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Lifetime Warranty on all Collision Work!

13556 400th Ave., Groton SD 57445
Allen McKiver, Owner ~ 605/397-4404

Netters beat Clark/Willow Lake

Groton's volleyball team posted a 3-0 win over Clark/Willow Lake Thursday night in Clark. Game scores were 25-23, 25-19 and 25-7.

Setting: 71-75, 12 aces. (Payton Colestock 11-11, 3 aces, Gia Gengerke 9-9, 3 aces).

Setting: 100-101, 27 assists. (Miranda Hanson 62-63, 17 assists, Kaylin Kucker 24-24, 9 assists).

Spiking: 83-102, 28 kills (Gia Gengerke 20-24, 9 kills, Jennie Doeden 20-25, 8 kills).

Blocking: Gia Gengerke 1 solo and 1 assist, Nicole Marzahn 1 assist.

Digs: 65 (Payton Maine 24, Eliza wanner 10). Groton won the JV match, 2-0.

Official Notices

Brown County (updated 8-31)

Frederick Area School (updated 8-29)

Groton City (updated 8-29)

Groton Area School (updated 8-29)

Westport Town (updated 8-21-17)

Other Notices (updated 8-21)

Frederick Town (Updated 8-15)

Groton Area School (updated 8-7)

Claremont Town Official Notices Book

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

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Closed**

Chicken Soup
for the Soul



“MAKE IT A HABIT TO TELL
PEOPLE THANK YOU. TO
EXPRESS YOUR
APPRECIATION,
SINCERELY AND
WITHOUT THE
EXPECTATION OF
ANYTHING IN
RETURN.”

-RALPH MARSTON



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All auto owners!

Save \$2-\$4 /tank

& grow your local economy
by choosing low carbon

Super Premium E30's

94 octane, more power,
same mileage, fewer
carbon deposits, lower
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")**

Groton Area Help Wanted

The Groton Area School District is seeking qualified applicants for a part-time Assistant Business Manager. Job description and application materials can be found under the employment tab at www.grotonarea.com. Questions should be directed to Joe Schwan, Superintendent at 605-297-2351.

Help Wanted

We are Hiring Nurses – RN or LPN,
Full or Part Time. Cooks/Dietary Aid.

NEW WAGE PACKAGE!!!

Contact Brynn Pickrel or Nellie Peterson at 605-397-2365 or apply in person.

EOE/AA/M/F/V/D-Drug Free Workplace



GROTON

CARE & REHABILITATION CENTER

**1106 N. 2nd Street, Groton
605-397-2365**

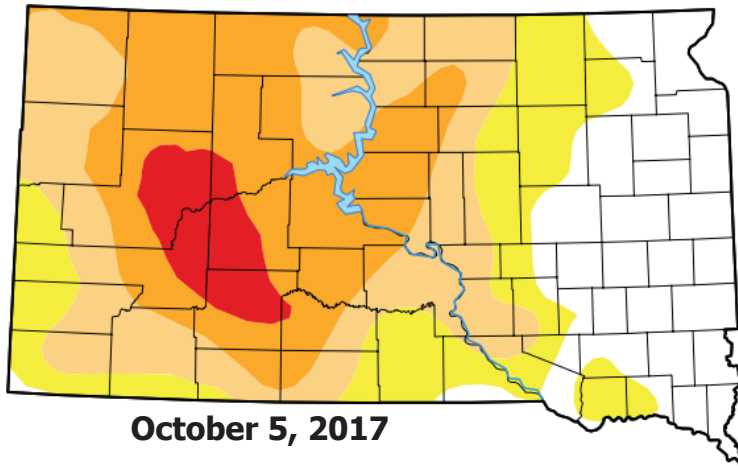
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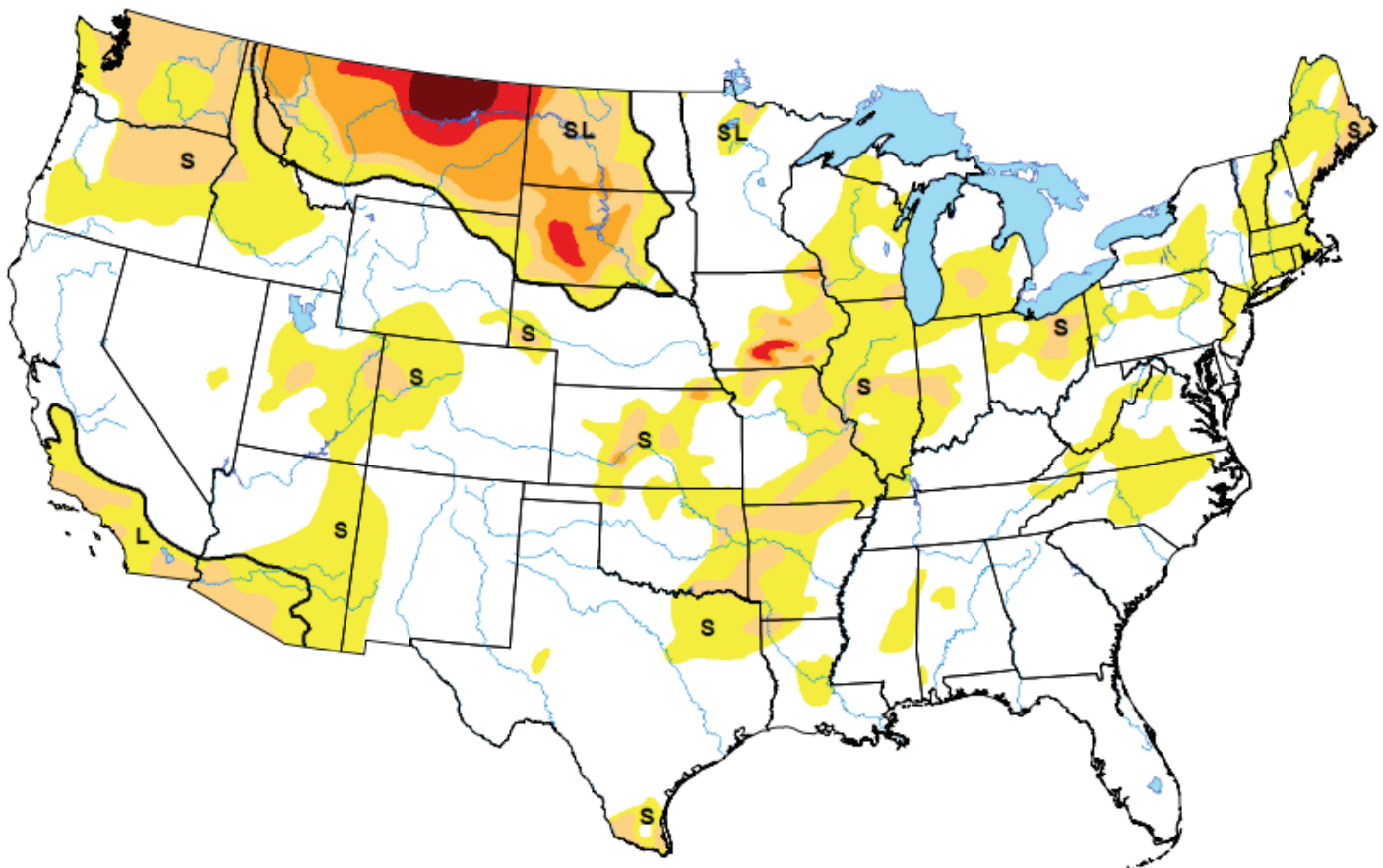
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Drought Monitor

Beneficial rains (generally 2-5 inches) in the past 14-days have resulted in drought depiction improvements across North Dakota and eastern South Dakota this week. Accordingly, the impacts line was adjusted to better reflect the updated conditions across this area. In North Dakota, rainfall and cold temperatures halted agricultural progress where rainfall was significant. Short-term precipitation has been helpful, but needs to be weighed against long-term drought impacts.



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GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #06-6

School Board Meeting October 9, 2017 – 7:00 PM – GHS Conference Room

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order with members present. Approve agenda as proposed or amended.

POTENTIAL CONFLICTS DISCLOSURE PURSUANT SDCL 23-3

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of minutes of September 11, 2017 and September 25, 2017 school board meetings as drafted or amended.

2. Approval of North Central Special Education Co-Op (NCSEC) agenda items...as fiscal agent.

3. Approval of September District bills for payment.

4. Approval of September Financial Report, Agency Accounts, and Investments.

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. Open Forum for Public Participation...in accordance with Board Policy & Guidelines.

2. Approval of September 2017 Financial Report, Agency Accounts, and Investments

3. Approval of September 2017 School Transportation Report

4. Approval of September 2017 School Lunch Report

5. Program Overview Presentations

a. K-12 Music...A. Fordham, C. Swanson, D. Yeigh

b. Art...J. Harry

c. Health/PE, Athletics...B. Schuring, L. Grieve

6. School Board Committee Reports:

a. Building, Grounds, & Transportation: Clint Fjelstad, Merle Harder, Marty Weismantel

b. Personnel, Policy, & Curriculum: Deb Gengerke, Grant Rix

c. Negotiations: Kelly Kjelden, Steve Smith

7. Update on Elementary project progress.

8. Second reading and approval of recommended policy changes: KBA-E Application for Access to Public Records (Amendment); BDDH Public Participation at Board Meetings (Amendment); GCDB Criminal Background Checks (Amendment); GCDB-E Criminal Background Checks Privacy Rights (New); GBCA Staff Conflict of Interest (Delete); BBFA Board Member Conflict of Interest (Delete); AH Conflict of Interest Disclosure and Authorization (New); EFC Meal Charge Policy (New)

9. Administrative Reports: (a) Superintendent's Report; (b) Principal's Reports; (c) Business Manager Report

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review District and School Report Cards for 2017.

2. Issue temporary promissory note from general fund to special education retroactive to September 30.

3. Approve request from School District Attorney, Rodney Freeman, for contribution of \$135 toward his attendance at the National Education Law Association 2017 Annual Meeting.

4. Appoint member to ASBSD Delegate Assembly.

5. Acknowledge receipt of Application for Public School Exemption #18-10.

6. Discussion of pending school board vacancy.

ADJOURN

SD Fire Marshal: Fire Prevention Week A Chance to Work on Exit Plan

PIERRE, S.D. – South Dakota's fire marshal is encouraging families to use this year's Fire Prevention Week as an opportunity to practice their exit plans.

Fire Prevention Week starts Sunday, Oct. 8, and runs through Saturday, Oct. 14. This year's theme is "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!"

State Fire Marshal Paul Merriman says individuals and families should plan two ways out of their home in case of fire. He says just as important is to practice their plan.

"Families should hold fire drills in their homes at least twice a year; once during the day and another time at night," Merriman says. "It is important that everyone, especially children, know how to get out of a burning structure using more than one exit."

As always, another emphasis during the week will be the use of smoke alarms. Merriman says the importance of smoke alarms can't be stressed enough.

"We have seen too many house fires where there were no smoke alarms present or the alarms in the homes were not properly working," he says. "Smoke alarms can help save lives. But they do no good when not properly maintained."

Smoke alarm messages for this week include:

*** Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.

*** Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. This way, when one sounds, they all do.

*** Test alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button.

*** Make sure everyone in the home knows the sound of the smoke alarm and understands what to do when they hear it.

*** If the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.

*** Call the fire department from outside the home.

So far this year, there have been 16 fire-related deaths in South Dakota. The 2016 total was 14.

The state Fire Marshal's Office is part of the South Dakota Department of Public Safety.

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**SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT
OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**



**Larry Zimmerman
Secretary**

SING PROUD AND LOUD AMERICA

Being a citizen of the United States means being brave, being proud of this Country, and being confident that we will succeed. Being an American is an honor and as such it is important that we support our troops that have and are fighting for our Country.

This past week, the citizens of South Dakota had the great honor to welcome home the South Dakota Army National Guard's 153rd Engineer Battalion and its Forward Support Company from their deployment to the Middle East, as well as send-off the 189th Aviation Regiment as they deploy for the Middle East.

Sometimes when words fail us, a song will fill our hearts with pride and move us forward. Powerful lyrics have inspired our lives for generations in church, in school, and in our communities.

Personally, I have found great comfort in songs like: America the Beautiful, God Bless America, the National Anthem, the Battle Hymn of the Republic, and God Bless the USA.

During my 63 years of life I have had many occasions to hear Irving Berlin's "God Bless America." As a soldier, the words come naturally and I swell with pride in knowing the land we love and stand beside are guarded by our military personnel. I know there is always a brother or sister near me that has the same cause and ideals.

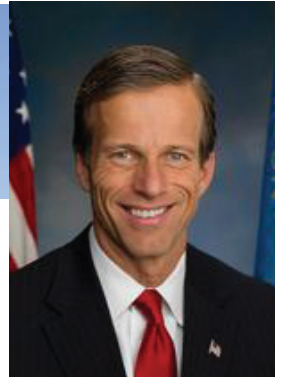
Hearing Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA" at deployments and demobilizations for the last ten years, especially since my own tour of duty and service, brings me to my feet in pride of service, and remembrance of all those that gave the ultimate sacrifice. As Greenwood sings, "And I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free, and I won't forget the men who died who gave that right to me," I stand tall. I stand proud. I stand thankful.

It's about these men and women who put their lives on the line for us. We benefited—every one of us—from their service and sacrifice. Let's be there for them the same way they were there for us.

At a time when our country faces so many challenges, let's continue to find time to hum or sing America the Beautiful, God Bless America, the National Anthem, the Battle Hymn of the Republic, God Bless the USA and numerous other songs that highlight the legacy we have achieved. We are America. Stand proud and sing loud!

Larry Zimmerman, Secretary
South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs

John Thune
U.S. SENATOR - SOUTH DAKOTA



Celebrating South Dakota's Native American Traditions

On the second Monday in October, South Dakotans uniquely celebrate Native American Day to recognize and honor the Lakota, Dakota, and Nakota people who have shaped our state's identity. On a day known to most people around the country as "Columbus Day," South Dakotans use this day to honor the people who called America home long before any European settlers landed on its shores.

We have infinite reasons to celebrate the strong traditions and culture of the tribal nations that are an inseparable part of our state, and I'm glad so many tribal members still call South Dakota home.

