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Senior Menu: Beef stew, buttermilk biscuits, Waldorf salad, sherbet.

Cancelled: School Board Meeting

St. John's Lutheran: Vacation Bible School at Storybook Land.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study at 6:30 a.m.

Pool Hours: Open Swim 1-4:50; Lap Swim 5-5:45; Aerobics 5:45-6:30; Open Swim 6:40-8:00.

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Senior Menu: Ham, sweet potatoes, baby carrots, Acini DePepi fruit salad, whole wheat bread.

10 a.m.: Boys golf at Lee Park Golf Course, Aberdeen

6:30 p.m.: Volleyball at Ipswich with JV match at 6:30

Olive Grove: Noon bridge, Ladies League golf finale and banquet at 6 p.m.

United Methodist: Bible Study at 10 a.m.

Pool Hours: Open Swim 1-4:50; Lap Swim 5-5:45; Aerobics 5:45-6:30; Open Swim 6:40-8:00.

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Senior Menu: Baked chicken, rice pilaf, Cauliflower/pea salad, tapioca pudding, whole wheat bread.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Student schedule change day

Olive Grove: Men's League at 6 p.m.

United Methodist: Wednesday Coffee, 9 a.m.

Pool Hours: Open Swim 1-4:50; Lap Swim 5-5:45; Aerobics 5:45-6:30; Open Swim 6:40-8:00.

Official Notices

Westport Town (updated 8-21-17)

Other Notices (updated 8-21)

Brown County (updated 8-15)

Frederick Town (Updated 8-15)

Groton City (updated 8-8)

Groton Area School (updated 8-7)

Frederick Area School Book (updated 7-26)

Claremont Town Official Notices Book

Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton

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Chicken Soup
for the Soul

"If you are not willing to risk the unusual, you will have to settle for the ordinary."
- Jim Rohn



Ulmer is new Groton Area Elementary Librarian



Left to right: Jake McCuskey, Morgyn McCluskey, John Fehr (dad), Irene Fehr (mom), JR Perleberg, John Perleberg, Tanys Perleberg, Melissa Ulmer, Greysen Ulmer, Rodney Ulmer. Front - Lilly & Nora McCluskey.

Melissa Ulmer will be the new Groton Area Elementary School librarian. Ulmer is a 1984 Ellendale High School graduate and she attended North Dakota State University.

Ulmer has been the office manager for a number of different businesses including Eureka Manufacturing Company of Eureka for 9 years. She was also an Administrative Assistant at Litchville-Marion High School, Marion, N.D., for 12 years and the K-12 librarian and high school study hall teacher at Eureka Public School for the past two years.

Melissa and her husband, Rodney, have a daughter, Morgyn, 30, and son-in-law, Jake, and their children Lilly, 6, and Nora 4; a son, Greysen, 26, and daughter, Tanys, 21, and son-in-law, JR, who have a son, John, 21

months. Rodney is the pastor of the United Methodist churches in Claremont, Hecla and Britton.

Ulmer said, "I have loved working in schools. I can't imagine working anywhere else any more!" The teachers that have inspired here were Susan Gruebele, Dave Handt and Judi Townley.

Melissa said she loves to kayak, ride bike, camp, quilt, spend time with her family and of course, read.

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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

Week three of the preseason is in the books, and the Minnesota Vikings are 2-1. The first-string offense was unable to put up any points in the first half, and the Vikings went to halftime down 14-0. The third quarter was better, with the second team able to put up 17 points and cut into the deficit. The quarter ended in a crazy series of events, with the 49ers scoring an 87-yard touchdown on 3rd and 23; followed by Jerick McKinnon returning the ensuing kickoff 108 yards for the payback score. That was fun, but the best was yet to come. With five seconds left in the fourth quarter, and the Vikings down seven points, the Taylor Heinicke led offense was at the 49ers 4-yard line. With enough time for one more play, the Vikings elected to pass... and it was incomplete. However, there was a flag on the play, pass interference on the defense, and the Vikings had one more shot

from the 1-yard line. Terrell Newby plunged into the end zone for 6 points, Taylor Heinicke ran in the 2-point conversion, and the Vikings won. Crazy.

Three big questions after the Vikings win over the 49ers
How did the starters look? Week three of the preseason is considered the dress rehearsal for the starters. Most of Minnesota's starters played the entire first half, which is the last we will see most of them until the regular season. Week three is supposed to tell you how ready your team is, and if this game is any indication, Vikings fans may be in for a long season.

The Vikings first-team offense was held out of the end zone, and they didn't really come close until the final drive of the half - which ended with the offense running out of time at the 49ers 6-yard line. Sam Bradford took three sacks and was hit multiple times behind the projected starting offensive line (from left to right: Rieff, Boone, Easton, Berger, Remmers). One of those sacks was because Sam fell on a fumble caused by Dalvin Cook, but the other two were caused by Sam's tendency to stand like a statue in the pocket before falling down at the slightest contact.

Nobody is expecting greatness from the Vikings offense. But the defense is another matter. The Vikings defense is supposed to be the type that the whole team can ride deep into the playoffs. On Sunday, against the 49ers (who were 2-14 last season), the Vikings starting defense looked completely inept. They gave up eight plays that gained 10 yards or more, including a 46-yard touchdown on the opening drive and a 24-yard touchdown on the next.

They won, so some good stuff must have happened, right? It wasn't all doom-and-gloom on Sunday. The team pulled off the improbable comeback, which showed that the team isn't going to lay down or go away quietly. Heart and hustle are always great to see.

There were also a couple players who stood out in a positive way. Laquon Treadwell is finally back from injury, and he seems to have picked up right where he left off, showing some of the skills that led to him being a first-round pick. Both of the Vikings rookie wide receivers, Stacy Coley and Rodney Adams, made their case for one of the final roster spots - Coley led the team with 76 yards on 4 catches, while Adams caught 3 passes for 35 yards to go along with a 32-yard punt return. Marshall Koehn is battling Kai Forbath for the place kicker position, and he had the play of the game when he drilled a 58-yard field goal that would've been good from 65.

What's next for the Vikings? The Vikings will play the fourth and final preseason game on Thursday, August 31 at 7 p.m. (CT). Most of the starters won't play, but for the players at the bottom of the roster, this is likely their final chance to make an impression and continue their dream of playing professional football.

Have any questions or comments? Reach out to me on Twitter (@SkolJWright)
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Today in Weather History

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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








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


1990: Between 3:15 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. a devastating tornado ripped a 16.4 mile-long path through portions of Kendall and Will counties in northern Illinois. At its strongest, the tornado was rated F5, the highest rating a tornado can be given. A total of 29 people were killed, and 350 more were injured. An estimated \$160 million in damages occurred. The tornado's path width ranged from 200 yards to half a mile. A total of 470 homes were destroyed, and another 1000 homes were damaged. Sixty-five thousand customers lost power. Click [HERE](#) for more information from the National Weather Service office in Chicago.

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


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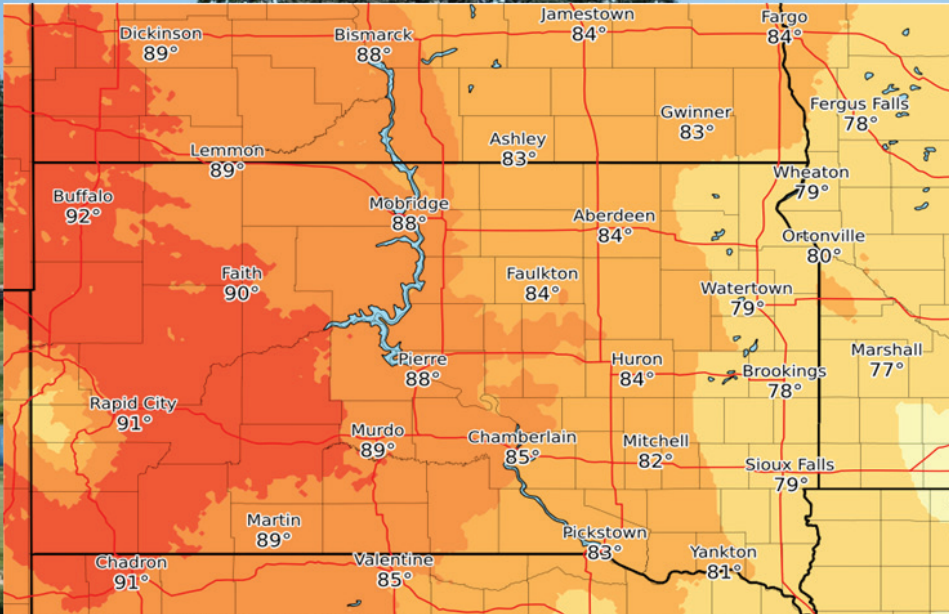
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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
						
Patchy Fog then Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny
High: 84 °F	Low: 57 °F	High: 84 °F	Low: 58 °F	High: 81 °F	Low: 58 °F	High: 81 °F





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Skies will be mostly sunny again today with temperatures slightly above average across most of the region. Conditions will be mostly dry for the next week.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 78.4 F at 4:01 PM

Low Outside Temp: 51.6 F at 7:04 AM

High Gust: 20.0 Mph at 1:43 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 104° in 1937

