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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.

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**Senior Menu:** Goulash, corn, apple crisp, whole wheat bread.

8 a.m.: Faculty In-Service

4 p.m.: Cross Country at Redfield

6 p.m.: Volleyball at Redfield

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

**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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Chicken Soup  
for the Soul



Being the best  
that you can be  
is possible only  
if your desire to  
be a champion is  
**GREATER**  
than your fear  
of failure.  
-Sammy Lee



## The Life of Glen A. Strom

Born June 1, 1925  
Died August 17, 2017

As a math teacher in the Osseo and Elmore school districts, Glen Strom inspired thousands of students to overcome challenges and reach their goals. He took pride in the fact that the practical skills they learned in his classroom would serve them throughout their lives.

Glen was born to Charles and Hulda Strom in Groton, SD, on June 1, 1925. He married Carole J. Berget on May 29, 1945, before his two-years of service in the U.S. Army. The couple farmed in the Groton and Stratford, SD, area from 1948-1957, until Glen decided to pursue a degree in math/industrial arts at Northern State College in Aberdeen, SD, and followed it with a Master's in math from Mankato State University.

His teaching career spanned 30 years.

The family made their home in Osseo, MN, where Glen also used his number skills as the longtime treasurer for Osseo United Methodist Church. Glen and Carole enjoyed spending time with family, reading, gardening, walking, and traveling. Carole died in 1996, after 51 years of marriage. Glen married Dianne Rude in 1997 and the snowbirds enjoyed many winters in Haines City, FL.

Glen and Carole's children are Patricia (Jerry Lutgen) Smith, Foley, MN; Robert (Kay), Monticello, MN; Alice (Roger) Tanghe, Owens Cross Roads, AL; Peggy (Pete) Vagovich, Fridley, MN. His grandchildren are Ron (Emily) Smith, Joseph LaBounty (deceased), and Kelly (Brandon) Williams. Glen also has six great-grandchildren, Tiffany, Shelby, Matthew, and Abigail Smith, and Annika and Edie Williams.

Glen is survived by wife Dianne, sister-in-law Al Jean, Brooklyn Park, MN; sister Doris Zoellner, sister-in-law Doris Strom; both of Groton, SD. He is preceded in death by his parents and siblings Carl (Ethel), Alice (Bill) Weith, Clarence (Tillie), Donald Strom, Marvin, Lorraine (August) Bartz, Lloyd, and half-brothers Elmer, Paul, Emanuel, Raymond, and Howard.

We want to thank the wonderful staff at Lyngblomsten Care Center for Dad's excellent care.

Glen's service will be held at the Lyngblomsten Care Center Chapel, 1415 Almond Ave, St. Paul, MN. Service will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 10:00 AM. Street parking may be necessary.

Memorials may be sent to Patricia Smith, Box 481, Foley, MN 56329. Family will donate memorials to Parkinson's research and/or patient support.

## Death Notice: Donald Strom

Strom, Donald M., age 88, of Brooklyn Park, Minn., passed away August 27, 2017. He is survived by his wife, Al-Jean; son, Dan (Candy) Strom; daughter, Deborah (Tim) Page; 7 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. A service of celebration will be held at 1 PM Wednesday, September 6, 2017, at Evans-Nordby Funeral Home, 6000 Brooklyn Blvd., Brooklyn Center, with visitation 1 hour prior to the service.

## Help Wanted

Full- or part-time for the following positions: Healthcare workers for Nurse's-RN or LPN, and Nursing Assistants, Dietary Cook and assistant, and Housekeeper. (12 hour shifts/rotating weekends for nurses and C.N.A.s)

Contact Jessica Lindskov or Nellie Peterson at 605-397-2365 or apply in person.

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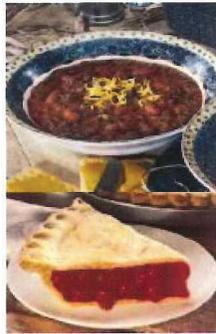
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**Soup, Pie,  
& Sandwich  
\$2.00 per item**

**St. John's Lutheran Church  
Groton, SD  
Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**

**11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.  
Craft Items - Baked Goodies -  
Garden Produce**

**Soups available:  
Chili, Wild Rice,  
Potato, Ham & Bean**

**For take-out orders, please call  
397-2386 at 10:30 a.m. or after.**

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## Harvey Drives Up Gas Prices Nationwide

August 28, 2017 - As Hurricane Harvey blasted Texas, gas prices shot up across the country. At \$2.37, today's national gas price average is four cents more expensive on the week and one of the largest one-week national gas prices surge seen this summer. South Dakota's statewide average is one cent over last week at \$2.37.

### Current price averages per gallon of regular gasoline

Sioux Falls – \$2.27, up 1 cent from one week ago ... up 7 cents since 8/28/16

Rapid City – \$2.38, same as one week ago ... up 1 cent since 8/28/16

South Dakota – \$2.37, up 1 cent from one week ago ... up 7 cents since 8/28/16

U.S. – \$2.37, up 4 cents from one week ago ... up 16 cents since 8/28/16

About one quarter of oil refining capacity in the Gulf Coast had been taken offline, according to forecasts by Oil Price Information Service (OPIS). That equates to about 2.5 million b/d.

"No doubt, Harvey has impacted operations and access to refineries in the Gulf Coast. However a clear understanding of overall damage at the refineries is unknown," said Marilyn Buskohl, AAA South Dakota spokesperson. "Despite the country's overall oil and gasoline inventories being at or above 5-year highs, until there is clear picture of damage and an idea when refineries can return to full operational status, gas prices will continue to increase."

Harvey is expected to continue to impact the region through the middle of the week with an additional 15 – 25 inches of rain expected over the middle and upper Texas coast through Friday.

### Quick Stats

The nation's largest weekly changes are: Indiana (+11 cents), Ohio (+9 cents), Florida (+7 cents), Michigan (+7 cents), Illinois (+6 cents), Washington (+6 cents), Georgia (+5 cents), South Carolina (+5 cents), Washington, D.C. (+4 cents) and Texas (+4 cents).

The nation's top ten least expensive markets are: South Carolina (\$2.11), Alabama (\$2.12), Arkansas (\$2.12), Mississippi (\$2.12), Oklahoma (\$2.13), Missouri (\$2.14), Virginia (\$2.15), Louisiana (\$2.16), Tennessee (\$2.16) and Texas (\$2.17).

### Our Midwest Region

A flip-flop from last week's trend of cheaper gas prices, the bulk of the region is selling gas that is more expensive this week, except for Missouri (-1 cent). Four Great Lakes and Central states saw the country's largest increases in gas prices on the week: Indiana (+11 cents), Ohio (+9 cents), Michigan (+7 cents) and Illinois (+6 cents).

The price increases come as gasoline inventory also increases with a 1.3 million bbl build. Sitting at 52.7 million bbl of gasoline inventory and given its proximity to the Gulf Coast, the Great Lakes and Central states region could be tapped to help alleviate the tightness of supplies in Texas and surrounding areas caused by Harvey.

### Oil Market Dynamics

At the end of last week, the price per barrel of West Texas Intermediate remained below \$50 – settling at \$47.87. On Monday morning, prices began to fall as news of refinery closings due to Tropical Storm Harvey began to influence the market. Refinery closings signal that less oil will likely be consumed as catastrophic flooding persists in the region, and assessments of damage to energy infrastructure assets are stalled until conditions improve. All of this uncertainty has made the market jittery.

It is still too soon for the market to know how badly damaged energy infrastructure is from the storm, but the coming days will offer more insight into how long recovery and restoration may take. Demand shifts based on the storm and countermeasures the market will take to meet a new supply and demand landscape will also be evaluated.

Motorists can find current gas prices along their route with the free AAA Mobile app for iPhone, iPad, and Android. The app can also be used to map a route, find discounts, book a hotel, and access AAA roadside assistance. Learn more at [AAA.com/mobile](http://AAA.com/mobile).

## Deer Camp Available for First Time Youth Deer Hunters

PRESHO, S.D. – Ten first-time deer hunters will have the opportunity to participate in a managed youth deer hunt and camp on Sept. 23-24 at the Snake Den Lodge in Presho.

The Lyman, Jones and Tripp county Pheasants Forever chapters in partnership with the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) are hosting a free event that is open to first-time youth deer hunters between the ages of 10 and 15. Participants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Participants will learn how to select the best ammunition and firearm for deer hunting, improve shooting and firearm safety, sight in a firearm, field dress and properly care for meat. The youth hunters will be provided three meals, snacks, lodging, deer licenses, guns, ammunition, safety equipment, transportation to and from hunting, binoculars and assistance with field processing.

"This youth hunt is built for kids who don't have the opportunity to hunt or who have never hunted," said Lyman/Jones County conservation officer Spencer Downey. "We want to teach the kids about safety, survival and being in the outdoors; all while taking part in one of our state's most popular pastimes. It's an experience they'll remember forever."

Each hunter will be paired with a knowledgeable and experienced guide. Participation is limited to ten hunters. Applicants will be selected based on application responses. Successful applicants are required to attend a pre-hunt orientation meeting on the morning of Sept. 23. Hunting will take place on Presho-area farms on Sept. 23-24.

For more information and to apply for this opportunity, contact Spencer Downey at 605.730.0774 or [Spencer.Downey@state.sd.us](mailto:Spencer.Downey@state.sd.us). Application deadline is Sept. 8.

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## Archery Training in South Dakota Schools Continues to Grow

PIERRE, S.D. - The National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP), sponsored by South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP), currently has 293 schools trained in the program with approximately 20,000 students participating each year. GFP hosts an eight-hour safety and proficiency training for educators free of cost.

Upon completion of the training, educators are eligible to receive free archery equipment to conduct the program in their school. Schools with trained instructors can send students to state NASP tournaments. Over 600 students registered for the tournaments this past year.

"Studies have shown that 70 percent of participants in NASP are shooting a bow and arrow for the first time," said Patrick Klotzbach, NASP coordinator for South Dakota. "GFP is excited that these students are getting a safe introduction to the shooting sports."

"The kids in NASP are learning a life skill," said Klotzbach. "We hope that these young people enjoy archery for years to come."

NASP was created to provide archery opportunities to 4th through 12th grade students within an existing in-school curriculum. The program is available to all public, private and home school organizations.

For more information on NASP trainings or to register for training, contact [outdoorprogramming@gmail.com](mailto:outdoorprogramming@gmail.com) or call 605.220.2130.

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## GFP Celebrates Labor Day Weekend

PIERRE, S.D. –South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) is extending an invitation to observe the unofficial end of summer by participating in Labor Day Weekend activities.

The South Dakota State Fair in Huron will run from Thursday, Aug. 31, through Monday, Sept. 4, with Channel Seeds preview night on Wednesday, Aug. 30. This year's theme is "Seriously Twisted Fun." GFP staff will be at the fair and available to answer questions from Thursday to Monday.

South Dakota state parks will host a variety of programs this Labor Day weekend. GFP staff want individuals to soak in the last of summer by learning new skills, tagging a monarch or building a sandcastle.

## September 2

Badger Clark Celebration, Custer State Park. Info: 605.255.4515

Survival Weekend, Newton Hills State Park, Canton. Info:605.987.2263

Monarch Butterfly Tagging, Good Earth State Park, Sioux Falls. 2 p.m. CT. Info:605.213.1036

Monarch Butterflies, Palisades State Park, Garretson. 2 p.m. CT. Info:605.594.3824

Labor Day Campsite Decorating Contest, Oakwood Lakes State Park, Bruce. 4 p.m. CDT. Info: 605.627.5441

Southern Hills Triathlon, Angostura Recreation Area, Hot Springs.7 a.m. MT. Info: 605.745.6996

## September 3

Farewell to Summer Beach Party, Lewis and Clark Recreation Area, Yankton. 2 p.m. CT. Info:605.668.2985

For more information on GFP, please visit [gfp.sd.gov](http://gfp.sd.gov) or call 605.773.3391. To learn about park programs in your area, contact a local state park office.

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## State Parks Camping Available Year-Round

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) is reminding campers that the end of the summer doesn't mean the end of camping at South Dakota state parks.

"The changing seasons provide another memorable opportunity to visit and use our state parks," said state park director Katie Ceroll. "While beach traffic may be slowed down, fall colors and crisp weather make hiking opportunities exceptional. Cabins and lodges make great fall accommodations."

Campsite reservations for the South Dakota state parks are taken throughout the year and can be made as late as the day of arrival. Cabin and Lodge reservations must be made at least two days before arrival. Any sites not reserved are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Additionally, campsites and cabins at Custer State Park can be reserved up to one year in advance. At all other parks, reservations for campsites and cabins can be made as much as 90 days prior to arrival.

Group campsites located at Custer State Park and Lewis and Clark Recreation Area can also be booked one year in advance. Group lodges that can be reserved one year ahead of time include:

Lake Thompson Recreation Area near Lake Preston

Mina Lake Recreation Area near Aberdeen

Newton Hills State Park near Canton

Oahe Downstream Recreation Area near Fort Pierre

Palisades State Park near Garretson

Shadehill Recreation Area near Lemmon

Sheps Canyon Recreation Area on Angostura Reservoir near Hot Springs

Camping reservations can be made online at [campsd.com](http://campsd.com) or by calling 1.800.710.2267.

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### **Scam Awareness**

Social Security is committed to protecting the information and resources entrusted to us, including your personal information and investment. However, scam artists might try to trick you into sharing your personal information or money. We're here to help you identify and report these kinds of schemes.

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) has a new web page, <https://oig.ssa.gov/newsroom/scam-awareness>, with tips on how to protect yourself from theft schemes, how to report scams, and recent fraud advisories. This is in response to an ongoing phone scheme, where individuals receive a call with a recorded message claiming to be from the OIG.

The message states the individual's Social Security account, Social Security number, and/or benefits are suspended, and that they should call a non-Social Security phone number to resolve the issue. When the individual calls this number, an unknown person pressures them into providing money or gift cards to resolve a fabricated issue, such as a warrant for the individuals' arrest. Social Security does not solicit your personal information over the phone or by email, or request advance fees for services in the form of wire transfers or gift cards. If anyone pressures you to provide personal information or money over the phone, just hang up.

If you suspect fraud, report it to the OIG by visiting <http://oig.ssa.gov/report> or by calling the Fraud Hotline at 1-800-269-0271.

For more than 80 years, Social Security has secured today and tomorrow by protecting what's important to you. You can learn more about the tools we use to identify, prevent, and fight fraud at <https://www.ssa.gov/antifraudfacts/>.

## High School Activities bring communities together

By Bob Gardner, Executive Director of the National Federation of State High School Associations and Dr. Daniel Swartos, Executive Director of the South Dakota High School Activities Association.

Tailgates. Pep rallies. Friday night lights. The new school year is here! And that's exciting news for student-athletes and high school sports fans alike.