Among the many skills Native Americans have passed from one generation to the next, the use of oral history has remained an important way to preserve tribal culture, language, and way of life. While these stories can feature anyone and anything from a warrior riding on the prairie to wind rustling trees in the woods, they often center around the Tatanka, or buffalo. The buffalo, which is now the national mammal in the United States, was vital to both the physical and spiritual well-being of Native Americans, providing meat for food, hide for clothes and shelter, and the bones were made into tools. No part of the buffalo went to waste.

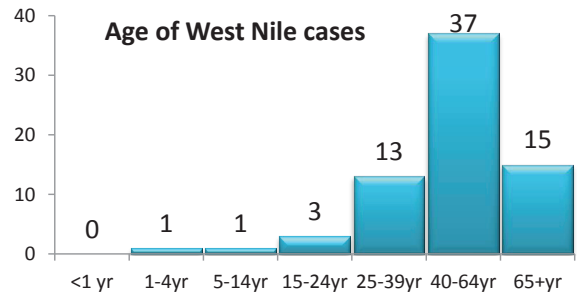
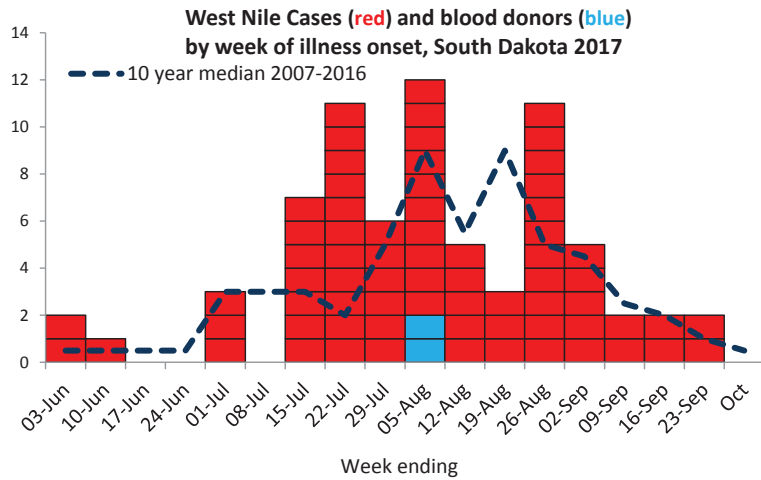
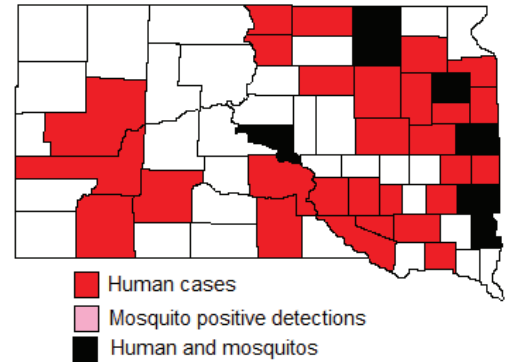
Spiritually, the sacrifice of the buffalo to meet the physical needs of the people was a representation of the Creator's continual provision because the death of the buffalo sustained the life of the people. Even today, buffalo meat is still widely consumed throughout the state and across the country. Native American Natural Foods, located in the Oglala Sioux Tribe, has created a high protein energy bar made from buffalo meat and cranberries, which has been successful both in the United States and the international market.

Corn is another food that was introduced to European settlers by the Native American people. Lakota Popcorn, which is produced by the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, can usually be found on the shelves of many South Dakota grocery stores. As Lakota Foods says, "This delicacy is descended from the very corn grown and popped around tribal campfires for generations." These are just a few examples of how many tribal traditions are living on today.

This Native American Day, I encourage South Dakotans to recognize, celebrate, and honor the rich culture and contributions of the Lakota, Dakota, and Nakota people, of which we can all be proud and grateful.

West Nile update: South Dakota, 4 October 2017

- **70 human cases of West Nile virus disease have been reported to the SD Department of Health.** 36% of cases have neuroinvasive disease, 64% have West Nile Fever. 46% hospitalized.
- **Deaths:** 4, Hamlin, Oglala Lakota, Pennington and Yankton counties.
- **Age:** median age 53 years; range 4-85 years.
- **Race:** 89% White, 9% American Indian, 2% Other. **Sex:** 56% male, 44% female.
- **Counties with human WNV cases:** Aurora 1, Beadle 2, BonHomme 2, Brookings 5, Brown 4, Brule 1, Campbell 1, Charles Mix 1, Clark 1, Codington 4, Davison 3, Day 1, Deuel 1, Douglas 1, Faulk 2, Grant 1, Hamlin 1, Hughes 3, Hutchinson 3, Jackson 1, Kingsbury 1, Lake 1, Lincoln 3, Lyman 2, McCook 1, McPherson 1, Meade 1, Minnehaha 4, Moody 1, Oglala Lakota 1, Pennington 7, Tripp 1, Walworth 1, Yankton 6.
- **Viremic blood donors:** 2, both in Brown County.
- **WNV positive mosquito detections:** Brookings, Brown, Codington, Hughes, Lincoln and Minnehaha counties.
- **WNV positive horse:** Brule and Spink counties.
- **WNV positive birds:** 2 Red-tailed hawk, Codington County.



SD Department of Health phone 800-592-1861
 SD Department of Health: <http://westnile.sd.gov>
 SDSU WNV risk assessment: <http://mosquito.sdstate.edu>
 CDC West Nile: www.cdc.gov/westnile

Today in Weather History

October 6, 1994: During the late afternoon hours, a small tornado traveled for 3 miles along an intermittent path east of Browns Valley, damaging several buildings on a local farmstead. Another tornado touched down east of Wilmot, South Dakota in Roberts County. The tornado was on the ground for eight miles and destroyed several small farm buildings, a garage, damaged farm machinery, blew down a grain bin, and uprooted several trees. Several hogs were killed when their shed was destroyed, and minor damage was done to some homes. The tornado drove a 6-foot long 1x6 piece of lumber through the center of a large tree limb.

1836 - A second early season snowstorm produced eleven inches at Wilkes Barre PA and 26 inches at Auburn NY. All the mountains in the northeastern U.S. were whitened with snow. (David Ludlum)

1967: A Canadian weather record one-day rainfall of 19.3 inches falls at Brynnor Mines at Ucluelet.

1981: The Netherlands fourth worst aircraft accident (at the time) occurred on this day. At 5:09 PM, the crew noted heavy rainfall in thunderstorms on the weather avoidance radar and received clearance to avoid this area. At 5:12 pm, the aircraft entered a tornado, which caused the right wing to separate from the plane. All 17 occupants of the aircraft perished in the accident.

1984 - The temperature at Honolulu, Hawaii, reached 94 degrees to establish an all-time record at that location. (The Weather Channel)

1985 - A tropical wave, later to become Tropical Storm Isabel, struck Puerto Rico. As much as 24 inches of rain fell in 24 hours, and the severe flooding and numerous landslides resulting from the rain claimed about 180 lives. (Storm Data)

1987 - The western U.S. continued to sizzle. Afternoon highs of 85 degrees at Astoria OR, 101 degrees at Tucson AZ, and 102 degrees at Sacramento CA, equalled October records. It marked the fourth time in the month that Sacramento tied their record for October. (The National Weather Summary)








1988 - Cool Canadian air prevailed across the central and eastern U.S. Toledo OH reported a record low of 27 degrees. Limestone ME received an inch of snow. Warm weather continued in the western U.S. Boise ID reported a record high of 87 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Temperatures soared into the 90s across southern Texas. Afternoon highs of 93 degrees at Houston, and 96 degrees at Austin and Corpus Christi, were records for the date. Beeville was the hot spot in the nation with an afternoon high of 101 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

2010: A major severe weather event struck northern Arizona with at least eight confirmed tornadoes. This event will go down in history as the most tornadoes to hit Arizona in a single day. An EF2 tornado was on the ground for 34 miles, ranking as the longest-tracked tornado in Arizona history.

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Today	Tonight	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday	Sunday Night	Columbus Day
						
Slight Chance Showers	Partly Cloudy	Sunny then Sunny and Breezy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Sunny
High: 64 °F	Low: 38 °F	High: 75 °F	Low: 44 °F	High: 64 °F	Low: 41 °F	High: 53 °F

Showers And Cool Temperatures Today Partial Clearing This Afternoon

**Clear & Cold
Tonight**
(Lows Upper 30s & Low 40s)



Warm – Windy – Dry Saturday

Heightened Fire Weather Conditions



FIRE DANGER FIRE DANGER FIRE DANGER FIRE DANGER FIRE DANGER

National Weather Service Aberdeen, SD



Updated: 10/6/2017 5:19 AM Central

Published on: 10/06/2017 at 5:23AM

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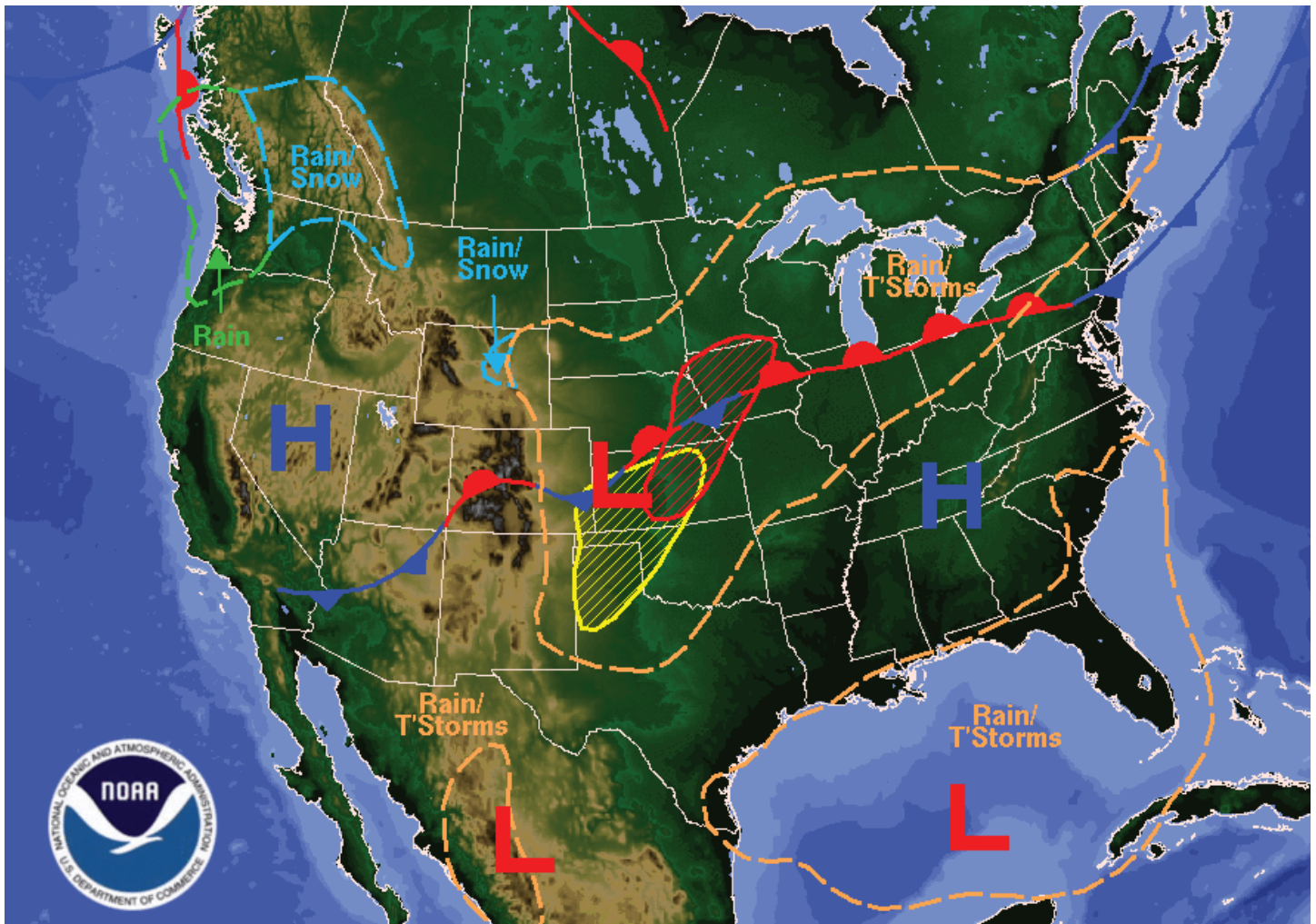
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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 65.8 at 5:05 PM
Low Outside Temp: 51.7 at Midnight
High Gust: 13 mph at 3:44 PM
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 91° in 1961
Record Low: 19° in 2012
Average High: 63°F
Average Low: 37°F
Average Precip in Oct: 0.47
Precip to date in Oct: 0.19
Average Precip to date: 18.95
Precip Year to Date: 13.28
Sunset Tonight: 7:03 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:39 a.m.



Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Fri, Oct 06, 2017, issued 4:48 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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FIGHT OR FLIGHT?

All of us seem to have similar responses when we face common events in our lives. There are certain scenes that bring emotions of sadness to most of us – when we see a child suffer or face starvation. We tend to shrivel inside when we see a person suffering from an incurable illness. We want to lift up the fallen or protect the vulnerable from abusive individuals. God planted a common thread in all of us that links us together.

He also gave us “common sense” when we face threatening conditions in our lives. We all seem to have two immediate reactions to life-threatening situations: we want immediate relief. We either want to “fight” or take “flight.” Psychologists would have us to think they discovered the “fight or flight” syndrome – or if we want to be more scientific – the general adaptation syndrome. This means we want things to return to a normal state when we are threatened. We want to be calm once again.

Although David didn’t use such “language” he knew what to do when it looked like things were about to threaten his well-being: he looked to the Lord. When faced with his destruction he asked God to “let death take my enemies by surprise.” He believed God would destroy those who wanted to destroy him. He also asked God for “the wings of a dove” so he could “fly away and be at rest.” He knew that God would always rescue him.

It is natural and normal to want to live a life that is peaceful and calm. It is God-promised. Whenever we face threats and trials we are to turn first to God in faith believing that He alone will rescue us.

