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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.

Official Notices

Frederick Area School (updated 8-29)

Groton City (updated 8-29)

Groton Area School (updated 8-29)

Westport Town (updated 8-21-17)

Other Notices (updated 8-21)

Brown County (updated 8-15)

Frederick Town (Updated 8-15)

Groton Area School (updated 8-7)

Claremont Town Official Notices Book

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Senior Menu: Breaded codfish, parsley buttered potatoes, coleslaw, orange sherbet, whole wheat bread.

Football: Sisseton, here, 7 p.m.

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

Groton Christian & Missionary Alliance: Men's Bible Study at the Groton Dairy Queen, 6:30 a.m.

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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"You gain

STRENGTH,

COURAGE,

& CONFIDENCE

by every experience in which you stop to
look fear in the face"

-Eleanor Roosevelt



Chicken Soup
for the Soul

Golfers at Hub City Invite

Groton had three golfers play in the Hub City Invite. Tristan Traphagen finished with a 104. Hunter Kassube finished with a 113, and Lucas Simon had a 116. The Groton golfers will be at Milbank this Thursday.

South Dakota Supreme Court Hears Oral Arguments in Case Targeting 1992 Quill Decision

Pierre, S.D. – The South Dakota Retailers Association (SDRA) issued the following statement reacting to oral arguments made today at the South Dakota Supreme Court in the case State of South Dakota v. Wayfair, Overstock, Newegg. The case stems from a state law passed in 2016 that would require sellers without a physical presence in the state to collect and remit sales tax if they transact more than \$100,000 of business in the state or more than 200 sales.

SDRA Executive Director Shawn Lyons said today's arguments take the industry one step closer to revisiting the 1992 U.S. Supreme Court Quill decision which prohibits South Dakota from requiring out-of-state retailers to collect and remit the state sales tax.

Lyons noted that the U.S. Supreme Court's Quill decision has given out of state, online-only retailers a significant tax advantage over local businesses in South Dakota for more than twenty years. Congressional inaction to remedy this situation means only the U.S. Supreme Court can solve this problem, and today's arguments led by Attorney General Marty Jackley bring us one step closer to a judicial solution.

"South Dakota's retail community is grateful Governor Dugaard, the Attorney General and the Legislature have made solving this problem a top priority," Lyons stated. "Closing the online loophole and ending special treatment for online-only sellers is a top priority for our members. Local retailers collect sales taxes every day which are vital to the economic vitality of our communities. They simply want a level playing field on which to compete."

We hope the South Dakota Supreme Court will act expeditiously and give the U.S. Supreme Court the opportunity to hear this case in 2017.

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)

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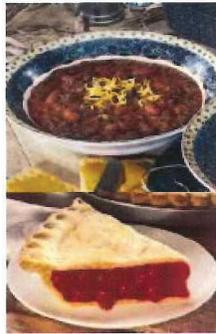
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397-2386 at 10:30 a.m. or after.**

THINKING ABOUT HEALTH

By Trudy Lieberman, Rural Health News Service

Right-To-Try Drug Proposal Is a Solution For a Non-Existent Problem

This fall the House of Representatives is likely to take up legislation passed by the Senate that gives terminally ill patients the right to try unproven, experimental drugs that are not yet on the market. Thirty-seven states have already passed similar legislation.

All this may sound like terrific news for very sick patients with few or no treatment options left, but the issue deserves a much deeper look thanks to its potential impact on people's pocketbooks and health.

"The public has no idea this is not a good thing," says Alison Bateman-House, a medical ethicist at New York University's Langone Medical Center. "They know nothing about the bill except that the right-to-try sounds like a good thing."

For example, she said, few people in those 37 states know they may lose hospice coverage, or they may be denied coverage for home health care if they use an experimental treatment. In Colorado, Connecticut, Oklahoma and West Virginia, patients may lose their health insurance. Their coverage may be denied for six months after treatment ends.

So why is there a drive for a national law? According to Bateman-House and others who oppose the law, the underlying goal is to remove FDA involvement from a process that's currently in place regarding experimental drugs.

Under the current process for obtaining such drugs, patients must first find a doctor who will agree to try the therapy and contact the drug company for permission to use the experimental treatment. Once the doctor and patient have that permission, they fill out paperwork and send it to the FDA. If the FDA says yes, a patient can try the drug.

But there are other hurdles. An Institutional Review Board, also called an IRB, at the hospital or other institution where the treatment will take place, must also approve the treatment. Finally, the patient must give consent and have money to pay for it.

The right-to-try bill pending in Congress eliminates the FDA from the process. The Goldwater Institute, a libertarian think tank based in Phoenix, has led the drive for legislation, and other like-minded think tanks that aren't keen on government regulations have also weighed in. If someone is desperate, "I don't think a person or agency has a right to tell that terminally ill person, 'I'm sorry I don't think I'm going to let you try this,'" Phoenix physician Jeffrey Singer, also a fellow at the Cato Institute, another libertarian think tank, told MedPage Today.

But the FDA isn't the gatekeeper here, Bateman-House said. "The idea the FDA is the stumbling block is completely wrong." It's the drug companies, which decide if they'll let someone try one of their drugs that's still being developed and is not for sale to the public. "We don't know how many times requests to drug companies are approved or denied," says Bateman-House. "If the drug company says 'no,' that's the end of it."

The FDA, however, approves about 99 percent of the drugs that people who are terminally ill ask for, and the process moves quickly. The FDA turns around emergency requests within 24 hours, and in non-

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emergency situations within three to four days.

Why is FDA involvement important? For one thing, it doesn't have a vested interest in the outcome of someone's treatment the way a doctor or drug company has. For another, it knows about other drugs in the same class as the experimental drug and can look for problems that have arisen with those drugs. For example, how does the drug affect the heart? The FDA can also call for safety adjustments in the administration of the drug - such as what's the best dosage - should the patient be on a heart monitor.

Many patient advocacy groups don't support the legislation pending in Congress. The American Society of Clinical Oncology says it supports access to investigational drugs outside of clinical trials when adequate protections are in place. It doesn't support right-to-try legislation because it ignores "key patient protections without actually improving patient access to investigational drugs outside of clinical trials."

The Pharmaceutical Research Manufacturers Association (PhRMA) has issued noncommittal statements about the bill. "As long as you have private sector investment driving drug development, the priority is get the drug approved and sold and not to start giving it away, says medical ethicist Arthur Caplan.

It seems right-to-try laws are a solution looking for a problem, but that solution can cause problems of its own for desperately ill patients.

Would you try an experimental drug if you had a terminal illness? Write to Trudy at trudy.lieberman@gmail.com.

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Today in Weather History

August 30, 1979: A thunderstorm rolled over Ellsworth Air Force Base bringing almost 60 mph winds to the area.

1776 - General Washington took advantage of a heavy fog to evacuate Long Island after a defeat. Adverse winds kept the British fleet from intervening. (David Ludlum)

1838: A major tornado, possibly the worst in Rhode Island history, passed south of Providence. It uprooted and stripped trees of their branches, unroofed or destroyed many houses, and sucked water out of ponds. The tornado barely missed a local railroad depot, where many people were waiting for a train. The tornado injured five people. Click [HERE](#) for an account of the storm from Robert Hare, M.D., Professor of Chemistry at the University of Pennsylvania, published January 1, 1839.

1839 - A hurricane moved from Cape Hatteras NC to offshore New England. An unusual feature of the hurricane was the snow it helped produce, which whitened the Catskill Mountains of New York State. Considerable snow was also reported at Salem NY. (The Weather Channel)

1982 - A tropical depression brought torrential rains to portions of southern Texas. Up to twelve inches fell south of Houston, and as much as eighteen inches fell southeast of Austin. The tropical depression spawned fourteen tornadoes in three days. (David Ludlum) Record cold gripped the northeastern U.S. Thirty-one cities in New England reported record lows, and areas of Vermont received up to three inches of snow. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Eight cities in California and Oregon reported record high temperatures for the date, including Redding CA and Sacramento CA where the mercury hit 100 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

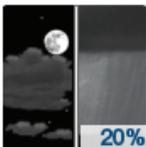
1988 - Thunderstorms drenched Georgia and the Carolinas with heavy rain, soaking Columbia, SC, with 4.10 inches in three hours. Fresno CA was the hot spot in the nation with a record high of 109 degrees. Duluth MN tied their record for the month of August with a morning low of 39 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms developing ahead of a cold front produced large hail in Montana and North Dakota during the evening and early nighttime hours. Hail three inches in diameter was reported 20 miles south of Medora ND, and thunderstorms over Dawson County MT produced up to three inches of rain. Thunderstorms produced golf ball size hail at Roundup MT, Dazey ND and Protection KS. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2002: Typhoon Rusa dumps torrential rains across South Korea, causing widespread flooding from the 30th through September 1st. Typhoon Rusa was the most powerful typhoon to hit South Korea since 1959. Nearly 90,000 people were evacuated. The province of Gangwon was hit the hardest, where an estimated 36 inches of rain fell in less than 48 hours. The torrential rains flooded nearly 36,000 homes. The Korean Defense Ministry reported flood waters submerged 16 jet fighters and 622 military buildings and facilities at Kangnung airbase.

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Today	Tonight	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday
						
Mostly Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Partly Cloudy then Slight Chance Showers	Chance Showers	Partly Cloudy	Sunny
High: 82 °F	Low: 57 °F	High: 81 °F	Low: 63 °F	High: 80 °F	Low: 58 °F	High: 82 °F

Continued Warm and Mostly Dry Through Thursday

Today: Highs 80s to around 90

Thursday: Breezy ~ Highs Mid 70s east to Mid 80s west

Friday: Chc Rain, Breezy ~ Highs Mid 70s east to near 90 west

 National Weather Service Aberdeen SD   Updated: 8/30/2017 4:01 AM Central

Published on: 08/30/2017 at 4:03AM

The dry and warm weather will continue through the rest of the work week. A chance of showers enters the forecast for Thursday night and Friday. The upcoming weekend should be dry.

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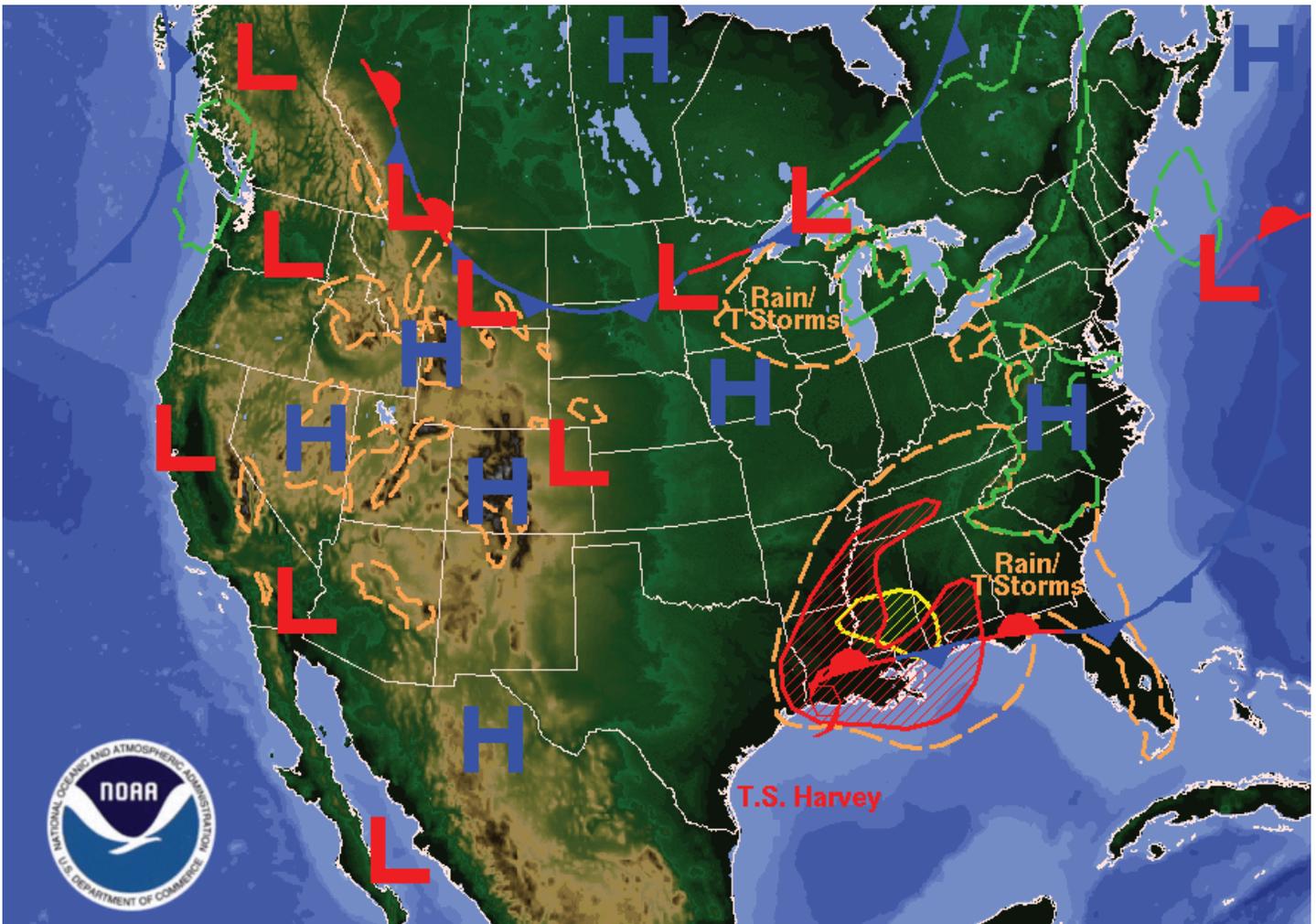
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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 83.8 F at 3:36 PM
Low Outside Temp: 58.2 F at 7:23 AM
High Gust: 22.0 Mph at 1:53 PM
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 100° in 1898
Record Low: 37° in 2003
Average High: 79°F
Average Low: 53°F
Average Precip in Aug: 2.35
Precip to date in Aug: 2.17
Average Precip to date: 16.21
Precip Year to Date: 9.52
Sunset Tonight: 8:14 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:54 a.m.



Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Wed, Aug 30, 2017, issued 6:22 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)

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HOPE IN THE LORD

Once, before going into battle, Alexander the Great began making elaborate preparations for a large military operation. He was so uncertain about the outcome of the battle that he gave away his personal possessions. One of his men went to him in protest and said, "Sir, you are giving away everything you have!"

"Everything," said Alexander, "but hope."

Overwhelmed with sickness and facing death, David cried out, "My hope is in You! Save me from all my transgressions!" He realized that in spite of his vast wealth and power he was bankrupt and powerless over his life. He could do nothing to save himself.

But when David came to the end of all that he had, he found himself at the beginning of what God had – the power to deliver him. "Save me," he cried, "from all my transgressions." His entire life must have passed before his eyes, frightened him into a sense of reality and left him in a state of despair and hopelessness.

This verse contains one of life's most important messages. David, and each one of us, need to be "saved from our transgressions." Most of us recognize that fact. Knowing and facing that fact, however, is not enough. We must also accept the fact that life is beyond our control – not only our health but the number of days God will grant us. Like David we must be prepared to face death and judgment.

God used sickness, fear and aging to get David's attention to face death. God uses many different means to get our attention. What's God doing in our life today?

Prayer: Thank You, Lord, for Your love and the many ways You use to reach us and deliver us from our sins. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 39:7 "But now, Lord, what do I look for? My hope is in you."

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News from the Associated Press

1 killed, another injured while crossing Sioux Falls street

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Police in Sioux Falls say one person is dead and another is seriously injured after they were struck by a pickup truck while crossing a street.

Authorities say the two men were crossing at an intersection about 10 p.m. Tuesday on the city's east side when they were hit. KSFY reports officers were in the area on another matter and were on the scene quickly to render aid.

The men were rushed to Avera McKennan hospital where one victim was pronounced dead. The other man is being treated for life-threatening injuries. Police say the driver of the pickup is cooperating in the investigation.