Record Low: 31° in 1893

Average High: 79°F

Average Low: 54°F

Average Precip in Aug: 2.19

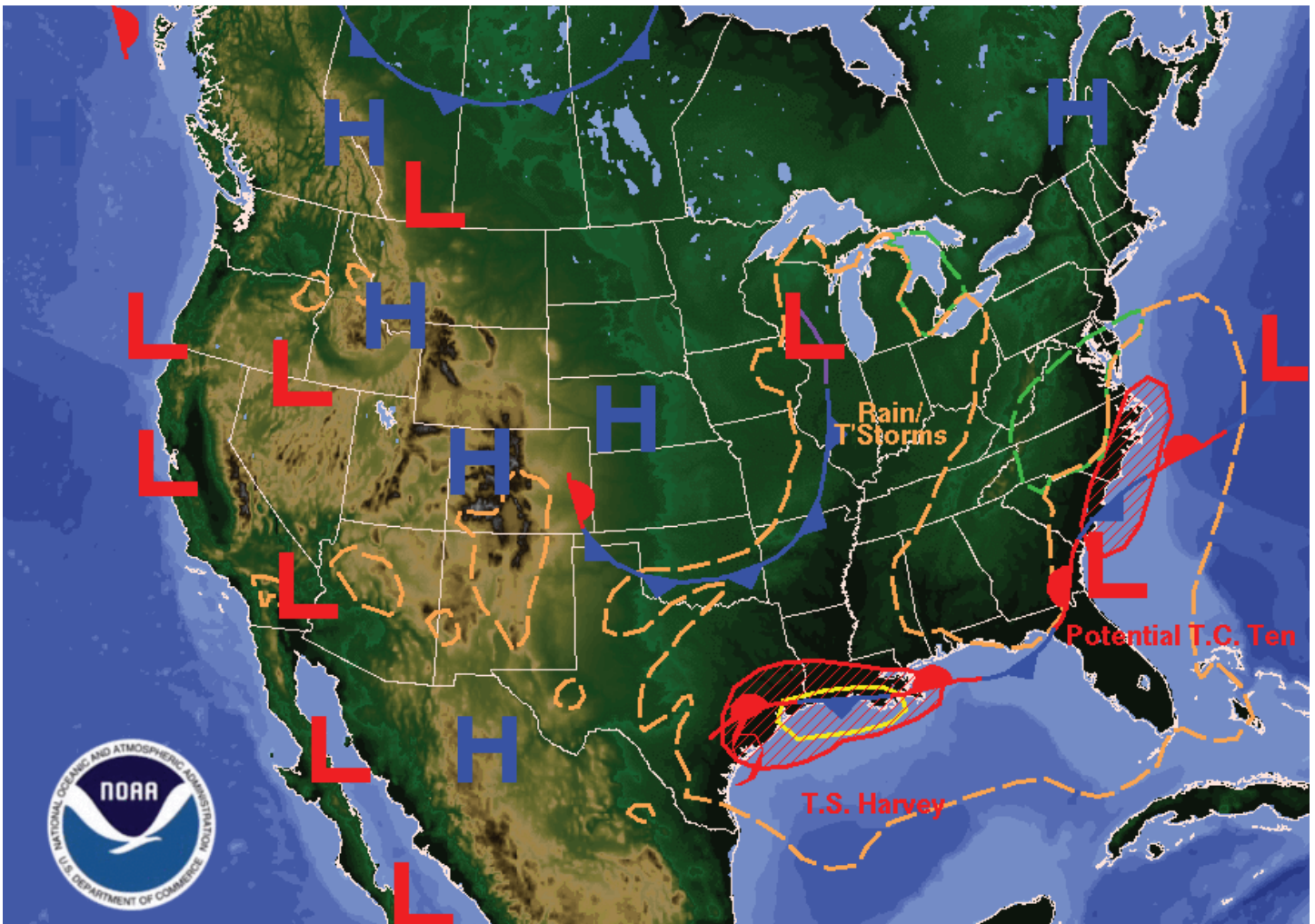
Precip to date in Aug: 2.17

Average Precip to date: 16.05

Precip Year to Date: 9.52

Sunset Tonight: 8:15p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:51 a.m.



Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Mon, Aug 28, 2017, issued 5:13 AM EDT
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Prepared by Rubin-Oster 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)

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GOD'S LIGHT – MAN'S NEED

Lights shine more brightly when the night is at its darkest moment. Stars illuminate the skies with more beauty and brilliance when there is no glare from the glow of a city.

Light also brings shadows and can cause blindness. Light even creates illusions of things that do not exist – like streams of water on parched desert sand.

But there is one Light that enables us to see the light. It is the Light of God that comes from the Word of God when His Word and His ways are illuminated by His Holy Spirit.

Psalm 36 contains an important theme for the Christian. All too often we willingly accept the teachings of individuals who offer a solution to our problems from sources that are not consistent with God's truth. David clearly warns us about this problem. He writes that we may unwisely "flatter" ourselves because we are "deceived" by not being able to "detect sin." He offers the solution for the method we are to use to discriminate the truth about sin: "in Your light we see light."

John clearly emphasized this also, "God is light," he assures us, "and in Him there is no darkness." Light represents what is good, pure, true, holy and reliable. Darkness, on the other hand, represents what is sinful and evil. The light that comes from God's Word is true and reliable and will guide us from the darkness of sin into the Light of God's love, mercy and grace. His Light will save us from the sin of self-deception and death.

Prayer: With grateful hearts, Lord, we thank You for becoming the Light of the world and the Light of our lives. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 36:9 For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

News from the Associated Press

An odd trend in wheat country: not much wheat

By DAVID PITT, Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — An odd thing has happened in wheat country — a lot of farmers aren't planting wheat.

Thanks to a global grain glut that has caused prices and profits to plunge, this year farmers planted the fewest acres of wheat since the U.S. Department of Agriculture began keeping records nearly a century ago.

Instead of planting the crop that gave the wheat belt its identity, many farmers are opting this year for crops that might be less iconic but are suddenly in demand, such as chickpeas and lentils, used in hummus and healthy snacks.

"People have gone crazy with chickpeas. It's unbelievable how many acres there are," said Kirk Hansen, who farms 350 acres (142 hectares) south of Spokane in eastern Washington, where wheat's reign as the king crop has been challenged.

American farmers still plant wheat over a vast landscape that stretches from the southern Plains of Oklahoma and Texas north through Kansas, Nebraska and the Dakotas as well as dry regions of Washington and Oregon. However, this year's crop of 45.7 million acres (18.49 million hectares) is the smallest since 1919.

North Dakota harvested wheat acres are down 15 percent, Montana 11 percent and Nebraska 23 percent, to the state's lowest winter wheat acres on record.

Fewer farmers planted wheat after a 2016 crop that was the least profitable in at least 30 years, said grain market analyst Todd Hultman, of Omaha, Nebraska-based agriculture market data provider DTN.

Many farmers took notice of a surging demand for crops driven by consumer purchases of healthy high-protein food.

"The world wants more protein and wheat is not the high-protein choice and so that's where your use of those other things come into play and are doing better," Hultman said. "Up north around North Dakota you will see more alternative things like sunflowers, lentils and chickpeas."

How long the new trend will continue is unknown. While some farmers will likely switch back to wheat when profitability returns, others may keep planting the alternatives because demand is expected to remain strong, keeping prices at attractive levels.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, acres planted in chickpeas, also known as garbanzo beans, are at 603,000 (244,030 hectares) this year, up nearly 86 percent from last year.

North Dakota more than tripled chickpea acres planted to 44,100 (17,847 hectares) and Montana increased acres 150 percent to 247,000 (99,960 million hectares). Nebraska increased chickpea acres 79 percent to 5,200 acres (2,104 hectares).

The USDA says lentils reached a U.S. record high 1.02 million acres (0.41 million hectares) planted this year.

A farmer in southwest North Dakota, for example, could expect to earn \$105 an acre on small chickpeas and around \$89 an acre planting lentils this year, according to data compiled by North Dakota State University. The same farmer would lose \$21 an acre on winter wheat and \$4 an acre on spring wheat.

Wheat profitability has fallen precipitously.

In Illinois, wheat fell from more than \$7.13 a bushel in 2012 to \$4.30 this year, while for the same period land costs rose 10 percent.

Lentils are increasingly used in cereals, energy bars, chips and pasta as a way to boost protein and fiber content. General Mills now offers Cheerios Protein, which includes lentils, and Barilla Protein Plus pasta contains flour from lentils and chickpeas as an ingredient.

About 20 percent of U.S. consumers now say they eat at least one meatless meal daily and get their protein instead from plant-based sources, said Kelly Weikel, director of consumer insights at Technomic, a Chicago-based market research firm that tracks food trends.

"We've been able to maintain a strong demand for these crops, which is why farmers in that northern

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Plains and Washington and Idaho area continuing to grow them and increase their acreage," said Tim McGreevy, an eastern Washington farmer.

High-protein snacks that were once found primarily in health food stores are now available in typical grocery stores.

Hummus is a good example. Made from chickpeas, the dip and sandwich spread was considered an exotic Middle Eastern food just a few years ago but is now found in more than a quarter of U.S. households. Hummus sales have grown to \$700 million to \$800 million in recent years from \$10 million in the late 1990s.

USDA reports show other crops have been pushed to record planting this year by changing consumer tastes including canola and hops.

Canola, used for frying and baking and as an ingredient in salad dressings and margarine, was planted on 2.16 million acres (0.87 million hectares) this year, 22 percent higher than the previous record set in 2015, the USDA said.

Government accountability task force to meet in Pierre

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A state task force on government accountability is set to meet and discuss campaign finance issues.

The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday at the state Capitol in Pierre. The group is set to hear from the secretary of state's office and the National Conference of State Legislatures.