Prayer: How precious is Your Word, Father, that has promised us hope, help and happiness in difficult times. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 55:6-7 I said, “Oh, that I had the wings of a dove! I would fly away and be at rest. I would flee far away and stay in the desert.”

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2018 Groton SD Community Events

- Groton Lion's Club Bingo- Wednesday Nights 6:30pm at the Groton Legion (Year Round)
- 11/18/2017-3/31/2018 Groton Lion's Club Wheel of Meal- Saturday Nights 7pm at the Groton Legion (Fall/Winter Months)
- 1/28/2018 Carnival of Silver Skates 2pm & 6:30pm
- 3/24/2018 Easter Egg Hunt (Saturday a week before Easter Weekend)
- 5/5/2018 Spring City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday in May)
- 5/28/2018 Groton American Legion Post #39 Memorial Day Program at the Cemetery, Lunch to follow at the American Legion (Memorial Day)
- 6/14/2018 Transit Fundraiser (Middle Thursday in June)
- 6/15/2018 SDSU Golf at Olive Grove
- 6/16/2018 Triathlon (Saturday before Father's Day)
- 7/4/2018 Firecracker Golf Tourney (4th of July)
- 7/22/2018 Summer Fest (4th Sunday in July)
- 9/8/2018 Fall City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday after Labor Day)
- 10/6/2018 Pumpkin Fest (Saturday before Columbus Day)
- 10/12/2018 Band Festival (2nd Friday in October)
- 10/31/2018 Trunk or Treat (Halloween)
- 11/10/2018 Groton American Legion Post #39 Turkey Shoot (Saturday closest to Veteran's Day)

- Best Ball Golf Tourney
- SDSU Golf Tourney
- Sunflower Golf Tourney
- Santa Claus Day
- Fireman's Stag
- Tour of Homes
- Crazy Dayz/Open Houses
- School Events

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News from the  Associated Press

Thursday's Scores By The Associated Press

Volleyball

Aberdeen Central def. Huron, 25-9, 16-25, 25-19, 25-21
Aberdeen Roncalli def. Webster, 25-9, 25-16, 25-11
Alcester-Hudson def. Beresford, 20-25, 25-17, 25-23, 25-17
Arlington def. Lake Preston, 25-19, 25-19, 25-10
Baltic def. Viborg-Hurley, 25-14, 25-13, 25-22
Belle Fourche def. Red Cloud, 25-10, 25-21, 25-9
Bison def. McLaughlin, 22-25, 25-17, 25-20, 25-14
Bridgewater-Emery def. Avon, 25-20, 25-14, 16-25, 20-25, 15-11
Burke/South Central def. Corsica/Stickney, 25-15, 25-23, 25-9
Canistota def. Howard, 17-25, 25-18, 25-22, 19-25, 15-8
Canton def. Garretson, 19-25, 25-11, 25-21, 25-22
Cheyenne-Eagle Butte def. McIntosh, 23-25, 25-16, 18-25, 26-24, 16-14
Custer def. Spearfish, 11-25, 25-21, 25-23, 12-25, 15-6
Dell Rapids St. Mary def. Estelline, 24-26, 25-21, 13-25, 25-18, 16-14
DeSmet def. Oldham-Ramona/Rutland, 25-9, 25-16, 25-9
Edgemont def. Sioux County, Neb., 25-11, 25-10, 25-20
Elkton-Lake Benton def. Deubrook, 25-16, 25-20, 25-23
Groton Area def. Clark/Willow Lake, 25-23, 25-19, 25-7
Hamlin def. Tiospa Zina Tribal, 25-17, 25-14, 25-17
Hanson def. Mitchell Christian, 25-2, 25-5, 25-15
Herreid/Selby Area def. Eureka/Bowdle, 25-10, 25-11, 25-16
Kimball/White Lake def. Parkston, 25-21, 27-25, 25-23
Langford def. Great Plains Lutheran, 25-19, 25-15, 25-19
McCook Central/Montrose def. West Central, 20-25, 24-26, 25-23, 25-16, 15-5
Menno def. Gayville-Volin, 25-18, 20-25, 17-25, 25-22, 15-13
Miller def. James Valley Christian, 25-11, 25-17, 25-13
Mitchell def. Watertown, 26-24, 25-23, 25-20
Northwestern def. Faulkton, 25-17, 25-10, 25-13
Ortonville, Minn. def. Milbank Area, 25-18, 25-17, 23-25, 25-27, 15-11
Parker def. Scotland, 25-17, 25-8, 25-18
Platte-Geddes def. Gregory, 10-25, 25-17, 25-15, 25-16
Rapid City Christian def. Hill City, 25-21, 25-13, 26-28, 25-19
Redfield/Doland def. Britton-Hecla, 25-12, 25-22, 25-15
Sanborn Central/Woonsocket def. Tripp-Delmont/Armour, 25-18, 25-20, 26-24
Sioux Falls Christian def. Sioux Falls O'Gorman, 23-25, 25-20, 26-24, 25-22
Sisseton def. Deuel, 19-25, 22-25, 28-26, 25-22, 15-12
St. Thomas More def. Lead-Deadwood, 25-21, 19-25, 25-22, 25-11
Stanley County def. Crow Creek, 19-25, 25-10, 25-19, 21-25, 15-6
Sunshine Bible Academy def. Iroquois, 25-17, 25-20, 25-11
Tri-Valley def. Elk Point-Jefferson, 25-22, 18-25, 25-21, 10-25, 15-13
Waverly-South Shore def. Florence/Henry, 25-13, 25-21, 25-20
Wessington Springs def. Highmore-Harrold, 25-19, 25-15, 19-25, 25-21
Winner def. White River, 25-8, 25-13, 25-10

Gallup gets \$1.5 million grant for detox center

GALLUP, N.M. (AP) — A U.S. agency responsible for providing medical services to Native Americans has awarded a western New Mexico city \$1.5 million for its detox center.

The Indian Health Service announced this week that the city of Gallup will receive the five-year grant to “increase access to social detoxification” and help patients with alcohol abuse.

The Gallup detox center near the Navajo Nation received last year an annual operating budget for the first time in nearly four years.

City officials approved an annual budget of more than \$1 million to Na'nizhoozhi Center Inc. Detox, freeing detox staff from having to spend time fundraising.

The Indian Health Service also awarded the Oglala Sioux Tribe in South Dakota \$500,000 for its detox center.

Sioux Falls fire chief positive amid tough times

By DANIELLE FERGUSON, Argus Leader

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Brad Goodroad found a love for fighting fires while working construction.

He developed an interest after talking to another construction worker's father, who was a full-time firefighter. Growing up in a small South Dakota town with a volunteer fire department, Goodroad hadn't ever considered firefighting as a full-time job.

Now, sitting in his new office lined with years of fire helmets and department history, Sioux Falls Fire Rescue Chief Goodroad has big plans for his team, including a more aggressive approach to recruiting a diverse crew, creating a more collaborative work environment and rebranding the department as its former chief faces major criminal charges in a high-profile case.

The Argus Leader (<http://apne.ws/kIIH51K>) reports that Goodroad beat out seven other internal candidates and was selected to head the department in June, after the former chief retired. The 49-year-old Clear Lake native has been with Sioux Falls Fire Rescue for about 23 years, having made it on the department his second time applying. He had applied once to SFFR during college but nabbed the firefighter gig after graduating.

“It's a competitive process,” Goodroad said. “Some people, they never get on. Sometimes they do right away. Some it takes a couple times.”

The road to chief was a natural but unexpected journey. Goodroad has a Master of Science degree in administrative studies from the University of South Dakota and completed executive fire officer training at the National Fire Academy in Maryland.

He served as a firefighter for about seven years before applying to be a fire apparatus operator, or driver. He progressed to captain, battalion chief and eventually to division chief.

He had no idea he was going to end up as fire chief until the position opened up.

Goodroad served as interim chief after former fire chief Jim Sideras announced his retirement.

It was shortly after his retirement announcement that Sideras was charged with 10 counts of possession of child pornography in May. He has pleaded not guilty to the charges and has a pending trial date in November.

“That was a big hit to our people, our reputation,” Goodroad acknowledged. “I think eventually the community realized one person's actions don't reflect an entire organization, but we really worked hard on our branding.”

Department leaders responded as fully as they could, Goodroad said. Each member of the department received advice on how to talk to their families and the public about the situation. Clergy members, mental health professionals and a peer wellness group were made available.

“My message from the start was that we're just going to move forward,” he said. “We're not going to focus on that. We're going to focus on everything we can control. Everybody is just ready to move on.”

Four months later, Goodroad sits at a table in the chief's office and pulls out a full-page, single-spaced list of goals and hopes for his department. All of them align with the department's newly named top values:

respect, integrity, service and excellence, or RISE.

Battalion Chief Mark Bukovich has worked with Goodroad at nearly every rank and is excited to see a push for collaborative effort across the department and a closer look at additional health precautions.

"He's not just expecting one area of the organization to solve an issue," Bukovich said. "He's going to take input. He's going to listen."

The new goals align well with having to submit the department's new strategic five-year plan to the city. There's also an upcoming public safety study that will look at the department's efficiency, how stations operate, station placement and even look at the logistics of getting a new station in 2020.

Goodroad hopes to be more active in schools, introducing to middle school-aged students the idea of firefighting as a career. He's continuing to reach out to diverse populations by meeting with groups and organizations to educate on what the fire department does and how it could be a career option for them as well.

"They may come from a different country and are used to different interactions," he said. "They may have a fear of the badge. They may be afraid to ask questions. There could be language barriers. We're going to figure out what we can do to better serve them and let them know that, hey, this is a job you can do."

Between meeting with each city department head and implementing new physical and mental health precautions, Goodroad can be found exploring Good Earth and Newton Hills state parks, trekking the bike trails, venturing into downtown shops or hunting and kayaking. He's a regular at Sioux Falls seasonal events, such as JazzFest, Hot Summer Nites and Hot Harley Nights.

Most of all, he's focused on trying to point Sioux Falls Fire Rescue in a positive direction to close out a rough year. If fresh leadership can help turn the page and restore faith in what the department means to the city, he's ready for that chapter to begin.

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

Donor commits \$4.1M to support SDSU's Wokini Initiative

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota State University President Barry Dunn says an anonymous donor has committed \$4.1 million to support a school initiative for South Dakota tribal members.

The commitments announced Thursday include \$4 million for a new American Indian Student Center on the Brookings campus and \$100,000 for scholarships for students from the Lakota, Dakota and Nakota tribes in the state.

Dunn says the commitments will provide a campus home for American Indian students and help give access to students who want the "knowledge and advancement that higher education provides."

The center is part of the Wokini Initiative, a push from the land-grant university to increase the number of students at the school from the nine tribal nations in South Dakota.

The facility is expected to encompass up to 15,000 square feet on the campus' south edge.

Trap-Neuter-Return program helps keep stray cat numbers low

By SAMUEL BLACKSTONE, Rapid City Journal

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The way Harold and Gwen Fenhaus tell it, Ms. Crabby Pants, a stray cat with muted colors and a bad eye, started it all.

"She's been around for three or four years," explained Harold Fenhaus, 60, on a recent early morning from a recliner in the living room of his home on Lilac Lane, just east of Canyon Lake Drive.

"Oh at least," interjected his wife, Gwen Fenhaus, 57, from across the room.

"She looks like a train wreck," Harold added.

"She does. She growls and she hisses. She's a scary girl. Yeah, we thought she was dead," said Gwen, before explaining that Ms. Crabby Pants disappeared from the neighborhood for two months while they

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trapped the other area stray cats and brought them to a local veterinarian to be neutered.

Two days after they returned the traps to the Black Hills Humane Society, though, Ms. Crabby Pants returned triumphantly, a hamburger patty dangling from her mouth. It was then that they realized Ms. Crabby Pants was perhaps more wily than they had originally thought.

"It's not hard to catch a cat," Harold said. "They like tuna fish, you know?"

But Ms. Crabby Pants is different.

"I don't know that we'll ever be able to catch her," Harold concluded. "She's a pretty smart cookie. She pretty much is the one who started all of this."

By Gwen's estimation, they've been feeding the area stray — or feral — cats for the past four or five years. This year, though, has been different.

"Over this last year, it really just exploded," she said of the stray cat population, which started at three or four before ballooning to almost 20 this year.

As they spoke from the living room, around 10 cats and kittens huddled around small, individual piles of cat food on the back porch, quietly crunching on the small nuggets.

"This year we had four females that had litters," Harold said. "We decided we had to do something otherwise we're going to have 100 cats next year."

So, after talking with a nearby neighbor they contacted Dr. Dean Falcon of the All Creature Veterinary Hospital. Together, they decided to begin a Trap-Neuter-Return program.

The program is simple: trap the cats using a basic metal cage with food at one end and a trap door on the other, bring them to Falcon for spaying or neutering, and then return the groggy felines back to the neighborhood before releasing them, the Rapid City Journal reported. It takes less than a day, though the Fenhauses sometimes keep the cats in kennels for a day or two as they recover from the operation.

"The idea has been out there forever but it's hard to convince people to do it because they're worried about the animals coming back in," Falcon said about the program in a Journal interview.

Originally, the Fenhauses planned to neuter the kittens and release them back into the area while also capturing the older cats and handing them over to the Black Hills Humane Society. Falcon, though, quickly pointed out the fault with that idea.

"The way it works is that if you leave animals that are spayed or neutered, they prevent new ones from coming into the new territory," he said. "By keeping the cats there, they protect their own territory and kind of provide a stable environment."

The older cats tend to fend off any unwelcome intruders so the older cats, like Ms. Crabby Pants, remained and the younger ones were neutered or spayed. For his part, Falcon provides the operations at about one-third of the typical cost, which covers the cost of equipment.

"We're here for the community and anything we can do," he said, adding that he hopes to help other neighborhoods implement the program in the future. "We want to give back."

Falcon also explained the importance of controlling the feral cat population early in the process. At about four to six months cats can begin to have litters, averaging two to three litters per year and four to eight cats per litter. In four years, one mating couple can and their descendants can create a cat population in excess of 2,000.

"Once it starts multiplying, the numbers are just astronomical how fast the population will explode," said Harold Fenhaus, citing similar figures.