Information from: KSFY-TV, <http://www.ksfy.com>

Tuesday's Scores By The Associated Press

Volleyball

Aberdeen Central def. Pierre, 25-17, 25-23, 25-19
Alcester-Hudson def. Scotland, 25-15, 27-25, 25-16
Andes Central/Dakota Christian def. Bon Homme, 25-13, 25-13, 25-12
Arlington def. Colman-Egan, 25-11, 25-18, 25-23
Avon def. Parkston, 23-25, 25-18, 25-19, 25-23
Baltic def. Beresford, 25-21, 25-22, 25-23
Belle Fourche def. St. Thomas More, 25-16, 25-19, 25-18
Brookings def. Huron, 19-25, 25-20, 21-25, 25-20, 15-8
Burke/South Central def. Winner, 25-17, 25-20, 26-24
Canistota def. Gayville-Volin, 25-15, 25-16, 25-12
Castlewood def. Flandreau, 25-21, 25-15, 25-15
Chester def. McCook Central/Montrose, 25-23, 25-18, 25-22
Clark/Willow Lake def. Britton-Hecla, 25-18, 25-17, 25-23
Dakota Valley def. Tri-Valley, 25-5, 25-12, 25-11
Dell Rapids def. Elk Point-Jefferson, 25-23, 25-23, 24-26, 26-24
Deubrook def. Lake Preston, 25-21, 25-16, 22-25, 25-14
Dupree def. McLaughlin, 25-10, 25-15, 25-7
Edgemont def. Hill City, 25-20, 21-25, 25-22, 25-19
Elkton-Lake Benton def. Castlewood, 25-12, 25-6, 25-16
Elkton-Lake Benton def. Flandreau, 25-14, 21-25, 25-21, 25-22
Ethan def. Kimball/White Lake, 25-18, 28-26, 25-23
Faith def. Bison, 25-9, 25-14, 25-10
Freeman def. Irene-Wakonda, 25-20, 12-25, 25-20, 22-25, 15-8
Gregory def. St. Francis Indian, 25-20, 25-15, 25-21
Groton Area def. Ipswich, 25-15, 25-16, 25-20
Hamlin def. Great Plains Lutheran, 25-15, 22-25, 16-25, 25-16, 15-10
Hanson def. Sanborn Central/Woonsocket, 25-12, 25-16, 23-25, 25-15
Herreid/Selby Area def. Mobridge-Pollock, 25-14, 25-14, 25-15
Highmore-Harrold def. James Valley Christian, 12-25, 26-24, 25-23, 25-19
Langford def. Leola/Frederick, 25-17, 17-25, 25-12, 25-17

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Lyman def. White River, 27-25, 26-24, 16-25, 25-18
Madison def. Canton, 25-22, 25-18, 25-14
Menno def. Tripp-Delmont/Armour, 25-15, 25-14, 25-14
Milbank def. Deuel, 25-19, 25-10, 25-17
Mitchell Christian def. Sunshine Bible Academy, 25-15, 25-12, 25-14
Moorhead, Minn. def. Sioux Falls Washington, 23-25, 24-26, 25-19, 25-20, 15-6
Mt. Vernon/Plankinton def. Bridgewater-Emery, 25-16, 26-24, 25-23
New England, N.D. def. Harding County, 25-23, 25-23, 25-19
Northwestern def. Sisseton, 25-2, 25-6, 25-4
Parker def. Sioux Valley, 20-15, 25-15, 23-26, 25-6, 15-8
Redfield/Doland def. Hitchcock-Tulare, 25-15, 23-25, 25-16, 25-18
Sioux Falls Christian def. Garretson, 25-11, 25-8, 25-13
Sioux Falls Roosevelt def. Brandon Valley, 25-20, 25-14, 25-13
South Border, N.D. def. North Border, 25-15, 14-25, 25-19, 25-9
Spearfish def. Sturgis, 25-19, 25-16, 25-20
Stanley County def. Chamberlain, 25-14, 19-25, 13-25, 26-24, 15-13
Sully Buttes def. Faulkton, 18-25, 25-20, 25-22, 25-11
Vermillion def. Lennox, 25-19, 18-25, 25-20, 25-19
Wall def. Jones County, 25-11, 25-8, 25-17
Warner def. Aberdeen Roncalli, 25-21, 25-8, 25-18
Wessington Springs def. Iroquois, 25-14, 25-13, 25-12
West Central def. Tea Area, 17-25, 25-23, 15-25, 25-14, 16-14
Wilmot def. Waubay/Summit, 25-13, 25-18, 25-18
Yankton def. Sioux Falls Lincoln, 25-16, 25-21, 24-26, 25-20
POSTPONEMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS
Kadoka Triangular
Oelrichs vs. Kadoka Area, ppd. to Oct 10.
Takini vs. Kadoka Area, ppd. to Oct 10.
Takini vs. Oelrichs, ppd. to Oct 10.

SD Lottery

By The Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) _ These South Dakota lotteries were drawn Tuesday:

Mega Millions

02-13-17-35-73, Mega Ball: 3, Megaplier: 5

(two, thirteen, seventeen, thirty-five, seventy-three; Mega Ball: three; Megaplier: five)

Estimated jackpot: \$45 million

Powerball

Estimated jackpot: \$53 million

Former state employee raised Mid-Central concerns in 2012

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A former employee warned the state Department of Education of financial misconduct at a Platte-based educational cooperative several years before an employee killed his family and then himself.

The Argus Leader reports that former South Dakota Indian Education Director Roger Campbell raised red flags in emails to Education Secretary Melody Schopp in 2012.

The agency shared the documents Tuesday in response to inquiries from a legislative oversight committee. Former Mid-Central Educational Cooperative business manager Scott Westerhuis in 2015 shot his wife and their four children, then set fire to their home and killed himself.

Paul Bachand, an attorney representing the Department of Education, writes in a letter that the agency made concerted efforts to address the issues Campbell raised. Bachand writes that none of those issues addressed criminal activities.

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

Lobbyist gifts land for delayed aquaponics venture

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota company that delayed plans to build a system to grow produce and seafood near Brookings was gifted land for the project from a lobbyist and former lawmaker, according to a newspaper report.

Former legislator and Board of Regents president Dean Krogman traded a Brookings home valued at about \$175,000 for a 10-acre parcel that he then gave for \$1 to the company behind the project, the Argus Leader reported. Global Aquaponics announced this month that it's working on a new development timeline for the proposed multimillion-dollar venture after funding and contracting issues.

A former Global Aquaponics employee filed a lawsuit Tuesday against the company, calling it a "sham corporation," the Argus Leader reported. Gregg Selberg is seeking hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages.

Global Aquaponics company officials gathered last June at a ceremonial groundbreaking for the aquaponics system. Real estate agent Todd Voss told the newspaper that Global Aquaponics agreed to buy the land last year for \$200,000, but never followed through.

With an ultimatum issued to the company, Voss said Krogman traded the duplex for the land. Krogman then gave the parcel to the aquaponics company, but the newspaper couldn't establish how he's tied to Global Aquaponics or why he helped.

Krogman and Global Aquaponics didn't immediately return telephone messages requesting comment from The Associated Press. The company has said that the system would produce 2.5 million pounds of food a year and that construction would start in spring 2017.

Voss told the newspaper that he doesn't know what the company has planned for the land, adding that neither he nor another real estate agent involved in the deal have invested in Global Aquaponics.

"I'm glad we didn't tie ourselves to it in any way, shape or form," Voss said. "Whatever they're doing, I hope someone gets it figured out."

The former chief operating officer for Global Aquaponics, who left the company about a year ago, told the Argus Leader that construction projects are often delayed. But Timothy Burns of Brookings said he was recently interviewed by the FBI about the Global Aquaponics project.

A spokesman for the FBI's Minneapolis Division declined to comment to The AP. Former employee Selberg claims in his lawsuit that he was misled about Global Aquaponics' fraudulent activities, which he says tarnished his reputation and "devastated" his economic position.

The lawsuit filed in Brookings County also names Burns and company majority owner Tobias Ritesman, both of whom didn't immediately respond to calls for comment from the newspaper. Selberg didn't immediately answer a telephone call from The AP.

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

South Dakota residents try to reach deal with mining company

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Residents in an isolated Rapid City neighborhood that's slowly being surrounded by mining activity haven't been able to reach a deal with a mining company.

Property owners are accepting the reality of encroaching mining activity that continues to expand around them. Instead of fighting to stop it, some residents want to sell their properties to Pete Lien & Sons, a mining company that already operates nearby existing limestone mines. But the company and property owners haven't been able to reach an agreement, the Rapid City Journal reported .

"We don't have the lawyers or the money, like Lien does, to fight it," said Dave Mitchell, a local homeowner.

Mitchell said he hopes to sell his home, but that the mining company gave him an inadequate offer.

County records show the area's nearly 20 properties range from trailer homes assessed at less than \$50,000 to houses assessed at more than \$270,000. It would cost the company at least several million dollars to buy out everyone.

Homeowner Doug Peterson said he worked 20 years as a truck driver for Pete Lien & Sons before moving to the secluded area in 2007. He said he soon might see limestone mines and related mining activity almost all the way around his house.

"I'm not putting the company down," Peterson said. "It's a good company. I used to work for it. I just don't want it in my backyard."

The area where the homes are situated is a transition zone between low-lying urban development and the Black Hills National Forest. It's also a favorable place to mine for the limestone rock that surrounds the Black Hills and is highly valued by the construction industry.

Information from: Rapid City Journal, <http://www.rapidcityjournal.com>

Teen fatally shot in Sioux Falls, man arrested

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police say a 17-year-old boy was shot and killed after an argument that started over drug-related activity.

Eighteen-year-old Dylan Holler, of Sioux Falls, is charged with first-degree murder, first-degree robbery and aggravated assault for the shooting that occurred at Bakker Park about 11 p.m. Monday.

Capt. Blaine Larsen says the two teens had been traveling in a vehicle with two male passengers and argued over drugs. Larsen says the 17-year-old was shot once in the chest after he, Holler and the passengers got out of the vehicle.

Police say a semi-automatic handgun believed to have been used in the crime has not been recovered. It wasn't clear if Holler had an attorney.

Woman falls more than 100 feet at Hutterite colony, dies

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — A woman is dead after falling more than 100 feet at a Hutterite colony in McPherson County.

County Coroner David Roggenkamp identified the victim as 19-year-old Keriss Hofer, of Wolf Creek Hutterite Colony in Hutchinson County.

The American News reports that Hofer was climbing a spiral staircase at Spring Creek Colony about 1:30 a.m. Tuesday when she fell through a gap in the platform at the top and onto concrete below.

Spring Creek Colony is near the North Dakota-South Dakota border south of Forbes, North Dakota.

Information from: Aberdeen American News, <http://www.aberdeennews.com>

Tribes say Dakota Access pipeline overstates shutdown impact

By **BLAKE NICHOLSON**, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — American Indian tribes hoping to persuade a federal judge to turn off the Dakota Access oil pipeline maintain in last-minute court filings that the project's developer has overstated the potential impacts of a shutdown.

Standing Rock Sioux attorney Jan Hasselman and Cheyenne River Sioux attorney Nicole Ducheneaux also argue that Texas-based Energy Transfer Partners brought potential problems on itself by forging ahead with construction despite the uncertainty of final federal approval.

ETP "made reckless choices, and it must accept the consequences," the attorneys wrote in documents filed Monday, the deadline for arguments imposed by U.S. District Judge James Boasberg in Washington, D.C.

The \$3.8 billion pipeline began moving North Dakota oil through South Dakota and Iowa to Illinois on June 1, after President Donald Trump pushed for its completion. The Army Corps of Engineers, which permitted the project, had decided to do more environmental study, but dropped that plan after Trump took office.

The judge ruled in June that the Corps didn't adequately consider how an oil spill under Lake Oahe in the Dakotas might affect the Standing Rock Sioux, one of four tribes that have challenged the pipeline in court. He ordered the Corps to reconsider certain areas of its environmental analysis, and could decide to shut down the 1,200-mile pipeline while this work is done over the next several months.

ETP has maintained in court documents that a shutdown would cost it \$90 million monthly, and significantly disrupt the broader energy industry as well as state and local government tax revenue.

"There is no legitimate basis for arguing that suspending DAPL will cause havoc," Hasselman and Ducheneaux wrote. "Suspension of DAPL undoubtedly will have some impacts, but they will be more modest and manageable than DAPL contends."

Company spokeswoman Vicki Granado on Monday declined comment, citing the ongoing litigation.

Some energy trade groups including The American Petroleum Institute, which the judge on Monday granted a say in the dispute, said a shutdown "would result in substantial financial loss and uncertainty for upstream producers, shippers, downstream refiners, manufacturers, retailers and consumers."

The amount of oil being shipped through the pipeline each day is worth more than \$20 million, and "if DAPL were to be taken out of service for even six months, the direct financial impact of the stalled crude deliveries would be staggering," attorney David Coburn wrote.

The tribal attorneys question the seriousness of a shutdown impact, noting that the pipeline has been operating only a short time but that Energy Transfer Partners "claimed that the oil industry is already dependent on its continued operation."

"One can only imagine the arguments that DAPL would try to make if operations continued for an extended period," they said.

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Sales tax case argued as state seeks US high court reversal

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's highest court should urge the U.S. Supreme Court to reverse a 25-year-old decision that hamstring officials who want to collect sales taxes from out-of-state retailers, the state attorney general argued Tuesday.

Attorney General Marty Jackley requested that the South Dakota Supreme Court rule quickly against the state in a lawsuit against several remote retailers while also advocating that the U.S. Supreme Court take up the case.

The state's goal is to reverse the 1992 Quill Corp. v. North Dakota decision by the nation's highest court that blocks states from forcing retailers to collect sales taxes if they lack a physical presence in the state.

"It's the next stage that's most important," Jackley said after the arguments. "This is South Dakota standing up for South Dakota local and small businesses for an even playing field to say that out-of-state corporations should be treated the exact same as an in-state corporation."

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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 nation's highest court. The brief says the Legislature passed the law in response to an "invitation" from Justice Anthony Kennedy, who wrote in a recent opinion about his desire to re-evaluate the 1992 decision.

The state said 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.

South Dakota is the farthest along of several states pursuing such a strategy. The outcome could reshape the booming online commerce sector.

States have 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.

Opponents say that smaller retailers would be burdened the most if the decision is overturned. George Isaacson, an attorney for the remote retailers, said that federal lawmakers should resolve the issue.

Rapid City man rescued from Pactola Reservoir has died

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Sheriff's officials say a Rapid City man pulled from the Pactola Reservoir has died. The Pennington County Sheriff's Office says the man was swimming with family Monday afternoon near the visitors' center along Highway 385 when he disappeared.

Officials with Game, Fish and Parks and the Forest Service pulled Jerome Dillon from the water and did CPR at the scene before the 36-year-old Rapid City man was flown to Regional Hospital where was pronounced dead.

Investigators say his death is an apparent drowning and no autopsy is planned.

Court to decide fate of beer stores near dry SD reservation

By GRANT SCHULTE, Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The fate of four stores criticized for selling millions of cans of beer next to a dry South Dakota Indian reservation now rests with Nebraska's highest court.

The Nebraska Supreme Court will decide in the next few months whether the stores in Whiteclay, Nebraska, can resume beer sales next to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, where alcohol is banned, after state regulators shut them down in April.

On Tuesday, attorneys for the state, beer stores and residents who oppose the stores faced a litany of questions during oral arguments before the seven-member court. More than two dozen opponents of the stores rallied outside the Capitol after the hearing, toting signs that read "Shut down Whiteclay," "Stop Liquid Genocide," and "Nebraska doesn't need any more Native misery money."

"I'm very encouraged," said Frank LaMere, a longtime opponent of the stores and member of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. "We are going to look to the future — a future without Whiteclay."

The stores sell the equivalent of about 3.5 million cans annually in the unincorporated village, which has nine residents and relies on a county sheriff's office 23 miles away for law enforcement. For decades, Whiteclay served as a garbage-strewn hangout for intoxicated people to loiter, panhandle, fight and sleep on sidewalks.

Critics blame the stores for fueling alcohol-related social ills on the reservation, while supporters argue that the stores are legal businesses and closing them will not solve the problems plaguing the Oglala Lakota Nation. Some Nebraska residents say the stores' location on the reservation's southern border keeps drunken drivers off Nebraska roads.

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The Nebraska Liquor Control Commission voted 3-0 in April to deny the stores' requests to renew their liquor licenses, citing a lack of adequate law enforcement in the area. The stores have remained closed since that order went into effect.

Former Oglala Lakota Nation president Bryan Brewer, who lives on Pine Ridge, said he was confident the court would issue a ruling that closes the stores forever and allows tribe members to heal.

"The alcoholism is not going to stop right away, but it's a win," Brewer said.

Among the issues in the appeal are whether the commission had the authority to reject the stores' request for a renewal, whether a district court erred in overturning that decision, and whether the state followed the correct procedures in notifying the beer stores that their licenses were at risk.

Andrew Snyder, an attorney for the beer stores, said commission members violated a state law that requires them to automatically renew a license as long as the store owner is still qualified, the premises remain the same and the premises are still suitable for selling alcohol. In the Whiteclay stores' case, Snyder said none of those situations apply.

"The commission's decision was a blatant violation of its authority," Snyder said.

Dave Domina, an attorney for Sheridan County residents who oppose the stores, said the stores failed to follow proper legal procedures when appealing the commission's decision.

Nebraska Solicitor General James Smith, the commission's attorney, said the commission had at least six legitimate reasons to rule as it did. He also argued that the commission was not properly served with a summons during the appeal process, and thus the Supreme Court should overturn the district court's ruling against the commission.

The court's justices peppered each attorney with technical questions about the case, but gave no indication as to how they might rule. A ruling isn't expected for at least six weeks.

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Bangor renaming Columbus Day as "Indigenous People's Day"

BANGOR, Maine (AP) — One of the biggest cities in Maine is renaming the second Monday in October as "Indigenous People's Day" instead of Columbus Day.

WMTW-TV (<http://bit.ly/2xJEgxD>) reports the Bangor City Council approved the change on Monday. Belfast, Maine, became the first city in the state to make the change in 2015.

Bangor officials say in public records that the renamed holiday "will provide an opportunity for our community to recognize and celebrate the Indigenous Peoples of our region." They specifically site the Aroostook Band of Micmacs, Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, Penobscot Indian Nation and the Passamaquoddy tribe.

The Maine Legislature received a bill this year to make Indigenous People's Day a state holiday. It did not become law. The states of Alaska, Oregon, South Dakota and Vermont don't recognize Columbus Day.

Information from: WMTW-TV, <http://www.wmtw.com>

Mitchell man now faces murder charge in fatal stabbing

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — A Mitchell man accused of stabbing another man to death outside of an apartment complex is now charged with murder. Police also have now identified the victim.

The Daily Republic reports that authorities have upgraded the initial manslaughter charge filed against 49-year-old Anthony Lewis.

Lewis is accused of stabbing 30-year-old Quinn Schleuning four times after a confrontation on Aug. 22. Police say the two men knew one another and had an adversarial relationship.

Lewis has not yet entered a plea.

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

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Skimmers found on gas pumps at 2 stations in Baltic

BALTIC, S.D. (AP) — Authorities are investigating credit card skimmers found at two gas stations in Baltic. Skimmers steal information from debit cards and credit cards when people use them to pay for gas at the pump.

Minnehaha County Sheriff's Capt. Jason Gearman tells the Argus Leader that authorities have pictures of potential suspects. He says they were seen shopping at stores in Sioux Falls, Mitchell, Huron and Watertown.

The skimmers were found after the sheriff's office received several reports of fraudulent use of credit cards over the weekend.

