Carbondale, Ill.

Hopkinsville, Ky.

Nashville, Tenn.

Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Columbia, S.C.

"We have found that many hotels are already booked as a result of the eclipse's draw," said Buskohl. "Other options for last-minute travelers are camping, staying with friends or visiting a National Park. The path of totality crosses 20 national parks across the U.S."

If you are planning an eclipse road trip, AAA South Dakota offers the following tips:

Try to get to your viewing location one to two days ahead of the eclipse (Aug. 21).

Pack your patience and plan for congestion on the road, especially as you get closer to locations within the path of totality.

Book hotels, lodging, etc., as soon as possible.

Keep up-to-date on the weather. If you hear that your original location is going to have cloudy conditions, you may want to move somewhere else.

AAA (AAA.com) provides automotive, travel and insurance services to nearly 58 million members in North America and more than 96,900 members in South Dakota. The auto club advocates for the safety and mobility of its members and has been committed to outstanding road service for more than 100 years. A not-for-profit, fully tax-paying member organization, AAA works on behalf of motorists, who can now map a route, find local gas prices, discover discounts, book a hotel and track their roadside assistance service with the AAA Mobile app for iPhone, iPad and Android. For more information, visit [AAA.com/mobile](http://AAA.com/mobile).



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**SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT  
OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**



**Larry Zimmerman  
Secretary**

## Connecting With Our Veterans!

This summer we have had hot temperatures, wind, and very few rain showers; leaving our soil as hard as rocks!

Rocks and stones play a large part in our life – Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, and beautiful memorials for our veterans. For some of us, we have stones in our fields, our landscaping and in our prairies. There are agates in every pile of stones.

These rocks are right in front of our faces and yet without picking up each one, we do not notice all of them. Much like our journey at the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs, we are in search of the gems/stones we call veterans.

It is important that we help our veterans move ahead, live life to the fullest, reintegrate into their communities and have access to high quality benefits and services in a timely, consistent, and equitable manner. It is important that we help them establish a “new normal” in family relationships, wellness, and financial stability.

Help us acquire the tools to provide care, services, and final tributes for our heroes.

Help us be as responsive to our youngest veterans as we are to our oldest veterans.

Help us to return functionality to the men and women wounded in service.

Help us guide our veterans to the resources that can help them and their families.

Help us leave no stone unturned.

Encourage your veteran to contact the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs (605.773.3269) or their local county or tribal veterans service officer.

Larry Zimmerman, Secretary  
South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs

## Home for Sale



**Comfortable, efficient and great location  
2006 home (28X44) with spacious deck and garage.  
\$95,000**

**Open House August 12th and 13th, 1:00 to 3:00**

**Contact Bob Walter 605-380-6804.**

**16 E 4th Ave., Groton**

### **Service Notice: Doris Townsend**

Services for Doris Townsend, 78, of Andover will be 11:00 a.m., Thursday, August 10th at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Aberdeen under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Visitation will be held at the church on Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. Doris passed away August 7, 2017 in Clear Lake.

### **Service Notice: Genevieve Hoops**

Mass of Christian Burial for Genevieve Hoops, 96, of Groton will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, August 11th at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. Father David Janes will officiate. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Visitation will be held at the chapel on Thursday from 5-7 p.m. with a wake at 7:00 p.m. Gen passed away Sunday, August 06, 2017 at Sun Dial Manor, Bristol.

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### Online Bill Payment for Medicare Premiums

Social Security is here with tools and information to help you secure today and tomorrow. Did you know that you can pay your Medicare premiums online? If your bank offers the option to pay your bills online, you can use their service to pay for your Medicare premiums bill from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

You, or your representative, must sign up for your bank's online bill payment process and you can contact your bank directly for assistance. Social Security and CMS are not involved in establishing the online bill pay service with your bank. Before you contact your bank to set up the process, make sure you have the following information available:

1. Amount of your Medicare premium bill
2. Account number: Medicare claim number without dashes. You can find this number on the red, white, and blue Medicare card.
3. Biller name: CMS Medicare Insurance
4. Biller's address:

Medicare Premium Collection Center

P.O. Box 790355

St. Louis, MO 63179-0355

You'll need to tell the bank how much money to deduct from your account to pay for the Medicare premium. You'll also need to update the amount with your bank whenever there is a change in the Medicare premium amount. This usually happens in January when CMS announces the new Medicare premium rates. You can find more information at [Medicare.gov](http://Medicare.gov).

Remember, CMS does not charge a fee for processing the electronic payments, but in some situations, a bank may charge their customers a fee for using their online bill payment service. If you have any questions about bill pay, please contact your bank or financial institution directly. You can also access CMS's online bill pay by visiting <https://www.medicare.gov/your-medicare-costs/paying-parts-a-and-b/online-bill-pay.html>.



## Customer Appreciation Days

Aug. 22 through Aug. 24

**Specials All Week! Daily Drawings!**

Tuesday is Coffee, cookies and cheese samples

Wednesday is bring your pet in for a treat

Thursday is beef sandwiches, beans and drink served from noon to 7 pm.

Ritchie Waterer rep Curt Weyh available to speak with on Thursday

**Come let us show you **OUR** appreciation for your business**

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## Today in Weather History

August 8, 2010: Thunderstorms produced damaging winds and flash flooding from heavy rain along and near the Missouri River in southeast South Dakota during the late afternoon. Bon Homme and Yankton Counties were among the hardest hit areas. Avon in Bon Homme County, thunderstorm winds caused widespread damage to trees and power lines. The tree damage included large trees uprooted or blown down, and falling trees destroyed at least two houses. The damage to power lines caused a power outage over the town which lasted about 5 hours. The winds also destroyed a large shed and damaged a camper parked in the shed. In Tyndall, thunderstorm winds of 70 mph caused tree damage, including large trees blown down. The winds also blew down power lines, damaged several small sheds, and tore shingles off roofs. Thunderstorm winds also ripped through Yankton County. Near Napa, winds overturned several campers and caused widespread tree damage, including large trees blown down at a Lewis and Clark Lake campground.

1874: Swarms of Rocky Mountain locust invaded Denver, Colorado. Millions were seen cruising through the air. The insects were apparently picked up by a thunderstorm gust front and carried into the city. The grasshoppers ravaged crops in surrounding counties for the last month. Click [HERE](#) for more information about The Year of the Locust, 1874.

2007: A tornado bounces across Staten Island and Brooklyn, New York, ripping off roofs and damaging dozens of buildings. The EF-2 twister hop-scotched through Brooklyn's Bay Ridge and Sunset Park neighborhoods around 6:30 am.

1904 - A flash flood near Pueblo, CO, washed a train from the tracks killing 89 passengers. A bridge, weakened by the floodwaters sweeping through the valley below, gave way under the weight of the train dashing all but the sleeping cars into the torrent drowning the occupants. Rail service was frequently interrupted in the Rocky Mountain Region and southwestern U.S. that summer due to numerous heavy downpours which washed out the railroad beds delaying trains as much as five days. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1918 - Philadelphia, PA, established an all-time record with a high of 106 degrees. New York City experienced its warmest day and night with a low of 82 degrees and a high of 102 degrees. Afternoon highs of 108 degrees at Flemington NJ and Somerville NJ established state records for the month of August. (The Weather Channel) (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987)

1984 - El Paso, TX, normally receives 1.21 inches of rain in August. They got it in forty-five minutes, with four more inches to boot, during a storm which left Downtown El Paso under five feet of water. (The Weather Channel)

1986 - A rare outbreak of seven tornadoes occurred in New England. One tornado carved its way through Cranston RI and Providence RI causing twenty injuries. Rhode Island had not reported a tornado in twelve years, and three touched down in 24 hours. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1987 - Morning thunderstorms drenched Goldsboro, NC, with 3.37 inches of rain. Late morning thunderstorms in Arizona produced dime size hail, wind gusts to 50 mph, and two inches of rain, at Sierra Vista. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)








1988 - A dozen cities in the central U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date, including Waco, TX, with a reading of 107 degrees. The record high of 88 degrees at Marquette, MI, was their twenty-third of the year. Afternoon and evening thunderstorms produced severe weather in Nebraska, Minnesota and Wisconsin, with wind gusts to 81 mph reported at McCool, NE. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

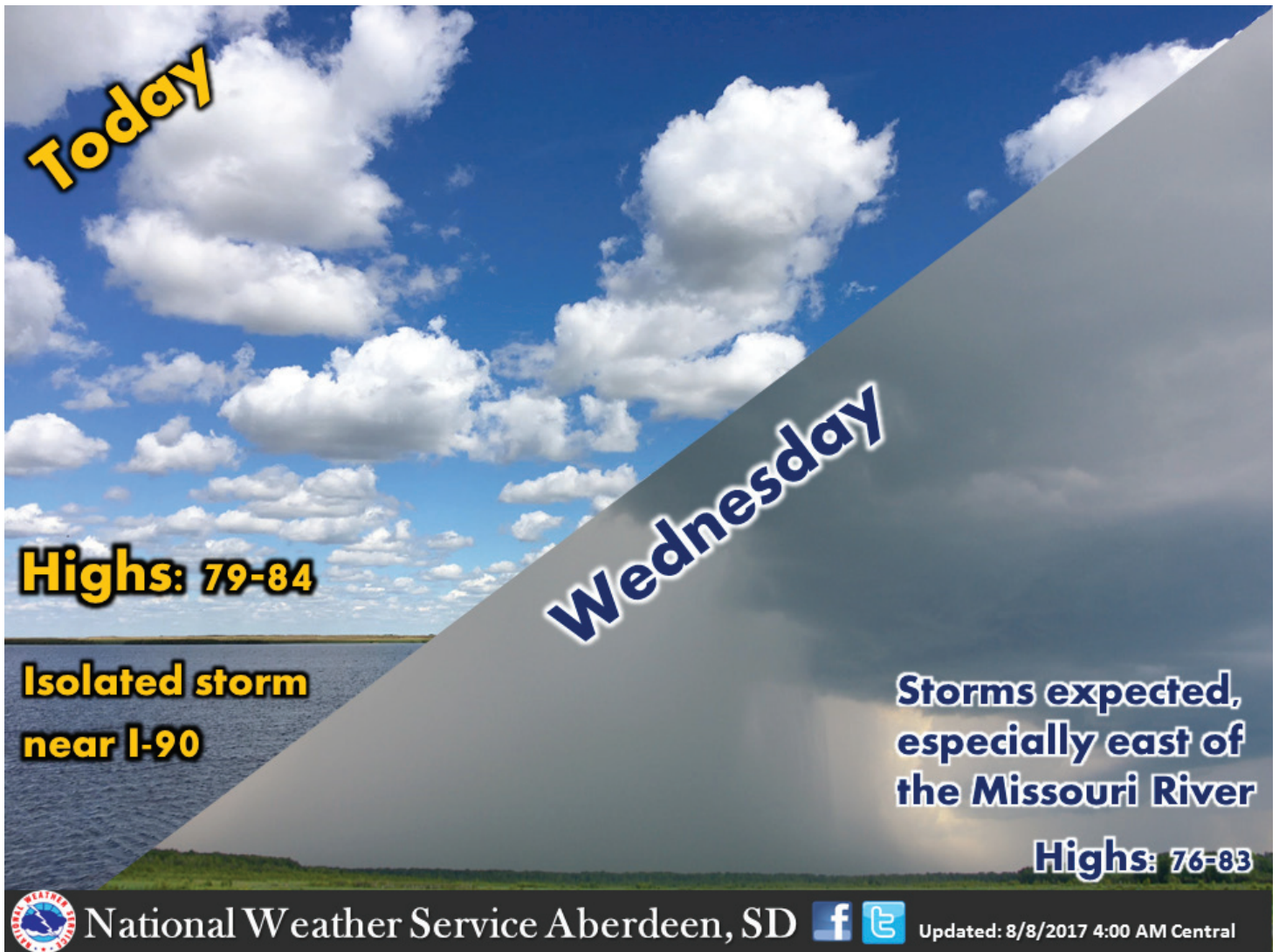
1989 - Forty cities in the central U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date, including Valentine, NE, with a reading of 40 degrees, and Belcourt ND with a low of 37 degrees. Martin SD was the cold spot in the nation with a morning low of 30 degrees. Unseasonably hot weather prevailed over Florida and Washington State, with record highs of 100 degrees at Daytona Beach, FL, 101 degrees at Walla Walla, WA, and 103 degrees at Hanford, WA. (The National Weather Summary)



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Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday
						
Sunny	Partly Cloudy then Slight Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	Partly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
High: 82 °F	Low: 59 °F	High: 79 °F	Low: 57 °F	High: 75 °F	Low: 54 °F	High: 77 °F



**Today**




**Highs: 79-84**

**Isolated storm near I-90**

**Wednesday**

**Storms expected, especially east of the Missouri River**

**Highs: 76-83**

 National Weather Service Aberdeen, SD   Updated: 8/8/2017 4:00 AM Central

Published on: 08/08/2017 at 4:24AM

Dry conditions will prevail over much of the region today. Precipitation chances will increase tonight into Wednesday, peaking during Wednesday afternoon and evening over eastern South Dakota. There is also the potential for some strong to severe thunderstorms on Wednesday afternoon and evening.