"We like to have them here, but we don't want them to take over," Gwen added when asked what eventually led them to implement the program.

Plus, Harold hates snakes.

"At first, I didn't like the cats around," he said. "Then one day I saw one of the female cats carrying a garter snake across the yard in her mouth. I thought, if there's something out there that can control the snake population, I will do everything I can to support that, and so that's what got us started."

He said it's been years since they've seen a mouse, too.

In the coming months, Harold and Gwen plan on building a shelter as the leaves and mercury tumble. A bed of hay and a tarp overhead will protect the cats from the frozen ground, biting wind and intermittent

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snowfall. And come each morning and late afternoon, small food piles will be poured atop the back porch floor. As for the Fenhaus's newfound responsibility, it doesn't sound as though they'd have it any other way.

"If you're going to make a commitment to feed any wild animal, you have to make the commitment forever," Harold said. "Once you start feeding them, it's not fair to that animal to just cut the feed off, especially in the wintertime when they need it way worse than they do in the summertime."

Gwen nodded in agreement, then added:

"How you treat and take care of your animals says a lot about who you are as a person."

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Team inspired by Mitchell High School special needs student

By SARA BERTSCH, The Daily Republic

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — At halftime of every Kernel football game, "T-man" makes a point to ask his coach if he's going to play that night.

Wearing his Mitchell football jersey and a smile of anticipation, Tayler Reichelt approaches head coach Kent VanOverschelde, who is always ready for the question, the Daily Republic reported .

The consistency and determination by Tayler, more commonly known as "T" or "T-man," inspires both VanOverschelde and the entire team.

Tayler, born with Down syndrome, is a running back for the Mitchell High School football team. He rarely sees playing time, but that doesn't discourage him from attending practice and games, in hopes he might see just a few minutes on the field.

"Instead of us being here for him, he's here for us," VanOverschelde said. "I think that's the key to what he's meant to our football program and what he means to our high school."

Last month, Tayler's positive presence on the football team and in school was affirmed by his classmates when he was named the homecoming king, an honor voted on entirely by the Mitchell High School student body.

Tayler, 19, is a senior at Mitchell High School. Having Down syndrome means he has an extra chromosome. It affects his speech, cognitive building and his fine motor skills, but according to his mother, Ann, he's persevered through all of that.

Proven by his homecoming honor, Tayler is famous, his mother says, because everywhere they go, people recognize her son. Some who she doesn't know will yell, "Hey, T," waving and smiling.

The fun, outgoing and energetic high schooler loves to be a part of everything, Ann said. But football is likely his favorite.

Putting on his No. 43 jersey and running out onto the field with the rest of his friends and teammates has become Tayler's favorite part of football.

A lot of times, Tayler can be seen running alongside the field during a game, raising his arms and getting the crowd fired up.

"He knows that opportunity is going to be short-lived," VanOverschelde said of Tayler's playing time. "His anticipation of that is something that I've come to really appreciate."

VanOverschelde has known Tayler for the past six years, since Tayler started in the football program. He said all of the coaches and teammates have set expectations for Tayler.

Even on days when Tayler likes to limit himself, his team is there to keep pushing.

"They don't treat him differently," VanOverschelde said. "He's part of the group and he's expected to carry his weight within the team."

And when Tayler succeeds in any aspect of the game, his team is there to celebrate, VanOverschelde said.

But Tayler is more than just another member of the team. VanOverschelde said when graduation nears and Tayler leaves the school, he will always be a friend.

VanOverschelde describes Tayler as compassionate and considerate. And when Vanoverschelde is down and needs a pick-me-up, he said Tayler can sense it.

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"He's always upbeat. He's always got a smile on his face. There's very few people that I get to see on a daily basis that are excited to see me. When I see Tayler, I can tell he's excited to see me ..." he said. "I try to reciprocate that and I try to give him that same type of respect back."

The impact Tayler has on VanOverschelde is what the coach appreciates most.

The Reichelt family describes Tayler's disability not as Down syndrome but as an "up syndrome," seeing as he's always smiling and treats everyone as a friend.

Ann said the family first found out Tayler had Down syndrome when he was born.

"We weren't really sure what Down syndrome was," she said. "What we did know is that it didn't matter."

Tayler is a middle child, with two younger siblings and two older siblings. His younger brother, Cody, 17, is in the same grade with Tayler, and also captain of the football team.

Just like any other kid, Tayler loves cruising around with his buddies, playing sports, video games and he loves Mountain Dew, Ann said.

But also like any other teenager, Tayler gets into trouble and he gets grounded.

"We don't baby him," said Tayler's dad, Brian.

Similar to his coaches and teammates, Tayler is also held to a high standard by his family. Ann said they push him to be the best he can in school and on the football field.

And Tayler has a huge support system in his family, friends, classmates and the entire Mitchell community.

"He just fits in," Ann said. "He's so determined and positive, and he doesn't shy away from anything. He wants to be a part of what everyone else is doing. ... He might not be on the honor society, but he's in the classroom and doing the best that he can."

Tayler, who is also on the basketball team, is an inspiration to not just his friends and family, but also to others with disabilities.

"It's hard to put into the words," Ann said. "He's just there making a difference. I think he's paving the road for kids with disabilities."

Tayler has worked at Pizza Ranch for the past three years. And when he graduates from Mitchell High School in May, he plans to take classes at Dakota Wesleyan University.

Ann said through LifeQuest, a Mitchell agency that provides services and supports people with developmental disabilities, Tayler is able to enroll at the college. And hopefully, she said, he can also be a part of other campus activities and, of course, the football team.

But the dreams don't end there. Ann said Tayler also says he is someday going to move out, buy a camper and a big dog, and maybe have a farm.

"He's got big plans for his future and we're going to work earnestly to get him where he wants to be," she said.

If anyone thinks of messing with Tayler, they've first got to go through his brother, Cody.

The brothers, who have been close since birth, are seniors at Mitchell High School, members of the football team, and they work together.

It's like having twins, Ann said. From day one, the two have been very close. Even as infants, Tayler taught Cody how to crawl out of the crib. They were always into something, Ann said, and they were always together.

"We're very proud," Brian said. "It's amazing. They both got such great hearts. For being teenagers, they're not your typical teenagers. They open doors for people."

Their relationship, according to VanOverschelde, is what has been key to Tayler growing and developing relationships with his classmates and his teammates.

It's "unique and special," VanOverschelde said, but Cody holds Tayler to a high expectation as far as behavior and work ethic in school and on the football field.

"He always has, in my opinion, an eye out for 'T,'" VanOverschelde said.

Ann said once Cody graduates, he has plans to attend college. But whether that means he moves away from Mitchell or stays to attend Dakota Wesleyan, they are not sure.

Either way, Ann said she's not worried about the boys. The close-knit family comes together on week-

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ends and holidays.

Cindy Bierman, a special education teacher at Mitchell High School, has known Tayler since he was in third grade. But for the past four years, she's had Tayler in her classroom, where she teaches math, English, social studies and transitions.

She has seen Cody and Tayler interact in school. Being in the same grade, the two are involved in many activities together. Bierman said she sees Cody watch Tayler to make sure he's socially appropriate. And some students with special needs aren't, she said, but Tayler is.

"Cody's his role model," she said.

Bierman said Tayler and her have a rivalry. Since she's a Packers fan and Tayler is a huge Vikings fan, they often tease one another.

"I'll give him a writing prompt, and he always wants something in there about the Vikings and the Packers," she said.

What also surprises Bierman is that she's never seen Tayler mad.

"That's not necessarily true of all Down syndrome kids," she said. "That's a testament to Brian and Ann, and that they raised him to be respectable and friendly."

Wearing a Kernel-yellow cape on his shoulders and a crown on his head, Tayler looked across the Mitchell High School auditorium on Monday at his classmates, teachers and family.

The crowd was standing and cheering on Tayler, their newly elected homecoming king.

Tayler was one of five candidates for homecoming king. With a Dr. Seuss-related theme of "Oh, the Places You Can Go," Tayler and the other candidates flipped over lollipops written with either "Thing 1" or "Thing 2." Tayler's lollipop, which had "Thing 1" written on the back, deemed him the winning candidate.

"We had hoped he had a good shot," Ann said about Tayler winning. "But we didn't know for sure. We were very excited."

Harley Wittstruck, another student who has a disability, won homecoming queen. Standing beside Tayler, the entire auditorium cheered on their newly elected royalty.

This enthusiasm, Bierman said, shows how respectful the Mitchell School student body is.

"And they say kids don't care. I don't see anybody bullying kids around here in Mitchell," she said. "The student body here respects their differences and they make them feel welcome in the classes that they're in."

When Tayler was crowned king, Ann said she and the family were extremely happy and proud of all Tayler has done. But they give all of the credit to Tayler.

"Tayler's personality goes a long way. He's very social, he loves to be with people and he's got true heart. He's got true spirit," she said. "People just truly love him."

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Top talent skips Wall Street to help grow state pension fund

By DANA FERGUSON, Argus Leader

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — They have options.

The state's top finance students could trade on Wall Street, hold down investing jobs in Chicago or Minneapolis or make tens of thousands of dollars more each year playing the market elsewhere.

Instead, they manage stock and bond portfolios for the state of South Dakota from a tucked-away office in southwest Sioux Falls.

Why? Because they have family ties in the state and a desire to create a stable retirement for parents, teachers and police officers.

An effort to prevent brain drain by offering top investing jobs has paid off for pensioners and the young people filling those jobs, said State Investment Officer Matt Clark.

The South Dakota Investment Council manages the state's trust funds and retirement system, the Argus Leader reported. Year after year it outperforms market benchmarks, growing the state's pension fund.

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Its consistent success has made South Dakota one of just a few states to keep its retirement system fully funded, and at times, overfunded.

Part of that success comes from selecting the best and brightest from the University of South Dakota, Northern State University and Augustana University, Clark said.

He picks the top finance students from around the state and offers them internships. If they can make it through the grueling tryout, they often get a job offer.

That pitch comes with a salary a fraction of what they could make on Wall Street, he said, about \$49,000 out of the gate. So he emphasizes heavily the potential to give back to the state.

"It's my job to turn the guilt up to full blast," Clark joked. "I tell them, 'Grandma would be disappointed if they don't do it or their favorite teacher would be sad.'"

Besides working to make sure their own pension fund will be in good shape when they retire, the state's investors guard the pensions of the state's teachers, firefighters, policemen and state employees.

And that's something that drives a stronger sense of purpose in their investing, they said.

"Knowing that we're creating this great retirement for people that worked really hard all their lives and really deserve it, that's really nice to be a part of," said Anne Cipperley, 30, a high-yield portfolio manager.

Cipperley's mother was a teacher and is now retired, she said, and she enjoys working to ensure that her mother's retirement funds are kept safe.

While she knows she could find work elsewhere, Cipperley said she was glad to work in a place that encourages long-term investment strategies and that has a track record of success.

"Maybe there aren't as many perks as at other places, or the pay isn't as high, but at the end of the day it's kind of like we're on a team that keeps winning and it's nice to be a part of something that's been successful and you want to keep it successful," she said.

Zach Nipp interned in Washington, D.C., while in college. He said he considered working and living out east but ultimately opted to work at the council because it is close to home and he could have a bigger impact on his family.

"There were thoughts of going out and doing the big city thing," the 25-year-old portfolio manager said. "But my family is all here, my dad is a superintendent, my sister is an English teacher. And now they ask me how their pensions are doing."

And compared to Langford, the town of 326 where he grew up, Sioux Falls is a big city.

"To me, Sioux Falls is just a metropolis," he said as he brewed a pot of Folgers coffee. "I have more than enough urban development compared to where I grew up."

For Jarrod Edelen, 37, the connection to the investment council was also personal. His mother was a legislator who voted to set up the council in 1971 and his grandmother was a university professor who drew from the state pension fund.

"Money management typically is not a very personal job, you manage that big pool of money and you don't know who the owners of that are, but in South Dakota you see them every day. It's our parents, our teachers, our friends," Edelen said.

Edelen and Darci Haug, 37, manage stock portfolios and help coach younger managers Matthew Carey, 24, and Daniel Elmer, 24, to do the same.

Picking out young talent to keep the council strong can be difficult Edelen and Haug said, as managers need to assess whether those just starting out could be in it for the long haul.

"You're just trying to really guess when you're 21 years old whether this person is going to stay for ten years," Haug said. "They are little investments."

Edelen agreed, saying, "We're planting those seeds in these guys, so that in 20 years they'll be a big strong oak tree."

Nearly all the council's employees came up through the internship process, Clark said, and many began right out of college, himself included.

And while investors try not to think about every teacher, firefighter or policeman each time they decide to buy or sell, that mission drives them to succeed, he said.

"If you're fighting for people you care about, that's going to come through," Clark said.

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Feds remove protections for 10M acres of sage grouse habitat

By MATTHEW DALY, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Interior Department said Thursday it is withdrawing protections for 10 million acres of federal lands used by the threatened sage grouse to open it up for energy development.

The plan would allow mining and other development in areas where it now is prohibited in six Western states: Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming.

The Bureau of Land Management, an Interior agency, said a recent analysis showed that mining or grazing would not pose a significant threat to the sage grouse, a ground-dwelling, chicken-like bird that roams across vast areas of the West.

The proposal would affect less than one-tenth of 1 percent of sage grouse-occupied range across 11 states from California to the Dakotas, officials said.

The change comes as the Trump administration moves to reconsider an Obama-era plan to protect the sage grouse, a quirky bird with long, pointed tail feathers and known for the male's elaborate courtship display in which air sacs in the neck are inflated to make a popping sound.

Millions of sage grouse once roamed the West but development, livestock grazing and an invasive grass that encourages wildfires has reduced the bird's population to fewer than 500,000.

A proposal by the Obama administration to protect 10 million acres from development "to prevent 10,000 (acres) from potential mineral development was a complete overreach," said acting BLM Director Mike Nedd.

He and Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke pledged to work closely with states to protect the health of the sage brush-dominated lands. Interior said Thursday it is seeking comment on plans to revise sage-grouse conservation plans across the bird's range.