The case is the first time law enforcement in the county has found skimmers on the inside of gas pumps. In other cases, skimmers have been on the outside of pumps.

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

Ambulance struck in Rapid City injuring 2

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The Rapid City Fire Department responded to a crash involving its own personnel. An ambulance heading out on a medical call Monday afternoon was struck by a car pinning a paramedic inside the vehicle.

Two people, including a fire department medic, were taken to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

KOTA-TV reports the ambulance was taken out of service and a replacement was sent to the original call. First responders were also sent to the ambulance crash.

Information from: KOTA-TV, <http://www.kotatv.com>

Application deadline for Northern Plains hay lottery nears

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Time is running out for drought-impacted ranchers in the Northern Plains to apply for a hay lottery.

The application deadline for ranchers in the Dakotas and Montana is Thursday.

North Dakota's Agriculture Department, North Dakota State University and the Michigan-based nonprofit Ag Community Relief earlier this month announced the program to accept hay donations at a site near the Fargo campus.

The hay will be distributed through a lottery drawing early next month. Each state will have a drawing.

Dozens of semitrailer loads of hay have been donated, and more than 1,000 ranchers in the three states have applied.

Western Louisiana in crosshairs as Harvey moves back to land

By JEFF AMY and MICHAEL KUNZELMAN, Associated Press

LAKE CHARLES, La. (AP) — Western Louisiana residents braced for more wind and water early Wednesday as Tropical Storm Harvey made its second landfall after dumping record rainfall on Texas.

The storm came ashore just west of Cameron, Louisiana, bringing maximum sustained winds near 45 mph (72 kph), the U.S. National Hurricane Center said. Harvey had lingered over Texas for days before meandering back into the Gulf of Mexico.

Forecasters said there was a risk of tornadoes across a large part of the South as Harvey trudged northeast toward northern Louisiana. The national Storm Prediction Center said a few tornadoes were expected to develop Wednesday in northeast Louisiana and across southern and central portions of Mississippi. Tornadoes would also be possible across parts of southern and central Alabama, near the eastern edge of Harvey's rain bands.

Another 5 to 10 inches (13 to 25 centimeters) of rain could fall in western Louisiana, forecasters said.

"We are starting to get down to the end of the tunnel of all this rain," Meteorologist Roger Erickson said.

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Erickson warns that some coastal rivers won't be able to drain effectively because Harvey's winds are pushing in storm surge, aggravating flooding in areas already drenched by more than 20 inches (51 centimeters) of rain. Gusts up to 50 mph (80 kph) are predicted for coastal areas and up to 40 mph (65 kph) in Lake Charles and along the Interstate 10 corridor.

Cameron Parish's Office of Emergency Preparedness said a curfew was in effect until the threat had passed and checkpoints have been set up at entry points into evacuated areas.

State offices in 28 parishes and most Baton Rouge area schools won't open Wednesday in anticipation of possible severe weather. Gov. John Bel Edwards urged people to remain alert but said the state is responding well to less severe conditions in its own borders.

"You never know what Mother Nature is going to throw at us, but with the people in this room, I'm confident we can handle it," he told local and state officials during a visit Tuesday to Lake Charles, which is near the Texas border.

Edwards said Louisiana also has offered to shelter storm victims from Texas. He said he expects Texas officials to decide within 48 hours whether to accept the offer.

Harvey's devastating flooding brought back tough memories in New Orleans as Tuesday marked the 12th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. Mayor Mitch Landrieu opened his Tuesday news conference with a moment of silence for Katrina victims and words of support for Harvey's victims in Texas and southwest Louisiana.

"We've got to save our house," New Orleans resident Israel Freeman said as he loaded sandbags for his mother's home into his Cadillac. "She already went through Katrina. She built her house back up. We just had a flood about two, three weeks ago. She just recovered from that."

Bradley Morris lives in a ground-level house in New Orleans and was "preparing for the worst."

"There's plenty of puddling and stuff already," he said, "so I just assume that we're probably going to get a taste of what we had a couple weeks ago."

Landrieu urged residents to stay home Tuesday because of the threat of potential high water. Some New Orleans neighborhoods flooded earlier this month during a deluge that exposed problems with the city's pump and drainage system. On Tuesday, rains flooded a few of the city's streets, but not to the same extent.

New Orleans officials planned to reopen government buildings and public schools Wednesday, a day after they were shut down amid fears of flooding rain from Harvey.

"The weather outlook got a little bit better for us," Mayor Mitch Landrieu said. He cautioned however, that a change in the forecast could mean a change in plans.

About 500 people were evacuated in southwest Louisiana's most populous parish early Tuesday, as a heavy band of rain pushed waterways out of their banks, Calcasieu Parish spokesman Tom Hoefer said. He said as many as 5,000 parish residents were affected by the flooding, but not all of those people have flooded homes. Some are just cut off by flooded roads.

Evacuations continued Tuesday in some rural areas outside Lake Charles, with authorities working to empty a flood-prone subdivision near the town of Iowa. Officials in Acadia Parish advised residents near the Mermentau River and Bayou Nezpique to leave.

Family members and authorities in Texas have reported at least 18 deaths from the storm. No Harvey-related deaths were immediately reported in Louisiana, according to a spokesman for Edwards.

Kunzelman reported from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Associated Press writers Stacey Plaisance, Kevin McGill and Janet McConnaughey in New Orleans and Jeff Martin in Atlanta contributed to this report.

For complete Harvey coverage, visit <https://apnews.com/tag/HurricaneHarvey>

Posts, tweets spread widely as the Harvey missing are sought

By ANDREW DALTON, Associated Press

Photos with pleas for help in finding the missing from Tropical Storm Harvey are being posted, cut-and-pasted and retweeted by thousands of people as desperate family members seek loved ones who they fear might be dead, but may only have a dead phone.

No official number of the unaccounted-for had been released Tuesday night amid the vast uncertainty of the storm's fourth day, with authorities saying the 18 deaths confirmed so far could surge in the days to come.

Pictures and pleas for dozens of toddlers, brothers and grandfathers are circulating on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter.

The posts appeared to be getting results, though not always good news.

"Pleaseeeee," read the Instagram posting seeking 8-month-old Paige Booth, showing the baby sitting on a couch with a pacifier.

Her mother and grandmother were evacuating from their Houston home Monday and holding her above their heads as the water rose to their chests and a current pushed them along.

"It was raining bad, and the water was high," the mother, Bajauh Henix, said.

They handed the baby off to a police officer on a personal watercraft, who took the infant to higher ground and handed her to a family in a black pick-up truck, said Kennesha Grand, the girl's grandmother.

But when Grand and Henix reached the area where the child was supposed to be, no one there knew her whereabouts.

Once they reached a shelter, they posted photos of the baby on Instagram and elsewhere. "Everyone started posting, and it started spreading," Grand said.

After nearly four hours, the mother got a phone call from a family. They had Paige, who was returned by a police officer, completely unfazed by the ordeal.

"She was sweet. She was dry. She was fed," Grand said. "She didn't miss us."

Another search that took hold on social media lasted far longer, and it lacked the happy ending.

Ruben Jordan, 58, a former football and track coach from a Houston-area high school, had been sought since he disappeared on Saturday night.

"Please help," the digital flier linked on Facebook and Twitter posts said. "His family is desperately awaiting any information ... He was helping rescue people from high water when last seen."

People who spread the post praised the coach.

"Coach Jordan ... had a tremendous positive impact on my twin sons," Lee Jackson, an Austin writer, said when sharing the post, "he still keeps up with them. They love him."

But after 48 hours of searching, his two adult children and the rest of his family learned from the Friendswood police department Monday that he had died, said Sandra Jordan Washington, his former wife.

Another missing man, 25-year-old Omar Rosales, worked part time at Wal-Mart and with his meager wages he decided to forgo a cellphone so he could pay for car insurance.

That made him unreachable for 17 hours after Harvey began, his mother, Lydia Rosales, said. His sister posted on Instagram on Sunday, hoping to find him.

Omar Rosales found that rising waters kept him from getting home when he got off work Saturday night. He finally parked in a lot, but rising waters forced him to drive further and at last his car stalled for good as he coasted into a gas station.

There, a man let him use his cellphone and he called his mother, who was just six blocks away at a friend's house where she had taken shelter after leaving her own home.

"It's just a miracle," Rosales said Tuesday night, adding that she'd make sure her son had a phone from now on. "I think we both learned our lesson."

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:

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The latest forecast delivers hope after five days of torrential rain submerged America's fourth-largest city: Less than an inch of rain and perhaps even sunshine.

2. WHO IS BRACING FOR HARVEY

More wind and water is headed for western Louisiana as the deadly tropical storm makes another landfall near the Texas-Louisiana border with the state still haunted by Katrina.

3. FLOOD POLICIES PLUNGE IN HOUSTON IN YEARS BEFORE HARVEY

An AP investigation shows that 9 percent fewer people in Texas' largest city have flood insurance than five years ago despite a growing population.

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The president visits a factory in Springfield, Missouri, and will make a case for cutting rates and revising the tax code as keys to economic growth.

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On the heels of firing a ballistic missile over northern Japan, there are clues suggesting North Korea intends to test more of them — and even farther into the Pacific Ocean.

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Qatar and the other energy-rich nations arrayed against it have made inroads in the Horn of Africa by establishing military bases, managing ports and showering friendly nations with foreign aid.

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School officials are reconsidering whether it's appropriate for more than 100 schools to be named after generals and politicians from the Old South.

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The quirky tourist town of Talkeetna, Alaska, where hundreds of visitors roam the streets daily, browsing art and souvenirs.

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Boston's new Dreamland Wax Museum, with likenesses of Donald Trump, Tom Brady and Paul Pierce largely panned by visitors, has gotten off to a somewhat nightmarish start.

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The 19-time major champion, bothered by a bad back in pre-tournament prep, edges American teen Frances Tiafoe at the U.S. Open.

18,000 Rohingya flee violence in Myanmar into Bangladesh

COX'S BAZAR, Bangladesh (AP) — At least 18,000 Rohingya Muslims have fled fresh violence in Myanmar and crossed into Bangladesh in less than a week, with hundreds stranded in no man's land at the countries' border, the International Organization for Migration said Wednesday.

Sanjukta Sahany, a spokeswoman for the organization in Cox's Bazar, on the Bangladesh border with Myanmar, released the latest figures as human rights groups and advocates for the Rohingya say the Myanmar army was retaliating for attacks last week by Rohingya militants by burning down villages and shooting civilians.

The Myanmar government blames Rohingya insurgents for the violence, including the arson. Government figures put the death toll since last week at a minimum of 103, including 12 members of security forces, 77 persons described as insurgents and 14 civilians.

Rohingya advocates fear hundreds of civilians may have been killed in army raids.

A report issued Wednesday by Myanmar's Information Ministry said that 45 improvised explosive devices were detonated and seven villages, one security post and two neighborhoods in the township of Maungdaw

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burned down on Sunday and Monday.

Maungdaw, in the northern part of Rakhine state, is a center for the violence, though villages over a much wider area were also hit.

A majority of Myanmar's estimated 1 million Rohingya live in northern Rakhine, where they have faced persecution in the Buddhist-majority country that refuses to recognize them as a legitimate native ethnic minority, leaving them without citizenship and basic rights.

Sahany said the Rohingya crisis was not an issue between Myanmar and Bangladesh but of international concern.

Ali Hossain, Cox's Bazar district's top government official, told The Associated Press that their resources were under huge stress after some 87,000 Rohingya entered Bangladesh since October last year and another 18,000 since last Friday.

"I have already informed the government's high-ups about the trouble we are facing here," he said. "This is a very complex situation."

The U.N. refugee organization on Tuesday urged Bangladesh to continue to allow Rohingya fleeing violence to seek safety. It said it was ready to help Bangladesh with assistance for the refugees.

Bangladesh's Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Wednesday requested the United States to put pressure on Myanmar so that its government stops pushing Rohingya toward Bangladesh, said her spokesman.

Hasina made the request during talks with Alice Wells, U.S. acting assistant secretary of state for south and central Asia, said Ihsanul Karim, Hasina's press secretary.

In another development, police said a boat carrying an unknown number of Rohingya capsized in the Naf River, leaving at least four dead. The boat was trying to enter Bangladesh through Shah Porir Island in the Bay of Bengal when it sank, said police official Main Uddin.

He said they recovered four bodies and "most probably" many others were missing.

"Our search is on. We don't know how many were on the boat," he said.

Also Wednesday, Bangladesh's border guards turned back 171 Rohingya after detaining them at different border points over the last two days, said Col. S.M. Ariful Islam, a director of the Border Guard Bangladesh.

He said that border guards provided them with food and medicine before pushing them back, but it was not clear what happened to them later.

The insurgent raids last Thursday night were deadlier than an attack by the militants on three border posts last October that killed nine policemen and set off months of brutal counterinsurgency operations against Rohingya communities. Human rights groups accused the army of carrying out massive abuses, including killing, rape and burning down more than 1,000 homes and other buildings.

Forecast brings hope as new shelters open, death toll rises

By **NOMAAN MERCHANT** and **JUAN LOZANO**, Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — The latest weather forecast delivered hope to Houston after five days of torrential rain submerged the nation's fourth-largest city: Less than an inch of rain and perhaps even sunshine.

But the dangers remain far from over Wednesday. With at least 18 dead and 13,000 people rescued in the Houston area and surrounding cities and counties in Southeast Texas, others were still trying to escape from their inundated homes. Weakened levees were in danger of failing and a less-ferocious but still potent Harvey returned to shore, making landfall in southwestern Louisiana.

The situation was dire early Wednesday in Port Arthur, Texas, near the Louisiana border, where homes were starting to fill with rising floodwaters and residents were unsure of how to evacuate the city, KFDM-TV reported. Jefferson County Sheriff Zena Stephens said county resources could not get to Port Arthur because of the flooding.

Port Arthur Mayor Derrick Freeman said on his Facebook page that the "city is underwater right now but we are coming!" He also urged residents to get to higher ground and to avoid becoming trapped in attics.

Authorities expected the human toll to continue to mount, both in deaths and in the tens of thousands

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of people made homeless by the catastrophic storm that is now the heaviest tropical downpour in U.S. history. In all, more than 17,000 people have sought refuge in Texas shelters, and that number seemed certain to increase, the American Red Cross said.

Houston's largest shelter housed 10,000 of the displaced — twice its initial intended capacity — as two additional mega-shelters opened Tuesday for the overflow. Louisiana's governor offered to take in Harvey victims from Texas, and televangelist Joel Osteen opened his Houston megachurch, a 16,000-seat former arena, after critics blasted him on social media for not acting to help families displaced by the storm.

In an apparent response to scattered reports of looting, a curfew was put into effect from midnight to 5 a.m., with police saying violators would be questioned, searched and arrested.

A much-weakened Tropical Storm Harvey steered into new territory, coming ashore again early Wednesday just west of Cameron, Louisiana, with maximum sustained winds of 45 mph (72 kph), the National Hurricane Center said.

Harvey is expected to weaken, but will slog through Louisiana for much of the day before taking its downpours north. Arkansas, Tennessee and parts of Missouri are on alert for Harvey flooding in the next couple of days.

"Once we get this thing inland during the day, it's the end of the beginning," said National Hurricane Center meteorologist Dennis Feltgen. "Texas is going to get a chance to finally dry out as this system pulls out."

But Feltgen cautioned: "We're not done with this. There's still an awful lot of real estate and a lot of people who are going to feel the impacts of the storm."

Still, the reprieve from the rain in Houston was welcome.

Eugene Rideaux, a 42-year-old mechanic who showed up at Osteen's Lakewood Church to sort donations for evacuees, said he had not been able to work or do much since the storm first hit, so he was eager to get out of his dark house and help.

"It's been so dark for days now, I'm just ready to see some light. Some sunshine. I'm tired of the darkness," Rideaux said. "But it's a tough city, and we're going to make this into a positive and come together."

The city has asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency for more supplies, including cots and food, for an additional 10,000 people, said Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner, who hoped to get the supplies no later than Wednesday.

Four days after the storm ravaged the Texas coastline as a Category 4 hurricane, authorities and family members reported at least 18 deaths from Harvey. They include a former football and track coach in suburban Houston and a woman who died after she and her young daughter were swept into a rain-swollen drainage canal. Two Beaumont, Texas, police officers and two fire-rescue divers spotted the woman floating with the child, who was holding onto her mother.

Authorities acknowledge that fatalities from Harvey could soar once the floodwaters start to recede from one of America's largest metropolitan centers.

A pair of 70-year-old reservoir dams that protect downtown Houston and a levee in a suburban subdivision began overflowing Tuesday, adding to the rising floodwaters.

Engineers began releasing water from the Addicks and Barker reservoirs Monday to ease the strain on the dams. But the releases were not enough to relieve the pressure after the relentless downpours, Army Corps of Engineers officials said. Both reservoirs are at record highs.

The release of the water means that more homes and streets will flood, and some homes will be inundated for up to a month, said Jeff Linder of the Harris County Flood Control District.

Officials in Houston were also keeping an eye on infrastructure such as bridges, roads and pipelines that are in the path of the floodwaters.

Water in the Houston Ship Channel, which serves the Port of Houston and Houston's petrochemical complex, is at levels never seen before, Linder said.

The San Jacinto River, which empties into the channel, has pipelines, roads and bridges not designed for the current deluge, Linder said, and the chance of infrastructure failures will increase the "longer we keep the water in place."

Among the worries is debris coming down the river and crashing into structures and the possibility that pipelines in the riverbed will be scoured by swift currents. In 1994, a pipeline ruptured on the river near Interstate 10 and caught fire.

After five consecutive days of rain, Harvey set a new continental U.S. record for rainfall for a tropical system.

