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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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First Day of School!

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

School Breakfast: Cereal, yogurt, fruit, milk and juice.

School Lunch: Garlic cheese bread, corn, broccoli and dip, fruit.

Boys Golf: at Madison, 10 a.m.

Cross Country: at Britton, 4 p.m.

Volleyball: at Webster C and JV matches at 6 p.m. followed by varsity match. (JH matches postponed to a later date)

JV Football: at Sisseton, 5 p.m.

City Council: 7 p.m. at City Hall (postponed to Sept. 11)

United Methodist: Bible Study at 10 a.m.

Groton Christian & Missionary Alliance: Ladies Bible Study, 10 a.m.

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Senior Menu: Sweet and sour pork, steamed rice, carrot and broccoli medley, honey fruit salad, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, milk and juice.

School Lunch: Chicken strips, fries, romaine salad, fruit.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Sarah Circle at 5 p.m., Confirmation kickoff meeting with students and parents at 7 p.m.

United Methodist: Coffee fellowship, 9 a.m.

Lions Bar Bingo: 6:30 p.m. at the Groton Legion.

Groton Dance: Registration, 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Groton Community Center. (Pre-school through 8th grade)

Groton Christian & Missionary Alliance: 7 p.m.: Program for children up to sixth grade, youth group for 7th-12th grade, adult Bible Study.

Olive Grove: Men's League championship and banquet, 6 p.m.

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To err is human; to
forgive, divine.
-Alexander Pope

Chicken Soup
for the Soul



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

St. John's Lutheran Church
Groton, SD
Thursday, September 14th

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

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

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

Help Wanted

Full- or part-time for the following positions:
Healthcare workers for Nurse's-RN or LPN, and
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The Life of Margaret Padfield

Services for Margaret Padfield, 91, of Groton will be 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 5, 2017, at the United Methodist Church, Conde. Rev. Thomas Carlson will officiate. Burial will follow in the Conde Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton

Visitation will be held at the chapel on Monday from 5-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

Margaret passed away Thursday, August 31, 2017 at Groton Care and Rehabilitation Center.

Margaret Irene Little was born on January 14, 1926 to Arthur and Lucy (Blake) Little on the home farm at Mellette, SD, the seventh child of ten (5 boys and 5 girls). She attended country school, which was just across from her home. The teacher would stay in the school during winter storms thus she seldom missed any days until high school when a driver picked her up when he brought the teacher to school. She attended Mellette High School for two years when the family moved to Conde, SD in the summer of 1942.

At the age of 12 (to help the family) she started working for several farm families, helping with household chores and taking care of the children. Sometimes she was away from home all summer and did not see her family. The family moved into Mellette where she attended high school and graduated in 1944. She did some babysitting and worked thru school for an organization know as NYA helping the teachers. It was through this she learned knowledge of library work. The family moved to Conde and she worked at the Conde News, typesetting the news articles by hand and later by machine. At that time, they had to fold all the papers by hand to make ready for delivery.

On March 23, 1943 she was united in marriage to the love of her life, Arista Padfield in Watertown, SD. He died in July 2000.

While her children were growing up, she was a Den Mother for The Cub Scouts and a Sunday School teacher. After the children were in school, she started working at the Conde Sundries Store than at local cafes. In 1970, they bought and ran the Little Red Teepee until 1978. When the café in Conde closed, she went to work at the Red Horse Inn in Groton as night cook from 1979 to 1985 when they moved to Veblen, SD. Margaret worked in the Pillow Factory for 10 years.

In May 1994, they returned to live in Groton where she started work with the Work Experience for 10 years. This included working in the school library, the school lunch program and in Jan 2005 she began as a Foster Grandparent at St. John's Lutheran Church in the pre-K program. She dearly loved this work and enjoyed every minute there.

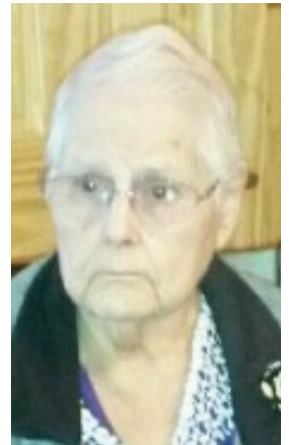
Her favorite activities were camping with her husband and going to baseball and softball games. She saw every one of her grandchildren play baseball at one time or another. She dearly loved her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and never failed to ask what they were doing.

Celebrating her life through memories are her children: Arista (Chuck) Padfield, Jr. of Groton, SD, Norbert (Barb) Padfield of Cottonwood, MN, Sandra Blake of Cottonwood, MN, and Betty Maly, of Forman, ND, 6 Grandchildren: Joey (Sabrina) Padfield, Randy (Becca) Padfield all from Aberdeen, SD, Brent (Kayla) Padfield of Cottonwood, MN, Kristy (Ryan) Scepaniak, of Bath, SD, Logan Blake of Marshall, MN and Jesse (Bobbi Jo) Maly of Havana, ND. She is also survived by 8 Great-Grandchildren plus 1, Jason, Jaden, Jalen Padfield of Cottonwood, MN, Isaiah, Noah, Grace Scepaniak, of Bath SD, Peyton Padifeld, of Aberdeen, SD, and Baby M to be born in December, Havana, ND, two brothers, Lawrence Little of Tulsa, Ok and Paul Little of Gainesville, FL, sister-in-law, Jo Little of Aberdeen and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, 3 brothers, 4 sisters, 6 sister-in-laws, and 4 brother-in-laws, a daughter-in law, and a son-in-law.

Casketbearers will be her grandchildren: Joey Padfield, Randy Padfield, Brent Padfield, Kristy Scepaniak, Logan Blake, Jesse Maly and Ryan Scepaniak.

Honorary Casketbearers are her great-grandchildren: Jason Padfield, Isaiah Scepaniak, Jaden Padfield, Noah Scepaniak, Jalen Padfield, Peyton Padfield, Grace Scepaniak and Baby M Maly.



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New National Survey Reveals Facebook NO-NOs for Grandma Grandkids like Having Grandparents on Facebook, but Please, Granny, **NO Posts About Your Love Life!**

Grandkids have an instant message for Grandma and Grandpa. While they enjoy having you on Facebook, some secretly want to unfriend you because you post stuff that's embarrassing! Just in time for National Grandparents' Day (Sept. 10), a new national survey of millennial grandchildren uncovers the TOP FIVE NO-NOs Grandma and Grandpop make on Facebook.

The national survey of 500 grandkids (ages 18 – 34), commissioned by Visiting Angels, reveals a majority of grandkids (89 percent) enjoy having their grandparents on Facebook. However, almost one out of three sometimes secretly want to unfriend grandparents and more than half (54 percent) wish someone would sit down and show grandparents HOW and WHEN to use Facebook. Why?

TOP FIVE FACEBOOK NO-NOs FOR GRANDMA

POST PERSONAL STUFF

One in four respondents say their grandparents post TMI (too much information) about their love life, social life.

More than one third say Grandma or Grandpa post dirty laundry about family feuds or finances.

RANT AND RAVE

One out of five grandchildren say Grammy goes "emoji crazy" in comments or posts.

Thirty-three percent of respondents say they don't like when grandparent(s) get too political or go holy roller, posting too much about religion (28 percent).

TREAD ON PERSONAL TURF

One in four respondents say it's not cool when Grandma tries to friend THEIR friends.

Thirty percent of grandkids say it's embarrassing when Mimi or Pops post personal comments in public places, like THEIR timeline.

Half of those surveyed say they don't want grandparents commenting on their social life.

And a big NO-NO: Almost one in four grandkids say please, Grandma, don't comment about my appearance — whether it's my hair, weight or clothes!

SPREAD DOOM, GLOOM AND GUILT

Twenty-five percent of grandkids say they do not like to see grandparents post that they are lonely, unhappy, sick or sad.

One out of five respondents say they don't like to see comments about grandparent's health, medical issues or procedures.

One in four grandchildren say they feel guilty when grandma posts "Why don't you visit or call more?"

TRY TO ACT COOL

Twenty-two percent say it's not cool when grandma or gramps tries to act cool. And one respondent said he wants to hide when grandparents "COMMENT IN ALL CAPS."

Visiting Angels, one of our nation's largest in-home senior care companies with 600 offices nationwide, commissioned the survey for Grandparents' Day (Sept. 10), revealing that Facebook has become a great way for grandparents and grandkids to communicate.

GRANDKIDS LOVE TO SEE AND FEEL LOVE ...

A majority of those surveyed (72 percent) say it's OK for Mimi or Papa to post "I love you" on Facebook.

More than half (64 percent) say they love their grandparents and it is nice to see their photos and share theirs with them.

Six out of 10 of grandkids say Facebook is a great way to stay in touch.

"It's no surprise the survey reveals grandchildren love their grandparents and they are a bit sensitive about what Grandma or Grandpa might post or see on Facebook. These are, after all, some of the most important people in their lives," said Larry Meigs, CEO of Visiting Angels, one of the nation's largest in-home senior care companies, with an office in our area. "Our caregivers go into seniors' homes to help them stay in touch with their grandkids, whether it's with Facebook, Skype or texting. They also help with light housekeeping, cooking meals and companionship. When you can't be there, we're here to help."

Panelists Discuss the Upcoming Farm Bill During Rural Issues Discussion at the State Fair

HURON, S.D. - South Dakota Farmers Union (SDFU) gave rural community members the opportunity to join the conversation on the upcoming Farm Bill during a panel discussion hosted today at the State Fair.

As the 2014 Farm Bill is set to expire in September 2018, farmers and ranchers of South Dakota are left to wonder how the new legislation will impact their own livelihood, public health and local economies. Included in the three-person panel discussing these concerns were S.D. Farmers Union President Doug Sombke, National Farmers Union Government Relations Representative Matt Perdue and S.D. Farmers

Union Vice President, Wayne Soren.

"As the biggest agriculture fair in South Dakota, the State Fair is a great place to host this discussion because it brings people together from all over the state," Doug Sombke, SDFU President explained. "SDFU knows how much the new Farm Bill will impact the farmers and ranchers we represent. To be a better voice for them, we have to hear their concerns and the issues facing their operations."

Sombke expressed the importance of discussions that let individuals voice their experiences, needs and concerns with previous and upcoming Farm Bills.

"As the Farm Bill is being developed, new issues arise," said Sombke. "This panel is a great opportunity to discuss what was good in the last farm bill and what needs to be better in the next Farm Bill. People are also given a great opportunity to speak directly to our state representatives."

Sombke was joined in discussion by Matt Perdue, National Farmers Union Government Relations Representative.

"We have to communicate to Congress that the 2018 Farm Bill should be written to meet the needs of farmers, ranchers and consumers and not based on arbitrary budget cuts," Perdue said.

Rural Issues Discussion

Prior to the 2017 State Fair, S.D. Farmers Union hosted several Rural Issues Discussions with family farmers and ranchers in rural communities across the state. For more information on the upcoming events and Farm Bill, visit www.sdfu.org.



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maintenance costs,
slashed benzene & related
genotoxic, carcinogenic
tailpipe emissions;
*see sdfu.org's E30 tab for
info, E30 prices\locations.

***Farmers Union's
PSA: Courtesy Merle
Anderson (Merle is 94
year old founder of Ace
and legendary ethanol
supporter... "because it is
the right thing to do")**



Included in the three-person panel discussing these concerns were S.D. Farmers Union President Doug Sombke (far right), National Farmers Union Government Relations Representative Matt Perdue (center) and S.D. Farmers Union Vice President, Wayne Soren (far left).

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Today in Weather History

September 5, 1983: In the late afternoon and early evening, hail up to 2 and ½ inches in diameter pounded crops, trees, buildings, and windows resulting in extensive damage in Spink, Beadle, Turner, and Clay Counties. Trees were stripped of numerous branches broken off.

1666: The Great Fire of London started on September 2nd and continued through September 5th. The fire spread rapidly due to strong westerly winds. This fire consumed 13,200 homes, 87 parish churches, and St. Paul's Cathedral. Click [HERE](#) for more information from the History Channel.

1925 - The temperature at Centerville, AL, soars to 112 degrees to establish a state record. Every reporting station in Alabama was 100 degrees or above that afternoon. (The Weather Channel)

1929: Early season snowfall occurred in the mountains of Wyoming and the Black Hills of South Dakota on September 5th and 6th. The highest snowfall amount was 16 inches in Fox Park, Wyoming.

1933 - A hurricane hit Brownsville, TX, killing forty persons and causing 12 million dollars damage. (David Ludlum)

1950: Hurricane Easy was an erratic and unpredictable hurricane that lingered over the Tampa Bay area for days, dropping torrential rains and causing damage especially in Cedar Key, Florida where the storm eventually made landfall. This hurricane dumped 38.7 inches of rain in 24 hours in Yankeetown, a record for the U.S. at the time, and caused \$3.3 million in damage. Total rainfall amounts in Yankeetown was 45.20 inches.