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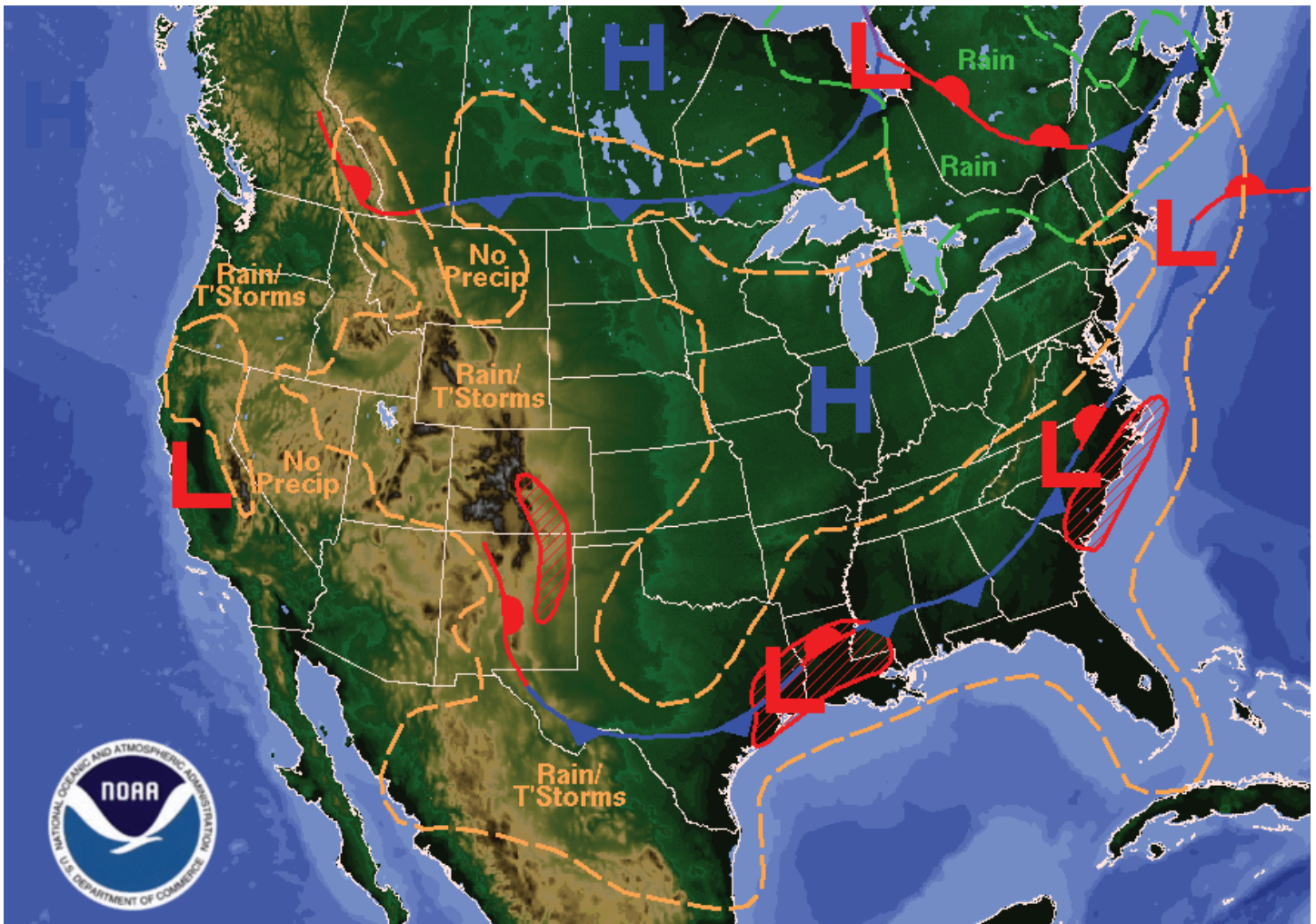
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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 80.9 F at 5:10 PM**  
**Low Outside Temp: 48.8 F at 6:47 AM**  
**High Gust: 9.0 Mph at 4:10 PM**  
**Precip: 0.00**

## Today's Info

**Record High: 108° in 1936**  
**Record Low: 42° in 1939**  
**Average High: 83°F**  
**Average Low: 58°F**  
**Average Precip in Aug: 0.63**  
**Precip to date in Aug: 0.78**  
**Average Precip to date: 14.49**  
**Precip Year to Date: 8.13**  
**Sunset Tonight: 8:51 p.m.**  
**Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:27 a.m.**



### Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Tue, Aug 08, 2017, issued 4:45 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

Rain  
Rain and T'Storms  
Rain and Snow  
Snow

Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)  
Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)  
Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)  
Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)



## THE WONDER OF WORSHIP

"Is worship an act or an attitude?" asked the Old Testament professor.

As soon as the question was asked a fierce debate erupted among the students. There was more heat than light in the classroom as positions were defined and reinforced with passages of Scripture and definitions from a dictionary. There was little disagreement about the fact that the end of worship was to show deep, profound and extravagant respect and devotion to God. But the when and where seemed to be a problem.

Many Christians place worship on their weekly schedule as something "to do" on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. It is an "event" that has been part of their lives since they were children and one they will continue to "practice" as long as they live.

However, worship in Psalm 29 is something we are to do because of what God has done for us. We are to ascribe or bow down before Him in an "act" of humility and sincerity that reflects our "attitude" of submission.

When there is a parade that honors Queen Elizabeth II we see people bow as she passes before them. We hear them shout, "Long live the Queen" and they address her as "Your Majesty." These acts reflect an attitude of submission to her as their Queen. They are openly demonstrating their devotion to her.

Can we do less for our Lord? Says the Psalmist, "Worship – bow down in submission to – the Lord in the splendor of His holiness! Wherever we look we can see God if we open our eyes to His glory. And when we see Him at work, we are to bow in worship to our King.

Prayer: Father, may we bow before You with grateful hearts and worship You in humility and devotion. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 29:2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.



## News from the Associated Press

### **Feds to give states more flexibility in protecting wild bird**

By **MATTHEW DALY**, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Interior Department has unveiled a plan to protect the threatened sage grouse that gives Western states greater flexibility to allow mining, logging and other economic development where it now is prohibited.

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke (ZIN'-kee) announced the strategy Monday for the ground-dwelling bird that has suffered a dramatic population decline across its 11-state range. Zinke insists that the federal government and the states can work together to protect the sage grouse and its habitat while not slowing economic growth and job creation.

States affected by the plan are California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

### **Sioux Falls looks to improve road safety near prison**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The city of Sioux Falls and the state Department of Corrections are looking at ways to improve safety on the road that leads to South Dakota's largest prison.

The city painted a bike lane and narrowed driving lanes this spring along the road to the South Dakota State Penitentiary. Sioux Falls will collect data over the next month with traffic counters to see if the changes make a difference in average speeds, the Argus Leader reported .

Warden Darin Young said he began thinking more seriously about safety last September after a teenage driver struck an inmate on a bicycle. He said that between 60 and 70 inmates on work release often face speeding drivers when they ride to and from the state prison's Unit C every day.

"I feel responsible for the safety of everyone that's coming on to this campus and leaving from it," Young said.

He said that lower speeds could also make the road safer for pedestrians and drivers.

The Sioux Falls Police Department reported that there have been 50 vehicle collisions along the road over the past five years. There were no bicycle collisions on the road — the September collision happened a few blocks south of it.

Traffic engineer Heath Hoftiezer said the city uses speed studies to decide whether a lower speed limit would make a difference. Limits are generally set at the highest speed 85 percent of drivers using a road use.

"People are going to drive a stretch of road as fast as they feel comfortable driving that stretch of road," Hoftiezer said.

The curved road's speed limit is 35 miles per hour. Hoftiezer said that if the city finds speeds are pushing 40 miles per hour during the data collection period, then the traffic department can lower the limit.

He said he expects the city to make a decision over the next month.

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

### **Some areas of South Dakota get rain, cooler weather**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Scattered rain and cooler temperatures are giving relief to farmers and ranchers in some parts of dry South Dakota.

The federal government's weekly crop report says row crops in South Dakota showed some improvement, but the effects of the drought are still being felt.

Topsoil moistures were rated 32 percent very short and 41 percent short.

Winter wheat is 92 percent harvested, about the same as last year at this time but ahead of the five-



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year average of 80 percent.

The spring wheat harvest is 65 percent completed, behind last year's 70 percent but well ahead of the 45 percent average. South Dakota's spring wheat crop is 93 percent mature.

More than 60 percent of South Dakota's pastures and rangeland is rated in poor or very poor condition.

## **Delmont church rebuilt after 2015 tornado is dedicated**

DELMONT, S.D. (AP) — Residents of Delmont over the weekend celebrated the rebuilding of a church destroyed in a tornado more than two years ago.

The Daily Republic reports that about 420 people attended a two-hour dedication service on Saturday in the new Zion Lutheran Church.

The church was among many buildings that were damaged or destroyed by the May 10, 2015, tornado that also injured nine people.

Church building committee chairman Terry Klumb says the project was financed by insurance and nearly \$300,000 in donations.

Information from: The Daily Republic, <http://www.mitchellrepublic.com>

## **Spearfish man sentenced for embezzling nearly \$50,000**

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — A Spearfish man who embezzled from his nonprofit employer has been sentenced to serve five years in prison and ordered to pay back the money.

Authorities say 43-year-old Rocky Rardon over the course of about three years stole nearly \$50,000 while serving as finance director of Prairie Hills Transit and Child Care Center.

The Black Hills Pioneer reports that Rardon was sentenced last week to 10 years in prison with five years suspended on the condition that he make restitution.

Information from: Black Hills Pioneer, <http://www.bhpioneer.com>

## **Citations down, drunken driving arrests up at Sturgis rally**

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Highway Patrol says the number of crimes, crashes and citations at the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally is down from last year so far — with one exception.

There are more drunken driving arrests. The Argus Leader says 28 drivers were arrested for driving drunk, five more than last year. Authorities say misdemeanor and felony drug arrests are down. Officers have issued 526 warnings so far, down from 733 last year.

The Sturgis Motorcycle Rally began its 10-day run Friday in the Black Hills. State transportation officials expect up to 600,000 bikers to attend.

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

## **Man pleads guilty in beating death of girl on reservation**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A second person has pleaded guilty in the beating death last fall of a 5-year-old girl on the South Dakota side of the Standing Rock Indian Reservation.

Thirty-one-year-old Matthew St. Pierre of McLaughlin pleaded guilty to second-degree murder on Friday. South Dakota U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler says St. Pierre could face up to life in prison when sentenced Nov. 20.

St. Pierre and Desarae Makes Him First were charged last October in the killing of Makes Him First's daughter. Court records say the girl died of blunt force trauma to her abdomen.

Makes Him First pleaded guilty earlier this month and also could face life in prison when sentenced on Oct. 30.

## Kenyans choose next president in fiercely contested vote

By CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA, Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Kenyans on Tuesday voted in large numbers in an election that pits President Uhuru Kenyatta against challenger Raila Odinga in this East African economic hub known for its relative, long-term stability as well as the ethnic allegiances that shadow its democracy.

Voters formed long lines at many polling stations before dawn, waiting for the chance to cast ballots in the tightly contested race for the presidency as well as for more than 1,800 elected positions, including governors, legislative representatives and county officials. A key concern was whether Kenya would echo its 2013 election, a mostly peaceful affair despite opposition allegations of vote-tampering, or the 2007 election, which led to violence fueled by ethnic divisions that killed more than 1,000 people.

Kenyatta, the 55-year-old son of Kenya's first president after independence from British colonial rule, campaigned on a record of major infrastructure projects, many backed by China, and claimed strong economic growth. Odinga, 72, is also the son of a leader of the independence struggle and has cast himself as a champion of the poor and a harsh critic of endemic corruption in many state institutions.

However, many voters are expected to vote along ethnic lines. President Kenyatta is widely seen as the candidate of the Kikuyu people, the country's largest ethnic group. Odinga is associated with the Luo voting bloc, which has never produced a head of state.

More than 300 people, including ethnic Maasai draped in traditional red blankets, waited for hours in the dark before polling station opened in the Rift Valley town of Il Bissil. Kenyan television also showed long lines of voters in the port city of Mombasa.

"This is a positive feedback for us," polling official James Njaya said of the high turnout in Kibera, a poor area in Nairobi, the Kenyan capital.

Like many Kenyan voters, 34-year-old Fred Nyakundi arrived at a polling station several hours before it opened and waited in line in the dark before casting his vote.