Research shows that being a student-athlete is about a lot more than fun and games. It teaches important life lessons, too. In fact, high school athletes not only have higher grade point averages and fewer school absences than non-athletes, they also develop the kind of work habits and self-discipline skills that help them become more responsible and productive community members.

Attending high school sporting events teaches important life lessons, too.

Among them, it teaches that we can live in different communities, come from different backgrounds, faiths and cultures, cheer for different teams, and still have a common bond.

That's why attending the activities hosted by your high school this fall is so important. It's not only an opportunity to cheer for your hometown team, it is also an opportunity to celebrate our commonality. And that's something our country needs right now.

The bond we share is mutually supporting the teenagers in our respective communities. We applaud their persistence, tenacity, preparation and hard work, regardless of the color of the uniform they wear. We acknowledge that education-based, high school sports are enhancing their lives, and ours, in ways that few other activities could. And we agree that, regardless of what side of the field we sit on, attending a high school sporting event is an uplifting, enriching, family-friendly experience for all of us.

Many of the high schools in our state lie at the heart of the communities they serve. They not only are educating our next generation of leaders, they also are a place where we congregate, where people from every corner of town and all walks of life come together as one. And at no time is this unity more evident than during a high school athletic event.

This is the beginning of a new school year. Opportunities abound in the classroom and outside it. Let's make the most of them by attending as many athletic events at the high school in our community as possible.

Turn on the lights, and let the games begin!

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## Fliehs has Yard of the Week

The yard of Janice Fliehs at 1312 N Sixth St., Groton, was chosen as last week's Yard of the Week by the members of the Groton Garden Club.

Janice Fliehs is enjoying her water fountain, which had not been working the early part of the summer. She, with the help of her family, cares for the residential yard in Groton and also has a flower and vegetable garden on the family farm near Claremont. She said that she loves it when the great-grandchildren come to help with the big project being the planting of potatoes in early spring. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The Monarch butterflies are making their flight south, going through the Groton area. Here several butterflies are resting on of of Janice Fliehs' flowers. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

## Today in Weather History

August 29, 1983: A devastating hail storm struck portions of central South Dakota. In a small portion of Faulk County, hail pounded the area for two straight hours. At times, the hail was the size of baseballs. Of course, this incredible hailstorm devastated crops in the area and took out windows in area buildings. In one home, the windows were shattered, the curtains shredded, and glass shards and water ruined much of the upper floor. On some houses, the paint was peeled off by the continual pounding of the hail. Also funnel clouds were reported just east of Lake City, and near Langford and Veblen in Marshall County. In Veblen, a pole barn was blown over and shingles torn off. A coal shed was destroyed, a semi-trailer was blown over, and two grain augers were damaged due to high winds.

August 29, 1993: A severe thunderstorm hit Groton with hail, damaging lightning, and 3.43 inches of rain which flooded some basements. At the high school, lightning spits a 30-foot chimney which fell through a large skylight and sections of the roof.

1960: The storm that would become Hurricane Donna forms near Cape Verde off the African coast. It would go on to cause 150 deaths from Puerto Rico to New England over the next two weeks. Click [HERE](#) for more information from the History Channel.

1962 - Hackberry, LA, was deluged with twenty-two inches of rain in 24 hours, establishing a state record. (The Weather Channel)

1965 - A national record for the month of August was established when 2.5 inches of snow fell atop Mount Washington NH. Temperatures in New England dipped to 39 degrees at Nantucket MA, and to 25 degrees in Vermont. For many location it was the earliest freeze of record. (David Ludlum)

1987 - Some of the most powerful thunderstorms in several years developed over the piedmont of North Carolina, and marched across central sections of the state during the late afternoon and evening hours. Baseball size hail was reported around Albemarle, while thunderstorm winds downed giant trees around High Falls. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Cool air invaded the north central U.S. Ten cities reported record low temperatures for the date, including Bismarck ND with a reading of 33 degrees. Deerfield, a small town in the Black Hills of South Dakota, reported a low of 23 degrees. The remnants of Tropical Storm Chris drenched eastern Pennsylvania with up to five and a half inches of rain, and produced high winds which gusted to 90 mph, severely damaging a hundred boats in Anne Arundel County MD. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

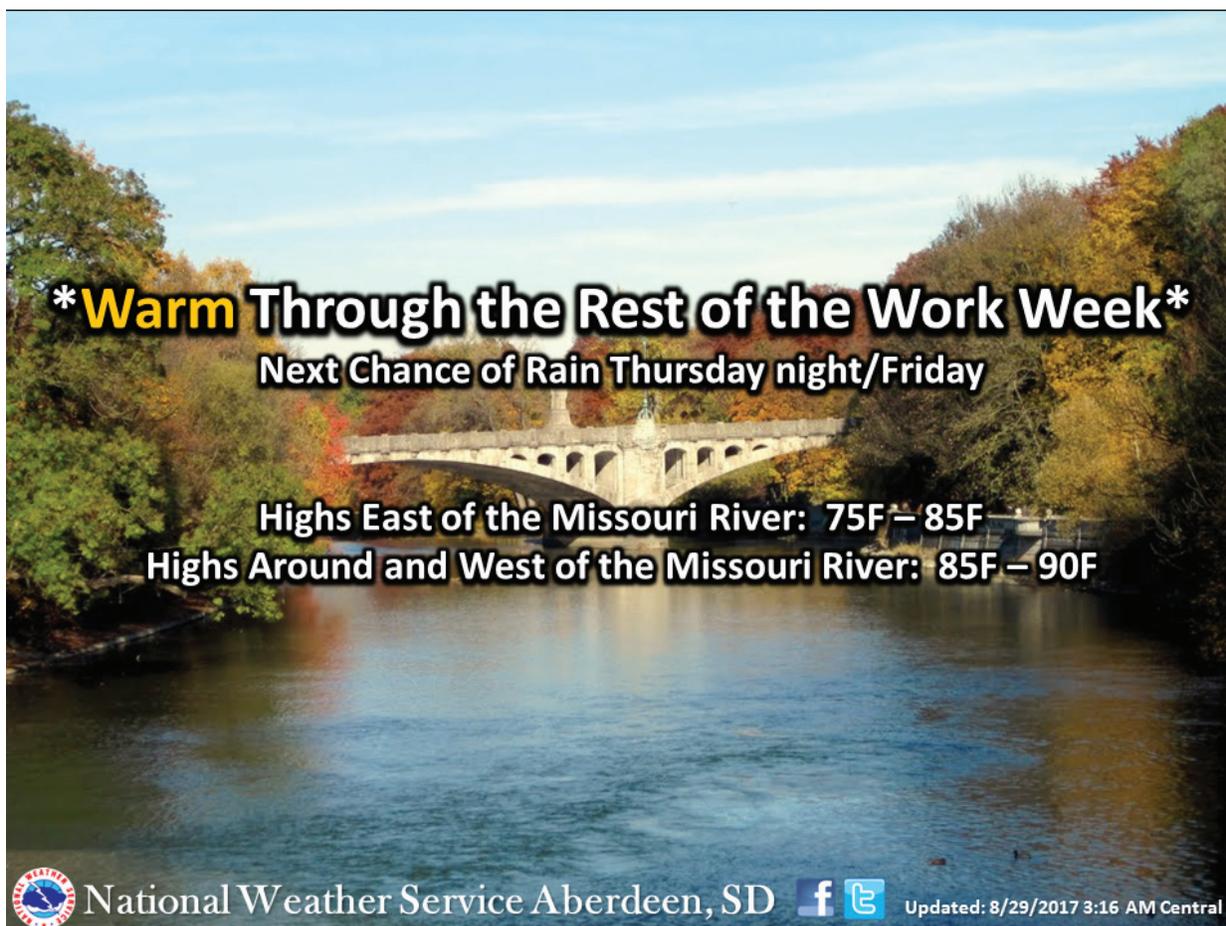
1989 - Evening thunderstorms produced destructive lightning in West Virginia. The lightning caused widespread damage, particularly in Doddridge County. Numerous trees were downed closing many roads. Fire companies had a difficult time tending to the many homes and trailers on fire. Anchorage AK reported a record 9.60 inches of rain for the month of August. The average annual precipitation for Anchorage is just slightly more than fifteen inches. Three day rainfall totals in northwest Missouri ranged up to 8.20 inches at Maryville. (The National Weather Summary)

2005: Hurricane Katrina makes landfall near New Orleans, Louisiana, as a Category 3 hurricane. Despite being only the third most powerful storm of the 2005 hurricane season, Katrina was one of the worst natural disasters in the history of the United States. Click [HERE](#) for more information from the History Channel.

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Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday
						
Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Partly Cloudy then Slight Chance Showers	Chance Showers and Breezy
High: 85 °F	Low: 56 °F	High: 83 °F	Low: 59 °F	High: 82 °F	Low: 63 °F	High: 81 °F



**\*Warm Through the Rest of the Work Week\***  
Next Chance of Rain Thursday night/Friday

Highs East of the Missouri River: 75F – 85F  
Highs Around and West of the Missouri River: 85F – 90F

National Weather Service Aberdeen, SD   Updated: 8/29/2017 3:16 AM Central

Published on: 08/29/2017 at 3:23AM

The rest of the work week will be warm, and mostly dry with southerly breezes kicking up on Thursday and Friday. Also, a front may bring scattered showers to the region Thursday night and Friday.

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## Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 83.1 F at 3:31 PM

Low Outside Temp: 49.7 F at 7:25 AM

High Gust: 15.0 Mph at 3:39 PM

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

Record High: 100° in 1961

Record Low: 30° in 1893

Average High: 79°F

Average Low: 53°F

Average Precip in Aug: 2.27

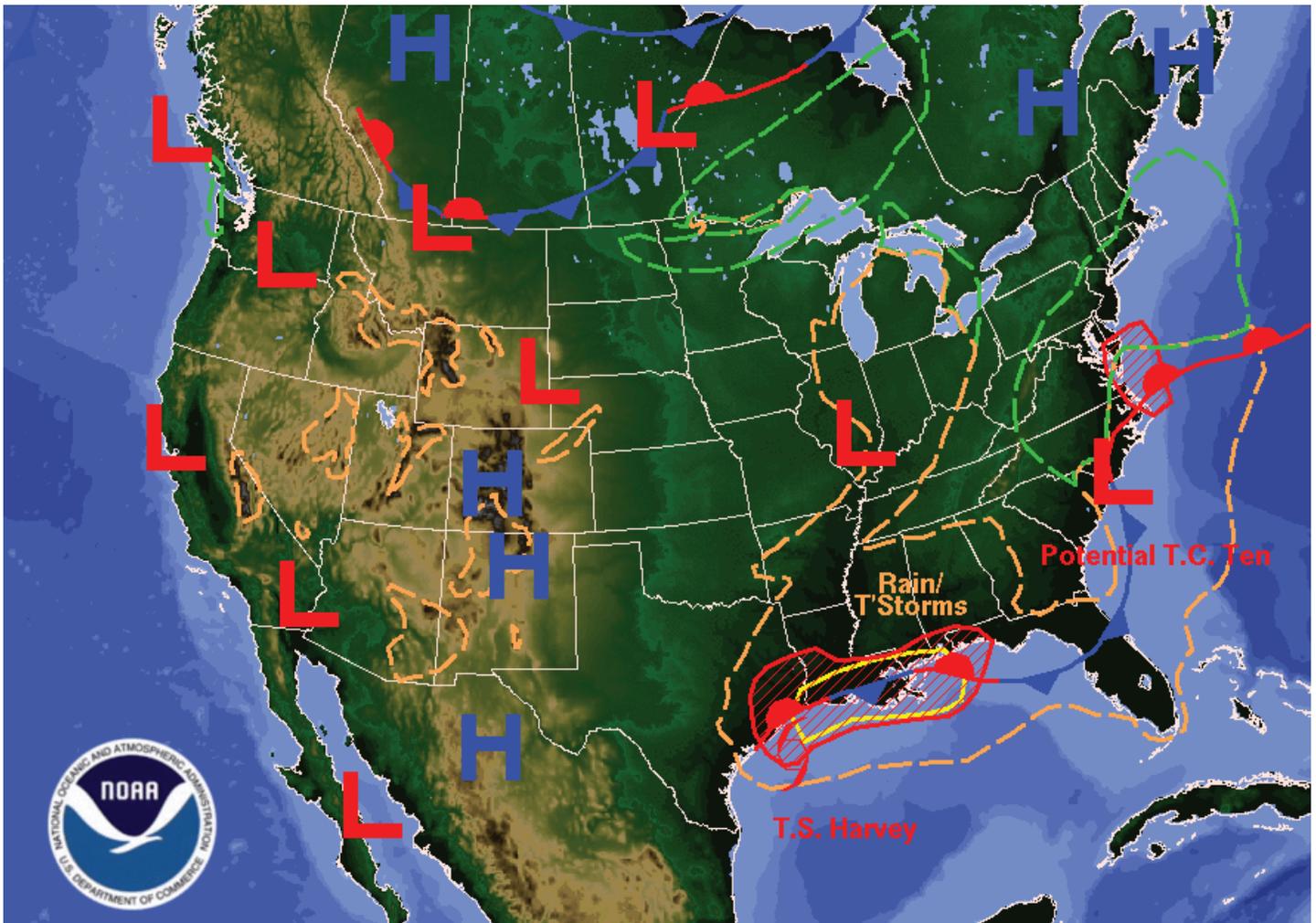
Precip to date in Aug: 2.17

Average Precip to date: 16.13

Precip Year to Date: 9.52

Sunset Tonight: 8:16 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:53 a.m.



### Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Tue, Aug 29, 2017, issued 4:59 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
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)



## FRIEND OR FOE?

James wrote, "Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord!"

God's power to heal has an important place in Scripture. In fact, of the 1,257 narrative verses in the four Gospels, 484 are related specifically to healing. We believe in God's healing power and know He can heal. David also believed in God's healing power and believed that God could heal him. But where did David begin in his plea for God's help?

David was hanging on to life by a thread. He felt total rejection by God because of a major sin he had committed. It had become a burden that was too heavy to bear, too big to overlook and too obvious to ignore. In fact he said that God "pierced him and His hand came down hard upon him." He knew he was being punished by God for sinning against God.

After thoroughly describing his mental, physical and spiritual sicknesses he cried out, "I confess my iniquity; I am troubled by my sin." In his wisdom and from his former relationship with God, he realized that God would not bring about physical and mental healing unless David first confessed his need for spiritual healing.

There can be little doubt that sin and physical and mental illnesses are intimately connected. Yet, many only want God's physical and mental healing. With God, all healing begins with confession and repentance – spiritual healing.

Prayer: When we need healing, Lord, may we repent; ask for forgiveness and grace and then healing. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 38:1 LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.