The rains in Cedar Bayou, near Mont Belvieu, Texas, totaled 51.88 inches (132 centimeters) as of Tuesday afternoon. That's a record for both Texas and the continental United States, but it does not quite surpass the 52 inches (133 centimeters) from Tropical Cyclone Hiki in Kauai, Hawaii, in 1950, before Hawaii became a state.

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More than 1.7 million Muslims gather for start of hajj

By OMAR AKOUR and AHMED HATEM, Associated Press

MECCA, Saudi Arabia (AP) — In Saudi Arabia, more than 1.7 million pilgrims are marking the start of the hajj pilgrimage on Wednesday by circling the cube-shaped Kaaba in Mecca — Islam's holiest site — and performing a series of rites that trace the footsteps of the Prophet Muhammad.

Muslims believe the rites also trace the footsteps of the prophets Ibrahim and Ismail — Abraham and Ishmael in the Bible.

The Kaaba represents the metaphorical house of God and the oneness of God in Islam. Observant Muslims around the world face toward the Kaaba during the five daily prayers.

The hajj is required of all Muslims once in a lifetime. The physically demanding journey tests pilgrims' patience as they withstand long waits and thick crowds on their path to achieving spiritual purification and repentance.

Egyptian pilgrim Ahmed Ali, on his first hajj, said he was grateful to be in Mecca.

"It's an indescribable feeling, a spiritual feeling. Thanks to God, I feel great," he said.

A 104-year-old Indonesian woman is among those performing the hajj this year, according to Saudi authorities. Ibu Mariah Marghani Muhammad is joining more than 220,000 pilgrims from Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim country.

The journey of the five-day-long pilgrimage begins for many when they depart from their countries dressed in "ihram." For men, that entails wearing only terrycloth, seamless white garments meant to represent unity among Muslims and equality before God. Women wear loose clothing, cover their hair and forgo makeup and nail polish to achieve a state of humility and spiritual purity.

After prayers in Mecca, pilgrims will head to an area called Mount Arafat on Thursday where the Prophet Muhammad delivered his final sermon. From there, pilgrims will head to an area called Muzdalifa, picking up pebbles along the way for a symbolic stoning of the devil and a casting away of sins that takes place in the Mina valley for three days.

Over the years, the Saudi government has spent billions of dollars to improve the safety of the pilgrimage, particularly in Mina where some of the deadliest incidents have occurred, including a stampede and a collision of two crowds that crushed people under the force in 2015 that killed more than 2,400 people.

Saudi Interior Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Mansour al-Turki told reporters in a news conference that a more than 100,000-strong security force is on the ground in and around Mecca to secure the hajj and assist pilgrims. He said the number of pilgrims at the hajj, including those from within Saudi Arabia, could reach 2 million.

"Everything is prepared," he said. "We have our plans, we have people trained to enforce those plans,

but this cannot be done only by infrastructure and by what we do. Pilgrims have their own responsibility, and we hope they comply with the schedule plans and the flow of direction.”

Health officials said they are also prepared to deal with any injuries or accidents, and have more than 100 ambulances deployed across the hajj sites.

Bangladeshi pilgrim Mohammad Nasser, 53, said the Grand Mosque housing the Kaaba is congested and busy, but believes overall the Saudi government has managed the crowds well so far.

“Thank God it is going very nice and smooth. I’m very happy that I’m here,” he said.

Trump reassures those in Harvey’s path that he will help

By **KEN THOMAS** and **DARLENE SUPERVILLE**, Associated Press

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — President Donald Trump answered Harvey’s wrath by offering in-person assurances to those in the storm zone that his administration will work tirelessly to help the region recover from the massive flooding and storm-inflicted destruction.

“We are going to get you back and operating immediately,” Trump told an impromptu crowd that gathered outside a Corpus Christi fire station about 30 miles from where the storm made landfall Friday.

The president kept his distance from the epicenter of the damage in Houston to avoid disrupting recovery operations. But he plans to return to the region Saturday to survey the damage and meet with some of the storm’s victims, said Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders.

Trump will change his focus Wednesday with a trip to Springfield, Missouri to kick off his lobbying effort for a tax overhaul. He will offer some broad goals, but few specifics,

During his Texas trip, Trump was eager to get the federal disaster response right, but he missed clear opportunities to strike a sympathetic note for multitudes who are suffering. The president did not mention those who died in the storm or those forced from their homes by its floodwaters. And he basked in the attention of cheering supporters outside the fire station where officials briefed him on the recovery.

“What a crowd, what a turnout,” Trump declared before waving a Texas flag from atop a step ladder positioned between two fire trucks. “This is historic. It’s epic what happened, but you know what, it happened in Texas, and Texas can handle anything.”

Trump is clearly determined to seize the moment and show a forceful response to Harvey, mindful of the political opportunities and risks that natural disasters pose for any president. Trump has been suffering from low approval ratings and self-created crises, and the White House is eager to show him as a forceful leader in a time of trouble.

What little damage Trump saw — boarded-up windows, downed tree limbs and fences askew — was through the tinted windows of his SUV as his motorcade ferried him from the Corpus Christi airport to the firehouse in a city that’s already nearly back to normal.

Trump spoke optimistically about the pace of the recovery, and predicted his response would be a textbook case for future presidents.

Then it was on to his next stop, Austin, to meet with officials at the state emergency operations center.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott said Trump showed “genuine compassion” on the short flight to Austin as they watched video footage of the flooding in Houston. “The president was heartbroken by what he saw,” the governor said.

But Ari Fleischer, who served as press secretary to former President George W. Bush, said there was something missing from Trump’s remarks in Corpus Christi: “empathy for the people who suffer.”

“The first thing he should have said was that his heart goes out to those people in Houston who are going through this, and that the government is here to help them recover,” Fleischer told Fox News Channel.

It’s long been presidential practice to avoid visiting the most devastated areas of a natural disaster while recovery is still in the early stages, to avoid getting in the way or diverting critical resources. In Texas, residents seemed to understand.

Before Trump landed in Texas, Louis Sirianni arrived at his beach house in Rockport, about 20 miles outside Corpus Christi, to assess damage. Sirianni said he appreciated Trump’s gesture and understood

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why there were no plans to take him into the hardest-hit area.

"He'd see enough if he came along here in a helicopter," Sirianni said on a balcony accessible only by a 12-foot aluminum extension ladder.

Trump, wearing a black rain slicker emblazoned with a presidential seal, traveled with first lady Melania Trump and Cabinet secretaries who will play key roles in the recovery. Mrs. Trump wore a black cap that read "FLOTUS," an acronym for "first lady of the United States."

The president, during his stop in Austin, said it was a "sad thing" that the recovery would be a "long-term" operation.

His largely upbeat reassurances about a speedy recovery, though, stood in contrast to the more measured assessments coming from emergency management officials. There's a long, difficult road ahead in recovering from a storm whose flooding has displaced tens of thousands, those officials have cautioned.

And the president's vow of swift action on billions of dollars in disaster aid is at odds with his proposed budget, which would eliminate the program that helps Americans without flood insurance rebuild their homes and cuts grants to help states reduce the risk of flooding before disaster strikes.

While Trump's pending budget request didn't touch the core disaster aid account, it proposed cutting several grant programs that help states reduce flood risks before a disaster strikes and improve outdated flood maps.

All told, Trump proposed cutting such grant programs by about \$900 million. Former Democratic President Barack Obama also cast a skeptical eye, proposing cuts roughly two-thirds as large as Trump in his final FEMA budget.

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Harvey keeping Rice and Houston football teams off campus

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS, AP Sports Writer**

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Josh Rahman and the Rice football team were about 8,500 miles from their Houston campus, in a time zone 15 hours ahead, when they started to hear about a tropical storm in the Gulf of Mexico.

At first, they didn't think much about the system that would become Hurricane Harvey.

"It escalated very quickly," Rahman said. "Then we learned this thing is different."

And now, even while back in Texas after playing their season opener in Australia, the Owls still feel a long, long way from home.

With the city of Houston overwhelmed by flooding from the catastrophic storm that is the heaviest tropical downpour in U.S. history, Rice's 101 players are now based at a downtown Fort Worth hotel. They were going to TCU's campus Wednesday for some running, stretching and weightlifting — their first football activity since getting back from Sydney, where they lost to 14th-ranked Stanford on Sunday afternoon, or late Saturday night Texas time.

"We all want to be back in Houston. We just can't get there," said Rice coach David Bailiff, whose team doesn't play again until Sept. 9 at UTEP.

Bailiff is constantly in communication with his wife at their home near a levee with two dogs after flood waters cut off access to get out of the neighborhood, but still with no water inside. Bailiff said the immediate family members for all his players and coaches are safe, though many did evacuate their homes.

"We have high anxiety and worry, but I also have a job to do taking care of these young men here," Bailiff

said. "I know my wife's safe upstairs in the house. She's dry. ... She's really handled it pretty dang good."

While the Owls will work out at TCU about a four-hour drive from their campus, the Houston Cougars have been in Austin since last Friday, when they evacuated on the same day Harvey made landfall near Rockport, northeast of Corpus Christi, as a Category 4 hurricane.

The Cougars had been preparing at the University of Texas for their scheduled season opener Saturday at Texas-San Antonio that they have instead decided to postpone.

"We felt like it wasn't the right thing to do in terms of where our city is," first-year Houston head coach Major Applewhite said. "We have to focus on our families right now and get back some sense of normalcy."

Like the Rice team that arrived Monday in Fort Worth, the Cougars don't know how long they will remain away from the nation's fourth-largest city. Rice left Houston for Australia on Aug. 20.

"This is bigger than football," Cougars running back Dillon Birden said. "We're ready to get back to our city and help our city."

At least eight Rice players know their apartments or houses near campus have flooded, along with numerous vehicles, Bailiff said. Many of the players are unsure, and worry they will also have significant water damage.

Bailiff said when the Owls get back to Houston, they will "attack those apartments first as a team, and get those apartments cleaned out."

Rahman, a senior defensive end for Rice, said it was stressful knowing his parents had decided to remain in their Sugar Land home near the Brazos River despite a mandatory evacuation because of flooding. He said he is frequently talking with them, and that no water had gotten into their home as of late Tuesday.

"First, because it was jet lag, I woke up at 1 a.m. (Tuesday). Wide awake. The first thing I did was call my mom," he said. "They said it's a little scary. ... I think they're doing well. They're dealing with it the best possible way they can. Everyone here, the entire, time, is dealing with it the best possible way they can."

Rice linebacker Emmanuel Ellerbee, whose parents were on the trip to Australia, remembers the mental toll his mother from Louisiana experienced when she had family members in New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Now he knows how she felt, watching from afar on television and social media what his family and friends are dealing with in Houston.

"Houston's a really big part of me," Ellerbee said. "You want to be somewhere where you can help and make a difference and contribute."

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Joel Osteen's Houston megachurch opens doors as shelter

By JASON DEAREN, Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — Joel Osteen opened his Houston megachurch to those seeking shelter from floodwaters Tuesday after social media critics slammed the televangelist for not offering to house people in need while Harvey swamps the city.

"Houstonians, Texans, are generous people, gracious people. We like to help others in need. That's what you're seeing here today people stepping up and you know and helping these people that have been displaced," Osteen said after opening his Lakewood Church to displaced Houstonians seeking shelter.

Among those who came to the 16,000-seat former arena that was the longtime home of the NBA's Houston Rockets was Jack Bullman. The 56-year-old Long Pine resident sat with a baby blue towel hanging around his neck, trying to dry off and get warm.

"Usually a hurricane comes by and you get hit with the surge and the rain, but here it's lingered so long there's no doubt that it will be catastrophic," Bullman said, adding that he had just rebuilt last year after another flood. "All that hard work, right down the tubes."

Bullman was evacuated from West Houston Medical Center, where his mother was in intensive care after having a stroke. With floodwaters coming, the hospital spent two hours finding a place for him to stay,

then gave him a ride to the church.

The church had announced on Twitter late Tuesday morning that it was receiving people who need shelter. Osteen announced the move himself shortly after, adding in a tweet that he and wife Victoria Osteen "care deeply about our fellow Houstonians."

The move followed a day of online criticism from those who claimed the church closed its doors while other places of worship, including several mosques, opened theirs to people who needed help.

A fleet of panel trucks, Mercedes coupes, SUVs and pickups descended on the church. Out came bags of donations - jackets, strollers, bottled water, pants, dresses, stuffed dolls, sheets, pillows - that volunteers piled in a mountain in the church's lobby.

Eugene Rideaux, 42, is a mechanic and member of Osteen's church who showed up to help sort donations. The lifelong Houston resident hasn't been able to work or do much since the storm first hit, so he was eager to get out of his dark house and help.

"When is it going to end? As soon as you think it's clear it comes right back," he said. "Whole neighborhoods under water, I've never seen anything like this. It's almost like life stops."

Across the church lobby, volunteers were starting to process people who needed shelter. Dr. Essam Girgawy volunteered to work in an area for people who need medical attention.

"I'm a physician and this is what I do for a living, and whenever there is a need I come," he said.

One evacuee he treated was Allen Manuel. "Yeah, I was mainly concerned about my medicine — I hadn't taken it in 8 days — for high blood pressure," he said.

The church's decision to open up as a shelter came after a church Facebook post and a since deleted Instagram post Sunday by Lakewood associate pastor John Gray that said flooded highways had made the church inaccessible.

"For the people spreading lies about my church. If WE could get there WE WOULD OPEN THE DOORS," Gray's comment read. "As soon as the highways aren't flooded please know @lakewoodchurch will do all they can alleviate the pain and suffering of as many people as possible. Love y'all! #CantStandLiars."

Don Iloff, a church spokesman and Victoria Osteen's brother, told The Associated Press on Tuesday that floodwaters had rendered the building mostly inaccessible before receding Monday afternoon, but he said the church wasn't closed. Three people who showed up at the church on Sunday spent the night there before being taken to a city shelter.

"You can't change your life because of Twitter haters," he said. "You need to do what you need to do."

Lakewood Church served as a shelter for about 5,000 people displaced during Tropical Storm Allison at its previous home in 2001, when more than 30 inches (76 centimeters) of rain were dumped on the city. It moved to the arena formerly known as The Summit and the Compaq Center in 2005.

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Haunted by Katrina's memory, Louisiana now faces Harvey

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LAKE CHARLES, La. (AP) — Twelve years to the day after Hurricane Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast, another deadly storm forced the rescue of hundreds of people from floodwaters in southwestern Louisiana and prompted New Orleans to shut down its schools and other key institutions as a precaution.

Tropical Storm Harvey flooded neighborhoods overnight with chest-deep water in the Lake Charles area, near the Texas line, although water abated in some places Tuesday as rain slackened.

In New Orleans, Mayor Mitch Landrieu urged residents to stay home Tuesday because of the threat of potential flooding. Many appeared to be heeding his call.

Meanwhile, Gov. John Bel Edwards said Louisiana is offering to shelter storm victims from Texas.

"We have offered to stand up shelters specifically for individuals who would be transported out of Texas, so that they could be housed in shelters in Louisiana, particularly in north Louisiana, in the Shreveport

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area," he said at a news conference in Baton Rouge. Edwards said he expects Texas officials to decide within 48 hours whether to accept the offer.

Later, in Lake Charles, Edwards urged people to remain alert but said the state is responding well to less severe conditions in its own borders.

"You never know what Mother Nature is going to throw at us, but with the people in this room, I'm confident we can handle it," he told local and state officials.

Some New Orleans neighborhoods flooded earlier this month during a deluge that exposed problems with the city's pump and drainage system. On Tuesday, rains flooded a few of the city's streets.

The city's public schools were closed, along with six universities and a medical school. A ceremony and march in New Orleans to commemorate the deadly 2005 storm was postponed until Sunday.

For many others, it was largely business as usual.

"I can't afford not to open," said Jerry Roppolo, 65, owner of a popular coffee house where water often creeps over the sidewalk and up to the threshold during heavy rains.

The shop in the Carrollton neighborhood is usually bustling but was slow Tuesday. Roppolo attributed that to the school closures. "A lot of the parents come in on the way to school, on the way from school," he said.

About 500 people were evacuated in southwest Louisiana's most populous parish overnight, as a heavy band of rain pushed waterways out of their banks, Calcasieu Parish spokesman Tom Hoefler said. He said as many as 5,000 parish residents are affected by the flooding, but not all of those people have flooded homes. Some are just cut off by flooded roads.

A lull in the heavy rains allowed water to recede Tuesday morning, enabling some who fled their homes to return, survey damage and remove possessions.

"I wanted to get my mother's Bible out of the house and there were some things we needed — our medicine, we're both on medications," said David Wells, 65. "I got a feeling it's going to get worse before it gets any better."

Evacuations continued Tuesday in some rural areas outside Lake Charles, with authorities working to empty a flood-prone subdivision near the town of Iowa. Officials in Acadia Parish advised residents near the Mermentau River and Bayou Nezpique to leave.

Family members and authorities in Texas have reported at least 18 deaths. No Harvey-related deaths were immediately reported in Louisiana, according to a spokesman for Edwards.

The high water in Calcasieu Parish surprised residents of some neighborhoods not known for flooding. The Kayouche Coulee spilled over when heavy rain hit the area after sunset, and people began calling for rescue.

Residents rode out of neighborhoods in National Guard trucks, wildlife agents' boats, jacked-up pickups and clinging to the cab of a semi-truck. They carried belongings in suitcases, trash bags or even soggy cardboard boxes.

"We all got stuck back there," said Andrea Boutte, who rode out on the big rig. "Those boats took forever."

National Weather Service meteorologists said Tuesday that officials expect Harvey will make another landfall in Cameron Parish early Wednesday, after hitting Texas and meandering back into the Gulf of Mexico.

As much as 6 to 12 more inches of rain (15 to 30 centimeters) could fall in western Louisiana.

"We are starting to get down to the end of the tunnel of all this rain," National Weather Service meteorologist Roger Erickson said.