1975 - Strong winds reduced visibilities to near zero in blowing dust resulting in a 22-car chain reaction accident on Interstate 10 near Toltec AZ. Two persons were killed, and 14 others were injured. (The Weather Channel)








1987 - Thunderstorms over the Southern and Middle Atlantic Coast States drenched Charleston, SC, with 5.50 inches of rain, and a total of 13.50 inches in two days, flooding homes, and leaving roads and bridges under water. (The National Weather Summary) A tropical storm which formed off the South Atlantic coast was responsible for torrential rains over coastal regions of South Carolina. Between the 30th of August and the 8th of September, Charleston SC received 18.44 inches of rain. The heavy rains caused extensive flooding around the city of Charleston, seriously damaged cotton crops in the eastern part of the state, and resulted in an unusually high number of mosquitos. (Storm Data)

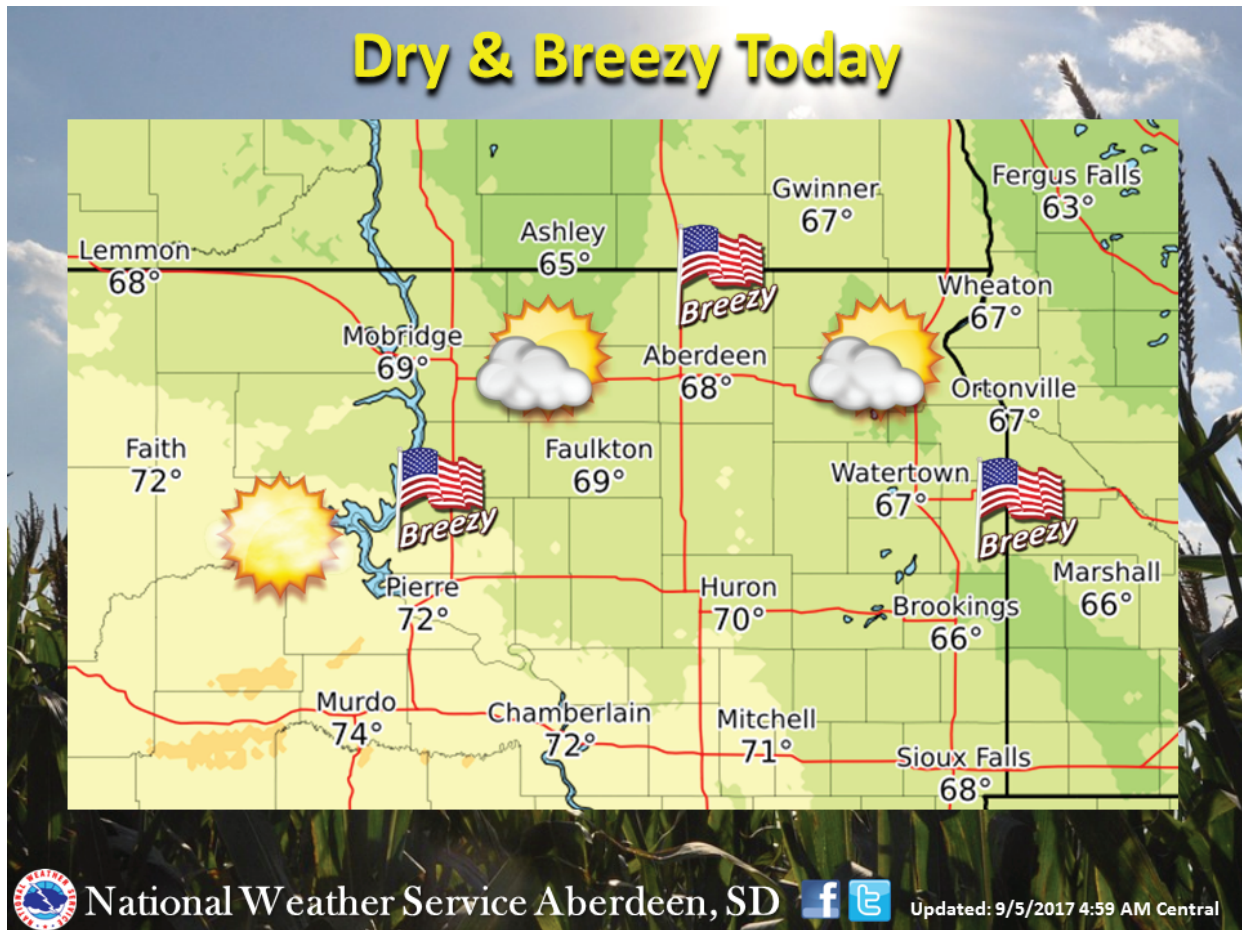
1988 - Five days of heavy rain commenced in west central Florida. Up to 20 inches of rain in four days resulted in extensive urban flooding, and evacuation of 1000 homes. Flooding claimed four lives, and caused more than five million dollars property damage. (The National Weather Summary)(Storm Data)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced six to ten inches of rain in south central Kansas between 6 AM and Noon. Serious flooding was reported around Wichita, with water four feet deep along some roads. A cold front crossing the Northern High Plains Region produced wind gusts to 63 mph at Sheridan WY. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

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Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday
						
Sunny then Mostly Sunny and Breezy	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Clear	Sunny
High: 68 °F	Low: 38 °F	High: 71 °F	Low: 44 °F	High: 78 °F	Low: 50 °F	High: 79 °F



High pressure will continue to build into the area today with some scattered afternoon cumulus, mild temperatures and a stiff north breeze. Winds will calm tonight allowing temperatures to dip into the 40s and for a few of our colder spots - upper 30s!

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 72.6

Low Outside Temp: 49.6

High Gust: 43

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 102° in 1945

Record Low: 32° in 1962

Average High: 77°F

Average Low: 50°F

Average Precip in Sept: 0.37

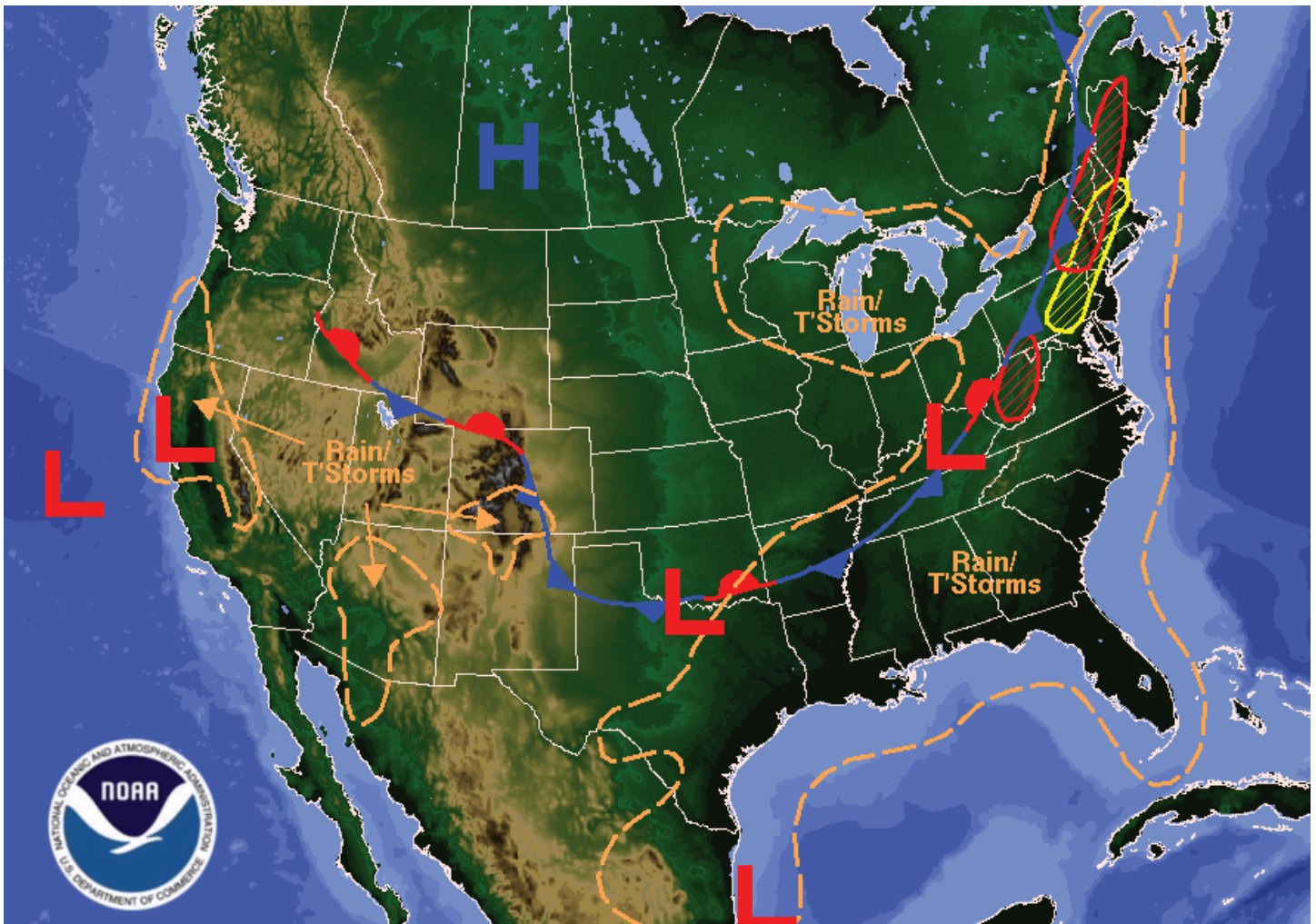
Precip to date in Sept: 0.11

Average Precip to date: 16.66

Precip Year to Date: 9.63

Sunset Tonight: 8:03 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:01 a.m.



Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Tue, Sep 05, 2017, issued 4:40 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds 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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SINGING HIS PRAISES

"Congratulations" is a word of encouragement that we all enjoy hearing. Being recognized for any of our accomplishments means that someone has noticed what we have done. It usually brings us feelings of worth and value, importance and significance. Often we swell with pride saying, "Look at me! I'm someone special."

When things had finally stabilized in David's life he paused briefly and rejoiced by saying, "He put a new song in my heart." This was not the first time that God heard and answered his prayers. God had delivered him many times – perhaps more times than he could ever remember. And this may not necessarily have been a new song. It could have been one that he sang many times before. Thanksgiving and praise were a central part of his life. Recognizing God's goodness is a predominant theme in the Psalms. But "a new song in his mouth, a new hymn of praise." What could this possibly mean?

All too often we take God's goodness for granted. We expect His deliverance from "messy" situations. We expect Him to heal us. We expect Him to provide for every one of our wants and needs. In one way or another He does. He guides us and guards us and gives us what we need. And when He does, it is a new act of deliverance.

Each day is a new day and each gift a new gift because we have never been where we are before. So, it's a new day and it's all new filled with new gifts. Now, pause with David and sing a new song!

Prayer: Help us, Lord, to stand in awe, be surprised and sing a hymn of praise for your goodness and grace. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 40:3 He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in him.

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News from the  Associated Press

South Dakota Prep Polls By The Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Prep Media football poll for the week of Sept. 4 is listed below, ranking the top-five teams and listing the team's record, points received and ranking in the previous poll. First-place votes received are indicated in parentheses.

Class 11AAA

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Sioux Falls Washington (30)		2-0	150	1
2. Sioux Falls O'Gorman	-	2-0	115	3
3. Sioux Falls Roosevelt	-	1-1	84	2
4. Brandon Valley	-	1-1	69	4
5. Watertown	-	1-1	17	RV

Others receiving votes: Aberdeen Central 14, SF Lincoln 1.

Class 11AA

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Harrisburg (19)		0-1	134	1
2. Mitchell (11)	2-0	130	2	
3. Pierre	-	1-0	94	3
4. Brookings	-	1-1	46	4
5. Huron	-	1-1	43	5

Others receiving votes: Douglas 1, Sturgis 1, Yankton 1.

Class 11A

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Madison (27)	2-0	189	1	
2. Tea Area (3)	2-0	162	2	
3. Dakota Valley	-	2-0	61	4
4. St. Thomas More	-	1-1	101	3
5. Tri-Valley	-	2-0	49	5

Others receiving votes: Milbank Area 3.

Class 11B

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs	
1. Bridgewater-Emery-Ethan (28)		2-0	148	1	
2. SF Christian (2)	2-0	119	3		
3. Sioux Valley	-	2-1	78	4	
4. Winner	-	2-1	55	2	
5. Canton	-	2-1	19	RV	
(tie) McCook Cent.-Montrose	-	-	3-0	19	RV

Others receiving votes: Aberdeen Roncalli 7, Woonsocket-Wessington Springs-Sanborn Central 5.

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Class 9AA

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Gregory (29)	3-0	149	1	
2. Bon Homme (1)	3-0	121	2	
3. Hamlin -	3-0	85	5	
4. Miller-Highmore-Harrold	-	-	2-1	37 4
5. North Border -	3-0	27	RV	

Others receiving votes: Baltic 19, Webster Area 8, Arlington/Lake Preston 2, Irene-Wakonda 2.

Class 9A

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Warner (25)	3-0	137	2	
2. Howard (4)	3-0	118	5	
3. Corsica-Stickney (1)	2-0	93	3	
4. Canistota Freeman	-	1-1	57	1
5. Clark-Willow Lake	-	3-0	41	RV

Others receiving votes: Britton-Hecla 4.

Class 9B

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Colman-Egan (22)	2-0	142	1	
2. Colome (8)	3-0	126	2	
3. Sully Buttes -	2-0	74	3	
4. Castlewood -	3-0	51	4	
5. Harding County -	3-0	42	5	

Others receiving votes: Wall 9, Faulkton Area 3.

South Dakota Volleyball Polls By The Associated Press \

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Here is the South Dakota Media Prep Volleyball Poll for the week of Sept. 4, 2017. Teams are listed with first place votes in parenthesis, record, points and previous ranking.