The task force is also to take public testimony. Republican Sen. Jordan Youngberg is chairman of the Government Accountability Task Force, and Democratic Rep. Julie Bartling is the vice chairwoman.

Fewer people working finance, insurance jobs in Sioux Falls

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The finance industry has lost hundreds of workers in the past three years as health care and retail companies continue growing their workforce in the area.

The Argus Leader reports that finance and insurance companies employed just under 14,000 people in the metro area at the end of 2016. That's down from a peak of more than 14,700 at the end of 2013.

The city lost a major employer in 2015 when commercial banking and credit card company Capital One Financial Corp. announced it was closing its Sioux Falls office.

The Fortune 500 company had ranked as Sioux Falls' 10th largest employer with about 850 workers. The state's jobs data, which is filed monthly by employers, shows a gradual decrease in the financial services workforce going back to Capital One's decision to leave.

Voters also have agreed to cap interest rates on payday loans, and nearly half didn't bother to renew their licenses in January. The possible effect on local jobs will be felt more in 2017 because the law change happened late in the year.

"We saw the majority if not all of those lenders that chose not to operate under the new business model," said Marcia Hultman, head of the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation.

Finance remains one of the city's largest employers. Economic development officials often target financial companies when recruiting new businesses for the state, said Jim Terwilliger, South Dakota's economist.

"You've got an economy that's grown there locally in Sioux Falls," Terwilliger said. "It's got good diversity and attracts from a big area."

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

Family covers up symbol of hate in Sioux Falls park

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — When a family recently came across a swastika spray-painted on a tree during a walk through a Sioux Falls park, they decided to take matters into their own hands.

The Argus Leader reports the Bofenkamp's hike on the Leaders Park hiking trail quickly soured when the family saw the spray-painted swastika glowing in fluorescent orange on felled tree.

The Bofenkamps finished their hike and went home but came back the next day with some paint of their own. They masked the swastika with paint and spelled the word "love" in pink over the area.

"I decided (my daughter and foster son) needed to see something hateful changed to something positive," said Christine Bofenkamp.

Sioux Falls Police spokesman Sam Clemens said officers prefer a call rather than a citizen cover-up job.

"Putting graffiti on top of graffiti doesn't really solve the problem," Clemens said.

Had the swastika been reported, Clemens said it might lead police down the path of classifying it as a hate crime, but that it would likely take more than its presence to be deemed as one under state law. Such crimes require a specific intent to hurt or threaten a specific person.

He said that if it appears on a house or a synagogue, the intent is clearer. The line is not as clear if it appears in public.

"If you're just putting that up on the side of a bridge, we don't really know what the intent was or if they were messing around," he said.

A Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation Department spokeswoman said crews would check into vandalism at Leaders Park.

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

APNewsBreak: Abuse in nursing homes unreported despite law

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 1 in 4 cases of possible sexual and physical abuse against nursing home patients apparently went unreported to police, says a government audit that faults Medicare for failing to enforce a federal law requiring immediate notification.

The Health and Human Services inspector general's office was issuing an "early alert" Monday on its findings from a large sampling of cases in 33 states. Investigators say Medicare needs to take corrective action right away.

"We hope that we can stop this from happening to anybody else," said Curtis Roy, an audit manager with the inspector general's office, which investigates fraud, waste and abuse in the health care system. The audit is part of a larger ongoing probe, and additional findings are expected, he said.

With some 1.4 million people living in U.S. nursing homes, quality is an ongoing concern. Despite greater awareness, egregious incidents still occur.

Using investigative data analysis techniques, auditors from the inspector general's office identified 134 cases in which hospital emergency room records indicated possible sexual or physical abuse, or neglect, of nursing home residents. The incidents spanned a two-year period from 2015-2016.

Illinois had the largest number of incidents overall, with 17. It was followed by Michigan (13), Texas (9), and California (8).

In 38 of the total cases (28 percent), investigators could find no evidence in hospital records that the incident had been reported to local law enforcement, despite a federal law requiring prompt reporting by nursing homes, as well as similar state and local requirements.

"Based on the records we had available to us, we could not determine that they had been reported to law enforcement," said Roy.

The federal statute has been on the books more than five years, but investigators found that Medicare has not enforced its requirement to report incidents to police and other agencies, or risk fines of up to \$300,000.

Nursing home personnel must immediately report incidents that involve a suspected crime, within a two-hour window if there's serious bodily injury. Otherwise, authorities must be notified within 24 hours.

Medicare "has inadequate procedures to ensure that incidents of potential abuse or neglect of Medicare beneficiaries residing in (nursing homes) are identified and reported," the inspector general's report said.

In a statement, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services said "nursing home resident safety is

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our priority and primary focus," and it is committed "to ensure these vulnerable people are properly cared for, and that all viable or alleged instances involving abuse or neglect are fully investigated and resolved."

The agency said it has long required nursing homes to immediately report abuse and neglect to state officials, and it will have a formal response to the inspector general's findings once the audit is complete.

The inspector general is urging Medicare to start systematically scouring computerized billing records for tell-tale signs of possible abuse of nursing home residents. Investigators used that approach to find the cases, matching emergency room and nursing home records.

Of the 38 unreported cases, 31 involved alleged or suspected rape or sexual abuse, or about 4 out of 5.

But even among the 96 cases that were ultimately reported to police, investigators were unable to tell if the federal requirement for "immediate" notification was followed.

In one case classified as "reported to law enforcement," an elderly woman with verbal and mobility limitations was taken to the emergency room after she was allegedly sexually assaulted by a male resident of the same nursing home. The report said two silver-dollar-sized bruises were noted on her right breast.

Nursing home staff had helped the woman bathe and change clothes after the incident. "These actions could have destroyed any evidence that may have been detected using the rape kit," said the report.

Nursing home employees did not immediately report the incident to police, although the federal reporting requirement was in effect. The nursing home "should have reported the incident to law enforcement within two hours of witnessing the incident," the report said.

Instead, the following day the nursing home contacted the woman's family, who called the police, triggering an investigation.

Citing a separate probe by state officials, the inspector general's report said the nursing home "contacted local law enforcement in an attempt to keep law enforcement from investigating the incident."

The state's own report found that the nursing home told police "we were required to report it but that we were doing our own internal investigation and did not need (police) to make a site visit...no one was interested in pressing charges." The police continued their investigation.

The state later cited the nursing home for failing to immediately notify the patient's doctor and family, as well as other violations of federal regulations. But state officials classified the incident as resulting in "minimum harm or potential for actual harm."

No other details were provided in the federal report. The inspector general's office reported all 134 cases to local police.

The number of nursing home residents is expected to grow in coming years as more people live into their 80s and 90s. Medicaid is the main payer for long-term care, while Medicare covers doctors' services and hospital care for elderly people and the disabled.

Online:

Inspector General's report - <https://oig.hhs.gov/oas/reports/region1/11700504.pdf>

Judge sends Indian guru to jail for 10 years for rape

By RISHABH R. JAIN and MUNEEZA NAQVI, Associated Press

ROHTAK, India (AP) — A judge on Monday sentenced a popular and flamboyant Indian spiritual guru to 10 years in prison on charges of raping two female followers.

The sentence was pronounced amid intense security at a prison in the northern town of Rohtak where the guru, who calls himself Dr. Saint Gurmeet Singh Ram Rahim Insan, has been held since his conviction Friday.

The conviction sparked violent protests by the guru's followers that left at least 38 people dead and hundreds injured.

Ahead of the sentencing announcement, train and bus services to Rohtak were suspended to prevent the guru's supporters from gathering in the town, located in Haryana state. A curfew was also imposed in Rohtak.

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Local police said that several layers of security were in place around the prison and that government troops had permission to use firearms if any violence erupted. All cars entering the town were being searched.

The guru has denied raping the two followers, in a case that stems from charges filed in 2002.

Few details were immediately available following the sentencing, but the guru's lawyers can appeal the verdict to a higher court. The rape charges were investigated by India's Central Bureau of Investigation, and a special CBI court convicted and sentenced the guru.

The minimum sentence for his crimes was seven years and the maximum was life in prison.

Security was high Monday across Haryana and the neighboring state of Punjab, with schools and offices shut in many places.

A curfew was also in place in Sirsa town, where the sprawling main headquarters of the guru's Sacha Sauda sect are located. Since Saturday, police have been asking followers to leave the ashram compound, and around 20,000 people left.

Local police spokesman Surjeet Singh said Monday that some people were still inside the compound, but that it was impossible to know how many. He said about 4,000 government troops, including army and paramilitary soldiers, were patrolling the tiny town and the area outside the ashram.

When the guru was found guilty on Friday, tens of thousands of his enraged followers set fire to government buildings, vandalized bus stations and government vehicles, and attacked police and TV journalists in Panchkula, where the verdict was announced.

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Religious sects like the Dera Sacha Sauda have huge followings in India. These sects and their leaders inspire intense devotion among their believers and also wield considerable political clout. Many maintain private militias for their protection.

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Battered by Harvey, Houston braces for even more flooding

By MICHAEL GRACZYK, Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — Officials released more water from Houston-area reservoirs overwhelmed by Harvey early Monday in a move aimed at protecting the city's downtown from devastating floods but that could still endanger thousands of homes, even as the nation's fourth-largest city braced for more rain.

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The White House announced that President Donald Trump would visit Texas on Tuesday. He met Sunday by teleconference with top administration officials to discuss federal support for response and recovery efforts.