## Monday's Scores By The Associated Press

### PREP FOOTBALL

Avon 72, Alcester-Hudson 36

Viborg-Hurley 35, Menno/Marion 32, OT

### Volleyball

Langford def. Waverly-South Shore, 25-18, 26-24, 26-24

Waubay/Summit def. Tri-State, 25-20, 26-24, 25-19

## Nebraska town awaits ruling on beer sales near reservation

By GRANT SCHULTE, Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Four months after state regulators halted beer sales in a Nebraska town along South Dakota's Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, streets once filled with panhandlers and public drunkenness have gone quiet — but residents say some of the problems have moved elsewhere.

Residents say conditions have dramatically improved in Whiteclay since the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission closed the village's four beer stores in April, a decision the Nebraska Supreme Court will review with oral arguments Tuesday.

Liquor commissioners cited concerns about inadequate law enforcement in Whiteclay, an unincorporated reservation border town with nine full-time residents that sold the equivalent of about 3.5 million cans of beer a year. Whiteclay historically served as a hangout for people to drink, loiter and sometimes fight and pass out in the streets.

An attorney for the stores argues the commission violated state law, which requires members to automatically renew liquor licenses as long as conditions in and around an establishment haven't substantially changed. Some living south of Whiteclay also worried that store closures would spur an increase in drunken drivers near their communities. Sheridan County Attorney Jamian Simmons said the number of cases has increased slightly, but it's too early to know if that's a trend.

The commission's 3-0 vote came amid a flurry of new activity in the village, which abuts the reservation.

Two abandoned buildings known to attract vagrants in the village of nine were demolished. A new nursing home opened last year for aging members of the Oglala Lakota Nation. Crews are building a new dollar store, and existing businesses have spruced up exteriors and swept beer cans off the streets.

"The streets in Whiteclay are definitely cleaner and safer," said Bruce BonFleur, director of Lakota Hope Ministry in Whiteclay and a managing partner of a new redevelopment group. "It's like the town can breathe now."

BonFleur said he now sees two to three "regulars" on the village streets at any given time, compared to roughly 25 at a time when the stores were in business.

Roughly half of the regulars now spend their time on the reservation, many living with their families, BonFleur said. He said some have stopped drinking and are seeking to improve their lives, including one seeking to start a landscaping business.

Yet some who wanted the stores closed acknowledge that shuttering them has fed illegal bootlegging on the reservation, which bans alcohol. The reservation still struggles with high rates of fetal alcohol syndrome and related problems.

More than 50 established bootleggers now sell alcohol on the reservation, compared to a handful before, said Canupa Gluha Mani, who tracked the numbers through his group, the Strong Heart Warrior Society in Porcupine, South Dakota.

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Alcohol sales also appear to have surged in nearby communities after the Whiteclay stores closed, according to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission. Retailers in Rusville, the closest town to Whiteclay and about 22 miles (35 kilometers) away, bought nearly 13,000 (4,900 liters) of beer from wholesalers in June, more than 3 ½ times the amount purchased in January, according to the data.

Even though sales have stopped in Whiteclay, Mani noted, authorities haven't made any arrests in cases involving reservation residents killed in the village over the last several decades. Last year, a woman found beaten and unconscious behind a building in Whiteclay died of her injuries.

"If Nebraska really wants to make a difference, the law has to be enforced," he said.

John Maisch, a former Oklahoma alcohol regulator and activist who fought to close the stores, acknowledged that the beer sales have shifted to other towns.

But he argued that, unlike Whiteclay, other towns have enough law enforcement to handle any problems, and some have experienced a sales-tax windfall.

Another activist who opposed the stores, Olowan Martinez, said some tribe members who loitered in Whiteclay still drink but are now closer to relatives who care for them.

"They're back here, among their people. They're in clean clothes. They aren't sleeping in the streets," said Martinez, of Porcupine.

Martinez said she wants Nebraska state government and its residents to leave the tribe alone, and urged the state not to let the stores reopen.

Now activists who opposed the stores plan to shift to addressing health care concerns on the reservation and trying to eradicate bootleggers.

BonFleur said he expects "huge protests" from tribe members if the Nebraska Supreme Court overturns the liquor control commission's decision and allows the stores to reopen.

"Nebraskans should be worried about how they'll look to the world," Martinez said.

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## Drought worsens South Dakota pheasant population

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department survey has determined that this summer's drought influenced the state's declining pheasant population.

The department's annual survey released Friday shows a 45 percent decline statewide in the number of pheasants per mile compared to 2016. The survey also shows that 2017 is the second-lowest pheasants-per-mile index since 1979.

"We have to remember that over 80 percent of South Dakota experienced some level of drought by mid-July," said Kelly Hepler, department secretary. "During very severe drought conditions, pheasant nesting success and chick survival can be reduced due to less cover and a reduction in insects for chicks to feed on."

Senior game biologist Travis Runia said some areas were expected to see a decline due to the severe drought conditions. But he said he's surprised that eastern South Dakota saw a significant decline in bird numbers.

"It's not unusual to have drought in South Dakota and many times when we've had it, it's not a major factor," Runia said. "One thing that did happen this year was the drought started very early, as early as April and May."

Runia said the biggest drought-related factor in the decline is habitat loss, which has made life more difficult for pheasants.

Pheasant hunting season for the state begins Oct. 21 and runs through Jan. 7. Runia expects the population decline to impact the number of nonresident hunters traveling to the state this year.

"We have seen when numbers are down our hunters respond pretty quickly and immediately," he said. "I wouldn't be surprised if hunter numbers are lower."

Runia said hunters should remember that some of the state's public lands won't be ideal for finding birds this year. Several acres enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program are opened for emergency haying

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or grazing because of the drought.

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## South Dakota man sentenced in North Dakota cattle theft

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A South Dakota man has pleaded guilty in a cattle theft case in North Dakota. The North Dakota Stockmen's Association says Jeffrey Fix, of Watertown, South Dakota was accused of failing to pay a Fordville family for three purebred cows and a purebred bull in 2015. He faced a felony theft charge because the value of the animals surpassed \$10,000.

Court documents show Fix pleaded guilty in a deal with prosecutors earlier this month and was ordered to pay nearly \$30,000 in restitution to Jallo Angus Ranch. If he doesn't make monthly payments, he'll go to prison for three years.

Fix also is barred from the livestock industry for five years.

## Activities available Labor Day weekend at state parks

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks is inviting people to participate in Labor Day weekend activities.

State parks are set to host a variety of programs over the weekend. Activities on Saturday include monarch butterfly tagging at Good Earth State Park, a campsite decorating contest at Oakwood Lakes State Park and a survival weekend at Newton Hills State Park.

On Sunday, there will be a beach party at Lewis and Clark Recreation Area. The South Dakota State Fair also will run from Thursday through Monday in Huron.

## Energy trade groups get say on potential pipeline shutdown

By **BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press**

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A federal judge deciding whether to shut down the four-state Dakota Access oil pipeline while more environmental review is done is allowing national energy and manufacturing trade groups to have a say.

U.S. District Judge James Boasberg, in Washington, D.C., granted the request Friday, just days before Monday's final deadline for all parties involved in the legal dispute to weigh in with arguments.

The Standing Rock Sioux and three other American Indian tribes in the Dakotas have been fighting the pipeline for more than a year, arguing that the \$3.8 billion project built by Texas-based Energy Transfer Partners threatens cultural sites and tribal water supplies. The company disputes that and maintains the pipeline is safe.

After months of delays, it began moving North Dakota oil through South Dakota and Iowa to a distribution point in Illinois on June 1. However, Boasberg later that month ordered the Army Corps of Engineers, which permitted the project, to further review the pipeline's impact on the Standing Rock tribe. The judge is deciding whether to shut down the pipeline until the completion of the work, which is expected to take several more months.

Groups including the American Petroleum Institute, American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers, Association of Oil Pipe Lines, national Chamber of Commerce and National Association of Manufacturers asked to submit their stance on the matter. They maintained in court documents that ceasing pipeline operations "would have serious adverse economic impacts throughout the oil industry and local and regional economies."

Boasberg gave his approval in a one-sentence statement without providing details on his reasoning. Standing Rock attorney Jan Hasselman on Monday said the tribe doesn't object because "everybody who wants to be heard should be heard."

Boasberg in June approved a schedule for arguments that set Monday as the final deadline. His ruling

on a potential shutdown could come any time after that.

While Energy Transfer Partners continues defending the project in court, it also is dealing with state government allegations in North Dakota that it improperly reported the discovery of American Indian artifacts during construction.

North Dakota regulators two weeks ago offered a settlement under which the company would make a \$15,000 "contribution" and wouldn't have to admit fault. Public Service Commission members said it was an effort to end the drawn-out dispute over whether the company should be fined.

The company responded to the offer by last Thursday's deadline but neither it nor the state initially disclosed what the answer was.

The commission met privately with attorneys Monday on the response and took no public action afterward. However, commission attorney Zachary Pelham told reporters that the company offered a counterproposal that includes potentially also resolving a state investigation into whether crews removed too many trees and improperly handled some removed soil while laying pipe in the state. A fine also is possible in that case. Attorneys for the two sides will continue to negotiate.

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## Authorities identify teen who died in rollover near Milbank

MILBANK, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have identified a teenager who died in a one-vehicle rollover in north-eastern South Dakota.

The South Dakota State Patrol says 15-year-old Mackenzie Pies, of Milbank, died in the Aug. 22 crash north of Milbank.

Four other teenagers, all from Milbank, sustained minor injuries in the crash that happened after a boy driving a sports utility vehicle lost control on a gravel road.

## Attorney general says officer-involved shooting justified

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota attorney general says a deputy-involved shooting in Pennington County was justified.

The state Division of Criminal Investigation was asked to review a July 31 shooting in which a 21-year-old Rapid City man was shot and wounded during a warrant check.

The man who was shot, 21-year-old Cruz Deleon, and 30-year-old Cassandra Quiver were arrested on outstanding warrants. Authorities allege Deleon pointed a handgun at the deputy before being shot. He suffered an injury that isn't life-threatening.

Attorney General Marty Jackley says Deputy Jakob Whittle acted reasonably in a situation that was "tense, uncertain and building."

## South Dakota seeks overturn of high court sales tax decision

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota officials, seeking a path for states to collect billions of dollars each year in sales taxes from internet retailers, will ask the state's highest court Tuesday for a speedy defeat in pursuit of their true goal: an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

South Dakota is the furthest along of several states attempting to overturn a 25-year-old U.S. Supreme Court decision that bans states from forcing retailers to collect taxes if the businesses lack a physical presence in their borders. The outcome has the potential to reshape the booming online commerce sector.

Here's a look at the case:

### WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

The U.S. Supreme Court in 1992 ruled that retailers must have a physical presence in a state before of-

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ficials can make them collect sales tax. States have since pushed Congress to address the issue without success, and one estimate put the loss to states — 45 have a sales tax — at roughly \$26 billion in 2015. South Dakota estimates it loses about \$50 million annually to e-commerce.

Online shoppers always have owed taxes on their purchases, but the rule has been widely ignored. Meanwhile, many e-commerce companies have relied on the 1992 ruling to avoid collecting taxes, while some companies such as Amazon have decided to collect state sales taxes.

## WHY SOUTH DAKOTA?

South Dakota is attempting to have the U.S. high court ruling reversed. The state filed a lawsuit against several remote retailers in 2016 based on a law passed that year that requires out-of-state sellers who exceed revenue or transaction thresholds to comply with state sales tax laws. A state judge sided with the defendants in March.

In its brief to the South Dakota Supreme Court, the state acknowledges the “unusual” law is contrary to the 1992 decision and asks for a swift loss so the case can be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. The defendants’ brief calls it an “awkward, unprecedented, and unfair manipulation of the court system.”

Max Behlke, director of budget and tax policy at the National Conference of State Legislatures, said other states including Alabama, Indiana, Maine and Wyoming have similar laws.

“The fact that it is one decision away from ... petitioning to the United States Supreme Court is by far further along than any other state,” he said. “The state tax world’s eyes have all been on South Dakota.”

The state says in its brief that the U.S. Supreme Court would only be able to decide the case by June 2018 if the state high court rules by about this time. It takes four U.S. Supreme Court justices to vote to hear a case, or grant certiorari.

If the Supreme Court overturns the 1992 decision, state tax collectors would be able to reach across their borders to impose sales tax obligations on businesses who sell to residents in their states, said Steve DelBianco, executive director of NetChoice, an e-commerce trade group.

## HOT TAKES

DelBianco said that smaller retailers would be burdened the most if the decision is overturned. He said states are employing a strategy of “harassing” the retail community with a patchwork of laws and regulations including South Dakota’s “full-frontal challenge” to the high court decision.

“These multiple challenges to interstate commerce were designed to create so much chaos for the business community that it would beg Congress for relief,” he said.

Republican state Sen. Deb Peters, who sponsored the South Dakota law, said she grew tired of waiting for Congress to act. She said accounting technology has changed at “warp speed,” allowing businesses to collect taxes in jurisdictions nationwide as people’s purchasing habits have shifted.

“If the economy is changing, the way we do business is changing and the way people are purchasing items changes, our tax laws have to follow the world, or we’re going to be left in the dust,” said Peters, who is the new president of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

## South Dakota Volleyball Polls

By The Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Here is the South Dakota Media Prep Volleyball Poll for the week of Aug. 28, 2017. Teams are listed with first place votes in parenthesis, record, points and previous ranking.

### Class AA

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Harrisburg	(18)	2-0	102	1
2. Mitchell (4)	6-0	87	3	

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3. Aberdeen Central	-	2-1	48	4
4. S.F. O'Gorman	-	4-1	38	RV
5. S.F. Lincoln	-	4-1	19	

Others receiving votes: R.C. Stevens 3-2, Huron 3-2, S.F. Roosevelt 1-5, Washington 2-3.

## Class A

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Dakota Valley	(20)	2-0	103	1
2. S.F. Christian	(2)	1-0	85	2
3. Madison	-	1-1	44	3
4. Miller	-	1-0	32	T4
5. Parker	-	1-0	31	T4

Others receiving votes: Sioux Valley 2-0, West Central 1-0.

## Class B

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Northwestern	(21)	6-0	104	1
2. Chester Area	(1)	1-0	78	2
3. Warner	-	1-0	70	3
4. Sully Buttes	-	3-0	32	RV
5. Hanson	-	3-0	13	RV

Others receiving votes: Ethan 2-1, Arlington 2-3, Harding County 1-0.

## South Dakota Prep Polls By The Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Prep Media football poll for the week of Aug. 28 is listed below, ranking the top-five teams and listing the team's record, points received and ranking in the previous poll. First-place votes received are indicated in parentheses.