"The exercise is very slow, but I am happy with the service I got," said Nyakundi, who owns a carpentry business in Nairobi. "I am going home to open the business and wait for results."

Another voter, 41-year-old Fatuma Ramadhan, thought the voting procedure was speedy. She was able to vote at 6 a.m., when polling stations opened, and then opened her restaurant to serve breakfast to other voters.

Reaction to the result could partly depend on the performance of Kenya's electoral commission, which will collect vote counts from more than 40,000 polling stations. Fears of violence were increased by the murder of an electoral official in charge of technology days ahead of the election.

The election commission has said that about 25 percent of polling stations won't have network coverage, meaning officials will have to move to find a better signal and transmit results by satellite telephones. By law, election officials have up to a week to announce results, though many analysts believe the outcome of the presidential race will be declared far sooner, possibly within one or two days.

The winner of the presidential race must get more than 50 percent of the votes as well as one-quarter or more votes in at least 24 of Kenya's 47 counties, according to election officials. If the front-runner falls short of those benchmarks, the two top contenders will contest a run-off vote.

President Kenyatta and challenger Odinga also faced off in the 2013 election. Kenyatta won by a thin margin, with just over 50 percent of the vote; Odinga alleged voting irregularities and took his case to Kenya's highest court, which ruled in Kenyatta's favor by validating the results.

Kenya has nearly 20 million registered voters out of a population of more than 40 million.

Former U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry is among thousands of observers in Kenya for the election. The European Union has also dispatched monitors. Former South African President Thabo Mbeki is leading an African Union delegation.

In a speech late Monday, Kenyatta appealed to Kenyans to vote peacefully in large numbers.

"How you have voted should not in any way reflect or change the manner in which you have related to your neighbor," Kenyatta said. "Shake their hand, share a meal and tell them, 'Let us wait for the results,'"

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for Kenya will be here long after this general election.”

Associated Press journalists Tom Odula in Nairobi and Jerome Delay in Il Bissil contributed to this report.

## 10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press

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

### 1. PENCE LOYAL, BUT WITH AN EYE TOWARD FUTURE

Between traveling overseas, fundraising and being Trump’s chief lobbyist on Capitol Hill, the vice president has been carving out his own political identity.

### 2. KENYANS HEAD TO POLLS TO ELECT LEADER

Turnout is heavy in this East African economic hub known for its relative, long-term stability as well as the ethnic allegiances that shadow its democracy.

### 3. WHAT REGIONAL LEADERS ARE DOING IN PERU

Foreign ministers from 14 nations are meeting in Lima in hopes of finding consensus on a regional response to Venezuela’s growing political crisis.

### 4. WHY MILLIONS OF MOTORISTS, PASSENGERS AT RISK

U.S. officials are abandoning plans to require sleep apnea screening for train engineers and truck drivers, a move that has safety experts concerned.

### 5. LEBANON’S ARMY PREPARES TO CLEAR BORDER AREA OF ISLAMIC STATE MILITANTS

The fight will involve cooperation with the militant group Hezbollah and the Syrian army on the other side, although Lebanese authorities insist they are not coordinating with Assad’s government.

### 6. REPORT: UNDERGROUND HAVEN FOR HEROIN, DRUG USERS UNCOVERED

An undisclosed location where drug users inject themselves with heroin and other drugs has been quietly operating in the U.S. for the past three years, a medical journal reveals.

### 7. MARINE MAMMAL BACK IN LIMELIGHT

Kina the false killer whale, used in groundbreaking research on whale hearing and military sonar, has been sold to an amusement park in Hawaii.

### 8. SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION CHANGES PRAISED, PROVOKE ALARM

The Trump administration opens the door to industry-friendly changes to a plan to protect the ground-dwelling bird across vast areas of the American West.

### 9. FRESH CACHE OF STOLEN HBO FILES ONLINE

Hackers are demanding that the network pay a ransom of several million dollars to prevent further such releases.

### 10. WHO SAYS HE COULD HAVE HIT 800 HOMERS

On the 10th anniversary of breaking baseball’s all-time home run record with 762, Barry Bonds tells AP he believes he would have reached or come close to mark if he played one more season.

## Powerful Venezuela assembly meets again as pressure mounts

By FABIOLA SANCHEZ, Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Foreign ministers from 14 nations are meeting in Peru on Tuesday in hopes of finding consensus on a regional response to Venezuela’s growing political crisis, while President Nicolas Maduro’s all-powerful constitutional assembly is forging ahead on promises to punish the embattled leader’s foes.

The assembly was expected to gather at the stately legislative palace in Caracas for the first time since voting Saturday to remove the nation’s outspoken chief prosecutor, a move that drew condemnation from many of the same regional governments that are sending representatives to the meeting in Peru’s capital.

Peru’s president has been vocal in rejecting the new assembly, but the region has found that agreeing on any collective actions has proved tricky. Still, Venezuela is facing mounting pressure and threats of

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deepening sanctions from trade partners, including a recent suspension from South America's Mercosur. Despite growing international criticism, Maduro has remained firm in pressing the constitutional assembly forward in executing his priorities. He called for a special meeting Tuesday in Caracas of the Bolivarian Alliance, a leftist coalition of 11 Latin American nations.

The new constitutional assembly has signaled it will act swiftly in following through with Maduro's commands, voting Saturday to replace chief prosecutor Luisa Ortega Diaz with a government loyalist and create a "truth commission" that will wield unusual power to prosecute and levy sentences.

"It should be clear: We arrived there to help President Nicolas Maduro, but also to create strong bases for the construction of Bolivarian and Chavista socialism," Diosdado Cabello, a leader of the ruling socialist party and member of the new assembly, told a crowd of supporters Monday.

Opposition leaders, meanwhile, vowed to remain in their posts in their only government foothold — the country's single-chamber congress, the National Assembly.

John Magdaleno, director of the Caracas-based consulting firm POLITY, said that rather than having co-existing assemblies and chief prosecutors, it is more likely that opposition-controlled institutions will be rendered powerless as Maduro's administration further consolidates Venezuela into an authoritarian state.

The opposition-dominated National Assembly "will be a body that in principal co-exists with the constitutional assembly but that will surely be displaced in practice," Magdaleno said.

National Assembly president Julio Borges told fellow lawmakers Monday that they should keep an active presence in the legislative palace despite threats from the constitutional assembly to strip them of any authority and lock up key leaders. Borges called the building, with its gold cupola, the "symbol of popular sovereignty."

"We are a testament to the fight for democracy," he said. "It should be known this assembly was true to its mandate."

In theory, both the National Assembly and the constitutional assembly could operate simultaneously, but the new super body created through a July 30 election has the authority to trump any other branch of government — and Venezuela's leaders have promised to do just that.

National Assembly members voted unanimously Monday not to recognize any of the new super body's decrees.

"The intent is to pursue those who think differently," lawmaker Delsa Solorzano said of the constitutional assembly's plans.

Cabello said that the new assembly's decisions have all aligned strictly with the 1999 constitution crafted by the late President Hugo Chavez and that the new assembly would be in power for "at least two years."

"This is a completely legal process," he said.

The widening political gulf comes as opposition parties face a rapidly approaching deadline to decide whether they will take part in regional elections scheduled for December. Candidates are expected to sign up to run this week. Opposition members refused to participate in the election for delegates to the constitutional assembly but have thus far been divided on taking part in the contests for governors.

While Maduro's popular support is estimated to run at no higher than 20 percent, some opposition leaders are skeptical of running in regional elections they fear could be rigged. The official turnout count in the constitutional assembly election has been questioned at home and abroad. The CEO of voting technology company Smartmatic said last week that the results were "without a doubt" tampered with and off by at least 1 million votes.

On Sunday, a band of 20 anti-government fighters attacked an army base in an apparent attempt to foment an uprising. The men managed to reach the barracks' weapons supply. Ten escaped, but two were killed and the remaining eight were captured after battling with soldiers for three hours, Maduro said.

Defense Minister Vladimir Padrino Lopez said special units were being activated Monday to assist in the search for the escapees, who remained at large more than 24 hours after the attack.

In Geneva, the U.N. human rights office said it has unearthed "widespread and systematic use" of excessive force, arbitrary detention and other rights violations against demonstrators and detainees in Venezuela.

Spokeswoman Ravina Shamdasani says preliminary findings suggest there are "no signs" that the situa-



tion was improving. The rights office team said Tuesday that violations included "house raids, torture and ill-treatment of those detained in connection with the protests."

A full report on the team's findings is expected later this month.

Associated Press writers Christine Armario in Miami, and Jamey Keaten in Geneva, contributed to this report.

## **Pence carves his own political ID, on behalf of Trump**

**By KEN THOMAS and STEVE PEOPLES, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Shuttling across the country aboard Air Force Two, Vice President Mike Pence has been a loyal messenger for President Donald Trump. At the same time, he has been carving out his own political identity as the steady understudy to a mercurial president.

The Republican vice president has raised more than \$1 million in recent months for his political committee, headlined GOP events in such key states as Iowa and Ohio, and hosted Republican VIPs for dinner at his formal residence in Washington. Pence is also preparing to take his fourth overseas trip in the last six months, a schedule that has removed him from the Trump White House's daily palace intrigue and the special counsel's investigation into the Trump administration's ties with Russia.

The vice president's push-and-pull with Trump was reflected in his office's vigorous response to a New York Times report that suggested he might be taking steps to position himself for a 2020 presidential campaign. Pence said in a lengthy statement Sunday that the report was "categorically false." The vice president's spokesman made multiple appearances on cable networks Monday to push back against the story.

"The political activities of the vice president are 150 percent in support of the president's agenda. Anyone who asserts otherwise is uninformed," said Phil Musser, a longtime Pence adviser.

Few Republican operatives believe that Pence would challenge Trump in the 2020 Republican primary election. But at the same time, Republicans privately concede that Trump could be the first president since Richard Nixon to leave office mid-term or not to seek re-election — either for political or personal reasons. Pence would be ill-advised not to prepare for an early Trump exit, as unlikely as it may be, they say.

"I think that Pence is trying to help prepare for the ticket to be re-elected in four years," said former GOP congressman Vin Weber, who keeps in regular touch with administration officials. "But it's ridiculous to say that it never crosses your mind that the president might not be on the ballot for whatever reason, be it health or political."

As Trump's approval ratings sag, Pence is bound by a delicate political reality: His fate is likely tied to Trump's. A successful Trump presidency could help position the 58-year-old Pence to run for president in 2024. A failed Trump presidency, by contrast, could forever stain Pence's political future.

Beyond his frequent travel, the vice president has sought to separate himself from special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into ties between the Trump campaign and Russian officials.

When questions arose about Trump's eldest son, Donald Trump Jr., and other Trump officials meeting with a Russian attorney in June 2016, Pence's office issued a terse statement noting that it took place before he joined the Trump ticket. His spokesman later added that Pence did not meet with any Russians during the campaign.

Pence has also traveled to nine countries as vice president so far and plans to make a four-nation trip to South America next week, creating space between his office and the churn of stories about White House shake-ups or the president's daily tweets.

But he has loyally backed Trump's policies and agenda. Pence, who served in Congress for a dozen years, rarely begins a speech without passing along the president's greetings and has acted as Trump's chief lobbyist on Capitol Hill, convening weekly dinners with Republican lawmakers and business leaders at his residence at the Naval Observatory. Even in private meetings, Pence doesn't deviate from his effusive Trump praise.

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"He's an experienced legislator who can help bridge gaps between members of our conference or between the Congress and the president," said Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ark., who attended a dinner in late June.

The meetings help strengthen the vice president's political network in the long term. But they also help the Trump administration's connection to an anxious Republican establishment in the short term.

"We're in the midst of a very unconventional presidency that makes a lot of Republicans in the establishment uneasy," veteran GOP operative Ryan Williams said. "I think some ambitious Republicans have the thought in the back of their minds that if something were to happen, they may run. But they would never launch a primary challenge against Trump."

Pence stoked discussions about his political future when he formed his Great America Committee in May, allowing him to raise money to support Republican candidates and fund political travel.

Through the end of June, Pence raised \$540,000 for the committee among donors that include Indianapolis businessman Allan Hubbard, a former economic adviser to President George W. Bush, Houston attorney Mark Lanier, Indianapolis attorney Bob Grand and Republican lobbyist Marc Lampkin, a former adviser to ex-House Speaker John Boehner.

More recently, the committee raised \$1 million at a Washington fundraiser that included an introduction from the president's daughter and senior adviser, Ivanka Trump, and featured Republican congressional leaders and dozens of lawmakers. FEC filings show the committee paid \$50,000 in consulting fees in June to the Atlanta firm of Pence adviser Nick Ayers, a Republican strategist who was brought aboard by Pence this summer to be his chief of staff. It also paid more than \$60,000 to the Indiana firm led by Pence adviser Marty Obst.