Harvey is projected to bring gusts up to 50 mph (80 kph) in coastal areas and gusts of up to 40 mph (65 kph) in Lake Charles and along the Interstate 10 corridor.

Erickson warned that some coastal rivers won't be able to drain rains effectively because Harvey's winds are pushing storm surge into coastal waters, aggravating flooding of areas that have already received more than 20 inches (51 centimeters) of rain.

Images of flood devastation in Houston revived painful memories for survivors of Hurricane Katrina, which made landfall in the Gulf Coast on Aug. 29, 2005.

"It really evoked a lot of emotions and heartbreak for the people who are going through that now in

Houston," Ray Gratia said Monday as he collected sandbags for his New Orleans home, which flooded from the massive hurricane that left much of the city underwater for weeks.

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NKorea leader urges more missile launches targeting Pacific

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SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korean leader Kim Jong Un called for more weapons launches targeting the Pacific Ocean to advance his country's ability to contain Guam, state media said Wednesday, a day after Pyongyang for the first time flew a ballistic missile designed to carry a nuclear payload over Japan.

Tuesday's aggressive missile launch — likely the longest ever from North Korea — over a close U.S. ally sends a clear message of defiance as Washington and Seoul conduct annual military drills. The Korean Central News Agency said the launch was a "muscle-flexing" countermeasure to the Ulchi Freedom Guardian joint exercises that conclude Thursday. Pyongyang views the drills as invasion rehearsals and often conducts weapons tests and escalates its rhetoric when they are held.

The KCNA report said the missile was an intermediate-range Hwasong-12, which the North first successfully tested in May and threatened to fire into waters near Guam earlier this month.

Kim expressed "great satisfaction" over the launch that he called a "meaningful prelude" to containing Guam and said North Korea would continue to watch the U.S. demeanor before it decides future actions, KCNA said. The U.S. territory is home to key U.S. military bases that North Korea finds threatening.

Kim also said it's "necessary to positively push forward the work for putting the strategic force on a modern basis by conducting more ballistic rocket launching drills with the Pacific as a target in the future."

The launch seemed designed to show that North Korea can back up a threat to target Guam, if it chooses to do so, while also establishing a potentially dangerous precedent that could see future missiles flying over Japan.

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 flew over the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido.

President Donald Trump said North Korea had signaled its "contempt for its neighbors" and that "all options are on the table" in terms of a U.S. response. Trump said in his statement that "threatening and destabilizing actions only increase the North Korean regime's isolation in the region and among all nations of the world."

The U.N. Security Council strongly condemned the launch, which came less than a month after the council imposed its toughest-yet sanctions on North Korea. The statement released after a meeting Tuesday evening in New York doesn't mention any potential new sanctions but calls for strict implementation of existing ones.

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 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.

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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 North still claimed on Wednesday that its recent launch "had no impact on the security of the neighboring countries."

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.

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 Kim "is starting to respect us."

Tuesday's missile landed nowhere near Guam, but firing a Hwasong-12 so soon after the 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 missile at a shorter range.

Guam's civil defense office said the missile was determined to not be a threat. Residents said they were not worried, for now. Eddie Cruz, 60, said he is concerned that with each missile launch, North Korea is getting better. "They're practicing, and that's exactly what I'm worried about," he said.

North Korea will no doubt be watching the world's reaction to see if it can use the same flight path for future launches.

Japanese officials made their usual strongly worded condemnations of the launch.

"We will do our utmost to protect people's lives," 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. Residents on Hokkaido were warned by loudspeakers, phone alerts and an email that told them to stay indoors.

The launch was also condemned by U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, Britain, France, Germany, Russia, and a number of other countries.

Tuesday's launch came 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 analysts say could reach deep into the U.S. mainland when perfected.

In an unusual move, the South Korean military released videos of missile tests it 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" preemptive 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 Young-chan, 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.

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Crippled Houston watches dams, levees; forecast offers hope

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HOUSTON (AP) — With its flood defenses strained, the crippled city of Houston anxiously watched dams and levees Tuesday to see if they would hold until the rain stops, and meteorologists offered the first reason for hope — a forecast with less than an inch of rain and even a chance for sunshine.

The human toll continued to mount, both in deaths and in the ever-swelling number of scared people made homeless by the catastrophic storm that is now the heaviest tropical downpour in U.S. history.

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The city's largest shelter was overflowing when the mayor announced plans to create space for thousands of extra people by opening two and possibly three more mega-shelters.

"We are not turning anyone away. But it does mean we need to expand our capabilities and our capacity," Mayor Sylvester Turner said. "Relief is coming."

The rescues went on. Federal and local agencies said they had lifted more than 13,000 people out of the floodwaters in the Houston area and surrounding cities and counties.

Louisiana's governor offered to take in Harvey victims from Texas, and televangelist Joel Osteen opened his Houston megachurch, a 16,000-seat former arena, after critics blasted him on social media for not acting to help families displaced by the storm.

Meteorologists said the sprawling city would soon get a chance to dry out.

When Harvey returns to land Wednesday, "it's the end of the beginning," National Hurricane Center meteorologist Dennis Feltgen said.

Harvey will spend much of Wednesday dropping rain on Louisiana before moving on to Arkansas, Tennessee and parts of Missouri, which could also see flooding.

But Feltgen cautioned: "We're not done with this. There's still an awful lot of real estate and a lot of people who are going to feel the impacts of the storm."

The National Weather Service predicted less of an inch of rain for Houston on Wednesday and only a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms for Thursday. Friday's forecast called for mostly sunny skies with a high near 94.

In all, more than 17,000 people have sought refuge in Texas shelters, and that number seemed certain to increase, the American Red Cross said.

The city's largest shelter, the George R. Brown Convention Center, held more than 9,000 people, almost twice the number officials originally planned to house there. The crowds included many from outside Houston.

By the end of the day, the Toyota Center, home of the NBA's Rockets, had begun accepting people who could not find space at the convention center.

Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards said he expected Texas officials to decide within 48 hours whether to accept his offer, which comes as Louisiana deals with its own flooding. About 500 people were evacuated from flooded neighborhoods in southwest Louisiana, Edwards said.

The city has asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency for more supplies, including cots and food, for an additional 10,000 people, said the mayor, who hoped to get the supplies no later than Wednesday.

In an apparent response to scattered reports of looting, the mayor also imposed a curfew. Police Chief Art Acevedo said violators would be questioned, searched and arrested.

Four days after the storm ravaged the Texas coastline as a hurricane, authorities and family members have reported more than a dozen deaths from Harvey. They include a woman killed when heavy rain sent a large oak tree crashing onto her trailer and another woman who apparently drowned after her vehicle was swept off a bridge.

Houston police confirmed that a 60-year-old officer drowned in his patrol car after he became trapped in high water while driving to work. Sgt. Steve Perez had been with the force for 34 years.

Six members of a family were feared dead after their van sank into Greens Bayou in East Houston. A Houston hotel said one of its employees disappeared while helping about 100 guests and workers evacuate the building.

Authorities acknowledge that fatalities from Harvey could soar once the floodwaters start to recede from one of America's largest metropolitan centers.

A pair of 70-year-old reservoir dams that protect downtown Houston and a levee in a suburban subdivision began overflowing Tuesday, adding to the rising floodwaters.

Engineers began releasing water from the Addicks and Barker reservoirs Monday to ease the strain on the dams. But the releases were not enough to relieve the pressure after the relentless downpours, Army Corps of Engineers officials said. Both reservoirs are at record highs.

The release of the water means that more homes and streets will flood, and some homes will be unin-

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dated for up to a month, said Jeff Linder of the Harris County Flood Control District.

Brazoria County authorities posted a message on Twitter warning that the levee at Columbia Lakes south of Houston had been breached and telling people to "GET OUT NOW!!" Brazoria County Judge Matt Sebesta said residents were warned that the levee would be overtopped at some point, and a mandatory evacuation order was given Sunday.

The levee was later fortified, but officials said they did not know how long the work would hold.

Officials in Houston were also keeping an eye on infrastructure such as bridges, roads and pipelines that are in the path of the floodwaters.

Water in the Houston Ship Channel, one of the nation's busiest waterways, which serves the Port of Houston and Houston's petrochemical complex, is at levels never seen before, Linder said.

The San Jacinto River, which empties into the channel, has pipelines and roads and bridges not designed for the current deluge, Linder said, and the chance of infrastructure failures will increase the "longer we keep the water in place."

Among the worries is debris coming down the river and crashing into structures and the possibility that pipelines in the riverbed will be scoured by swift currents. In 1994, a pipeline ruptured on the river near Interstate 10 and caught fire.

During a visit to the storm zone, President Donald Trump kept his distance from the epicenter of the damage in Houston to avoid disrupting recovery operations. But he planned to return to the region Saturday to meet with some of the victims, press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said.

After five consecutive days of rain, Harvey set a new continental U.S. record for rainfall for a tropical system.

The rains in Cedar Bayou, near Mont Belvieu, Texas, totaled 51.88 inches (1.32 meters) as of Tuesday afternoon. That's a record for both Texas and the continental United States, but it does not quite surpass the 52 inches (1.33 meters) from Tropical Cyclone Hiki in Kauai, Hawaii, in 1950, before Hawaii became a state.

The previous record was 48 inches (1.22 meters) set in 1978 in Medina, Texas, by Tropical Storm Amelia. A weather station southeast of Houston reported 49.32 inches (1.25 meters) of rain.

Before it breaks up, Harvey could creep as far east as Mississippi by Thursday, meaning New Orleans, where Hurricane Katrina unleashed its full wrath in 2005, is in Harvey's path. Foreboding images of Harvey lit up weather radar screens on the 12th anniversary of the day Katrina made landfall in Plaquemines Parish.

The disaster is unfolding on an epic scale, with the nation's fourth-largest city mostly paralyzed by the storm that arrived as a Category 4 hurricane and then parked over the Gulf Coast. The Houston metro area covers about 10,000 square miles (25,900 square kilometers), an area slightly bigger than New Jersey.

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No fire or fury, but muted Trump response to NKorea missile

By MATTHEW PENNINGTON, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — So much for North Korea's restraint. So much for President Donald Trump's threats of "fire and fury."

After Pyongyang's highly provocative missile test over close American ally Japan, Trump offered a surprisingly subdued response Tuesday, pulling back from his administration's recent suggestions of a dialogue with the communist country but also avoiding a repeat of his bombastic warnings earlier this month of a potential military confrontation.

Instead, Trump's terse, written statement reiterating that all U.S. options are being considered pointed to

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an administration cautiously searching for an effective policy, even as the North's test risked endangering Japanese civilians. Washington and its allies called an emergency U.N. Security Council meeting for later Tuesday, but looked short on new ideas for stopping the nuclear and missile advances that are increasingly putting the U.S. mainland within range.

"Threatening and destabilizing actions only increase the North Korean regime's isolation in the region and among all nations of the world," Trump said after the North's missile soared almost 1,700 miles (2,700 kilometers) into the Pacific Ocean, triggering alert warnings in northern Japan and shudders throughout Northeast Asia. "All options are on the table."

The tone was far more moderate than Trump's colorful language earlier this month, when he spoke of unleashing "fire, fury and frankly power the likes of which this world has never seen before" if North Korea kept threatening the U.S. There were no indications Trump had any imminent intention to make good on his threat to strike North Korea.

But such has been the speed of the Trump administration's zigs and zags on North Korea policy. If Tuesday's statement seemed unusually restrained for Trump, it actually marked a toughening of his administration's most recent tone.

A senior U.S. official said the restrained nature of the administration's recent responses was intentional, reflecting an effort by new White House chief of staff John Kelly to prevent a repeat of the rhetorical escalation that occurred earlier this month. But with Trump's focus diverted to flood-ravaged Texas, it was unclear whether he might ultimately speak or tweet about the launch in greater detail.

Later Tuesday, the United Nations Security Council strongly condemned North Korea's actions, calling them "outrageous." The council's statement doesn't discuss any potential new sanctions but calls for strict implementation of existing ones.

Three weeks ago, when North Korea responded to Trump's "fire and fury" warning by threatening to launch multiple missiles near the U.S. Pacific territory of Guam, Trump tweeted that an American military solution to the standoff was "locked and loaded." Experts warned that the rapid-fire escalation had raised the danger of a miscalculation among the nuclear-armed powers.

The administration's more cautious approach in recent days reflects an effort to preserve modest signs of progress with North Korea that had led Trump and his top diplomat to hint at the possibility of direct talks, said the official, who wasn't authorized to discuss the deliberations publicly and requested anonymity.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un is "starting to respect us," Trump said at a campaign rally in Phoenix last week, adding that "maybe, probably not, but maybe something positive can come about." Secretary of State Rex Tillerson credited Kim's government with demonstrating "some level of restraint that we have not seen" by not conducting a missile test for almost a month, expressing hope it might be the "signal that we have been looking for," leading to a dialogue.

Even that suggestion was a surprising one for the Trump administration. On his first trip to Asia, Tillerson said North Korea must first abandon its "weapons of mass destruction" for talks to occur. But he later floated the idea that the North merely had to halt its nuclear and missile tests. The North has completely rejected both demands, saying negotiations hinge on the U.S. dropping its "hostile policy."

In any case, the optimism generated by North Korea's temporary lull in missile activity ended last Friday, when it fired three short-range projectiles into the sea. It then raised the ante three days later by firing directly over Japan's territory, breaking with its usual practice of launching over open seas where there's no risk that a misfire would land in another country or send debris falling on populated areas.

Kim on Tuesday expressed great satisfaction with the launch and called for more ballistic missile launches into the Pacific, the Korean Central News Agency reported. Kim called it a "meaningful prelude" to containing Guam.

The agency said the missile the North fired Tuesday was the Hwasong-12 intermediate-range missile it recently threatened to fire toward Guam.

But for Trump's earlier bombast, his Tuesday statement wouldn't have been particularly surprising. Democrat and Republican presidents have routinely offered the "all options on the table" terminology, even though a pre-emptive U.S. military strike is highly unlikely.

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North Korea has the world's largest standing army and a massive conventional weapons arsenal that can easily target the capital of South Korea and its metropolitan area of about 25 million people. American officials have long assessed that mass casualties would likely result.

But while U.S. officials had been inclined to overlook Friday's launches, the launch early Tuesday in North Korea was harder to ignore.

Friday's rocket tests represented a typical North Korean response to annual, U.S.-South Korean military drills that Pyongyang claims are rehearsals for invasion. This year's war games started last week and end Thursday.

Tuesday's launch was altogether more provocative. It was only the third time North Korea has fired a missile over Japan. The previous occasions in 1998 and 2009 used rockets purportedly for space exploration. This time, the North unambiguously tested a ballistic missile designed for military strikes and believed capable of carrying a nuclear warhead.

Within minutes, cellphones alerted residents on the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido, and loud alarms and emails instructed them to stay indoors. Speakers broadcast an alert saying "missile is passing, missile is passing."

Trump and Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan conferred by telephone, agreeing that North Korea poses "a grave and growing direct threat," the White House said. They vowed to increase pressure on the North.

"Japan's and the U.S. positions are totally at one," Abe added in a statement, saying Trump expressed his "strong commitment" to defend Japan.

During a closed-door Security Council session later Tuesday, Nikki Haley, Trump's U.N. envoy, was hoping veto-wielding members China and Russia would cooperate. But Haley didn't specify what action the U.S. its allies sought.

"No country should have missiles flying over them like those 130 million people in Japan. It's unacceptable," Haley told reporters. She added, "Something serious has to happen."

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Trump offers flag-waving optimism in visit to Harvey's path

By **KEN THOMAS** and **DARLENE SUPERVILLE**, Associated Press

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — With flag-waving optimism, President Donald Trump answered Harvey's wrath Tuesday by offering in-person assurances to those in the storm zone that his administration will work tirelessly to help the region recover from the massive flooding and storm-inflicted destruction.

"We are going to get you back and operating immediately," Trump told an impromptu crowd that gathered outside a Corpus Christi fire station about 30 miles from where the storm made landfall Friday.

For all of his eagerness to get the federal disaster response right, though, Trump missed clear opportunities to strike a sympathetic note for multitudes who are suffering. The president did not mention those who died in the storm or those forced from their homes by its floodwaters. And he basked in the attention of cheering supporters outside the fire station where officials briefed him on the recovery.

"What a crowd, what a turnout," Trump declared before waving a Texas flag from atop a step ladder positioned between two fire trucks. "This is historic. It's epic what happened, but you know what, it happened in Texas, and Texas can handle anything."

Trump is clearly determined to seize the moment and show a forceful response to Harvey, mindful of the political opportunities and risks that natural disasters pose for any president. Trump has been suffering from low approval ratings and self-created crises, and the White House is eager to show him as a forceful leader in a time of trouble.

The president kept his distance from the epicenter of the damage in Houston to avoid disrupting recovery operations. But he plans to return to the region Saturday to survey the damage and meet with some of the storm's victims, said Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders.

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"This is all about people and making sure that we're taking care of the people of Texas," she said. "That's his number one priority."

What little damage Trump saw — boarded-up windows, downed tree limbs and fences askew — was through the tinted windows of his SUV as his motorcade ferried him from the Corpus Christi airport to the firehouse in a city that's already nearly back to normal.

Trump spoke optimistically about the pace of the recovery, and predicted his response would be a textbook case for future presidents.

"We want to do it better than ever before," he said. "We want to be looked at in five years, in 10 years from now as, 'This is the way to do it.'"

Then it was on to his next stop, Austin, to meet with officials at the state emergency operations center.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott said Trump showed "genuine compassion" on the short flight to Austin as they watched video footage of the flooding in Houston. "The president was heartbroken by what he saw," the governor said.

Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price told reporters on the way back to Washington that the president's "love for the American people and concern about their welfare is unending."

"His heart goes out to them, as does everybody's heart," he said.

But Ari Fleischer, who served as press secretary to former President George W. Bush, said there was something missing from Trump's remarks in Corpus Christi: "empathy for the people who suffer."