"We can be successful in conserving greater sage grouse habitat without stifling economic development and job growth," Nedd said, adding that officials intend to "protect important habitat while also being a good neighbor to states and local communities."

Environmental groups said Interior was jeopardizing the bird's habitat — and its survival.

"The Interior Department is traversing down a dangerous path that could put this vital habitat at risk," said Nada Culver, a policy expert at The Wilderness Society.

Because of the importance of its sagebrush habitat, the sage grouse helps determine the health of an entire ecosystem, including the golden eagle, elk, pronghorn and mule deer, Culver said. A 2015 plan imposed by the Obama administration has reduced the threat of extinction by protecting the most important habitat while ensuring other activities continue on public lands, she said.

The 2015 plan was hashed out under President Barack Obama as a way to keep the bird off the endangered species list following a decades-long population decline caused by disease and pressure on habitat from energy development, grazing and wildfires.

Zinke ordered a review of the Obama plan this summer, saying he wanted to give Western states greater flexibility to allow mining, logging and other economic development where it now is prohibited. Zinke insisted that the federal government and the states can work together to protect the sage grouse and its habitat while not slowing economic growth and job creation.

Mining companies, ranchers and governors in some Western states — especially Utah, Idaho and Nevada — said the 2015 plan would impede oil and gas drilling and other economic activity. Republican governors in those states urged that conservation efforts focus on bird populations in a state rather than on habitat management, which frequently results in land-use restrictions.

On the other side, Democratic Gov. John Hickenlooper of Colorado and Republican Gov. Matt Mead of Wyoming have said they oppose any changes to the habitat-management model.

John Swartout, a senior adviser to Hickenlooper, said changes to the conservation plan — developed

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over years with local and state involvement — could lead to a future Endangered Species Act listing for the sage grouse.

“We didn’t work this hard to throw it all away and get a listing” on the Endangered Species Act, Swartout told The Daily Sentinel of Grand Junction, Colo.

Comments on the plan will be accepted through late November.

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This version corrects reference to newspaper name.

Rapid City shooting death treated as homicide; 2 sought

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Rapid City police are searching for a man and a woman wanted in another man’s shooting death.

Officers responded to a home shortly after 2 p.m. Wednesday for a report of a male with a gunshot wound. According to court records, 20-year-old Clinton Farlee of Rapid City died after being shot in the chest with a single bullet from a pistol.

Police are searching for a 21-year-old man and a 19-year-old woman, both from Rapid City. The man is accused of fatally shooting Farlee. The woman is accused of being an accessory to the crime.

Authorities tell the Rapid City Journal that it was not a random shooting.

It’s the seventh homicide case in Rapid City this year, two short of the record-setting year of 2015.

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This story has been corrected to show that police are searching for a man and a woman, not two men.

Nobel Peace Prize awarded to anti-nuclear campaign group

By MARK LEWIS, Associated Press

OSLO, Norway (AP) — The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded Friday to the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, a group of mostly young activists pushing for a global treaty to ban the cataclysmic bombs.

The award of the \$1.1-million prize comes amid heightened tensions over both North Korea’s aggressive development of nuclear weapons and President Donald Trump’s persistent criticism of the deal to curb Iran’s nuclear program.

The prize committee wanted “to send a signal to North Korea and the U.S. that they need to go into negotiations,” Oeivind Stenersen, a historian of the peace prize, told The Associated Press. “The prize is also coded support to the Iran nuclear deal. I think this was wise because recognizing the Iran deal itself could have been seen as giving support to the Iranian state.”

The Geneva-based ICAN has campaigned actively for the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons adopted by the United Nations in July, but which needs ratification from 50 countries. Only three countries have ratified it so far. It organized events globally in 2015 to mark the 70th anniversaries of the World War II U.S. atomic bombings of the Japanese cities Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Last month in Berlin, ICAN protesters teamed up with other organizations to demonstrate outside the U.S. and North Korean embassies against the possibility of nuclear war between the two countries. Wearing masks of Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un, protesters posed next to a dummy nuclear missile and a large banner reading “Time to Go: Ban Nuclear Weapons.”

The group “has been a driving force in prevailing upon the world’s nations to pledge to cooperate ... in efforts to stigmatize, prohibit and eliminate nuclear weapons,” Norwegian Nobel Committee chairwoman Berit Reiss-Andersen said in the announcement.

The prize “sends a message to all nuclear-armed states and all states that continue to rely on nuclear weapons for security that it is unacceptable behavior. We will not support it, we will not make excuses for it, we can’t threaten to indiscriminately slaughter hundreds of thousands of civilians in the name of security. That’s not how you build security,” ICAN executive director Beatrice Fihn told reporters in Geneva.

She said that she “worried that it was a prank” after getting a phone call just minutes before the of-

ficial Peace Prize announcement was made. Fihn said she didn't believe it until she heard the name of the group proclaimed on television.

ICAN leaders later popped open some bubbly to celebrate the prize, and held up a banner with the name of the organization in their small Geneva headquarters.

"We are trying to send very strong signals to all states with nuclear arms, nuclear-armed states — North Korea, U.S., Russia, China, France, U.K., Israel, all of them, India, Pakistan — it is unacceptable to threaten to kill civilians," she said.

Reiss-Andersen noted that similar prohibitions have been reached on chemical and biological weapons, land mines and cluster munitions.

"Nuclear weapons are even more destructive, but have not yet been made the object of a similar international legal prohibition," she said.

Reiss-Andersen said "through its inspiring and innovative support for the U.N. negotiations on a treaty banning nuclear weapons, ICAN has played a major part in bringing about what in our day and age is equivalent to an international peace congress."

Asked by journalists whether the prize was essentially symbolic, given that no international measures against nuclear weapons have been reached, Reiss-Andersen said "What will not have an impact is being passive."

Jamey Keaten in Geneva, George Jahn in Vienna and Jim Heintz in Stockholm contributed to this story.

Effort to restrict 'bump stock' draws unlikely supporters

By ERICA WERNER, AP Congressional Correspondent

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The stocks have been around for less than a decade. Many Capitol Hill Republicans said this week they had never even heard of them before the shooting in Las Vegas. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms during the Obama administration gave its seal of approval to their sale in 2010 after concluding that they did not violate federal law.

Now, some Republicans appear inclined to blame the Obama administration for allowing their use in the first place.

"We have to get more education on what they are," Ryan said. "Was it a regulatory misstep by ATF some years ago?"

The issue of bump stocks came up aboard Air Force One as President Donald Trump traveled back from visiting Las Vegas on Wednesday, according to GOP Rep. Mark Amodei of Nevada, who was on board and said Trump sounded open to a change.

But Democrats insisted that a regulatory change by the ATF would not be sufficient.

"Federal regulations won't be able to fully close this loophole," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California, who introduced a bill this week to ban the devices. "Legislation would make crystal clear that Congress is banning all devices that allow a weapon to achieve an automatic rate of fire, regardless of how a weapon is altered."

It was uncertain whether Congress would go that far.

At the same time, the attention on the devices was already causing an industry response. Slide Fire, the leading maker of bump stocks, suspended sales of the items. In a post on its website, the company said it was not taking any new orders "to provide the best service with those already placed."

Associated Press writer Lisa Marie Pane contributed from Atlanta.

10 Things to Know for Friday

By The Associated Press

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

1. ANTI-NUCLEAR GROUP WINS NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons wins for "drawing attention to the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons and efforts to achieve a treaty-based prohibition of such weapons."

2. SOME IMMEDIATE HELP IN VEGAS ARRIVED BY HAPPENSTANCE

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5. WHO MAY STEP AWAY FOR GOOD FROM HIS MOVIE COMPANY

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8. PREP PLAYERS STAYING ON SIDELINES

Participation in high school football is down around the U.S., in part because of greater awareness of head injuries.

9. JAPAN ALSO REJOICES FOR ISHIGURO'S NOBEL PRIZE

British writer Kazuo Ishiguro left Japan when he was 5 years old and didn't make a return visit to Japan for 30 years, but that hasn't stopped some in the country of his birthplace from celebrating the roots of the winner of the Nobel Prize in literature.

10. FROM PEWS TO BARSTOOLS

Craft breweries have opened in former churches, whose vaulted ceilings lend them an old-world air hard to replicate elsewhere, but have earned disapproval from clergy and worshippers across the country.

Immigration principles could create problems for DACA plan

By JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

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AP-NORC Poll: Disapproval for anthem protest, Trump response

By ERRIN HAINES WHACK and EMILY SWANSON, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most Americans think refusing to stand for the national anthem is disrespectful to the country, the military and the American flag. But most also disapprove of President Donald Trump's calling for NFL players to be fired for refusing to stand.

The NFL protests began last season with quarterback Colin Kaepernick, who knelt during the national anthem to bring more attention to the killings of black men by police officers. The protests spread this season, as the former San Francisco 49er was unable to sign on with another team, Seattle Seahawks defensive end Michael Bennett said he was racially profiled by Las Vegas police and then Trump sounded off.

According to a poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, 52 percent of Americans disapprove of professional athletes who have protested by refusing to stand during the national anthem, compared to 31 percent who approve. At the same time, 55 percent of Americans disapprove of Trump's call for firing players who refuse to stand, while 31 percent approve.

In the poll, African-Americans were far more likely to approve of the players' protests.

"I don't see kneeling while the anthem is being played as being disrespectful," said Mary Taylor, 64, a retired law librarian from Olympia, Washington. "Somebody has to stand up. Right now, it's black football players."

Taylor, who is white, said she supports police but understands why players are protesting. And her personal politics also factor in.

"I'm for it because Donald Trump is against it," she said.

The form of the protest seems to matter. According to the poll, Americans are more likely to approve than disapprove of players who, instead of kneeling, link arms in solidarity during the anthem, 45 percent to 29 percent.

"People don't want to be confronted with their racism in any form. If they are confronted with it, they want it in the mildest form possible," said DeRay Mckesson, a Black Lives Matter activist who has protested police actions since the 2014 killing of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri.

The NFL protests got more attention and morphed into a bigger debate about patriotism after Trump told a crowd at an Alabama rally last month: "Wouldn't you love to see one of these NFL owners, when

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somebody disrespects our flag, to say, 'Get that son of a bitch off the field right now! Out! He's fired. Fired!'"

That prompted dozens of NFL players, and a few team owners, to join in protests. They knelt, raised fists or locked arms in solidarity during pre-game ceremonies when the anthem was played.

Broken down by race, 55 percent of African-Americans approve of players refusing to stand for the anthem, and 19 percent disapprove, the poll found. Among whites, 62 percent disapprove and 25 percent approve.

Seventy-nine percent of blacks disapprove of Trump's call for players to be fired, while just 8 percent approve. Among whites, 48 percent disapprove and 38 percent approve.

Thomas Sleeper of Holden, Massachusetts, said he considers the protests to be freedom of expression protected by the First Amendment — and pre-game protests are likely the best stage for them because "individually protesting is not going to get as much press."

"They want people to know that the country isn't living up to its full standard," said Sleeper, 78, who is white. "This is a way to get noticed, and possibly get some action taken."

Chandler, Arizona, business owner Larry Frank, 67, said the protests are inappropriate and disrespectful to military veterans. Trump's response, he said, was "dead-on."

"We should keep politics out of our sports," said Frank, who served in the Air Force. "We pay them to come out and play games and entertain us. Using this medium is not the right way to do it. Do it off the field. Let's not interfere with the process of a good business and a fun sport."

The poll shows that overall, about 6 in 10 Americans agree with the assessment that refusing to stand for the anthem is disrespectful to the military, and most also think it's disrespectful to the country's values and the American flag. About 6 in 10 blacks said they did not consider it disrespectful.

Just 4 in 10 Americans overall, and about half of African-Americans, think refusing to stand for the flag can be an act of patriotism.

Frank, an avid Arizona Cardinals fan who is white, said he plans to boycott watching football on Veterans' Day to show his disgust with the players' protest, part of a larger campaign being promoted on social media.

Thomas Peoples of New Brunswick, New Jersey, said the protests are a personal decision for each player. He doesn't think their actions are meant to disrespect the country or the military.

Still, he would not participate in such a protest.

"It's not my approach to resolve a problem," said Peoples, 66, who is black. "I'm not a protester. But they're expressing their feelings about how some Americans are treated in this country."

The AP-NORC poll of 1,150 adults was conducted Sept. 28-Oct. 2 using a sample drawn from NORC's probability-based AmeriSpeak panel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 4.1 percentage points. The poll includes a total of 337 black respondents, who were sampled at a higher rate than their proportion of the population for purposes of analysis. The margin of sampling error among blacks is plus or minus 5.7 percentage points. For results reported among all adults, responses among blacks are weighted to reflect their proportion among all U.S. adults.

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APNewsBreak: US military halts exercises over Qatar crisis

By JON GAMBRELL, Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — The U.S. military has halted some exercises with its Gulf Arab allies over the ongoing diplomatic crisis targeting Qatar, trying to use its influence to end the monthslong dispute, authorities told The Associated Press on Friday.

While offering few details, the acknowledgement by the U.S. military's Central Command shows the concern it has over the conflict gripping the Gulf, home to the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet and crucial bases for

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its campaign against the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria, as well as the war in Afghanistan.

The Qatar crisis began June 5, when Bahrain, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates launched an economic boycott while closing off the energy-rich nation's land border and its air and sea routes. The quartet of Arab nations pointed to Qatar's alleged support of extremists and overly warm ties to Iran. Qatar long has denied supporting extremists and shares a massive offshore natural gas field with Tehran that makes its citizens have the highest per-capita income in the world.

Initially, U.S. military officials said the boycott and dispute had no impact on their operations. Qatar is home to the massive al-Udeid Air Base, the forward headquarters of Central Command which oversees the U.S.-led coalition's bombing campaign of the Islamic State group and manages a direct line to Russia to manage Syria's crowded skies.

But as the dispute went on, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis traveled to Doha to offer his support. The Trump administration also agreed to an in-the-works sale of F-15 fighter jets to Qatar for \$12 billion.

Responding to queries from the AP, Air Force Col. John Thomas, a Central Command spokesman, acknowledged it would be cutting back on the exercises.

"We are opting out of some military exercises out of respect for the concept of inclusiveness and shared regional interests," Thomas said in a statement. "We will continue to encourage all partners to work together toward the sort of common solutions that enable security and stability in the region."

