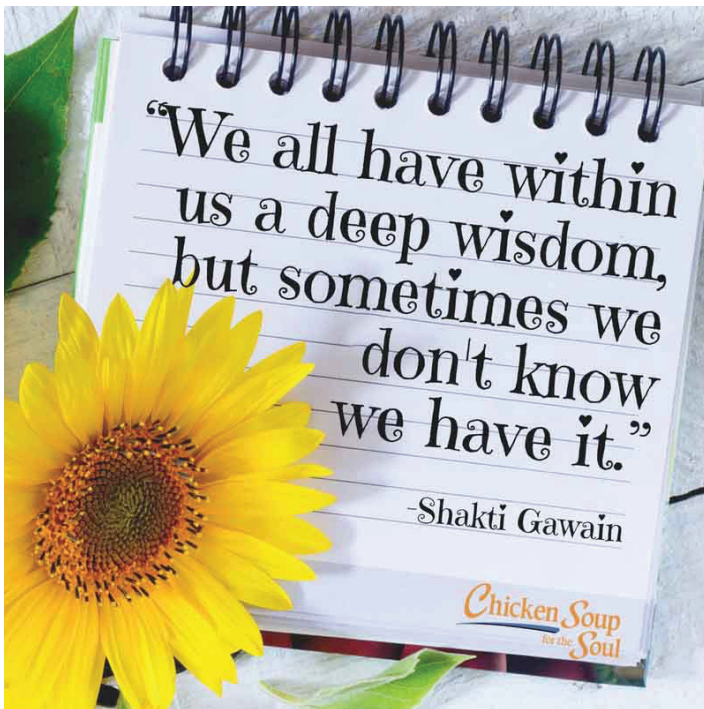


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Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave. It takes cardboard, papers and aluminum cans.



Calendar

Monday, August 27, 2018

10:00am: Golf: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Aberdeen Central @ Lee Park Golf Course
Pool Hours: 1 p.m. to 8:20 p.m.

Guthmiller places ninth at NEC Golf

The Northeast Conference golf tournament was held Thursday at Tiospa Zina where six schools participated. Cade Guthmiller placed ninth with a score of 92, having a 43 in the front nine and a 49 in the back nine. Tristan Traphagen shot a 53 and a 48 for a total score of 101. Hunter Kassube shot a 60 and a 50 for a score of 110 and Lucas Simon shot a 58 and a 57 for a score of 115.

Sisseton won the team title with 339 points followed by Roncalli with 347, Redfield-Doland 384, Milbank 386, Tiospa Zina 404 and Groton Area 418.

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Dr. James L. Snyder Ministries



Laughter in Any Other Language Is Just Not Funny

When I was in high school, I played on the volleyball team. During one practice session, I forgot to bring my sneakers. Not thinking much of it, I just played anyway.

During the practice, I stepped forward to protect the player on the front line and when he jumped, he came down on my right foot. The consequence was he smashed my big toe.

That little incident put me out of the volleyball team for the rest of the season. I had to go to the doctor and have him fix my toe. I had to go several times for him to fix it. Consequently, my toenail on my right foot grew in crooked. It has been a painful thing ever since.

For years, I took care of it, but not too long ago I was doing more damage than help and I did not know what to do about it.

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The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage suggested that I go have a pedicure.

Looking at her, I said rather sarcastically, "A pedicure is for girls."

"Well," she said rather slowly, "if you go to the doctor it will be about \$300. A pedicure is around \$25. Now," she continued, "you do the math."

I must say it took me a long time to do the math on that one. I knew I had to have some kind of professional help with that toe. I was doing so much damage that it hurt just to walk. And, I'm not old enough to hobble around.

After a long evaluation I thought that I did not have anything to lose except, \$275.

Not far from us was some kind of a Nail Salon. I went to it at least five times before I finally went in. It was a very humiliating experience for me. After all, I'm not a "girl."

When I went in, finally, I noticed they were not speaking English. It turned out to be some Vietnamese family running this nail salon. When I walked in nobody was smiling, but as soon as the door shut behind me, everybody looked at me and started smiling. What's that all about?

Somebody started speaking in Vietnamese and then everybody looked at me and started to laugh. I too laughed.

I had a moment of hesitation and I was about to turn around and go outside as fast as I could. It must have been the owner or manager of the nail salon who come up to me, greeted me very graciously and took me back to a chair where I was to have my pedicure.

A very nice young lady came and said something to me that I could not understand. Then she pointed to my shoes and said something else I could not understand. I believe she wanted me to take off my shoes and socks.

I did so and while I was doing it, she got the hot water in the pan in front of the chair I was to sit in. As soon as I took off my shoes and socks, she pointed to my feet and said something and everybody looked at me and started laughing.

She said something in English that sounded like, "Too long." Then everybody in the salon began to chuckle.

I honestly did not know what she meant. I did not know if my toenails were too long or if I waited too long to come and get a pedicure.

Then she started the process of a pedicure. I started feeling like a "girl."

She was rather gracious, and knew exactly what she was doing and did a wonderful job with the pedicure. She cut my toenails like they have never been cut before. And, there was no blood!

I never had a pedicure before and really was not sure what to expect. Not only did she cut my toenails, but also she massaged my foot and my toes and they never felt better.

Every once in a while, she would say something in Vietnamese and everybody in the salon would look at me and then laugh. At first, I was laughing along with them. I do not know what I was laughing at. I do suspicion that I was laughing at myself.

It began slowly to dawn on me that perhaps she was making fun of my foot. Could it be she's never seen a "non-girl foot?"

I was feeling a little strange and thought to myself that this will be the last time I ever come here. Then when they were laughing at one point, I thought of the money involved. By coming here to this nail salon, I was saving \$275. It was then that I began to laugh, and laugh very loud.

When I went to the check out to pay for the pedicure the manager said to me, "Come back soon?" I just nodded my head thinking of the \$275 I was saving. Going out the door, I found myself still laughing.

I was reminded of what David said. "Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The Lord hath done great things for them" (Psalm 126:2).

When I refuse to do something because of my pride, I discover that when I face up to my pride and not allow it to define me that I can discover joy.

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State Government this week

Gov. Dennis Daugaard's Public Appearances; Public Meetings:

Monday, August 27, 12 p.m. CDT, Pierre – Gov. Dennis Daugaard will speak at the Pierre Fort Pierre Rotary Club Weekly Meeting at the Ramkota Convention Center.

Thursday, August 30, 10 – 11 a.m. CDT, Huron – Gov. Dennis Daugaard will be at the State Fair. He will speak at the Century Farm Recognition ceremony at 10 a.m. on the Dakotaland Stage and then will offer remarks at the Salute to Veterans event on the NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage at 10:30 a.m. Thursday is also Veterans Day at the South Dakota State Fair. Veterans and active duty military personnel will be given free admission.

Tuesday, August 28, 1 p.m. CDT, Pierre – The Aeronautics Commission of the South Dakota Department of Transportation will hold a meeting via conference call. Staff will be available in the Commission Room of the Becker-Hansen building located at 700 E. Broadway Ave. in Pierre. The public is invited to attend. To view the meeting agenda, posted 72 hours in advance, visit <http://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=5>. For more information call 605-773-3265.

Wednesday, August 29, 9 a.m. CDT – The REDI (Revolving Economic Development and Initiative) grant committee will meet on Wednesday, August 29 at 9 a.m. CDT at 711 E. Wells Ave. Please contact Cassie Stoeser, GOED Finance Director, at 605-773-GOED (4633) for more information. <https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=31>.

Wednesday, Aug. 29, 10 a.m. CDT, Pierre – The Teacher Compensation Review Board will meet in the Governor's Large Conference Room, State Capitol, 500 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre. View the agenda here: <https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=222>.

Thursday, August 30, 8 a.m. CDT, Pierre – The Value-Added Finance Authority Board will be holding a meeting at the Joe Foss Building in Pierre. For more information, please contact Terri LaBrie at 605-280-4745.

Thursday, August 30, 9 a.m. CDT, Huron – The State Fair Commission will be hosting a meeting at Nordby Hall on the Fairgrounds. A full agenda can be viewed at <https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=39>.

You Might Also Be Interested To Know:

Monday, August 27, to Thursday, August 30: The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs Field Service Officers will be at the following County and Tribal Veterans Service Offices to assist with veteran related claims, issues, and questions.

Monday, August 27:

- 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. CDT, Gettysburg – 2015 W. Commercial #103 605-280-4308
- 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. CDT, Lake Andes – 400 Main St. 605-280-4306
- 3 p.m. – 4 p.m. CDT, Yankton Sioux Tribe – 200 W. Main St. SW 605-280-4306

Tuesday, August 28:

- 9 a.m. – 10 p.m. CDT, Armour – 706 Braddock St. 605-280-4306
- 10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. CDT, Lake Andes – 400 Main St. 605-280-4306
- 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. CDT, Mobridge – 212 Main St. 605-280-4308

Wednesday, August 29:

- 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. CDT, Herried – American Legion 605-280-4308
- 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. CDT, Huron – 450 3rd St. SW 103 605-280-4306

Thursday, August 30:

- 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. CDT, Redfield – 210 E. 7th Ave. 605-280-4306

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Monday, August 27, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CDT, Sioux Falls – Smithfield will conduct walk-in interviews at Sioux Falls Job Service, 811 E. 10th St. Positions include productions workers. For more information, call 605-367-5300 or visit www.sdjobs.org.

Monday, August 27, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. CDT – The Department of Labor and Regulation in conjunction with Lake Area Technical Institute (LATI), Watertown Development Company, Northeast South Dakota Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), and the Watertown Chamber of Commerce will hold a Part-time Job Fair for LATI students at the LATI Campus Events Center (Arrow Avenue Entrance). There is no charge for employers. DLR Watertown Job Service can help you prepare. For more information or to register, you may call Lisa Johnson at 605-882-5131.

Tuesday, August 28, to Thursday, August 30 – The South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation will hold itinerant office hours. Both job seekers and employers interested in receiving employment and career services at no cost may visit or call during these office hours. More information on programs and services is available at www.sdjobs.org. Itinerant office hours will be held at the following locations:

- Tuesday, August 28, 1 – 3 p.m. CDT, Redfield – At the Spink County Court House, third floor, or call 605-472-0435 during these hours and 605-626-2340 at any other time. Additional information at www.sdjobs.org.

- Tuesday, August 28, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. MDT, Rapid City – At Western Dakota Technical Institute, Lewis & Clark Hall, Room L212. For more information on programs and services, call Kevin Dary, Lynette Engle or Melanie Garstenschlager at 605-718-2956 during these office hours. Additional information available at www.sdjobs.org.

- Thursday, August 30, 1 – 4 p.m. MDT, Rapid City – At Western Dakota Technical Institute, Lewis & Clark Hall, Room L212. For more information on programs and services, call Kevin Dary, Lynette Engle or Melanie Garstenschlager at 605-718-2956 during these office hours. Additional information available at www.sdjobs.org.

Tuesday, August 29, to Friday August 31, 2018 – The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Department of Homeland Security, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are hosting a series of Chemical and Oil Industry Safety and Compliance Workshops this week. For more information or to register, contact Trish Kindt, DENR, at Trish.Kindt@state.sd.us

Tuesday, August 28, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. CDT, Mitchell – Davison County 4-H Grounds, 3200 W. Havens, Mitchell, SD 57301

Wednesday, August 29, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. CDT, Aberdeen – At the Brown County Community Room, 25 Market St., Aberdeen, SD 57401

Thursday, August 30, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. CDT, Pierre – At the Joe Foss Building, 523 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501

Friday, August 31, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. MDT, Rapid City – At the Pennington County Emergency Operations Center, 130 Kansas City St., Rapid City, SD 57701

Tuesday, August 28, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CDT, Sioux Falls – Smithfield will conduct walk-in interviews at Sioux Falls Job Service, 811 E. 10th St. Positions include productions workers. For more information, call 605-367-5300 or visit www.sdjobs.org.

Tuesday, August 28 – Benefits specialists from the Department of Social Services' Division of Economic Assistance will be available at the following itinerant office locations. For more information, contact Tia Kafka, 605-773-3165.

Kyle, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. MDT

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Canton, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CDT
Flandreau, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. CDT
Webster, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CDT
Timber Lake, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. MDT

Wednesday, August 29, to Thursday, August 30 – The South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation will host Job Search Assistance Programs (JSAP). JSAP is a workshop for people recovering from job loss or enhancing their job search skills. Trained instructors speak on modern-day techniques used to successfully find employment. Topics covered include resume and cover letter writing, interviewing etiquette, networking effectively, using social media and much more. JSAP will be offered at the following locations:

· Wednesday, August 29, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. CDT, Sioux Falls – At 811 E. 10th St. Registration required. For more information or to register, call 605-367-5300.

· Wednesday, August 29, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. CDT, Vermillion – At 904 E. Cherry St. A presentation on financial health will be offered by Wells Fargo at Work Program as part of JSAP. For more information or to register for this workshop, please call 605-677-6900. For more information, please visit www.sdjobs.org.

· Thursday, August 30, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. CDT, Aberdeen – At 420 S. Roosevelt St. Parties interested in attending should register by calling 605-626-2340 prior to 5 p.m. Wednesday, August 29. For more information, visit www.sdjobs.org.

Thursday, August 30, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. CDT, Mitchell – At 1321 N. Main St. For more information, call 605-995-8060 or visit www.sdjobs.org.

Wednesday, August 29 – Benefits specialists from the Department of Social Services' Division of Economic Assistance will be available at the following itinerant office locations. For more information, contact Tia Kafka, 605-773-3165.

Wanblee, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. MDT
Salem, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CDT
Dupree, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. MDT

Thursday, August 30 to Monday, September 3: The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs will be staffing the Veterans Building at the South Dakota State Fair in Huron (Flag Avenue). Veterans are encouraged to stop by and learn more about programs, services, and benefits.

Thursday, August 30 – Benefits specialists from the Department of Social Services' Division of Economic Assistance will be available at the following itinerant office locations. For more information, contact Tia Kafka, 605-773-3165.

Canton, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. CDT
Kyle, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. MDT
Flandreau, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. CDT
Lemmon, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. MDT

Thursday, August 30, 8 a.m. CDT, Huron – The South Dakota State Fair begins Thursday, August 30th and ends September 3rd. For more information, visit www.sdstatefair.com.

Thursday, August 30, 12:30 – 2 p.m. CDT, Brookings – Aramark will conduct walk-in interviews at Brookings Job Service, 1310 Main Ave. S., Suite 103, For more information call 605-688-4350.



A New School Year Begins for South Dakota Students

Across South Dakota, students and educators are gearing up for a new school year. While Jean and I no longer have school-age kids, we enjoy seeing how excited our grandkids are for their first day of school. Making sure students get a quality education is very important to me. What they learn in school now can set them up for success for years to come.