"The first thing he should have said was that his heart goes out to those people in Houston who are going through this, and that the government is here to help them recover," Fleischer told Fox News Channel.

It's long been presidential practice to avoid visiting the most devastated areas of a natural disaster while recovery is still in the early stages, to avoid getting in the way or diverting critical resources. In Texas, residents seemed to understand.

Before Trump landed in Texas, Louis Sirianni arrived at his beach house in Rockport, about 20 miles outside Corpus Christi, to assess damage. Sirianni said he appreciated Trump's gesture and understood why there were no plans to take him into the hardest-hit area.

"He'd see enough if he came along here in a helicopter," Sirianni said on a balcony accessible only by a 12-foot aluminum extension ladder.

In downtown Rockport, John Murray had a pair of boards in front of his hair salon spray-painted with "Bet They Blame Trump."

"He could go for a walk and they'd find something to complain about," like jaywalking, Murray said.

Trump, wearing a black rain slicker emblazoned with a presidential seal, traveled with first lady Melania Trump and Cabinet secretaries who will play key roles in the recovery. Mrs. Trump traded in her usual stiletto heels for a pair of white sneakers and wore a black cap that read "FLOTUS," an acronym for "first lady of the United States."

In a statement, the first lady said that "what I found to be the most profound during the visit was not only the strength and resilience of the people of Texas, but the compassion and sense of community that has taken over the state."

The president, during his stop in Austin, said it was a "sad thing" that the recovery would be a "long-term" operation.

His largely upbeat reassurances about a speedy recovery, though, stood in contrast to the more measured assessments coming from emergency management officials. There's a long, difficult road ahead in recovering from a storm whose flooding has displaced tens of thousands, those officials have cautioned.

And the president's vow of swift action on billions of dollars in disaster aid is at odds with his proposed budget, which would eliminate the program that helps Americans without flood insurance rebuild their homes and cuts grants to help states reduce the risk of flooding before disaster strikes.

Trump's budget proposal for 2018 zeroes out Community Development Block Grants, a key program that helped the Gulf Coast rebuild after Hurricane Katrina. The same program helped New York and New Jersey come back from Superstorm Sandy. Among other things, the grants help people without flood insurance

coverage rebuild their homes. In the 2017 budget, the Republican-led Congress restored some of the funds.

While Trump's pending budget request didn't touch the core disaster aid account, it proposed cutting several grant programs that help states reduce flood risks before a disaster strikes and improve outdated flood maps.

All told, Trump proposed cutting such grant programs by about \$900 million. Former Democratic President Barack Obama also cast a skeptical eye, proposing cuts roughly two-thirds as large as Trump in his final FEMA budget.

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Waiting the worst with Harvey, the storm that won't go away

By JULIET LINDERMAN, Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — Michael Bedner saw disasters come and go during his 33 years with the Houston Police Department. Harvey, however, just won't go away.

Bedner rides out every storm in his creekside community between Houston and Galveston Bay, and never gets more than a few feet of water on the edge of his property before the sun comes out again. With the water creeping up to his door Friday, he knew this time was different. A neighbor whisked him and his fiance to dry land on a jet ski.

Bedner is grateful to be safe, but "we have been trying to get back to the house every day, and we can't," he said Tuesday. "Not even the house, just our street. We just want to feel like we're home. But we can't.

"We're staying at the hotel, and everyone is just walking around like zombies. It's a helpless feeling."

The hunkering down part of a hurricane usually doesn't last this long. The wind calms, the clouds clear, the recovery begins.

As Harvey crippled the nation's fourth-largest city for a fifth straight day, millions were left wondering when it'll all be over, and what will be left. For many, the fear and anxiety inspired by this behemoth storm has given way to fatigue and restlessness.

Carla Saunders stayed in her home of 15 years until she was awakened by water soaking into the bedding she was sleeping on. She grabbed medication and a phone charger and waded through hip-deep water to her son's pickup truck. She went to a shelter inside a high school, where she was given clothes and a hot meal, grateful to have never been separated from her beloved dogs, even for a second.

That was Saturday.

Sunday came, and with it more rain. Then Monday, and more rain. Tuesday, still more. Feet and feet of rain, more than one U.S. storm has ever let fall.

"I feel really lost right now," she said, breaking into quiet sobs. "It's hard to know where to start in trying to move forward."

On Tuesday, Saunders got as close as she could to her house, to check on the street. She said seeing her neighborhood so full of water, with still more rain to come, felt like a fresh wound.

"It was like the bottom fell out of my heart," she said.

Jack Bullman, 56, of Long Pine, sat with a baby blue towel hanging around his neck, looking soaked and tired at a shelter set up at the Lakewood Church. He said he lived on the coast most of his life, so was used to flooding. But the duration of Harvey was a whole new experience.

"Usually a hurricane comes by and you get hit with the surge and the rain, but here it's lingered so long there's no doubt that it will be catastrophic," he said, adding that he'd just rebuilt last year after another flood. "All that hard work, right down the tubes."

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Even those whose homes didn't flood weren't entirely spared.

At the only restaurant in the area open on Monday night, Will Bedner, Michael's son who lives in Houston, stuck his chin out and rubbed it — it was stubbly.

"I wish I could shave," he said.

Since the storm began lashing Houston on Friday, stores had closed, including the ones selling razors. Bedner hadn't thought to stock up beforehand. Only the essentials; luxuries were overlooked.

The bar Bedner owns downtown lost power days earlier, so even a cold drink from behind the counter was out of the question. He happily settled for one at room temperature.

"Everyone's getting cabin fever," he said.

Around the corner from Bedner's bar, Buffalo Bayou was overflowing, gurgling onto a stretch of road and lapping the trunks of partially submerged trees. A day or so before, its waters flooded Mark Serafin's basement, and he'd lost power. Tired of rationing the rainwater he'd collected on his windowsill to flush the toilet, he'd checked into a hotel nearby. Then on Tuesday, the hotel lost power.

"We're better off at home," he said with a chuckle.

"Compared to what other people are going through, it's an inconvenience," Serafin said. "But the depressing part is: then you go to bed at night, and you just hear these bands of rain. It just makes this seem even more desperate."

AP Writer Jason Dearen contributed to this report.

Houston drainage grid 'so obsolete it's just unbelievable'

By **SETH BORENSTEIN** and **FRANK BAJAK**, Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston's system of bayous and reservoirs was built to drain a tabletop-flat city prone to heavy rains. But its Depression-era design is no match for the stresses brought by explosive development and ever-wetter storms.

Nearly any city would be overwhelmed by the more than 4 feet of rain that Hurricane Harvey has dumped since Friday, but Houston is unique in its regular massive floods and inability to cope with them. This is the third 100-year-or-more type of flood in three years.

Experts blame too many people, too much concrete, insufficient upstream storage, not enough green space for water drainage and, especially, too little regulation.

"Houston is the most flood-prone city in the United States," said Rice University environmental engineering professor Phil Bedient. "No one is even a close second — not even New Orleans, because at least they have pumps there."

The entire system is designed to clear out only 12 to 13 inches of rain per 24-hour period, said Jim Blackburn, an environmental law professor at Rice University: "That's so obsolete it's just unbelievable."

Also, Houston's Harris County has the loosest, least-regulated drainage policy and system in the entire country, Bedient said.

Here's how the system is supposed to work: The county that encompasses Houston has 2,500 miles of bayous and channels and more than 300 storm-water holding basins, which are designed to fill up during intense downpours and drain slowly as high waters recede.

Water is supposed to flow west to east through bayous, which are tidal creeks that often have concrete improvements to make water flow and are connected to the Galveston Bay.

When big rains come, officials also activate two normally dry reservoirs, closing the floodgates to collect the water and keep it from overwhelming the downtown area.

But the main bayou through downtown Houston, Buffalo Bayou, "is pretty much still a dirt mud channel like you would have seen 100 years ago, just a little cleaned out," said U.S. Geological Survey hydrologist Jeff East, who is based in Houston.

And because the coastal plain is so flat, only sloping about a foot per mile, the water doesn't flow out

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of the bayous fast, Bedient said.

Also, some of the bayous, such as Brays, can only handle 10-year storms, he said. Harris County didn't leave enough right-of-way space to expand its bayous, Bedient said. And widening projects have been slow and inadequate.

Because of big early 20th-century floods, Houston designed two dry emergency reservoirs that are only activated in heavy rain, Addicks and Barker, both formed by earthen dams. Addicks is 11.7 miles long (18.8 kilometers) with a maximum elevation of nearly 123 feet (37 meters). Barker is 13.6 miles long (22 kilometers) and has a maximum elevation of 114 feet (34 meters).

Normally the floodgates are open and the two areas are dry parkland with sports fields and biking paths. They were essentially dry on Aug. 25, the day Harvey struck, East said. By the middle of the next day, the floodgates were closed and water levels were starting to rise, East said.

Now the reservoirs are overflowing. Officials are being forced to release some of the water pressing against the 70-year-old dams and backing up into wealthy subdivisions. But those releases could worsen the extreme flooding downstream in Houston.

More reservoirs are needed, Blackburn and Bedient said. In fact, another reservoir had been planned for Houston's western prairies, but development killed that, they said.

Blackburn said studies show those prairies can absorb as much as 11 inches of rain per hour. But he said elected officials allowed subdivision after subdivision to expand outward.

Houston's storm drain and pipe system is minimal compared with that of other cities and at most can take 1½ inches of rain, Bedient said.

But mostly the problem comes down to helter-skelter development in a county with no zoning, leaving lots of concrete where water doesn't drain, and little green space to absorb it, Bedient said.

Local politicians are simply unwilling to insist in the local code that developers, who are among their biggest campaign donors, create no adverse effects, said Ed Browne, chairman of the nonprofit Residents Against Flooding.

"In general, developers run this city and whatever developers want they get," Browne said. His group sued Houston last year in federal court, demanding more holding ponds and better drainage.

There are also more people. Since the previous record flood, inflicted by Tropical Storm Allison in 2001, Houston's population has grown more than 23 percent, said Sam Brody, a Texas A&M professor in Galveston who studies coastal flooding.

If that's not bad enough, Houston is getting heavier rains with global warming because warmer air holds more water. Since 1986, extreme downpours — the type measured in double-digit inches — have occurred twice as often as in the previous 30 years, an Associated Press weather data analysis showed in 2016.

Add everything up and "it's a perfect mix for the perfect storm," Bedient said. "And that's why we flood so often."

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Bad blood lingers in GOP as Congress ponders Harvey relief

By STEVE PEOPLES, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Republicans from New York and New Jersey are pledging unconditional support for those devastated by Hurricane Harvey. But their resentment lingers.

As historic floods wreaked havoc across the Gulf Coast, Northeastern Republicans recalled with painful detail the days after Superstorm Sandy ravaged their region in 2012. At the time, Texas' Republican lawmakers, led by Sen. Ted Cruz, overwhelmingly opposed a disaster relief package they argued was packed with wasteful spending.

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The debate delayed the passage of the Sandy relief package by several weeks. And five years later, another powerful natural disaster has exposed lingering resentment that underscores regional divisions in a deeply divided Republican Party grappling with crisis.

"It was cruel, it was vicious, and something that I'll never forget," Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., told The Associated Press on Tuesday. He said Texas Republicans held up the 2012 bill as part of "a political ploy against the Northeast."

"Having said that," King added, "I don't want the people of Texas to suffer."

King's comments were representative of several New York and New Jersey Republicans interviewed by the AP who said they were still angry, but would not employ the tactics of their Texas colleagues as Congress awaits an expected Trump administration request for billions of dollars of assistance. It may take weeks or months to survey the damage, but early estimates suggest Harvey could be one of the most expensive natural disasters in U.S. history.

"We're not going to hold it against those poor Texans who need our help what their representatives tried to do to us back five years ago," said Rep. Dan Donovan, R-N.Y. "This is an American crisis and we come to the aid of our fellow Americans."

It's still unclear how the conservative Texas delegation will approach disaster funding when it affects their region. Natural disasters back home typically transform Congress' fiscal conservatives railing about the deficit into fans of federal spending.

Several Texas Republicans did not respond to requests for comment Tuesday. Cruz's office said it was too soon to say whether he could pledge unconditional support to a massive disaster assistance package. In recent days, he has defended his opposition to a \$51 billion Sandy relief bill he said was filled with "pork."

The current disaster highlights stark differences between two wings of the Republican Party: more moderate Northeastern Republicans, a group from which President Donald Trump hails, and those across the South and Southwest, who often adhere to a rigid conservative ideology even, apparently, in times of crisis.

"When regions face serious disasters causing extensive damage, the federal government has an obligation to assist with assets to address the emergency," Cruz spokeswoman Catherine Frazier said. "Sen. Cruz strongly supports this role of government, but emergency bills should not be used for non-emergency spending and that unfortunately is what made up nearly 70 percent" of the Sandy relief bill.

The Congressional Budget Office found that the \$51 billion Sandy relief package was distributed relatively slowly, but virtually all of the funding was related to the storm or to prevent future disasters.

"I don't want to revisit who did or didn't vote for the legislation then," said Rep. Leonard Lance, R-N.J. "I think it's needed now, and I'll be voting for it when we return to Washington."

Lance, like other Northeastern Republicans interviewed, disagreed with the Texas delegation's insistence five years ago that federal spending for disasters should include corresponding budget cuts elsewhere.

"The overarching lesson is that we have the responsibility nationally to be involved in these situations. And that one never knows where the next natural disaster will occur," he said.

Rep. Lee Zeldin, R-N.Y., was a state senator back in 2012 when Sandy hit.

"People's lives were hanging in the balance," he recalled, turning his attention to Texas. "I am fully, completely committed to do whatever I can ... to assist."

Zeldin added, "Regardless of whether you're a fellow New Yorker or a Texan, we want to be as helpful as possible."

Congress stepped forward with enormous aid packages in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and Sandy, though some GOP conservatives — including then-Indiana Rep. Mike Pence — chafed at the price tag. White House Budget Director Mick Mulvaney, who will be responsible for preparing any disaster request for Trump, opposed the Sandy aid package as a South Carolina congressman, offering a plan to cut elsewhere in the budget to pay for it.

Lawmakers provided \$110 billion to rebuild the Gulf Coast after Katrina. The George W. 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 Sandy encountered stiffer resistance.

King said he was speaking out now to “put down a marker” for Cruz and others who stood in the way of Sandy relief five years ago.

“If there was another natural disaster,” King said, “we’re not going to tolerate what he did the last time.”

Meteorologists gave early warning of Harvey’s killer floods

By **SETH BORENSTEIN, AP Science Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Although some officials may say that Hurricane Harvey was worse than expected, the National Hurricane Center was warning about catastrophic flooding about 30 hours before the first rain drops fell.

“This is probably the best forecast slow moving disaster flood event,” said meteorologist Ryan Maue with the private WeatherBell Analytics. “I don’t know how we could have done any better.”

Here’s a timeline of warnings from the National Hurricane Center: — The first notice was a bulletin issued by the National Hurricane Center at 10 a.m. CDT Wednesday, Aug. 23, posting hurricane and storm watches for the Texas coast. That alert stated “Rainfall from Harvey could cause life-threatening flooding,” forecasting 10 to 15 inches of rain with isolated amounts of 20 inches “over the middle and upper Texas coast and southwest Louisiana through next Tuesday.”

— Harvey is upgraded from a tropical depression to a tropical storm at 11 p.m. CDT Wednesday.

—The hurricane center increased the maximum rainfall it mentioned to 25 inches its 4 a.m. CDT Thursday advisory.

— At 10 am CDT Thursday, the hurricane center forecast that Harvey would be a major hurricane with 115 mph winds when it approaches the middle Texas coast, warning in capital letters: “LIFE-THREATENING STORM SURGE AND FRESHWATER FLOODING EXPECTED.” The rainfall forecast was increased to 12 to 20 inches of rain with isolated spots getting 30 inches through Wednesday.

—At noon CDT Thursday, Harvey was upgraded to a hurricane.

—At 1 p.m. CDT Thursday, the hurricane center’s advisories became more urgent and pleading: “HARVEY RAPIDLY INTENSIFYING. PREPARATIONS ALONG THE MIDDLE TEXAS COAST SHOULD BE RUSHED TO COMPLETION TODAY.” The center forecast said Harvey would reach winds of 125 mph.

—At 4 p.m. CDT Thursday, the hurricane center started warning of “life-threatening and devastating flooding.” The rainfall forecast was increased to 15 to 25 inches with some spots hitting 35 inches.

—At 7 a.m. CDT Friday, the hurricane center’s advisory told people to rush their preparations to complete them by the morning as conditions would deteriorate through the day.

—At 10 a.m. CDT Friday, Harvey’s outer rain bands started swiping the coast and the hurricane center started warning of “catastrophic flooding expected across portions of southern and southeastern Texas.”

—Tropical storm force winds reached Corpus Christi by noon CDT Friday.

— At 1 p.m. CDT Friday, the hurricane center warned that water levels were rising along the Texas coast.

—Harvey became a major hurricane, a category 3 storm with 120 mph winds, at 2 pm CDT Friday.

— The hurricane center upped its rainfall predictions to 15 to 30 inches with isolated spots hitting 40 inches in its 4 p.m. CDT update, repeatedly warning of “catastrophic flooding.”

—Harvey intensified to a Category 4 hurricane at 6 p.m. CDT Friday, with 130 mph winds. And the first hurricane-force winds were reaching land.

— Harvey made landfall at 10 p.m. CDT Friday as a Category 4 storm with winds of 130 mph, coming ashore between Port Aransas and Port O’Connor, Texas. Again, the hurricane center reminded people that “catastrophic flooding” was expected.

—All day Saturday, the hurricane center repeated warnings about catastrophic flooding and forecasting rain hitting 40 inches in spots. However at 4 p.m. CDT, the center lowered the general rainfall forecast to 15 to 25 inches with spots reaching 40 inches.