Class AA

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Harrisburg (13)	3-0	76	1	
2. Mitchell (3)	8-0	68	2	
3. Aberdeen Central	-	4-1	44	3
4. S.F. O'Gorman -	5-1	33	4	
5. R.C. Stevens -	7-3	13	RV	

Others receiving votes: Huron 4-3, S.F. Lincoln 4-3, S.F. Roosevelt 3-5, Yankton 1-2.

Class A

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Dakota Valley (15)	4-0	79	1	
2. S.F. Christian (1)	2-0	64	2	
3. Madison -	2-1	42	3	
4. Miller -	2-0	32	4	
5. West Central -	3-0	31	RV	

Others receiving votes: Parker 2-1, Hamlin 7-0, Sioux Valley 3-1, Lead-Deadwood 8-0, Wagner 4-2.

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Class B

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Northwestern	(16)	8-0	80	1
2. Warner -	6-0	56	3	
3. Chester Area	-	2-0	55	2
4. Hanson -	5-0	28	5	
5. Sully Buttes	-	4-1	20	4

Others receiving votes: Ethan 3-2.

South Dakota hotel says man skipped out on \$17K bill

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota hotel is suing a man for allegedly skipping out on his \$17,000 bill during his two-week stay to attend a festival where he was selling photos with women who were body-painted to resemble wild animals.

Rapid City Hospitality LLC and the company's GrandStay Residential Suites say in the lawsuit filed last month that they haven't been able to contact Dan Stockdale to pay for the eight rooms in Rapid City he booked in August 2016. Stockdale was in town for the annual Sturgis Buffalo Chip motorcycle rally, where he hoped to raise funds for his World Nature Coalition, which he says supports environmental and wildlife organizations.

"Due to not receiving any communication or payment from Mr. Stockdale and his company, World Nature Coalition, he left us no choice but to proceed with a lawsuit in an effort to collect payment on his outstanding balance," Gavin Fawbush, the hotel's general manager, told the Rapid City Journal .

Stockdale told the newspaper the hotel charged exorbitant rates and their rooms were infested with roaches and bedbugs — assertions the hotel denies.

Stockdale was a vendor at Sturgis Buffalo Chip, where he promoted a "spectacle of scantily clad, body-painted models and plethora of alluring animals," according to his advertisement on the event's website .

"Feast your eyes on wild women and gorgeous exotic animals while supporting a great cause," his advertisement read. It noted that proceeds from the photos customers paid to take with the models would go to his organization.

Fawbush told the newspaper in an email that Stockdale previously stayed at their hotel dozens of nights in 2015 and paid in full.

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

Pine Ridge woman accused of trying to fire at police

PINE RIDGE, S.D. (AP) — Authorities in Pine Ridge say a woman suspected of stealing a vehicle faces charges of assaulting officers after she allegedly tried to shoot them during her arrest.

KELO-TV reports Monday that an Oglala Sioux Tribe Department of Public Safety officer spotted a vehicle that had been reported stolen when he responded to an apartment complex in Pine Ridge on Aug. 29.

Authorities say they arrested the woman and put her handcuffed in the back seat of a patrol car. An FBI special agent said in court documents that the woman identified as Connie Wilson slipped out of her handcuffs and reached for a rifle that she then loaded with ammunition.

Authorities say Wilson fired a shot through the floor of the car when officers approached. No one was hurt. Wilson faces assault charges.

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

Cities not yet paying Sioux City's wastewater service charge

SIoux CITY, Iowa (AP) — Three neighboring cities have yet to pay Sioux City's long-overlooked wastewater service charge, lest they have to raise local sewage charges.

The Sioux City Journal reports that the city discovered the neglected charge during an audit and notified officials in Sergeant Bluff, Iowa; North Sioux City, South Dakota; and South Sioux City, Nebraska, that it would begin imposing the 7 percent charge.

The agreements with each city for sewage treatment at the Sioux City plant have been overlooked for at least two years, potentially longer.

"This is something that's existed in the agreements since the agreements were signed many, many years ago, and we're just trying to correct the error going forward," Sioux City utilities director Mark Simms said.

The charge essentially covers administrative costs, Simms said, adding that he wasn't sure why it had been overlooked.

New enforcement of the service charge follows implementation of an unrelated 3 percent sewer rate increase for all of Sioux City's wastewater customers, which had prompted the three other cities to raise their rates.

North Sioux City Administrator Ted Cherry said he wants to talk over the fee with Sioux City and was waiting for some sort of resolution before his city pays the \$1,960 due for the month of August.

Sergeant Bluff Mayor Jon Winkel said it's not clear whether a local rate increase would be necessary, but the timing of the new charge was an issue because the city plans its budgets a year in advance. The average Sioux City service charge would add about \$1,400 to Sergeant Bluff's monthly bill.

"It's not a huge number, but again when you're dealing with taxpayer dollars, we're elected to watch every one of them," Winkel said.

Sioux City's Simms said the three cities could propose solutions, but a final decision on any would likely come from his City Council.

Information from: Sioux City Journal, <http://www.siouxcityjournal.com>

Boutier wins in Sioux Falls, wraps by LPGA Tour card

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Celine Boutier held off Benyapa Niphatsophon on Sunday in the Symetra Tour's Sioux Falls GreatLIFE Challenge to wrap up an LPGA Tour card.

Boutier bogeyed the final two holes for an even-par 71 and a one-stroke victory. The 23-year-old former Duke star from France opened with rounds of 69, 70 and 63.

Niphatsophon, from Thailand, also had a 71. She parred the 18th after birdieing Nos. 15-17.

Boutier earned \$31,500 for her second victory of the year to jump from fourth to second on the money list with \$96,748, with the final top 10 earning LPGA Tour cards.

"It is something I've been working on for a long time because I've always wanted to be on the LPGA," Boutier said. "I'm just going to use the last couple events on the Symetra Tour to get ready and prepare for next year on the LPGA."

She also won the Self Regional Healthcare Foundation Women's Health Classic in May in South Carolina.

"It's amazing, I definitely wanted to win again this season," Boutier said. "It's so great that I had my chance this week at the biggest tournament of the season. I'm just ecstatic."

Niphatsophon made \$19,887 to take the money lead with \$102,288. She's the third player in tour history to reach \$100,000 in a season.

Katelyn Dambaugh (71) was third at 8 under.

Murder victim's ashes sit forgotten in storage for 40 years

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Forty years after Lena Booth White Hat was slain in South Dakota, relatives in her native England now know what became of her remains.

Her ashes are in a small box inside a storage drawer at a Rapid City funeral home, along with the unclaimed ashes of about 15 others, the Rapid City Journal reported .

Booth White Hat's niece, Sharon Papen, 56, recently learned the whereabouts of the ashes while re-searching her family history but said her family can't afford to have them shipped.

"All I want is my aunt to come home to my mum, her last sibling, as she has been waiting a long time," Papen told the newspaper in an email from England.

Lena Booth was born into a nomadic family of the Roma ethnic group in 1940. She married Theodore White Hat, an American from the Rosebud Sioux Indian Reservation, who was serving at a U.S. Air Force base in England, in 1972.

Papen described her aunt as "beautiful inside and out" but a lost soul.

"Life was hard at times and I feel she wanted a new life in America — a fresh start," Papen said.

Lena Booth White Hat was killed in South Dakota in 1977 by a different man, John Thomas Martin, at Martin's home in the Rapid City suburb of Rapid Valley. Court records say Martin, who had been under psychiatric care, struck Lena with a rolling pin, drove a pickax into her skull and strangled her with a belt.

Martin was convicted of murder and is still serving a life term at the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls.

Papen said police informed them of her death but gave them little additional information. She said authorities told them that decisions about the remains would be made by Lena's husband, Theodore White Hat.

"We never heard any more and presumed she was buried or cremated," Papen wrote.

Records kept by Behrens-Wilson Funeral Home indicate that White Hat authorized the cremation but never took possession of the ashes. He died in 1979.

The current owner of the funeral home, Wade Wilson, said sending her ashes to England would cost about \$1,500 because commercial shippers won't take them, but airlines will. He encouraged donations on Papen's behalf via the funeral home so her relatives can bring her home.

"Unfortunately, she has no one there," Papen said. "She belongs back here with her family."

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

Trump's decision on young immigrants could begin GOP battle

By JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's plan to take a hard line on young immigrants unless Congress intervenes threatens to expose deep divides among Republicans who have long struggled with the issue, with one conservative warning of a potential "civil war" within the party.

Trump's attorney general, Jeff Sessions, is expected to announce Tuesday that the administration will end in six months a program that shields from deportation young immigrants brought to the country illegally as children. The immigrants are often referred to as "Dreamers."

According to two people familiar with Trump's decision, the decision to delay by six months the termination of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, would give Congress time to act. The people spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss details publicly.

But that plan also hands a political hot potato to congressional Republicans, who have a long history of failing to act on immigration because of divisions in the party.

Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla., tweeted: "After teasing #Dreamers for months with talk of his 'great heart,' @POTUS slams door on them. Some 'heart'."

Trump's decision would come after a long and notably public deliberation. Despite campaigning as an immigration hard-liner, Trump has said he is sympathetic to the plight of the immigrants who came to the U.S. illegally as children and in some cases have no memories of the countries they were born in.

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But such an approach — essentially kicking the can down the road and letting Congress deal with it— is fraught with uncertainty and political perils that amount, according to one vocal opponent, to “Republican suicide.”

Still other Republicans say they are ready to take on a topic that has proven a non-starter and career-breaker for decades.

“If President Trump makes this decision we will work to find a legislative solution to their dilemma,” said Republican Sen. Lindsay Graham.

Officials caution that Trump’s plan is not yet finalized, and the president, who has been grappling with the issue for months, has been known to change his mind at the last minute ahead of an announcement. It also remains unclear exactly how a six-month delay would work in practice, including whether the government would continue to process applications under the program, which has given nearly 800,000 young immigrants a reprieve from deportation and the ability to work legally in the country in the form of two-year, renewable permits.

The Obama administration created the DACA program in 2012 as a stopgap as they pushed unsuccessfully for a broader immigration overhaul in Congress. Many Republicans say they opposed the program on the grounds that it was executive overreach.

House Speaker Paul Ryan and a handful of other Republicans urged Trump last week to hold off on scrapping DACA to give lawmakers time to come up with a legislative fix.

But Congress has repeatedly tried — and failed — to come together on immigration overhaul legislation, and it remains uncertain whether the House would succeed in passing anything on the divisive topic.

One bill addressing the issue that has received the most attention, introduced by Sens. Graham, R-S.C., and Dick Durbin, D-Ill., would grant permanent legal status to more than 1 million young people who arrived in the United States before they turned 18, passed security checks and met other criteria, including enrolling in college, joining the military or finding jobs.

It’s unclear, however, whether the president would throw his support behind that or any other existing legislation. He could encourage the writing of a new bill — tied, perhaps, to funding for his promised border wall or other concessions like a reduction in legal immigration levels.

But it’s unclear how much political capital the president would want to put on the line given his base’s strong opposition to illegal immigration, his campaign rhetoric blasting DACA as illegal “amnesty” and his reluctance to campaign hard for other priorities, like health care overhaul.

Graham said in a statement Monday that he would support the president if he decided ultimately to go through with the plan as outlined.

“I have always believed DACA was a presidential overreach. However, I equally understand the plight of the Dream Act kids who — for all practical purposes — know no country other than America,” Graham said in a statement.

Sen. James Lankford, R-Okla., agreed, saying that it should be up to Congress, not the White House, to set immigration policy.

“We must confront the nation’s out-of-date immigration policy and finally resolve the issues of strong border enforcement and merit immigration,” he said. “It is right for there to be consequences for those who intentionally entered this country illegally. However, we as Americans do not hold children legally accountable for the actions of their parents.”

But Rep. Steve King, an Iowa Republican who believes that DACA is unconstitutional, warned that pushing the decision to Congress would be a big mistake.

“That would cause a great big civil war among the Republicans,” he said last week. “We’ve got enough of never-Trumpers in Congress that are undermining the president’s agenda.”

He added on Twitter late Sunday night: “Ending DACA now gives chance 2 restore Rule of Law. Delaying so R Leadership can push Amnesty is Republican suicide.”

Associated Press writers Catherine Lucey and Erica Werner contributed to this report.

Fewer Harvey victims at shelters doesn't end housing needs

By NOMAAN MERCHANT, Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — One couple displaced by Harvey managed to get a hotel room, but got kicked out after one night for lacking state identification that was lost to the flooding. A man whose cellphone was wrecked by floodwater is staying at a convention center, waiting for government offices to reopen Tuesday.

While the number of evacuees seeking refuge in Houston's emergency shelters has dwindled, many thousands of people are still in dire need of housing. Some returned to complexes inundated with sewage and mud. Others are staying with family and friends.

More than 50,000 went to government-paid hotels, some far away from homes and schools.

"You can't just pick the hotel," said D'Ona Spears, who has no way of getting her children to school when it resumes next week. "You have to go further out, further out, further out."

Spears and Brandon Polson had gotten a government-funded hotel room near downtown, but without ID they had to leave. After going to the Toyota Center, the basketball arena that's also housing evacuees, they were taken to a motel in Humble, about 20 miles (30 kilometers) away. Spears said she wished the family could return to the convention center.

At the George R. Brown Convention Center, about 1,500 people remain and several said they were homeless, disabled or from public housing. About 2,800 were at the NRG Center, another convention center that opened after George R. Brown reached double its original capacity.