The rescues unfolded a day after Harvey settled over the Texas coastline. The system weakened Saturday to a tropical storm. By early Monday, Harvey had shifted a little closer to the coast, hovering about 20 miles (30 kilometers) east of Victoria, with sustained winds of about 40 mph (65 kph). The National Hurricane Center said it continued to edge in a southeasterly direction at 3 mph (4.8 kph).

Harvey was the fiercest hurricane to hit the U.S. in 13 years and the strongest to strike Texas since 1961’s Hurricane Carla, the most powerful Texas hurricane on record.

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10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press

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Sale of Interior secretary's motor home raises \$25K question

By **BOBBY CAINA CALVAN, Associated Press**

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's dormant congressional campaign committee recently sold a 2004 motor home at a steep discount to an old friend in the Montana Legislature.

But a seemingly ordinary transaction between friends, when seen through the optics of stringent campaign finance laws, can raise a bevy of questions - especially when those friends are politically high-powered and well-connected.

After learning about the transaction, campaign finance watchdogs are raising a \$25,000 question: Why would Zinke's campaign committee sell the Kountry Star Freightliner for half the price of its apparent \$50,000 market value?

It's a head-scratcher for Lawrence Noble, a senior director of the Campaign Legal Center, a nonpartisan group of election law experts. "If the asset is worth \$50,000, and they sell it to somebody for \$25,000. It's the equivalent of them giving \$25,000 to that person," Noble said.

The Federal Election Commission prohibits political committees to sell assets, including campaign vehicles, below fair market value.

It's akin to a gift, Noble said. "The campaign cannot give a \$25,000 gift to somebody," he said.

The treasurer of Zinke's congressional campaign referred questions about the sale to campaign directors, both of whom declined to comment. Heather Swift, communications director for the Interior Department who also served as Zinke's congressional and campaign spokeswoman, did not respond to requests for an interview.

The buyer, state Sen. Ed Buttrey, said the 37-foot (11-meter) recreational vehicle had engine problems and other damage, which would undercut its value. But he still felt he got a "nice deal."

Buttrey maintains there was nothing improper about the transaction. Yet he acknowledged it might prompt questions, especially because he says he's in the final vetting stages for a key post in Zinke's Interior Department.

"I know that wouldn't look good," Buttrey said. The sale was finalized months after Buttrey began spreading word that he was up for an appointment as an assistant interior secretary.

Whether the White House formally nominates Buttrey for the position remains an open question. The White House and Interior Department have declined to comment.

An aide to Montana Sen. Steve Daines, who sits on the committee that would hold a hearing on the nomination, said it was hard to say how much longer the vetting will take. Federal officials have been making the rounds, including visits to state agencies as part of their background checks.

The motor home shuttled Zinke around his home state during a failed bid for lieutenant governor and two successful runs for Montana's lone congressional seat. With Zinke now ensconced in Washington, he

apparently had no further need for the RV.

Buttrey, a wealthy businessman from Great Falls, said he developed an attachment to vehicle while campaigning with Zinke. So when he was in the market to buy an RV, he said, "I made them an offer, and they accepted it."

Buttrey said he wrote a check for the entire purchase price in June after cashing in some stocks. The title was transferred July 25.

The Associated Press first learned about the vehicle's sale after inquiring about a \$25,000 transaction listed in Zinke's latest filing with the Federal Election Commission.

The FEC's rule on the disposal of campaign assets is meant to ensure money raised for politics is used for politics, and "not pocketed by the candidate or in this instance pocketed by someone outside the campaign," said Paul S. Ryan, vice president of policy and litigation for the watchdog group Common Cause.

He, too, questioned why the campaign gave the state legislator a deep discount, saying "it's easy to be generous to your friends when you're using other people's money."

State law prohibits lawmakers from accepting gifts of "substantial value," defined as \$50 or more. But the law suggests there would have to be a demonstrable quid pro quo associated with the gift for it to be a violation. Montana Commissioner of Political Practices Jeff Mangan said he could not comment on the RV sale because there was no complaint before him.

The Billings Gazette reported last year that the Zinkes bought the motor home for personal use in 2011 for \$80,000, with more than 75,000 miles (120,000 kilometers) on the odometer. Lolita Zinke later sold it to the campaign for \$59,000.

NADA Guides, an online motor vehicle valuation service, listed the average retail value for a base model in good condition with up to about 100,000 miles (160,000 kilometers) on it at \$49,300, with the low retail valuation for \$40,900.

Several RV dealers contacted by the AP said it's unlikely any repairs to the body or interior of the vehicle - including installing a new refrigerator and television, and repairing awnings and a slide-out compartment - would amount to \$25,000. But the dealers said estimating the cost of any repairs would be difficult without an inspection.

Regardless of whether anything improper occurred, both buyer and seller were public officials and should have known the sale was sure to raise eyebrows, said Edwin Bender, executive director of the Helena-based National Institute on Money in State Politics.

"This is less about the details," he said, "but more about the optics."

Trump meets and tweets as Texas gov praises Harvey response

By HOPE YEN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump sought to showcase the federal government's response to Hurricane Harvey in a tweetstorm of his own, marveling over its size like a TV host and announcing a visit to Texas with the natural disaster only just beginning to take its catastrophic toll.

In a series of tweets Sunday Trump said his administration was handling its responsibilities well and, in a tangential aside, hawked a book on race and crime in America written by a supporter.

"Wow - Now experts are calling #Harvey a once in 500 year flood! We have an all out effort going, and going well!"

He later added: "Even experts have said they've never seen one like this!"

Harvey is the first major natural disaster of Trump's presidency and a significant test for a White House that is often chaotic and rife with infighting. Attention on Harvey from officials, the public and the news media also allows Trump to refocus after a turbulent stretch that included his widely criticized response to the white nationalist protests in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Trump, who spent most of the weekend at the presidential retreat at Camp David, Maryland, convened a Cabinet meeting by telephone Sunday which included Vice President Mike Pence. He tweeted a promise

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of a Texas visit "as soon as that trip can be made without causing disruption" — later announced by the White House as Tuesday.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott loaded heavy praise on Trump and the federal government, describing an "A-plus" effort.

"I've got to tell you, I give FEMA a grade of A+, all the way from the president down," Abbott said. "I've spoken to the president several times, to his Cabinet members, such as secretary of homeland security, such as the administrator of FEMA, such as Tom Price, the secretary of health and human services."

The devastating storm has dumped more than 2 feet of rain, sending thousands of people in Houston to rooftops for rescue and prompting a warning from Federal Emergency Management Agency director Brock Long of a "landmark event" that could require years to get damaged areas back on track.

"All across the board, from the White House to the federal administration to FEMA, they've been very helpful," Abbott said.

Harvey made landfall along the Gulf Coast on Friday night as a Category 4 storm near Corpus Christi, and moved northeast along the Texas coast over Houston. Abbott said he expected heavy rain "for days to come."

The governor commended Trump for being "extremely professional, very helpful" in moving quickly to grant his request Friday for an immediate disaster declaration, which triggers additional federal assistance to aggrieved areas.

Abbott said the focus was on rescue in the Houston area, citing multiple high-level vehicles sent in late Saturday night that were being manned by the National Guard, but that boats and helicopters will be available all across east Texas for swift water rescue. Still, in many areas, Houston officials were reporting flooding so widespread that rescuers were getting too many calls to respond to each one and had to prioritize life-and-death situations.

"We're measuring rain these days not in inches but in feet," Abbott said.

In his tweets, Trump praised Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator Brock Long for "doing a great job" and touted the "great coordination between agencies at all levels of government." He also tweeted Sunday morning about his Cabinet meeting to address Harvey. The Department of Homeland Security, which oversees FEMA, is currently without a secretary.

"Major rescue operations underway!" he wrote.

Trump's tweets had their oddities and non-sequiturs. He also addressed the North America Free Trade agreement, the need for a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border and tax cuts. Trump also found time to promote a book by Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, Sheriff David Clarke, a Trump supporter often on television discussing his conservative views of race, crime and law enforcement.

The White House released a summary of the Cabinet conference call, saying Trump "continued to stress his expectation that all departments and agencies stay fully committed to supporting the Governors of Texas and Louisiana and his number one priority of saving lives."

The Trump administration efforts seek to offer a contrast to President George W. Bush's response to Hurricane Katrina, which hit New Orleans in August 2005 and left more than 1,500 dead. The mismanaged response of Bush's FEMA administrator, Michael Brown, to that hurricane, as well as Bush's praise of Brown for doing a "heck of a job" in the immediate days after, dogged Bush for the rest of his presidency.

On Sunday, Long said FEMA is now "vastly different" than in 2005 and that he has the power he needs to mobilize forces and coordinate staffing. He said the agency was already preparing to handle the aftermath in Texas for the next couple of years.

"This disaster's going to be a landmark event," Long said. "While we're focused on the response right now and helping Texas respond, we're already pushing forward recovery housing teams, we're already pushing forward forces to be on the ground to implement national flood insurance program polices as well and doing the inspections that we need."

White House homeland security adviser Tom Bossert defended the early compliments between Trump and Abbott for the response to Harvey, citing the quick action to declare a disaster before landfall to get additional resources in place. But Bossert acknowledged the worst was yet to come, estimating "continued

rain, upwards of 30 inches.”

“I’ve been around dozens and dozens of major disasters and hurricanes, hundreds of disasters. I’ve never seen 30 inches of rain,” he said. “We’re going to posture ourselves for the long-term care of the medical needy, of the elderly, of the weak and then we’ll put ourselves in the position to provide the resources to rebuild and recover,” he said.