Teachers, administrators and all other school staff members play an integral role in student success. Their dedication to our young people can make a lasting impact. It has been more than 50 years since I was in grade school and I still remember some of the teachers and staff who taught me not only the school curriculum but also life lessons I still value today. Thank you to all the men and women involved in the education of our kids. You have a very important job, and I will work to make sure you are able to do that job without undue federal rules getting in your way.

Congress passed the bipartisan Every Student Succeeds Act, which was signed into law during the previous administration and was the first major overhaul of our education system since No Child Left Behind was enacted. I supported this bill because it shifted authority for academic standards back to the states and local school districts. I strongly believe that education decisions should be made by parents, teachers and local school boards rather than Washington bureaucrats. South Dakota's educators now have greater flexibility to develop their own curriculum based on the needs of their students.

While the Every Student Succeeds Act was a positive step toward limiting federal government overreach into our kids' education, more can and should be done. Earlier this year, President Trump issued a proposal to shrink the size of the federal government by merging the departments of Education and Labor into a new Department of Education and the Workforce. His goal is to make government more accountable to the American people and stop wasting taxpayer money on redundant programs and agencies. I have long called for the closure of the Department of Education, and his proposal takes steps to make that happen. This would allow for even more local control.

Developing a strong, skilled workforce is an important goal of the education system, so it makes sense to combine the Labor and Education departments into one agency. At a time when our economy is soaring and employers are hiring, it's critical that our next generation is prepared to fill all the new jobs that are being created.

South Dakota's students are the future of our state, and our greatest asset. What they learn in school today will help shape them into the men and women they'll become. I wish all South Dakota students, along with our educators and administrators, a great 2018-2019 school year!

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South Dakota Governor
Dennis Daugaard



The State Fair Grandstand's Centennial Year

Much changes in the course of a century. Looking back to 1918, it was a different world. The United States was engaged in World War I, communities were experiencing the devastation of the Spanish flu pandemic and the right to vote was extended to women in South Dakota. Here in our state, it was also the year the grandstand was built on the state fairgrounds.

In the spring of 1918, S-W Jonason and Company, of Aberdeen, began construction of a reinforced concrete and steel-trussed grandstand. Previously, the fair had utilized for a grandstand an old frame building which had been purchased and moved from Yankton. With the fair outgrowing this old structure, the South Dakota Fair Association paid S-W Jonason \$55,000 (which would amount to just under \$1 million today) to build the new grandstand. Reporters described it as "a looming structure, some 70 feet in height and measuring 300 feet in length." The concrete was mixed at a central point, then elevated in a bucket tower at the back of the structure. Using a runway and chute system, beams, columns, and deck were formed and poured all at one time, from the roof level down.

While the grandstand was used for the 1918 fair that fall, it was not entirely completed. A state Board of Agriculture report noted the structure was "so nearly done that it was used and found to be most comfortable and satisfactory." After the fair was over, officials declared the grandstand already "outgrown." Work began immediately to expand it by adding bleacher wings to each side.

Over the years there have been many maintenance projects and improvements to the structure. In 1965, a major remodel completely enclosed the underside of the grandstand with masonry block, along with the addition of fiberglass panels, office and ticket space, and room for exhibit displays. Then, in 2017, a multi-phase project began to fix structural deficiencies and modernize the facility for a new generation of fairgoers.

The State Fair is one of South Dakota's longest-running traditions. While there have been many changes since the first fair opened in 1885, the grandstand has been a constant at the fairgrounds for the last 100 years. It has served as a meeting place for friends and neighbors to get a break from the routine and see the very best in arts, entertainment, livestock competitions and sporting events. This centennial year is no exception with a lineup that includes the Tuff Hedeman Bull Bash, the Outlaw Truck and Tractor Pull, Toby Keith, Gary Allan and Foreigner.

The fair runs from Thursday, Aug. 30, through Monday, Sept. 3. I hope you'll be able to make it out for this one-of-a-kind celebration of agriculture and community. While you're there, take a look at the refurbished grandstand, take a seat and enjoy the show.

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Today in Weather History

August 26, 1983: Heavy rainfall up to four and a half inches fell in the town of Mahto, Corson County, flooding basements. Hail, up to three inches in diameter, caused significant damage to roofs and broke numerous windows.

August 26, 1998: Massive rainfall of 3 to over 6 inches fell across far eastern Corson, most of Campbell and Walworth counties during the evening hours of the 26th. The heavy rain caused flooding on many roads along with some highways through the night and into the morning hours on the 27th. Near Selby, high winds, heavy rain, and some hail caused damage to sunflowers and moved a barn three feet off the foundation. In Selby, wind-driven rain pushed water through some ceilings and into basements. An old barn near Glenham was also blown down by the strong winds. Some rainfall amounts include 3.50 inches at Herreid, 3.80 inches at Java, 4.20 inches at Selby, 4.50 inches 3N of Selby and just southeast of Mclaughlin, 5 inches at Glenham, 5.75 inches 8N of Mobridge, and 6.35 inches 1.5 miles southeast of Glenham.

1864: A train running from Cincinnati to Chicago was derailed by a tornado in Dearborn County, Indiana, or 75 miles southeast of Indianapolis. Two passenger cars were lifted from the tracks and dropped in a ravine which injured 30 people.

1976: A weak tornado touched down briefly in the Hockley Hills near Kiana, AK, about 29 miles north of the Arctic Circle. This tornado is the most northerly report of a tornado on record. Kiana is 545 miles northwest of Anchorage, Alaska.

1992: Hurricane Andrew made a second landfall near Burns Point, LA as a Category 3 hurricane. Morgan City, LA recorded sustained winds of 92 mph with a peak gust of 108 mph. Hammond, LA was deluged with 11.92 inches of rain. As Andrew moved inland and weakened, it spawned 47 tornadoes from this date through the 28th from the South to the Mid-Atlantic States.

1883 - Krakatoa Volcano exploded in the East Indies. The explosion was heard more than 2500 miles away, and every barograph around the world recorded the passage of the air wave, up to seven times. Giant waves, 125 feet high and traveling 300 mph, devastated everything in their path, hurling ashore coral blocks weighing up to 900 tons, and killing more than 36,000 persons. Volcanic ash was carried around the globe in thirteen days producing blue and green suns in the tropics, and then vivid red sunsets in higher latitudes. The temperature of the earth was lowered one degree for the next two years, finally recovering to normal by 1888. (David Ludlum)

1949 - A hurricane made landfall at Delray Beach. Winds reached 153 mph at the Jupiter Lighthouse before the anemometer failed. The hurricane caused 45 million dollars damage to crops, and also caught the Georgia and South Carolina coast resulting in another two million dollars damage. (David Ludlum)

1965 - Late night severe thunderstorms associated with an unusually strong late summer cold front produced 100 mph winds straight line winds in the Chicago area and northwest Indiana. In Lake County IND, high winds derailed a train near Crown Point, and left a canoe suspended among telephone lines. Two nights later the temperature at Midway Airport in Chicago dipped to 43 degrees, establishing a record for the month of August. (Storm Data) (Hugh Crowther)

1976 - A weak tornado touched down briefly in the Hockley Hills near Kiana, AK, about 29 miles north of the Arctic Circle. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Showers and thunderstorms drenched northern Illinois during the morning and afternoon hours pushing August rainfall totals for Chicago, Moline and Peoria to new all-time highs for any month of the year. By the end of August, Chicago had received 17.10 inches of rain, which easily surpassed the previous record of 14.17 inches established in September 1961. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - A dozen cities in Texas, Colorado and California reported record high temperatures for the date, including readings of 100 degrees at Pueblo CO, 106 degrees at Wichita Falls TX, and 109 degrees at Redding CA. Afternoon thunderstorms in Utah deluged the town of Beaver with more than an inch of rain in twenty minutes. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Anchorage, AK, was soaked with a steady rain, and the 24 hour total of 4.12 inches smashed their previous 24 hour precipitation total of 2.10 inches. It also pushed their rainfall total for the month past their previous record for August. (The National Weather Summary)

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Today



Severe Thunderstorms and Areas Dense Fog

High: 87 °F

Tonight



Severe Thunderstorms then Mostly Clear

Low: 60 °F

Monday



Mostly Sunny then Slight Chance T-storms

High: 75 °F

Monday Night



Chance T-storms

Low: 54 °F

Tuesday



Slight Chance T-storms

High: 68 °F

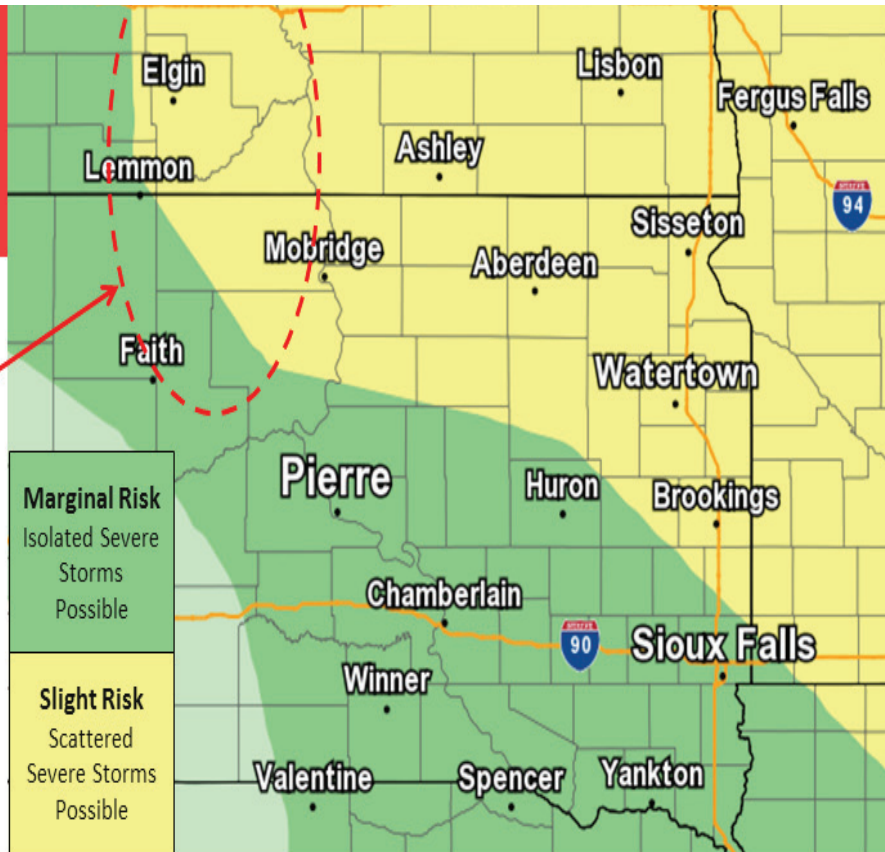
Severe T-storm Potential Sun, Aug 26th

Details

After some scattered morning thunderstorm activity, severe weather becomes more likely as storms re-fire during the late afternoon **here**. This activity spreads east overnight.

Be Prepared For

- Large hail
- Damaging 70+ mph winds
- Locally heavy rainfall
- Can't rule out a tornado



National Weather Service Aberdeen, SD



Updated: 8/26/2018 5:25 AM Central

Published on: 08/26/2018 at 5:33AM

Unsettled weather today. Areas of morning fog and scattered thunderstorms should wane by this afternoon as temperatures rise into the mid-80s to mid-90s. By this late afternoon/early evening, more potent thunderstorm development is expected across portions of north central South Dakota. These storms could be severe, and move eastward through the evening and nighttime hours. Monday remains unsettled with additional thunderstorms in the forecast.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 88.0 F at 4:29 PM

Heat Index:

Low Outside Temp: 56.9 F at 4:53 AM

High Gust: 16.0 Mph at 5:51 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 104° in 1991, 1976

Record Low: 34° in 1914

Average High: 80°F

Average Low: 54°F

Average Precip in Aug: 1.96

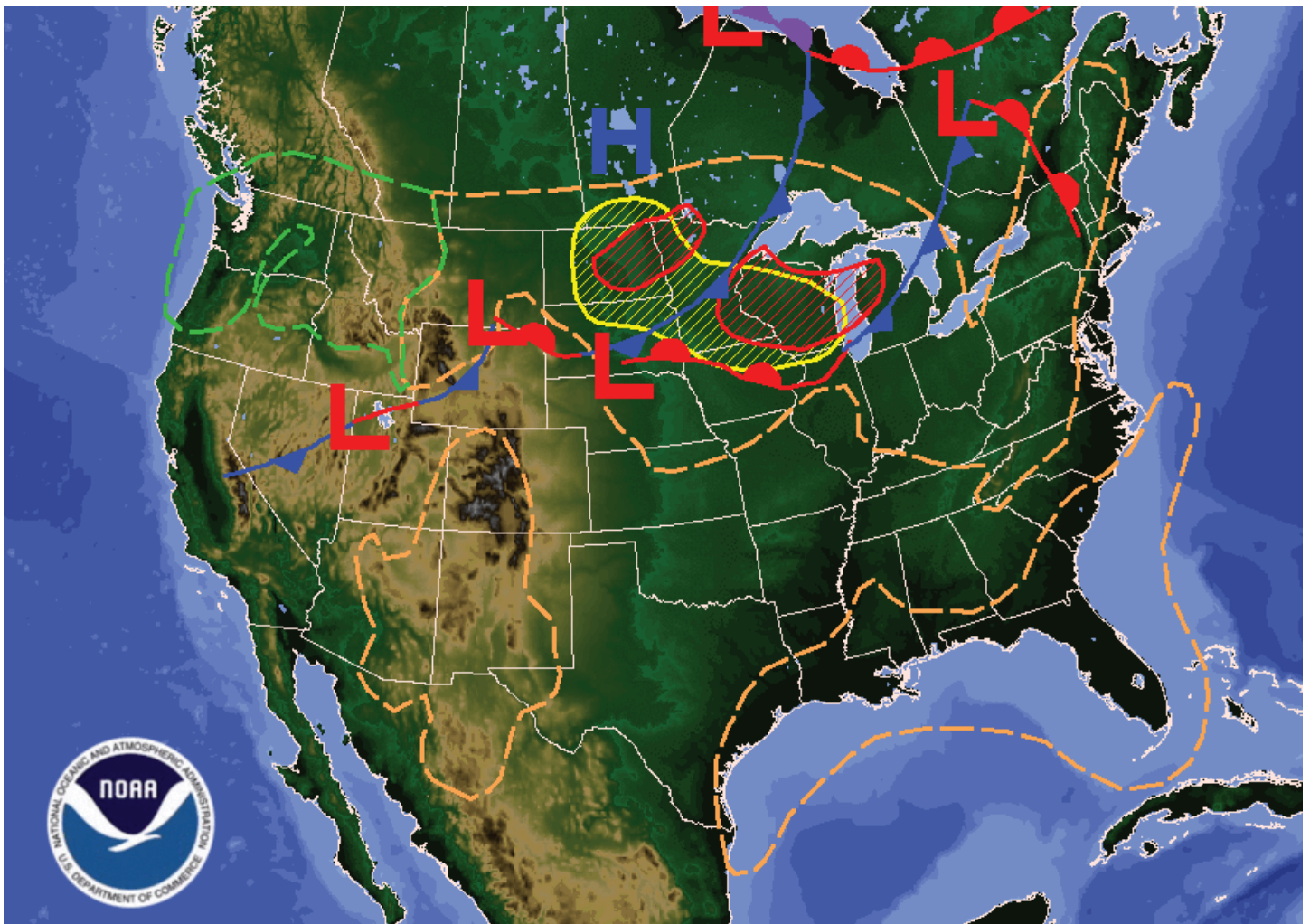
Precip to date in Aug: 1.33

Average Precip to date: 15.82

Precip Year to Date: 11.22

Sunset Tonight: 8:22 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:49 a.m.