Morris Mack, who arrived at the convention center Aug. 30, sat outside the main entrance, sharing a cigarette. He hasn't been able to re-enter his home in a public housing development in northwest Houston, and he didn't know whether it would be flooded.

While he registered with the Federal Emergency Management Agency for assistance, Mack's cellphone was damaged by floodwaters, and he didn't have a working email address, making it difficult for the agency to get in touch with him or send him a check. He was hoping that once government offices reopen, he could get a government assistance card, which he could then use to get a cellphone to communicate with FEMA.

"I'm just trying. I can only wait now," Mack said.

Harvey struck Texas on Aug. 25 as a Category 4 hurricane, but brought the worst flooding to Houston and other areas as a tropical storm. The rain totaled nearly 52 inches (1.3 meters) in some spots, and the storm is blamed for at least 60 deaths.

FEMA about 560,000 families are registered for its housing assistance program. It said 53,630 residents displaced by Harvey are currently in government-funded hotel rooms.

The temporary housing has been provided for 18,732 households, said FEMA spokesman Bob Howard. Once people are granted the assistance, there is a minimum allotment of 14 days, but that can be extended if necessary.

FEMA officials also are weighing other options, such as mobile homes, should the need arise.

After Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans in 2005, FEMA bought thousands of mobile homes for people left homeless, but the program was plagued by problems. Some flood victims who lived in the homes were exposed to high levels of formaldehyde, which was used in building materials.

Some people choosing to go back to their homes after Harvey were trying to make do the best they could.

But at the Clayton Homes, some apartments were filled with water and floors caked in mud and sewage. Clayton Homes residents were among the first to arrive at the convention center last weekend, many riding in the back of city dump trucks. The complex is bounded on one side by Buffalo Bayou, the muddy waterway that jumped its banks and sent water rushing into homes.

Piles of garbage and soggy furniture sat next to the gnarled remains of a fence separating the bayou from the complex. The rotting stench was present in parts of the complex.

Rosie Carmouche spent two days at George R. Brown with her two children. But she didn't want to stay too long, fearing for her possessions.

"They made you feel as comfortable as they possibly can. I will give them that," Carmouche said. "But when your mind is — you know what kind of community you live in? It's hard."

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Laquinna Russell used bleach to scrub out the bottom floor of their two-story home, but is worried about mold and invisible bacteria, so her family is sleeping on their second floor.

"We didn't have anywhere to go but back here," she said.

AP reporters Claudia Lauer and Adam Kealoha Causey in Dallas and Jeff McMurray in Chicago contributed to this story.

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Syrian troops breach 3-year IS siege on eastern city

By **BASSEM MROUE**, Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Syrian government troops and allied forces reached the eastern city of Deir el-Zour on Tuesday, breaching a nearly 3-year Islamic State group siege on government-held areas of the contested city near the Iraqi border, Syrian state TV and a war monitoring group said.

The TV said troops advancing from the west reached the western outskirts of the city and broke the siege after IS defenses collapsed.

Breaching the siege on Deir el-Zour, which has been divided between an IS and a government-held part since 2015, marks another triumph for President Bashar Assad, whose forces have been advancing on several fronts against IS and other insurgent groups over the past year.

Rami Abdurrahman who heads the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights also said advancing troops and those defending the city have met.

The latest developments mark a strategic and symbolic defeat for IS, which last month lost its hold over Iraq's second largest city of Mosul and is under attack by U.S.-backed Syrian forces in its self-proclaimed capital of Raqqa, northwest of Deir el-Zour.

Syrian troops and allied militiamen, backed by Russia's air force, have for months been advancing toward Deir el-Zour, the provincial capital of the oil-rich province of the same name. The breach is expected to end a nightmare siege for tens of thousands of people trapped in a handful of neighborhoods controlled by the government and a nearby airport.

Russia's Defense Ministry said Tuesday that a Russian warship in the Mediterranean fired cruise missiles toward Islamic State group targets in Deir el-Zour province.

A Russian frigate in the Mediterranean Sea fired the missiles early Tuesday on IS targets near the city. The defense ministry said it targeted a fortified area around the town of el-Shola where most of the militants are believed to hail from Russia and former Soviet republics.

The ministry said its drone footage showed that the missile strikes there destroyed a communications center, command centers, ammunition depots, a repair shop for armored vehicles and killed an unspecified number of militants.

Tuesday's breakthrough came after government forces dismantling mines around a besieged government-held air base known as Brigade 137.

The DeirEzzor 24, an activist group that has reporters throughout the eastern province, reported heavy clashes near the village of Jabra that is adjacent to the besieged area.

Tuesday's firing of cruise missiles came a day after the Russian defense ministry said two Russian troops were killed in shelling in Syria's east.

The ministry's statement quoted by Russian news agencies late on Monday said the two men died when a convoy escorting Russian cease-fire monitoring staff came under mortar fire outside the city of Deir el-Zour.

The ministry said one man died on the spot and the other died later of his wounds in a hospital.

Associated Press writer Nataliya Vasilyeva in Moscow and Albert AJi in Damascus, Syria contributed reporting.

Powerful Category 4 Hurricane Irma aims at Caribbean islands

By DANICA COTO, Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Officials across the northeastern Caribbean canceled airline flights, shuttered schools and urged people to hunker down indoors as Hurricane Irma barreled toward the region as a powerful Category 4 storm expected to strengthen more before nearing land late Tuesday.

States of emergency were declared in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and all of Florida while people on various Caribbean islands boarded up homes and rushed to find last-minute supplies, forming long lines outside supermarkets and gas stations.

Irma's maximum sustained winds increased to near 150 mph (240 kph) early Tuesday, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said. It was centered about 320 miles (515 kilometers) east of the Leeward Islands and moving west at 14 mph (22 kph).

Authorities warned that the storm could dump up to 10 inches (25 centimeters) of rain, cause landslides and dangerous flash floods and generate waves of up to 23 feet (7 meters).

"This is not an opportunity to go outside and try to have fun with a hurricane," U.S. Virgin Islands Gov. Kenneth Mapp warned. "It's not time to get on a surfboard."

The storm's center was expected to move near or over the northern Leeward Islands late Tuesday and early Wednesday, the hurricane center said.

Residents on the U.S. East Coast were urged to monitor the storm's progress in case it should turn northward toward Florida, Georgia or the Carolinas.

"This hurricane has the potential to be a major event for the East Coast. It also has the potential to significantly strain FEMA and other governmental resources occurring so quickly on the heels of (Hurricane) Harvey," Evan Myers, chief operating officer of AccuWeather, said in a statement.

In the Caribbean, hurricane warnings were issued for 12 island groups, including the British Virgin Islands, where the governor urged people to evacuate the tiny island of Anegada if they could ahead of the storm.

Vivian Wheatley, proprietor of the Anegada Reef Hotel, planned to stay behind. She said she would stay in one of the hotel rooms and take advantage of the generator since there were no guests.

"We know it's a very powerful (storm), and we know it's going to be very close," she said. "Let's hope for the best."

People in the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico braced for electricity outages after the director of the island's power company predicted that storm damage could leave some areas without electricity for four to six months. But "some areas will have power (back) in less than a week," Ricardo Ramos told radio station Notiuno 630 AM. The utility's infrastructure has deteriorated greatly during a decade-long recession, and Puerto Ricans experienced an island wide outage last year.

Both Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands expected 4 inches to 8 inches (10-20 centimeters) of rain and winds of 40-50 mph with gusts of up to 60 mph.

A hurricane warning was posted for Antigua and Barbuda, Anguilla, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Martin, Saba, St. Eustatius, St. Maarten and St. Barts, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. and British Virgin islands. A tropical storm warning was in effect for Guadeloupe and Dominica.

Meanwhile in Florida, residents took advantage of the Labor Day holiday Monday to empty many store shelves of drinking water and other supplies in advance of the storm, which could affect the state by the weekend. Also Monday, Florida Gov. Rick Scott declared a state of emergency for the state's 67 counties to give local governments "ample time, resources and flexibility" to prepare.

An earlier version of this report incorrectly said the island of Anegada was part of Antigua instead of the British Virgin Islands.

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10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press

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

1. SKOREA RAMPES UP DEFENSES AMID NKOREA THREATS

This shift right underscores deep unease that the North's expanding nuclear arsenal will undermine the country's decades-long alliance with the U.S.

2. WHY TRUMP'S IMMIGRATION PLANS COULD IGNITE GOP INFIGHTING

The issue evokes strong responses: Some Republican lawmakers support permanent legal status to over 1 million 'dreamers,' while others want the immigrants expelled from the country.

3. WHERE POWERFUL NEW HURRICANE COULD HIT

Officials across northeastern Caribbean cancel airline flights, shutter schools and urge people seek shelter indoors as Category 4 Hurricane Irma barrels toward the region.

4. AS HARVEY'S FLOODWATERS EBB, SCARS REMAIN

The water — and the muck and mold that follow — will create misery that will linger for years and likely cost tens of billions of dollars across Houston, all told.

5. WHO FINDS MORE OPEN DOORS AT UNIVERSITIES

At least eight U.S. women's colleges have moved to allow transgender women since 2014.

6. ROHINGYA EXODUS FROM MYANMAR VIOLENCE CONTINUES

The U.N. refugee agency has said a total of 123,000 Muslim refugees have fled to Bangladesh since Aug. 25, and more could be stranded at the border.

7. CHINESE LEADER SPEAKS OUT ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Chinese President Xi Jinping warns that the world economy faces growing risks and uncertainties from countries turning inward on trade and ignoring climate change — an implicit rebuke of Donald Trump.

8. 'HE'S NOT MY BRIDE, I'M NOT HIS GROOM'

Speaking at a news conference, Russian President Putin dismisses a question whether he was disappointed in President Trump.

9. WILDFIRE THREATENS 2,700-YEAR-OLD SEQUOIAS

The wind-whipped blaze is burning outside of Yosemite National Park.

10. DEL POTRO TO FACE FEDERER IN US OPEN QUARTERFINAL

Juan Martin Del Potro is trying to move on after three operations on his left wrist that kept him out of Grand Slam action for two years.

South Korea moves to boost weaponry amid threats from North

By KIM TONG-HYUNG, Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korean President Moon Jae-in took office four months ago with plans to reach out to North Korea in a way his conservative predecessors did not in the previous decade. Two ICBM launches and one nuclear test later, his government is ramping up its defenses, with some officials even considering asking the United States to bring back tactical nuclear weapons a generation after their removal from the Korean Peninsula.

Seoul's new interest in stronger weapons received a boost Tuesday when the Trump administration agreed to remove previous restrictions on South Korean missiles.

But South Korean hunger for military strength goes beyond just missiles. Government officials also endorse the nation getting nuclear-powered submarines. And Seoul's defense minister says the idea of bringing back U.S. tactical nukes to South Korea should be "deeply considered" by the allies.

This shift right by the liberal Moon underscores deep unease that the North's expanding nuclear weapons arsenal will undermine the country's decades-long alliance with the United States. Pyongyang may soon perfect an intercontinental ballistic missile that can target the U.S. mainland.

Here are some of the military capabilities South Korea is pursuing or may soon:

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BALLISTIC MISSILES

South Korea says stronger missiles are crucial to the so-called "kill chain" pre-emptive strike capability it wants to use to target North Korea. A pre-emptive strike against Pyongyang's leadership would be difficult to undertake, but it's widely seen as the most realistic of the limited military options Seoul has to deny a nuclear attack from its rival.

In August, South Korea conducted the last scheduled flight test of a new missile with a range of 800 kilometers (500 miles). It will soon join the "Hyunmoo" family of ballistic missiles that currently have a maximum range of 500 kilometers (310 miles).

While Seoul's military says its missiles are currently capable of wiping out North Korean structures on land, it says heavier warheads are needed to target North Korea's underground facilities and bunkers.

Following North Korea's second test of an ICBM in July, Moon ordered his military to schedule talks with the United States to increase warhead weight limits on South Korea's maximum-range missiles. Moon's office didn't announce any changes to the range limit on Tuesday.

South Korean missile developments have been constrained by a bilateral guideline between the allies since the late 1970s, when Washington sought to check Seoul's missile development under military dictator Park Chung-hee, a staunch anti-communist who ruled South Korea in the 1960s and '70s. The restrictions have been eased over the years.

NUCLEAR-POWERED SUBS

Several South Korean government officials, including Prime Minister Lee Nak-yeon, the country's No. 2, have been calling for South Korea to acquire a nuclear-powered submarine. South Korea's navy is planning a feasibility study over getting such vessels, although some experts see the possibility as low.

Supporters say such vessels are critical for coping with North Korea's submarine-launched ballistic missile system because they can operate much longer than conventional diesel-powered submarines without refueling. That gives them a better chance to find and track North Korean subs, they argue.

In August last year, the North successfully test-fired for the first time a submarine-launched ballistic missile that flew about 500 kilometers (310 miles). Such technology in the hands of North Korea is an alarming thought for South Korea and Japan because such weapons are harder to detect before launch.

If South Korea makes a real push for nuclear-powered subs, critics say it may never overcome political and technical hurdles. Washington may also balk at Seoul's acquisition of the enriched uranium needed to operate such submarines. Critics also argue that Washington already provides its ally a nuclear umbrella of protection and can easily ship in assets to detect and contain North Korean submarines when needed.

TACTICAL NUKES

Experts say South Korea would have an even harder time persuading the United States to re-introduce tactical nukes to the Korean Peninsula. These were withdrawn in the 1990s.