Officials in Qatar did not immediately respond to a request for comment, while the boycotting nations have not acknowledged the disruption in military exercises with the U.S.

The Qatar diplomatic crisis has torn apart the typically clubby Gulf Cooperation Council, a regional Arab bloc created in part as a counterbalance to Iran. The U.S. military holds exercises in part to build the confidence of local forces, many of which use American-made equipment.

Among the exercises likely to be affected is Eagle Resolve, an annual exercise held since 1999 that has GCC countries send forces alongside Americans to simulate working as a multinational force in battle. This year's Eagle Resolve exercise, held in Kuwait in March, involved 1,000 U.S. troops.

U.S. and Gulf allies also have regularly held joint, smaller-scale exercises in the region.

The American military's decision comes after an influential Republican senator said in June he'd withhold approval of U.S. weapons sales to several Middle Eastern allies. Those moves together signal to Gulf countries that American officials want the crisis resolved sooner than later, said Kristian Coates Ulrichsen, a research fellow at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice University.

"U.S. officials could be using a pressure point to express their frustration that what they see as a needless crisis and a distraction from far more urgent regional issues is going on so long," Ulrichsen told the AP. "It is likely an indication to longstanding security and defense partners that U.S. patience on this spat is not open-ended and is rapidly drawing to a close."

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Thousands mourn slain officer as Las Vegas probe goes on

By **MICHAEL BALSAMO** and **BRIAN MELLEY**, Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Las Vegas gunman Stephen Paddock booked rooms over other music festivals in the months before opening fire on a country music festival, authorities said, while thousands came out to mourn a police officer who was one of the 58 people he killed.

Paddock booked rooms overlooking the Lollapalooza festival in Chicago in August and the Life Is Beautiful show near the Vegas Strip in late September, according to authorities reconstructing his movements before he undertook the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

Fenway Park in Boston also came up during the investigation of Paddock, Boston police Lt. Detective Mike McCarthy said Thursday, though he provided no further details.

It was not clear if he contemplated massacres at the other sites.

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The details came to light as investigators struggled to figure out why the 64-year-old high-stakes gambler opened fire on a crowd of 22,000 Sunday night from the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay hotel casino. He killed 58 and injured nearly 500 before taking his own life.

On Thursday night, thousands raised candles and surrounded the widow and two children of Officer Charleston Hartfield, who was killed in the shooting.

Hartfield, a 16-year Army veteran who served in Iraq, was known as "Charles," "Chuck" and "Chucky-Hart," but one longtime friend and colleague dubbed him "Captain America."

"Charlie Hartfield was the greatest American I have ever known," Sgt. Ryan Fryman told the crowd.

His was among the first memorials for the dead, whose identities have now all been released by authorities.

The victims killed ranged in ages from 20 to 67. Two of them, 24-year-old Austin Cooper Meyer and 61-year-old Brett Schwanbeck, had not been identified before the Clark County Coroner released a complete list Thursday night.

A federal official said authorities are looking into the possibility Paddock planned additional attacks, including a car bombing. The official wasn't authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Authorities previously disclosed Paddock had 1,600 rounds of ammunition in his car, along with fertilizer that can be used to make explosives and 50 pounds of Tannerite, a substance used in explosive rifle targets.

Police announced Thursday that they had found a Hyundai Tucson SUV they had been searching for as part of the probe while executing a search warrant at the home in Reno that Paddock shared with his girlfriend, Marilou Danley. It wasn't immediately clear if the car was found on Thursday or earlier in the week when police searched the home and found several guns and ammunition.

Paddock had an arsenal of 23 weapons in his hotel room. A dozen of them included "bump stocks," attachments that can effectively convert semi-automatic rifles into fully automated weapons.

In a rare concession on gun control, the National Rifle Association announced its support Thursday for regulating the devices.

Danley told FBI agents Wednesday she had not noticed any changes in his mental state or indications he could become violent, the federal official said.

Paddock sent Danley on a trip to her native Philippines before the attack, and she was unaware of his plans and devastated when she learned of the carnage while overseas, she said in a statement.

Investigators combing through his background for clues remain stumped as to his motive.

The profile developed so far is of a "disturbed and dangerous" man who acquired an arsenal over decades, Sheriff Joseph Lombardo said. But investigators have been frustrated to find that he lived a "secret life," Lombardo said, "much of which will never be fully understood."

A former executive casino host at the Atlantis Casino Resort and Spa in Reno said Paddock had a "god complex" and expected quick service without regard to how busy the staff was at the time.

"He liked everybody to think that he was the guy," John Weinreich said. "He didn't boast about anything he had or anything. It was just his demeanor. It was like, 'I'm here. Don't cross me. Don't look at me too long.'"

The weekend before the massacre, he rented a room through Airbnb at the 21-story Ogden condominiums in downtown Las Vegas and stayed there during a music festival below that included Chance the Rapper, Lorde and Blink-182.

Police were reviewing video shot at the high-rise to check Paddock's movements. His renting the condo was curious because, as a high-roller, he could have easily gotten a free room at one of the casino hotels on the Vegas Strip.

In early August, Paddock booked a room at Chicago's 21-story Blackstone Hotel that overlooked the park where the Lollapalooza alternative music festival was being held, though there's no evidence he actually stayed there, a law enforcement official said Thursday.

The official was not authorized to discuss the case publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity after being briefed on the investigation.

The hotel confirmed a Stephen Paddock made a reservation but said he never checked in.

Lollapalooza draws hundreds of thousands of music fans every year to Grant Park.

Melley reported from Los Angeles. Associated Press writers Don Babwin and Michael Tarm in Chicago; Andrew Dalton, in Los Angeles; Alanna Durkin Richer in Boston; Jonathan J. Cooper in Reno; Ken Ritter in Las Vegas; and Sadie Gurman and Erica Werner in Washington contributed to this report.

For complete coverage of the Las Vegas shooting, click here: <https://apnews.com/tag/LasVegasmassshooting>.

Tens of thousands have yet to submit DACA renewals

By JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

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long guns.

The device causes the gun to buck back and forth, repeatedly "bumping" the trigger against the shooter's finger. Technically, that means the finger is pulling the trigger for each round fired, keeping the weapon a legal semi-automatic. Because it creates a significant rocking motion it also means that the gun is "spraying" bullets and it's difficult to hit a target.

The stocks have been around for less than a decade. Many Capitol Hill Republicans said this week they had never even heard of them before the shooting in Las Vegas. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms during the Obama administration gave its seal of approval to their sale in 2010 after concluding that they did not violate federal law.

Now, some Republicans appear inclined to blame the Obama administration for allowing their use in the first place.

"We have to get more education on what they are," Ryan said. "Was it a regulatory misstep by ATF some years ago?"

The issue of bump stocks came up aboard Air Force One as President Donald Trump traveled back from visiting Las Vegas on Wednesday, according to GOP Rep. Mark Amodei of Nevada, who was on board and said Trump sounded open to a change.

But Democrats insisted that a regulatory change by the ATF would not be sufficient.

"Federal regulations won't be able to fully close this loophole," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California, who introduced a bill this week to ban the devices. "Legislation would make crystal clear that Congress is banning all devices that allow a weapon to achieve an automatic rate of fire, regardless of how a weapon is altered."

It was uncertain whether Congress would go that far.

At the same time, the attention on the devices was already causing an industry response. Slide Fire, the leading maker of bump stocks, suspended sales of the items. In a post on its website, the company said it was not taking any new orders "to provide the best service with those already placed."

Associated Press writer Lisa Marie Pane contributed from Atlanta.

Harvey Weinstein to take leave amid sexual harassment report

By LINDSEY BAHR, AP Film Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Harvey Weinstein, the larger-than-life Hollywood executive and Oscar-winner, is taking a leave of absence from his own company after an explosive expose revealing decades of sexual harassment against women, from employees to actress Ashley Judd, was published in The New York Times Thursday.

The article includes first person accounts of Weinstein's alleged conduct, including from Judd, who recounts an incident from two decades ago in which she said she was asked to meet Weinstein in his hotel room. Weinstein greeted her wearing a bathrobe and asked if he could give her a massage or if she would watch him shower, the paper reported.

"Women have been talking about Harvey amongst ourselves for a long time, and it's simply beyond time to have the conversation publicly," Judd told the Times.

Two unnamed company officials tell the Times that at least eight women have received settlements from Weinstein over the years, including actress Rose McGowan, who allegedly had an incident with him in 1997 when she was 23.

Other stories include similar accounts of Weinstein coercing young women into giving him massages, while naked, or watching him shower, and promising career advancement in return. These incidents were all said to have happened in hotel rooms.

Weinstein's attorney Charles J. Harder said in a statement that the story is "saturated with false and defamatory statements about Harvey Weinstein."

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"We sent the Times the facts and evidence, but they ignored it and rushed to publish," Harder said. He did not respond to questions about what specific allegations Weinstein was contesting.

Harder represented Hulk Hogan in his successful defamation suit against the now-defunct website Gawker.

"We are confident in the accuracy of our reporting," said a New York Times spokesperson in a statement. "Mr. Weinstein was aware and able to respond to specific allegations in our story before publication. In fact, we published his response in full."

Weinstein also gave an interview to The New York Post on Thursday afternoon echoing Harder's statements and calling the Times' reporting "reckless." He accused the paper of having a "vendetta" against him.

Weinstein did not specify which allegations he thought false.

Requests for comment from The Weinstein Co. and Judd were not immediately returned.

Weinstein, 65, had a powerful perch in Hollywood for three decades, and was known for producing films like "Pulp Fiction" and "Shakespeare in Love," for which he won an Oscar. He has also launched the careers of numerous actresses and directors and executed extremely successful Oscar campaigns with his company Miramax, which he ran with his brother Bob Weinstein. He is also an executive producer of the hit reality series "Project Runway."

In 2005, the Weinstein brothers launched a new production company, The Weinstein Co. Known for his angry outbursts, his often aggressive tactics were chronicled in the Peter Biskind book "Down and Dirty Pictures."

He also executive produced five best picture winners, including "The English Patient," "Chicago," "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King," "The King's Speech," and "The Artist," and garnered many nominations for his films and actors.

"I appreciate the way I've behaved with colleagues in the past has caused a lot of pain, and I sincerely apologize for it," Weinstein said in a statement. "Though I'm trying to do better, I know I have a long way to go."

His statement did not address any specific incidents.

Weinstein has been married to designer Georgina Chapman since 2007, they have two children together. He has three children from his previous marriage.

In Weinstein's lengthy statement, in which he quotes a Jay-Z lyric about being a better man for his children, he references coming of age in the 1960s and '70s when, "all the rules about behavior and workplaces were different."

"I want a second chance in the community but I know I've got work to do to earn it," he wrote.

Weinstein quickly became a trending topic on Twitter. Lena Dunham wrote that the women, "who chose to speak about their experience of harassment by Harvey Weinstein deserve our awe. It's not fun or easy. It's brave."

McGowan, who has spoken out in the past about rape and harassment issues, also tweeted Thursday. She did not name anyone, but said that "anyone who does business with (blank space) is complicit."

"Women fight on. And to the men out there, stand up. We need you as allies," she wrote.

The Weinstein Company has in recent years suffered from a string of executive exits, mounting lawsuits and increasingly hectic distribution decisions.

In 2016, the company didn't receive a best-picture nomination for the first time since 2008. Weinstein returned to the category with "Lion" at this year's Oscars, but his preeminence as an Academy Awards heavyweight has undeniably waned.

Steven Spielberg said he had a lot of opinions about the sexual harassment allegations made against Harvey Weinstein, but he did not feel the red carpet was the right place to discuss them. The famed director attended Thursday's premiere of the HBO documentary "Spielberg" at the New York Film Festival.

Money problems have plagued the company intermittently since 2009, when it entered bankruptcy. But last year, The Weinstein Company continually shuffled release dates and delayed films amid reports that it was too cash-strapped to put a full slate of films into theaters. Some 50 staffers were let go last year.

Movies like "The Founder" and "Tulip Fever" were juggled over numerous release date shifts. After "The Founder," with Michael Keaton, was released in January along with the Matthew McConaughey-led "Gold,"

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the co-financier of "The Founder," FilmNation, sued The Weinstein Company for \$15 million, alleging Weinstein violated the non-compete clause of their agreement.

The Weinstein Company had a modest hit this summer with the acclaimed thriller "Wind River." The \$11 million film has made \$33 million. But the company's fall season awards hopeful "The Current War," with Benedict Cumberbatch, premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival to withering reviews.

AP Film Writer Jake Coyle contributed from New York.

British novelist Kazuo Ishiguro wins Nobel Literature Prize

By HILLEL ITALIE and JILL LAWLESS, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Kazuo Ishiguro, the Japanese-born British novelist who in "The Remains of the Day," "Never Let Me Go" and other novels captured memory's lasting pain and dangerous illusions in precise and elegant prose, won the Nobel Literature Prize.

The selection of the 62-year-old Ishiguro marked a return to citing fiction writers following two years of unconventional choices by the Swedish Academy for the 9-million-kronor (\$1.1 million) prize. Friday's selection also continues a recent trend of recognizing British authors born elsewhere — V.S. Naipaul, the 2001 winner, is from Trinidad and Tobago; the 2007 honoree, Doris Lessing, was a native of Iran who grew up in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe).

"Some of the themes that I have tried to tackle in my work — about history, about not just personal memory but the way countries and nations and communities remember their past, and how often they bury the uncomfortable memories from the past — I hope that these kinds of themes will actually be in some small way helpful to the climate we have at the moment," Ishiguro said Thursday, speaking in his backyard in north London.

Ishiguro already was one of Britain's most celebrated writers, winning the Booker for "The Remains of the Day," receiving an Order of the British Empire medal and appearing frequently on lists of the country's greatest authors. The academy called Ishiguro's eight books, which also include "An Artist of the Floating World" and "The Buried Giant," works of emotional force that uncover "the abyss beneath our illusory sense of connection with the world."