Day 1 National Forecast Chart

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Rain

Rain and T'Storms

Rain and Snow

Snow

Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)

Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)

Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)

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LOOK CAREFULLY

Years ago I was given a pencil. Written on one side of it was a quote from Socrates: The unexamined life is not worth living. When I asked what it meant, I was told, Humans should look within themselves to find the true meaning of life. Most of us do examine ourselves in one way or another. Often, however, it is difficult to be honest and objective, thorough and impartial. Many times we do not like what we see and gloss over our faults and failures. Sometimes when we can no longer hide a flaw, we make excuses and blame someone else for what we see and do not like. Often when we see what we do not like, we try to cover it up and hide it from others.

But we cannot hide from God. O Lord, the Psalmist wrote, You have examined my heart and know everything there is about me. If that statement were about anyone but God, most of us would be rather frightened by what someone might do with that information.

But with God, its different. What He knows about us can be used to our advantage to complete the purpose and plan He has for our lives. He knows when we sit down, when we stand up, what we are thinking, where we are going, when we are active, and when we are resting, even everything we are going to say before we say it. Why we ask?

And, the Psalmist answered it clearly and convincingly: You go before me and follow me. You place Your hand of blessing on my head. He is before us and after us to bless us!

God has no intention of gathering information about us to destroy us. He knows everything there is to know about us, yet He still accepts us and loves us. He is with us in every situation, in every trial and every triumph, every defeat and every victory.

Prayer: Thank You, Father, for Your involvement in our lives. We are grateful for Your grace that guides and guards us. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: O Lord, You have examined my heart and know everything there is about me. Psalm 139:1

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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 Meat- Saturday Nights 7pm at the Groton Legion (Fall/Winter Months)
- 1/27/2019 Carnival of Silver Skates 2pm & 6:30pm
- 4/13/2019 Easter Egg Hunt (Saturday a week before Easter Weekend)
- 5/4/2019 Spring City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday in May)
- 5/27/2019 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)
- 7/4/2019 Firecracker Golf Tourney (4th of July)
- 7/14/2019 Summer Fest
- 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)
- 12/01/2018 Olive Grove Golf Course 2018 Holiday Party

- 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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Saturday's Scores

By The Associated Press

Volleyball

Aberdeen Central def. Rapid City Central, 25-17, 25-17, 25-22

Burke def. Colome, 25-7, 26-24, 25-19

Chamberlain def. Mobridge-Pollock, 25-19, 25-20, 26-24

Dakota Valley def. Madison, 25-18, 25-19, 22-25, 25-21

Rapid City Stevens def. Pierre, 25-14, 25-18, 25-18

Alpha IV Tournament

Baltic def. Oldham-Ramona/Rutland, 30-28, 25-16

Flandreau def. Baltic, 31-29, 25-18

Flandreau def. Oldham-Ramona/Rutland, 25-14, 25-17

Tri-Valley def. Baltic, 25-19, 25-15

Tri-Valley def. Oldham-Ramona/Rutland, 25-19, 25-16

Tri-Valley def. Flandreau, 25-17, 25-17

Bennett County Triangular

Bennett County def. Stanley County, 25-22, 25-22, 25-16

Wall def. Stanley County, 25-16, 25-22, 25-16

Wall def. Bennett County, 25-27, 25-13, 25-10, 25-18

Canton Tournament

Pool Play

Pool A

Canistota def. Canton, 25-18, 23-25, 25-21

Canton def. West Sioux, Hawarden, Iowa, 25-23, 25-17

Pool B

Dell Rapids def. West Lyon, Inwood, Iowa, 25-24, 25-9

Dell Rapids def. Garretson, 25-11, 25-16

Dell Rapids def. Vermillion, 25-17, 25-12

Garretson def. Vermillion, 25-21, 25-27, 26-24

West Lyon, Inwood, Iowa def. Vermillion, 25-19, 25-19

West Lyon, Inwood, Iowa def. Garretson, 25-22, 25-9

Custer Tournament

Pool Play

Pool A

New Underwood def. Custer, 25-21, 25-19

Rapid City Christian def. Edgemont, 25-21, 25-20

Rapid City Christian def. St. Thomas More, 27-25, 25-22

Pool B

Hill City def. Todd County, 25-15, 25-16

Hill City def. Pine Ridge, 25-19, 25-14

Lead-Deadwood def. Newell, 25-12, 25-11

Pine Ridge def. Lead-Deadwood, 25-17, 25-15

Estelline Tournament

Pool Play

Pool A

Dell Rapids St. Mary def. Wilmot, 21-25, 25-22, 25-22

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Estelline/Hendricks def. Dell Rapids St. Mary, 25-10, 25-11

Wilmot def. Estelline/Hendricks, 25-21, 23-25, 25-18

Pool B

Hamlin def. Viborg-Hurley, 25-20, 25-21

Hamlin def. Waubay/Summit, 25-12, 25-18

Waubay/Summit def. Viborg-Hurley, 25-22, 25-21

Pool C

Great Plains Lutheran def. Colman-Egan, 25-21, 14-25, 25-18

Waverly-South Shore def. Colman-Egan, 25-10, 20-25, 25-19

Waverly-South Shore def. Great Plains Lutheran, 25-23, 25-20

Gold Tournament

Hamlin def. Estelline/Hendricks, 25-20, 25-23

Waverly-South Shore def. Estelline/Hendricks, 25-15, 25-14

Waverly-South Shore def. Hamlin, 26-28, 25-22, 25-11

Silver Tournament

Great Plains Lutheran def. Dell Rapids St. Mary, 25-18, 25-16

Great Plains Lutheran def. Waubay/Summit, 25-17, 26-24

Waubay/Summit def. Dell Rapids St. Mary, 22-25, 25-22, 25-21

Bronze Tournament

Colman-Egan def. Viborg-Hurley, 25-17, 25-13

Colman-Egan def. Wilmot, 25-19, 25-13

Wilmot def. Viborg-Hurley, 25-19, 25-18

Huron Invitational

Brandon Valley def. Sioux Falls Lincoln, 25-23, 25-17

Brandon Valley def. Sturgis, 25-11, 25-18

Brandon Valley def. Mitchell, 25-20, 25-7

Brookings def. Douglas, 25-10, 25-10

Huron def. Sturgis, 25-12, 25-10

Huron def. Sioux Falls Lincoln, 25-23, 24-26, 25-23

Huron def. Brandon Valley, 25-21, 17-25, 25-22

Huron def. Douglas, 25-7, 25-21

Mitchell def. Douglas, 25-6, 25-13

Mitchell def. Brookings, 25-22, 25-13

Mitchell def. Sioux Falls O'Gorman, 25-22, 25-13

Sioux Falls Christian def. Sioux Falls Washington, 25-22, 26-24

Sioux Falls Christian def. Spearfish, 25-18, 25-11

Sioux Falls Christian def. Watertown, 25-19, 25-19

Sioux Falls Christian def. Brookings, 25-21, 25-15

Sioux Falls Lincoln def. Sturgis, 25-19, 25-14

Sioux Falls Lincoln def. Spearfish, 25-11, 25-11

Sioux Falls O'Gorman def. Brookings, 22-25, 25-19, 25-22

Sioux Falls O'Gorman def. Douglas, 25-8, 25-10

Sioux Falls O'Gorman def. Watertown, 10-25, 29-27, 25-23

Sioux Falls Washington def. Watertown, 25-22, 16-25, 26-24

Sioux Falls Washington def. Spearfish, 25-13, 25-15

Sioux Falls Washington def. Sturgis, 25-21, 25-16

Watertown def. Spearfish, 25-5, 25-8

Milbank Invitational

Pool Play

Pool A

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Langford def. Sioux Valley, 22-25, 25-15, 25-15
Milbank Area def. Sioux Valley, 25-16, 21-25, 25-23
Milbank Area def. Langford, 25-22, 14-25, 25-18
Pool B
Clark/Willow Lake def. Deuel, 22-25, 25-22, 25-7
Miller def. Deuel, 25-11, 25-19
Miller def. Clark/Willow Lake, 25-14, 25-17
Pool C
Beresford def. Ipswich, 25-14, 25-15
Groton Area def. Beresford, 25-19, 25-13
Groton Area def. Ipswich, 25-22, 25-18
Gold Pool
Groton Area def. Milbank Area, 25-11, 18-25, 25-21
Miller def. Milbank Area, 22-25, 25-19, 25-12
Miller def. Groton Area, 25-18, 26-24
Silver Pool
Beresford def. Clark/Willow Lake, 25-20, 25-27, 25-14
Clark/Willow Lake def. Langford, 25-20, 25-14
Langford def. Beresford, 25-19, 25-13
Bronze Pool
Ipswich def. Deuel, 25-18, 25-23
Ipswich def. Sioux Valley, 25-19, 25-13
Sioux Valley def. Deuel, 23-25, 25-17, 25-20
Norfolk Invitational
Pool Play
Pool A
Hastings, Neb. def. Yankton, 25-6, 25-22
Norfolk, Neb. def. Yankton, 25-15, 25-15
Yankton def. South Sioux City, Neb., 25-21, 21-25, 25-13
Fifth Place
Columbus, Neb. def. Yankton, 25-19, 25-23
Parkston Tournament
Northwestern def. Wagner, 25-23, 25-15
Northwestern def. Parkston, 25-11, 25-15
Northwestern def. McCook Central/Montrose, 25-22, 25-23
Northwestern def. Arlington, 25-9, 25-14
Wagner def. Arlington, 25-22, 25-20
Wagner def. Parkston, 25-21, 25-21
Wagner def. McCook Central/Montrose, 26-24, 17-25, 27-25
Yellowstone Trail Conference Tournament
Pool Play
Pool A
Herreid/Selby Area def. Leola/Frederick, 25-16, 25-10
Leola/Frederick def. Wakpala, 25-13, 25-8
Leola/Frederick def. McLaughlin, 25-11, 25-11
Pool B
Eureka/Bowdle def. McIntosh, 25-16, 25-18
Potter County def. Eureka/Bowdle, 25-15, 25-16
Potter County def. McIntosh, 26-24, 17-25, 25-15

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Sully Buttes def. McIntosh, 25-20, 25-20
Sully Buttes def. Potter County, 25-17, 25-16
Sully Buttes def. Eureka/Bowdle, 25-15, 25-20
First Round
Edmunds Central def. Leola/Frederick, 25-18, 25-15
Potter County def. McIntosh, 26-24, 17-25, 25-15
Sully Buttes def. Eureka/Bowdle, 25-15, 25-20

SD Lottery

By The Associated Press

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

Dakota Cash
02-11-12-14-19
(two, eleven, twelve, fourteen, nineteen)
Estimated jackpot: \$225,000

Lotto America
09-10-30-45-49, Star Ball: 8, ASB: 2
(nine, ten, thirty, forty-five, forty-nine; Star Ball: eight; ASB: two)
Estimated jackpot: \$6.81 million

Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$134 million

Powerball
20-25-54-57-63, Powerball: 8, Power Play: 2
(twenty, twenty-five, fifty-four, fifty-seven, sixty-three; Powerball: eight; Power Play: two)
Estimated jackpot: \$70 million

War hero and presidential candidate John McCain dies at 81

By NANCY BENAC, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. John McCain, who faced down his captors in a Vietnam prisoner of war camp with jut-jawed defiance and later turned his rebellious streak into a 35-year political career that took him to Congress and the Republican presidential nomination, died Saturday after battling brain cancer for more than a year. He was 81.

McCain, with his irascible grin and fighter-pilot moxie, was a fearless and outspoken voice on policy and politics to the end, unswerving in his defense of democratic values and unflinching in his criticism of his fellow Republican, President Donald Trump. He was elected to the Senate from Arizona six times but twice thwarted in seeking the presidency.

An upstart presidential bid in 2000 didn't last long. Eight years later, he fought back from the brink of defeat to win the GOP nomination, only to be overpowered by Democrat Barack Obama. McCain chose a little-known Alaska governor as his running mate in that race, and turned Sarah Palin into a national political figure.

After losing to Obama in an electoral landslide, McCain returned to the Senate determined not to be defined by a failed presidential campaign in which his reputation as a maverick had faded. In the politics of the moment and in national political debate over the decades, McCain energetically advanced his ideas and punched back hard at critics — Trump not least among them.

The scion of a decorated military family, McCain embraced his role as chairman of the Armed Services

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Committee, pushing for aggressive U.S. military intervention overseas and eager to contribute to "defeating the forces of radical Islam that want to destroy America."

Asked how he wanted to be remembered, McCain said simply: "That I made a major contribution to the defense of the nation."

One dramatic vote he cast in the twilight of his career in 2017 will not soon be forgotten, either: As the decisive "no" on Senate GOP legislation to repeal the Affordable Care Act, McCain became the unlikely savior of Obama's trademark legislative achievement.

Taking a long look back in his valedictory memoir, "The Restless Wave," McCain wrote of the world he inhabited: "I hate to leave it. But I don't have a complaint. Not one. It's been quite a ride. I've known great passions, seen amazing wonders, fought in a war, and helped make a peace. ... I made a small place for myself in the story of America and the history of my times."

Throughout his long tenure in Congress, McCain played his role with trademark verve, at one hearing dismissing a protester by calling out, "Get out of here, you low-life scum."

But it was just as notable when he held his sharp tongue, in service of a party or political gain.

Most remarkably, he stuck by Trump as the party's 2016 presidential nominee even when Trump questioned his status as a war hero by saying: "I like people who weren't captured." McCain declared the comment offensive to veterans, but urged the men "put it behind us and move forward."