Even so, that hasn't stopped lawmakers from South Korea's largest conservative party from demanding the return of the weapons. Song Young-moo, Seoul's defense minister, told lawmakers Monday that the allies should consider the issue.

South Koreans who support the return of U.S. tactical nukes often raise fears of rifts in the decades-old security alliance between Washington and Seoul because of North Korea's expanding nuclear weapons program.

If North Korea obtains a fully functional ICBM, the United States might hesitate using its nuclear weapons to defend South Korea because of worries that North Korea might then strike a U.S. city, they say. Placing U.S. tactical nuclear weapons in South Korea would make clear the intent to use nukes in a crisis.

Critics say it's highly unlikely the United States would ever agree because it now relies on homeland and sea-based military assets to provide its allies extended nuclear deterrence. Some South Korean military experts say the nukes wouldn't meaningfully improve the South's defense and would only provide North Korea more targets to destroy or even attempt to steal.

Trump family and associates to be in Russia probe crosshairs

By ERIC TUCKER, CHAD DAY and MARY CLARE JALONICK, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A web of President Donald Trump's family and associates will be back in the crosshairs of congressional committees investigating whether his campaign colluded with Russia, as well as of the high-wattage legal team assembled by special counsel Robert Mueller.

As Congress returns from a summer recess, some of the attention will be focused squarely on the president's eldest son, Donald Trump Jr., who will meet privately in the coming weeks with staffers on the Senate judiciary and intelligence committees. A meeting Trump Jr. convened with a Russian lawyer and others in the midst of the campaign has already been the subject of testimony before a grand jury that Mueller is using as part of his investigation, The Associated Press has learned.

The expected crush of interviews, subpoenas and testimony this fall underscores both the broad scope of the Russia probes and the certainty that they will shadow Trump's presidency for months or even years. Even if Trump and his associates are ultimately cleared, some White House advisers worry about the president's anger over the investigations and the likelihood that he will continue to weigh in publicly in ways that only further distract from his agenda.

The president's own legal exposure remains uncertain. He's denied coordinating with Russia during the election or having any nefarious financial ties to Moscow.

But Trump's legal team, anticipating Mueller's interest in probing Trump's firing of FBI Director James Comey, is developing arguments to protect him against any obstruction of justice allegations, including constitutional defenses and a contention that his actions crossed no legal lines.

In a preview of those arguments, Trump attorney Jay Sekulow said constitutional powers authorize the president to fire subordinates who serve at his pleasure.

"The whole idea of an obstruction allegation here, or obstruction of justice charge, is contrary to the Constitution," Sekulow said.

The simultaneous investigations by Mueller and three congressional committees have drawn in some of Washington's legal heavy hitters. Mueller's 16-lawyer team is comprised of seasoned prosecutors with significant experience fighting fraudsters, mobsters and terrorists and with building cases against high-level targets by eliciting cooperation from more peripheral subjects. And more than a dozen Washington law firms have lawyers representing players in the investigation.

Most participants are gearing up for a long haul. Rep. Adam Schiff of California, the top Democrat on the House intelligence committee, said his panel has a "tremendous number of witnesses to get through" in the preparation of a public report.

"We feel a sense of urgency, but we also know it has to be thorough, or it won't be of much value," Schiff said.

The coming months may put a new focus on lesser-known players in Trump's orbit, including Michael Cohen, his long-time lawyer. Cohen acknowledged last month that the Trump Organization pursued a Trump Tower project in Moscow and that he had reached out to the press secretary for President Vladimir Putin. The revelation appeared to undercut Trump's repeated assertion that his associates had nothing to do with Russia.

Another associate who could appear before Congress this fall is informal adviser Roger Stone, as well as Felix Sater, a Russia-born associate Cohen says he worked with on the Trump Tower deal. The project was later abandoned.

Rep. Eric Swalwell, D-Calif., said the Trump Tower Moscow proposal was a further example of "the constellation of contacts between the Trump campaign and the Russians." He said he wants the House intelligence committee to hear from everyone involved in the deal as well as those present during the June 2016 Trump Tower meeting even if that list of witnesses overlaps with Mueller's.

Familiar names will also continue to face scrutiny, particularly former campaign chairman Paul Manafort and ousted White House national security adviser Michael Flynn. Manafort already has spoken privately to Senate intelligence committee staffers, and though other committees are also interested in hearing

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from him, it's not clear when or if that will happen.

Senate Judiciary Chairman Charles Grassley has said he wants both Manafort and Trump Jr. to testify publicly at some point.

In July, the FBI raided Manafort's home seeking tax and international banking records. Manafort has been the subject of a longstanding FBI investigation into his dealings in Ukraine and work for the country's former president, Viktor Yanukovich. That investigation has been incorporated into Mueller's probe, and the FBI raid was an indication that the bureau believes it has probable cause that a crime was committed. Manafort has denied any wrongdoing, saying his work for Ukrainian interests was above board.

Flynn, who was forced to resign in February for misleading Vice President Mike Pence about his Russia contacts, remains of particular interest to investigators. A grand jury probe that began in Virginia months ago has been taken over by Mueller's team, as the FBI investigates lobbying and investigative research performed by his company, Flynn Intel Group, on behalf of a Turkish businessman.

A Washington public relations firm, SGR LLC, confirmed through its lawyer to the AP that it had received a subpoena months ago regarding its role in the Turkish work. The lobbying campaign sought to get Turkish cleric Fethullah Gulen expelled from the U.S. Gulen, a green card holder who lives in Pennsylvania, has been accused by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of being involved in a failed coup last year, which Gulen has denied.

A person familiar with the investigation told the AP that FBI agents have been particularly interested in whether the Turkish government was directing the lobbying work and not a private company owned by a Turkish businessman, Ekim Alptekin, as Flynn's firm has contended. The person spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the sensitive details of the investigation.

FBI agents have also been asking about Flynn's business partner, Bijan Kian, who served on Trump's presidential transition, and other details of the work beyond what Flynn's firm disclosed to the Justice Department in March when he retroactively registered as a foreign agent, the person said.

China has tools to pressure Kim but worries of consequences

By JOE McDONALD, Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — China has the economic tools to pressure North Korea but fears pushing Kim Jong Un's government so hard it collapses.

Though China has long been the North's main trading partner and diplomatic protector, Kim's nuclear and missile tests have alienated Chinese leaders, who supported last month's U.N. sanctions that slash North Korean revenue by banning sales of coal and iron ore. President Donald Trump and others have called on China to use its leverage to do more to halt the North's nuclear development.

Beijing tried to head off the latest nuclear test, conducted Sunday, by warning Pyongyang that such an event would lead to even more painful penalties.

Still, Chinese leaders worry about instability on the Korean Peninsula if Kim's regime collapses, which would eliminate a buffer between China and South Korea, a heavily armed U.S. ally with American troops on its soil. Some of the options China has used or could and why other options are unlikely:

TRADE CHINA ALREADY HAS CUT

Beijing stopped importing North Korean coal in February, depriving Kim's government of its biggest single source of revenue to pay for imports. Controls that take effect Tuesday under U.N. Security Council sanctions approved Aug. 4 formalize the coal ban and bar imports of iron and lead ores as well as seafood. North Korean companies operating in China also have been banned from launching new ventures that might generate additional revenue.

TRADE IT MIGHT CUT

Oil is Beijing's most powerful potential weapon. China accounts for 90 percent of the North's supplies. Oil shipments were suspended for three days in 2003 to express Chinese anger after a North Korean mis-

sile test. "Cutting this flow would likely have an immediate and costly impact on North Korea's economy," said Eurasia Group in a report. However, such a painful step could rupture relations, wiping out any influence Beijing has over Pyongyang, according to Myong-hyun Go of South Korea's Asan Institute. Beijing also has the option of banning imports of North Korean-made clothing — the biggest remaining source of export revenue. That would hurt Chinese companies that are part of that supply chain and a North Korean export industry that Chinese leaders are eager to see develop as way to make the country more prosperous and stable.

TRADE CHINA IS UNLIKELY TO CUT

China is the biggest foreign food supplier to North Korea, which has limited farmland and relies on imports to fill the gap. Chinese scholars say Beijing will reject pressure to cut off food supplies for fear of causing widespread hunger and possibly setting off a flood of refugees into China's northeast. The end of Soviet subsidies contributed to a massive famine blamed for hundreds of thousands of deaths in the 1990s, bringing the economy to the brink of collapse.

S. Korea continues military drills after N. Korean nuke test

By FOSTER KLUG and KIM TONG-HYUNG, Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korean warships conducted live-fire exercises at sea Tuesday as Seoul continued its displays of military capability following U.S. warnings of a "massive military response" after North Korea detonated its largest-ever nuclear test explosion.

South Korea's presidential office also said Washington and Seoul have agreed to remove bilaterally agreed warhead restrictions on South Korean missiles, which would allow the South to develop more powerful weapons that would boost its pre-emptive strike capabilities against the North.

The South's military exercises on Monday involved F-15 fighter jets and land-based ballistic missiles simulating an attack on North Korea's nuclear test site to "strongly warn" Pyongyang over the recent detonation.

The heated words from the United States and the military maneuvers in South Korea are becoming familiar responses to North Korea's rapid, as-yet unchecked pursuit of a viable arsenal of nuclear-tipped missiles that can strike the United States. The most recent, and perhaps most dramatic, advance came Sunday in an underground test of what leader Kim Jong Un's government claimed was a hydrogen bomb, the North's sixth nuclear test since 2006.

The U.N. Security Council held its second emergency meeting about North Korea in a week on Monday, with U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley saying the North's actions show that Kim is "begging for war," and the time has come for the Security Council to adopt the strongest diplomatic measures.

"Enough is enough. War is never something the United States wants. We don't want it now. But our country's patience is not unlimited," Haley said.

South Korea has been seeking to obtain more powerful missiles while it pursues a so-called "kill chain" pre-emptive strike capability to cope with North Korea's growing nuclear and missile threat.

Since the late 1970s, South Korean missile developments have been limited by a bilateral "guideline" between the U.S. and South, and it was updated in 2012 to allow the South to increase the range of its weapons from 500 kilometers (310 miles) to 800 kilometers (497 miles).

The agreement revealed Tuesday removes the 500-kilogram (1,100 pound) warhead limit on South Korea's maximum-range missiles, which would free the South to develop more powerful weapons potentially targeting the North's underground facilities and shelters.

In addition to expanding its missile arsenal, South Korea is also strengthening its missile defense, which includes the high-tech Terminal High Altitude Area Defense battery currently deployed in the southeastern county of Seongju.

On Tuesday, a 2,500-ton frigate, a 1000-ton patrol ship and 400-ton guided-missile vessels participated in drills off the eastern coast aimed at retaliating against potential North Korean provocations, the Defense Ministry said. The ministry said more naval drills are planned from Wednesday to Saturday in the country's

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southern seas.

The ministry said on Monday that North Korea appeared to be planning a future missile launch, possibly of an ICBM, to show off its claimed ability to target the United States with nuclear weapons, though it was unclear when such a launch might happen. Ministry official Chang Kyung-soo told lawmakers that it was seeing preparations in the North for an ICBM test but didn't provide details about how officials had reached that assessment. Chang also said the yield from the latest nuclear detonation appeared to be about 50 kilotons, which would mark a "significant increase" from North Korea's past nuclear tests.

Each new North Korean missile and nuclear test gives the country's scientists invaluable information that allows big jumps in capability. North Korea is thought to have a growing arsenal of nuclear bombs and has spent decades trying to perfect a multistage, long-range missile to eventually carry smaller versions of those bombs.

Both diplomacy and severe sanctions have failed to check the North's decades-long march to nuclear mastery.

President Donald Trump, asked in Washington if he would attack North Korea, said, "We'll see." No U.S. military action appeared imminent, and the immediate focus appeared to be on ratcheting up economic penalties, which have had little effect thus far.

Trump in tweets earlier had threatened to halt all trade with countries doing business with North Korea, a clear warning to its patron and closest ally, China. Such a move would be radical since the U.S. imports about \$40 billion in goods a month from China. Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said China regarded as "unacceptable a situation in which on the one hand we work to resolve this issue peacefully but on the other hand our own interests are subject to sanctions and jeopardized. This is neither objective nor fair."

In brief remarks after a White House meeting with Trump and other national security officials, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis told reporters that America does not seek the "total annihilation" of North Korea, but then added somberly, "We have many options to do so."

Mattis also said the international community is unified in demanding the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula and that Kim should know Washington's commitment to Japan and South Korea is unshakeable.

Sunday's detonation builds on recent North Korean advances that include test launches in July of two ICBMs. The North says its missile development is part of a defensive effort to build a viable nuclear deterrent that can target U.S. cities.

North Korea has made a stunning jump in progress in its nuclear and missile programs since Kim rose to power following his father's death in late 2011. The North followed its two tests of Hwasong-14 ICBMs, which, when perfected, could target large parts of the United States, by threatening to launch a salvo of Hwasong-12 intermediate range missiles toward the U.S. Pacific island territory of Guam in August.

It flew a Hwasong-12 over northern Japan last week, the first such overflight by a missile potentially capable of carrying nuclear weapons, in a launch Kim described as a "meaningful prelude" to containing Guam, the home of major U.S. military facilities, and vowed to launch more ballistic missile tests targeting the Pacific.