### Class 11AAA

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Sioux Falls Washington	(39)	1-0	195	1
2. Sioux Falls Roosevelt	-	1-0	155	2
3. Sioux Falls O'Gorman	-	1-0	118	3
4. Brandon Valley	-	0-1	55	4
5. RC Central	-	1-0	47	NR

Others receiving votes: SF Lincoln 6, Aberdeen Central 5, Watertown 4.

### Class 11AA

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Harrisburg	(33)	0-0	189	1
2. Mitchell	(6)	1-0	159	2
3. Pierre	-	0-0	100	3
4. Brookings	-	1-0	64	RV
5. Huron	-	1-0	60	RV

Others receiving votes: Sturgis 7, Yankton 4, Spearfish 2.

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## Class 11A

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Madison (34)	0-0	189	1	
2. Tea Area (5)	1-0	162	3	
3. St. Thomas More	-	1-0	101	5
4. Dakota Valley	-	1-0	61	RV
5. Tri-Valley -	1-0	49	RV	

Others receiving votes: West Central 19, Milbank Area 3, Dell Rapids 1.

## Class 11B

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Bridgewater-Emery-Ethan		(37)	2-0	191 1
2. Aberdeen Roncalli		(1)	2-0	132 2
3. SF Christian	-	2-0	130	3
4. Sioux Valley	(1)	2-0	87	4
5. Chamberlain	-	1-1	34	RV

Others receiving votes: McCook Central/Montrose 5, Chamberlain 3, Woonsocket/Wessington Springs/Sanborn Central 2, Canton 1.

## Class 9AA

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Gregory (38)	2-0	194	1	
2. Bon Homme	(1)	2-0	150	2
3. Webster Area	-	2-0	94	3
4. Miller-Highmore4Harrold		-	2-0	72 4
5. Hamlin -	2-0	56	5	

Others receiving votes: Baltic 10, North Border 9.

## Class 9A

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Warner (30)	2-0	177	2	
2. Howard (7)	2-0	135	5	
3. Corsica-Stickney (1)		1-0	128	3
4. Canistota Freeman		-	1-1	62 1
5. Alcester-Hudson (1)		1-0	54	4

Others receiving votes: : Clark-Willow Lake 26, Britton-Hecla 3.

## Class 9B

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Colman-Egan	(29)	1-0	183	1
2. Colome (10)	1-0	159	2	
3. Sully Buttes	-	1-0	113	3
4. Castlewood	-	1-0	68	4
5. Harding County -		1-0	52	5

Others receiving votes: Wall 6, Faulkton Area 3, Langford Area 1.

## **Pedestrian struck and killed on Watertown-area highway ID'd**

WATERTOWN, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have identified a 28-year-old Waubay woman who died after being struck by a pickup truck while walking on U.S. Highway 212 west of Watertown.

The Highway Patrol says Whitney Hopkins was pronounced dead at a hospital Thursday night.

Authorities say Hopkins was in the roadway when she was struck, and the truck driver won't be charged. He wasn't injured.

## **Sioux Falls teen sentenced to 30 years for beating death**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A 17-year-old who fatally beat another teen during a fight in Sioux Falls has been sentenced to 30 years in prison.

Wilson Hughes had pleaded guilty to manslaughter in an agreement with prosecutors in the death of 18-year-old Arick Strauser. Hughes was sentenced Friday to 50 years in prison with 20 years suspended.

The two were among a half-dozen teens involved in a fight last July circulated online through Snapchat. Hughes punched Strauser 10 to 12 times and kicked him after he had fallen to the ground.

The Argus Leader reports that Hughes' lawyers said he was coming to the defense of a younger person that Strauser had insulted. Hughes in court apologized and said if he "could go back and change it, I would, but I can't."

## **2 Mitchell restaurants fail state health inspections**

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — Two Mitchell restaurants have failed state health inspections this summer.

The Daily Republic reports that Corona Village and New China Buffet both failed inspections by the state Health Department.

One of New China Buffet's violations was for having fish from Lake Mitchell, an unapproved source. The lake has had a problem this summer with algae, and people have been told to stay away.

Restaurant owner Qu Teng says the fish was to be eaten by workers, not served to the public.

Teng says he's working to address storage issues that have been the source of some health violations.

Corona Village owner Israel Espinosa says his restaurant's old building has been a factor in poor health scores, and he's working on renovations.

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

## **Volunteers headed to help with hurricane recovery**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Red Cross volunteers from South Dakota are among those heading to Texas to help those affected by tropical storm Harvey.

Brenda and Ron Jacobs of Sioux Falls are trying to fly to Texas to lend a hand, but have had their flight rescheduled to Monday. The couple has helped with storm relief in the past. Brenda Jacobs tells KELO-TV they will feed those in need and provide toiletries and other items.

Federal Emergency Management Agency administrator William "Brock" Long, said at a news conference in Washington Monday that "we need citizens to be involved," because the storm and resulting flooding is greater than the government can handle.

Long urges individuals and organizations to check the website [www.nvoad.org](http://www.nvoad.org) or call 1-800-621-FEMA to find out how to help.

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Information from: KELO-TV, <http://www.keloland.com>

## Trump: 'All option are on the table' after NK missile test

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump says "all options are on the table" after North Korea launched ballistic missiles over Japan.

Trump says in a written statement Tuesday that "threatening and destabilizing actions" only increase North Korea's isolation in the region and around the world.

The president says North Korea's actions show "contempt for its neighbors" and that "all option are on the table" in terms of a U.S. response.

In a first, North Korea on Tuesday fired a midrange ballistic missile designed to carry a nuclear payload that flew over U.S. ally Japan and splashed into the northern Pacific Ocean.

## Amid Harvey floods, Houston chief worries 'how many bodies?'

By MICHAEL GRACZYK and DAVID PHILLIP, Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — Crews overwhelmed by thousands of rescue calls during one of the heaviest downpours in U.S. history have had little time to search for other potential victims, but officials acknowledge the grim reality that fatalities linked to Harvey could soar once the devastating floodwaters recede from one of America's most sprawling metropolitan centers.

More than three days after the storm ravaged the Texas coastline as a Category 4 hurricane, authorities had confirmed only three deaths — including a woman killed Monday when heavy rains dislodged a large oak tree onto her trailer home in the small town of Porter. But unconfirmed reports of others missing or presumed dead were growing.

"We know in these kind of events that, sadly, the death toll goes up historically," Houston police Chief Art Acevedo told The Associated Press. "I'm really worried about how many bodies we're going to find."

One Houston woman said Monday that she presumes six members of a family, including four of her grandchildren, died after their van sank into Greens Bayou in East Houston, though Houston emergency officials couldn't confirm the deaths. Virginia Saldivar told The Associated Press her brother-in-law was driving the van Sunday when a strong current took the vehicle over a bridge and into the bayou. The driver was able to get out and urged the children to escape through the back door, Saldivar said, but they could not.

"I'm just hoping we find the bodies," Saldivar said.

And a spokeswoman for a Houston hotel says one of its employees disappeared while helping about 100 guests and workers evacuate the building amid rising floodwaters.

The disaster is unfolding on an epic scale, with the nation's fourth-largest city mostly paralyzed by the storm that has parked itself over the Gulf Coast. With nearly 2 more feet (61 centimeters) of rain expected on top of the 30-plus inches (76 centimeters) in some places, authorities worried the worst might be yet to come.

The Houston metro area covers about 10,000 square miles (25,900 sq. kilometers), an area slightly bigger than New Jersey. It's crisscrossed by about 1,700 miles (2,700 kilometers) of channels, creeks and



Rescue boats fill a flooded street as flood victims are evacuated as floodwaters from Tropical Storm Harvey rise Monday, Aug. 28, 2017, in Houston. (AP Photo/David J. Phillip)

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bayous that drain into the Gulf of Mexico, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) to the southeast from downtown.

The storm is generating an amount of rain that would normally be seen only once in more than 1,000 years, said Edmond Russo, a deputy district engineer for the Army Corps of Engineers, which was concerned that floodwater would spill around a pair of 70-year-old reservoir dams that protect downtown Houston.

Rescuers meanwhile continued plucking people from inundated neighborhoods. Mayor Sylvester Turner put the number by police at more than 3,000. The Coast Guard said it also had rescued more than 3,000 by boat and air and was taking more than 1,000 calls per hour.

Chris Thorn was among the many volunteers still helping with the mass evacuation that began Sunday. He drove with a buddy from the Dallas area with their flat-bottom hunting boat to pull strangers out of the water.

"I couldn't sit at home and watch it on TV and do nothing since I have a boat and all the tools to help," he said.

A mandatory evacuation was ordered for the low-lying Houston suburb of Dickinson, home to 20,000. Police cited the city's fragile infrastructure in the floods, limited working utilities and concern about the weather forecast.

In Houston, questions continued to swirl about why the mayor did not issue a similar evacuation order.

Turner has repeatedly defended the decision and did so again Monday, insisting that a mass evacuation of millions of people by car was a greater risk than enduring the storm.

"Both the county judge and I sat down together and decided that we were not in direct path of the storm, of the hurricane, and the safest thing to do was for people to stay put, make the necessary preparations. I have no doubt that the decision we made was the right decision."

He added, "Can you imagine if millions of people had left the city of Houston and then tried to come back in right now?"

By Monday night, 7,000 people had arrived at the city's largest shelter set up inside the George R. Brown Convention Center — which originally had an estimated capacity of 5,000.

Red Cross spokesman Lloyd Ziel said that volunteers made more space inside the center, which also was used to house Hurricane Katrina refugees from New Orleans in 2005, in part by pushing some cots closer together. A shortage of cots means some people will have to sleep on chairs or the floor.

The center settled down at night, after an occasionally chaotic day that saw thousands of evacuees arrive in the pouring rain. Officers and volunteers at times rushed to attend to those with medical needs.

At the Addicks and Barker reservoirs, the Army Corps started releasing water Monday because water levels were climbing at a rate of more than 6 inches (15 centimeters) per hour, Corps spokesman Jay Townsend said.

The move was supposed to help shield the business district from floodwaters, but it also risked flooding thousands more homes in nearby subdivisions. Built after devastating floods in 1929 and 1935, the reservoirs were designed to hold water until it can be released downstream at a controlled rate.

In the Cypress Forest Estates neighborhood in northern Harris County, people called for help from inside homes as water from a nearby creek rose to their eaves. A steady procession of rescue boats floated into the area.

Harvey increased slightly in strength Monday as it drifted back over the warm Gulf, according to the National Hurricane Center.

Forecasters expect the system to stay over water with 45 mph (72 kph) winds for 36 hours and then head back inland east of Houston sometime Wednesday. The system will then head north and lose its tropical strength.

Before then, up to 20 more inches (51 centimeters) of rain could fall, National Weather Service Director Louis Uccellini said Monday.

That means the flooding will get worse in the days ahead and the floodwaters will be slow to recede once Harvey finally moves on, the weather service said.

Sometime Tuesday or early Wednesday, parts of the Houston region will probably break the nearly 40-year-old U.S. record for the biggest rainfall from a tropical system — 48 inches (120 centimeters) — set

by Tropical Storm Amelia in 1978 in Texas, meteorologists said.

The amount of water in Houston was so unprecedented that the weather service on Wednesday had to update the color charts on its official rainfall maps to indicate the heavier totals.

In Louisiana, the images of the devastation in Houston stirred painful memories for many Hurricane Katrina survivors.

"It really evoked a lot of emotions and heartbreak for the people who are going through that now in Houston," Ray Gratia said as he picked up sandbags for his New Orleans home, which flooded during the 2005 hurricane.

In Washington, President Donald Trump's administration assured Congress that the \$3 billion balance in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's disaster fund was enough to handle immediate needs, such as debris removal and temporary shelter for displaced residents.

The White House said Monday night that the president and first lady will visit Corpus Christi and Austin on Tuesday. They will receive briefings on the relief efforts by local leaders and organizations.

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.

Associated Press writers Juan Lozano and Nomaan Merchant in Houston and David Warren in Dallas contributed to this report.

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## Inside Houston shelter, a loud and sometimes chaotic night

By NOMAAN MERCHANT, Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — With more guests than cots, some people slept on chairs or the floor. People hung towels and wet clothes on the base of the ceiling supports. Police officers guarded several entrances. Outside, dozens of people still awake stood with their pets and traded cigarettes.

People who escaped rising floodwaters and pouring rain spawned by Harvey arrived at the George R. Brown Convention Center on Monday night by the busload and truckload even as the convention center exceeded its capacity of 5,000. The second night inside the center was louder, more crowded and at times, more chaotic.

At one point, officers tended to two men lying unresponsive in front of an exit, pushing away onlookers. The men had taken drugs and would both recover within an hour.

Frustration grew in some places, more than three days after the storm ravaged the Texas coastline as a Category 4 hurricane before transforming into a tropical storm that currently sits parked over the Gulf of



**An evacuee rests at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, Monday, Aug. 28, 2017. Houston was still largely paralyzed Monday, and there was no relief in sight from the storm that spun into Texas as a Category 4 hurricane, then parked itself over the Gulf Coast.** (Scott Clause/The Daily Advertiser via AP)

Mexico ahead of an expected return to shore. One person said she had only gotten one meal Monday while watching others take several helpings of food.

Another person, Kevin Perkins, described sleeping on the floor and feeling accosted by police officers inside.

"It's hell," Perkins said. He shook his head and walked away as Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner, during a visit to the convention center Monday, approached near where he was standing.

"All my stuff damaged. I have no clothes, no shoes, no nothing," he said.

The din inside eventually fell as thousands of people went to bed. Around 7,000 people had arrived before midnight, with more people still coming.

Harvey will drop more rain Tuesday on a city crippled by floodwaters that have swamped streets and neighborhoods. The demands on the convention center were expected to grow, even while a new shelter opened Monday night and city officials considered opening more.

New volunteers arrived through the night. David Brady, CEO of the Red Cross' Texas Gulf Coast chapter, said that the volunteers were critical to making sure evacuees "feel comfortable here, and that they're willing and wanting to pull those cots together."

"If we get our staff to be friendly and open and welcoming, hopefully that will create a culture with the folks who are staying in the shelter to do the same thing," Brady said.

For Howard Thomas, the shelter was a place of last resort.

Thomas described himself as living on the streets. He had spent the three previous nights at a \$55-a-night motel. But he ran out of money Monday morning.

He was picked up from the motel and taken to the convention center, where he waited to check in carrying just a blue tote bag with his belongings.

"I'm hoping I can get a place of my own, even if it's just a one-room shack, just as long as I'm out of the elements, off the street," he said.

## 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. 'I'M REALLY WORRIED ABOUT HOW MANY BODIES WE'RE GOING TO FIND'

Officials in Houston acknowledge the reality that fatalities linked to Harvey could soar once floodwaters recede from one of America's most sprawling metropolitan centers.