His breaking point with Trump was the release a month before the election of a lewd audio in which Trump said he could kiss and grab women. McCain withdrew his support and said he'd write in "some good conservative Republican who's qualified to be president."

By the time McCain cast his vote against the GOP health bill, six months into Trump's presidency, the two men were openly at odds. Trump railed against McCain publicly over the vote, and McCain remarked that he no longer listened to what Trump had to say because "there's no point in it."

By then, McCain had disclosed his brain cancer diagnosis and returned to Arizona to seek treatment. His vote to kill the GOP's years-long Obamacare repeal drive — an issue McCain himself had campaigned on — came not long after the diagnosis, a surprising capstone to his legislative career.

In his final months, McCain did not go quietly, frequently jabbing at Trump and his policies from the remove of his Hidden Valley family retreat in Arizona. He opposed the president's nominee for CIA director because of her past role in overseeing torture, scolded Trump for alienating U.S. allies at an international summit, labeled the administration's zero-tolerance immigration policy "an affront to the decency of the American people" and denounced the Trump-Putin summit in Helsinki as a "tragic mistake" in which the president put on "one of the most disgraceful performances by an American president in memory."

On Aug. 13, Trump signed into law a \$716 billion defense policy bill named in honor of the senator. Trump signed the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act in a ceremony at a military base in New York — without one mention of McCain.

John Sidney McCain III was born in 1936 in the Panama Canal zone, where his father was stationed in the military.

He followed his father and grandfather, the Navy's first father-and-son set of four-star admirals, to the Naval Academy, where he enrolled in what he described a "four-year course of insubordination and rebellion." His family yawned at the performance. A predilection for what McCain described as "quick tempers, adventurous spirits, and love for the country's uniform" was encoded in his family DNA.

On October 1967, McCain was on his 23rd bombing round over North Vietnam when he was shot out of the sky and taken prisoner.

Year upon year of solitary confinement, deprivation, beatings and other acts of torture left McCain so despairing that at one point he weakly attempted suicide. But he also later wrote that his captors had spared him the worst of the abuse inflicted on POWs because his father was a famous admiral. "I knew that my father's identity was directly related to my survival," he wrote in one of his books.

When McCain's Vietnamese captors offered him early release as a propaganda ploy, McCain refused to play along, insisting that those captured first should be the first set free.

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In his darkest hour in Vietnam, McCain's will had been broken and he signed a confession that said, "I am a black criminal and I have performed deeds of an air pirate."

Even then, though, McCain refused to make an audio recording of his confession and used stilted written language to signal he had signed it under duress. And, to the end of his captivity, he continued to exasperate his captors with his defiance.

Throughout, McCain played to the bleachers, shouting obscenities at guards to bolster the spirits of fellow captives. Appointed by the POWs to act as camp entertainment officer, chaplain and communications chief, McCain imparted comic relief, literary tutorials, news of the day, even religious sustenance.

Bud Day, a former cellmate and Medal of Honor winner, said McCain's POW experience "took some great iron and turned him into steel."

McCain returned home from his years as a POW on crutches and never regained full mobility in his arms and leg.

He once said he'd "never known a prisoner of war who felt he could fully explain the experience to anyone who had not shared it." Still he described the time as formative and "a bit of a turning point in me appreciating the value of serving a cause greater than your self-interest."

But it did not tame his wild side, and his first marriage, to Carol Shepp, was a casualty of what he called "my greatest moral failing." The marriage to Shepp, who had been in a crippling car accident while McCain was imprisoned, ended amiably. McCain admitted the breakup was caused by "my own selfishness and immaturity."

One month after his divorce, McCain in 1981 married Cindy Hensley, the daughter of a wealthy beer distributor in Arizona.

In one day, McCain signed his Navy discharge papers and flew west with his new wife to a new life. By 1982, he'd been elected to the House and four years later to an open Senate seat. He and Cindy had four children, to add to three from his first marriage. Their youngest was adopted from Bangladesh.

McCain cultivated a conservative voting record and a reputation as a tightwad with taxpayer dollars. But just months into his Senate career, he made what he called "the worst mistake" of his life. He participated in two meetings with bank regulators on behalf of Charles Keating, a friend, campaign contributor and savings and loan financier later convicted of securities fraud.

As the industry collapsed, McCain was tagged as one of the Keating Five — senators who, to varying degrees, were accused of trying to get regulators to ease up on Keating. McCain was cited by the Senate Ethics Committee for "poor judgment."

To have his honor questioned, he said, was in some ways worse than the torture he endured in Vietnam.

In the 1990s, McCain shouldered another wrenching issue, the long effort to account for American soldiers still missing from the war and to normalize relations with Vietnam.

"People don't remember how ugly the POW-MIA issue was," former Democratic Sen. Bob Kerrey, a fellow Vietnam veteran, later recalled in crediting McCain for standing up to significant opposition. "I heard people scream in his face, holding him responsible for the deaths of POWs."

Over three decades in the Senate, McCain became a standard-bearer for reforming campaign donations. He denounced pork-barrel spending for legislators' pet projects and cultivated a reputation as a deficit hawk and an independent voice. His experience as a POW made him a leading voice against the use of torture. He achieved his biggest legislative successes when making alliances with Democrats.

But faced with a tough GOP challenge for his Senate seat in 2010, McCain disowned chapters in his past and turned to the right on a number of hot-button issues, including gays in the military and climate change. And when the Supreme Court in 2010 overturned the campaign finance restrictions that he'd work so hard to enact, McCain seemed resigned.

"It is what it is," he said.

After surviving that election, though, McCain took on conservatives in his party over the federal debt and Democrats over foreign policy. McCain never softened on his opposition to the U.S. use of torture, even in the recalibrations of the post-9/11 world. When the Senate in 2014 released a report on the CIA's harsh interrogation techniques at secret overseas facilities after the 9/11 attacks, McCain said the issue

wasn't "about our enemies. It's about us. It's about who we were, who we are and who we aspire to be. It's about how we represent ourselves to the world."

During his final years in the Senate, McCain was perhaps the loudest advocate for U.S. military involvement overseas - in Iraq, Syria, Libya and more. That often made him a critic of first Obama and then Trump, and placed him further out of step with the growing isolationism within the GOP.

In October 2017, McCain unleashed some of his most blistering criticism of Trump's "America first" foreign policy approach — without mentioning the president by name — in describing a "half-baked, spurious nationalism cooked up by people who would rather find scapegoats than solve problems."

Few politicians matched McCain's success as an author. His 1999 release "Faith Of My Fathers" was a million seller that was highly praised and helped launch his run for president in 2000. His most recent bestseller and planned farewell, "The Restless Wave," came out in May 2018.

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Former Vatican envoy pens j'accuse letter in McCarrick case

By NICOLE WINFIELD, Associated Press

DUBLIN (AP) — The Vatican's retired ambassador to the United States has penned an 11-page letter accusing senior Vatican officials of knowing as early as 2000 that the disgraced former archbishop of Washington, ex-Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, regularly invited seminarians into his bed but they still promoted him to cardinal.

The letter, an extraordinary j'accuse from a one-time Holy See diplomat, also accuses Pope Francis of having initially rehabilitated McCarrick despite being informed of his penchant for young seminarians in 2013, soon after he was elected pope.

The National Catholic Register and another conservative site, LifeSiteNews, published the letter attributed to Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano on Sunday as the pope was wrapping up a two-day visit to Ireland.

Vigano, 77, a conservative whose hard-line anti-gay views are well known, also urged the reformist pope to resign over the issue. He and the pope have long been on opposite ideological sides, with the pope more a pastor and Vigano more a cultural warrior.

The Vatican didn't immediately comment on the letter or confirm its authenticity.

In it, Vigano accused the former Vatican secretaries of state under the previous two popes of having ignored detailed denunciations against McCarrick for years. He said Pope Benedict XVI eventually sanctioned McCarrick in 2009 or 2010 to a lifetime of penance and prayer, but that Francis subsequently rehabilitated him.

Francis accepted McCarrick's resignation as cardinal last month, after a U.S. church investigation determined that an accusation he had sexually abused a minor was credible.

Since then, another man has come forward saying McCarrick began molesting him starting when he was 11, and several former seminarians have said McCarrick abused and harassed them when they were in seminary. The accusations have led to a crisis in confidence in the U.S. hierarchy, because it was apparently an open secret that McCarrick regularly invited seminarians to his New Jersey beach house, and into his bed.

Coupled with the devastating allegations of sex abuse and cover-up in a recent Pennsylvania grand jury report — which found that 300 priests had abused more than 1,000 children over 70 years in six dioceses — the scandal has led to calls for heads to roll and for a full Vatican investigation into who knew what and when about McCarrick.

Vigano apparently sought to answer some of those questions. His letter identifies by name the Vatican cardinals and archbishops who were informed about the McCarrick affair, an unthinkable expose for a Vatican diplomat to make. He said documents backing up his version of events are in Vatican archives.

Vigano, the Vatican's ambassador to the U.S. from 2011-2016, said his two immediate predecessors "did not fail" to inform the Holy See about accusations against McCarrick, starting in 2000.

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He said Francis asked him about McCarrick when they met on June 23, 2013, at the Vatican's Santa Marta hotel where the pope lives, three months after Francis was elected pope.

Vigano wrote that he told Francis: "Holy Father, I don't know if you know Cardinal McCarrick, but if you ask the Congregation of Bishops, there is a dossier this thick about him. He corrupted generations of seminarians and priests and Pope Benedict ordered him to withdraw to a life of prayer and penance."

Vigano wrote he was surprised to find that McCarrick started travelling on missions on behalf of the church soon thereafter, including to China. McCarrick was also one of the Vatican's intermediaries in the U.S.-Cuba talks in 2014.

The letter also contains a lengthy diatribe about homosexuals and liberals in the Catholic church. It often reads like an ideological manifesto, naming all of Francis' known supporters in the U.S. hierarchy as being complicit in a cover-up of McCarrick's misdeeds.

Vigano, however, also has had his own problems with allegations of cover-up, and he and Francis had a major dust-up during Francis' 2015 visit to the U.S., which Vigano organized.

In that incident, a leading U.S. campaigner against gay marriage, Kim Davis, was among those invited to meet with the pope at Vigano's Washington residence. Francis was so enraged that Davis' supporters had leaked word of her meeting that the Vatican subsequently insisted he only held one private audience while there: with one of his former students, a gay man and his partner.

The cover-up accusation, which Vigano denied, concerned allegations that he tried to quash an investigation into the former archbishop of St. Paul-Minneapolis, Minnesota, John Nienstedt, who was accused of misconduct with adult seminarians.

In 2016, the National Catholic Reporter said Vigano allegedly ordered the investigation wrapped up and a piece of evidence destroyed. The report cited a 2014 memo from a diocesan official that was unsealed following the conclusion of a criminal investigation into the archdiocese. No charges were filed.

Nienstedt was forced to resign in 2015 over complaints about his handling of sex abuse cases.

Vigano's name also made headlines during the 2012 "Vatileaks" scandal, when some of his letters were published in which he begged to not be transferred to the Vatican embassy in Washington from the central administration of the Vatican City State. He claimed he was being punished for having exposed corruption in the Vatican. The letters showed a clash with Benedict's No. 2, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, who is also a target of his McCarrick missive.

For McCain, a life of courage, politics came down to 1 vote

By NANCY BENAC, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — For John McCain, a lifetime of courage, contradictions and contrarianism came down to one vote, in the middle of the night, in the twilight of his career.

The fate of President Donald Trump's long effort to repeal Barack Obama's health care law hung in the balance as a Senate roll call dragged on past 1 a.m. on a July night in 2017.

Then came McCain — 80 years old, recently diagnosed with brain cancer, his face still scarred from surgery, striding with purpose toward the well of the Senate.

The Arizona Republican raised his right arm, paused for dramatic effect and flashed a determined thumbs-down, drawing gasps from both sides of the aisle.

Trump's health care bill was dead. McCain's lifelong reputation as free thinker, never to be intimidated, was very much alive.

It was the capstone of a political career that had taken McCain from the House to the Senate to the Republican presidential nomination, but never to his ultimate goal, the White House.

McCain, who faced down his captors in a Vietnamese prison of war camp and later turned his trademark defiance into a political asset, died Saturday. He was 81.

With his irascible grin and fighter-pilot moxie, McCain won election to the House from Arizona twice and the Senate six times. But twice he was thwarted in his quest for the presidency. His upstart bid for president in 2000 took flight in New Hampshire only to be quickly flattened in South Carolina.

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Eight years later, he fought back from the brink of defeat to win the GOP nomination, only to be overpowered by Democrat Obama in the general election. McCain had chosen a little-known Alaska governor as his running mate for that race, and in the process helped turn Sarah Palin into a political celebrity.

After losing to Obama in an electoral landslide, McCain returned to the Senate determined not to be defined by a failed presidential campaign in which his reputation as a maverick had faded. In the politics of the moment and in national political debate over the decades, McCain energetically advanced his ideas and punched back hard at critics — Trump not least among them.

Scion of a decorated military family, McCain embraced his role as chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, pushing for aggressive U.S. military intervention overseas and eager to contribute to “defeating the forces of radical Islam that want to destroy America.”

Asked how he wanted to be remembered, McCain said simply: “That I made a major contribution to the defense of the nation.”

Taking a long look back in his valedictory memoir, “The Restless Wave,” McCain wrote of the world he inhabited: “I hate to leave it. But I don’t have a complaint. Not one. It’s been quite a ride. I’ve known great passions, seen amazing wonders, fought in a war, and helped make a peace. ... I made a small place for myself in the story of America and the history of my times.”

Throughout his decades in Congress, McCain played his role with trademark verve, at one hearing dismissing a protester by calling out, “Get out of here, you low-life scum.”

McCain stuck by the party’s 2016 presidential nominee, Trump, at times seemingly through gritted teeth — until the release a month before the election of a lewd audio in which Trump said he could kiss and grab women. Declaring that the breaking point, McCain withdrew his support and said he would write in “some good conservative Republican who’s qualified to be president.”

He had largely held his tongue earlier in the campaign when Trump questioned McCain’s status as a war hero by saying: “He was a war hero because he was captured. I like people who weren’t captured.”

McCain, with unusual restraint, said that was offensive to veterans, but “the best thing to do is put it behind us and move forward.”

But by the time McCain cast his vote against the GOP health bill, six months into Trump’s presidency, the two men were openly at odds. Trump railed against McCain publicly over the vote, and McCain remarked that he no longer listened to what Trump had to say because “there’s no point in it.”

Unafraid of contradictions, McCain himself had campaigned against Obama’s health care law, but voted against its repeal because Republicans had flouted what he called the “old way of legislating,” with full-fledged debate, amendments and committee hearings on the final bill.