Beyond the science of the blast, North Korea's accelerating push to field a nuclear weapon that can target all of the United States is creating political complications for the U.S. as it seeks to balance resolve with reassurance to allies that Washington will uphold its decades-long commitment to deter nuclear attack on South Korea and Japan.

That is why some questioned Trump's jab at South Korea when he tweeted that Seoul is finding that its "talk of appeasement" will not work. The North Koreans, he added, "only understand one thing," implying military force might be required. The U.S. has about 28,000 troops stationed in South Korea and is obliged by treaty to defend it in the event of war.

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Wounded and 'afraid,' Rohingya seek Bangladesh medical aid

By MUNEEZA NAQVI, Associated Press

COX'S BAZAR, Bangladesh (AP) — With thousands of Rohingya refugees streaming daily across the swampy border into Bangladesh, one hospital was struggling to treat dozens of men who had arrived with broken bones, bullet wounds and horrific stories of death.

Already, some 87,000 Rohingya Muslims have entered Bangladesh, fleeing violence in western Myanmar that erupted Aug. 25. They have filled three older refugee camps set up in the 1990s.

"The existing refugees have taken in the new arrivals into their homes," UNHCR spokeswoman Vivian Tan said Monday. Thousands more were sheltering in local villages, or in open fields — wherever they could find space.

"What we desperately need is for land to be made available to get more emergency shelters up," as well as help with other aid supplies, Tan said.

"These people have been walking for days. They likely have not eaten since they left their homes," Tan said. Many needed medical attention for respiratory diseases, infections and malnutrition. "They are exhausted, they are traumatized ... There are babies, some newborns, who've been exposed to the elements."

In the border town of Kutupalong, an elderly woman bleeding profusely from where her lower right leg had been blown off in an explosion was bundled into a rickshaw to be taken to a hospital. Wailing family members told The Associated Press she had been wounded in a land mine blast. Her left leg and parts of her hands also appeared seriously wounded.

Two hours from the border, at the Cox's Bazar Sadar Hospital, doctors were treating 31 men who arrived "distressed and afraid" with broken bones and bullet wounds, mostly to their limbs, according to the resident medical officer Dr. Shaheen Abdur Rahman Choudhury.

They all told similar stories of Myanmar soldiers opening fire randomly on their villages in western Myanmar on Aug. 26-27 and setting buildings aflame, Choudhury said.

The hospital, already "hugely overburdened," was expecting to receive many more wounded refugees, said the doctor, Choudhury. "What we are seeing is the tip of the iceberg."

The exodus began on Aug. 25, when Rohingya insurgents attacked Myanmar police and paramilitary posts in what they said was an effort to protect their ethnic minority from persecution by security forces in the majority-Buddhist country. The military responded with what it called "clearance operations" to root out the insurgents it calls ethnic terrorists. The violence led the U.N. World Food Program last week to halt aid deliveries to some 250,000 people in Rakhine state.

The Rohingya have long faced discrimination in Myanmar, but bloody rioting in 2012 forced more than 100,000 into displacement camps in Bangladesh, where many still live today.

In a statement Monday, Pakistani rights advocate Malala Yousafzai condemned the violence against Rohingya. "I am still waiting for my fellow Nobel Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi to do the same," she said of Myanmar's leader.

Protests broke out in nations from Indonesia to Australia on Monday, with demonstrators demanding their own governments take a tougher stance against Myanmar. Tens of thousands took to the streets in the Chechen state capital of Grozny in Russia to denounce what they called the "genocide of Muslims" in Rakhine.

In Jakarta and New Delhi, protesters denounced Suu Kyi by name and burned or defaced posters bearing her image.

Both Myanmar security officials and Rohingya insurgents accuse each other of committing atrocities in the last week. The military has said nearly 400 people, most of them insurgents, have died in clashes. Bangladesh police say dozens of Rohingya have died attempting to cross the river separating the two countries.

Myanmar's government blames the insurgents for burning their own homes and killing Buddhists in Rakhine state.

Outside the hospital in Cox's Bazar, three Rohingya men and a teenage boy who had been treated for

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bullet wounds described soldiers shooting at people and burning buildings.

Mohammad Irshad, 27, told AP he saw at least eight bodies after his village near the coastal town of Maungdaw was visited by at least 30 soldiers firing bullets indiscriminately before setting homes and other buildings ablaze.

The 16-year-old boy Mohammed Osama said he'd tried to flee into the forest when soldiers entered his village on Aug. 26, but was shot by one of them in the thigh. With a gaping bullet wound in his leg, he was carried by his father and some of his 11 siblings across the border. His family joined thousands now packed into the Bangladeshi fishing village of Shah Porir Dwip.

But Osama and others were squatting behind the hospital in Cox's Bazar, their only belongings a few bedsheets and personal documents in plastic bags.

Yet another Myanmar village near Maungdaw was destroyed by about 50 soldiers, according to 25-year-old Mohammad Arafat.

"I started running when the firing started and lost track of both my parents. I don't know if they're dead or alive," Arafat said. "They're cutting up people, shooting people. I'm very afraid. I never want to go back."

His wife and mother-in-law were sheltering in the border area of Teknaf, but Arafat sought treatment for his wound. He was told he needed further hospital treatment in the city of Chittagong, he said. "I have no money. I don't know what to do."

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Publisher Tronc acquires Daily News, storied NY tabloid

By JENNIFER PELTZ, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Newspaper publisher Tronc has acquired the Daily News, a storied New York tabloid newspaper that won a Pulitzer Prize this year but has been buffeted by the changing media environment.

Chicago-based Tronc Inc., the publisher of the Los Angeles Times and the Chicago Tribune, announced the deal Monday night, and the Daily News posted a story on its website. It was first reported by The New York Times.

Tronc CEO Justin Dearborn said acquiring the paper and its popular website would "provide us with another strategic platform for growing our digital business, expanding our reach and broadening our services for advertisers and marketers," and both Tronc and Daily News executives said the company would maintain the quality of the paper's journalism.

"Over the past near-century, the New York Daily News has served New York City and its surrounding areas with its award-winning journalism and helped shape the dynamics of the city," News owner Mort Zuckerman said in a release. A New York real estate magnate, he had owned the paper since 1993.

The deal puts the Daily News under the umbrella of one of the nation's major newspaper chains, with properties spanning from the Hartford Courant in Connecticut to the Sun-Sentinel in South Florida.

Tronc — which evolved from Daily News founder the Tribune Co. — gets a presence in the New York media market, a news site with about 25 million unique monthly visitors and other assets. Under the terms of the deal, Tronc said it assumed the Daily News' operational and pension liabilities and got 100 percent ownership of its Jersey City, New Jersey, printing plant and a 49.9 percent interest in the plant's 25-acre (10-hectare) property, which overlooks the Manhattan skyline.

With the deal, News Editor-in-Chief Arthur Browne was also named publisher, though he plans to retire at the end of the year.

Founded in 1919, the Daily News considers itself "New York's Hometown Newspaper," informing everyday New Yorkers about their city and more. It has been known over the years for zesty headlines — perhaps most notably "Ford to City: Drop Dead" during the New York's financial woes in 1975 — gossip, city coverage and star columnists that included Jimmy Breslin, Pete Hamill and Liz Smith.

Lately, the tabloid has also attracted attention with its unsparing criticism of President Donald Trump. (Trump, in return, branded the paper "worthless" and Zuckerman "dopey" in tweets last year.)

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The Daily News and ProPublica together won this year's Pulitzer Prize in public service journalism for uncovering how authorities used an obscure law to evict hundreds of people, mostly poor minorities, from their homes. It was the Daily News' 11th Pulitzer Prize, and the fifth during Zuckerman's tenure.

But the paper has also contended with the shifts in news consumption and advertising that have affected newspapers in general in the digital age. The newspaper industry has been suffering for years from declining print circulation and advertising revenue, as readership and ad dollars have shifted online. Online ad sales have increased for newspaper companies, but not always enough to offset the decline in print revenue.

The Daily News also grappled with a muscular hometown tabloid rival, the News Corp.-owned New York Post.

Zuckerman eyed selling the Daily News in 2015 but ultimately took it off the market.

Trump's DACA plan would pass hot potato to Congress

By JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A plan President Donald Trump is expected to announce Tuesday for young immigrants brought to the country illegally as children was embraced by some top Republicans on Monday and denounced by others as the beginning of a "civil war" within the party.

The response was an immediate illustration of the potential battles ahead if Trump follows through with a plan that would hand a political hot potato to Republicans on the Hill who have a long history of dropping it.

Two people familiar with his decision making said Sunday that Trump was preparing to announce an end to Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA program, but with a six-month delay intended to give Congress time to pass legislation that would address the status of the hundreds of thousands of immigrants covered by the program.

The move comes after a long and notably public deliberation. Despite campaigning as an immigration hard-liner, Trump has said he is sympathetic to the plight of the immigrants who came to the U.S. illegally as children and in some cases have no memories of the countries they were born in.

But such an approach — essentially kicking the can down the road and letting Congress deal with it— is fraught with uncertainty and political perils that amount, according to one vocal opponent, to "Republican suicide."

Still other Republicans say they are ready to take on a topic that has proven a non-starter and career-breaker for decades.

"If President Trump makes this decision we will work to find a legislative solution to their dilemma," said Republican Sen. Lindsay Graham.

Officials caution Trump's plan, set to be unveiled Tuesday, is not yet finalized, and the president, who has been grappling with the issue for months, has been known to change his mind at the last minute ahead of an announcement. It also remains unclear exactly how a six-month delay would work in practice, including whether the government would continue to process applications under the program, which has given nearly 800,000 young immigrants a reprieve from deportation and the ability to work legally in the country in the form of two-year, renewable permits.

House Speaker Paul Ryan and a handful of other Republicans urged Trump last week to hold off on scrapping DACA to give lawmakers time to come up with a legislative fix.

But Congress has repeatedly tried — and failed — to come together on immigration overhaul legislation, and it remains uncertain whether the House would succeed in passing anything on the divisive topic.

The House under Democratic control passed a Dream Act in 2010, but it died in the Senate. Since Republicans retook control of the House in late 2010, it has taken an increasingly hard line on immigration. House Republicans refused to act on the Senate's comprehensive immigration bill in 2013. Two years later, a GOP border security bill languished because of objections from conservatives.

Many House Republicans represent highly conservative districts, and if the president goes through with the six-month delay — creating a March deadline — the pressure is likely to be amplified as primary races intensify head of the 2018 midterm elections.

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One cautionary tale: the primary upset of former House Majority Leader Eric Cantor to a conservative challenger in 2014 in a campaign that cast him as soft on illegal immigration. That loss convinced many House Republicans that pro-immigrant stances could cost them politically.

The Obama administration created the DACA program in 2012 as a stopgap as they pushed unsuccessfully for a broader immigration overhaul in Congress. Many Republicans say they opposed the program on the grounds that it was executive overreach.

Legislation to legalize the so-called Dreamers has been lingering in Congress for years, with a handful of bills currently pending in the House and Senate.

The one that has received the most attention, introduced by Sens. Graham, R-S.C., and Dick Durbin, D-Ill., would grant permanent legal status to more than 1 million young people who arrived in the United States before they turned 18, passed security checks and met other criteria, including enrolling in college, joining the military or finding jobs.

It's unclear, however, whether the president would throw his support behind that or any other existing legislation. He could encourage the writing of a new bill — tied, perhaps, to funding for his promised border wall or other concessions like a reduction in legal immigration levels. But it's unclear how much political capital the president would want to put on the line given his base's strong opposition to illegal immigration, his campaign rhetoric blasting DACA as illegal "amnesty" and his reluctance to campaign hard for other priorities, like health care overhaul.

Graham said in a statement Monday that he would support the president if he decided ultimately to go through with the plan as outlined.

"I have always believed DACA was a presidential overreach. However, I equally understand the plight of the Dream Act kids who -- for all practical purposes -- know no country other than America," Graham said in a statement.

Sen. James Lankford, Republican of Oklahoma, agreed, saying that it should be up to Congress, not the White House, to set immigration policy.

"We must confront the nation's out-of-date immigration policy and finally resolve the issues of strong border enforcement and merit immigration," he said. "It is right for there to be consequences for those who intentionally entered this country illegally. However, we as Americans do not hold children legally accountable for the actions of their parents."

But Rep. Steve King, an Iowa Republican who believes that DACA is unconstitutional, warned that pushing the decision to Congress would be a big mistake.

"That would cause a great big civil war among the Republicans," he said last week. "We've got enough of never-Trumpers in Congress that are undermining the president's agenda."

"Ending DACA now gives chance 2 restore Rule of Law. Delaying so R Leadership can push Amnesty is Republican suicide," he added on Twitter late Sunday night.

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S. Koreans worry North Korean nukes will damage US alliance

By FOSTER KLUG, Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — President Donald Trump took to Twitter following North Korea's strongest-ever nuclear test explosion to criticize both Koreas and China. But his tweets will get as much attention in Asia for what's missing as for their tough words.

Following the clearest sign yet that North Korea is fast approaching a viable arsenal of nuclear-tipped missiles capable of hitting the U.S. mainland, Trump again skipped what for decades has been the bedrock of U.S. policy on the Korean Peninsula: a firm assurance that the United States would defend South Korea against any attack.

This feeds a growing worry that has many in South Korea and Japan asking a startling question. Could Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un want the same thing, namely a separation, or "decoupling,"

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of the decades-old security alliance between the United States and its top Asian allies, South Korea and Japan?