2. TRUMP HEADS TO HARVEY-RAVAGED TEXAS

The president is confronting the delicate political calculations that come with leading the government's response to a natural disaster.

3. HOW HARVEY WILL DIFFER FROM KATRINA

Flood damage from Houston's hurricane is likely to be as bad as New



**Genie Gipson comforts her lifelong friend, Loretta Capistran, outside of Capistran's apartment complex in Refugio, Texas, on Monday, Aug. 28, 2017. "We got to be strong, baby," Gipson told Capistran.** (Nick Wagner/Austin American-Statesman via AP)

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Orleans' a dozen years ago, but insurers will pay homeowners far less this time because many don't have coverage.

#### 4. PYONGYANG FIRES MISSILE IN AGGRESSIVE TEST

In a first, North Korea fires a midrange ballistic missile designed to carry a nuclear payload that flew over Japan and splashed into the northern Pacific Ocean, officials say.

#### 5. BACKED BY ITALY, LIBYA ENLISTS MILITIAS TO STOP MIGRANTS

The policy has helped bring a dramatic drop in migrant traffic the past two months but some in the Libyan security forces and among activists fear the deal only strengthens militias.

#### 6. WHY TRUMP'S CABINET IS IN A QUANDARY

Members are struggling with whether to rebuke or defend the president when he makes hard-to-defend comments such as his response to white nationalism in Charlottesville.

#### 7. 'MYANMAR'S JOAN OF ARC' FACING CRITICISM

When it comes to human rights, Aung San Suu Kyi's veritable silence has defenders saying she can't risk alienating a military which could oust her government. Critics question whether she has forsaken her democratic ideals.

#### 8. MEDICARE TO FOOT BILL FOR EXERCISE THERAPY

Older Americans hobbled by leg pain caused by clogged blood vessels will have a new option when the government starts paying for them to exercise on treadmills at medical clinics.

#### 9. CHILD MARRIAGE INCREASING IN CIVIL WAR-TORN SOUTH SUDAN

The government and aid agencies say conflict-driven poverty and severe food insecurity are pushing people to extremes.

#### 10. SHARAPOVA'S BACK

The five-time major champion beats No. 2-seeded Simona Halep at the U.S. Open, her first Grand Slam match since a 15-month doping suspension.

## In a 1st, NKorea fires missile over Japan in aggressive test

By FOSTER KLUG and KIM TONG-HYUNG, Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — In a first, North Korea on Tuesday fired a midrange ballistic missile designed to carry a nuclear payload that flew over Japan and splashed into the northern Pacific Ocean, officials said. The aggressive missile launch — likely the longest ever from North Korea — over the territory of a close U.S. ally sends a clear message of defiance as Washington and Seoul conduct war games nearby.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said the missile traveled around 2,700 kilometers (1,677 miles) and reached a maximum height of 550 kilometers (341 miles) as it traveled over the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido. The distance and type of missile tested seemed designed to show that North Korea can back up a threat to target the U.S. territory of Guam, if it chooses to do so, while also establishing a potentially dangerous precedent that could see future missiles flying over Japan.

Any new test worries Washington and its allies because it presumably puts North Korea a step closer to its goal of an arsenal of nuclear missiles that can reliably target the United States. Tuesday's test, however, looks especially aggressive to Washington, Seoul and Tokyo.

North Korea has conducted launches at an unusually fast pace this year — 13 times, Seoul says — and some analysts believe it could have viable long-range nuclear missiles before the end of U.S. President Donald Trump's first term in early 2021.

Seoul says that while North Korea has twice before fired rockets it said were carrying satellites over Japan — in 1998 and 2009 — it has never before used a ballistic missile, which is unambiguously designed for military strikes. North Korea also chose not to fire its most recent missile at a lofted angle, as it did in previous launches to avoid other countries, and Seoul's spy service said the North launched from an unusual spot: the international airport in its capital, Pyongyang. The South Korean military was analyzing whether North Korea had launched a Hwasong-12, a new intermediate-range missile that it recently threatened to fire into waters near Guam, which hosts a major U.S. military base that the North considers a threat.

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The launch is also another rebuke to Trump, who suggested last week that his tough approach to North Korea, which included threats to unleash "fire and fury," meant leader Kim Jong Un "is starting to respect us."

Tuesday's missile landed nowhere near Guam, but firing a Hwasong-12 (Hwasong is Korean for Mars, or Fire Star) so soon after the Guam threat may be a way for North Korea to show it could follow through if it chose to do so. Guam is 3,400 kilometers (2,110 miles) away from North Korea, but South Korea's military said the North may have fired the most recent missile at a shorter range.

South Korea's spy agency told lawmakers in a closed-door briefing that North Korea fired the missile from an airfield at Pyongyang's international airport. Some outside observers said launching a road-mobile missile from an airport runway could demonstrate the North's ability to fire its missiles from anywhere in the country. It was not immediately clear what the launch meant for the few civilian flights that use the airport.

The National Intelligence Service also told lawmakers it was unclear whether the missile's warhead survived atmospheric re-entry, according to the office of Kim Byung-kee, a lawmaker in attendance.

Separately, the spy agency said North Korean leader Kim's third child was born in February, but provided no other details.

North Korea will no doubt be watching the world's reaction to see if it can use Tuesday's flight over Japan as a precedent for future launches. Japanese officials made their usual strongly worded condemnations of the launch. There were no immediate tweets from Trump.

"We will do our utmost to protect people's lives," Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said. "This reckless act of launching a missile that flies over our country is an unprecedented, serious and important threat."

Tokyo said there was no reported damage from the missile, which Japan's NHK TV said separated into three parts. Residents on Hokkaido were warned of a North Korean missile launch by an alert on their cellphones, with loud alarms and an email that told people to stay indoors. Speakers broadcast an alert saying "missile is passing, missile is passing."

A U.S. congressman visiting Seoul said Washington is now pressuring North Korea to abandon its nuclear ambitions by shutting down the impoverished country's access to hard currency, the lifeblood of its expensive weapons program.

The goal is to offer international banks that do business with North Korea a choice between bankruptcy and freezing North Korean accounts, U.S. Rep. Ed Royce, the Republican chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said in an interview after meeting with South Korean leaders.

Tuesday's launch comes days after North Korea fired what was assessed as three short-range ballistic missiles into the sea, and a month after its second test of an intercontinental ballistic missile, which ana-



**A woman walks past a TV screen broadcasting news of North Korea's missile launch, in Tokyo, Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2017. North Korea fired a ballistic missile from its capital Pyongyang that flew over Japan before plunging into the northern Pacific Ocean, officials said Tuesday, an aggressive test-flight over the territory of a close U.S. ally that sends a clear message of defiance as Washington and Seoul conduct war games nearby. The letters, left, read "North Korea Missile."** (AP Photo/Shizuo Kambayashi)

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lysts say could reach deep into the U.S. mainland when perfected.

In an unusual move, the military in Seoul released videos of three South Korean missile tests conducted last week. They showed two types of new missiles with ranges of 800 kilometers (500 miles) and 500 kilometers (310 miles) being fired from truck-mounted launchers.

South Korea's Agency for Defense Development said the launches represented the last flight test for the longer-range missile before it is operationally deployed. Such missiles, which would be the latest additions to South Korea's Hyumoo family of missiles, are considered key components of the so-called "kill chain" pre-emptive strike capability that South Korea is pursuing to counter North Korea's nuclear and missile threat.

South Korea also said its air force conducted a live-fire drill involving four F-15 fighter jets dropping eight MK-84 bombs that accurately hit targets at a military field near the country's eastern coast. Yoon Youngchan, chief press secretary of South Korean President Moon Jae-in, said the exercise was conducted after Moon directed the military to "display a strong capability to punish" North Korea if need be.

The North's launch over Japan shouldn't be a total surprise. Earlier this month, when threatening to lob four Hwasong-12s into the waters near Guam, North Korea specifically said they would fly over Japanese territory. North Korea in June also angrily reacted to the launch of a Japanese satellite it said was aimed at spying on the North and said Tokyo was no longer entitled to fault North Korea "no matter what it launches or whether that crosses the sky above Japan."

North Korea typically reacts with anger to U.S.-South Korean military drills, which are happening now, often testing weapons and threatening Seoul and Washington in its state-controlled media. But animosity is higher than usual following threats traded between Trump and the North.

North Korea regularly says U.S.-South Korean military drills are a rehearsal for invasion, and North Korea's U.N. ambassador, Ja Song Nam, wrote recently that the exercises are "provocative and aggressive" at a time when the Korean Peninsula is "like a time bomb."

Kim Dong-yub, a former South Korean military official who is now an analyst at Seoul's Institute for Far Eastern Studies, said early flight information suggests the North Korean missile was likely a Hwasong-12. Other possibilities, he said, include a midrange Musudan, a missile with a potential 3,500-kilometer (2,180-mile) range that puts much of the Asia-Pacific region within reach, or a Pukguksong-2, a solid-fuel missile that can be fired faster and more secretly than weapons using liquid fuel.

North Korea first fired over Japanese territory in August of 1998 when a multistage rocket that outside experts called "Taepodong-1" flew about 1,500 kilometers (932 miles) before landing in the Pacific Ocean. The North later said it had launched a satellite; after initially saying North Korea had launched a ballistic missile, South Korea years later said it was a space launch attempt.

North Korea flew another rocket over Japan again in April 2009 and said that, too, was carrying a satellite. The North claimed success, but the U.S. North American Aerospace Defense Command said no satellite reached orbit. Some parts of a space launch vehicle reportedly flew over Okinawa last year after separating from the rocket.

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## Trump's turn to face tricky politics of natural disasters

By JULIE PACE, AP Washington Bureau Chief

WASHINGTON (AP) — George W. Bush never recovered from his flyover of Hurricane Katrina's devastation. Barack Obama got a bipartisan boost late in his re-election campaign for his handling of Superstorm Sandy.

Now, President Donald Trump confronts the political risks and potential gains that come with leading the federal government's response to a deadly and destructive natural disaster. Hurricane Harvey, the massive storm that has dumped torrents of rain across Texas — flooding Houston and other cities — is the first major natural disaster of Trump's presidency, and the yet-to-be-determined scope of the damage appears likely to require a years-long federal project.

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Trump, who is suffering through a long stretch of low approval ratings, has been particularly eager to seize the moment. He will visit Texas Tuesday — and may return to the region again on Saturday. The White House announced the first visit even before Harvey made landfall. On Monday, Trump promised Texans will “have what you need” and that federal funding would come “fast.”

“We will come out stronger and believe me, we will be bigger, better, stronger than ever before,” Trump said Monday during a White House news conference.

The president’s unconventional style has still oozed out. Trump sent about two dozen tweets about the storm since Friday, marveling at the size of the hurricane and cheering on emergency responders: “You are doing a great job — the world is watching!”

Indeed, he argued Monday he specifically timed his controversial pardon of former Arizona Sheriff Joe Arpaio to capitalize on all the viewers tuned into storm coverage. The Friday night pardon wasn’t an attempt to hide the news, he said: “I assumed the ratings would be higher.”

Trump advisers are well-aware that the hurricane poses a significant test for the White House, which has largely been mired in crises of its own making during Trump’s first seven months in office, including the president’s widely criticized response to white supremacist protests in Charlottesville, Virginia. Trump, who ran a real estate business and starred in a reality show before taking office, has no experience in the kinds of recovery efforts that will be required in Texas and has struggled at times to show competency in governing.

Administrations often tread carefully in planning visits to disaster-ravaged areas. Mobilizing a president, his staff and his security is an enormous logistical undertaking and can pull local law enforcement resources away from the disaster recovery efforts. But Trump hasn’t been cowed.

Aides said it was Trump who pushed for the White House to make his desire to travel to Texas known early. He won’t be visiting Houston, where flooding has wreaked havoc on the nation’s fourth-largest city. Instead, he is meeting with local leadership and relief organizations in Corpus Christi, then visiting the state’s emergency operations center in Austin.

“Conditions haven’t cleared in Houston yet so probably not appropriate for him to go up there, probably not safe for him to go up there,” said Rep. Blake Farenthold, R-Texas. “But I do think having your own eyes on the devastation that I have seen is important.”

The optics of a president’s initial response to a natural disaster can be long-lasting.

Bush was haunted by his now-infamous declaration that then-FEMA Director Michael Brown was doing “a heckuva job” — a statement that appeared wildly off base after the full scope of the devastation became clear. Images of Bush peering down at the flooding in New Orleans from Air Force One also furthered the impression that he was detached from the horrific conditions on the ground.

“He understands why that picture became a metaphor,” said Dana Perino, who was serving as deputy White House spokeswoman at the time.



**President Donald Trump speaks during a joint news conference with Finnish President Sauli Niinisto, Monday, Aug. 28, 2017, in the East Room of the White House in Washington.** (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

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Trump has played storm politics before. During his campaign, he rushed to Louisiana, in his signature "Make America Great Again" hat, to view damage from massive flooding. Trump made it to the battered neighborhoods before Democratic rival Hillary Clinton and while President Barack Obama was vacationing.

"We're glad you're not playing golf at Martha's Vineyard," one woman told him, a jab at Obama.

"Somebody is, somebody is that shouldn't be," Trump replied.

Over the weekend, Trump offered a sunny assessment of the response efforts while the rain was still pouring down on Houston and other Texas towns. He cited the "great coordination between agencies at all levels of government" and declared, "We have an all-out effort going, and going well!"

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, a Republican, has so far praised the federal response to Hurricane Harvey, which has been blamed for at least three confirmed deaths. But with nearly 2 more feet of rain expected, authorities worried whether the worst was yet to come.

On its own, a successful federal response to Hurricane Harvey is unlikely to reshape Trump's presidency. But with his approval rating perilously low, it could help Trump convince some Americans that he has the capability to lead the nation through difficult moments.

Trump's predecessors have also benefited from the political opportunities that can arise after natural disasters.

When Superstorm Sandy barreled across the East Coast days before the 2012 election, Obama paused his campaign to monitor the federal response from Washington. He traveled to hard-hit New Jersey, where Republican Gov. Chris Christie, a strong supporter of the president's rival, lavished praise on Obama.

Obama advisers said at the time that while they didn't believe the president's Sandy efforts were a deciding factor in the election, the praise he received from Republicans was helpful in the midst of a highly partisan campaign.

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## NFL making \$40 million available for medical research

By BARRY WILNER, AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A year after the NFL pledged \$100 million in support of independent medical research and engineering advancements, a huge chunk of that soon will be awarded to such research, primarily dedicated to neuroscience.

A Scientific Advisory Board assembled by the NFL is set to launch its program to solicit and evaluate research proposals for funding. The board, comprised of independent experts, doctors, scientists and clinicians, and chaired by retired U.S. Army General Peter Chiarelli, will provide direction for the \$40 million allocated under the league's initiative.