In his final months, McCain did not go quietly, frequently jabbing at Trump and his policies from the remove of his Hidden Valley family retreat in Arizona. He opposed the president’s nominee for CIA director because of her past role in overseeing torture, scolded Trump for alienating U.S. allies at an international summit, labeled the administration’s zero-tolerance immigration policy “an affront to the decency of the American people” and denounced the Trump-Vladimir Putin summit in Helsinki as a “tragic mistake” in which Trump put on “one of the most disgraceful performances by an American president in memory.”

On Aug. 13, Trump signed into law a \$716 billion defense policy bill named in honor of the senator. Trump signed the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act in a ceremony at a military base in New York — without one mention of McCain.

Over a 31-year career in the Senate, McCain became a standard-bearer for reforming campaign donations. He railed against pork-barrel spending for legislators’ pet projects and cultivated a reputation as a deficit hawk and an independent voice. He even attacked senators’ own perks of office, such as free, up-close parking spots at Washington airports.

But faced with a tough GOP challenge for his Senate seat in 2010, McCain disowned chapters in his past and turned to the right on a number of hot-button issues, including gays in the military, immigration and climate change.

When the Supreme Court in 2010 overturned the campaign finance restrictions that he had worked so

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hard to enact, McCain said he was disappointed, but he seemed resigned to their demise.

"I don't think there's much that can be done, to tell you the truth," he said. "It is what it is."

After surviving the 2010 election, McCain wasn't about to roll over on any number of other issues. During a long and heated 2011 debate in Congress over the federal debt, McCain dismissed conservatives' arguments against raising the government's borrowing limit as "bizarro" and foolish. In a 2014 hearing, he lit into Secretary of State John Kerry for "talking strongly and carrying a very small stick — in fact, a twig" on foreign policy.

Obama's vice president, Joe Biden, offered his own summation for a senator whom he described as "quixotic."

"I think John's legacy is that he never quits," Biden said in a 2015 interview.

Over a lifetime in politics, McCain's anti-authoritarian streak was both his greatest asset and Achilles' heel.

Often disinclined to follow the herd, McCain achieved his biggest legislative successes when making alliances with Democrats. He also piled up a full repertoire of over-the-top wisecracks, and had enough flare-ups with colleagues to cement a reputation as a hothead. Some questioned whether he had the right temperament to be president.

McCain's challenge always was to strike the right balance, offering himself both as a rabble-rouser and a reliable Republican standard-bearer.

John Sidney McCain III's history as a Vietnam POW for 5½ years after being shot out of the sky at age 31 was a powerful part of his back story as the son and grandson of four-star admirals.

When his Vietnamese captors offered him early release as a propaganda ploy, McCain refused to play along.

"Now it will be very bad for you, Mac Kane," they told him, and they were true to their word.

McCain returned home from his years as a POW on crutches and unable to lift his arms. Never again could he raise them above his head.

He once said he'd "never known a prisoner of war who felt he could fully explain the experience to anyone who had not shared it."

Indeed, he seemed more at ease joking about his incarceration than analyzing it.

More than once he quipped after a distasteful experience: "That's the most fun I've had since my last interrogation."

In his darkest hour in Vietnam, McCain's will was broken and he signed a confession that said, "I am a black criminal and I have performed deeds of an air pirate."

For all of that, though, McCain defied his guards. To his captors, just as to his superiors back at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, he was exasperating.

"He had to carry a different burden than most of us and he handled it beautifully," Orson Swindle, a former POW cellmate, once said. "He didn't need any coping mechanism; that's just built into him."

Even in prison, McCain played to the bleachers, shouting obscenities at his captors loudly enough to bolster the spirits of fellow captives. Appointed by the POWs to act as camp "entertainment officer," a "room chaplain" and a "communications officer," McCain imparted comic relief, literary tutorials, news of the day, even religious sustenance.

Bud Day, a former cellmate and Medal of Honor winner, said McCain's POW experience "took some great iron and turned him into steel."

McCain once said that Vietnam "wasn't a turning point in me as to what type of person I am, but it was a bit of a turning point in me appreciating the value of serving a cause greater than your self-interest."

It taught him, he said, "that if you put your country first, that everything will be OK."

Still, a predilection for what McCain described as "quick tempers, adventurous spirits, and love for the country's uniform" was encoded in the family DNA.

His father and grandfather, the Navy's first father-and-son set of four-star admirals, had set such a low standard for behavior at the Naval Academy that John Sidney McCain III's self-described "four-year course of insubordination and rebellion" got little more than a yawn from his family.

Speaking of his father, McCain once pronounced himself "little short of astonished by the old man's reck-

less disregard for the rules.”

And yet for all the raucous tales of misconduct, the midshipmen of the McCain family abided by the school's honor code not to lie, cheat or steal.

McCain's Vietnam experience gave him new confidence in himself and his judgment. But it did not tame his wild side, and his first marriage was a casualty. McCain blamed the failure of the marriage on "my own selfishness and immaturity" and has called it "my greatest moral failing."

One month after divorcing his first wife, Carol, McCain married Cindy Hensley, 17 years his junior.

McCain's war story made him a celebrity in Washington. When he became the Navy's liaison to the Senate, he quickly established friendships with some of the younger senators, who would stop by his office, put their feet up, and chew over the events of the day. The experience opened McCain's eyes to the impact that politicians could have, and to the notion that he could be one of them.

His 1981 marriage to Cindy, the daughter of a wealthy beer distributor in Arizona, helped clear the path forward. In one day, McCain signed his Navy discharge papers and flew west with his new wife to his new life. By 1982, he'd been elected to the House and four years later to an open Senate seat. He and Cindy had four children, to add to the three from his first marriage. Their youngest child was adopted from Mother Teresa's orphanage in Bangladesh.

McCain set about establishing a conservative voting record and a reputation as a tightwad with taxpayer dollars. But just months into his Senate career, he made what he called "the worst mistake of his life." He participated in two meetings with banking regulators on behalf of Charles Keating, a friend, campaign contributor, constituent and savings and loan financier who was later convicted of securities fraud.

The S&L situation simmered for a few years, but eventually boiled over, and McCain got burned.

As the industry collapsed, McCain was tagged as one of the Keating Five — five senators who, to varying degrees, were accused of trying to get regulators to ease up on Keating. McCain was cited for lesser involvement than the others by the Senate ethics committee, which faulted his "poor judgment."

But to have his honor questioned, he said, was in some ways worse than the torture he endured in Vietnam. He spent years trying to live down the taint.

In the 1990s, McCain shouldered another wrenching issue, the long effort to account for American soldiers still missing from the war and to normalize relations with Vietnam.

"People don't remember how ugly the POW-MIA issue was," former Democratic Sen. Bob Kerrey, a fellow Vietnam veteran, later recalled, crediting McCain for standing up to significant opposition. "I heard people scream in his face, holding him responsible for the deaths of POWs."

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Sexual misconduct claims in state legislatures since 2017

By The Associated Press

Since the start of last year, The Associated Press has tallied at least 76 state lawmakers who have faced public allegations or repercussions over sexual misconduct claims. Most of those cases became public since the #MeToo movement gained momentum in October, though some of the incidents allegedly occurred several years ago.

Here is a look at those lawmakers who have resigned or been expelled, faced other repercussions such as the loss of party or committee leadership positions, or had accusations made against them:

RESIGNED OR REMOVED FROM OFFICE

1. Alaska: Rep. Dean Westlake, D, submitted resignation letter in December 2017 after being accused by several women of inappropriate behavior.

2. Alaska: Rep. Zach Fansler, D, resigned effective Feb. 12 after being accused of slapping a woman hard enough to rupture her eardrum during a sexual encounter after a night of drinking. He pleaded guilty June 21 to a misdemeanor harassment charge.

3. Arizona: Rep. Don Shooter, R, expelled from office Feb. 1 by an overwhelming House vote after an

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investigation substantiated a lengthy pattern of sexual harassment toward women, including a fellow lawmaker. Shooter is running for the state Senate in Arizona's Aug. 28 Republican primary.

4. California: Assemblyman Matt Dababneh, D, resigned effective Jan. 1 after a lobbyist said he pushed her into a bathroom during a Las Vegas social event and engaged in lewd behavior in front of her. A lawyer hired by the Legislature substantiated the claims following an investigation. But Dababneh has sued his accuser for defamation.

5. California: Assemblyman Raul Bocanegra, D, resigned in November 2017 after allegations that he had kissed or groped multiple women without their consent.

6. California: Sen. Tony Mendoza, D, resigned Feb. 22 after an investigation found he likely engaged in unwanted "flirtatious or sexually suggestive" behavior with six women, including four subordinates, a lobbyist and a young woman in a fellowship program with another lawmaker.

7. Colorado: Rep. Steve Lebsack, D, expelled from office March 2 by an overwhelming House vote after an independent investigator determined there were credible claims he had harassed five women, including a fellow lawmaker. Elected as a Democrat, Lebsack changed his party affiliation to Republican on the day he was expelled.

8. Connecticut: Rep. Angel Arce, D, resigned effective April 9 after the Hartford Courant reported that he had sent affectionate text messages to a 16-year-old girl in 2015.

9. Florida: Sen. Jack Latvala, R, resigned effective Jan. 5 following allegations of sexual misconduct raised by multiple women. A prosecutor said in July that there was insufficient evidence to charge Latvala with trading sexual favors with a former lobbyist in order to help pass legislation.

10. Florida: Sen. Jeff Clemens, D, resigned in October 2017, shortly after a news report that he had an extramarital affair with a lobbyist. The House speaker had said that because a lobbyist is dependent on legislators, "the facts here raise a very real question of sexual harassment."

11. Hawaii: Rep. Joseph Souki, D, agreed to resign in March as part of a State Ethics Commission settlement of allegations that he sexually harassed multiple women by subjecting them to unwanted kissing, touching and sexual language. The settlement also calls for him to pay \$5,000 to the state, make a public apology and not seek office for two years.

12. Idaho: Rep. Brandon Hixon, R, resigned in October 2017 while under criminal investigation for molesting two girls, including a young female relative for more than 10 years. Killed himself on Jan. 9, 2018, shortly before his ex-wife and two others were to testify to a grand jury.

13. Illinois Rep. Nick Sauer, R, resigned Aug. 1 after an ex-girlfriend claimed Sauer had posted nude photos of her on a fake social media account under her name. Sauer had been a member of the House Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Task Force.

14. Iowa Senate Majority Leader Bill Dix, R, resigned March 12 after a website published video of the married lawmaker kissing a lobbyist at a bar. Though the Senate's ethics code doesn't explicitly prohibit lawmaker-lobbyist relationships, it says senators should strive to avoid "the appearance of unethical" conduct, and some have raised questions about whether their relationship affected legislation.

15. Maine: Rep. Dillon Bates, D, resigned Aug. 20, a little over two weeks after a media report claimed that he had romantic relationships with female students while working as a teacher and coach. Bates also resigned from coaching and teaching positions.

16. Massachusetts: Senate President Stan Rosenberg, D, resigned May 4 after a Senate ethics report concluded he failed to protect the Senate from his husband, Bryon Hefner, who was indicted on sexual assault charges. Rosenberg had stepped aside in December 2017 from his leadership position because of the investigation into allegations that his husband sexually abused several men, including some who had dealings with the Legislature.

17. Minnesota: Sen. Dan Schoen, D, resigned effective Dec. 15, 2017, following several allegations from women.

18. Minnesota: Rep. Tony Cornish, R, resigned effective Nov. 30, 2017, following several allegations, including from a lobbyist who said he repeatedly propositioned her for sex.

19. Mississippi: Rep. John Moore, R, resigned in December 2017 after multiple women made complaints

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against him; the House speaker's office said he had been facing an investigation led by an outside lawyer.

20. Nevada: Sen. Mark Manendo, D, resigned in July after a law firm concluded that he violated the Legislature's anti-harassment policy and behaved inappropriately toward female staffers and lobbyists.

21. Ohio: Sen. Clifford Hite, R, resigned in October 2017 after being accused of sexually harassing a female state employee.

22. Ohio: Rep. Wes Goodman, R, resigned in November 2017 after the married lawmaker acknowledged having a sexual encounter in his office with another man; the House speaker said Goodman had engaged in "inappropriate behavior related to his state office."

23. Oklahoma: Rep. Dan Kirby, R, resigned in February 2017 after two former assistants alleged he sexually harassed them, including one with whom he had reached a confidential wrongful-termination settlement that included a \$44,500 payment from House funds.

24. Oklahoma: Sen. Ralph Shortey, R, resigned in March 2017 and later pleaded guilty to a federal charge of child sex trafficking after being accused of hiring a 17-year-old boy for sex.

25. Oklahoma: Sen. Bryce Marlatt, R, resigned in September 2017 after being charged with sexual battery for allegedly groping an Uber driver who picked him up from a restaurant in the capital city.

26. Oregon: Sen. Jeff Kruse, R, resigned effective March 15 after an investigation determined he had harassed women in the Capitol with prolonged hugging, groping and other unwelcome physical contact.

27. Rhode Island: Sen. Nicholas Kettle, R, resigned Feb. 22 after Senate leaders introduced a resolution to expel him after he was charged the previous week with extorting a male page for sex on two occasions in 2011 and with video voyeurism that involved trading nude photos of his ex-girlfriend and a New Hampshire woman without their consent.

28. South Dakota: Rep. Mathew Wollmann, R, resigned in January 2017 after admitting to sexual contact with two interns, which a legislative panel said was a violation of rules.

29. Tennessee: Rep. Mark Lovell, R, resigned in February 2017 as a House ethics panel concluded that he had violated the Legislature's sexual harassment policy.

30. Utah: Rep. Jon Stanard, R, resigned Feb. 6, citing "personal and family concerns," shortly before media reports that Stanard had been reimbursed with taxpayer money for at least two hotel stays in 2017 during which he allegedly met up with a prostitute

OTHER REPERCUSSIONS

1. Alaska: Sen. David Wilson, R, placed on probation and disciplined in December 2017 by Senate leaders after a review found he engaged in retaliation as he defended himself against sexual harassment allegations.

2. Alaska: Rep. Justin Parish, D, directed to undergo additional sexual harassment training after a sexual harassment complaint in February outlined a series of unwanted flirting, touching and phone calls to a woman.

3. California: Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia, D, removed from all legislative committees May 18 and required to attend sensitivity and sexual harassment policy training after outside investigators determined she used vulgar language in violation of the chamber's sexual harassment policy. Investigators initially cleared her of allegedly groping a former legislative staff member in 2014, but legislative leaders reopened the investigation in June after her accuser appealed.

4. California: Sen. Bob Hertzberg, D, formally reprimanded March 8 by the Senate Rules Committee and told not to hug people anymore after an investigation concluded that his frequent embraces made multiple female colleagues uncomfortable.