Abbott spoke on ABC’s “This Week” and “Fox News Sunday,” Long appeared on CNN’s “State of the Union” and NBC’s “Meet the Press,” and Bossert was on ABC and CBS’ “Face the Nation.”

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Houston convention center gives refuge to Harvey’s survivors

By **NOMAAN MERCHANT, Associated Press**

HOUSTON (AP) — Patricia Cain entered the George R. Brown Convention Center barefoot and carrying two oxygen tanks. The first was empty. The second was given to her by the Houston Fire Department after the U.S. Coast Guard rescued her from her flooded home.

She suffers from congestive heart failure, among other illnesses. Her son, William, and 9-year-old grandson were waiting for her inside. Both were barefoot as well.

“I live in a lake where there was once dry land,” William Cain said.

The Cains were among hundreds of people who arrived Sunday by boat, by bus, and by foot to Houston’s showcase convention center downtown, transformed by volunteers with few hours’ notice into a shelter as Harvey ravaged Houston.

Weary and carrying little more than what was in their pockets, they prepared for what could be several days inside the convention center. Many of the roads and major highways nearby were impassable. The American Red Cross was expanding the shelter by the hour as more people arrived, including dozens of volunteers and local residents who saw reports on the news or social media and brought bags of donations.

Inside a cavernous hall humming with the sound of hundreds of conversations, volunteers served food, handed out towels and set up tables with donated clothes for a long line of evacuees. Some people huddled around a projection screen showing television coverage of the storm. Others collected bowls of pasta with parmesan cheese and cups of black coffee.

A long line of people carrying blankets and pillows waited to enter a separate space in the convention center serving as the dormitory. Volunteers had set out around 1,300 cots and were quickly assembling more in anticipation of other evacuees arriving through the night. They have enough space and cots to house 5,000 people. Police officers and medics stood ready, though there were no reports of arrests or major incidents Sunday.

“We feel that we have the resources and the knowledge not to have this be anything but safe for families, children and others who need support and safety,” said U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Houston, who visited the shelter Sunday.

The American Red Cross mobilized at the convention center on a few hours’ notice, said Ken Sandy, a shelter manager. The city of Houston had publicly announced just two shelters Saturday night, as the worst of the rain that pelted Houston and surrounding Harris County began. One of the shelters had to close because it was too close to high water.

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner then announced Sunday morning that the convention center would become a shelter. A few hours later, the first group of evacuees arrived.

Most of the people at the shelter were African-American or Latino, and many of their stories reflected how Harvey affected low-income neighborhoods and the homeless.

Many were from the Clayton Homes, a public housing complex bounded on one side by an interstate highway and another by Buffalo Bayou, which flooded heavily along with all of Houston’s major waterways.

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Police used boats to evacuate many of the complex's residents and bring them to the convention center in pickup trucks.

D'Ona Spears and Brandon Polson walked with their five children, bags full of belongings, and their 7-year-old Chihuahua, Missy. They decided to leave once the water in the first story of their home reached their knees. Polson said the management at the complex wouldn't open a community building on site that had stayed dry as the apartments around it were flooding.

"As soon as you step out, a lot of cars are in the water," Spears said.

Alex Cantu Jr. rode out the storm underneath a bus shelter. Cantu, 50, said Sunday that he was waiting for a bus to the Salvation Army shelter where he lives, but buses were canceled. The flooding made it too dangerous for his brother to pick him up. So he and a few other people slept in the bus shelter.

"I was soaked cold," he said.

On Sunday morning, his brother told him he could go to the convention center, where he hoped to stay through the duration of the storm.

"I don't know how long they're going to let people stay," he said, a white towel draped around his shoulders. "My brother said it would be over Wednesday."

Several people told The Associated Press that in hindsight, they wished they had left Houston beforehand. Before Harvey hit, local officials pushed back against Texas Gov. Greg Abbott's suggestion that people in Houston should leave and did not order a voluntary or mandatory evacuation.

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner stood by that decision Sunday, saying an evacuation would have put many people on roads that eventually flooded and endangered more lives than having residents stay in their homes.

But Desiree Mallard disagreed. As she carried her nearly 2-year-old son in her arms and waited to enter the convention hall, Mallard said she saw on the news not to leave, and so she didn't.

She escaped her apartment by floating her son on an air mattress through floodwaters.

"I could have (left), if I would have known it was going to be this bad, but I didn't know," Mallard said. "And then when it got bad, they said, 'It's too late to evacuate.'"

Walking into the shelter holding his son's hand, William Cain gave a small laugh when a reporter asked if he wished he had evacuated.

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"If you think the situation right now is bad, and you give an order to evacuate, you are creating a nightmare," Turner said, citing the risks of sending the city's 2.3 million inhabitants onto the highways at the same time.

Jesse Gonzalez, and his son, also named Jesse, used their boat to rescue people from a southeast Houston neighborhood. Asked what he had seen, the younger Gonzalez replied: "A lot of people walking and a lot of dogs swimming."

"It's chest- to shoulder-deep out there in certain areas," he told television station KTRK as the pair grabbed a gasoline can to refill their boat.

The Coast Guard deployed five helicopters and asked for additional aircraft from New Orleans.

The White House announced that President Donald Trump would visit Texas on Tuesday. He met Sunday by teleconference with top administration officials to discuss federal support for response and recovery efforts.

The rescues unfolded a day after Harvey settled over the Texas coastline. The system weakened Saturday to a tropical storm.

On Sunday, it was virtually stationary about 25 miles (40 kilometers) northwest of Victoria, Texas, with maximum sustained winds of about 40 mph (72.42 kph), the hurricane center said.

Harvey was the fiercest hurricane to hit the U.S. in 13 years and the strongest to strike Texas since 1961's Hurricane Carla, the most powerful Texas hurricane on record.

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AP Sources: Expedia CEO Dara Khosrowshahi to lead Uber

By TOM KRISHER, AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) — Expedia CEO Dara Khosrowshahi has been named Uber's top executive, taking the difficult job of mending the dysfunctional ride-hailing giant and turning it from money-losing behemoth to a profitable company.

Uber's fractured eight-member board voted to hire Khosrowshahi late Sunday, capping three days of meetings and the withdrawal of once-top candidate Jeffery Immelt, former CEO and still chairman of General Electric, two people briefed on the decision said. They didn't want to be identified because the

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decision had not been officially announced as of Sunday night.

Khosrowshahi has been CEO of Expedia since August of 2015. The online booking site is one of the largest travel agencies in the world.

He will replace ousted CEO Travis Kalanick and faces the difficult task of changing Uber's culture that has included sexual harassment and allegations of deceit and corporate espionage. Uber also is losing millions every quarter as it continues to expand and invest in self-driving cars.

The company currently is being run by a 14-person group of managers and is without multiple top executive positions that will be filled by Khosrowshahi.

Khosrowshahi has served as a member of Expedia's board since it was spun off from IAC/InterActiveCorp. two years ago. An engineer who trained at Brown University, Khosrowshahi helped to expand IAC's travel brands which were combined into Expedia, the company's website says. He also serves on the boards of Fanatics Inc. and The New York Times Co.

He immediately will face troubles on many fronts, including having to deal with multiple board factions that had once pushed Immelt and Hewlett Packard Enterprise CEO Meg Whitman. Several factions of the board are suing each other.

Whitman, an investor in Uber, denied multiple times publicly that she was interested in the job. Although she spoke to some board members remotely Friday night, they could not guarantee an end to their infighting or that Kalanick would not become board chairman, said another person with knowledge of the board discussions. That person also didn't want to be identified because board discussions are supposed to be private.

Khosrowshahi also must bring together a messy culture that an outside law firm found was rampant with sexual harassment and bullying of employees. He also must deal with driver discontent, although Uber already has started to fix that by allowing riders to tip drivers through its app.

MTV VMAs full of emotional, political moments; Lamar wins 6

By MESFIN FEKADU, AP Music Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Kendrick Lamar was the king of the 2017 MTV Video Music Awards, winning six awards on a night full of emotional performances, political moments and a new, eye-popping Taylor Swift music video.

Lamar's "Humble" won video of the year, best hip-hop video, direction, cinematography, art direction and visual effects on Sunday at the Forum in Inglewood, California. He also gave an explosive performance of "Humble" and "DNA," backed by ninjas dancing near fire.

But the VMAs, hosted by a forgettable Katy Perry with performances by Miley Cyrus and Ed Sheeran, was tamer than most years, not relying on the shock value and wild antics of past shows. Instead, touching performances and powerful speeches took center stage.

Logic performed his inspirational song "1-800-273-8255," named after the phone number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. He was joined onstage with suicide attempt survivors as well as singers Alesia Cara (best dance video winner) and Khalid (best new artist winner). Lyrics from Logic's song include: "I don't wanna be alive/I just wanna die today" and "I want you to be alive/You don't got to die today."

Kesha introduced the performance and also offered words of encouragement: "As long as you don't give up on yourself, light will break through the darkness."

Pink was also emotional when she accepted the Michael Jackson Video Vanguard Award, telling the audience a story about her daughter, who was sitting in the crowd with her father Carey Hart. Pink said her daughter recently told her that "I'm the ugliest girl I know ... I look like a boy with long hair."

Pink said she then showed her 6-year-old daughter photos of performers such as Michael Jackson, David Bowie, Janis Joplin, George Michael, Elton John and Freddie Mercury.

"You are beautiful and I love you," Pink said to her daughter.