"Prevention should always be a focus," Chiarelli says. "Nevertheless, the development of biologically based diagnostics is critical for return-to-play decisions for the NFL, and return to combat/training for the armed forces. Imagine if you had a handheld analyzer that with a single drop could determine whether a player or a soldier had a concussion — and determine the severity of that injury."

The NFL has an ongoing affiliation with the armed forces, and in April partnered with the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command on a three-year venture to collaborate on head health research and development.

As always in this era of CTE concerns, any sports-oriented medical studies must be all-encompassing. Developing improved tools for research and design is front and center, as the league's scientific advisory board is seeking to be, with significant financial outlay.

CTE (chronic traumatic encephalopathy) can cause memory loss, depression, violent mood swings and other cognitive and behavioral issues in those exposed to repetitive head trauma.

"There have been significant learnings in recent years that have changed the way we look at traumatic brain injury, notably CTE," says Dr. Allen Sills, who came aboard this year as the league's chief medical

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officer. "I agree with many medical experts that there are still a lot of unanswered questions relating to the cause, incidence and prevalence of CTE. But what is clear is that there's a problem that impacts some athletes in sports like ours, others possibly, too, and we are eager to see CTE research move forward and begin to assemble more pieces of the puzzle.

"The NFL has a responsibility to do everything it can to make the game safer and drive research that advances treatment and prevention and, as we make advances, share them with the broader sports world. Most of the issues we face in the NFL are sport issues, and beyond that they are society issues."

A year out from Commissioner Roger Goodell's pledge to "look at anything and everything to protect our players and make the game safer," one of the areas receiving concentrated attention by the league is developing equipment that provides even more specific and enhanced feedback on improving safety in football. Helmets, shoulder pads and other pads, and footwear all have seen improvements, but there's much more to be done.

The league has embarked on what it calls "The Engineering Roadmap," a \$60 million program designed to improve head protection equipment.

"This is a comprehensive and dedicated plan intended to spur innovation and significantly improve head protection for NFL players in three to five years," explains Dr. Jeffrey Crandall, director of the University of Virginia's Center for Applied Biomechanics and chair of the NFL's head, neck and spine engineering subcommittee.

The program is managed in collaboration with NFL Players Association's engineering consultants, Dr. Kristy Arbogast, co-scientific director of the Center for Injury Research and Prevention at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and Dr. Barry Myers, director of innovation at Duke University's Clinical and Translational Science Institute.

"A key component of the engineering roadmap is to accurately measure the motion and acceleration the head experiences during play in the NFL by player position, to give design direction for protective equipment," Arbogast says. "To date, we have been doing that via video reconstructions and injury event recreations using crash test dummies. These approaches are incredibly time intensive and, by design, focus on 'events' that must be subjectively selected from game film or injury reports."

But "the engineering roadmap leverages the modeling approach used in other fields to apply computational models to helmet design and evaluation," Crandall adds.

"Many fields have transitioned from primarily an experimental evaluation and design of products to a largely computational development program. Computational models that simulate various designs and use conditions can greatly enhance the thoroughness and efficacy of the design process while simultaneously reducing the time of product development."



**In this May 23, 2017, file photo, NFL commissioner Roger Goodell speaks to the media after an NFL owners meeting in Chicago. A year after the NFL launched the "Play Smart. Play Safe" initiative, pledging \$100 million in support of independent medical research and engineering advancements, a huge chunk of that soon will be awarded to such research, primarily dedicated to neuroscience.** (AP Photo/Paul

Beaty, File)

Of note is a focus on sensors that can determine all sorts of data to help enhance safety. The league and the players' union are working to develop novel sensor technology capable of accurately recording the motion of the head during impact in varying game conditions and positions. The plan is for the NFL, when the technology is ready, to offer mouth guards instrumented with such sensors to players to measure their impact response.

"This athlete exposure data will inform the testing of protective equipment so that future helmet test methodologies and design evolution are relevant to what is actually experienced on the field," Arbogast says.

With a recent study into brain trauma revealing significant numbers of former NFL players among those examined suffering from CTE, the emphasis on injury prevention of all kinds must be paramount.

That means pushing hard on all fronts, particularly equipment innovation and testing.

Crandall sees the engineering roadmap as the correct, well, road to take.

"Beyond the particular outcome of the roadmap," he says, "we will develop an improved understanding of the types and severity of impacts players experience on-field through video analysis and sensors that will be available to examine a broader array of medical and engineering questions."

With, hopefully, benefits for every level of football — and for other sports.

For more NFL coverage: <http://www.pro32.ap.org> and [http://www.twitter.com/AP\\_NFL](http://www.twitter.com/AP_NFL)

## Emotional Sharapova tops No. 2 Halep at Open in Slam return

By HOWARD FENDRICH, AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — When Maria Sharapova's first Grand Slam match after a 15-month doping suspension ended with a victory at the U.S. Open, she dropped to her knees and covered her face, tears welling in her eyes.

This was merely a win to get to the second round, yes, but it also clearly meant so much more to Sharapova. It meant she was back.

Displaying as much emotion on court as she ever did after one of her five major championships, Sharapova recovered after faltering midway through the match and emerged to beat No. 2-seeded Simona Halep 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 at the U.S. Open over more than 2½ hours Monday night.

"Behind all these Swarovski crystals and little black dresses," Sharapova told the Arthur Ashe Stadium crowd, "this girl has a lot of grit, and she's not going anywhere."

So much about Sharapova was the same as it ever was: the shot-punctuating shrieks, the aggressive baseline style, the terrific returning, the sometimes-shaky serving.

Another familiar sight: She gutted out a win.

"It's been a while," said Sharapova, who missed additional time after her ban because of injuries. "It almost seemed like I had no right to win this match today. And I somehow did. I think that is what I'm most proud of."

After leading by a set and 4-1 in the second, Sharapova showed some fatigue and rust, dropping five



**Maria Sharapova tras vencer Simona Halep en la primera ronda del US Open, el lunes 28 de agosto de 2017.** (AP Foto/

Julio Cortez)

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games in a row. But in the third, Sharapova regained control by going ahead 3-0, using her power to keep two-time French Open runner-up Halep under pressure.

Sharapova had not played at a Grand Slam tournament since January 2016, when she tested positive for the newly banned heart drug meldonium during the Australian Open.

The 30-year-old Russian was allowed back on the tour this April, but she was denied a wild-card invitation for the French Open the next month. The U.S. Tennis Association did grant a wild card to Sharapova, who was once ranked No. 1 but is currently 146th.

It was as if every one of Sharapova's winners Monday — and she compiled 60, a startling 45 more than Halep — was her way of declaring, "Look out, everybody!"

Halep was among eight women who entered the U.S. Open with a chance to top the WTA rankings by tournament's end. The draw at Flushing Meadows randomly paired the two players, providing a buzz-generating matchup that managed to live up to the hype on Day 1 at the year's last Grand Slam tournament.

"I gave everything I had," Halep said. "She was better."

And at an event that began without Serena Williams, who is expecting a baby, and is already missing two of its top seven seeded women — No. 7 Johanna Konta, a Wimbledon semifinalist just last month, was upset by 78th-ranked Aleksandra Krunic of Serbia 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 — Sharapova must be considered a serious title contender. She did, after all, win the U.S. Open in 2006.

But Sharapova wasn't interested in looking too far ahead just yet.

"This is a big win for me, and I will enjoy it," she said, "then move on to the next one."

The last match on Monday's schedule actually finished at 2:04 a.m. on Tuesday: After Sharapova won, the fourth-seeded man, Alexander Zverev, needed to get through an 80-minute first set before eventually beating 168th-ranked qualifier Darian King 7-6 (9), 7-5, 6-4. King is the first player from Barbados to participate in a main-draw match at a major.

Sharapova vs. Halep was a tremendously entertaining and high-quality contest, more befitting a final than a first-rounder.

These two women have, indeed, faced off with a Grand Slam title at stake: Sharapova beat Halep in the 2014 French Open final, part of what is now her 7-0 head-to-head record in the matchup.

On Monday, they traded stinging shots, often with Sharapova — dressed in all black, from her visor, to her dress that sparkled under the lights, to her socks and shoes — aiming to end exchanges and Halep hustling into place to extend them.

"I expected her to hit everything," Halep said. "Some balls were really good. I couldn't even touch them."

Points would last 10 or 12 strokes, or more, repeatedly leaving a sellout crowd of 23,771 in Arthur Ashe Stadium clapping and yelling and high-fiving, no matter which player won them. The chair umpire repeatedly admonished spectators to hush.

Halep blinked at the end of the hour-long first set, double-faulting to face a break point, then watching Sharapova punish a 71 mph second serve with a forehand return winner. That was Sharapova's sixth return winner; she would finish with 14, more than enough to counter her seven double-faults.

Halep lamented that her serve was "very bad."

Asked why, she answered: "I didn't have the timing, the feeling. I don't know why."

It was quickly 4-1 for Sharapova in the second set and she held a break point there to allow her to go up 5-1 and serve for the victory. But she couldn't convert it. Then, only then, did Sharapova struggle for a bit. Her footwork was off. Her forehand lost its way. She would end up losing that game and the next four, too, as Halep managed to force a third set.

But with the outcome in the balance, Sharapova once again looked as if she had never been away, improving to 11-0 in first-round matches in New York.

She was asked during her on-court interview what the low point was while forced off the tour.

"There were definitely a few," Sharapova allowed, before adding: "But I don't think this is the time to talk about that."

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## Scientists say Harvey may be the soggy sign of future storms

By **SETH BORENSTEIN**, AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — By the time the rain stops, Harvey will have dumped about 1 million gallons of water for every man, woman and child in southeastern Texas — a soggy, record-breaking glimpse of the wet and wild future that global warming could bring, scientists say.

While scientists are quick to say that climate change didn't cause Harvey and that they haven't determined yet whether the storm was made worse by global warming, they do note that warmer air and water mean wetter and possibly more intense hurricanes in the future.

"This is the kind of thing we are going to get more of," said Princeton University climate scientist Michael Oppenheimer. "This storm should serve as warning."

There's a scientifically accepted method for determining if some wild weather event has the fingerprints of man-made climate change, and it involves intricate calculations. Those could take weeks or months to complete, and then even longer to pass peer review.

In general, though, climate scientists agree that future storms will dump much more rain than the same size storms did in the past.

That's because warmer air holds more water. With every degree Fahrenheit, the atmosphere can hold and then dump an additional 4 percent of water (7 percent for every degree Celsius), several scientists say. Global warming also means warmer seas, and warm water is what fuels hurricanes.

When Harvey moved toward Texas, water in the Gulf of Mexico was nearly 2 degrees (1 degree Celsius) warmer than normal, said Weather Underground meteorology director Jeff Masters. Hurricanes need at least 79 degrees F (26 C) as fuel, and water at least that warm ran more than 300 feet (100 meters) deep in the Gulf, according to University of Miami hurricane researcher Brian McNoldy.

Several studies show that the top 1 percent of the strongest downpours are already happening much more frequently. Also, calculations done Monday by MIT meteorology professor Kerry Emanuel show that the drenching received by Rockport, Texas, used to be maybe a once-in-1,800-years event for that city, but with warmer air holding more water and changes in storm steering currents since 2010, it is now a once-every-300-years event.

There's a lot of debate among climate scientists over what role, if any, global warming may have played in causing Harvey to stall over Texas, which was a huge factor in the catastrophic flooding. If the hurricane had moved on like a normal storm, it wouldn't have dumped as much rain in any one spot.

Harvey stalled because it is sandwiched between two high-pressure fronts that push it in opposite directions, and those fronts are stuck.



**Volunteer rescue boats make their way into a flooded subdivision to rescue stranded residents as floodwaters from Tropical Storm Harvey rise Monday, Aug. 28, 2017, in Spring, Texas.** (AP Photo/David J. Phillip)

Oppenheimer and some others theorize that there's a connection between melting sea ice in the Arctic and changes in the jet stream and the weather patterns that make these "blocking fronts" more common. Others, like Masters, contend it's too early to say.

University of Washington atmospheric scientist Cliff Mass said that climate change is simply not powerful enough to create off-the-chart events like Harvey's rainfall.

"You really can't pin global warming on something this extreme. It has to be natural variability," Mass said. "It may juice it up slightly but not create this phenomenal anomaly."

"We're breaking one record after another with this thing," Mass said.

Sometime Tuesday or early Wednesday, parts of the Houston region will have broken the nearly 40-year-old U.S. record for the heaviest rainfall from a tropical system — 48 inches, set by Tropical Storm Amelia in 1978 in Texas, several meteorologists say.

Already 15 trillion gallons of rain have fallen on a large area, and an additional 5 trillion or 6 trillion gallons are forecast by the end of Wednesday, meteorologist Ryan Maue of WeatherBell Analytics calculates. That's enough water to fill all the NFL and Division 1 college football stadiums more than 100 times over.

## New Mexico officials: 2 dead, 4 injured in library shooting

CLOVIS, N.M. (AP) — Two people were killed and four others were injured when gunfire erupted inside a public library on Monday, throwing an eastern New Mexico community into a panic as officers swarmed the building with their guns drawn.

The gunman surrendered and was taken into custody without incident after police entered the downtown building, authorities and elected officials with the city of Clovis said during a news conference.

Warrants for his arrest were being prepared, but it's wasn't immediately clear what charges he would face.

Clovis Mayor David Lansford said things could have been much worse had it not been for the quick response, training and courage of police. He called the shooting tragic and senseless.

"This is a big blow to our community," he said. "Our community is a community that places a high value on life and the sanctity of life. And each life that lives in this community is precious. So we're all hurting right now as a result of what took place this afternoon."

Clovis, a city of about 40,000, is about 200 miles east of Albuquerque, near the Texas state line. The area is home to Cannon Air Force Base. The nearby community of Portales is home to Eastern New Mexico University.

The injured included two men and two women, authorities said. Some were taken to a hospital across the state line in Lubbock, Texas. The extent of their injuries was not immediately known.

One woman was seen being helped into an ambulance while a call for air ambulances could be heard



**An injured woman is carried to an ambulance in Clovis, N.M., Monday, Aug. 28, 2017, as authorities respond to reports of a shooting inside a public library. A city official says police have taken a person into custody who they believe is responsible for a shooting at the library.** (Tony Bullocks/

The Eastern New Mexico News via AP)

over police radio traffic.

The names of the victims and the gunman were not released.

Police said they were still working to process the crime scene and piece together what happened. Police Chief Douglas Ford could not immediately say what kind of gun was used in the attack.

Top elected officials from across New Mexico issued their condolences for the victims and their support for the community. Gov. Susana Martinez called it a "horrific attack."