The White House has occasionally issued statements in which Trump has repeated what past presidents regularly declared about the U.S. commitment to defend its Asian allies, and he reportedly did so in a private phone call with South Korean President Moon Jae-in nearly 36 hours after the nuke test. But his public comments on the alliance, which are what South and North Koreans hear, have more often reflected deep skepticism — and skipped any security reassurance.

Trump, for instance, previously questioned the expensive stationing of U.S. troops in South Korea and Japan, and suggested that Seoul and Tokyo pursue nukes themselves, instead of relying on the so-called U.S. nuclear umbrella. Trump also appears to be taking a shot at another pillar of the U.S.-South Korean alliance, a hard-fought free trade deal, by considering triggering a withdrawal from the agreement, a U.S. business lobbying group said over the weekend.

Then came Trump's five tweets after the nuclear test which criticized North Korea's main ally and aid provider, China, for failing to contain the North; South Korea's liberal president for "talk of appeasement" (despite what many see as a consistent hard line toward the North's weapons tests) and, of course, "rogue" North Korea.

Nowhere did he seek to reassure a frazzled South Korea that the United States would have its back if attacked.

This matters because North Korea's relentless pursuit of nukes is seen by many analysts less as a way to beat the United States in a war than as a way to separate Washington from its Asian allies. The goal is to cause the United States to seriously consider whether it's worthwhile to fulfill its treaty obligations by treating an attack on Seoul as it would an attack on San Francisco.

Ironclad U.S. vows of protection were easier before North Korea's recent demonstrations that it may be very close to actually being able to hit San Francisco and other parts of the United States with nuclear missiles.

"What people in South Korea worry about most is whether the United States will defend South Korea at a time when the U.S. mainland is under threat (by North Korean missiles). If you look at what Trump said now, the answer seems to be no," said Shin Hee-Seok, a graduate student in international law at Seoul's Yonsei University. "While it still remains a fringe opinion, some South Koreans are wondering if we should now build our own nuclear deterrent. If the U.S. is not a reliable ally, South Korea may have to think about Plan B."

The possibility of losing the free trade deal seemed for some here yet another hit to the alliance.

"The United States now is not the United States we used to know," the Chosun Ilbo, South Korea's largest daily newspaper, said in an editorial. "The president prioritizes dollars over the alliance."

Some see a not-too-distant future where North Korea's possession of dozens of nuclear-tipped ICBMs allows it to attack Seoul or Tokyo without U.S. intervention because of American fears that North Korean retaliation could kill millions in American cities.

"I'm worried about whether the U.S. is really serious about defending its ally, South Korea, or if it's putting its own national interest first," said Woo Young-soo, a law lecturer at a university in Seoul. "As a true ally, I wish Trump would have a defense policy that is truly meant for South Korea."

Others believe North Korea can still be checked with firm statements from Washington that make clear how strongly the United States will respond if its allies are attacked. Because Kim Jong Un cares deeply about keeping power, this argument goes, he won't risk an attack if an overwhelming U.S. response seems more likely than not.

Trump's experienced lieutenants have sought to signal this. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said all the right things after the test when he repeated what Seoul and Tokyo long to hear — that Washington's commitment to them is unshakeable.

"A lot of reassurance comes down to trust," Colin Kahl, a Georgetown University professor and former Obama administration national security official, said in a Twitter thread. "Our allies have to 'believe' we

would trade San Francisco for Seoul or Toledo for Tokyo if push comes to shove. Yet instead of reassuring our democratic allies in East Asia, Trump has done the opposite.”

“Undermining alliance solidarity at this moment is dumb and dangerous. It emboldens Pyongyang, increases the risk of (North Korean) miscalculation (and) potentially incentivizes (South Korea) and Japan to seek their own independent nuclear arsenals,” Kahl wrote.

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US envoy tells UN: North Korean leader is ‘begging for war’

By MARIA SANMINIATELLI and JENNIFER PELTZ, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — North Korea’s leader is “begging for war,” the U.S. ambassador said Monday at an emergency meeting of the U.N. Security Council, as members called for punishing the country with even stronger sanctions for its powerful nuclear test.

Ambassador Nikki Haley said the U.S. would look at countries doing business with the North — which include China — and planned to circulate a resolution this week with the goal of getting it approved Sept. 11.

“Enough is enough. War is never something the United States wants. We don’t want it now. But our country’s patience is not unlimited,” Haley said.

“The United States will look at every country that does business with North Korea as a country, that is giving aid to their reckless and dangerous nuclear intentions,” she said.

The move came as South Korea said it was seeing preparations in the North for an ICBM test and fired missiles into the sea to simulate an attack on the North’s main nuclear test site.

Also on Monday, President Donald Trump spoke by phone with South Korean President Moon Jae-in and agreed that Sunday’s underground nuclear test by North Korea was an unprecedented provocation. The two leaders also agreed to remove the limit on the payload of South Korean missiles.

The emergency U.N. session was scheduled after North Korea said it detonated the hydrogen bomb and came six days after the council strongly condemned what it called Pyongyang’s “outrageous” launch of a ballistic missile over Japan. Less than a month ago, the council imposed its stiffest sanctions yet on Kim Jong Un’s reclusive nation.

Still, the U.S. resolution faces an uncertain future. Russia and China have both proposed a two-pronged approach: North Korea would suspend its nuclear and missile development, and the United States and South Korea would suspend their joint military exercises.

Washington and Seoul say the maneuvers are defensive, but Pyongyang views them as a rehearsal for invasion. The North recently requested a Security Council meeting about the war games.

The U.S. says there is no comparison between its openly conducted, internationally monitored military drills and North Korea’s weapons programs, which the international community has banned.

Russian Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia told reporters after the meeting that sanctions alone will not solve the issue and that negotiations are needed as well.

“Resolutions aimed solely at sanctioning North Korea have not worked well before,” he said.

Diplomats from France, Britain, Italy and other countries reiterated demands for the Kim regime to halt its ballistic missile and nuclear weapons programs and urged further sanctions.

French Ambassador Francois Delattre said France was urging the adoption of new U.N. sanctions, swift implementation of existing ones and new, separate sanctions by the European Union.

“Pyongyang poses a clear threat to international peace and security and is increasingly and seriously challenging the global nonproliferation regime,” said Ambassador Sebastiano Cardi of Italy, which heads the North Korea sanctions compliance committee. He noted that North Korea is the only country to have tested a nuclear device in the 21st century.

The North trumpeted that its sixth nuclear test blast since 2006 was a “perfect success.”

"We cannot waste any more time. And in order to do that, we need North Korea to feel the pressure, but if they go down this road there will be consequences," Japanese Ambassador Koro Bessho told reporters before the meeting.

Chinese Ambassador Liu Jieyi said the situation on the Korean peninsula "is deteriorating constantly as we speak, falling into a vicious circle." He called for restarting talks and asked Washington and Seoul to suspend their exercises.

The council aimed to take a big bite out of the North Korean economy earlier this month by banning the North from exporting coal, iron, lead and seafood. Together, those are worth about a third of the country's \$3 billion in exports last year.

The council could look to sanction other profitable North Korean exports, such as textiles. Another possibility could be tighter limits on North Korean laborers abroad; the recent sanctions barred giving any new permits for such workers. The United States suggested other ideas earlier this summer, including air and maritime restrictions and restricting oil to North Korea's military and weapons programs.

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Relief comes slowly for coastal towns recovering from Harvey

By KELLY P. KISSEL, Associated Press

SEADRIFT, Texas (AP) — Some shoreline communities that bore the brunt of Hurricane Harvey still need clean water, electricity and health care more than a week after the winds and rain subsided.

Locals in Port Aransas, Seadrift and Sargent awoke on Aug. 25 expecting a hurricane along the lines of Bret and Dolly, storms weak enough to have their names recycled by the National Hurricane Center.

But by nightfall, when it was too late for more people to leave, Harvey had grown stronger than Katrina, throwing winds of 130 mph.

"We stayed because it was a Category 2," said Connie Wooldridge, a high school calculus teacher who tries daily to line up meals for about a quarter of Seadrift's 1,400 residents. "We didn't know it was going to be a Category 4."

Rockport and Port Aransas, 13 miles (21 kilometers) south, bore the brunt of one of the strongest hurricanes to hit the United States.

Across from the landmark shark's mouth that welcomes visitors to a Port Aransas souvenir store, a 5-foot storm surge left marks on the walls of the Moby Dick's restaurant. Glassware survived, tucked in wooden racks above the bar, so owner Ed Ziegler can again serve his specialty Flaming Volcano cocktail for \$19 if he reopens the restaurant.

"I'm not going to let Hurricane Harvey beat me now," Ziegler said, leading a group of visitors inside to see an aquarium that had been lifted from a stand and placed on the ground nearby — with fish intact.

"I made a deal with the Lord that if I survived I'd give him 100 percent. Now I'm hoping he'll settle for 10," he said.

Northeast of where Harvey's eye crossed the coast, Caney Creek at Sargent still runs so high that a swinging bridge to one part of the community cannot be moved safely and a stationary bridge to another part is unusable because of a hole in its deck. In the span of an hour, water that had been flowing 2 inches deep across access roads was growing deeper — and bubbling up through cracks in the asphalt in a sure sign of erosion from beneath.

"We could really use medical supplies," said Jason Boyd, a former fire chief who is directing emergency response at the town's Veterans of Foreign Wars hall.

A boy who fell during the storm and may have broken an arm didn't have it splinted until a National Guardsman checking on the community afterward slung together a makeshift one before heading elsewhere.

Port O'Connor, where Category 4 Carla destroyed 90 percent of the town in 1961, suffered only minor damage this time. But that wasn't the case in Aransas Pass, where Debra Harmon and her fiancé' of 31 years were holed up as the hurricane made landfall.

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"I wish we could get electricity," Harmon said outside a unit at the rugged Paladin Rentals, where she stayed the night of the storm.

Everyone's doors are open to catch the sea breeze a few blocks from Corpus Christi Bay, power lines draped precariously at eye level and a stray Weimaraner that Harmon named Harvey sleeping on the cool floor just inside the door. Harmon's fiancé of 31 years would like the Whataburger restaurant to re-open, but it's the creature comforts she wants after being offered water from the back of a pickup truck.

"I've got enough water to float a battleship. I sure miss that air-conditioning," she said.

In the hardest-hit areas, residents are without power, water or sewer service, and in places where there's water, residents are being told not to drink it. Utility crews whose giant trucks clog neighborhood after neighborhood estimate it could take weeks to turn the power back on in some places.

"Our kids have been relocated to San Antonio and enrolled in school while we try to clean up the mess. I have faith that everything will work out in the long run, we just have to push through," Leisa McPherson of Rockport said in an email after a week of assessing damage.

Although Harvey didn't take many lives down here — just one in a mobile home fire — it certainly disrupted them.

Wooldridge, the calculus teacher in a red "Seadrift Centennial 2012 T-shirt," emerged a mother hen for Seadrift by trying to line up meals for a larger share of the town's 1,400 residents. As congregants from a Baptist church served chicken on Thursday night, Wooldridge was trying to coordinate future meals with the town's other two major churches.

"People are asking me what we need. I don't know what to tell them," she said to the city's council as it met around a portable card table at City Hall five days after the storm. "I've got 800 chickens. Are the Methodists or the Catholics going to cook them?"

Fewer than 20 hurricanes to hit the U.S. have been as strong as Harvey, according to the National Hurricane Center, which retires the names of storms that are particularly nasty. Harvey fits the bill for its wind speed, barometric pressure and impact on human suffering, which isn't just in cities.

Harvey's coastal victims understand the world's attention to Houston's record flooding and a struggle between life and death that's no longer an issue here.

"It's all Houston, Houston, Houston," Carla Ray Sutherland remarked as Sargent tried to find people who would bring in bread to eat and bleach to clean.

"We've been put on the back burner, and we were ground zero," William Loosemore said, cooking brisket on an outside smoker in Fulton while counting utility trucks as they drove to a gathering spot at an airport. (He counted 703.)

Bob Campbell, a handyman with the nickname "Side Job," is sleeping for now on an air mattress and taking showers outside. Still, he's finding plenty of work building fences and a staircase at Moby Dick's — tasks that all appear to have survived the storm.

"There's so much work around here I keep telling him he could get rich," Ziegler said.

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Politics, marches dominate summer's last hurrah on Labor Day

By The Associated Press

Labor Day is a holiday to honor the American worker, but it also has a political bent.

Across the country gatherings and parades invite politicians to march and speak on the day that also marks a final hurrah for summer.

Here's a look at how the United States celebrated its Labor Day.

TO THE STREETS

Hundreds of people marched through downtown Los Angeles on Monday, calling for a \$15-an-hour minimum wage nationwide and stronger union protection for workers.

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The marchers held a large banner reading "America Needs Unions" as they marched to City Hall while chanting. Some of the demonstrators wore red shirts that said: "Fight for \$15." Others walked with a large quilt created to signify unity for street vendors.

Los Angeles police said there were no arrests.

Earlier Monday, dozens of workers walked off the job at a McDonald's in the city's Beverly Grove neighborhood and joined union activists in a protest outside.

California has approved legislation that will gradually push the statewide minimum wage from \$10 an hour or \$10.50 an hour, depending on the number of employees, to \$15 an hour by 2022.

Marches over the minimum wage were held in several other cities, including St. Louis and Kansas City in Missouri.

JERRY! JERRY! JERRY!

Perhaps the most interesting Labor Day political appearance was in Ohio, where tabloid TV star Jerry Springer was at a parade in Cleveland.