The vice president's office has downplayed the PACs creation, saying the former governor needed to start a federal committee to pay for his political activities.

"Mike has a more robust portfolio than a traditional vice president which would include these types of political activities. It doesn't mean he's waiting for the president to stumble, it means he's a team player," said Curt Smith, a former campaign adviser to Pence who runs the Indiana Family Institute.

Pence also remains an important liaison to Trump's conservative base. His public schedule has included addresses to Christian leaders who have stuck with Trump despite his lagging approval ratings, groups like Focus on the Family and the World Summit in Defense of Persecuted Christians, which was organized by Franklin Graham.

In June, Pence and a group of aides discussed health care and taxes during a closed-door meeting with industrialist billionaires Charles Koch and his chief lieutenants on the sidelines of the conservative group's Colorado conference.

As the meeting was breaking up, the vice president took Charles Koch's arm and said, "Can you stick around for a few minutes?" The aides departed, leaving Pence and Koch in the room for a private meeting.

Pence will be headlining another Koch event later this month in Richmond, Va., where he will also raise money for former Republican National Committee Chairman Ed Gillespie, who is running for Virginia governor.

"He's a known quantity. We all trust Mike," said Rep. Tom Cole, R-Okla.

Peoples reported from New York.

## Home run king Bonds says he wishes he'd played 1 more year

By JANIE MCCAULEY, AP Baseball Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds so badly wanted to play one final season.

On the 10th anniversary of breaking baseball's all-time home run mark, Bonds told The Associated Press on Monday night he believes he would have reached 800 homers or come very close.

Bonds said it "stung" to walk away from a decorated 22-year career with little notice immediately after a record-setting 2007 season with the San Francisco Giants, when he topped Hank Aaron's mark.

Bonds said there were never discussions about him playing for the Giants in 2008. He also said he didn't push for it because, "I was just told I'm not coming back and that was it."

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The 53-year-old Bonds now works for the Giants. He was at AT&T Park on Monday night, the same place he hit No. 756 to pass Aaron.

Bonds finished with 762 home runs, and the seven-time NL MVP ended his career under the cloud of steroids allegations.

"Yeah, it should have only been nine (years ago). I should have played one more year, I should have had the chance to," Bonds said, standing behind the batting cage.

"It's all right, though. Those 22 were still good. I wish I could have gotten to retire better, or just walk away better, whatever it was, however you want to call it," he said.

Bonds waved from the broadcast booth when he was shown on the big board before the top of the third inning, when highlights of his record-setting homer were played.

"I was what (38) away from 800? I'd have been real close. I would have never hit under 20-something, no matter what," Bonds said.

Hours earlier, Bonds spent time chatting up his 2007 manager, current San Francisco skipper Bruce Bochy, and giving some guidance to Pablo Sandoval and Jarrett Parker between their turns taking batting practice.

Bonds said he hadn't even thought about this being 10 years since his milestone home run until hearing from the team with an invite to the ballpark Monday, when the Giants hosted the World Series champion Chicago Cubs and lost 5-3 in the series opener.

"I didn't know it was 10 years," he said. "I didn't even know I was out of baseball 10 years. It feels like just yesterday."

Later, he posted on Twitter: "Thank you @SFGiants for going down memory lane with me today. Who was there for 756? #10yearsagotoday."

As the Giants hitters got loose, Bonds pondered what might have been with a season more of chances. "It always will eat at you in a way, always, because it just wasn't right the way it was done. It is what it is. Just to say goodbye like that after all, that's not cool," he said.

"But I've learned to overcome it and accept it and move on. If I didn't overcome it I wouldn't be back here. There's no reason to subject myself to that kind of stuff. If it wasn't for me to just overcome it then just say, I played my 22 years, I had a great career, I love my city, the city loves me. That means more to me than anything. You've got to weigh it all. Great community, great city, great fans here, family I say mostly, that's what they are."

In July 2015, Bonds said he had a huge "weight lifted" when federal prosecutors dropped what was left of their criminal case against him after a nearly decade-long steroids prosecution.

Bonds was on 53.8 percent of Hall of Fame ballots in this year's voting, up from 43.3 percent of ballots last year and 36.2 percent in his initial appearance.

"I went to court, I won. Major League Baseball's not punishing me for anything," Bonds said. "If I did something wrong, then MLB can take it down. If you think I did something wrong or I violated a rule, which I never violate any rules in baseball, MLB's not the one punishing me. The media's punishing me, which is all right. If that's what they want to do, go ahead, do your thing."

Whether he believes he will eventually be enshrined at Cooperstown, Bonds isn't ready to go there.

"When the time comes I can answer that, but right now there's nothing really to answer," he said. "It's all a big why? I'm not the one doing it."

Fit and friendly, Bonds is now an avid cyclist. He finally got a plaque on the Giants Wall of Fame this spring.

A jury found Bonds guilty in 2011 for giving a meandering answer to a federal grand jury in 2003 when asked whether his personal trainer gave him anything that required a syringe for self-injection. An 11-judge panel of the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals overturned that conviction in April 2015.

Bonds was charged in 2007, four years after his testimony before the grand jury after receiving a grant of immunity. He didn't dispute that he took steroids, but testified to the grand jury that his former trainer, Greg Anderson, told him they were flaxseed oil and arthritic balm.

Bonds hit 28 home runs and led the majors with a .480 on-base average in 2007. He never played after that.

"Yeah, it stung at the time, hard. But we built a good franchise here," Bonds said. "The team was going

to be sold at the time and when you weigh everything in it, we kept a great team in San Francisco, they're winning championships. The Bay Area's great, so who cares."

More AP baseball: <https://apnews.com/tag/MLBbaseball>

## Report reveals underground US haven for heroin, drug users

By MIKE STOBBE, AP Medical Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A safe haven where drug users inject themselves with heroin and other drugs has been quietly operating in the United States for the past three years, a report reveals.

None were known to exist in the U.S. until the disclosure in a medical journal, although several states and cities are pushing to establish these so-called supervised injection sites where users can shoot up under the care of trained staff who can treat an overdose if necessary.

In the report released Tuesday, two researchers said they've been evaluating an underground safe place that opened in 2014. As a condition of their research, they didn't disclose the location of the facility — which is unsanctioned and potentially illegal — or the social service agency running it.

The researchers offered little data, and their main finding was that no one died while injecting at the safe place. There were two overdoses on site, which were reversed by staff members using the overdose medication naloxone.

Advocates and some politicians in recent years have called for government-sanctioned injection sites as the U.S. grapples with the opioid epidemic. More than 52,000 Americans died from drug overdoses in 2015 — the most ever — fueled by soaring abuse of heroin and prescription painkillers. Government statistics for the first nine months of last year, also released Tuesday, show overdose death rates continuing to spiral.

Some say the new report could have an impact on efforts to establish safe injection sites around the U.S. Such sites have been backed by lawmakers in New York, California and other states, along with officials in cities like Seattle, San Francisco and Ithaca, New York.

"It shows people that it's possible" to operate one of these in the U.S., said Lindsay LaSalle, an attorney with Drug Policy Alliance who has helped draft safe haven legislative proposals in six states.

Injection sites are legal in countries including Australia, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain and Switzerland where medical professionals monitor drug users. They also provide clean needles to prevent the spread of infectious diseases like HIV or hepatitis C. Ideally, they also steer users into treatment and other services.

Some experts say new approaches are needed to fight the opioid epidemic, including safe havens. But they've faced legal and political hurdles. Critics have argued these places may undermine prevention and treatment, and seem to fly in the face of laws aimed at stopping use of deadly illicit drugs.

Safe injection sites are different from syringe exchange programs, which were once controversial but now exist in 33 states.

The underground safe haven is open between four and six hours a day, five days a week, according to Alex Kral, a San Francisco-based researcher with RTI International, and Peter Davidson of the University of California, San Diego. Their report was published online in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine.

The space consists of two rooms — an "injection room" with five stainless steel stations with mirrors and stools and a room next door where users are monitored afterward. There are trained staff on hand, but no one who is medically licensed, according to the researchers. Smoking is not allowed there, but drugs like heroin, pain pills, cocaine and methamphetamine are.

Use of the space was by invitation only. Most visitors are white, homeless men. It was used 2,500 times over two years by over 100 people, although researchers say the exact number of participants isn't known because the facility relies on anonymous surveys.

There's no data on deaths or drug use by clients who injected when the site was closed and it's not known whether any went into treatment, Kral said.



The study also didn't look at issues opponents worry about, like whether creation of a safe place is associated with an increase in people beginning to try drugs, said Jonathan Caulkins, a drug policy expert at Carnegie Mellon University who nonetheless applauded the organization's effort to try to stop overdose deaths.

## Hackers demand millions in ransom for stolen HBO data

By TALI ARBEL and FRANK BAJAK, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A group of hackers posted a fresh cache of stolen HBO files online Monday, and demanded a multimillion-dollar ransom from the network to prevent the release of entire television series and other sensitive proprietary files.

HBO, which had previously acknowledged the theft of "proprietary information," said it's continuing to investigate and is working with police and cybersecurity experts.

In a swaggering five-minute video from "Mr. Smith" to HBO CEO Richard Plepler included in the dump, the hackers used white text scrolling on a black background to deliver an ultimatum. In short: Pay up within three days or see the group, which claims to have stolen 1.5 terabytes of HBO shows and confidential corporate data, upload entire series and sensitive proprietary files.

Specifically, the hackers demanded "our 6-month salary in bitcoin," and claimed they earn \$12 million to \$15 million a year from blackmailing organizations whose networks they have penetrated. They said they would only deal directly with "Richard" and only send one "letter" detailing how to pay.

The dump itself was just 3.4 gigabytes — mostly technical data that appears to provide a topography of HBO's network and to list network-administrator passwords. It includes what appear to be draft scripts from five "Game of Thrones" episodes, including one upcoming episode, and a month's worth of email apparently from the account of Leslie Cohen, HBO's vice president for film programming.

The network reiterated Monday that it doesn't believe that its email system as a whole has been compromised.

The video text was written in often flawed but fluent English peppered with misspellings and pop-culture references.

The hackers claimed it took them about 6 months to breach HBO's network. Their biggest threat appears to be dumping videos of future shows online with their logo "HBO Is Falling" superimposed.

Many of the more than 50 internal documents in the dump were labeled "confidential," including a spreadsheet of legal claims against the network, job offer letters to several top executives, slides discussing future technology plans and a list of 37,977 emails called "Richard's Contact list," an apparent reference to Plepler.

One screenshot labeled "Highly Confidential" by the hackers listed folders such as "Penguin Random House," "Licensing & Retail," "Legal," "International" and "Budgets." Another document appears to contain the confidential cast list for "Game of Thrones," listing personal cellphone numbers and email addresses for actors such as Peter Dinklage, Lena Headey and Emilia Clark.

So far, however, the HBO leaks have been limited, falling well short of the chaos inflicted on Sony in 2014. In that attack, hackers possibly associated with North Korea unearthed thousands of embarrassing emails and released personal information, including salaries and social security numbers, of nearly 50,000 current and former Sony employees.

The video letter uploaded Monday claimed the hackers spend a half million dollars a year to purchase "zero-day" exploits that let them break into networks through holes not yet known to Microsoft and other software companies. It claims HBO is the hackers' 17th target and that only three of their past targets refused to pay.

## Google CEO slams memo on gender as employee reportedly fired

By BARBARA ORTUTAY, AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A memo written by a male engineer at Google about gender differences sparked a quick rebuttal from Google after it circulated widely online.

Google CEO Sundar Pichai denounced the memo in an email on Monday for “advancing harmful gender stereotypes” and said he was cutting short a vacation to hold a town hall with staff on Thursday. The engineer, James Damore, was fired, according to Bloomberg, which cited an email from him. An email sent to an address believed to be used by Damore was not immediately returned; Google declined to comment.

The engineer’s widely shared memo, titled “Google’s Ideological Echo Chamber,” criticized Google for pushing mentoring and diversity programs and for “alienating conservatives.”

Google’s just-hired head of diversity, Danielle Brown, responded earlier with her own memo, saying that Google is “unequivocal in our belief that diversity and inclusion are critical to our success.” She said change is hard and “often uncomfortable.”

The battling messages come as Silicon Valley grapples with accusations of sexism and discrimination. Google is also in the midst of a Department of Labor investigation into whether it pays women less than men, while Uber’s CEO recently lost his job amid accusations of widespread sexual harassment and discrimination.

Leading tech companies, including Google, Facebook and Uber, have said they are trying to improve hiring and working conditions for women. But diversity numbers are barely changing.

The Google employee memo, which gained attention online over the weekend, begins by saying that only honest discussion will address a lack of equity. But it also asserts that women “prefer jobs in social and artistic areas” while more men “may like coding because it requires systemizing.”

The memo, which was shared on the tech blog Gizmodo, attributes biological differences between men and women to the reason why “we don’t have 50% representation of women in tech and leadership.”