Many know him best for "The Remains of the Day," a million-seller published in 1989 and, thanks to the Nobel, in the top 10 Thursday on Amazon.com. Ishiguro's novel reads like a darker take on P.G. Wodehouse's comic Jeeves stories, with a butler at a grand house looking back on a life in service to the aristocracy. The gentle rhythms and "Downton Abbey"-style setting gradually deepen into a haunting depiction of the repressed emotional and social landscape of 20th-century England and the deadly rise of fascism so many failed to perceive or prevent.

"What can we ever gain in forever looking back and blaming ourselves if our lives have not turned out quite as we might have wished?" Ishiguro writes. "The hard reality is, surely, that for the likes of you and I, there is little choice other than to leave our fate, ultimately, in the hands of those great gentlemen at the hub of this world who employ our services."

Ishiguro would explain that he saw the butler as a metaphor for both emotional and political detachment. An Associated Press review from the time noted that "Ishiguro neatly reverses the cliché of 'what the butler saw' by building a novel around what the butler didn't see." Salman Rushdie later wrote that "Just below the understatement of the novel's surface is a turbulence as immense as it is slow; for 'The Remains of the Day' is in fact a brilliant subversion of the fictional modes from which it seems at first to descend. Death, change, pain and evil invade the innocent Wodehouse-world."

The 1993 film adaptation by the Merchant-Ivory production team starred Anthony Hopkins and Emma Thompson and was nominated for eight Academy Awards.

Like "The Remains of the Day," his 2005 novel "Never Let Me Go" is a story of deception and uncertainty. What appears to be a narrative of three young friends at a boarding school gradually reveals itself as a dystopian tale with elements of science fiction that asks unsettling ethical questions. The movie adapta-

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tion starred Carey Mulligan, Andrew Garfield and Keira Knightley.

"I've always liked the texture of memory," Ishiguro told www.writerswrite.com around the time "Never Let Me Go" came out.

"I like it that a scene pulled from the narrator's memory is blurred at the edges, layered with all sorts of emotions, and open to manipulation. You're not just telling the reader: 'this-and-this happened.' You're also raising questions like: Why has she remembered this event just at this point? How does she feel about it? And when she says she can't remember very precisely what happened, but she'll tell us anyway, well, how much do we trust her?"

The Swedish Academy stunned the literary world last year by giving the prize to Bob Dylan, while in 2015 it offered a rare spotlight for nonfiction writers by honoring Belarusian journalist Svetlana Alexievich. Ishiguro's preferred art form is fiction, but he works in other media. He has written several screenplays, including for the Merchant-Ivory release "The White Countess," and has collaborated on songs performed by jazz singer Stacey Kent. He also contributed liner notes for Kent's album "In Love Again."

"Songwriting was an old passion of mine. Earlier in my life I'd been a singer-songwriter until I turned to fiction," Ishiguro, who has called Dylan one of his early heroes, told the Independent in 2013.

Ishiguro was born in Nagasaki but moved to England as a boy after his father, an oceanographer, was invited by the head of the British National Institute of Oceanography. An admirer of "Jane Eyre" from early on, he also is a longtime fan of comics and said Thursday that he was "in discussions" about working on a graphic novel. "This is a new thing for me and reconnects me to my childhood, my Japanese childhood of reading manga," he explained.

He studied English and philosophy at the University of Kent and found an early mentor in Malcolm Bradbury, who taught creative writing at the University of East Anglia. After a few false starts, Ishiguro completed his first novel, "A Pale View of Hills," narrated by a Japanese woman whose daughter has committed suicide. Both his debut work and the Booker-nominated "An Artist of the Floating World" centered on Japanese characters.

"I discovered that my imagination came alive when I moved away from the immediate world around me," he told the Paris Review in 2008, recalling that his fiction was well received in his creative writing class.

"When I tried to start a story: 'I came out of Camden Town tube station and went into McDonald's and there was my friend Harry from university,' I couldn't think of what to write next. Whereas when I wrote about Japan, something unlocked. One of the stories I showed the class was set in Nagasaki at the time the bomb dropped, and it was told from the point of view of a young woman. I got a tremendous boost to my confidence from my fellow students. They all said, 'This Japanese stuff is really very exciting, and you're going places.'"

Jim Heintz and David Keyton in Stockholm contributed to this report.

US Customs vows to block imports made by North Korea workers

By **MARTHA MENDOZA, AP National Writer**

U.S. Customs and Border Protection says it is ready to block U.S. imports of seafood — as well as any other goods — produced by North Korean laborers who work in China.

An Associated Press investigation tracked salmon, squid and cod processed by North Koreans working at Chinese factories and shipped to American stores, including Walmart and ALDI. The North Korean workers found in Chinese factories aren't allowed to leave, and receive only a fraction of their pay — most goes straight to the North Korean state. This means that American consumers buying seafood labeled "Caught in the USA, Processed in China" may inadvertently be subsidizing the government of Kim Jong Un as it builds nuclear weapons, and also supporting forced labor.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection said in a statement Thursday it is reviewing the allegations and if warranted, would "pursue all enforcement actions and prohibit goods from importation as appropriate." The companies that responded also vowed to investigate ties with suppliers.

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GOP Congressman Chris Smith from New Jersey, who has repeatedly called for tougher enforcement, said the Labor Department has already identified trafficking in 12 sectors of goods exported by China.

"CBP should be stopping every shipment from those sectors — and now trafficking-tainted salmon too," he said.

A White House National Security Council spokesman said the North Korean government's scheme to outsource its labor underscores why the United States has pushed for restrictions on North Korean foreign workers. The spokesman said all countries should, at a minimum, ban companies from bringing in North Korean crews, as pledged in recent United Nations sanctions.

China is among the countries that have promised to comply, already banning imports of North Korean seafood, and saying no more North Korean workers will be allowed starting next year.

"But all nations must go further and reject what is clearly a despicable practice that only serves the regime's nuclear ambitions," said the NSC spokesman, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to comment.

Walmart said its supplier has addressed the problem, although it did not specify how. Walmart and ALDI said they are committed to human rights and fair labor practices, and expect the same from their business partners.

At a time when North Korea faces sanctions on many exports, the government is sending tens of thousands of workers worldwide, bringing in revenue estimated at anywhere from \$200 million to \$500 million a year. That could account for a sizable portion of North Korea's nuclear weapons and missile programs, which South Korea says have cost more than \$1 billion.

North Koreans overseas work in construction in the Gulf states, shipbuilding in Poland, logging in Russia. In Uruguay, authorities told AP, about 90 North Koreans crewed fishing boats last year.

"I am not surprised at all," said Anthony Talbott, who directs the University of Dayton's Human Rights Center. "North Korea has probably the single highest level of state-sanctioned slavery in the world, it's a major source of income for them."

Among those North Korean laborers in China, roughly 3,000 are believed to work in the northeast industrial hub of Hunchun, just a few miles from the borders of both North Korea and Russia. AP documented North Koreans in several Hunchun seafood processing plants, and tracked their supply chains to importers, including Sea-Trek Enterprises in Rhode Island, where managers said they are being inundated with phone calls from customers and suppliers since the AP story.

Sea-Trek's owners said that they hadn't visited China and were unaware of the makeup of the workers, but would immediately cease dealings with the plant until the situation is resolved.

"Sea-Trek will not purchase product from any company using forced labor," said vice president Mitch Sarnoff.

Mark Liszt, owner of Lawrence Wholesale, a national food distributor in Southern California, said it would investigate its suppliers as well.

"We're middlemen," said Liszt. "We do make a practice of trying to go and visit the plants that we buy from in person, but it's not a perfect world that we can see into every single one."

Some U.S. brands and companies had indirect ties to the North Korean laborers in Hunchun, including Chicken of the Sea, owned by Thai Union. Trade records show shipments came from a sister company of the Hunchun factory in another part of China, where Thai Union spokeswoman Whitney Small says labor standards are being met and the employees are all Chinese. Small said the sister company should not be penalized.

AP observed North Korean workers in Chinese factories building hardwood flooring, sewing garments and manufacturing electronics. Fordham University economics professor Giacomo Santangelo said he doubts it's just fish processed by North Korean workers that reaches the U.S. markets.

"Now we need to ask, how many other products imported from China are made with North Korean labor?" he said.

Top Senate Democrat Chuck Schumer of New York said U.S. officials must keep products made by North Koreans out of the United States.

"The administration needs to ramp up the pressure on China to crack down on trade with North Korea across the board," he said.

Ohio's Democratic Sen. Sherrod Brown, who helped pass North Korea, Iran and Russia sanctions this summer, said corporations also have a responsibility to make sure they are abiding by U.N. sanctions and U.S. laws.

However, Bucknell University political science professor Zhiqun Zhu said a sanction-based approach that cracks down on imports isn't going to solve the problem.

"It has so many loopholes," he said. "All sticks and no carrots will not make the North Korea problem disappear."

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QB Newton on sexist remarks: My comments were unacceptable

By STEVE REED, AP Sports Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Cam Newton apologized Thursday night in a Twitter video post for sexist comments made to a female reporter.

"After careful thought, I understand that my word choice was extremely degrading and disrespectful to women," the Carolina Panthers quarterback said at the start of the nearly two-minute video. "To be honest, that was not my intentions. And if you are a person who took offense to what I said, I sincerely apologize to you."

On Wednesday when Charlotte Observer reporter Jourdan Rodrigue asked the 2015 NFL MVP about wide receiver Devin Funchess' route running, Newton laughed and said, "It's funny to hear a female talk about routes. It's funny."

In the video, Newton said he's a man who strives to be a positive role model in the community and who tries to use his platform to inspire others. He said he takes ownership to everything that comes with that.

"What I did was extremely unacceptable," Newton said. "I'm a father to two beautiful daughters and I try to instill in them that they can be anything that they want to be. The fact that during this process I have already lost sponsors and countless fans I realize that the joke is really on me. I have really learned a valuable lesson from this."

Newton also sent a message to the "young people" who follow him.

"Don't be like me," Newton said. "Be better than me. To the reporters, to the journalists, to the moms, the super moms, the daughters, the sisters all around the world I sincerely apologize and hope that you can find the kindness in your heart to forgive me. Thank you."

The NFL quickly released a statement Wednesday saying that Newton's response to the question was "just plain wrong and disrespectful to the exceptional female reporters and all journalists who cover our league."

However, it doesn't appear there will be any punishment handed out to Newton.

"I think there are conversations going on at the club level with the appropriate people, with the Panthers," NFL spokesman Joe Lockhart said in a conference call Thursday. "I don't want to anticipate the league stepping in there."

Newton's remarks have proven costly.

Dannon, the maker of Oikos yogurt, cut ties with spokesman Newton on Thursday. Company spokesman Michael Neuwirth released a statement saying it was "shocked and disheartened" at the former league MVP's behavior and comments.

Panthers coach Ron Rivera addressed the situation briefly during his press conference Thursday, saying, "I think Cam made a mistake. I understand he had a conversation where he pretty much said he shouldn't have said what he said."

Rodrigue issued a statement Wednesday evening saying she and Newton did speak after the news conference, but said the quarterback didn't apologize for his remarks.

Rodrigue was back in the locker room Thursday, flanked by Mike Persinger, the executive sports editor of The Charlotte Observer.

She issued an apology herself Thursday after coming under fire for using a racial slur in tweets she posted about four years ago. The tweets were first reported by BlackSportsOnline.com.

"I apologize for the offensive tweets from my Twitter account from 4/5 years ago," Rodrigue said on her Twitter account. "There is no excuse for these tweets and the sentiment behind them. I am deeply sorry and apologize."

Rodrigue was a college student at Arizona State at the time of the tweets. When asked about the tweets, Persinger said "she has owned them and apologized for them."

Newton's teammate, Thomas Davis, said he doesn't think the issue will affect the team as it prepares for the game against Detroit on Sunday.

"He's going to have to deal with that moving forward," Davis said about Newton. "I feel like it's a situation he's going to handle and he's going to handle it well. But for us as a football team we'll remain focused on Detroit."

Persinger said Wednesday evening that Newton's comments were "unfortunate and out of line."

The Associated Press Sports Editors announced that it "agrees wholeheartedly that Mr. Newton's response was out of line" and "we ask for a formal apology to Jourdan Rodrigue from Mr. Newton and the Carolina Panthers organization."

AP Sports Writers Barry Wilner and John Nicholson contributed to this report.

For more NFL coverage: <http://www.pro32.ap.org> and http://www.twitter.com/AP_NFL

Las Vegas gunman may have scoped out other music festivals

By **MICHAEL BALSAMO** and **BRIAN MELLEY**, Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Investigators are looking into whether gunman Stephen Paddock scoped out bigger music festivals in Las Vegas and Chicago — and perhaps Boston's Fenway Park — before setting up his perch in a casino hotel and raining deadly fire on country music fans.

Paddock booked rooms overlooking the Lollapalooza festival in Chicago in August and the Life Is Beautiful show near the Vegas Strip in late September, according to authorities reconstructing his movements before he undertook the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

It was not clear if he contemplated massacres at those sites.

Investigators looking into Paddock also came across mention of Fenway Park, Boston police Lt. Detective Mike McCarthy said, though he provided no further details.

The details came to light as investigators struggled to figure out why the high-stakes gambler opened fire on a crowd of 22,000 Sunday night from the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay hotel casino in Las Vegas. He killed 58 people and injured nearly 500 before taking his own life.

A federal official said authorities are looking into the possibility Paddock planned additional attacks, including a car bombing. The official wasn't authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Authorities previously disclosed Paddock had 1,600 rounds of ammunition in his car, along with fertilizer that can be used to make explosives and 50 pounds of Tannerite, a substance used in explosive rifle targets.

In the meantime, Las Vegas police announced Thursday that they had found a Hyundai Tucson they had been searching for as part of the probe while executing a search warrant at the home in Reno that Paddock shared with his girlfriend, Marilou Danley. It wasn't immediately clear if the car was found on Thursday or earlier in the week when police searched the home and found several guns and ammunition.

Paddock had an arsenal of 23 weapons in his hotel room. A dozen of them included "bump stocks," attachments that can effectively convert semi-automatic rifles into fully automated weapons.

In a rare concession on gun control, the National Rifle Association announced its support Thursday for

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regulating the devices.

Danley told FBI agents Wednesday she had not noticed any changes in his mental state or indications he could become violent, the federal official said.