5. California: Assemblyman Devon Mathis, R, required to participate in sensitivity training and additional sexual harassment training after an investigation concluded in June that he "frequently engaged in sexual 'locker room talk.'" The investigation found a separate sexual misconduct claim was unsubstantiated. Mathis was sued in April by a former staffer alleging wrongful firing after complaining about sexual misconduct, discrimination and misuse of state resources. Another former staffer sued in May alleging various forms of harassment.

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6. Colorado: Rep. Paul Rosenthal, D, suspended as vice chair of a legislative committee in November 2017 after being accused of groping a political activist during his first campaign for a House seat in 2012. The complaint was dismissed Jan. 4, apparently because the alleged incident took place before he was elected, but Rosenthal was subsequently permanently removed from his committee leadership post.

7. Colorado: Sen. Randy Baumgartner, R, removed from committee posts May 3 after an independent investigator found credible claims that he had created a hostile work environment during the 2016 session. Baumgartner had stepped down as chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee on Feb. 13 and agreed to undergo sensitivity training after media reports alleged that he groped a legislative aide in 2016. An April 2 Senate vote to expel Baumgartner failed.

8. Illinois: Sen. Ira Silverstein, D, resigned in November 2017 as majority caucus chairman after a victims' rights advocate publicly accused him of sending inappropriate messages to her; a legislative inspector general recommended in January that Silverstein receive counseling from the Senate's ethics officer but said his inappropriate comments did not constitute sexual harassment. Silverstein, a state senator since 1999, lost in the Democratic primary March 20.

9. Illinois: Rep. Lou Lang, D, resigned as deputy House minority leader May 31, less than an hour after a medical marijuana activist accused him of sexual harassment and verbal abuse during interactions over the past four years related to legislation.

10. Iowa: Sen. Nate Boulton, D, suspended his campaign for governor May 24, a day after The Des Moines Register reported that three women alleged he touched them inappropriately several years ago.

11. Kentucky: Sen. Julian Carroll, D, removed in July as the minority whip for Senate Democrats after he was accused of groping a man in 2005.

12. Kentucky: House Speaker Jeff Hoover, R, resigned from his leadership post Jan. 8, after secretly settling a sexual harassment complaint with a female legislative aide and acknowledging he sent inappropriate text messages to her. Agreed on April 10 to a \$1,000 fine and a public reprimand to settle a Legislative Ethics Commission investigation into the matter.

13. Kentucky: Rep. Jim DeCesare, R, removed from a legislative committee chairmanship in November 2017 after signing a secret sexual harassment settlement stemming from a text message sent to a woman. A state ethics commission voted April 3 to dismiss a complaint against him.

14. Kentucky: Rep. Brian Linder, R, removed from a legislative committee chairmanship in November 2017 after signing a secret sexual harassment settlement stemming from a text message sent to a woman. A state ethics commission voted April 3 to dismiss a complaint against him.

15. Kentucky: Rep. Michael Meredith, R, removed from a legislative committee chairmanship in November 2017 after signing a secret sexual harassment settlement stemming from a vulgar statement to a woman. A state ethics commission voted April 3 to dismiss a complaint against him.

16. Maryland: Del. Curt Anderson, D, removed Aug. 24 from leadership positions as deputy whip and chairman of a subcommittee on criminal justice after an investigation by a legislative ethics panel into allegations of sexual assault, unwanted kissing and inappropriate comments. The panel also recommended he go through "intensive harassment awareness and prevention training."

17. New Mexico: Sen. Michael Padilla, D, ousted in December 2017 as Democratic majority whip by the caucus after decade-old allegations that he had sexually harassed women in a prior job. Padilla also dropped out of the lieutenant governor's race.

18. New Mexico: Rep. Carl Trujillo, D, defeated in the June 6 Democratic primary while fighting allegations of sexual misconduct. A report released by a special counsel in July backed up allegations by a former lobbyist of inappropriate advances toward her in 2013 and 2014.

19. New York: Assemblyman Steven McLaughlin, R, formally sanctioned in November 2017 by a legislative ethics panel after allegations that he asked a female legislative staffer for nude photos and leaked her name when she filed a harassment complaint.

20. North Carolina: Rep. Duane Hall, D, defeated in the May 8 Democratic primary by first-time candidate Allison Dahle after rejecting calls to resign because of a media report in which people alleged Hall used sexual innuendo and made unwanted sexual advances. Hall admitted to inappropriately kissing one woman

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but denied harassment allegations.

21. Oklahoma: Rep. Will Fourkiller, D, advised in February 2017 to get sensitivity training and blocked from interacting with the Legislature's page program for a year after being accused of making inappropriate comments to a high school page in 2015.

22. Pennsylvania: Sen. Daylin Leach, D, announced in December that he would "step back" from his campaign for a congressional seat after allegations that he behaved inappropriately toward female employees and campaign aides. Announced in February that he would not run.

23. Pennsylvania: Rep. Nick Miccarelli, R, had a three-year protective order issued against him by a judge on March 15, requiring him to stay away from state Rep. Tarah Toohill after she accused Miccarelli of being physically abusive during a relationship that ended in 2012 and physically intimidating to her at the Capitol this year. A prosecutor confirmed on March 2 that Miccarelli is under investigation for allegations that he sexually assaulted one woman in 2014 and threatened to kill another woman in 2012.

24. Washington: Rep. Matt Manweller, R, resigned as assistant floor leader and was removed as ranking member of a House committee in December 2017. Manweller was fired Aug. 14 from his job as a political science professor at Central Washington University following an outside investigation into allegations of sexual harassment against him. He made it through Washington's top-two primary and will appear on the November ballot.

25. Washington: Rep. David Sawyer, D, suspended on May 9 as chairman of the House Commerce and Gaming Committee. Resigned chairmanship after a summary of an outside investigation released June 11 said Sawyer sent a House employee multiple "inappropriate and offensive" text messages and violated House policies on harassment, decorum and ethics. Media previously reported that several women accused Sawyer of inappropriate behavior toward them both before and after he first was elected in 2012.

26. Wisconsin: Rep. Josh Zepnick, D, removed from legislative committees in December after being accused of kissing two women against their will at political events several years ago.

OTHER ALLEGATIONS

1. California: Assemblywoman Autumn Burke, D, included in sexual misconduct complaint records released Feb. 2 for participating in an inappropriate discussion about anal sex. She was notified of the complaint in February 2017.

2. California: Assemblyman Travis Allen, R, included in sexual misconduct complaint records released Feb. 2 for being accused of inappropriately touching a female staff member in early 2013.

3. Colorado: Sen. Jack Tate, R, determined by an independent investigator to have likely made inappropriate comments and flirtatiously touched an intern in 2017 as alleged in a complaint. But Senate President Kevin Grantham closed the investigation March 29 after determining the alleged actions didn't reach the level of sexual misconduct.

4. Colorado: Sen. Larry Crowder, R, accused by state Rep. Susan Lontine of pinching her buttocks in 2015 and making an inappropriate sexual comment to her in August 2017. Lontine went public with her allegations on Feb. 8, 2018, while noting that she had filed a confidential complaint against Crowder in November 2017.

5. Georgia: Sen. David Shafer, R, cleared of sexual harassment allegations April 13 by the Senate Ethics Committee, which cited a review by an independent attorney concluding that allegations of sexual harassment brought by a lobbyist were more likely fabricated than true.

6. Idaho: Rep. James Holtzclaw, R, accused in a complaint of making inappropriate comments to at least two people during the 2017 session.

7. Kentucky: Rep. Dan Johnson, R, killed himself in December, just days after being publicly accused of sexually assaulting a teenage girl in 2013.

8. Kentucky: Rep. Jim Stewart, R, accused in a memo publicized in March 2018 of having a formal complaint filed against him in 2015 for allegedly making "unwanted verbal advances" on a female courier in the Capitol.

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9 Minnesota: Rep. Rod Hamilton, R, apologized April 26 for what he said was a well-intentioned effort to comfort a woman while denying allegations of sexual misconduct made by the woman, who says he touched her without consent.

10. Missouri: Rep. Joshua Peters, D, warned in February 2017 that any further complaints of inappropriate language or behavior would be dealt with more severely as the House Ethics Committee dismissed a sexual harassment complaint brought against him by state Sen. Maria Chappelle-Nadal.

11. New Hampshire: Rep. Eric Schleen, R, charged in April 2017 with sexually and physically assaulting a 16-year-old girl who had expressed an interest in politics when he approached her at a cafe in July 2016. July selection is scheduled to begin in November.

12. New Hampshire: Sen. Andy Sanborn, R, cleared in June 2018 by the state attorney general's office of allegations that a Senate intern had been paid to keep quiet about an inappropriate comment made by Sanborn in 2013. Documents released by the office suggest Sanborn was temporarily not allowed to have an aide after initially declining to participate in sexual harassment training.

13. New York: Sen. Jeff Klein, D, accused in January of sexual harassment in 2015 for allegedly forcibly kissing a former Independent Democratic Conference staff member who has asked for an investigation by the Joint Commission on Public Ethics.

14. Ohio: Rep. Rick Perales, R, acknowledged in March 2018 that he engaged in "flirtatious and inappropriate texting" with constituent Jocelyn Smith in 2015 but denied accusations that he forcibly kissed and choked her. Perales filed a criminal extortion complaint against Smith on April 3. Smith challenged Perales in the May 8 Republican primary but lost. Smith was indicted June 15 on charges of felony extortion and misdemeanor coercion.

15. Ohio: Rep. Bill Seitz, R, compelled by the House speaker to issue a personal and public apology for reportedly making offensive remarks, including jokes about other sexual misconduct scandals, during a Jan. 23 going-away party for a House staff member. Cleared of sexual harassment in April by an outside investigation conducted by a law firm where Seitz previously worked. An ethics complaint has been filed against the firm alleging a conflict of interest.

16. Ohio: Sen. Matt Huffman, R, issued a public apology for reportedly making offensive remarks, including a suggestive reference to female genitalia, during a Jan. 23 going-away party for a House staff member.

17. Ohio: Rep. Michael Henne, R, mentioned in House documents about harassment allegations released in November 2017 as having been required to undergo sensitivity training and temporarily losing a committee vice chairmanship in 2015 after a female state employee complained he had made inappropriate comments to a group.

18. Pennsylvania: Rep. Tom Caltagirone, D, faced calls by Gov. Tom Wolf to resign after reports in December 2017 that House Democrats authorized paying about \$250,000 to settle a sexual harassment claim from a legislative assistant against Caltagirone in 2015.

19. Tennessee: Rep. David Byrd, R, accused by three women in a media report March 27 of sexual misconduct as their high school basketball coach several decades ago. Instead of heeding calls to resign from House and Senate leaders, Byrd is running for re-election.

20. Texas: Sen. Borris Miles, D, accused in a December 2017 report by the Daily Beast of sexually propositioning an intern in 2013 when Miles was a state House member. Miles refused calls to resign from a group that backs female Democratic candidates.

Source: Reporting by AP state government reporters throughout the U.S.

Pope hears the wounds of Ireland's abused, and vows to speak

By NICOLE WINFIELD and HELENA ALVES, Associated Press

KNOCK, Ireland (AP) — Pope Francis visited a famous shrine Sunday in Ireland and was to celebrate a Mass dedicated to families after an emotional meeting with Irish victims of clerical sex abuse and those wrenched away from their mothers in forced adoptions demanded by Catholic authorities.

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Francis arrived Sunday in Knock, the Marian shrine in northwestern Ireland, where he prayed and blessed thousands of jubilant Irish faithful, who gathered in raincoats under clouds.

On Saturday, the first day of his visit, Francis spent 90 minutes meeting with victims of clerical and institutional abuse, including two people who were forcibly given up for adoption as newborns because their mothers weren't married. They are some of the thousands of Irish children taken from their mothers who were then forced to go live and work in laundries and other workhouses for "fallen women."

One of them, Clodagh Malone, said Francis was "shocked" at what they told him and "he listened to each and every one of us with respect and compassion."

The survivors asked Francis to speak out Sunday to let all the mothers know that they did nothing wrong and that it wasn't a sin — as church officials have told them — to try to find their children later in life.

They said the Argentine pope understood well their plight, given Argentina's own history of forced adoptions of children born to purported leftists during its 1970s military dictatorship.

"That is a big step forward for a lot of elderly women, particularly in the countryside in Ireland who have lived 30, 40, 50, 60 years in fear," another adoptee, Paul Redmond, told The Associated Press. "That would mean a lot to them."

Francis' first day in Ireland was dominated by the abuse scandal and Ireland's fraught history of atrocities committed in the name of preserving and purifying the Catholic faith. He received a lukewarm reception on the streets, but tens of thousands of people thronged Dublin's Croke Park Stadium for a family rally featuring Ireland's famous Riverdance performers and tenor Andrea Boccelli.

Francis' visit had originally been intended to celebrate Catholic families at the close of the Vatican's once-every-three-years World Meeting of Families. But it has been overshadowed by the abuse scandal, which has devastated the church's reputation in Ireland since the 1990s and has exploded anew in the U.S. following accusations of misconduct and cover-up by members of the U.S. hierarchy.

The U.S. scandal took on a new twist Sunday, with a former Vatican ambassador to the U.S. purportedly penning a letter accusing Vatican officials of knowing about the sexual escapades of ex-Cardinal Theodore McCarrick since 2000, but making him a cardinal anyway. The letter attributed to Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano was published Sunday by two conservative outlets, the National Catholic Reporter and LifeSiteNews.

Francis accepted McCarrick's resignation as cardinal last month after a U.S. church investigation determined an accusation he molested a minor was "credible." But in the letter, Vigano said McCarrick had been initially sanctioned by the Vatican in 2009 or 2010 but that Francis rehabilitated him in 2013 despite being informed of McCarrick's penchant to invite young seminarians into his bed.

The Vatican didn't immediately comment or say if the letter was authentic.

Upon arriving in Ireland, Francis sought to respond to the outcry over the U.S. and global sex abuse and cover-up scandal during a speech to Irish government authorities at Dublin Castle.

"The failure of ecclesiastical authorities — bishops, religious superiors, priests and others — to adequately address these repugnant crimes has rightly given rise to outrage, and remains a source of pain and shame for the Catholic community," he told them. "I myself share these sentiments."

But neither his words nor the meeting with victims assuaged demands for heads to roll over the abuse scandal.

Colm O'Gorman, who is leading a solidarity rally Sunday in Dublin for abuse victims, said Francis' remarks about sharing the shame felt by Catholics were an "insult to faithful Catholics, who have no reason to feel shame because of the crimes of the Vatican and the institutional church."