"In the coming hours and days we will learn more information about this despicable act, but for now I ask all New Mexicans to pray for the victims and their families, and for the entire Clovis community," said Martinez, a former prosecutor.

Attorney General Hector Balderas said his office has reached out to the local district attorney to offer its help.

Sojung Her, a 26-year-old cashier at the Shogun Japanese Steakhouse within view of the library lawn, said the shooting left behind a sense of fear and vulnerability.

"It's kind of a freak thing," she said. "What if he just walked into our restaurant and started shooting?"

Police cars and tactical officers crowded the streets outside as she arrived to work at the restaurant late Monday afternoon.

"This kind of thing never happens here," she said.

Vanessa Aguirre told The Eastern New Mexico News that she was in the library with her son when a man came in and started to shoot into the air.

"It all happened so fast," she said. "We took off fast."

## Lawyer says Trump Tower in Russia considered during campaign

By ERIC TUCKER and CHAD DAY, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump's personal lawyer confirmed Monday that the president's company pursued a project in Moscow during the Republican primary, but said that the plan was abandoned "for a variety of business reasons." The attorney, Michael Cohen, also said he sent an email to the spokesman for Russian President Vladimir Putin as part of the potential deal.

The confirmation that the Trump Organization was actively considering doing business in Russia during the presidential election could provide special counsel Robert Mueller with motivation for probing Trump's personal and business finances, a line Trump has warned him not to cross.

Cohen disclosed details of the deal in a statement to the House intelligence committee, which like Mueller is investigating Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election and possible coordination between the Trump campaign and Russia. The Associated Press obtained the statement Monday.

In the statement, Cohen said that he worked on the real estate proposal with Felix Sater, a Russia-born associate who he said claimed to have deep connections in Moscow.

The discussions about the potential development occurred in the fall of 2015, months after Trump had declared his candidacy, and ended early last year when Cohen determined that the project was not feasible, according to Cohen's statement. Cohen also disclosed that Trump was personally aware of the deal, signing a letter of intent and discussing it with Cohen on two other occasions.

In a statement, the Trump Organization emphasized that the licensing deal "was not significantly advanced," noting that no site or financing materialized during the negotiations. The company also said it was never paid any fees as part of the deal, and the signed letter of intent was nonbinding.

"To be clear, the Trump Organization has never had any real estate holdings or interests in Russia," the company said.

The negotiations of the possible Trump Tower Moscow deal were first reported Sunday night by The Washington Post. On Monday, The New York Times reported on an email in which Sater appeared to boast that the real estate deal could help Trump get elected. Sater did not respond to a request for comment from the AP on Monday.

"Our boy can become president of the USA and we can engineer it," Sater wrote in an email, according to

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the Times. "I will get all of Putins team to buy in on this, I will manage this process."

He also said in another email about a possible ribbon-cutting: "I will get Putin on this program and we will get Donald elected."

In the two-page statement, Cohen said he emailed Putin's press secretary, Dmitry Peskov, after Sater suggested that "the proposal would require approvals within the Russian government that had not been issued." Cohen said he did not recall any response to his email, or any other contacts with Peskov or other Russian government officials about the project.

Cohen portrayed the proposal as one of "countless" that the Trump Organization has received for developments around the world, noting that Trump had properties and developments in about a dozen different countries.

The project, Cohen said, first came to his attention in September 2015 when he received a proposal for a "Trump Tower Moscow" that would house a luxury hotel, office spaces and condominiums.

Cohen said he "performed some initial due diligence" to determine whether it was a good fit for the Trump Organization, and Trump ultimately signed a nonbinding letter of intent with a Moscow-based developer, I.C. Expert Investment Co., on Oct. 28, 2015.

After the signing of the letter, Cohen said the Trump Organization sought building designs from architects and held "preliminary discussions regarding potential financing" for the building.

Cohen said he also communicated extensively with Sater, who was brokering the deal and stood to receive payment from the Russian developer if it came to fruition.

Sater was a former real estate executive at Bayrock Group LLC, a development company that leased space in Trump Tower and also partnered with him on various deals. Sater was previously convicted of assault in 1993 for stabbing a man in the face with a broken margarita glass. He later became a government informant upon his conviction years later in a \$40 million Mafia stock fraud scheme.

A judge is reviewing requests by news organizations and others to unseal court records detailing his cooperation on behalf of the government in what prosecutors have described as national security matters. Federal prosecutors have opposed disclosing such information, arguing doing so could jeopardize investigations and put lives at risk.

In his statement, Cohen downplayed the comments Sater made in email correspondence about the Trump Tower Moscow deal.

"Over the course of my business dealings with Mr. Sater, he has sometimes used colorful language and has been prone to 'salesmanship,'" Cohen said. "As a result, I did not feel that it was necessary to routinely apprise others within the Trump Organization of communications that Mr. Sater sent only to me."

Cohen said that Sater "constantly" invited him to travel to Moscow and encouraged him to bring Trump. But Cohen said he rebuffed the overtures. He said he has never traveled to Russia, and never considered



**In this Dec. 16, 2016 file photo, Michael Cohen, an attorney for Donald Trump, arrives in Trump Tower in New York. Cohen acknowledged Monday, Aug. 28, 2017, that the president's company considered building a Trump Tower in Moscow during the Republican primary, but that the plan was abandoned "for a variety of business reasons." He said that at one point he reached out to the spokesman for Russian President Vladimir Putin about approvals from the Russian government.** (AP Photo/

Richard Drew, File)

asking Trump to go to Russia, which he said he only would have encouraged if there was a "definitive agreement in place."

Cohen said the proposal, which was contingent upon the developer finding an appropriate property and getting necessary permits, was under consideration until the end of January 2016. At that point, he said that he determined the "proposal was not feasible for a variety of business reasons and should not be pursued further."

He said neither the decision to pursue the development nor the decision to abandon it were related to Trump's presidential campaign.

Associated Press writers Stephen Braun and Jake Pearson in New York contributed to this report.

## My family rode out Harvey until water poured through walls

BY RAMIT PLUSHNICK-MASTI, For The Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — At 4:30 a.m. Sunday, my husband, Rafi, woke me up. "There's water in our bathroom. We need to look around," he said.

Our sunroom already had six inches of water. Outside, the water outside was right at our door. My son's room was picking up water from the backyard. We woke everyone and put towels at the doors. Seems silly now, but at the time it seemed the right thing to do.

And then the water just started rushing in through the walls. Within an hour it was at my ankles.

We moved our picture albums to counters. We picked up laundry baskets, clothes from bottom drawers and shoes. My boys — 10-year-old Eliran, 14-year-old Ron and 15-year-old Shaked — grabbed the summer homework they had spent hours completing and put it on top shelves — no way they were going to redo that! Laptops went to the kitchen counter along with tablets and phones.

Text messages flew between neighbors: It was only 6 a.m. and the water was at the middle of my shin. A neighbor and colleague from work said he had more than a foot of water inside and was calling for rescue. I decided we could wait a little longer. Surely there were people in greater need.

By 7:30 a.m. I knew we needed to leave. The water was just under my knees. I grabbed Ziploc bags and stuffed two pairs of jeans, two T-shirts, underwear and moisturizer inside. I took all the chargers and went to the kitchen. The water was at my knees.

I called 911 and told them we needed to evacuate. I was still calm. I explained that we were fine for now but need to get out.



**This Sunday, Aug. 27, 2017, photo provided by Ramit Plushnick-Masti, shows a toy sailboat floating in the kitchen of her flooded home in Houston's Meyerland neighborhood that was caused by Tropical Storm Harvey. Plushnick-Masti and her family intended to ride out the storm in their Houston home, but their plan changed when the floodwaters rose over the weekend.** (Ramit Plushnick-

Masti via AP)

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And then we waited.

Houston has seen hurricanes, tropical storms and floods. But even for me, a non-native Houstonian, it had been clear since Thursday this was not going to be a typical event.

The days and hours that followed became a blur of activity. My mind was working overtime. I wanted to make sure my sons were safe. Food, gas and cash were also priorities.

But then, there was work. I am the director of communications at the Houston Forensic Science Center (HFSC), the city's crime lab, and we had to make sure evidence was secure. As a former Associated Press journalist, my crisis management instincts kicked into high gear as the storm approached.

The forecasts for Harvey were terrifying. Still, our Houston neighborhood of Meyerland was not told to evacuate, and since 2010 when we moved to Houston we had been through four floods. We didn't really consider fleeing. Either way, I would have had to remain in the city because I am an essential employee at work.

It rained hard from Friday into Saturday, but it slowed down by mid-morning Saturday. Our family, along with many others in the neighborhood, went out to peek at our local waterway, Braes Bayou. It was high, but looked like it could take more rain.

We went to the supermarket to buy strawberries, Klondike bars and peaches — hurricane necessities.

And then, around 7 p.m. on Saturday, the deluge began. The skies opened, and massive amounts of rain fell. The weather report predicted more, but we went to sleep — until my husband woke me in the pre-dawn hours Sunday.

As the water rose in our home and we awaited rescue, my two older boys went to lie down: one on the dining room table and the other on his now-floating bed. The higher the water got, the more polluted it looked. There were huge cockroaches crawling from the muck.

At 11:30 a.m. there was a loud splash. The TV in the living room had tumbled into the water. The fire department had answered our call but could not say when they would arrive. My boys were getting nervous.

The water was more than halfway up the lower kitchen cabinet. I called 911 again, and friends sent some phone numbers for the Coast Guard. Emergency dispatchers answered, but couldn't indicate where in the evacuation effort we might fall. The Coast Guard phone numbers were busy.

We sat on the kitchen counters. The water hit the top panel of the dishwasher. It was 12:30 p.m. It was clear we needed to do something other than just wait.

We had already posted pictures to Facebook of our inundated house. Now, it was time for some Facebook crowdsourcing. So I posted that we needed someone with a boat in Meyerland to get us out. The two older boys and my husband got on the roof to try to flag down boats going down what had once been Wigton Drive, but was now a roaring river.

People shared the post, and quickly we got on an evacuation list put together by a neighborhood rabbi who had organized some people with motorboats to evacuate residents.

The boys grabbed some clothes and we put everything in garbage bags. At 2 p.m. a boat arranged by the rabbi arrived. The water in our house was waist high. We needed to get out from the laundry room. The washing machine had turned on its side in the water, and so had the stand-up freezer. We climbed over it and out into the driveway.

The water outside was over my head and I had to swim. On the boat were several other families, including two elderly people, a 6-month old baby and two dogs. As we made our way toward the local church that had become a shelter, the boat's propeller hit the ground and we all got off.

Wading through knee-high water, with white plastic garbage bags full of clothing and laptops on our shoulders, we made our way toward the church, which had no power. There were at least 100 people there and no cots, but it was dry, and we made it our home for the night.

We made a ravioli dinner, using a flashlight to see, and we slept on the floor. But we knew we were lucky. Others had water in their homes over their heads and had broken through their roofs to get out. Elderly

people did not have their medicine. Everything we lost is material. We will rebuild, and our family is whole.

At 11:30 p.m. Sunday night, as I was about to go to sleep at the church, my phone rang.

It was the Houston Fire Department, calling to ask if we had gotten to dry ground — 16 hours after I had first called for help.

## Harvey's heavy rains ratchet up flooding fears in Louisiana

By **ROGELIO SOLIS** and **MICHAEL KUNZELMAN**, Associated Press

MOSS BLUFF, La. (AP) — Heavy rain bands from Harvey lashed southwest Louisiana on Monday, ratcheting up flooding fears as the state's governor warned of a "dangerous situation" looming.

Gov. John Bel Edwards told reporters he expects the threat to rise as outer rain bands sweep into Louisiana, adding, "This is going to play out over several days."

While Louisiana doesn't appear to be facing a threat on par with Harvey's catastrophic toll in Texas, images of flood devastation in Houston revived painful memories for survivors of Hurricane Katrina more than a decade ago.

"It really evoked a lot of emotions and heartbreak for the people who are going through that now in Houston," Ray Gratia said as he collected sandbags for his New Orleans home, which flooded from the 2005 hurricane that left much of the city underwater for weeks.

Rhonda Wylie loaded sandbags into her car with help of firefighters Monday as rain bands neared New Orleans.

Wylie's home flooded earlier this month during a deluge that exposed problems with the city's pump and drainage system. New Orleans was on the outskirts of Harvey's rain bands Monday, but residents are on edge because the pumping system still isn't working at full capacity.

"I just felt like I needed to take all precautions this time," she said as homeowners picked up sandbags from local fire stations.

New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu said a recently repaired pump failed Monday during Harvey's heavy rains. Landrieu added that most pumps were working, and the city is continuing with efforts to improve the pumping system.

In southwest Louisiana, a man who lives near the Mermentau River in Jefferson Davis Parish dug a ditch near this home Monday to drain water that flooded his barnyard overnight, accidentally drowning a goat. Marshall Daigle isn't worried that his home will be damaged, but he expects floodwaters to cut off access to his neighborhood.

"It's going to flood, and it's going to flood in a big way," he predicted.



**Jimmie Bradley speaks about the flooding in his neighborhood in Moss Bluff, a Lake Charles, La., suburb in Calcasieu Parish, Monday, Aug. 28, 2017. Bradley, 78, and his wife Brenda, had stacked sandbags at their doors, but the rising water was lapping at the steps to their back porch and had overtaken their front yard. Virtually every neighbor on Crawford Drive has at least a foot of water in their yards.**

(AP Photo/Rogelio V. Solis)

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Lake Charles Mayor Nic Hunter said floodwaters had damaged fewer than a dozen homes in that southwest Louisiana city as of Monday afternoon, but the number is likely to rise in coming days.

Floodwaters crept over roads toward homes in Brenda Bradley's neighborhood in Moss Bluff, a Lake Charles suburb. The 72-year-old woman and her husband Jimmie had stacked sandbags at their doors as water lapped at the steps of their back porch.

"We've got to try to save what we can," said Bradley, whose home flooded with several inches (centimeters) of water in 2006. "We're in our 70s and there's no way we can lift all (our) furniture up."

President Donald Trump, moving to expedite federal disaster assistance, issued a federal emergency declaration Monday for five parishes in southwest Louisiana: Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Jefferson Davis and Vermillion. And the Louisiana National Guard readied high-water vehicles and boats, but hasn't conducted any search and rescue missions in southwest Louisiana yet, the governor said.

Louisiana also is assisting Texas, sending teams of 40 wildlife and fisheries agents with 40 boats to join search-and-rescue efforts across state lines.

An emergency response official in coastal Cameron Parish said the threat of flooding from Harvey's torrential rains could be "new ground for us." Danny Lavergne, director of Cameron Parish's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, said approximately 30 roads in the parish were covered with water but remained passable Monday morning.

But he added it was "early in the game," with more heavy rain in the forecast.

"It's far from being over," he said.

Tornado and flash flood watches covered parts of southwest Louisiana.