Rock singer and Oscar winner Jared Leto remembered Linkin Park's Chester Bennington, who hanged himself in July. Leto also mentioned Chris Cornell, who hanged himself in May.

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"I think about his band, who were really his brothers, and I remember his voice," Leto said of Bennington. "That voice will live forever."

"Hear me now, you are not alone. There is always a way forward. Reach out. Share your thoughts. Do not give up," Leto added.

The night also featured political moments focused on the Aug. 12 rally in Charlottesville, Virginia that turned violent after Nazis and white nationalists opposed to the city's plan to remove a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee clashed with counter protesters. Heather Heyer, 32, was killed when a car plowed into a crowd.

The Rev. Robert Wright Lee IV, a descendent of Gen. Lee, told the audience: "As a pastor it is my duty to speak out against racism, America's original sin."

Heyer's mother then entered the stage, telling the audience: "Only 15 days my ago, my daughter Heather was killed as she protested racism. I miss her but I know she's here tonight."

Bro announced The Heather Heyer Foundation, a nonprofit that will award scholarships and "help more people join Heather's fight against hatred."

Paris Jackson also spoke out against hatred.

"We must show these Nazi white supremacist jerks in Charlottesville, and all over the country, that as a nation with liberty as our slogan, we have zero tolerance for their violence and their hatred and their discrimination. We must resist," Michael Jackson's eldest daughter said before presenting an award.

Lamar's performance kicked off the three-hour show, followed by the premiere of Swift's video for "Look What You Made Me Do," which featured the singer dressed like a zombie in one scene and surrounded by slithering snakes in another. The video for the track, rumored to be a diss toward Kanye West, also featured Swift in a tub of diamonds, a cat mask, and a car that crashed (she was holding a Grammy). The clip ended with a dozen of Swifts — in memorable outfits she's worn in the past — symbolizing how the singer felt the media has portrayed her through the years.

Swift and Zayn, who didn't attend the show, won best collaboration for "I Don't Wanna Live Forever." Jack Antonoff and Sam Dew, who wrote the song with Swift, accepted the award.

Sheeran performed his hit, "Shape of You," and was later joined by rapper Lil Uzi Vert. Sheeran won artist of the year, a new award established after MTV eliminated gender categories like best male and female video.

"Thank you to all the fans," Sheeran said.

Fifth Harmony, who lost a group member last year and released their first album as a foursome last week, won best pop video for "Down." Ally Brooke and Dinah Jane of the group were in tears as they accepted the award alongside Normani Kordei, Lauren Jauregui and rapper Gucci Mane.

"This is honestly so unreal. Thank you to God and thank you to our families," Jane said.

Fifth Harmony started their performance standing on high platforms to sing "Angel," then falling backward like superheroes. They followed it with the upbeat "Down," taking a break from singing to perform intense choreography. Later, water rained on the four girls, who dropped their microphones at the end of the performance.

Lorde, who had the flu, danced throughout the performance of "Homemade Dynamite" instead of singing it, wearing a tin foil half dress, pants and sneakers.

Lamar's win for video of the year beat videos by Bruno Mars, DJ Khaled, the Weeknd and Cara. "Despacito," which was snubbed in the video of the year category, lost the only award it was nominated for: song of summer. Lil Uzi Vert's Top 10 hit, "XO Tour Life," won the prize.

Luis Fonsi and Daddy Yankee's international hit is the most viewed video on YouTube and currently No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart. MTV said Universal Music Latin Entertainment didn't submit the video, while the record label said they weren't asked to send in the clip.

Shawn Mendes, 30 Seconds to Mars, and Perry, with guest Nicki Minaj, performed during the show. Rod Stewart, DNCE and Demi Lovato sang remotely from Las Vegas.

Online:

<http://www.mtv.com/vma>

Trump prepares to lift limits on military gear for police

By SADIE GURMAN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration is preparing to restore the flow of surplus military equipment to local law enforcement agencies under a program that had been sharply curtailed amid an outcry over police use of armored vehicles and other war-fighting gear to confront protesters.

Documents obtained by The Associated Press indicate President Donald Trump plans to sign an executive order undoing an Obama administration directive that restricted police agencies' access to the gear that includes grenade launchers, bullet-proof vests, riot shields, firearms and ammunition.

Trump's order would fully restore the program under which "assets that would otherwise be scrapped can be repurposed to help state, local, and tribal law enforcement better protect public safety and reduce crime," according to the documents.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions could outline the changes during a Monday speech to the national conference of the Fraternal Order of Police in Nashville, Tennessee, a person familiar with the matter said. The person insisted on anonymity to discuss the plan ahead of an official announcement.

The changes would be another way in which Trump and Sessions are enacting a law-and-order agenda that views federal support of local police as a way to drive down violent crime.

National police organizations have long been pushing Trump to hold his promise to once again make the equipment available to local and state police departments, many of which see it as needed to ensure officers aren't put in danger when responding to active shooter calls and terrorist attacks. An armored vehicle played a key role in the police response to the December 2015 mass shooting in San Bernardino, California.

In 1990, Congress authorized the Pentagon to give surplus equipment to police to help fight drugs, which then gave way to the fight against terrorism.

Groups across the political spectrum have expressed concern about the militarization of police, arguing that the equipment encourages and escalates confrontations with officers. President Barack Obama issued an executive order in 2015 that severely limited the surplus program, partly triggered by public outrage over the use of military gear when during protests in Ferguson, Missouri, following the shooting death of 18-year-old Michael Brown. Police responded in riot gear and deployed tear gas, dogs and armored vehicles. At times they also pointed assault rifles at protesters.

Obama's order prohibited the federal government from providing grenade launchers, bayonets, tracked armored vehicles, weaponized aircraft and vehicles, and firearms and ammunition of .50-caliber or greater to police. As of December, the agency overseeing the program had recalled at least 100 grenade launchers, more than 1,600 bayonets and 126 tracked vehicles — those that run on continuous, tank-like tracks instead of wheels — that were provided through the program.

Trump vowed to rescind the executive order in a written response to a Fraternal Order of Police questionnaire that helped him win an endorsement from the organization of rank-and-file officers. He reiterated his promise during a gathering of police officers in July, saying the equipment still on the streets is being put to good use.

"In fact, that stuff is disappearing so fast we have none left," Trump said.

The NAACP Legal Defense Fund said in a statement Sunday night that it is "exceptionally dangerous and irresponsible" for the administration to lift the ban.

"Just a few summers ago, our nation watched as Ferguson raised the specter of increased police militarization. The law enforcement response there and in too many places across the country demonstrated how perilous, especially for Black and Brown communities, a militarized police force can be," the LDF said.

"The President's decision to make this change in the wake of the tragedy in Charlottesville and against a backdrop of frayed relations between police and communities of color further reflects this administration's now open effort to escalate racial tensions in our country," the organization said.

The documents, first reported by USA Today, say Trump's order would emphasize public safety over the

appearance of the heavily equipment. They describe much of the gear as “defensive in nature” intended to protect officers from danger.

The Justice Department declined to comment on the expected move.

Most police agencies rarely require military equipment for daily use but see a need to have it available, said Chuck Wexler, executive director of the Police Executive Research Forum.

“It is hard to imagine any situation where a grenade launcher or bayonet would be something that a major police department would need, but defensive shields and armored vehicles kept on reserve will be welcome,” he said.

Sessions has said he believes improving morale for local law enforcement is key to curbing spikes in violence in some cities. The plan to restore access to military equipment comes after Sessions has said he intends to pull back on court-enforceable improvement plans with troubled police departments, which he says can malign entire agencies and make officers less aggressive on the street. Consent decrees were a hallmark of the Obama administration’s efforts to overhaul certain agencies, sometimes after racially charged encounters like the one in Ferguson.

Sam Speights’ desperate effort to stay alive during Harvey

By FRANK BAJAK, Associated Press

ROCKPORT, Texas (AP) — Sam Speights takes medication for extreme anxiety and panic attacks.

But there’s no pill for a hurricane — especially when he ventured into it at the height of its fury.

“You don’t see the flying debris until it’s right in front of you,” said Speights. “You can’t see it coming.”

Emergency officials coordinating triage in the coastal city of Rockport, where Hurricane Harvey barreled into Texas, said they considered it almost miraculous that as of Sunday there was only one confirmed death from the area where the storm made landfall. Two deaths have been confirmed in the state.

Speights easily could have been a victim.

Unable to get a relative or friend to come and pick him up or to find a ride out — Speights doesn’t have a car — he hunkered down with his six dogs, a husky and five rat terriers, in his three-bedroom lime green trailer.

His wife and 15-year-old son had fled along with nearly everyone else on Ruby Allen Street, a line of trailer homes on a 10-foot rise three miles from the Gulf of Mexico.

The wiry 37-year-old with gold-capped teeth and deck-of-cards suits tattooed on his fingers made it through the storm’s first lashing Friday night. His world exploded, after the calm of the storm’s eye passed, in the fury of swirling, sustained 130 mph winds.

People who rode out Harvey in devastated Rockport, where emergency management spokesman Bill Terry estimated Sunday it would be three to four weeks before essential services could be restored, described how their houses felt like they were breathing.

Speights’ trailer was absolutely panting.

First the tin canopy tore off over the living room. Then the ceiling peeled up in his son’s room.

“I was sitting on my couch and it bounced up and down twice. That’s when I decided it was time to get out.”

He put the rat terriers — Tex, Rocky, Buck, Angel and Itty Bitty — in a room and looked out toward the street. “I said, ‘Oh God, I’m going to die.’”