Separately, survivors of one of Ireland's wretched mother and baby homes were to hold their own demonstration Sunday. The location is Tuam, site of a mass grave of hundreds of babies who died at a church-run home.

Francis is nearby, at Knock, but had no plans to visit the site. He did, however, hear about Tuam on Saturday from Ireland's minister for children, Katherine Zappone. Their conversation wasn't released but Francis said her words "still echo in my ears."

Deeply Catholic Ireland has had one of the world's worst records of clergy sex abuse and the ill-treatment of women and children. Government-mandated inquiries concluded that thousands of children were raped

or molested by priests or physically abused in church-run schools — and Irish bishops worked for years to hide those crimes.

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State responses to #MeToo lean toward transparency, fairness

By The Associated Press

The #MeToo movement against sexual misconduct has prompted many state legislatures to reconsider their internal policies and state laws on the issue.

Although about half of House and Senate legislative chambers nationwide have taken no substantive action this year, the measures adopted in other states have addressed a variety of issues, including training, investigations and public disclosure of sexual harassment complaints.

Here are some examples of the changes made by state legislatures:

TRAINING

Michigan: New policies require lawmakers in both chambers to participate in annual training. House members previously were required to take anti-harassment training only once after they first were elected, though they can serve up to six years. Senators, who can serve up to eight years, previously were required to receive training once for each four-year term.

Missouri: The Senate previously had required lawmakers and staff to undergo sexual harassment training only once upon starting work, even if senators remained in office for the maximum eight years and staff worked for decades. A new policy requires senators and staff to take a computerized training program within 30 days of starting work and again every other year. That still falls short of a 2015 House policy, which requires annual in-person training for representatives and staff.

EXTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS

California: Outside experts will be tasked with substantiating claims under a new legislative sexual misconduct policy that is expected to take effect in early 2019. The Legislative Counsel's Office will house a new investigative unit to handle complaints. Five outside experts — three appointed by the chief justice and one each by the Senate and Assembly — will review the findings to determine whether the actions violated legislative policies and recommend discipline. Lawmakers still will have the final say on punishments.

New Mexico: A new sexual harassment policy enacted just before the start of the 2018 legislative session requires the involvement of an outside counsel when accusations are made against lawmakers. The policy was put to the test when a lobbyist in May accused Democratic Rep. Carl Trujillo of inappropriate advances to her in 2013 and 2014. A special counsel determined in July that there was credible evidence for the claims. The next step will include an open hearing on the matter before a panel of legislators.

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

Louisiana: The state's first government-wide law on sexual harassment policies will take effect Jan. 1. It will require agencies to compile annual reports documenting the number of employees who have completed the training requirements, the number of sexual harassment complaints received over the last year and details about spending associated with settlements and litigation.

Washington: Under a new Senate policy, records related to an investigation of sexual harassment will be released publicly once an investigation and appeal is completed — if the case is deemed to be "in the public interest," such as involving a senator. The policy maintains the confidentiality of those who lodged the complaint.

PUBLIC FUNDS

Illinois: A new law that took effect Aug. 10 prohibits public money from being paid in exchange for a person's silence or inaction related to allegations of sexual harassment against state lawmakers.

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Kansas: The new state budget prohibits the use of state dollars to settle sexual harassment claims against elected officials or state employees and bars agencies from using their funds to pursue non-disclosure agreements in settling claims. Because the ban is included in a budget bill, not a general law, it remains in effect only through June 2019.

SECRET

New York: A new uniform policy addressing harassment at all levels of government bars secret settlements and requires government officials found liable for harassment to pay their own costs in legal actions. The state had a history of using confidential settlements, including a secret \$103,000 payment to settle harassment complaints by staffers against former Assemblyman Vito Lopez in 2012.

Tennessee: A law that took effect in May prohibits employers from requiring employees and job applicants to sign non-disclosure agreements about sexual harassment as a condition of employment.

PRIVATE EMPLOYERS

Maryland: A law taking effect Oct. 1 will prohibit employment contracts that waive procedural rights to remedy future sexual harassment or retaliation claims, such as requirements to settle complaints through arbitration. It also will require businesses with at least 50 employees to submit public reports to the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights. The reports are to include the number of sexual harassment settlements, how many involved confidentiality agreements and how often the businesses have paid settlements resolving allegations against the same employee over the past 10 years.

Vermont: A new law prohibits businesses from requiring employees to sign away their right to report or sue for sexual harassment, and prohibits settlement agreements from including provisions that say the employee cannot work for the business in the future. It also creates an online portal to report harassment and allows the attorney general's office to enter workplaces to investigate sexual harassment complaints.

Presidents, lawmakers laud McCain for devotion to country

By LAURIE KELLMAN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Presidents and lawmakers from both parties honored Sen. John McCain's decades of service to his country in the hours after his death Saturday. President Donald Trump, who once criticized McCain for being taken prisoner during the Vietnam War, said his "deepest sympathies and respect" went out to McCain's family.

McCain, 81, died at his ranch in Arizona after a yearlong battle with brain cancer. On Saturday night, a black hearse accompanied by a police motorcade could be seen driving away from the ranch near Sedona where the Republican senator spent his final weeks.

Trump's brief Twitter statement said "hearts and prayers" are with the McCain family. First lady Melania Trump thanked McCain for his service to the nation, which included more than five years as a prisoner of war and six terms in the Senate.

Trump and McCain were at odds until the end. The president, who mocked McCain's capture in Vietnam during the 2016 campaign, jabbed at the senator even after his illness for voting against Republican efforts to roll back President Barack Obama's health care law. Earlier this summer, McCain issued a blistering statement criticizing Trump's meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Former presidents, including those who blocked McCain's own White House ambitions, offered emotional tributes.

Obama, who triumphed over McCain in the 2008 election, said that despite their differences, McCain and he shared a "fidelity to something higher - the ideals for which generations of Americans and immigrants alike have fought, marched, and sacrificed."

Obama said the two political opponents "saw our political battles, even, as a privilege, something noble, an opportunity to serve as stewards of those high ideals at home, and to advance them around the world."

Former President George W. Bush, who defeated McCain for the 2000 Republican presidential nomina-

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tion, called his one-time political rival "man of deep conviction and a patriot of the highest order" and a "friend whom I'll deeply miss."

Bush was among those expected to speak at McCain's funeral.

McCain was the son and grandson of admirals and followed them to the U.S. Naval Academy. A pilot, he was shot down over Vietnam and held as a prisoner of war for more than five years. He went on to win a seat in the House and in 1986, the Senate, where he served for the rest of his life.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell called McCain a "fascinating personality."

"He would occasionally be in a bad place with various members, including myself, and when this would blow over it was like nothing ever happened," McConnell said Saturday after a GOP state dinner in Lexington, Kentucky. "He also had a wicked sense of humor and it made every tense moment come out better."

Former Vice President Joe Biden, who developed a friendship with McCain while they served together in the Senate, said the Arizona lawmaker will "cast a long shadow."

"The spirit that drove him was never extinguished: we are here to commit ourselves to something bigger than ourselves," Biden said

McCain is expected to be remembered in Arizona and Washington before being buried, likely this week, at the Naval Academy Cemetery on a peninsula overlooking the Severn River.

Other plans were taking shape, too. Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., announced that he wants to name the Senate building that housed McCain's suite of offices after the Arizona senator, who served as chairman of the Commerce Committee and the Senate Armed Services Committee.

"As you go through life, you meet few truly great people. John McCain was one of them," Schumer said. "Maybe most of all, he was a truth teller - never afraid to speak truth to power in an era where that has become all too rare."

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Houston-area voters overwhelmingly back flood-control bond

By JUAN A. LOZANO, Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — Voters in Houston and its surrounding county marked the anniversary of Hurricane Harvey coming ashore by approving the issuance of \$2.5 billion in bonds to fund flood-control projects that might mitigate the damage caused by future storms.

With nearly all precincts reporting Saturday night, about 85 percent of voters approved the referendum. The bonds will fund projects that may include buyouts of homes in flood-prone areas, the expansion of local bayous and the construction of additional stormwater detention basins.

Harvey, which made landfall as a powerful Category 4 storm on Aug. 25, 2017, killed 68 people and caused an estimated \$125 billion in damage in Texas. Thirty-six of the deaths were in the low-lying Houston area, where days of torrential rainfall and decades of unchecked development contributed to the flooding of more than 150,000 homes and 300,000 vehicles.

The bond referendum would help pay for projects to be chosen from a list of more than 230 proposals. Officials said the bond money would help supplement federal funds earmarked for flood mitigation after Harvey.

Passage of the measure means taxpayers in Harris County, which includes Houston, would see an average increase of \$5 per year in their property taxes.

"Harris County residents have put their trust in the Flood Control District," district executive director Russ Poppe said in a statement after Saturday's vote. "We plan to work extremely hard and efficiently to turn the financial resources made available as a result of this election into the reality of reduced flooding risks."

Poppe also said the agenda for next week's Harris County Commissioners Court will include more than a dozen flood-control projects.

Houston, which is barely above sea level, has long been susceptible to flooding. A web of bayous and

other watersheds that can overflow during heavy rainfall snake their way through Harris County. Flood maps show that more than 25 percent of Harris County is in the 100-year flood plain and more than 33 percent of the county is in the 500-year flood plain. Structures in a 100-year flood plain have a 1 percent chance of flooding in any given year, while those in a 500-year flood plain have a 0.2 percent chance of flooding during any year. The Houston area has had three 500-year flood events since 2015. Many of the Houston area homes damaged during Harvey were not in designated flood plains.

The flooding from Harvey and damaging storms in the two preceding years has galvanized efforts to make the Houston area more resilient to future floods.

Since Harvey, the city and the county have approved rules requiring new homes and other buildings constructed in flood plains to be built higher off the ground to avoid flooding.

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner said things like the bond referendum and the new building rules show that the area is serious about better protecting itself.

"As we develop going forward, we're going to have to do things differently," Turner said.

The bond referendum received bipartisan support and was endorsed by business and labor groups as well as religious and community advocacy organizations.

However, there were some community concerns about transparency and how the money would be used.

Keith Downey, president of the Kashmere Gardens Super Neighborhood, a local community group, said he would have liked more information about how some of the projects will benefit the city's low-income neighborhoods, many of which flooded during Harvey and have a history of repeated flooding.

"There are more questions than we have answers," Downey said as he stood next to Hunting Bayou, one of the waterways that swamped low-income neighborhoods during Harvey.

Officials have said they have been transparent about the bond proposal, holding 23 community meetings this summer to gather public input and ideas.

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Money and loyalty: A look inside dramatic Trump-Cohen rift

By JONATHAN LEMIRE, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — For Michael Cohen and Donald Trump, it's always been about money and loyalty.

Those were guiding principles for Cohen when he served as more than just a lawyer for Trump during the developer's rise from celebrity to president-elect. Cohen brokered deals for the Trump Organization, profited handsomely from a side venture into New York City's real estate and taxi industries and worked to make unflattering stories about Trump disappear.

Money and loyalty also drove Cohen to make guilty pleas this past week in a spinoff from the swirling investigations battering the Trump White House.

Feeling abandoned by Trump and in dire financial straits, the man who once famously declared that he would "take a bullet" for Trump now is pledging loyalty to his own family and actively seeking to cooperate with special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation.

The unraveling of their relationship was laid bare Tuesday when Cohen pleaded guilty to eight criminal charges and said in federal court that he broke campaign finance laws as part of a cover-up operation that Trump had directed.

In the days after Cohen's guilty plea, two close associates — the magazine boss who helped him squash bad stories and the top financial man at the president's business — have been granted immunity for their cooperation. These moves could have a ripple effect on the legal fortunes of Cohen and, perhaps, Trump.

For years, Cohen was a fixture in Trump's orbit.

Working alongside Trump and Trump's three adult children — Don Jr., Ivanka, Eric — in Trump Tower, Cohen took on a number of roles for the developer, including emissary for projects in foreign capitals and enforcer of Trump's will. At times a bully for a family-run business, Cohen was known for his hot temper as he strong-armed city workers, reluctant business partners and reporters.

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He was there in the lobby of Trump Tower in June 2015 when his boss descended an escalator and changed history by declaring his candidacy for president. But Cohen's place in Trump's political life ended up being peripheral.

Cohen did become a reliable surrogate on cable TV — he created a viral moment by repeating "Says who?" when told Trump was down in the polls — and founded the candidate's faith-based organization. But Cohen was never given a prominent spot in the campaign.

And despite telling confidants that he thought he had a shot at White House chief of staff after the election, Cohen was never given a West Wing job. He remained in New York when Trump moved to Washington.

Cohen found ways to profit from the arrangement, making millions from corporations by selling access to Trump, but felt adrift and isolated from Trump, according to two people familiar with his thinking who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss private conversations.

But early one April morning, more than three dozen federal agents raided Cohen's home, office and hotel room.

A chief focus for investigators was Cohen's role in making payments during Trump's campaign to women who claimed they had sex with Trump, and whether campaign finance laws were violated. In the fall of 2016, weeks before the election, Cohen had set up a limited liability company in Delaware to hide the deal he made to silence the pornographic film actress Stormy Daniels about an affair she said she had with Trump.

Worry grew within the White House about what had been seized. That April day, Trump berated the raid as "an attack on all we stand for." But then, in a "Fox & Friends" interview, Trump began to dramatically play down his relationship with Cohen.

"I have nothing to do with his business," Trump said, asserting that Cohen was just one of many lawyers and was responsible for "a tiny, tiny fraction" of Trump's legal work.

A dispute soon broke out between Cohen and Trump over who would pay the former fixer's mounting legal bills. Holed up in a Park Avenue hotel after his apartment flooded, Cohen began to worry about his financial future, according to the two people.

By all appearances, Cohen's lifestyle was lavish.

He bought a \$6.7 million Manhattan apartment last fall, though the sale didn't close until April and no one could move in until the summer. With bills piling up for his team of expensive lawyers, the suddenly unemployed Cohen began to tell confidants that he was worried about his job prospects and ability to support his family.

Meanwhile, the broadsides from the White House kept coming.

Trump and Cohen had long stopped speaking, but word would get back to the lawyer that the president was belittling him. The president's attorney and frequent attack dog Rudy Giuliani went from calling Cohen "an honest, honorable lawyer" in May to deriding him as a "pathological liar" in July.

Cohen began wondering to friends whether loyalty with Trump had become a one-way street, the people said.

Eager to hit back and attempt to regain some hold on the story, Cohen hired Lanny Davis, a former Bill Clinton attorney, to be his public relations lawyer. Davis began striking back at the White House and lobbed a clear warning shot at the president when he released a secret recording of a conversation in which Trump appears to have knowledge about hush-money payments to former Playboy model Karen McDougal, who also alleged an affair with the developer.