Donald Jones, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service office that covers southwest Louisiana said the area could get 10 to 15 inches (25 to 38 centimeters) more rain through Wednesday.

In southeast Louisiana, meteorologist Christopher Bannan said 3 to 6 inches (about 7-15 centimeters) are possible through Tuesday, with 5 to 10 inches (about 12-25 centimeters) through Thursday.

Kunzelman reported from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Stacey Plaisance contributed from New Orleans. Jeff Amy contributed from Jefferson Davis Parish.

## Photo of mother and baby's rescue becomes symbol of storm

By ADAM GELLER, AP National Writer

In the photo, little Aiden Pham — 13 months old and swaddled in a blanket — nestles asleep in his mother's arms, even as floodwaters from Hurricane Harvey surge around them.

Someday, no doubt, Aiden's mother will tell him about the day Houston police rescued them from their flooded home by boat, and about how one officer lifted them to safety. But thanks to the careful eye of a veteran Associated Press photographer assigned to cover the storm, the world already knows the mother, child and officer as the faces of the struggle to deal with the devastation.

"I was just keeping an eye out and as soon as I saw the SWAT team member carrying her and then seeing the baby, I just couldn't believe that baby was wrapped up in there and not crying," photographer David Phillip said of the moment Sunday afternoon when his lens found the trio. "It was just tender. It was very special."

Phillip's photo shows officer Daryl Hudeck, in baseball cap and fatigues, carrying Catherine Pham and the son she cradled through knee-deep water covering Interstate 610, in southwest Houston.

Phillip said the woman and child were rescued along with the baby's father from their home in the city's Meyerland section, where water reached many roofs.

By Monday, the image had quickly become a symbol of the storm and rescue efforts, featured across the web and many front pages.

The Phams, carried to a police staging point at a high spot in the road, were quickly whisked away Sunday, giving Phillip just a minute or two to get their names and witness their relief.

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"House is completely flooded, but at least we are all together," Catherine Pham posted on her Facebook page late Sunday. "We are so thankful that God was looking over us today!"

Soon after the Phams were rescued, Phillip said, he broke away to transmit the photos. It's a good thing, too. Not long after, a boat he was on hit an object underwater, probably a submerged car, and the photographer was pitched backward into the water. His leg was scraped by the boat's outboard motor before fire department rescuers could pull him on board. One of his cameras and all the images it contained were lost.

Phillip, who is 51 and has been a photographer for the AP for 22 years, all based in Houston, has covered many hurricanes. But Katrina, Ike and Rita could not prepare him for the one that has swamped his home city.

During Katrina, "I did see a lot of disturbing things, you know, dogs eating bodies and that sort of thing," he said. "But having this in your home, it's just kind of a sickening feeling. I just kind of think it's a bad dream and we'll all wake up and it will all be gone. But it isn't going to be any time soon."

Still, Phillip said, seeing police rescue people like Catherine and Aiden Pham has been a reminder of his city's endurance.

"There's moments that will always stick in your head — that one and something that happened a few hours before them, when a sheriff's deputy had to go and rescue a guy from a flooded car," he said. "Just the terror on the gentleman's face who was being rescued and just how dedicated our law enforcement is, just doing what they can to save people."



**Houston Police SWAT officer Daryl Hudeck carries Catherine Pham and her 13-month-old son Aiden after rescuing them from their home surrounded by floodwaters from Tropical Storm Harvey Sunday, Aug. 27, 2017, in Houston. The remnants of Hurricane Harvey sent devastating floods pouring into Houston Sunday as rising water chased thousands of people to rooftops or higher ground.** (AP Photo/David

J. Phillip)

## Trump promises federal aid to storm-ravaged Texas

By **ANDREW TAYLOR, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump on Monday promised federal assistance to storm-ravaged parts of Texas, insisting Congress will act swiftly on a multibillion-dollar Hurricane Harvey recovery package as the government signaled current funds will be exhausted in the next few weeks.

"I think it'll happen very quickly," Trump said of an aid package that could rival those enacted after Hurricane Katrina and Superstorm Sandy. "It'll go very fast."

The president said existing disaster balances of more than \$3 billion are sufficient for the immediate emergency but promised his administration will send lawmakers a request for far more to help Texas rebuild from the record storm in which catastrophic flooding has hit Houston, the nation's fourth-largest city.

"The real number, which will be many billions of dollars, will go through Congress," Trump said at a White House news conference.

House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., promised through a spokeswoman that "we will help those affected

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by this terrible disaster.”

The Republican-led Congress appears likely to add an immediate infusion of aid to a temporary spending bill to prevent a government shutdown Oct. 1, though congressional aides say the larger recovery package may take more time to develop. It's way too early to guess how much will be required with floodwaters rising in Houston, people stranded in homes and the city essentially paralyzed.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's disaster fund currently contains more than \$3 billion, but FEMA on Monday said response to Harvey is "quickly drawing down" disaster balances.

The upcoming disaster aid package is yet another item for a packed September agenda in Washington that includes preventing a government shutdown, making sure the government doesn't default on its debt obligations, and laying the groundwork for overhauling the tax code.

Vice President Mike Pence told a Houston radio station Monday that given the "magnitude of the flooding" in the area that "it will be years coming back." He said 22,000 people had already applied for federal aid but that as "many as a half-a-million people in Texas will be eligible for and applying for financial disaster assistance."

"We remain very confident that with the reserves and with the support in the Congress, we'll have the resources that we need," Pence told KHOU radio.

Democrats promise they'll help.

"Republicans must be ready to join Democrats in passing a timely relief bill that makes all necessary resources available," said House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

Last week, Trump threatened a government shutdown if he didn't get his \$1.6 billion request to begin building a U.S.-Mexico border wall. But the need for disaster funding could make a shutdown showdown in September less likely since Trump may want to avoid a battle that could make him look like he's prioritizing wall funding over flood victims.

Asked if the natural disaster would make him reconsider a shutdown, Trump said: "I think it has nothing to do with it, really. I think this is separate."

FEMA announced Monday that it is prioritizing the Harvey response and holding off on less-urgent payments for earlier disasters to husband its money to make sure there is enough for immediate Harvey-related needs such as debris removal and temporary shelter for tens of thousands of Texans displaced from their homes.

Congress stepped forward with enormous aid packages in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and Superstorm Sandy in 2012, though some GOP conservatives — including then-Indiana Rep. Pence — chafed at the price tag. And White House Budget Director Mick Mulvaney, who will be responsible for preparing any disaster request for Trump, opposed a 2013 Sandy aid package as a South Carolina con-



**In this Aug. 4, 2017 file photo, President Donald Trump speaks at Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) headquarters in Washington. The federal government has, for now, enough disaster aid money to deal with the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, but the ongoing storm appears sure to require a multibillion-dollar recovery package as did Hurricane Katrina and Superstorm Sandy.**

(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin, File)

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gressman, offering a plan to cut elsewhere in the budget to pay for it.

Mulvaney's May budget release also proposed eliminating community block grants that are likely to be sought by the powerful Texas delegation to help with rebuilding efforts.

Lawmakers provided \$110 billion to rebuild the Gulf Coast after Katrina, thanks in part to dogged efforts by Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Thad Cochran, R-Miss. The Bush administration, politically scalded by criticism over its botched response, signed off on the aid.

But New York and New Jersey lawmakers seeking help over Superstorm Sandy encountered stiffer resistance. Many Republicans opposed the full \$51 billion aid package, which included a \$34 billion amendment by Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., that included grants for housing and other repairs patterned after the Katrina response.

Some hard feelings linger on the part of New York and New Jersey Republicans, who had to battle to win help for their Democratic-leaning states in the bitter aftermath of the 2012 election.

"Despite my TX colleagues refusal to support aid in #SouthJersey time of need, I will support emergency disaster \$\$ for those impacted," Rep. Frank LoBiondo, R-N.J., wrote on Twitter on Monday.

Texas Republicans overwhelmingly voted against the final Sandy aid bill. The state's two senators, John Cornyn and Ted Cruz, opposed the aid package along with more than 20 House Republicans representing Texas.

## Markets Right Now: Stocks finish mixed in quiet trading

NEW YORK (AP) — The latest on developments in financial markets (All times local):

4 p.m.

Stocks are finishing little changed on a quiet day of trading as health care companies rise and energy and insurance companies slip.

Biotech drug companies rose Monday after Gilead Sciences agreed to buy cancer drug developer Kite Pharma for \$11.9 billion. Kite Pharma rose 28 percent and Gilead gained 1.2 percent.

Energy companies and oil prices dropped as Tropical Storm Harvey continued to deluge the Gulf Coast. Anadarko Petroleum lost 2.6 percent.

Insurer Travelers fell 2.6 percent as investors expected losses related to the damage caused by the storm.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 1 point, or less than 0.1 percent, to 2,444.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 5 points to 21,808. The Nasdaq composite rose 17 points, or 0.3 percent, to 6,283.

12 p.m.

U.S. stock indexes are little changed at midday as health care and technology companies rise and energy companies trade lower.

Investors bought shares of gasoline refiners Monday as Tropical Storm Harvey continued to deluge the Gulf Coast. Valero Energy rose 1.6 percent.

Insurance companies and oil drillers slumped. Travelers lost 2.9 percent and Apache gave up 2.5 percent.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose less than a point, to 2,443.

Drugmaker Gilead Sciences agreed to buy cancer drug developer Kite Pharma for \$11.9 billion. Kite Pharma rose 28.4 percent and Gilead gained 2.4 percent.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 4 points to 21,809. The Nasdaq composite rose 22 points, or 0.4 percent, to 6,287.

On the New York Stock Exchange, more stocks fell than rose.

9:35 a.m.

Stocks were opening higher on Wall Street Monday led by materials companies and utilities.

Banks and other financial companies were the only laggards among the sectors in the S&P 500.

The S&P 500 rose 5 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,448.

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The Dow Jones industrial average gained 27 points, or 0.1 percent, to 21,840. The Nasdaq rose 11 points, or 0.2 percent, to 6,276.

Bond prices fell. The yield on the 10-year Treasury rose to 2.17 percent.

## Today in History By The Associated Press

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Today is Tuesday, Aug. 29, the 241st day of 2017. There are 124 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 29, 1967, the series finale of "The Fugitive," starring David Janssen as a doctor on the run after being wrongly convicted of murdering his wife, aired on ABC-TV, drawing an estimated 78 million viewers.

On this date:

In 1533, the last Incan King of Peru, Atahualpa (ah-tuh-WAHL'-puh), was executed on orders of Spanish conqueror Francisco Pizarro.

In 1877, the second president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Brigham Young, died in Salt Lake City, Utah, at age 76.

In 1910, Korean Emperor Sunjong abdicated as the Japan-Korea Annexation Treaty went into effect.

In 1944, 15,000 American troops of the 28th Infantry Division marched down the Champs Elysees (shahms ay-lee-ZAY') in Paris as the French capital continued to celebrate its liberation from the Nazis.

In 1952, the composition 4'33" ("Four Minutes, Thirty-three Seconds") by avant-garde composer John Cage premiered in Woodstock, New York, as David Tudor sat down at a piano, and, for four minutes and 33 seconds, played ... nothing.

In 1957, the Senate gave final congressional approval to a Civil Rights Act after South Carolina Sen. Strom Thurmond (then a Democrat) ended a filibuster that had lasted 24 hours.

In 1958, pop superstar Michael Jackson was born in Gary, Indiana.

In 1965, Gemini 5, carrying astronauts Gordon Cooper and Charles "Pete" Conrad, splashed down in the Atlantic after 8 days in space.

In 1972, swimmer Mark Spitz of the United States won the third of his seven gold medals at the Munich Olympics, finishing first in the 200-meter freestyle.

In 1987, Academy Award-winning actor Lee Marvin died in Tucson, Arizona, at age 63.

In 1996, the Democratic National Convention in Chicago nominated Al Gore for a second term as vice president. Earlier in the day, President Bill Clinton's chief political strategist, Dick Morris, resigned amid a scandal over his relationship with a prostitute.

In 2005, Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast near Buras, Louisiana, bringing floods that devastated New Orleans. More than 1,800 people in the region died.

Ten years ago: Fellow Republicans called on Idaho Sen. Larry Craig to resign and party leaders pushed him from senior committee posts as fallout continued over his arrest at a Minneapolis airport restroom and guilty plea to disorderly conduct. Prayers, protests and a lingering disgust with the government's response to Hurricane Katrina marked the disaster's second anniversary in New Orleans. Taliban militants in Afghanistan released 12 South Korean captives, part of a deal with Seoul to free all 19 hostages. Richard Jewell, the former security guard who was wrongly linked to the 1996 Olympic bombing, was found dead in his west Georgia home; he was 44.

Five years ago: Seizing the Republican National Convention spotlight in Tampa, Florida, vice presidential candidate Paul Ryan promised Mitt Romney would "not duck the tough issues" if he were to win the White House and that their party would move forcefully to solve the nation's economic woes. Hurricane Isaac sidestepped New Orleans, sending the worst of its howling wind and heavy rain into a cluster of rural fishing villages. The NFL announced it would open the regular season with replacement officials.

One year ago: Huma Abedin (HOO'-muh AB'-uh-deen), a top aide to Hillary Clinton, announced she was separating from her husband, Anthony Weiner, after the former congressman was accused in yet another

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sexting scandal. Actor Gene Wilder, the frizzy-haired actor who brought his deft comedic touch to such unforgettable roles as the neurotic accountant in "The Producers" and the deranged animator of "Young Frankenstein," died in Stamford, Connecticut, at age 83.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Betty Lynn (TV: "The Andy Griffith Show") is 91. Movie director William Friedkin is 82. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., is 81. Actor Elliott Gould is 79. Movie director Joel Schumacher is 78. TV personality Robin Leach is 76. Actress Deborah Van Valkenburgh is 65. Former Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew is 62. Dancer-choreographer Mark Morris is 61. Country musician Dan Truman (Diamond Rio) is 61. Actress Rebecca DeMornay is 58. Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch is 50. Singer Me'Shell NdegeOcello (n-DAY'-gay-OH'-chehl-oh) is 49. Rhythm-and-blues singer Carl Martin (Shai) is 47. Actress Carla Gugino is 46. Rock musician Kyle Cook (Matchbox Twenty) is 42. Actor John Hensley is 40. Actress Kate Simses is 38. Rock musician David Desrosiers (Simple Plan) is 37. Rapper A+ is 35. Actress Jennifer Landon is 34. Actor Jeffrey Licon is 32. Actress-singer Lea Michele is 31. Actress Charlotte Ritchie is 28. Actress Nicole Gale Anderson is 27. Rock singer Liam Payne (One Direction) is 24.

Thought for Today: "Don't be 'consistent,' but be simply true." — Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr., American author (1809-1894).