There was no crazy love triangle or confrontation that made Springer famous on syndication. Instead, the 73-year-old had low-key conversations, calling for workers to join unions so they can get back a bigger piece of the pie from their bosses.

"We have to fight back! Working-class America is under attack. Keep up the fight," Springer said at a Monday morning rally.

Springer, a Democrat, has not officially announced a run for Ohio governor in 2018. Before he became a TV star, he bounced back from a prostitution scandal in the 1970s to win election to a term as Cincinnati mayor and failed in a run for governor in 1982.

BERNIE! BERNIE! BERNIE!

U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders made several speeches in the Northeast on Monday, saying Donald Trump's presidency is accelerating a trend to make America a country for the rich and not for everyone.

Sanders on Monday deviated from a typical Labor Day message, using "ugly" and "cruel" to describe Trump's reported decision to end a program that grants temporary legal status to people who were brought to the United States illegally as children.

Sanders told the union members he spoke to at the New Hampshire AFL-CIO in Manchester that they needed to stand together to fight for immigrants, just like they need to keep fighting for government-run health care for all Americans and other policy changes he said would stop the economic backsliding for the middle class.

"We're taking on the insurance companies. We're taking on Wall Street. But ultimately we will win this struggle," said Sanders, an independent who ran unsuccessfully for president as a Democrat.

Trump, a Republican, has slammed the program for young immigrants as illegal "amnesty."

THE AMERICAN WORKER

U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren released a report on Labor Day saying Trump is failing to keep his campaign promises to create more jobs and increase wages.

Instead of protecting workers, the report from the Massachusetts Democrat said the president is putting people in the Labor Department who are anti-union and want to revoke regulations they say are anti-business, but labor groups say protect worker safety.

Trump has touted his economic policies he said have created more than 1 million jobs since he took office.

REMEMBERING JERRY LEWIS

A staple of Labor Days for more than 40 years, the telethon for the Muscular Dystrophy Association hosted for almost all its run by Jerry Lewis has been gone for three years. And Lewis died on Aug. 20.

But ArcLight's 10 theaters in California and Illinois showed two of Lewis' classic films, "The Nutty Professor" and "The King of Comedy." And, just like the old telethon, it donated all of the proceeds to MDA.

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Lewis parted ways with his namesake 21-1/2 hour telethon in 2010. The telethon ran with reduced hours until 2014, when the association announced the way people watched TV and donated money had changed too much for the show to work anymore.

106-year-old Afghan woman faces deportation from Sweden

By DAVID KEYTON, Associated Press

HOVA, Sweden (AP) — A 106-year-old Afghan woman who made a perilous journey to Europe, carried by her son and grandson through mountains, deserts and forests, is facing deportation from Sweden after her asylum application was rejected.

Bibihal Uzbeki is severely disabled and can barely speak. Her family has appealed the rejection.

Their journey made headlines in 2015, when they were part of a huge influx of people who came to Europe from Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq and other countries. They traveled by foot and on trains through the Balkans before finally reaching Sweden.

Two years later, she and her 11 family members are living in the small village of Hova, in central Sweden.

Her rejection letter came during Ramadan. While the family avoided telling her, the constant grief from her granddaughters made her suspicious.

"My sisters were crying," explained 22-year-old Mohammed Uzbeki. "My grandmother asked, 'Why are you crying?'" The family says that soon after she understood her request was denied, her health started deteriorating and she suffered a debilitating stroke.

The Swedish Migration Agency confirmed in a statement to the AP they had "taken a decision regarding an expulsion in the case," adding "generally speaking, high age does not in itself provide grounds for asylum."

People whose applications are rejected are allowed up to three appeals, a process that can take a long time. The applications of other family members are in various stages of appeal.

The family feels the plight of Afghans is being ignored by Swedish authorities. Many countries in Europe deny asylum to Afghans from parts of the country considered safe.

"The reasoning from the migration agency is that it's not unsafe enough in Afghanistan," said Sanna Vestin, the head of the Swedish Network of Refugee Support Groups. But she said many of the big cities cited as safe are not at the moment.

Before their journey to Sweden, the family had been living illegally in Iran for eight years. They left Afghanistan because of an ongoing war and insecurity, but Mohammed Uzbeki said it's difficult to prove that the family faces a specific enemy if they return.

"If I knew who was the enemy, I would have just avoided them," he said, citing the Islamic State group, the Taliban and suicide bombers as possible dangers.

In the Uzbeki home, Bibihal's daughter-in-law gently readjusts the elderly woman's veil as Mohammed Uzbeki watches over her.

"She still cannot speak properly, she has hallucinations," he laments. "She says they are coming to kill us, we should run away."

Mnuchin: Congress should tie Harvey aid to debt limit bill

By HOPE YEN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress needs to combine a \$7.9 billion disaster relief package for Harvey with a contentious increase in the nation's borrowing limit, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin says, arguing it is needed to ensure storm victims in Texas get the help they need.

"The president and I believe that it should be tied to the Harvey funding," Mnuchin said. "If Congress appropriates the money, but I don't have the ability to borrow more money and pay for it, we're not going to be able to get that money to the state. So, we need to put politics aside."

House leaders later said they planned to vote Wednesday on a bill to deliver disaster relief in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. The move announced Monday would replenish a rapidly depleting disaster aid

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fund even as another storm, Hurricane Irma, churns out in the Atlantic.

The vote would come as a stand-alone measure, and not be tied to the contentious issue of increasing the nation's borrowing limit. The Senate has not said when or how it will vote on Harvey aid.

President Donald Trump visited storm-ravaged areas in Texas over the weekend, expressing hope for speedy congressional action on Harvey aid. But some House conservatives are opposed to directly pairing disaster aid with an increase in the debt limit, saying it sends the wrong message on overall government spending. Democrats have also been cool to the approach.

Linking the two issues could make it politically difficult for lawmakers to oppose the debt-limit bill.

Trump plans to meet with congressional leaders from both parties this week as lawmakers return to Washington after their summer recess.

The government's cash reserves are running low because the debt limit has actually already been reached, and the Treasury Department is using various accounting measures to cover expenses. Mnuchin originally had said that Congress would need to raise the \$19.9 trillion borrowing limit by Sept. 29 to avoid a catastrophic default on the debt, allowing the government to continue borrowing money to pay bills like Social Security and interest.

But on Sunday, he said that deadline had moved up due to unexpected new spending on Harvey.

"Without raising the debt limit, I'm not comfortable that we would get the money that we need this month to Texas to rebuild," Mnuchin said.

Asked about Trump's past threats to force a government shutdown if Congress does not also include his \$1.6 billion request for a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border, Mnuchin said Harvey aid was Trump's "first objective right now."

The Associated Press reported last week that Republican leaders were making plans to pair Harvey aid with an increase in the debt limit. Other senior GOP aides told the AP that no final decision had been made, and Democrats, whose votes would be needed in the Senate, have yet to signal support.

"Providing aid in the wake of Harvey and raising the debt ceiling are both important issues, and Democrats want to work to do both," said Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer of New York and House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California in a joint statement Sunday. "Given the interplay between all the issues Congress must tackle in September, Democrats and Republicans must discuss all the issues together and come up with a bipartisan consensus."

In an interview with a Milwaukee TV station that aired Sunday, House Speaker Paul Ryan did not address whether the two issues would be tied together, only expressing confidence that Congress will "step up" to fund disaster recovery efforts in Texas. "This is something that we've never seen before, so it's going to require a pretty unprecedented response," Ryan, R-Wis., said on "UPFRONT with Mike Gousha," which is produced in partnership with Wispolitics.com.

Sen. Roy Blunt of Missouri, a member of the Senate Republican leadership, said he wouldn't be opposed to combining the two measures and said the urgency of Harvey disaster relief provides "another reason as to why you want to keep the government open."

Trump's aid request would add \$7.4 billion to dwindling Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster aid coffers and \$450 million to finance disaster loans for small businesses. An additional \$5 billion to \$8 billion for Harvey could be tucked into a catch-all spending bill Congress must pass in the coming weeks to fund the government past Sept. 30.

On Sunday, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott described the federal aid package as an important initial "down payment" on Harvey relief that he expects will come to \$150 billion to \$180 billion. "We need Congress to step up and pass this and help Texas rebuild," he said.

More than 436,000 households have registered for FEMA aid, according to the White House.

Harvey came ashore Aug. 25 as a Category 4 hurricane, then went back out to sea and lingered for days off the coast as a tropical storm. The storm brought five straight days of rain totaling close to 52 inches (1.3 meters) in one location, the heaviest tropical downpour ever recorded in the continental U.S.

Mnuchin and Abbott appeared on "Fox News Sunday," and Blunt spoke on NBC's "Meet the Press."

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Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 5, the 248th day of 2017. There are 117 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On September 5, 1997, breaking the royal reticence over the death of Princess Diana, Britain's Queen Elizabeth II delivered a televised address in which she called her former daughter-in-law "a remarkable person." Mother Teresa died in Calcutta, India, at age 87; conductor Sir Georg Solti (johrj SHOL'-tee) died in France at age 84.

On this date:

In 1774, the first Continental Congress assembled in Philadelphia.

In 1836, Sam Houston was elected president of the Republic of Texas.

In 1882, the nation's first Labor Day was celebrated with a parade in New York. (Although Labor Day now takes place on the first Monday of September, this first celebration occurred on a Tuesday.)

In 1914, the First Battle of the Marne, resulting in a French-British victory over Germany, began during World War I.

In 1939, four days after war had broken out in Europe, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued a proclamation declaring U.S. neutrality in the conflict.

In 1945, Japanese-American Iva Toguri D'Aquino, suspected of being wartime broadcaster "Tokyo Rose," was arrested in Yokohama. (D'Aquino was later convicted of treason and served six years in prison; she was pardoned in 1977 by President Gerald R. Ford.)

In 1957, the novel "On the Road," by Jack Kerouac, was first published by Viking Press.

In 1972, the Palestinian group Black September attacked the Israeli Olympic delegation at the Munich Games; 11 Israelis, five guerrillas and a police officer were killed in the resulting siege.

In 1975, President Gerald R. Ford escaped an attempt on his life by Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, a disciple of Charles Manson, in Sacramento, California.

In 1977, West German industrialist Hanns-Martin Schleyer (SHLY'-ur) was kidnapped in Cologne by the Baader-Meinhof gang. (Schleyer was later killed by his captors.) The U.S. launched the Voyager 1 spacecraft two weeks after launching its twin, Voyager 2.

In 1986, four hijackers who had seized a Pan Am jumbo jet on the ground in Karachi, Pakistan, opened fire when the lights inside the plane failed; a total of 20 people were killed before Pakistani commandos stormed the jetliner.

In 2005, President George W. Bush nominated John Roberts to succeed the late William Rehnquist as chief justice of the United States. An Indonesian jetliner crashed, killing 149 people, including 49 on the ground; 17 passengers survived.

Ten years ago: German officials announced that three militants from an Islamic group linked to al-Qaida were planning "imminent" bomb attacks against Americans in Germany when an elite anti-terrorist unit raided their small-town hideout. Fred Thompson announced on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" that he was running for the Republican presidential nomination; his candidacy lasted less than five months. Alicia Sacramone's floor routine rallied the United States to the world women's gymnastics title in Stuttgart, Germany.

Five years ago: In an impassioned speech that rocked the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina, former President Bill Clinton proclaimed, "I know we're coming back" from the worst economic mess in generations, and he appealed to hard-pressed Americans to stick with Barack Obama for a second term in the White House; in a roll call that lasted past midnight, Obama was officially nominated.

One year ago: Chinese President Xi Jinping (shee jihn-peeng) announced the close of the G-20 summit in

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the eastern city of Hangzhou (hahn-joh), saying it had contributed to encouraging new progress in boosting global growth. Hugh O'Brian, the actor who shot to fame as Sheriff Wyatt Earp in what was hailed as television's first adult Western, died in Beverly Hills, California, at age 91. Phyllis Schlafly, the outspoken conservative activist who helped defeat the Equal Rights Amendment in the 1970s and founded the Eagle Forum political group, died in St. Louis at age 92.

Today's Birthdays: Former Federal Reserve Board chairman Paul A. Volcker is 90. Comedian-actor Bob Newhart is 88. Actress-singer Carol Lawrence is 85. Actor William Devane is 78. Actor George Lazenby is 78. Actress Raquel Welch is 77. Movie director Werner Herzog is 75. Singer Al Stewart is 72. Actor-director Dennis Dugan is 71. College Football Hall of Famer Jerry LeVias is 71. Singer Loudon Wainwright III is 71. "Cathy" cartoonist Cathy Guisewite (GYZ'-wyt) is 67. Actor Michael Keaton is 66. Country musician Jamie Oldaker (The Tractors) is 66. Actress Debbie Turner-Larson (Marta in "The Sound of Music") is 61. Actress Kristian Alfonso is 54. Rhythm-and-blues singer Terry Ellis is 54. Rock musician Brad Wilk is 49. TV personality Dweezil Zappa is 48. Actress Rose McGowan is 44. Actress Carice Van Houten is 41. Actor Andrew Ducote is 31. Actress Kat Graham is 31. Olympic gold medal figure skater Yuna Kim is 27. Actor Skandar Keynes is 26.

Thought for Today: "History may be divided into three movements: what moves rapidly, what moves slowly and what appears not to move at all." — Fernand Braudel, French historian (1902-1985).