—The Hurricane Center increased its upper forecast for rain at 10 a.m. CDT Sunday, saying that some spots around Houston and Galveston could hit around 50 inches.

Israeli leader's settlement vow complicates Trump's task

By JOSEF FEDERMAN, Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's vow to never evacuate Jewish settlements from occupied land drew outrage Tuesday from Palestinians and complicated matters for the Trump administration's would-be peace envoys as they try to restart talks.

The Palestinians called on the White House to intervene, and visiting U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres challenged Netanyahu's comments, reiterating the international community's opposition to Israeli settlements.

Well over 100 settlements dot the West Bank and a string of U.S.-led peace plans over the past two decades have called for evacuating at least some of them to make way for the establishment of an independent Palestinian state alongside Israel. Netanyahu's hard-line religious and nationalist base opposes such a move.

Netanyahu appears to have been emboldened by the election of President Donald Trump, who, unlike a string of predecessors, has not endorsed the idea of a two-state solution. Trump also has surrounded himself with a team of advisers who are longstanding supporters of settlements. These include his son-in-law Jared Kushner, who is leading the peace efforts and was in the region last week for meetings with the sides.

Netanyahu spoke at a ceremony Monday night in Barkan, a settlement in the northern West Bank.

"There is a momentum of development in Judea and Samaria," he said, referring to the West Bank by its biblical name.

"We have returned here for eternity," Netanyahu added. "There will be no more uprooting of settlements in the land of Israel. Settlements will not be uprooted."

The Palestinians seek all of the West Bank, along with east Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip, for an independent state alongside Israel. Israel captured the areas in the 1967 Mideast war, though it withdrew from Gaza in 2005.

The Palestinians say that settlements on occupied lands are illegal and undermine the goal of a two-state solution by gobbling up territory they seek — a position that is widely backed by the international community. Over 600,000 Israeli Jews now live in the West Bank and east Jerusalem.

While Netanyahu has made similar pledges before, the timing — on the heels of Kushner's visit and with the U.N. chief in town — gave it added significance and raised questions about his intentions for resolving the conflict with the Palestinians.

During the Obama administration, Netanyahu paid lip service to the idea of a two-state solution, implying that a Palestinian state could be established in parts of the West Bank or that settlements might somehow remain behind in a future Palestine. However, in recent weeks, Netanyahu has been pandering to his base, with hard-line statements and attacks on the media as a corruption investigation against him gains steam.

With Netanyahu avoiding talk of Palestinian independence or a territorial withdrawal, the Palestinians are pushing the new U.S. administration to take a stand. In particular, they have been pressing Washington to call for a freeze on settlement construction and to endorse the two-state solution.

Nabil Abu Rdeneh, spokesman for Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, denounced Netanyahu's comments and said they hinder U.S. peace efforts.

"This is an Israeli message to the U.S. administration," he said. "We call upon the U.S. administration to deal with these provocations," which, he said, hinder U.S. peace efforts and are "an attempt to return things to square one."

The Palestinians have expressed impatience with Kushner's slow start. Kushner held talks last week with Israeli and Palestinian leaders, as well as separate meetings with Arab allies in Egypt and the Gulf. The Americans appear to be seeking a broader region-wide approach to peace by bringing in moderate Arab countries.

A senior White House official played down Netanyahu's comments.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the issue,

said the Israeli position was known and that the U.S. is talking to all sides to reach a deal "that factors in all substantive issues."

Nabil Shaath, a senior Palestinian official, said Monday that the Americans had asked for three to four months to conduct more preparations for a Mideast peace initiative.

Shaath, speaking to the Voice of Palestine radio station, said Abbas told the Americans to use the additional time to ensure a productive peace process. "We don't want to talk from scratch," he said.

The Palestinians received a boost from Guterres, who assured them the international community remains solidly behind the goal of Palestinian independence and rejects Israeli settlements, which he called illegal and a "major obstacle" to peace.

"I want to express very strongly the total commitment of the United Nations, and my personal total commitment, to do everything for a two-state solution," he said. "There is no plan B to the two-state solution."

Trump's Mideast envoy, Jason Greenblatt, meanwhile, spent the day in the northern West Bank meeting with Israeli officials discussing initiatives to help the Palestinian economy. These include an industrial zone, power substation and plans for a railway track linking the West Bank to the Israeli port of Haifa.

Greenblatt later visited a hospital in northern Israel where Israeli doctors have been treating refugees from the civil war in neighboring Syria.

AP correspondent Mohammed Daraghmeh contributed reporting from Ramallah, West Bank.

Delivery without drivers: Domino's, Ford team up for test

By DEE-ANN DURBIN, AP Auto Writer

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — No ring of the doorbell, just a text. No tip for the driver? No problem in this test, where Domino's and Ford are teaming up to see if customers will warm to the idea of pizza delivered by driverless cars.

Starting Wednesday, some pizzas in Domino's hometown of Ann Arbor will arrive in a Ford Fusion outfitted with radars and a camera that is used for autonomous testing. A Ford engineer will be at the wheel, but the front windows have been blacked out so customers won't interact with the driver.

Instead, people will have to come out of their homes and type a four-digit code into a keypad mounted on the car. That will open the rear window and let customers retrieve their order from a heated compartment. The compartment can carry up to four pizzas and five sides, Domino's Pizza Inc. says.

The experiment will help Domino's understand how customers will interact with a self-driving car, says company President Russell Weiner. Will they want the car in their driveway or by the curb? Will they understand how to use the keypad? Will they come outside if it's raining or snowing? Will they put their pizza boxes on top of the car and threaten to mess up its expensive cameras?

"The majority of our questions are about the last 50 feet of the delivery experience," Weiner told reporters last week.

Domino's, which delivers 1 billion pizzas worldwide each year, needs to stay ahead of emerging trends, Weiner says. The test will last six weeks, and the companies say they'll decide afterward what to do next. Domino's is also testing pizza delivery with drones.

Weiner said the company has 100,000 drivers in the U.S. In a driverless world, he said, he could see those employees taking on different roles within the company.

Ford Motor Co., which wants to develop a fully driverless vehicle by 2021, said it needs to understand the kinds of things companies would use that vehicle for. The experiment is a first for Ford. But other companies have seen the potential for food deliveries. Otto, a startup backed by Uber, delivered 50,000 cans of Budweiser beer from a self-driving truck in Colorado last fall.

"We're developing a self-driving car not just for the sake of technology," said Sherif Marakby, Ford's vice president of autonomous and electric vehicles. "There are so many practical things that we need to learn."

Only one car will be deployed in Ann Arbor, and it has a special black-and-white paint job to identify it as a research vehicle.

Customers in the test area will be chosen randomly when they order a pizza, and will get a phone call to confirm they want to participate. If they agree, they'll get a text message letting them know when the vehicle is pulling up and how to retrieve their food.

China, India rivalry looms over BRICS summit

By LOUISE WATT, Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — China and India may have ended a tense border standoff for now, but their longstanding rivalry raises questions about the possibility of meaningful cooperation at an upcoming summit of major emerging economies.

The annual summit of the BRICS grouping encompassing Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa gets under way this weekend in the southeastern Chinese city of Xiamen, hoping to advance its vision of an alternative to the Western dominance of global affairs.

The leaders of all five nations are expected to attend, offering the best opportunity for Chinese President Xi Jinping and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to talk since the border tensions flared in June. While both their countries view BRICS as a significant forum for progress, their rivalry for global influence and fears of containment by the other threaten to overshadow those aspirations.

The two countries' militaries are "prowling the same spaces" along their land borders, in the Indian Ocean and western Pacific Ocean, said Sreeram Chaulia, dean of Jindal School of International Affairs in the Indian city of Sonapat. Even beyond the region, they are vying in Africa and Latin America "for the leadership of the developing world," Chaulia said.

"There is a contest, whether it is acknowledged or not, and it is because of the ambitions of both nations to be superpowers and to be inheriting the Asian century," Chaulia said.

Attempting to start the BRICS summit off on a positive note, Beijing and Delhi on Monday announced a resolution of their most protracted and potentially explosive border standoff in years. The saber-rattling had raised fears of renewed conflict between the nuclear-armed Asian giants, who fought a bloody border war in 1962 and remain locked in disputes over extensive chunks of territory along their border.

Yet, while India's Ministry of External Affairs said that troops were leaving the face-off site, China's official response avoided any mention of Chinese concessions or the fact that troops from both sides will continue patrolling in the area.

"The attempt is to paint India as the aggressor," said Sriparna Pathak, an assistant professor in international relations at Assam Don Bosco University in the northeastern Indian state of Assam. "Clearly, China wants to somehow portray itself as the winner in a conflict which India had started and has now ... been forced to withdraw by China."

Other sources of distrust include:

— Indian fears of Chinese encroachment in the Indian Ocean. China announced Friday it had carried out military drills in the western Indian Ocean, advertising its growing presence there. China is also cooperating with Pakistan, Sri Lanka and other coastal nations on port access, including for its navy.

— Indian wariness about the motives behind Beijing's flagship "One Belt, One Road" infrastructure initiative, which includes a key component in Pakistan — India's archrival but one of China's staunchest allies. That adds to Indian frustration over lopsided trade that saw China record a trade surplus of about \$40 billion with India last year.

— China has thwarted attempts by India to gain permanent membership on the U.N. Security Council and join the Nuclear Suppliers Group, or to label Pakistani militant Masood Azhar a terrorist.

— Beijing resents India's providing a base for the Dalai Lama, and complained bitterly when the exiled Tibetan spiritual leader was permitted to visit an Indian region claimed by China earlier this year.

— Beijing fears what it sees as a U.S.-led encirclement of China by Washington's allies and neighbors, including India and Japan. Modi has sought to balance relations between China and the U.S., along with others such as Russia and Japan, but Beijing continues to view New Delhi as an upstart rival.

Given the recent hostility between China and India, "the air between the two even at the upcoming

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BRICS summit will not be a calm one," although they will likely seek to maintain appearances so as not to be portrayed as the spoil sport, Pathak said.

Still, the BRICS grouping holds considerable allure for both countries, underscoring their support for regular meetings over the past decade to discuss economic concerns and issues such as climate change.

Some observers see a multilateral arena like BRICS as being one of the few places where the world's two most populous countries can work together despite tensions.

"There is competition and mistrust but also some maturity where they are able to convert these face-offs into face-saving solutions," said Chaulia. He said it was "quite feasible" to put aside "bilateral bad blood" and have worthwhile cooperation at BRICS.

"Both countries cannot hold the other three, as in South Africa, Russia and Brazil, hostage to our narrow nationalistic rivalries," he said.

The recent border standoff has shown that BRICS now needs to establish a method for sorting out "problems and contradictions" between China and India when they arise, said Zhang Yansheng, chief research fellow at the Beijing think tank China Center for International Economic Exchanges.

The summit is "a great opportunity to communicate face-to-face and exchange views on the two countries' problems and contradictions and the solutions to them," Zhang said.

The timing of the summit is also significant, coming as the U.S. under President Donald Trump appears to be abandoning the traditional global order, said Alka Acharya, professor at the Centre for East Asian Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University.

Both China and India see BRICS as "a very significant platform, particularly this time when the West is disengaging from globalization as it had operated until now," Acharya said.

Yet, she added, "unless China and India cooperate, this is not going to produce very good results. So this is something I think is realized at the highest levels."

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Qatar crisis shakes East Africa, a home to Gulf militaries

By JON GAMBRELL, Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Though far-removed from the Gulf, East Africa has been shaken by the Arab diplomatic crisis gripping Qatar.

In recent years both Qatar and the other energy-rich nations arrayed against it have made inroads in the Horn of Africa by establishing military bases, managing ports and showering friendly nations with foreign aid.

As the rivalry heats up, with Saudi Arabia, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain seeking to isolate Qatar, East African nations stand to gain or lose from an increasingly fierce competition for influence. And with Saudi Arabia and its allies mired in a war just across the Red Sea in Yemen, the area has never had more strategic value.

"I think we're seeing a game of geopolitical chess being played out," said Kristian Coates Ulrichsen, a research fellow at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice University.

MILITARY EXPANSION

The importance of the Horn of Africa to Gulf nations can be seen with just a glance at a map. The Horn's shoreline comes as close as 30 kilometers (18.5 miles) to Yemen at the Bab el-Mandeb straight, a crucial chokepoint at sea for oil tankers heading from the Gulf to Europe.

For years, the shores of East Africa provided a crucial point for smugglers to reach Yemen, as well as a target-rich hunting ground for pirates. Securing the area has taken on new importance for Gulf countries since March 2015, when a Saudi-led coalition launched its war against Shiite rebels and their allies who hold Yemen's capital.

Since the conflict began, the United Arab Emirates and others have established military bases in East Africa. In Eritrea, the UAE has a base at the port in Assab. Another Emirati military base will be built in

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Somalia's breakaway northern territory of Somaliland.

"The UAE is very keen to show that it's a provider of security, not just a consumer of security," Ulrichsen said.

Saudi Arabia meanwhile has discussed putting its own base in tiny Djibouti, already home to an under-construction Chinese military base and a U.S. base that launches drone missions over Somalia and Yemen.

Analysts believe all these Gulf military installations will become permanent features in East Africa.

"They are not only just momentarily engaging in the Horn and its countries, but they are becoming long-term strategic actors in the whole region," said Umer Karim, a researcher at the University of Birmingham.

JOCKEYING FOR POSITION IN SOMALIA

In Somalia, whose first civilian government after decades of lawlessness is fighting against the al-Qaida-linked al-Shabab militant group, Gulf countries loom large.

Saudi Arabia is the Somali government's biggest benefactor, while the UAE has trained the country's military and launched a high-profile aid appeal this year. Somalia has meanwhile allowed Qatari aircraft to increasingly fly through its airspace as Arab nations have closed theirs off.

Gulf states are believed to have taken sides in lawmakers' February election of Somali President Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed, which was marked by allegations of massive bribery. Mohamed appointed a former reporter of the Qatar-funded satellite news channel Al-Jazeera Arabic as his chief of staff. The UAE backed a different candidate.

Meanwhile, Turkey soon will open an overseas military base in Mogadishu. Its only other overseas base is in Qatar, which Ankara has backed amid the boycott.

"You couldn't find any place more strategic for the Arab powers than Somalia," said Rashid Abdi, the Horn of Africa project director for the International Crisis Group. "That explains the intensity of these powers' interest in Somalia."

BRINGING ERITREA OUT OF THE COLD

For Eritrea, the Qatar diplomatic dispute actually could be a good thing.

Ruled by an autocratic and repressive president, Eritrea has seen tens of thousands of its citizens flee mandatory national conscription that can last over a decade, something rights groups say amounts to slavery. The former Italian colony routinely ranks last among nations in personal and press freedom.

But when the Gulf crisis began, Qatar removed 400 peacekeepers from a disputed Red Sea island claimed by both Eritrea and Djibouti. Eritrea quickly sent its own troops in to seize it.

Meanwhile, Eritrea hosts the UAE military base at Assab while siding with the Saudi-led coalition fighting in Yemen. Eritrean leaders likely hope this improves their image.

"There's no doubt that Eritrea is looking beyond the horizon and saying, 'We are becoming rehabilitated, we are now a major player in the region, we are getting noticed and whatever the West thinks of us, at least our Arab neighbors are taking us serious,'" Abdi said. "That is a big psychological victory."

AN INCREASINGLY NERVOUS ETHIOPIA

For Ethiopia, which fought wars against Somalia and Eritrea in the last 20 years, the ongoing Gulf crisis adds new uncertainty. The country maintains one of the region's strongest militaries, but sees itself as being hemmed in by foreign military bases.

Ethiopia has struggled to remain neutral in the dispute. In July, Ethiopian Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn even acknowledged his concerns in a speech before parliament.

"Ethiopia could be affected in the event of a regional destabilization," he said.

An empowered Eritrea may push back against Ethiopian gains in their costly war, which killed tens of thousands of people. Nearly all of landlocked Ethiopia's foreign trade passes through the port at Djibouti, now run by Dubai's DP World. Egypt, part of the Arab nations now boycotting Qatar, remains worried about a new giant dam in Ethiopia cutting into its share of the Nile.

"The rift in the (Gulf) and the Saudi-led camp, and the acts of the UAE to become not only a port management power but also a military power in the greater Horn of Africa, poses a threat to Ethiopia," political analyst Mehari Tadele said.

Associated Press writer Elias Meseret in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, contributed to this report.

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Hyundai resumes production in China after supply disruption

By **YOUKYUNG LEE, AP Business Writer**

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Hyundai Motor Co. said it resumed production at factories in China on Wednesday following a shutdown that stemmed from a dispute between Beijing and Seoul over a U.S. missile defense system.

The shutdown, started last week when Hyundai did not pay a parts supplier that refused to provide fuel tanks in response, was the latest in series of challenges that have beset South Korea's largest automaker in the key market, since a diplomatic row erupted in spring over South Korea's decision to deploy a U.S. missile defense system.

The supplier resumed providing fuel tanks Wednesday, Hyundai spokesman Sohn Yong said, allowing its China plants to return to production gradually. The company is still in talks with the supplier to resolve the payment issue.

Beijing Hyundai Motor Co., the South Korean company's joint venture with BAIC Motor Corp., has three plants in Beijing and one in Changzhou. Assembly lines at the four plants were forced to stop when the components ran out since mid-last week and they came to a full stop as of Tuesday. Its fifth factory in Chongqing, set to start production next month, was not affected.

Hyundai was unable to pay the local supplier after its sales in China plunged due to the tension between Beijing and Seoul over the missile defense system.

Hyundai reported the lowest quarterly profit since 2010 after its China sales plunged 64 percent during the April-June quarter from a year earlier.

Beijing opposed Seoul's decision to deploy the U.S. missile defense system known as THAAD. South Korea says the system is aimed at deterring North Korean aggression but China is worried that its powerful radars would peer into its territory.