He grabbed his husky, Nanook, and headed outside. The drainage ditch roiled with water. The storm surge was about 5 feet and had nearly filled it.

“I almost drowned in that creek,” said Speights, whose only light was his cellphone’s flashlight. “I was worried about a big wave coming and dragging me out to sea.”

He could barely see. Something hit him in his right shoulder, he recalled, rubbing it as he stood next to his neighbor’s toppled mobile home, its steel base twisted. Nearly every mobile home on the block was tossed, flattened or pierced and vacuumed by Harvey.

The wind was absolute confusion.

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"It was coming from every direction. It was circling around. It was hard to determine, to be honest."

First, Speights made for an open green corrugated steel vehicle shed and sheltered there until it started crumpling. Then he ran past another three houses to a concrete bunker-like structure his landlord had heavily reinforced with rebar. It was locked.

Next to it stood his landlord's pickup.

"I grabbed the door handle," he said. "Thank God it was unlocked."

"I got in there, locked all the doors, pushed down the emergency brake and rode it out until about 4:30 (in the morning.)"

That's when the carport ceiling began to curl. The pickup was vibrating, debris crashing along its sides. Tree limbs flew. He feared the truck's window would explode.

"I didn't want my head to get torn off," said Speights.

Scores of vehicle windows in Rockport — a city of 10,000 — shattered in the storm, including police cruisers parked downtown.

Speights jumped out and made for the concrete-block house adjacent.

"I just snuck into the back window and jumped in. That thing is solid."

He and Nanook, still at his side, were finally safe.

But Speights has lost everything he owns.

He bicycled three miles to the emergency management center in Rockport's center Sunday, where he was given emergency food rations and a cooking kit. He has no insurance. His wife works as a waitress and he, a former telephone sales representative, hasn't worked for about a decade.

Two Border Patrol agents, who along with state troopers, National Guard soldiers and others are assisting in recovery efforts, came by Speights' trailer Sunday afternoon to check on him and tell him authorities had a welfare check for him.

Of course there's no place open to cash it, no power, running water and other essential services.

"We're just a low-income family and this hurts," he said after they left, holding back a sob that later came when he squatted in his puddled backyard, surveying the roofless, wall-less back of his trailer, his rat terriers heaping on affection.

Speights spent Saturday night on his rain-sodden couch.

"It's disgusting. I wrapped it in plastic so I could sleep on it. I woke up smelling like mold."

He'd called his father in Austin but wasn't sure he'd be able to come get him.

Where did he and the dogs plan to sleep Sunday night?

"I don't have a clue."

Divers find remains of all missing from USS McCain collision

SINGAPORE (AP) — Divers have recovered the remains of all 10 sailors who went missing after the USS John S. McCain and an oil tanker collided near Singapore last week, the U.S. Navy said Monday.

Navy and Marine Corps divers had been searching in flooded compartments of the destroyer for days after the damaged ship docked in Singapore. The cause of the Aug. 21 collision is under investigation.

The crash ripped a gash in the McCain's hull, flooding crew berths and machinery and communications rooms.

The commander of the Navy's Japan-based 7th Fleet was fired last week after a series of accidents this year raised questions about its operations. The firing of Vice Adm. Joseph Aucoin, a three-star admiral, was a rare dismissal of a high-ranking officer for operational reasons.

The Navy also ordered an operational pause for its fleets worldwide to make sure all steps are being taken to ensure safe and effective operations. The Pacific Fleet will also carry out a ship-by-ship review of its vessels, looking at navigation, mechanical systems, bridge resource management and training.

The victims ranged in age from 20 to 39 years old and came from eight U.S. states:

— Charles Nathan Findley, 31, Electronics Technician 1st Class, from Amazonia, Missouri

— Abraham Lopez, 39, Interior Communications Electrician 1st Class, from El Paso, Texas

- Kevin Sayer Bushell, 26, Electronics Technician 2nd Class, from Gaithersburg, Maryland
- Jacob Daniel Drake, 21, Electronics Technician 2nd Class, from Cable, Ohio
- Timothy Thomas Eckels Jr., 23, Information Systems Technician 2nd Class, from Manchester, Maryland
- Corey George Ingram, 28, Information Systems Technician 2nd Class, from Poughkeepsie, New York
- Dustin Louis Doyon, 26, Electronics Technician 3rd Class, from Suffield, Connecticut
- John Henry Hoagland III, 20, Electronics Technician 3rd Class, from Killeen, Texas
- Logan Stephen Palmer, 23, Interior Communications Electrician 3rd Class, from Decatur, Illinois
- Kenneth Aaron Smith, 22, Electronics Technician 3rd Class, from Cherry Hill, New Jersey

Black-clad anarchists storm Berkeley rally, assaulting 5

By PAUL ELIAS and JOCELYN GECKER, Associated Press

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Black-clad anarchists on Sunday stormed into what had been a largely peaceful Berkeley protest against hate and attacked at least five people, including the leader of a politically conservative group who canceled an event a day earlier in San Francisco amid fears of violence.

The group of more than 100 hooded protesters, with shields emblazoned with the words “no hate” and waving a flag identifying themselves as anarchists, busted through police lines, avoiding security checks by officers to take away possible weapons. Then the anarchists blended with a crowd of 2,000 largely peaceful protesters who turned up to demonstrate in a “Rally Against Hate” opposed to a much smaller gathering of right-wing protesters.

Berkeley police chief Andrew Greenwood defended how police handled the protest, saying they made a strategic decision to let the anarchists enter to avoid more violence.

Greenwood said “the potential use of force became very problematic” given the thousands of peaceful protesters in the park. Once anarchists arrived, it was clear there would not be dueling protests between left and right so he ordered his officers out of the park and allowed the anarchists to march in.

There was “no need for a confrontation over a grass patch,” Greenwood said.

Among those assaulted was Joey Gibson, the leader of the Patriot Prayer group, which canceled a Saturday rally and was then prevented from holding a news conference when authorities closed off the public square Gibson planned to use. Gibson has denounced racism and said he launched Patriot Prayer after several supporters of President Donald Trump were beaten at a Trump campaign stop in San Jose, California, last year. Authorities nonetheless feared the group’s event could attract white nationalists, as it has in the past.

After the anarchists spotted Gibson at the Berkeley park, they pepper-sprayed him and chased him out as he backed away with his hands held in the air. Gibson rushed behind a line of police wearing riot gear, who set off a smoke bomb to drive away the anarchists.

Separately, groups of hooded, black-clad protesters attacked at least four other men in or near the park, kicking and punching them until the assaults were stopped by police. The assaults were witnessed by an Associated Press reporter.

Police in the San Francisco area have been braced for violence and trying to prevent protests that draw left-wing and right-wing opponents since the deadly confrontation in Charlottesville, Virginia, on Aug. 12 that occurred during a rally of white supremacists.

Berkeley authorities did not issue a permit for Sunday’s gathering of right-wing protesters. Berkeley Mayor Jesse Arreguin had urged counterprotesters to stay away from Civic Center Park.

The right-wing event had been canceled by organizer Amber Cummings, who encouraged supporters to stay away but said she would attend on her own.

By mid-afternoon Cummings had not appeared and left-wing protesters far outnumbered right-wing supporters.

Earlier in the day, police had set up barricades around park and checked people who entered to make sure they did not have prohibited items like baseball bats, dogs, skateboards and scarves or bandanas

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they could use to cover their faces.

Officers arrested 13 people, most for having prohibited items, Greenwood said.

At one point, an anti-rally protester denounced a Latino man holding a "God Bless Donald Trump" sign. "You are an immigrant," Karla Fonseca said. "You should be ashamed of yourself."

Several other people also yelled at the man, who said he was born in Mexico but supports Trump's proposal to build a wall along the southern border.

Police pulled one supporter of President Donald Trump out of the park over a wall by his shirt as a crowd of about two dozen counter-demonstrators surrounded him and chanted "Nazi go home" and pushed him toward the edge of the park. At least two people were detained by officers for wearing bandannas covering their faces.

Anti-rally protesters chanted slogans "No Trump. No KKK. No fascist USA" and carried signs that said: "Berkeley Stands United Against Hate."

A separate group of counterprotesters had assembled earlier Sunday at the nearby University of California, Berkeley campus and then marched park to merge with the anti-rally protesters who had already gathered there.

Both Cummings and Gibson have disavowed racism and say they wanted to hold the rallies to bring conservative voices to the liberal San Francisco Bay Area.

Student activism was born during the 1960s free-speech movement at Berkeley, when thousands of students at the university mobilized to demand that the school drop its ban on political activism.

However, the violence in Charlottesville led San Francisco area police and civil leaders to rethink their response to protests.

Associated Press writers Terry Chea and Marcio Sanchez in Berkeley contributed to this report.

Local leaders say 1,000 dead from Sierra Leone mudslides

By CLARENCE ROY-MACAULAY, Associated Press

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone (AP) — More than 1,000 people have died from the mudslide and flood that hit Sierra Leone's capital nearly two weeks ago, a local leader and a minister said Sunday during services honoring the disaster's victims.

The government had earlier put the death toll for the Aug. 14 mudslide at 450 dead, while rescuers and aid groups warned that many of the more than 600 people missing would likely not survive.

"Over 1,000 perished in the mudslide and flood disaster, and we will never know the exact number now," Elenoroh Jokomie Metzger, the head of the women of Regent, said. Regent is an area on the outskirts of Sierra Leone's capital, Freetown, where the mudslide hit.