Paddock sent Danley on a trip to her native Philippines before the attack, and she was unaware of his plans and devastated when she learned of the carnage while overseas, she said in a statement.

Investigators combing through his background for clues remain stumped as to his motive.

The profile developed so far is of a "disturbed and dangerous" man who acquired an arsenal over decades, Sheriff Joseph Lombardo said. But investigators have been frustrated to find that he lived a "secret life," Lombardo said, "much of which will never be fully understood."

A former executive casino host at the Atlantis Casino Resort and Spa in Reno said Paddock had a "god complex" and expected quick service without regard to how busy the staff was at the time.

"He liked everybody to think that he was the guy," John Weinreich said. "He didn't boast about anything he had or anything. It was just his demeanor. It was like, 'I'm here. Don't cross me. Don't look at me too long.'"

The weekend before the massacre, he rented a room through Airbnb at the 21-story Ogden condominiums in downtown Las Vegas and stayed there during a music festival below that included Chance the Rapper, Muse, Lorde and Blink-182.

"Reasons that ran through Paddock's mind is unknown, but it was directly at the same time as Life Is Beautiful," the sheriff said.

Police were reviewing video shot at the high-rise to check Paddock's movements. His renting the condo was curious because, as a high-roller, he could have easily gotten a free room at one of the casino hotels on the Vegas Strip.

In early August, Paddock booked a room at Chicago's 21-story Blackstone Hotel that overlooked the park where the Lollapalooza alternative music festival was being held, though there's no evidence he actually stayed there, a law enforcement official said Thursday.

The official was not authorized to discuss the case publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity after being briefed on the investigation.

The hotel confirmed a Stephen Paddock made a reservation but said he never checked in.

Lollapalooza draws hundreds of thousands of music fans every year to Grant Park.

Although Paddock killed himself as a SWAT team closed in, the sheriff said it appeared he had planned to survive and had an escape plan. Lombardo would not elaborate on the plan.

The coroner's office in Las Vegas would not release details of its autopsy on Paddock. Some behavioral experts have wondered whether he suffered from some kind of brain abnormality or had a terminal illness that prompted him to lash out.

Melley reported from Los Angeles. Associated Press writers Don Babwin and Michael Tarm in Chicago; Alanna Durkin Richer in Boston; Jonathan J. Cooper in Reno; Ken Ritter in Las Vegas; and Sadie Gurman and Erica Werner in Washington contributed to this report.

For complete coverage of the Las Vegas shooting, click here: <https://apnews.com/tag/LasVegasmassshooting> .

Trump, during photo shoot, talks of 'calm before the storm'

By JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump delivered a foreboding message Thursday night, telling reporters as he posed for photos with his senior military leaders that this might be "the calm before the storm."

White House reporters were summoned suddenly Thursday evening and told the president had decided he wanted the press to document a dinner he was holding with the military leaders and their wives.

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Reporters were led hastily to the grand State Dining Room, where they walked into a scene of the president, his highest-ranking military aides and their wives posing for a group photo. The cameras clicked and they smiled. A joke was made about someone's face being tired. Live classical music played.

Then, Trump gestured to the reporters in the room.

"You guys know what this represents?" Trump asked. "Maybe it's the calm before the storm. Could be the calm, the calm before the storm."

"What storm Mr. President?" one reporter shouted. ISIS? North Korea? Iran?

"You'll find out," the president said.

He also praised those assembled for the photo, saying: "We have the world's great military people in this room, I will tell you that."

Earlier in the evening, the president had lauded the group, including his defense secretary and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and said they would be discussing the most pressing military issues facing the country, including North Korea and Iran.

Trump said "tremendous progress" had been made with respect to the Islamic State group, adding, "I guess the media's going to be finding out about that over the next short period of time."

He also denounced Iran, saying the country should not be allowed to obtain nuclear weapons, and offered another stark warning to North Korea's Kim Jong Un.

"We cannot allow this dictatorship to threaten our nation or allies with unimaginable loss of life," he said, vowing to "do what we must do to prevent that from happening and it will be done, if necessary. Believe me."

He also said that, moving forward, he expects those in the room to provide him with "a broad range of military options, when needed, at a much faster pace."

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AP-NORC Poll: Most dislike NFL protests _ and Trump comments

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Most Americans think refusing to stand for the national anthem is disrespectful to the country, the military and the American flag. But most also disapprove of President Donald Trump's calling for NFL players to be fired for refusing to stand.

The NFL protests began last season with quarterback Colin Kaepernick, who knelt during the national anthem to bring more attention to the killings of black men by police officers. The protests spread this season, as the former San Francisco 49er was unable to sign on with another team, Seattle Seahawks defensive end Michael Bennett said he was racially profiled by Las Vegas police and then Trump sounded off.

According to a poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, 52 percent of Americans disapprove of professional athletes who have protested by refusing to stand during the national anthem, compared to 31 percent who approve. At the same time, 55 percent of Americans disapprove of Trump's call for firing players who refuse to stand, while 31 percent approve.

In the poll, African-Americans were far more likely to approve of the players' protests.

"I don't see kneeling while the anthem is being played as being disrespectful," said Mary Taylor, 64, a retired law librarian from Olympia, Washington. "Somebody has to stand up. Right now, it's black football players."

Taylor, who is white, said she supports police but understands why players are protesting. And her personal politics also factor in.

"I'm for it because Donald Trump is against it," she said.

The form of the protest seems to matter. The poll found Americans are more likely to approve than disapprove of players who, instead of kneeling, link arms in solidarity during the anthem, 45 percent to 29 percent.

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"People don't want to be confronted with their racism in any form. If they are confronted with it, they want it in the mildest form possible," said DeRay Mckesson, a Black Lives Matter activist who has protested police actions since the 2014 killing of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri.

The NFL protests got more attention and morphed into a bigger debate about patriotism after Trump told a crowd at an Alabama rally last month: "Wouldn't you love to see one of these NFL owners, when somebody disrespects our flag, to say, 'Get that son of a bitch off the field right now! Out! He's fired. Fired!'"

That prompted dozens of NFL players, and a few team owners, to join in protests. They knelt, raised fists or locked arms in solidarity during pre-game ceremonies when the anthem was played.

Broken down by race, 55 percent of African-Americans approve of players refusing to stand for the anthem, and 19 percent disapprove, the poll found. Among whites, 62 percent disapprove and 25 percent approve.

Seventy-nine percent of blacks disapprove of Trump's call for players to be fired, while just 8 percent approve. Among whites, 48 percent disapprove and 38 percent approve.

Thomas Sleeper of Holden, Massachusetts, said he considers the protests to be freedom of expression protected by the First Amendment — and pre-game protests are likely the best stage for them because "individually protesting is not going to get as much press."

"They want people to know that the country isn't living up to its full standard," said Sleeper, 78, who is white. "This is a way to get noticed, and possibly get some action taken."

Chandler, Arizona, business owner Larry Frank, 67, said the protests are inappropriate and disrespectful to military veterans. Trump's response, he said, was "dead-on."

"We should keep politics out of our sports," said Frank, who served in the Air Force. "We pay them to come out and play games and entertain us. Using this medium is not the right way to do it. Do it off the field. Let's not interfere with the process of a good business and a fun sport."

The poll shows that overall, about 6 in 10 Americans agree with the assessment that refusing to stand for the anthem is disrespectful to the military, and most also think it's disrespectful to the country's values and the American flag. About 6 in 10 blacks said they did not consider it disrespectful.

Just 4 in 10 Americans overall, and about half of African-Americans, think refusing to stand for the flag can be an act of patriotism.

Frank, an avid Arizona Cardinals fan who is white, said he plans to boycott watching football on Veterans' Day to show his disgust with the players' protest, part of a larger campaign being promoted on social media.

Thomas Peoples of New Brunswick, New Jersey, said the protests are a personal decision for each player. He doesn't think their actions are meant to disrespect the country or the military.

Still, he would not participate in such a protest.

"It's not my approach to resolve a problem," said Peoples, 66, who is black. "I'm not a protester. But they're expressing their feelings about how some Americans are treated in this country."

The AP-NORC poll of 1,150 adults was conducted Sept. 28-Oct. 2 using a sample drawn from NORC's probability-based AmeriSpeak panel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 4.1 percentage points. The poll includes a total of 337 black respondents, who were sampled at a higher rate than their proportion of the population for purposes of analysis. The margin of sampling error among blacks is plus or minus 5.7 percentage points. For results reported among all adults, responses among blacks are weighted to reflect their proportion among all U.S. adults.

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Stocks rise in Asia, riding Wall Street winning streak

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TOKYO (AP) — Shares were mostly higher in Asia on Friday after the Standard & Poor's 500 index logged an eighth straight day of gains. Encouraging reports on the U.S. economy helped the index match its longest winning streak since July 2013. Regional trading was subdued with markets in Shanghai and South Korea still closed for holidays.

KEEPING SCORE: Japan's Nikkei 225 index climbed 0.3 percent to 20,679.18 and the Hang Seng index in Hong Kong advanced 0.5 percent to 28,506.48. Australia's S&P ASX/200 surged 0.8 percent to 5,694.70. Shares in Southeast Asia and Taiwan also were higher.

WALL STREET: The S&P 500 rose 0.6 percent to 2,552.07 and the Dow Jones industrial average gained 0.5 percent to 22,775.39. The Nasdaq composite added 0.8 percent to 6,585.36. All three indexes set fresh record highs. The continued gains have some professional investors a bit nervous, because even the healthiest markets tend to have some sharp sell-offs from time to time.

ANALYST VIEWPOINT: "What's really troubling most people more than anything is that we just go straight up," said JJ Kinahan, chief strategist at TD Ameritrade. "There hasn't been a pullback. That's what most on Wall Street are trying to come to grips with."

UPBEAT DATA: In the latest good news for the economy Thursday brought a report of a stronger-than-expected rebound in U.S. factory orders during August and a drop in the number of workers applying for unemployment benefits last week.

CURRENCIES: The dollar rose to 112.86 Japanese yen from 112.83 yen late Thursday. The euro was flat at \$1.1711 and the British pound slipped to \$1.3102 from \$1.3119.

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude slipped 7 cents to \$50.72 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It added 81 cents to \$50.79 on Thursday. Brent crude, the standard for international oil prices, slipped 12 cents to \$56.88 per barrel.

Today in History By The Associated Press

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Today is Friday, Oct. 6, the 279th day of 2017. There are 86 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 6, 1927, the era of talking pictures arrived with the opening of "The Jazz Singer" starring Al Jolson, a feature containing both silent and sound-synchronized sequences.

On this date:

In 1683, thirteen families from Krefeld, Germany, arrived in Philadelphia to begin Germantown, one of America's oldest settlements.

In 1884, the Naval War College was established in Newport, Rhode Island.

In 1892, British poet laureate Alfred, Lord Tennyson died in Surrey, England, at age 83.

In 1939, in a speech to the Reichstag, German Chancellor Adolf Hitler spoke of his plans to reorder the ethnic layout of Europe — a plan which would entail settling the "Jewish problem."

In 1949, U.S.-born Iva Toguri D'Aquino, convicted of treason for being Japanese wartime broadcaster "Tokyo Rose," was sentenced in San Francisco to 10 years in prison (she ended up serving more than six).

In 1958, the nuclear submarine USS Seawolf surfaced after spending 60 days submerged.

In 1960, the historical drama "Spartacus," starring Kirk Douglas and directed by Stanley Kubrick, had its world premiere in New York.

In 1973, war erupted in the Middle East as Egypt and Syria launched a surprise attack on Israel during the Yom Kippur holiday. (Israel, initially caught off guard, managed to push back the Arab forces before a cease-fire finally took hold in the nearly three-week conflict.)

In 1976, President Gerald R. Ford, in his second presidential debate with Democrat Jimmy Carter, asserted that there was "no Soviet domination of eastern Europe." (Ford later conceded such was not the case.)

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In 1979, Pope John Paul II, on a week-long U.S. tour, became the first pontiff to visit the White House, where he was received by President Jimmy Carter.

In 1981, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was shot to death by extremists while reviewing a military parade.

In 1989, actress Bette Davis died in Neuilly-sur-Seine (nu-yee-sur-sehn), France, at age 81.

Ten years ago: Pakistan's Gen. Pervez Musharraf won a presidential election boycotted by most of his opponents. British adventurer Jason Lewis finally returned home, completing a 13-year, 46,000-mile human-powered circumnavigation of the globe at Greenwich, England.

Five years ago: Five terror suspects, including Egyptian-born preacher Mustafa Kamel Mustafa, widely known as Abu Hamza al-Masri, arrived in the United States from England and appeared in court in New York and Connecticut. (Mustafa was convicted in 2014 of supporting terrorist organizations.)

One year ago: President Barack Obama offered 102 federal inmates the chance to leave prison early, bringing to 774 the number of sentences Obama had shortened. A jury in Norfolk, Virginia, acquitted a white police officer charged in the shooting death of a mentally ill black man holding a knife.

Today's Birthdays: Broadcaster and writer Melvyn Bragg is 78. Actress Britt Ekland is 75. Singer Millie Small is 71. The president of Sinn Fein (shin fayn), Gerry Adams, is 69. Singer-musician Thomas McClary is 68. Musician Sid McGinnis is 68. CBS chief executive officer Les Moonves is 68. Rock singer Kevin Cronin (REO Speedwagon) is 66. Rock singer-musician David Hidalgo (Los Lobos) is 63. Pro Football Hall of Famer Tony Dungy is 62. Actress Elisabeth Shue is 54. Singer Matthew Sweet is 53. Actress Jacqueline Obradors is 51. Country singer Tim Rushlow is 51. Rock musician Tommy Stinson is 51. Actress Amy Jo Johnson is 47. Actress Emily Mortimer is 46. Actor Lamman (la-MAHN') Rucker is 46. Actor Ioan Gruffudd (YOH'-ihn GRIH'-fihth) is 44. Actor Jeremy Sisto is 43. Rhythm-and-blues singer Melinda Doolittle is 40. Actor Wes Ramsey is 40. Singer-musician Will Butler is 35. Actress Stefanie Martini is 27.

Thought for Today: "Sometimes the heart sees what's invisible to the eye." — Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809-1892).