While the engineer’s views were broadly and publicly criticized online, they echo the 2005 statements by then-Harvard President Lawrence Summers, who said the reason there are fewer female scientists at top universities is in part due to “innate” gender differences.

Brande Stelling, senior vice president of advisory services for Catalyst, a nonprofit advocacy group for women in the workplace, said the engineer’s viewpoints show “how ingrained, entrenched and harmful gender-based stereotypes truly are.”

“It’s much easier for some to point to ‘innate biological differences’ than to confront the unconscious biases and obstacles that get in the way of a level playing field,” Stelling wrote in an email.

Google, like other tech companies, has far fewer women than men in technology and leadership positions. Fifty-six percent of its workers are white and 35 percent are Asian, while Hispanic and Black employees make up 4 percent and 2 percent of its workforce, respectively, according to the company’s latest diversity report.

Tech companies say they are trying, by reaching out to and interviewing a broader range of job candidates, by offering coding classes, internships and mentorship programs and by holding mandatory “unconscious bias” training sessions for existing employees.

But, as the employee memo shows, not everyone at Google is happy with this.

Technology Writer Ryan Nakashima in Menlo Park, California, contributed to this report.

## With Swift in court, jury selection proceeds in groping case

By TATIANA FLOWERS, Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — With Taylor Swift looking on, potential jurors in her lawsuit against an ex-Denver radio host were asked Monday if they had ever been inappropriately touched or wrongly accused of groping someone — the issues at the center of the case.

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A 15-page questionnaire released during jury selection in the dueling lawsuits also asked candidates if they had seen any pictures related to the case — a possible reference to a photo that shows DJ David Mueller with his right hand behind the pop superstar, just below her waist, before a 2013 concert in Denver.

The photo was obtained by TMZ then sealed by a judge earlier in the case.

Swift claims Mueller grabbed her on the buttock during a meet-and-greet photo session at the show. Her lawyers have called the photo “damning” proof that Mueller groped her.

Mueller, who also attended jury selection, denies the allegation and says the photo only shows him trying to jump into the frame. Swift and Mueller are both smiling in the picture.

However, they weren’t even looking at each other in court on Monday.

Mueller, wearing a dark suit, sat at the plaintiff’s table with his back turned to Swift, who sat at a nearby table with her mother, Andrea Swift, and their attorneys.

Mueller often appeared to be reading documents while Swift watched the proceedings closely, occasionally conferring with her counsel.

In his lawsuit, Mueller claims he was fired from his job at a country music station after Taylor’s team wrongfully told his boss that Mueller had groped her. He is seeking at least \$3 million in damages.

Swift’s countersuit against Mueller claims sexual assault.

Swift appeared in court in a white dress and black jacket, even though she and Mueller were not required to attend until the actual trial begins.

Potential jurors were asked whether they are fans of either Mueller or Swift, including if they had ever seen Swift in concert, downloaded or purchased her music, or attended the 2013 concert.

The jury questionnaire also said anyone who is uncomfortable with discussing any instances of inappropriate touching can speak to the judge in private.

Jury selection ended for the day and will resume Tuesday. The eight-member panel will be chosen from a pool of 60 candidates, court spokesman Jeff Colwell said. There will be no alternates.

One juror was dismissed over his answer to the question, “In a lawsuit between David Mueller and Taylor Swift would you have bias for or against either Taylor Swift or David Mueller?” The potential juror answered, “She seems petty and spiteful.”

Another was removed for purportedly pre-judging the case based on the photo at the center of the dispute.

The case is being heard in federal court because Swift and Mueller live in different states — Swift in Nashville, Tennessee, Mueller in Colorado — and damages at stake exceed \$75,000.

The trial is expected to last about two weeks. Court documents say it is unlikely that either side will settle.

Swift is seeking a verdict that awards her \$1, while holding Mueller responsible and “serving as an example to other women who may resist publicly reliving similar outrageous and humiliating acts,” her lawsuit says.

Swift and Mueller are both expected to testify, along with Mueller’s former boss and members of Swift’s entourage.

Mueller, then 51, was a morning host at a country music station when he was assigned to attend Swift’s concert at the Pepsi Center in Denver. Mueller was backstage with his girlfriend when they met with Swift, then 23, in a curtained enclosure. They posed for a photo and left.

Later, Swift’s bodyguard confronted Mueller with the allegation that the DJ had reached under the singer’s dress and grabbed her.

Mueller denied the allegation and says he asked that they call the police. He and his girlfriend were escorted out of the arena and a member of Swift’s team called his boss.

Swift never went to the police. She tried to keep the situation “discreet and quiet and confidential” and was upset by Mueller’s claim that “for some reason she might have some incentive to actually fabricate this story,” her attorney, Douglas Baldrige, has argued in court.

Mueller’s attorney, Gabriel McFarland, argues that Mueller may have been misidentified after someone else touched Swift.

In addition to Swift, Mueller named her mother and a member of her team as defendants in the lawsuit.

## Lawyer: UK model's 'strange' tale of Italian kidnap is true

By JILL LAWLESS, Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Chloe Ayling's ordeal sounds like a tale spawned by nightmares of the evil that lurks online.

The 20-year-old British model says she was lured to Italy with the promise of a photo shoot, then drugged, stuffed into a suitcase, transported to an isolated farmhouse and held, at times in handcuffs, for almost a week.

Ayling has told police the "terrifying experience" ended when her captor, who had threatened to hold her for ransom or advertise her as sex slave on the criminal "dark web," decided instead to drop her off at the British consulate in Milan.

As made-for-the movies as the young woman's account sounds, Italian police have arrested a suspect: a 30-year-old Polish man who claimed to be a paid killer for a group called the Black Death.

The lawyer Ayling has while the case is under investigation — standard procedure in Italy — acknowledged Monday that aspects of the case seem bizarre. He said investigators initially had "more than understandable doubts" about the model's story.

"It seems incredible," lawyer Francesco Pesce told the Associated Press — "a man kidnaps, together with others, a girl, and after a week, citing particular reasons, accompanies her inside a consulate ... (and) practically hands her over to police."

"This at first was doubted also by investigators — but the story later turned out to be true," he added.

Pesce, Ayling's agent, and Milan police have all given broadly the same account of the sensational events.

The model — whose nascent career includes topless shoots for British tabloid newspapers — went to Milan on July 11 for a photo shoot at what her agent, Phil Green, said was "a recognized studio in the city center."

When she got there, her lawyer said, a man grabbed her by the neck while another injected her with a dose of the anesthetic Ketamine "strong enough to knock her to the ground."

"Then she was stuffed in a black sports bag, like she was an object, and then transported over winding, unpaved roads for more than two hours ... bound hand and foot and with tape across her mouth," Pesce said.

Milan police said Ayling was taken to a rural house near Turin in northern Italy, where she was kept handcuffed to a wooden dresser.

They said the suspect in custody, Lukasz Pawel Herba, advertised her "sale" online, while at the same time demanding \$300,000 ransom from her agent. Authorities said as far as they know, no ransom was paid.

Then, on July 17, Ayling was dropped off at the British consulate in Milan. The next day, police arrested Herba, a Polish citizen with British residency.

Milan police officer Lorenzo Bucossi said Herba described himself as a "paid killer" for a mercenary organization. Others have suggested he is a fantasist.

According to Italian media reports, Ayling said she was released when her captor discovered she had a small child. He said abducting a mother was against the rules of his shadowy criminal organization.

Britain's National Crime Agency said British police are working with Italian authorities and searched a house in central England linked to Herba.

On Sunday — almost three weeks after she says she was released — Ayling returned to Britain.

Green said Italian police held Ayling's passport and wouldn't let her leave the country until she gave evidence at a pre-trial hearing and visited the crime scene with detectives last week.

"I've been through a terrifying experience," Ayling told reporters on the doorstep of her home in south London on Sunday. "I've feared for my life, second by second, minute by minute, hour by hour."

Green, who runs the Supermodel Agency with which Ayling is affiliated, said Monday that she was undergoing "debriefing" with government officials and the police and could not speak further to the press.

He asked the media to "respect the fact she does need some time alone."



Pesce said he had "never seen such strength and such courage in a girl of 20 years," describing how Ayling accompanied detectives to the farmhouse and recounted her ordeal.

"The most beautiful moment was to see her emerge with a real smile" after showing investigators what happened in the house, he said.

Pesce said Ayling was able "to describe exactly the places she was held, to recount everything, barely shed a tear, and then feel finally free."

Frances d'Emilio in Rome and Fanuel Morelli in Milan contributed to this story.

## Arkansas inmates snatch keys, take control of part of prison

By **ANDREW DeMILLO, Associated Press**

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Six inmates snatched keys from three correctional officers at a maximum security prison in Arkansas on Monday and held the officers in an area of the facility for about three hours, the second major disturbance to occur at the penitentiary in less than a month.

The Arkansas Department of Correction said the inmates overpowered the officers and took the keys during recreation call at the Maximum Security Unit in Tucker, 30 miles (48 kilometers) southeast of Little Rock. The three officers were later released with scrapes, bruises and other minor injuries, while an inmate who was not involved in the initial disturbance was taken to a hospital. Shortly after the last officer was released, corrections department spokesman Solomon Graves said the inmates surrendered and the prison began returning to normal operations.

Graves said the injured inmate was in stable condition after suffering injuries that could not be treated by the prison infirmary. Graves said the inmates who had taken the keys had been moved to the Varner Supermax Unit after the incident. The department did not say how the prisoners took the keys from the officers, or whether the inmates had any kinds of weapons.

The disturbance occurred a week after officials revealed that a guard at the same prison fired three warning shots into the air on July 22 after two guards and an inmate were attacked. The department said it was not informed of the shots fired until it was reported by the Arkansas Times.

Arkansas State Police had been on standby outside the prison during Monday's incident and was waiting to enter to begin its investigation, said spokesman Bill Sadler.

"Once that occurs, our agents will enter the cellblock to begin an investigation to determine and identify any criminal activity that occurred leading up to this incident and any criminal activity that may have occurred during the course of the incident," Sadler said.

Graves said the department's director and the state Board of Corrections would conduct their own investigation into the incident, including whether it was related to the July 22 attack.

Graves said the incident showed the risks that the state's correction officers face on a daily basis.

"Today is indicative of the inherent dangers of their work, but our staff performed admirably today and at this point we are just glad that the situation was resolved without any serious injuries to inmates or to our staff," Graves said.

The maximum security prison has a capacity of 532 inmates and has 295 employees, according to the Department of Correction website.

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## Trump looks to loyal voters as support slips, agenda stalls

By **JULIE PACE and LAURIE KELLMAN, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — After six months of infighting, investigations and legislative failures, President Donald Trump is trying to combat new signs of weakness in his Republican base and re-energize his staunchest supporters.

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White House officials have been urging the president to refocus on immigration and other issues that resonate with the conservatives, evangelicals and working-class whites who propelled him to the Oval Office. The president has ramped up his media-bashing via Twitter, long a successful tactic for Trump, and staged rallies hoping to marshal his base to his defense.

The effort underscores Trump's shaky political positioning not yet seven months into his presidency. Trump has remained deeply unpopular among Democrats, and there are signs that his support among Republicans may be softening. His advisers are aware that a serious slip in support among his core voters could jeopardize hopes for a major, early legislative accomplishment and would certainly increase Republicans' worries about his re-election prospects.

White House counselor Kellyanne Conway acknowledged the concerns Sunday on ABC, saying the president's approval rating "among Republicans and conservatives and Trump voters is down slightly."

"It needs to go up," she said.

In a Monday morning tweet, Trump dismissed his adviser's statement. "The Trump base is far bigger & stronger than ever before," he wrote on Twitter. He later insisted that his support "will never change!"

But polling doesn't support Trump's claim. A recent Quinnipiac University survey showed the president's approval dipping into negative territory among whites without college degrees — a key group of supporters for the president. The percentage of Republicans who strongly approve of his performance also fell, with just over half of Republicans saying they strongly approved of Trump. That's down from the two-thirds of Republicans who strongly approved of the president's performance in June.

Just one-third of all Americans approved of his job performance, a new low in the poll.

The president's struggles already have prompted public speculation about his political future. The White House pushed back angrily Sunday against a New York Times report about Republicans preparing for 2020 presidential race that may not include Trump. The report described Vice President Mike Pence as laying groundwork in case Trump does not run. Pence called the report "disgraceful."

The chatter has been fueled by Trump's unsuccessful attempt to shepherd health care legislation through Congress, the drip-drip of revelations about his associates' ties to Russia and the churn of turnover and turmoil at the White House. The president's advisers have tried to drown out the bad news by focusing on his agenda.

"They are telling him just enact your program," Conway said of the president's base. "Don't worry about a Congress that isn't supporting legislation to get big ticket items done. And don't worry about all the distractions and diversions and discouragement that others, who are trying to throw logs in your path, are throwing your way."