Hundreds of burials have taken place, while rescue and recovery efforts have continued through rain that could bring fresh tragedy due to unsafe housing conditions.

Reverend Bishop Emeritus Arnold Temple, who delivered the Sunday sermon at a Methodist church near Regent, said an accurate count was important for accountability.

"It may well be over 1,000 Sierra Leoneans we are mourning now. But why should about 1,000 of our compatriots' lives end tragically like this?" Temple said. "Who should we really blame? We are bound at a point in the blame game to attribute the blame so that corrective measures can be put in place so that never again should we allow this to happen."

First lady Sia Koroma, wife of President Ernest Bai Koroma, also spoke during the ceremonies.

"I stand here with a heavy heart. We have been through many calamities in our country," she said. "We should all do self-examination and learn to be obedient to man-made laws, especially when the government plans to take action for the development of the country."

Thousands of people living in areas at risk during heavy rains have been evacuated. Aid groups are delivering supplies and helping provide clean water to prevent a health crisis.

Some critics accuse Sierra Leone's government of failing to learn from past disasters in Freetown, where

many poor areas are near sea level and lack good drainage. The capital is also plagued by unregulated construction on its hillsides.

8 mountain climbers die in 3 accidents in Europe's Alps

By KIRSTEN GRIESHABER, Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Eight mountain climbers have died in three different accidents this weekend in the Austrian and Italian Alps.

The Austrian Red Cross said five mountain climbers died Sunday in the Austrian Alps in Wildgerlostal on Mount Gabler, east of Innsbruck, and a sixth climber was severely injured, the Austrian news agency APA reported.

The group of six men from Altoetting in the southern German state of Bavaria was roped together when they fell in a very remote area of the mountain at an altitude of about 2,000 meters (6,562 feet.) The lone survivor was taken by helicopter to a hospital in Salzburg and is in stable condition, public broadcaster ORF reported.

Apparently one member of the group slipped and fell on a glacier, bringing the others down with him, the head of the rescue teams, Martin Reichholf, said. The group fell down 200 meters (yards) on a steep slope covered with ice and debris.

German news agency dpa reported the ages of the climbers who died as 34, 56, 65, 69 and 70. It said the survivor is 75 years old. None of the climbers was named in keeping with German privacy law.

Three Italian mountain climbers also died this weekend, two of them on Sunday after falling into a crevasse in the Italian Alps. The Italian news agency ANSA said one of the crevasse victims was rescued in grave condition, but later died.

The accident involved a group of nine mountaineers roped together while climbing on a glacier in Adamello Brenta Park near Trento in northern Italy. All of the climbers, including two 13-year olds, were injured, ANSA reported.

The group was believed to be made up of two families from northern Italy. What caused the two to fall wasn't immediately known, ANSA said.

Another Italian climber died Saturday after being hit by boulders in the Valtellina Alpine area, further west near the border with Switzerland.

Frances D'Emilio in Rome contributed reporting.

German woman dies, raises death toll to 16 in Spain attacks

MADRID (AP) — A 51-year-old German woman died Sunday from injuries suffered in the Aug. 17 vehicle attack in Barcelona, raising the overall death toll in Spain's recent attacks to 16, health officials in Catalonia said.

The woman died in the intensive care unit of Barcelona's Hospital del Mar, according to the regional health department.

The latest death raises the toll to 14 in the van attack in Barcelona's popular Las Ramblas boulevard. Another man was stabbed to death in a carjacking that night as the van driver made his getaway, and another woman died in an Aug. 18 vehicle-and-knife attack in the nearby coastal town of Cambrils.

More than 120 people were wounded in the attacks. Authorities say 24 remain hospitalized, five of them in critical condition.

On Saturday, an estimated 500,000 peace marchers flooded the heart of Barcelona shouting "I'm not afraid" — a public rejection of violence following extremist attacks, Spain's deadliest in more than a decade.

Emergency workers, taxis drivers, police and ordinary citizens who helped immediately after the Las Ramblas attack led the march. They carried a street-wide banner with black capital letters reading "No Tinc Por," which means "I'm not afraid" in the local Catalan language.

The phrase has grown from a spontaneous civic answer to violence into a slogan that Spain's entire

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political class has unanimously embraced.

Spain's central, regional and local authorities tried to send an image of unity Saturday by walking behind the emergency workers, despite earlier criticism that national and regional authorities had not shared information about the attackers well enough with each other.

In a first for a Spanish monarch, King Felipe VI joined a public demonstration, walking in Barcelona along with Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy and other officials. A separate anti-violence rally was held in the northern town of Ripoll, home to many of the attackers.

Eight suspects in the attacks are dead, two are jailed under preliminary charges of terrorism and homicide and two more were freed by a judge but will remain under investigation.

Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Monday, Aug. 28, the 240th day of 2017. There are 125 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 28, 1917, ten suffragists demanding that President Woodrow Wilson support a constitutional amendment guaranteeing women the right to vote were arrested as they picketed outside the White House.

On this date:

In 1609, English sea explorer Henry Hudson and his ship, the Half Moon, reached present-day Delaware Bay.

In 1862, the Second Battle of Bull Run (also known as Second Manassas) began in Prince William County, Virginia, during the Civil War; the result was a Confederate victory.

In 1916, Italy declared war on Germany during World War I.

In 1922, the first-ever radio commercial aired on station WEAJ in New York City; the 10-minute advertisement was for the Queensboro Realty Co., which had paid a fee of \$100.

In 1947, legendary bullfighter Manolete (man-oh-LEH'-tay) was fatally gored during a fight in Linares, Spain; he died early the next day at age 30.

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

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

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

In 1972, Mark Spitz of the United States won the first two of his seven gold medals at the Munich Olympics, finishing first in the 200-meter butterfly and anchoring the 400-meter freestyle relay. The Soviet women gymnasts won the team all-around.

In 1987, a fire damaged the Arcadia, Florida, home of Ricky, Robert and Randy Ray, three hemophiliac brothers infected with AIDS whose court-ordered school attendance had sparked a local uproar. Academy Award-winning movie director John Huston died in Middletown, Rhode Island, at age 81.

In 1988, 70 people were killed when three Italian stunt planes collided during an air show at the U.S. Air Base in Ramstein (RAHM'-shtyn), West Germany.

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

Ten years ago: After reports surfaced of his June arrest at the Minneapolis airport, Senator Larry Craig, R-Idaho, told a news conference the only thing he'd done wrong was to plead guilty to disorderly conduct after a police complaint of lewd conduct in a men's room; Craig also declared, "I am not gay. I never have been gay." A military court at Fort Meade, Maryland, acquitted Army Lt. Col. Steven L. Jordan of failing

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to control U.S. soldiers who'd abused detainees at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq, but found him guilty of disobeying an order not to discuss the investigation. (That conviction was later thrown out.) Oscar-winning actress Miyoshi Umeki died in Licking, Missouri, at age 78.

Five years ago: Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney swept to the Republican presidential nomination at a storm-delayed national convention in Tampa, Florida. Hurricane Isaac spun into the southern Louisiana coast, sending floodwaters surging and unleashing fierce winds, as residents hunkered down behind boarded-up windows.

One year ago: Six scientists completed a yearlong Mars simulation in Hawaii, where they emerged after living in a dome in near isolation on a Mauna Loa mountain. Ryan Harlost led Endwell, New York, to the Little League World Series title, striking out eight and limiting South Korea to five hits in six innings in a 2-1 victory. Beyonce received eight honors at the MTV Video Music Awards in New York. Juan Gabriel, a superstar Mexican songwriter and singer who was an icon in the Latin music world, died at his home in California at age 66.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Sonny Shroyer is 82. Actor Ken Jenkins is 77. Former Defense Secretary William S. Cohen is 77. Actor David Soul is 74. Former pop singer-musician Honey Lantree (The Honeycombs) is 74. Former MLB manager and player Lou Piniella is 74. Actress Barbara Bach is 71. Actress Debra Mooney is 70. Singer Wayne Osmond (The Osmonds) is 66. Actor Daniel Stern is 60. Olympic gold medal figure skater Scott Hamilton is 59. Actor John Allen Nelson is 58. Actress Emma Samms is 57. Actress Jennifer Coolidge is 56. Movie director David Fincher is 55. Actress Amanda Tapping is 52. Country singer Shania (shah-NY'-uh) Twain is 52. Actor Billy Boyd is 49. Actor Jack Black is 48. Actor Jason Priestley is 48. Actor Daniel Goddard (TV: "The Young and the Restless") is 46. Olympic gold medal swimmer Janet Evans is 46. Actor J. August Richards is 44. Rock singer-musician Max Collins (Eve 6) is 39. Actress Carly Pope is 37. Country singer Jake Owen is 36. Country singer LeAnn Rimes is 35. Actress Kelly Thiebaud is 35. Actor Alfonso Herrera is 34. Actress Sarah Roemer is 33. Actor Armie Hammer is 31. Rock singer Florence Welch (Florence and the Machine) is 31. Actress Shalita Grant is 29. Country-pop singer Cassadee Pope (TV: "The Voice") is 28. Actress Katie Findlay is 27. Actor/singer Samuel Larsen is 26. Actor Kyle Massey is 26. Actress Quvenzhané (kwuh-VEHN'-zhah-nay) Wallis is 14. Reality TV star Alana Thompson, AKA "Honey Boo Boo," is 12.

Thought for Today: "The essence of immorality is the tendency to make an exception of one's self." — Jane Addams, American social worker and Nobel Peace laureate (1860-1935).