During the first half of this year, Hyundai sold 321,000 vehicles in China, down 42 percent from a year earlier.

Are consumers ready to give augmented reality a try?

By **ANICK JESDANUN, AP Technology Writer**

NEW YORK (AP) — You might have gotten a taste of "augmented reality," the blending of the virtual and physical worlds, as you chased on-screen monsters at real-world landmarks in last year's gaming sensation, "Pokemon Go."

Upcoming augmented reality apps will follow that same principle of superimposing virtual images over real-life settings. That could let you see how furniture will look in your real living room before you buy it, for instance.

While "Pokemon Go" didn't require special hardware or software, more advanced AR apps will. Google and Apple are both developing technology to enable that. Google's AR technology is already on Android phones from Lenovo and Asus. On Tuesday, Google announced plans to bring AR to even more phones, including Samsung's popular S8 and Google's own Pixel, though it didn't give a timetable beyond promising an update by the end of the year.

As a result, Apple might pull ahead as it extends AR to all recent iPhones and iPads in a software update expected next month, iOS 11. Hundreds of millions of AR-ready devices will suddenly be in the hands of consumers.

But how many are ready to give AR a try?

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EARLY APPLICATIONS

Of the dozen or so apps demoed recently for Android and iPhones, the ones showing the most promise are furniture apps .

From a catalog or a website, it's hard to tell whether a sofa or a bed will actually fit in your room. Even if it fits, will it be far enough from other pieces of furniture for someone to walk through?

With AR, you can go to your living room or bedroom and add an item you're thinking of buying. The phone maps out the dimensions of your room and scales the virtual item automatically; there's no need to pull out a tape measure. The online furnishing store Wayfair has the WayfairView for Android phones, while Ikea is coming out with one for Apple devices. Wayfair says it's exploring bringing the app to iPhones and iPads, too.

As for whimsical, Holo for Android lets you pose next to virtual tigers and cartoon characters. For iPhones and iPads, the Food Network will let you add frosting and sprinkles to virtual cupcakes. You can also add balloons and eyes — who does that? — and share creations on social media.

Games and education are also popular categories. On Apple devices, a companion to AMC's "The Walking Dead" creates zombies alongside real people for you to shoot. On Android, apps being built for classrooms will let students explore the solar system, volcanoes and more.

BEYOND VIRTUAL REALITY

Virtual reality is a technology that immerses you in a different world, rather than trying to supplement the real world with virtual images, as AR does. VR was supposed to be the next big thing, but the appeal has been limited outside of games and industrial applications. You need special headsets, which might make you dizzy if you wear one too long.

And VR isn't very social. Put on the headset, and you shut out everyone else around you. Part of the appeal of "Pokemon Go" was the ability to run into strangers who were also playing. Augmented reality can be a shared experience, as friends look on the phone screen with you.

BEING AVAILABLE VS. BEING USED

While AR shows more promise than VR, there has yet to be a "killer app" that everyone must have, the way smartphones have become essential for navigation and everyday snapshots.

Rather, people will discover AR over time, perhaps a few years. Someone renovating or moving might discover the furniture apps. New parents might discover educational apps. Those people might then go on to discover more AR apps to try out. But just hearing that AR is available might not be enough for someone to check it out.

Consider mobile payments. Most phones now have the capability, but people still tend to pull out plastic when shopping. There's no doubt more people are using mobile payments and more retailers are accepting them, but it's far from commonplace.

Expect augmented reality to also take time to take off.

Game of Thrones: Trust me, I'm a Targaryen

By **PAUL WISEMAN, JOSH BOAK and CHRISTOPHER RUGABER, AP Economics Writers**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jon Snow got into serious trouble for refusing to lie about his loyalties in the Season 7 finale of "Game of Thrones."

But honesty can be an economic virtue. People who trust each other are more likely to do business.

We discuss the benefits of collaboration and trust, and the perils of going it alone, in this week's "Wealth of Westeros," the Associated Press audio series on the economics behind HBO's "Game of Thrones."

Honesty looked like a mistake when Jon Snow rejected Cersei Lannister's demand for an oath of loyalty, almost causing a breakdown in crucial negotiations. He refused to deny that he'd already sworn allegiance to another: Daenerys Targaryen, Mother of Dragons, Breaker of Chains, etc.

"Have you ever considered learning how to lie every now and then? Just a bit?" said an exasperated

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Tyrion Lannister.

But Snow argued that lies are corrosive. "When enough people make false promises, words stop meaning anything, and there are no more answers — only better and better lies."

Economically, Snow has a point. Distrust is death to commerce. Why sign a contract if you suspect your would-be partner won't live up to its terms? The World Bank economist Stephen Knack once said the economic chasm dividing the United States and impoverished Somalia could be explained entirely by the difference in the levels of trust within each country.

The lords of Westeros are trying to trust each other and set aside their petty squabbles as they rally against the forces of darkness: the Night King's zombie army.

Not everyone got the memo.

Cersei has tricked Jon and Daenerys into thinking she'll join their desperate defense against Night King. Instead, she's secretly importing an army of mercenaries to defend her claim to the Iron Throne. Her calculation: Jon and Daenerys will defeat the Army of the Dead, but the zombie-fight will leave them so weakened that she can finish them off later and rule the realm alone.

Economists have a name for people like Cersei. And it's not an expletive. They call her a "free rider" — someone who lets others do what has to be done and reaps the benefits without contributing to the cause.

But going it alone is risky, too. Littlefinger, loyal to no one, tried to pit Arya and Sansa Stark against each other and worm his way into power. In the season finale, he paid for his treachery with his life. Sansa later reflects, quoting her late father, that "the lone wolf dies, but the pack survives."

Also dubious is the Iron Bank of Braavos' decision to back Cersei Lannister even though Westeros is under zombie attack and her mortal enemy, Daenerys, has at her command two dragons and a vast army that includes the fearsome Dothraki horse lords.

"Frankly, as a central banker, I'm very worried about the Iron Bank's business model," said our guest this week, Mark Wright, "Game of Thrones" fan and research director at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. "We have them lending again at a time when the ability of Westeros to generate foreign-exchange revenue to repay the bank has got to be pretty low. You've had a war raging over the seven kingdoms. You've got winter, which is going to wipe out agricultural production... I'd be pretty worried about the Iron Bank getting repaid anytime soon.

So what would Wright do?

"I'd want to have a good look at the vault, see how many reserves they have on hand," he said.

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US sanctions to pile misery on moribund Venezuelan economy

By JOSHUA GOODMAN, Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — A small army of red-shirted workers mop the linoleum floors as their supervisors, sitting under a giant portrait of Hugo Chavez, look on. By the meltdown standards of Venezuela's economy, the shelves around the workers at the state-run Bicentenario supermarket in eastern Caracas are brimming with staples like rice and pasta.

What's missing are the shoppers: They've been scared off by prices that double every few weeks while wages in the crisis-wracked nation remain stagnant.

"I don't even look at my paycheck anymore because it just gets me depressed," said Norma Pena, a bank teller who earns a little more than Venezuela's minimum wage of around just \$15 a month. She left the store with a single bag of black beans.

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While President Nicolas Maduro celebrates having calmed Venezuela's streets after months of deadly protests, the country's imploding economy poses an ever more severe threat. And the misery is likely to get even worse due to financial sanctions imposed by the Trump administration in efforts to isolate Maduro for taking the country down an increasingly authoritarian path.

Even before the sanctions were announced, most Venezuelans were struggling like never before. Since 2014, the year after Maduro took office, the economy has shrunk 35 percent — more than the U.S. did during the Great Depression.

A bevy of foreign airlines have pulled out of the country this year, oil production is at the lowest level in more than two decades and the government had to add three zeros to its bills as the value of its currency — the "strong bolivar" — plummeted.

But while daylong bread lines have eased, the newest scourge is the way galloping inflation has reached even the basic staples whose prices were long controlled by rigid price and currency restrictions.

In recent months authorities have started allowing companies to import everything from canned food to new cars and letting them pass the dollar prices on to consumers at the black market exchange rate, where the greenback is worth 1,685 times more bolivars than it is at the strongest of three official exchange rates. In the past, merchants risked having goods seized, or their businesses shut down, if bolivar prices reflected the world market prices.

The result of the de-facto dollarization has been a devil's bargain: Shelves are fuller than Venezuela has seen for months, but with prices that are out of reach for the vast majority of poor Venezuelans. Inflation, which has been running in the triple digits for more than two years, hit a record last month and has risen to 650 percent over the past 12 months, according to an estimate by New York-based Torino Capital.

Venezuelans have made a grim joke of the process. The government once boasted of guaranteeing a "precio justo" — or "just price" — for goods. Buyers report there is now more on offer but only at a "precio susto" — a "scary price."

That's not to say shortages have gone away. The Bicentenario supermarket hasn't seen any fish or meat in about a year, partly because the freezer section's cooling system broke and no spare parts can be found. Most shelves contain a single variety of any given product, much of it imported from China. Private supermarkets aren't much better stocked.

Pena says she scrapes by selling items — telephones, clothes, once even a washing machine — left behind by better-off clients who have abandoned Venezuela. If she and her husband didn't already own their home, they wouldn't have enough to feed their two daughters, she said. Even so, she's lost 6 kilograms (13 pounds) as a result of what's come to be known as the "Maduro diet." In the past year, 74 percent of the population has lost weight because of food scarcity, according to a recent study by three of Caracas' largest universities.

At the normally bustling outdoor Chacao market, poultry vendor Juan Dulcey said his middle-class clientele fell by half over the past month because he has had to double prices to make up for skyrocketing costs. A kilogram of boneless breasts costs around 27,300 bolivars per kilogram — about 10 percent of the current monthly minimum wage.

"We used to have a lot of fun joking with customers, but now everyone seems very sad," Dulcey said.

The government accuses U.S. President Donald Trump and the opposition, which has backed the sanctions, of trying to oust Maduro through an "economic war." Former Foreign Minister Delcy Rodriguez, leader of the pro-government constitutional assembly whose creation triggered the U.S. action, said Sunday that the "financial blockade" means Venezuela won't be able to pay for essential imports like food and medicine.

The Trump administration denies it is seeking to punish ordinary Venezuelans. The sanctions, enacted by executive order last week, prohibit American banks from providing new money to the government or state-run oil company PDVSA. They also bar PDVSA's U.S. subsidiary, Citgo, from sending dividends back to Venezuela. But they don't affect financing for most commercial trade, including the shipment of crude oil, of which the U.S. is the OPEC nation's biggest buyer.

Still, by depriving Maduro of badly needed hard currency, the sanctions make it more likely that Ven-

ezuela will stop payment on its debt, or reduce what few goods it still imports at the official rates. The government and PDVSA have around \$4 billion in debt coming due before the end of the year but only \$9.7 billion in foreign currency reserves, the vast majority in the form of gold ingots that are hard to exchange quickly for cash.

Worse, if Maduro doesn't yield to Trump's demand to disband the constitutional assembly and call elections, even tougher sanctions are likely to follow. To cope, Maduro says he will look to increase commercial ties with China and Russia, although it's not clear how generous its allies will be, given Venezuela's growing reputation as an international outlaw in the mold of Cuba, Syria and North Korea.

"This could really reduce them to a barter economy and throw Venezuela back to the stone ages," said Russ Dallen, a managing partner at investment bank Caracas Capital Markets. "It's both fascinating and terrifying to watch."

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Trump Organization gives up US Open suite, but wants it back

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NEW YORK (AP) — Do not look for President Donald Trump to show up at the U.S. Open tennis tournament, for a change.

U.S. Tennis Association spokesman Chris Widmaier said that the Trump Organization suspended its suite agreement at the U.S. Open, which began Monday, while Trump is in the White House — but wants to renew it when he is out of office.

"Following Donald Trump's election, we were approached by the Trump Organization," Widmaier told The Associated Press.

"They asked us to suspend the suite agreement for the suite that they traditionally purchase. But they also asked that at the conclusion of his presidency, would we agree to re-engage with them on their traditional suite. Because they are a long-term subscriber, we were willing to do that and we are doing that."

Widmaier said that particular suite, which is adjacent to the television broadcasting booth in Arthur Ashe Stadium, would be sold on at most a one-year basis and "there will be no long-term agreement" with anyone else.

Usually, he said, Ashe suites are sold on a multi-year basis, although some are sold for a year at a time or even just a portion of the two-week tournament.

For decades as a New York-area real estate mogul and, later, reality TV star, Trump was a fixture at the Grand Slam tournament, often sitting in the suite's balcony during night-session matches. He frequently would be shown on arena's video screens.

"We're not expecting him to attend the U.S. Open this year," Widmaier said, "though that could change."

It would be unusual for a sitting president to come to the U.S. Open: It hasn't happened since Bill Clinton attended the 2000 tournament.

Clinton sat in a VIP box in Ashe for a men's semifinal won by Pete Sampras that year. He planned to also attend that year's women's final, which was won by Venus Williams, but left after the match was delayed by rain.

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Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Thursday, Aug. 31, the 243rd day of 2017. There are 122 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 31, 1997, Prince Charles brought Princess Diana home for the last time, escorting the body of his former wife to a Britain that was shocked, grief-stricken and angered by her death in a Paris traffic accident earlier that day.

On this date:

In 1867, French poet Charles Baudelaire, 46, died in Paris.

In 1886, an earthquake with an estimated magnitude of 7.3 devastated Charleston, South Carolina, killing at least 60 people, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

In 1916, the musical revue "The Big Show," featuring the song "Poor Butterfly" by Raymond Hubbell and John Golden, opened at New York's Hippodrome.

In 1939, the first issue of Marvel Comics, featuring the Human Torch, was published by Timely Publications in New York.

In 1941, the radio program "The Great Gildersleeve," a spinoff from "Fibber McGee and Molly" starring Harold Peary, debuted on NBC.

In 1954, Hurricane Carol hit the northeastern Atlantic states; Connecticut, Rhode Island and part of Massachusetts bore the brunt of the storm, which resulted in some 70 deaths.

In 1965, the U.S. House of Representatives joined the Senate in voting to establish the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

In 1972, at the Munich Summer Olympics, American swimmer Mark Spitz won his fourth and fifth gold medals in the 100-meter butterfly and 800-meter freestyle relay; Soviet gymnast Olga Korbut won gold medals in floor exercise and the balance beam.

In 1986, 82 people were killed when an Aeromexico jetliner and a small private plane collided over Ceritos, California. The Soviet passenger ship Admiral Nakhimov collided with a merchant vessel in the Black Sea, causing both to sink; up to 448 people reportedly died.

In 1987, the Michael Jackson album "Bad" was released by Epic Records.

In 1991, Uzbekistan (ooz-bek-ih-STAHN') and Kyrgyzstan (keer-gih-STAHN') declared their independence, raising to ten the number of republics seeking to secede from the Soviet Union.

In 1992, white separatist Randy Weaver surrendered to authorities in Naples, Idaho, ending an 11-day siege by federal agents that had claimed the lives of Weaver's wife, son and a deputy U.S. marshal. (Weaver was acquitted of murder and all other charges in connection with the confrontation; he was convicted of failing to appear for trial on firearms charges and was sentenced to 18 months in prison but given credit for 14 months he'd already served.)

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush met privately at the Pentagon with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who conveyed their concern about a growing strain on troops and their families from long and repeated combat tours in Iraq. President Bush announced a set of modest proposals to deal with an alarming rise in mortgage defaults. Mike Nifong, the disgraced former district attorney of Durham County, North Carolina, was sentenced to a day in jail after being held in criminal contempt of court for lying to a judge when pursuing rape charges against three falsely accused Duke University lacrosse players.

Five years ago: In a speech to an annual Federal Reserve conference in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, Chairman Ben Bernanke sent a clear message that the Fed would do more to help the still-struggling U.S. economy, but did not specify exactly what, or when. Writer Richard Bach, author of "Jonathan Livingston Seagull," was seriously hurt after his small plane went down in Washington state.

One year ago: On Mexican soil for the first time as the Republican presidential nominee, a firm, but measured Donald Trump defended the right of the United States to build a massive border wall along its southern flank, standing up for the centerpiece of his immigration plan during a joint press confer-

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ence with Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto. The first commercial flight between the United States and Cuba in more than a half century, a JetBlue Airbus A320, landed in the central city of Santa Clara, re-establishing regular air service severed at the height of the Cold War. Brazil's Senate voted to remove President Dilma Rouseff from office (Rouseff was accused of breaking fiscal laws in her management of the federal budget).

Today's Birthdays: Japanese monster movie actor Katsumi Tezuka ("Godzilla") is 105. Baseball Hall of Famer Frank Robinson is 82. Actor Warren Berlinger is 80. Rock musician Jerry Allison (Buddy Holly and the Crickets) is 78. Actor Jack Thompson is 77. Violinist Itzhak Perlman is 72. Singer Van Morrison is 72. Rock musician Rudolf Schenker (The Scorpions) is 69. Actor Richard Gere is 68. Actor Stephen Henderson is 68. Olympic gold medal track and field athlete Edwin Moses is 62. Rock singer Glenn Tilbrook (Squeeze) is 60. Rock musician Gina Schock (The Go-Go's) is 60. Singer Tony DeFranco (The DeFranco Family) is 58. Rhythm-and-blues musician Larry Waddell (Mint Condition) is 54. Actor Jaime P. Gomez is 52. Baseball pitcher Hideo Nomo is 49. Rock musician Jeff Russo (Tonic) is 48. Singer-composer Deborah Gibson is 47. Rock musician Greg Richling (Wallflowers) is 47. Actor Zack Ward is 47. Golfer Padraig Harrington is 46. Actor Chris Tucker is 45. Actress Sara Ramirez is 42. Rhythm-and-blues singer Tamara (Trina & Tamara) is 40.

Thought for Today: "Fashion can be bought. Style one must possess." — Edna Woolman Chase, American fashion editor (1877-1957).