In a televised event at the White House last week, the president endorsed legislation that would dramatically reduce legal immigration to the United States. The bill is unlikely to ever become law, but that mattered little to Trump's advisers. Their barometer for success was the reaction from conservatives like commentator Ann Coulter, who called the White House's embrace of the controversial legislation "the best moment of the Trump presidency since the inauguration."

Immigration is expected to continue being a focus for Trump in the coming weeks, including a push for the border wall. Officials also are weighing a more public role for White House policy adviser Stephen Miller, a favorite of Trump backers whose hard-line immigration policies irritate some congressional Republicans.

The appointment of White House chief of staff John Kelly also fits in to that effort. While Kelly was brought in primarily to bring much-needed discipline to the West Wing, officials note that he, too, is viewed favorably by some Trump loyalists for his early execution of the administration's immigration policy as secretary of the Department of Homeland Security. Kelly's appointment was particularly welcomed by senior strategist Steve Bannon, who has taken on the task of ensuring Trump doesn't drift from the promises he made to his base during the campaign.

Several White House officials and Trump advisers insisted on anonymity in order to discuss the ways the administration is moving to shore up support for the president.

Like Trump's embrace of the legislation curtailing legal immigration, some of what the president has to

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offer his core supporters is more show than substance. In late July, Trump announced on Twitter that he was banning transgender people serving in the military — a policy shift sought by social conservatives — despite the fact that the Pentagon had no plans in place to enact the change. The policy is now being crafted.

Alice Stewart, a conservative who worked for the presidential campaigns of Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, said Trump is right to make overtures toward his coalition of loyal supporters, even if some of his moves are incomplete.

"I think people realize half a loaf is better than none," Stewart said.

Mitch Harper, a former GOP state legislator and Republican activist in Indiana, said Trump will get credit from conservatives even for partial measures simply because he is "articulating things that they have not heard anyone articulate in a long time."

And what about the results? Harper said Trump supporters "are willing to wait."

Indeed, even some of Trump's advisers still marvel at the loyalty of the president's supporters. For now, conservatives are pinning the blame on Washington's failure to get health care done not on Trump, but on the handful of Republican senators who blocked legislation aimed at overhauling "Obamacare."

"I think on health care the president is viewed as someone who did everything they could," said Matt Schlapp, who heads the American Conservative Union.

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## Philippine president on human rights: "Don't go there"

By JOSH LEDERMAN, Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte met Monday with America's top diplomat, where he voiced solidarity with the U.S. amid global concerns over North Korea's nuclear program and angrily dismissed media questions about human rights abuses by his government.

Duterte and U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson met in Manila at a regional Asia gathering. It was the highest-level interaction to date between a member of President Donald Trump's administration and Duterte, accused by human rights groups of flagrant abuses in his bloody war against illegal drugs.

If the two leaders discussed those or other U.S. concerns about Duterte's government, they didn't do so in public. Instead, the two focused on the alliance between the two countries and on the North Korea issue as reporters were allowed in briefly for the start of their meeting.

Entering an ornate, wood-paneled hall in the Philippine leader's palace, Tillerson was introduced to members of Duterte's Cabinet, shaking hands with each. Duterte welcomed the American and said he said he knew the U.S. was concerned about Pyongyang's missile program.

"You come at a time when I think the world is not so good, especially in the Korean Peninsula," Duterte said.

Earlier, as they shook hands, the two ignored a shouted question about whether they'd discuss human rights. And at a news conference after their meeting, Duterte bristled but didn't answer directly when asked whether human rights had come up.

"Human rights, son of a bitch," Duterte said, arguing he shouldn't be questioned about alleged violations given the challenges he's facing. "Policemen and soldiers have died on me. The war now in Marawi, what caused it but drugs? So human rights, don't go there."

But ahead of the meeting, Duterte's presidential spokesman, Ernesto Abella, said the topic would indeed come up, along with other pressing matters such as global terrorism threats, economic cooperation and security in Marawi, the city that has been under siege by pro-Islamic State group militants for more than two months.

"We also welcome the opportunity to address concerns such as human rights if and when raised," Abella said in a statement. "We have always included this issue in our discussions and engagements with foreign governments, particularly Western democracies."

The U.S., too, said ahead of the meeting that human rights would be among the topics on the agenda. Human rights groups have questioned the Trump administration's willingness to engage with Duterte. But Tillerson argued there's no contradiction presented by the U.S. decision to help his country fight the militants, whose insurgency in the Philippines has stoked global fears about the Islamic State group exporting violence into Southeast Asia and beyond.

Nearly 700 people have died in the intense fighting, including 528 militants and 122 soldiers and policemen, since hundreds of black flag waving gunmen stormed into buildings and homes in the business district and outlying communities of mosque-studded Marawi, a center of Islamic faith in the southern third of the predominantly Roman Catholic nation.

"I see no conflict — no conflict at all in our helping them with that situation and our views of the human rights concerns we have with respect to how they carry out their counter narcotics activities," Tillerson told reporters before the meeting. He added that it appeared the Philippines was "beginning to get that situation under control."

To that end, Tillerson said the U.S. has been providing the Philippines with surveillance capabilities, training, information and aircraft to help it fight the militants. He said the equipment includes a few Cessna aircraft and a few drones.

"The real challenge is going to come with once they have the fighting brought to an end how to deal with the conditions on the ground to ensure it does not re-emerge."

Associated Press writer Jim Gomez contributed to this report.

## Chicago sues over sanctuary city threat; Sessions fires back

By MICHAEL TARM and SOPHIA TAREEN, Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Mayor Rahm Emanuel has taken his fight against President Donald Trump's immigration policies to court, with Chicago becoming one of the first cities Monday to sue over what many U.S. cities argue are illegal bids to withhold public safety grants from so-called sanctuary cities.

Hours later, Attorney General Jeff Sessions hit back at Chicago, saying the Trump administration "will not simply give away grant dollars to city governments that proudly violate the rule of law and protect criminal aliens at the expense of public safety."

"So it's this simple: Comply with the law or forego taxpayer dollars," he said in a toughly worded statement.

A 46-page lawsuit, which names Sessions, was filed earlier Monday in U.S. District Court in Chicago a day after Emanuel announced the litigation and said the city won't "be blackmailed" into changing its values as a city welcoming of immigrants.

It's the latest round in a battle pitting several U.S. cities against the Trump administration. The cities have opted to limit cooperation with government enforcement of immigration law while federal officials threaten to withhold funding if those cities don't comply.

While estimates vary, there are thought to be about 300 jurisdictions — including cities and counties — with sanctuary-like policies. Among the other bigger U.S. cities with such policies are New York and Philadelphia.

A first order of business now that Chicago's suit has been filed will be to ask a judge to put a freeze on the policy as the civil case plays out, said Edward Siskel, the head of City Hall's legal department. That request for a preliminary injunction could be made within days.

Chicago has received the grant funds at the heart of the lawsuit since 2005. It spent \$33 million in grants to buy nearly 1,000 police cars in that 12-year period; it got \$2.3 million last year. In addition to cars, funds were also used for radios and SWAT equipment.

While the grant money amounts to a fraction of Chicago's public safety budget, Emanuel has said fighting the government now could help prevent the withholding of more money later. He described the Trump measures so far as just "the camel's nose under the tent."



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In his Monday statement, Sessions said Chicago stood out in its "open hostility" to enforcing immigration laws.

"To a degree perhaps unsurpassed by any other jurisdiction, the political leadership of Chicago has chosen deliberately and intentionally to adopt a policy that obstructs this country's lawful immigration system," he said.

Chicago's suit focuses on new conditions set by Sessions for cities to qualify for grant money. They include the sharing immigration-status records with federal agencies, providing 48-hours notice of a detainee's release if immigration violations are suspected and giving federal agents unfettered access to jails.

"The government," the lawsuit says, can't "unilaterally" set new conditions that weren't approved by Congress "and that would federalize local jails and police stations, mandate warrantless detentions in order to investigate for federal civil infractions, sow fear in local immigrant communities, and ultimately make the people of Chicago less safe."

Chicago's sanctuary policies date back to the mid-1980s and successive city councils have confirmed or expanded the protections.

The city prohibits police from providing federal Immigration and Customs officials access to people in police custody, unless they are wanted on a criminal warrant or have serious criminal convictions. Local police are also barred from allowing ICE agents to use their facilities for interviews or investigations and from responding to ICE inquiries or talking to ICE officials about a person's custody status or release date.

City authorities say the policies help encourage residents of the immigrant community to inform police when they are victims of crimes.

"If Chicago submits to the Department's demands, it will forfeit decades' worth of trust and goodwill that its police force has built in the communities it serves," the new lawsuit argues. "And as those decades of experience show, that kind of trust, once lost, is lost forever."

Sessions alluded to arguments also made by Trump that enforcing immigration laws can reduce crime. He calls Chicago's "hostility" to such laws especially "astounding" given that numbers of homicides in the city in 2016 outpaced the numbers in New York and Los Angeles.

"The city's leaders cannot follow some laws and ignore others and reasonably expect this horrific situation to improve," Sessions said.

He also characterized Emanuel as complaining it would have to reorder longstanding policies to conform.

"But that's just what Chicago needs: a recommitment to the rule of law and to policies that rollback the culture of lawlessness that has beset the city," Sessions said.

The city's lawsuit says the Trump administration's contention that more lenient immigration policies contribute to crime "is divorced from reality."

In March, the Justice Department sent letters to officials in California and major cities including New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and New Orleans, all places the Justice Department's inspector general has identified as limiting the information local law enforcement can provide to federal immigration authorities about those in their custody.

The department warned that the administration will punish communities that refuse to cooperate with efforts to find and deport immigrants in the country illegally. But some of the localities remained defiant, despite risking the loss of funds that police agencies use to pay for everything from body cameras to bulletproof vests.

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**Dueling factions in Venezuela stake claims at power**

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By **FABIOLA SANCHEZ, Associated Press**

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Pro- and anti-government factions dug themselves further into their trenches Monday amid Venezuela's deepening political crisis, with each side staking a claim to the powers granted them by dueling national assemblies.

The new chief prosecutor who replaced an outspoken government critic outlined plans for restructuring the Public Ministry, while the opposition-controlled National Assembly vowed to continue meeting at the stately legislative palace — a short walk across a plaza from where the all-powerful constitutional assembly is expected to hold its next meeting Tuesday.

National Assembly president Julio Borges told fellow lawmakers they should keep an active presence in the building despite threats from the new assembly to swiftly strip them of any authority and lock up key leaders. Borges called the building, with its gold cupola, the "symbol of popular sovereignty."

"We are a testament to the fight for democracy," he said at a meeting cobbled together amid mounting uncertainty about the legislature's future. "It should be known this assembly was true to its mandate."

In theory, both the National Assembly and the pro-government constitutional assembly can rule simultaneously, but the new super body created through a July 30 election that drew international condemnation has the authority to trump any other branch of government — and Venezuela's leaders have promised to do just that.

Since its installation Friday, the constitutional assembly has signaled that it will act swiftly in response to President Nicolas Maduro's commands, which have included calls to strip legislators of their constitutional immunity from prosecution.

"It should be clear: We arrived there to help President Nicolas Maduro," Diosdado Cabello, a leader of the ruling socialist party and member of the new assembly, told a crowd of supporters Monday. "But also, to create strong bases for the construction of Bolivarian and Chavista socialism."

Several hundred pro-government Venezuelans marched to the legislative palace, where opposition lawmakers were inside crafting a resolution disavowing the new assembly.

National Assembly members voted unanimously not to recognize any of the new super-body's decisions, which include removing chief prosecutor Luisa Ortega Diaz from power and installing a "truth commission" that will wield unusual authority to prosecute and levy sentences.

"The intent is to pursue those who think differently," lawmaker Delsa Solorzano said.

Brazil's ambassador to Venezuela, Ruy Pereira, attended the session in a show of support for the congress.

Cabello said that the constitutional assembly's decisions have all aligned strictly with the 1999 constitution crafted by the late President Hugo Chavez and that the new assembly would be in power for "at least two years."

"This is a completely legal process," he said.

Ortega Diaz's replacement, Ombudsman Tarek William Saab, who was recently sanctioned by Washington for failing to protect protesters from abuses in his role as the nation's top human rights official, appeared on state television to both chastise the leader of the agency he will oversee and announce his plans to revamp it.

He criticized Ortega Diaz for "fanning the flames" of political conflict in Venezuela and said he would proceed with a "logical restructuring" of an office he deemed overly political and bureaucratic.

Ortega Diaz is not recognizing Saab as chief prosecutor, and both opposition leaders and foreign dignitaries have said they will not acknowledge him as Venezuela's top law enforcement official.

John Magdaleno, director of the Caracas-based consulting firm POLITY, said that rather than having co-existing assemblies and chief prosecutors, it is more likely that opposition-controlled institutions will be rendered powerless as Maduro's administration further consolidates Venezuela into an authoritarian state.

The opposition-led National Assembly "will be a body that in principal co-exists with the constitutional assembly but that will surely be displaced in practice," Magdaleno said.

The widening political gulf comes as opposition parties face a rapidly approaching deadline to declare whether or not they will take part in scheduled December regional elections. Candidates are expected to sign up to run this week. Opposition members refused to participate in the July 30 election for delegates

to the constitutional assembly but have thus far been divided on whether or not to take part in the upcoming vote for governors.

While Maduro's popular support is estimated to run at no higher than 20 percent, some opposition leaders are skeptical of running in regional elections they fear could be rigged. The official turnout count in the constitutional assembly election has been questioned at home and abroad. The CEO of voting technology company Smartmatic said last week that the results were "without a doubt" tampered with and off by at least 1 million votes.

On Sunday, a band of 20 anti-government fighters attacked an army base in an apparent attempt to foment an uprising. The men managed to reach the barracks' weapons supply. Ten escaped, but two were killed and the remaining eight were captured after battling with soldiers for three hours, Maduro said.

Defense Minister Vladimir Padrino Lopez said special units were being activated Monday to assist in the search for the escapees, who remained at large more than 24 hours after the attack.

Freddy Guevara, the first vice president of the National Assembly, said the attack as a worrisome development.

"When people feel that all recourse — electoral and constitutional — is closed off, they can be tempted to support this kind of method," he said. "Because they feel that there isn't another."

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## Back home, Speaker Ryan can't escape questions about GOP

By SCOTT BAUER, Associated Press

MUKWONAGO, Wis. (AP) — With a dysfunctional Congress on recess, House Speaker Paul Ryan has turned his focus back home, touring flood-damaged areas and visiting local businesses in Wisconsin. But he can't escape the questions about why Republicans in charge of Washington aren't delivering.

And though he's won re-election easily for years, Ryan faces the prospect of challenges from left and right and an energized Democratic base in next year's midterm elections.

"We have a majority in the House and Senate and it feels like nothing's getting done," 32-year-old James Hulseby said just before Ryan recently toured his workplace.

Sensing the angst, Ryan has been much more visible in his southeast Wisconsin district as Republicans failed to deliver on their yearslong promise to scrap the health care law and new polling numbers show the speaker is less popular among Republicans in Wisconsin than President Donald Trump. Trump won Wisconsin by less than a percentage point, but he carried Ryan's district by 10 points.

In the remaining months of the year, Ryan and the Republican-led Congress are determined to deliver major legislation, elusive so far due to GOP infighting, and the top priority is overhauling the nation's tax code. Failure to produce could cost Republicans their House majority in the 2018 midterms and, for Ryan, his job as speaker and Republican leader.

"This is the third time in 100 years we've had this alignment of government that we've got to get it done or else I really worried our country will continue down a bad path," Ryan said after his tour of the wire manufacturer Banker Wire, in Mukwonago, Wisconsin.

He later told the Wisconsin State Journal, "If we don't do our job, we will depress turnout. I am frustrated as well."

Republican Keith Ketzler, 62, worries that the GOP will pay politically next year. Democrats need to flip 24 seats to regain control.

"Everybody that voted Republican is getting very frustrated," Ketzler said, after prodding Ryan about why Congress hasn't achieved more. "People crossed the line last time, but they're not going to stay crossed if they don't get things done."

Ryan angered some conservatives during the campaign with comments critical of then-candidate Trump. But in the first six months of Trump's term, Ryan has been far less critical of the president than other

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Republican lawmakers who have challenged a number of Trump moves, including his criticism of Attorney General Jeff Sessions, a former senator.

Ryan's Republican primary challenger last year, Paul Nehlen, initially won the backing of then-candidate Trump, who later switched to Ryan. Ryan beat Nehlen by 70 percentage points in the primary. But Nehlen, who is running again, thinks 2018 will be more difficult for Ryan, arguing that he hasn't done enough to appease Republican Trump supporters.

"President Trump has given Paul Ryan way more opportunities to stand up and back him and what he has done is really undermine him," Nehlen said.

Beating Ryan will not be easy.

No Democrat has represented the district since 1995. Ryan has cruised to re-election ever since he joined Congress in 1999 — winning by 35 percentage points last year. He has \$11.5 million in the bank and is a familiar face in Janesville where he was born and raised and still lives with his wife and three children.

Democrats are pinning their hopes on Randy Bryce, an Army veteran and union iron worker with the nickname "Iron Stache." He appears to have walked out of Hollywood central casting — complete with a dark mustache, thick biceps, faded blue jeans and a promise to fight for the working man. Bryce is trying to capitalize on disenchantment over Ryan's role in the health care bill as he mounts a long-shot campaign.

Bryce generated excitement among Democrats both in Wisconsin and nationally for his announcement video in June that has now been viewed more than 550,000 times. It begins with a clip of Trump praising Ryan's attempts to undo Democrat Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act and then shows Bryce getting emotional as his mother details her struggle with multiple sclerosis.

"You can come work the iron," the hardhat-wearing Bryce challenges Ryan, "and I'll go to D.C."

Bryce raised \$430,000 in the first two weeks after the spot ran.

Ryan has tried to shift the conversation from the collapse of the GOP health care effort and toward tax reform and the news that Taiwanese iPhone manufacturer Foxconn plans to invest \$10 billion on a factory in his congressional district that could employ 13,000 people. Ryan launched a series of campaign-style online ads highlighting the news that the plant was coming near abandoned automobile factories in his hometown of Janesville and nearby Kenosha.

But Ryan's involvement doesn't seem to be resonating quite yet with voters in his district.

"Paul Ryan? I don't know what he's done for it," said Republican voter Jeff Lunde of Ryan's role in the Foxconn deal. "They're all working on this stupid health-care crap."

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## North Korea vows harsh retaliation against new UN sanctions

By **HYUNG-JIN KIM, Associated Press**

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea vowed Monday to bolster its nuclear arsenal and gain revenge of a "thousand-fold" against the United States in response to tough U.N. sanctions imposed following its recent intercontinental ballistic missile tests.

The warning came two days after the U.N. Security Council unanimously approved new sanctions to punish North Korea, including a ban on coal and other exports worth over \$1 billion. The U.S. ambassador to the U.N., Nikki Haley, called the U.S.-drafted resolution "the single largest economic sanctions package ever leveled against" North Korea.

In a statement carried by the North's state-run Korean Central News Agency, North Korea's government said the sanctions were a "violent infringement of its sovereignty" that was caused by a "heinous U.S. plot to isolate and stifle" the country.

"We will make the U.S. pay by a thousand-fold for all the heinous crimes it commits against the state and people of this country," the statement said.

The North said it would take an unspecified "resolute action of justice" and would never place its nuclear program on the negotiating table or "flinch an inch" from its push to strengthen its nuclear deterrence as



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long as U.S. hostility against North Korea persists.

North Korean Foreign Minister Ri Yong-ho made similar comments during an annual regional security conference in Manila on Monday.

South Korea's government said the North would face stronger sanctions if it doesn't stop its nuclear and missile provocation.

Lim Eul Chul, a North Korea expert at South Korea's Kyungnam University, said the comments by the North demonstrate how angry it is over the U.N. sanctions, but that the country is not likely to launch a pre-emptive strike against the United States. He said the North could still carry out further missile tests or a sixth atomic bomb test in the coming months under its broader weapons development timetable.

North Korea test-launched two ICBMs last month as part of its efforts to possess a long-range missile capable of striking anywhere in the mainland U.S. Both missiles were fired at highly lofted angles, and analysts say the weapons could reach parts of the United States such as Alaska, Los Angeles or Chicago if fired at a normal, flattened trajectory.

The centerpiece of the U.N. sanctions is a ban on North Korean exports of coal, iron, lead and seafood products — and a ban on all countries importing those products, estimated to be worth over \$1 billion a year in hard currency. The resolution also bans countries from giving any additional permits to North Korean laborers, another source of foreign currency for the North, and prohibits all new joint ventures with North Korean companies.

Analysts say that North Korea, already under numerous U.N. and other international sanctions, will feel some pain from the new sanctions but is not likely to return to disarmament negotiations anytime soon because of them.

Lim, the North Korea expert, said the North will probably squeeze its ordinary citizens to help finance its nuclear and missile programs. Shin Beomchul of the Seoul-based Korea National Diplomatic Academy said sanctions that can force a change from North Korea would include a ban on China's annual, mostly free shipment of 500,000 tons of crude oil to North Korea and the deporting by U.N. member states of the tens of thousands of North Korean workers currently dispatched abroad.

## **Trump: My base is stronger than ever, despite 2020 rumblings**

BEDMINSTER, N.J. (AP) — President Donald Trump is insisting his support is stronger than ever, despite a report that some Republicans are weighing a 2020 presidential run without him.

In a flurry of early morning tweets Monday, Trump says "the Trump base far bigger & stronger than ever before (despite some phony Fake News polling)." He specifically criticized the "failing @nytimes." The New York Times detailed efforts by some Republicans looking ahead to 2020, including Vice President Mike Pence. Pence called the report false.

Trump also tweets that he is "working hard" from his private golf club in central New Jersey, while the White House heating and cooling system is repaired, and plans to head to New York next week for "more meetings." He also reiterated personal attacks on Democratic Sen. Richard Blumenthal.

The president also plans to spend some time in New York City while he takes a break from Washington.

White House spokeswoman Lindsay Walters said Monday that Trump will return to his hometown for part of the first half of next week. She did not provide more details.

Trump tweeted Monday that he would be heading to New York for meetings. He has not spent a night at his residence in Trump Tower since the inauguration.

The White House says Trump will be meeting with Cabinet secretaries and top aides on issues like health care and taxes while in New Jersey.

## **Australian teen's feet bloodied by mystery sea creatures**

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — A teenager who went for a swim at a Melbourne beach and emerged with his feet covered in blood has stumped marine experts.

Sam Kanizay's legs felt sore after playing a game of football on Saturday, so he decided to soak them

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at the beach. About 30 minutes later, the 16-year-old walked out of the water with his feet and ankles covered in what looked like hundreds of little pin holes that were bleeding profusely. Upon returning home, his parents promptly took him to the hospital.

Kanizay's father, Jarrod, said hospital staff had no idea what kind of creature could have caused the injuries. So Jarrod went back to the beach the following night with a pool net full of meat and captured the animals he believes could have been responsible. He took a video of dozens of the tiny bug-like creatures chomping on the chunks of meat.

"What is really clear is these little things really love meat," he said.

Jeff Weir, executive director of the Dolphin Research Institute, believes the teen may have been attacked by crustaceans called amphipods, which usually eat decomposing plant and animal scraps.

But Thomas Cribb, a parasite expert from the University of Queensland, said it would be very unusual for amphipods to cause such extensive bleeding.

"It's not a parasite I've ever come across," he said.

Meanwhile, marine expert Michael Brown believes the small bugs eating the meat in the video could be jellyfish larvae.

"I've never seen anything like this," he told Channel Seven's Sunrise program.

Sam was still hospitalized on Monday, but had been taken off antibiotics.

## Nations race to prevent backsliding on North Korea sanctions

By JOSH LEDERMAN, Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Armed with extraordinary new U.N. sanctions, nations raced Monday to ensure that North Korea's biggest trading partners actually carry them out, an elusive task that has undercut past attempts to strong-arm Pyongyang into abandoning its nuclear weapons.

North Korea reacted angrily, vowing to bolster its arsenal and mount revenge against the United States. In a reprise of the North's frequent, bellicose broadsides against the U.S., Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho said Washington alone was to blame for the crisis and added his country was ready to "teach the U.S. a severe lesson" with its nuclear force.

"We will under no circumstances put the nukes and ballistic rockets on the negotiating table," Ri said in a speech to an Asia regional gathering in the Philippines.

As President Donald Trump demanded full and speedy implementation of the new penalties, his top diplomat laid out a narrow path for the North to return to negotiations that could ultimately see sanctions lifted. Stop testing missiles for an "extended period," Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said, and the U.S. might deem North Korea ready to talk.

"We'll know it when we see it," Tillerson said. "This is not a 'give me 30 days and we are ready to talk.' It's not quite that simple. So it is all about how we see their attitude towards approaching a dialogue with us."

Even as they celebrate a diplomatic victory in persuading China and Russia to sign on to cutting new sanctions, the U.S. and other countries are deeply concerned that failure to rigorously enforce them could significantly blunt their impact. Since Saturday's U.N. Security Council vote, Washington has put Beijing in particular on notice that it's watching closely to ensure China doesn't repeat its pattern of carrying out sanctions for a while, then returning to business as usual with the pariah nation on its border.

Such concerns were on display Sunday in a dizzying display of fast-paced diplomacy spanning multiple continents.

South Korea's foreign minister joined her counterparts from the U.S. and Japan for a meeting in the Philippines in which Tillerson touted efforts to persuade nations to stop using North Korean labor. The American and Japanese diplomats held another three-way session with Australia. The South Korean envoy held a rare but brief meeting in Manila with North Korea's top diplomat, who also spoke by phone with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, who had discussed the sanctions with Tillerson a day before.

In a phone call requested by Seoul, Trump and newly installed South Korean President Moon Jae-in committed jointly to "fully implement all relevant resolutions and to urge the international community

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to do so as well," the White House said. Moon's office said that he and Trump had agreed to apply "the maximum pressure and sanction."

The penalties, approved unanimously Saturday by the Security Council, aim to cut off roughly one-third of North Korea's estimated \$3 billion in annual exports, ostensibly starving Kim Jong Un's government of funds for its weapons programs. All countries are now banned from importing North Korean coal, iron, lead and seafood products, and from letting in more North Korean laborers who sent remittances back into the country.

Yet already, there are signs that nations with the strongest ties to North Korea may fall short of the stringent enforcement that Trump and others seek. Although Russia voted for the sanctions, its U.N. ambassador, Vasily Nebenzya, told the Security Council that sanctions "cannot be a goal in itself" and "shall not be used for economic strangling" of North Korea, according to the Russian state news agency Tass.

Still, the key concern is over China, the North's economic lifeline and biggest trading partner.

John Delury, a China and North Korea expert at Yonsei University in Seoul, noted that the Chinese population that lives along the 800-mile (1,300-km) border with North Korea is already struggling financially. Triggering an economic meltdown in North Korea would inevitably produce a spillover effect in China, he said.

"They're almost going from sanctions to embargo and really trying to slam the North Korean economy," Delury said. "If you really start to go down that path, I'm not sure how far the Chinese will go down with you."

The other mounting concern: that by the time the sanctions really start cutting into the North's economy, potentially changing the government's thinking about the wisdom of pursuing nuclear weapons, it may be too late.

Two unprecedented tests of intercontinental ballistic missiles by North Korea last month were the latest signs that its weapons program is approaching the point of no return. While the North now boasts missiles it says can reach major U.S. cities, it is not believed to have mastered the ability to cap them with nuclear warheads, but that step may not be far off.

Tillerson conceded there would likely be a lag period before the sanctions "actually have a practical bite on their revenues."

"I think perhaps the more important element to that is just the message that this sends to North Korea about the unacceptability the entire international community finds what they're doing to be," he said.

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## **AP EXPLAINS: Daunting budget deadlines loom for government**

**By ANDREW TAYLOR, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration and Congress face a daunting set of budget-related deadlines in the coming weeks. Blowing them could upend global financial markets and cause a partial government shutdown.

What you need to know about next month's three-car pileup of must-do fiscal business, the prospects for resolution, and the consequences of failure:

### **DEBT DILEMMA**

The problem: The most important piece of business is the need to increase the United States' \$19.9 trillion debt limit to permit the government to continue borrowing money to pay its bills, including Social Security and interest payments. The government hit its borrowing cap in March, but Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin has been using a well-worn set of accounting moves to free up cash. Nevertheless, Mnuchin says the debt ceiling needs to be raised by Sept. 29 to avert the risk of a first-ever U.S. default.

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What's next? Since Republicans control both Congress and the White House, it's their responsibility to ensure that the government doesn't default. In the past, that would have meant that Republicans would have to put up virtually all of the votes. During Democratic President Barack Obama's recent tenure, congressional Republicans surrendered to Obama's demand for a debt measure that was "clean" — no GOP provisions — provided Democrats produce almost all of the votes. Trump is demanding a clean debt bill, too, but tea party lawmakers and outside conservative groups are demanding spending cuts as the price for increasing the debt limit.

"Our nation's structural deficit is driven by historically irresponsible levels of federal spending. Any increase in our nation's debt ceiling should be paired with serious spending reforms that begin reducing federal spending in real, meaningful ways," Dan Holler, vice president of the conservative policy advocate Heritage Action for America, said Monday in a statement.

Consequences of failure: It's never happened so nobody knows for sure, but financial experts warn that default on U.S. bond payments could roil financial markets. The government's credit rating would take a hit forcing it to pay higher interest rates. The government could likely "prioritize" payments to creditors — an option considered by some conservatives — but delays or failure to make other payments could have harsh, if unforeseen, consequences.

## SPENDING SHOWDOWN

The problem: The government's fiscal year ends Sept. 30 and legislation needs to be enacted to prevent a partial shutdown of federal agencies. At issue are the 12 annual spending bills funding agency operations. There's no agreement on what the overall spending level should be. Republican defense hawks want to lift a cap on Pentagon spending while Democrats are pressing for more money for domestic programs. Without a deal to increase spending, the annual appropriations bills are just sputtering along without a clear path to passage.

Trump's demand for a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border — resolutely opposed by Democrats and some Republicans — is a major sticking point. Trump has long promised Mexico would pay for the wall; instead, taxpayers would pick up the \$1.6 billion first installment. (In a leaked transcript of a call with Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto, Trump implored him to stop saying Mexico won't pay, while confessing "this is the least important thing that we are talking about.")

What's next? A stopgap spending measure known as a continuing resolution is sure to be needed to buy time to advance the unfinished spending bills. If a spending pact is reached, the bills could advance with help from Democrats, but if there's no broader bipartisan agreement it's possible that spending would simply be frozen at current levels by a yearlong continuing resolution. Nobody wants that.

Consequences of failure: A government shutdown, perhaps sparked by a battle over the wall, could come as early as October or perhaps later. But it wouldn't be the end of the world — at least for a while. While non-essential government programs would be shut down, the military, air traffic control, and federal law enforcement agencies would remain open. Benefits such as Social Security and Medicare would continue to be provided.

## BUDGET BATTLE

The problem: Republicans have yet to pass a budget plan for the upcoming 2018 fiscal year. Under Washington's arcane ways, passing a nonbinding budget plan is the only way to set in motion a special process for the GOP's top agenda item: rewriting the tax code. If Congress can pass a budget, Republicans controlling the Senate don't need to worry about a Democratic filibuster blocking any tax bill. A budget could also unlock a way for conservatives to win cuts to benefit programs over Democratic opposition.

What's next? Neither the Senate nor the House has passed a budget. House action has been held up by a battle between moderates and conservatives over whether to pair spending cuts with the filibuster-proof tax measure. Senate action has been on hold while the House struggles. September promises to be a critical month.

Consequences of failure. An impasse could doom the tax reform effort. Other than that, the consequences



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would be modest. Congress often fails to pass a budget resolution. Politically, it would be another blow to Republicans, who stumbled on health care.

## Asian shares fall as China trade data disappoints

By YURI KAGEYAMA, AP Business Writer

TOKYO (AP) — Shares fell Tuesday in Asia, rapidly erasing initial gains that followed record highs on Wall Street after China reported disappointing trade data for July.

KEEPING SCORE: Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 slipped 0.3 percent to 19,993.76 in morning trading, while Australia's S&P/ASX 200 lost 0.8 percent to 5,730.00. South Korea's Kospi edged 0.1 percent lower to 2,395.03. Hong Kong's Hang Seng inched down 0.1 percent to 27,707.79, while the Shanghai Composite was also down 0.1 percent, at 3,274.83.

WALL STREET: Gains in technology companies helped lift U.S. stock indexes, nudging the market once again into record territory. The S&P 500 index rose 0.2 percent to a record 2,480.91. The Dow gained 0.1 percent to 22,118.42, an all-time high. The Nasdaq composite added 0.5 percent, to 6,383.77.

CHINA TRADE: China's trade growth weakened in July in a negative sign for the country's economic growth and global demand. Customs data showed growth in exports slowed to 7.2 percent from June's 11.3 percent. Imports rose 11 percent, down from the previous month's 17.2 percent. Forecasters have warned Chinese economic growth is likely to slow this year, dampening demand for foreign goods, as controls imposed on bank lending to slow a rise in debt take hold.

THE QUOTE: "The upshot is that, despite the uptick at the end of Q2, trade growth now appears to be on a downward trend. In particular, the sharp decline in import growth since the start of the year suggests that domestic demand is softening," Julian Evans-Pritchard of Capital Economics said in a commentary.

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude lost 18 cents to \$49.21 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It fell 19 cents, or 0.4 percent, to \$49.39 per barrel Monday in New York. Brent crude, the international standard, lost 22 cents to \$52.15 a barrel.

CURRENCIES: The U.S. dollar fell to 110.65 yen from 110.74 yen late Monday in Asia. The euro rose slightly to \$1.1812 from \$1.1792.

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## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 8, the 220th day of 2017. There are 145 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 8, 1974, President Richard Nixon, facing damaging new revelations in the Watergate scandal, announced he would resign the following day.

On this date:

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte set sail for St. Helena to spend the remainder of his days in exile.

In 1911, President William Howard Taft signed a measure raising the number of U.S. representatives from 391 to 433, effective with the next Congress, with a proviso to add two more when New Mexico and Arizona became states.

In 1937, during the Second Sino-Japanese War, Japan completed its occupation of Beijing.

In 1942, during World War II, six Nazi saboteurs who were captured after landing in the U.S. were executed in Washington, D.C.; two others who cooperated with authorities were spared.

In 1945, President Harry S. Truman signed the U.S. instrument of ratification for the United Nations Charter. The Soviet Union declared war against Japan during World War II.

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In 1953, the United States and South Korea initialed a mutual security pact.

In 1963, Britain's "Great Train Robbery" took place as thieves made off with 2.6 million pounds in banknotes.

In 1968, the Republican national convention in Miami Beach nominated Richard Nixon for president on the first ballot.

In 1973, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew branded as "damned lies" reports he had taken kickbacks from government contracts in Maryland, and vowed not to resign — which he ended up doing.

In 1992, AIDS activist Alison Gertz died in Westhampton Beach, Long Island, New York, at age 26.

In 1994, Israel and Jordan opened the first road link between the two once-warring countries.

In 2009, Sonia Sotomayor was sworn in as the U.S. Supreme Court's first Hispanic and third female justice.

Ten years ago: Space shuttle Endeavour roared into orbit with teacher-astronaut Barbara Morgan on board. Screenwriter-director Mel Shavelson died in Studio City, California, at age 90.

Five years ago: Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi fired his intelligence chief for failing to act on an Israeli warning of an imminent attack days before militants stormed a border post in the Sinai Peninsula and killed 16 soldiers. Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh Jennings of the United States became the first three-time gold medalists in Olympic beach volleyball history, beating Jennifer Kessy and April Ross 21-16, 21-16 in the all-American final.

One year ago: A fire and power outage at a Delta Air Lines data center in Atlanta resulted in the cancellation of 2,300 flights over a four-day period. Japan's 82-year-old emperor, Akihito, expressed concern about fulfilling his duties in a public address that was remarkable for its rarity and its suggestion that he would like to abdicate. At the Rio Olympics, Ryan Murphy gave the Americans their sixth straight gold medal in the men's 100-meter backstroke, winning with a time of 51.97 seconds; Lilly King of the United States has won gold in the women's 100-meter breaststroke in 1 minute, 4.93 seconds.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Richard Anderson is 91. Actress Nita Talbot is 87. Singer Mel Tillis is 85. Actor Dustin Hoffman is 80. Actress Connie Stevens is 79. Country singer Phil Balsley (The Statler Brothers) is 78. Actor Larry Wilcox is 70. Actor Keith Carradine is 68. Movie director Martin Brest is 66. Radio-TV personality Robin Quivers is 65. Percussionist Anton Fig is 64. Actor Donny Most is 64. Rock musician Dennis Drew (10,000 Maniacs) is 60. TV personality Deborah Norville is 59. Actor-singer Harry Crosby is 59. Rock musician The Edge (U2) is 56. Rock musician Rikki Rockett (Poison) is 56. Rapper Kool Moe Dee is 55. Rock musician Ralph Rieckermann is 55. Middle distance runner Suzy Favor Hamilton is 49. Rock singer Scott Stapp is 44. Country singer Mark Wills is 44. Actor Kohl Sudduth is 43. Rock musician Tom Linton (Jimmy Eat World) is 42. Singer JC Chasez ('N Sync) is 41. Actress Tawny Cypress is 41. Rhythm-and-blues singer Drew Lachey (lah-SHAY') (98 Degrees) is 41. Rhythm-and-blues singer Marsha Ambrosius is 40. Actress Lindsay Sloane is 40. Actress Countess Vaughn is 39. Actor Michael Urie is 37. Tennis player Roger Federer is 36. Actress Meagan Good is 36. Actress Jackie Cruz (TV: "Orange is the New Black") is 33. Britain's Princess Beatrice of York is 29. Actor Ken Baumann is 28. Pop singer Shawn Mendes is 19. Actress Bebe Wood (TV: "The Real O'Neals") is 16.

Thought for Today: "The time to relax is when you don't have time for it." — Sydney J. Harris, American journalist (1917-1986).