Cohen was embraced by the cable news networks as an irresistible foil to Trump. Some on the left styled him as a star of the resistance. Cohen's camp made some effort to play into the role, reaching out to Watergate whistleblower John Dean and, after Cohen's plea, establishing an online fundraising tool that seemed to predominantly receive backing from liberals.

Cohen, who could get about four years to five years in prison, is due to be sentenced Dec. 12.

Davis has strongly telegraphed that Cohen is willing to cooperate with Mueller's investigation. But a deal has yet to be struck and there are doubts about what Cohen can prove or whether the special counsel would want to rely on an untrustworthy witness.

Cohen has stayed out of sight and has remained emotional since his plea, according to the people close to him.

The attacks from Trump have continued.

"If anyone is looking for a good lawyer, I would strongly suggest that you don't retain the services of Michael Cohen!" Trump tweeted Wednesday.

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Hawaii emerges from threat as storm veers away from islands

By **AUDREY McAVOY** and **CALEB JONES**, Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — Hawaii emerged Saturday from the threat of a potentially devastating hurricane after historic amounts of rain forced evacuations on some islands but damage appeared less than feared.

Tropical Storm Lane, once known as Hurricane Lane, began to break apart as it veered west into the open Pacific, leaving behind sighs of relief and plenty of cleanup, especially on the Big Island where rainfall totals approached 4 feet (1.2 meters).

No storm-related deaths have been reported, though Big Island authorities said they plucked families from floodwaters and landslides closed roads.

The National Weather Service canceled all storm warnings for the state, several hours after shopkeepers in Honolulu's tourist-heavy areas already started taking down plywood meant to protect windows if the storm made it that far.

Preliminary figures from the weather service show that Lane dropped the fourth-highest amount of rain for a hurricane to hit the United States since 1950. Hurricane Harvey, which devastated Texas a year ago, topped the list.

The storm's outer bands dumped as much as 45 inches (114 centimeters) on the mostly rural Big Island, measurements showed. The main town of Hilo, population 43,000, was flooded Friday with waist-high water.

Authorities rescued 39 people from floodwaters Friday and Saturday, all in the eastern part of the Big Island where the rain concentrated, Hawaii County Civil Defense spokeswoman Kelly Wooten said. Teams were assessing damage, she said, but continued to focus on recovery efforts because it was still raining.

Big Island Book Buyers in Hilo opened as normal Saturday morning after owner Mary Bicknell saw a bit of sunshine and blue sky.

"Everybody is in pretty good spirits. It's kind of nice," she said of her customers before adding everyone was "hoping and praying it's over."

One of the island's volcanoes is erupting, and the rain could still cause whiteout conditions on some active lava fields when it hits the molten rock and boils off as steam.

About 200 miles (320 kilometers) and several islands to the northwest, tourists wandered Waikiki Beach and took leisurely swims as shopkeepers prepared to reopen.

Hotels began putting deck chairs back alongside pools. Dozens of surfers were in the Pacific, looking to ride small waves. The breeze was light.

Winds were also calmer on Maui, which had seen about 12 inches (30 centimeters) of rain and wind gusts up to 50 mph (80 kph). On Saturday, winds were about 11 mph (18 kph). Like the Big Island, Maui experienced flooding and landslides.

Lane first approached the islands earlier this week as a Category 5 hurricane, meaning it was likely to cause catastrophic damage with winds of 157 mph (252 kph) or above. But upper-level winds known as shear swiftly tore the storm apart.

As flooding hit the Big Island, winds fanned brush fires that had broken out in dry areas of Maui and Oahu. Some residents in a shelter on Maui had to flee flames, and another fire forced people from their homes.

Flames burned nine homes in the historic coastal town of Lahaina and forced 600 people to evacuate, Maui County spokeswoman Lynn Araki-Regan said. Some have returned, but many have not because much of the area lacks power, Araki-Regan said.

Those outages meant the water provider on Maui's west side was unable to pump, so officials at the Maui Electric utility urged conservation — particularly important because firefighters need supplies to put out the remaining flames.

The central Pacific gets fewer hurricanes than other regions, with only about four or five named storms a year. Hawaii rarely gets hit. The last major storm to hit was Iniki in 1992. Others have come close in recent years.

"It's great that it didn't get us," Nick Palumbo II, who lives and owns a surf shop on the island of Lanai, said of Lane.

He worried, however, that the near-miss would give residents a false sense of security. "We're going to get nailed one time, and people are going to not listen," Palumbo said, "exactly like 'The Boy Who Cried Wolf.'"

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'Private' mess: Musk's credibility goes from bad to worse

By TOM KRISHER, AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) — First it was the shocking tweet that funding was secured and Tesla may go private, then a statement that the money wasn't locked down after all. Two weeks later it's never mind, the whole deal is off.

Welcome to the disarray of Elon Musk, the impulsive genius and architect of cutting-edge car, rocket and solar panel companies built nearly from scratch.

Chaos, though, comes with a price. Experts say it all could wind up with Tesla exposed to a fine for misleading investors. And even though Musk has almost legendary status, the episode could further erode his credibility with stakeholders who have endured multiple broken promises and years of losses as a public company.

"Prior to the go-private episode, his credibility was in question, although investors still had overall confidence in the guy," Erik Gordon, a business and law professor at the University of Michigan, said Saturday. "This whole go-private episode has taken his credibility close to zero."

The bizarre story began Aug. 7 when Musk, while driving to the airport, tweeted he was considering taking the company private and that funding had been secured for the deal. Investors would be paid \$420 per share, a 23 percent premium over the Aug. 6 closing price. No other details were given, but Tesla's stock shot up 11 percent that day. At \$420, buying all Tesla shares would cost around \$72 billion.

Then, in a blog post six days later, Musk wrote the money wasn't locked down, revealing that Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund was the source of the cash but was still doing due diligence. Musk said the Tesla board and some big investors had been told he was considering taking the company private before he tweeted that information. He said he tweeted the disclosure so everyone could have the information.

Musk, who owns 20 percent of Tesla, also said he expected only a third of shareholders to sell, meaning the deal would be valued around \$24 billion.

Late Friday came a statement from Musk saying that after talking to investors, the plan to go private would be scrubbed. Big institutional investors told him they had limits on how much they could sink into a private company.

The episode drew attention from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, which reportedly is investigating Tesla for possible manipulation of the stock price. At least two lawsuits seeking class-action status also have been filed alleging Musk broke securities laws by making it sound like financing for the buyout was lined up.

James Cox, a Duke University professor who specializes in corporate governance and securities law, said regulations prohibit companies from making misleading statements that influence the markets.

"The fact that he's now backing off so quickly, within a matter of weeks, indicates the insincerity in which the first statement was made," Cox said.

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While Musk disclosed the possible buy-back on Aug. 7, he didn't reveal all contingencies including that the Saudi fund had to investigate, said Peter Henning, a Wayne State University law professor and former SEC attorney. "I think his most recent statement shows that this wasn't thought through," Henning said. "That's going to be a concern for the SEC because that's how investors can be misled, with incomplete information."

The SEC also is likely to look at Musk's disclosure to some investors before others, which also is prohibited if there's reason to believe the investors might trade stock based on the information, Cox said.

Calling the whole thing off, though, might also be a defense for Musk, Henning said. "He could say I was just testing the waters. I was just thinking out loud, so I didn't mean to mislead anyone on this."

Normally, if a company was mulling a plan to go private, the CEO would notify the board and a process would be put in place to evaluate the move, Henning says. Lawyers would be involved and it would be disclosed in a filing with the SEC.

Cox predicts that Tesla will settle with the SEC, pay a penalty and agree not to violate securities laws in the future.

On top of all this drama, last week Musk disclosed in an interview with the New York Times that he was stressed out from trying to meet long-delayed production targets for the Model 3 mass-market electric car. He said he was working 120 hours a week and had to take Ambien to sleep.

Investors stuck with the company, although since the run-up on Aug. 7 shares have retreated. They closed Friday at \$322.82, 6 percent below the opening price the day of the tweet.

Tesla declined comment Saturday. Six board members said in a statement Friday night that the board supports Musk and Tesla.

Some bullish investors still say Tesla has great growth potential. Shareholder ARK Invest recently wrote to Musk urging him to keep the company public and saying that \$420 per share is too low. But Consumer Edge analyst Jamie Albertine, who had been a Tesla optimist, cut his rating on the company and urged the board to bring on a seasoned executive to help manage it.

On Saturday Albertine said that while second-quarter earnings indicated positive trends, the events of the past few weeks are "enough to make us uncomfortable."

Associated Press writer Candice Choi in New York contributed to this report.

Democrats OK limiting party leaders' role in picking nominee

By **BILL BARROW** and **SARA BURNETT**, Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — After two years of sometimes ugly public fighting, Democratic Party leaders on Saturday voted to limit their own high-profile roles in choosing presidential nominees, giving even more weight to the outcome of state primaries and caucuses.

The debate over the influence of party insiders known as superdelegates was evidence of the fallout from the 2016 fight between eventual nominee Hillary Clinton and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders. His supporters accused the national party of tipping the scales in Clinton's favor.

The change, which affects the hundreds of Democratic National Committee members, elected officials and party elders who attend presidential conventions as automatic delegates, was seen as a victory for the party chairman, Tom Perez. It comes with the November election nearing, when GOP control of Congress is at stake, and a potentially bruising nominating battle shaping up for 2020, when President Donald Trump is up for re-election.

"We should never ever confuse unity and unanimity," Perez said after the vote. "Today, demonstrated the values of the Democratic Party."

Under the new rules for 2020, superdelegates still will be automatic delegates to the party's convention. But they will not have a vote on the first presidential ballot if the convention remains contested, which is a distinct possibility given the number of Democrats considering running.

Superdelegates would get to vote on any subsequent rounds of voting, though the Democratic nomina-

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tion has been settled on the first ballot of every convention since the 1970s, when the modern system of primaries and caucuses was established.

The change was approved by acclamation. The key procedural vote before that showed the overhaul had 329.5 "yes" votes to 106.5 votes in opposition.

The approval drew a standing ovation from progressive activists, many of them among the Sanders supporters who had cited superdelegates as the personification of establishment favoritism toward Clinton.

"This is a great day for America and for the party," said Jeff Weaver, Sanders' 2016 campaign manager. "When you have a system subject to gaming, there is incentive to game it. To the extent the system can't be gamed, you have more credibility with voters."

In a written statement, Sanders called the move "an important step forward in making the Democratic Party more open, democratic and responsive to the input of ordinary Americans."

Perez said settling the issue means the party can focus exclusively on the November election, when Democrats are aiming to reclaim majorities on Capitol Hill and regain power in statehouses around the country.

"We're here to win elections. We're here to restore our democracy as we know it," Perez said, and "we're going to kick butt in 73 days."

Beyond changing the rules for superdelegates, the overhaul is intended to make vote-counting at presidential preference caucuses more transparent and make it easier for voters other than longtime registered Democrats to participate in caucuses and primaries.

That could affect states such as Iowa, which might have to develop paper ballots for caucus sites instead of its usual method of sorting into groups and counting heads. New York, meanwhile, would be pressured to relax its party registration deadline, which in 2016 fell six months before the primary, leaving many independents who wanted to back Sanders no option to vote.

But it was the superdelegate matter that met fierce opposition from some party leaders, including two former national heads, Donna Brazile and Don Fowler, both longtime allies of Hillary Clinton and former President Bill Clinton.

Fowler, Brazile and other opponents cast the efforts as punishing rank-and-file party leaders incorrectly perceived as party bosses trying to override the will of voters. Even Perez noted that superdelegates have never overturned the cumulative results of primaries and caucuses.

In 2016, for example, Clinton got almost 4 million more primary and caucus votes than Sanders, giving her a clear lead in pledged delegates heading into the Philadelphia convention. Still, many superdelegates had declared their loyalty early in the process — even before primary season began — allowing Clinton to claim the mantle of a prohibitive favorite.

Christine Pelosi, a DNC member from California who backed Clinton but supports scrapping superdelegates, recalled media coverage of Sanders' big victory in the New Hampshire primary being colored by Clinton having unpledged delegate support in the state.

"Sanders went to bed ahead, and he woke up effectively tied" in the delegate count, Pelosi said. "That's not a 'perception.' That's a reality."

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Pope in Ireland decries abuse cover-up, meets with victims

By NICOLE WINFIELD and MARIA GRAZIA MURRU, Associated Press

DUBLIN (AP) — Pope Francis faced a lukewarm reception and scattered protests Saturday on his trip to Ireland, with even his vow to rid the church of the "scourge" of sexual abuse and his outrage at those "repugnant crimes" dismissed as a disappointment by some of Ireland's wounded victims.

But others who met with him in private left heartened that he would respond to their plight, including two of the thousands of children who were forcibly put up for adoption for the shame of having been

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born to unwed mothers. They said Francis described the corruption and cover-up in the church as “caca” — translated by the Vatican translator for the English speakers as “filth as one sees in the toilet.”

The abuse scandal — which has exploded anew in the U.S. but has convulsed Ireland since the 1990s with revelations of unfathomable violence and humiliation against women and children — took center stage on the first day of Francis’ two-day trip. The visit was originally intended to celebrate Catholic families.

Francis responded to the outcry by vowing to end sex abuse and cover-up during a speech to Irish government authorities at Dublin Castle.

“The failure of ecclesiastical authorities — bishops, religious superiors, priests and others — to adequately address these repugnant crimes has rightly given rise to outrage, and remains a source of pain and shame for the Catholic community,” he told them. “I myself share these sentiments.”

He cited measures taken by his predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI, to respond to the crisis. But while Benedict is credited with cracking down on abusers, he never acknowledged the Vatican’s role in fueling a culture of cover-up or sanctioned bishops for failing to protect their flocks from predator priests.

Francis followed his promise with a 90-minute meeting with eight survivors of both clerical and institutional abuse and prayed quietly before a candle lit for victims in Dublin’s cathedral. But neither his words nor the meeting with victims is likely to assuage demands for heads to roll.

“Disappointing, nothing new,” was the reaction from Irish abuse survivor Marie Collins, a former member of Francis’ sex abuse advisory panel who quit last year in frustration. She later took part in Francis’ meeting with seven other abuse survivors, including two priests and a public official.

Colm O’Gorman, who is leading a solidarity rally on Sunday in Dublin for abuse victims, said Francis’ remarks about sharing the shame felt by Catholics were an “insult to faithful Catholics, who have no reason to feel shame because of the crimes of the Vatican and the institutional church.”

The reception that Francis received in Dublin contrasted sharply with the raucous, rock star welcome that greeted St. John Paul II in 1979 in the first-ever papal visit here. No one from the public was at the airport or the roads nearby when Francis arrived Saturday and the streets near a church-run homeless shelter that Francis visited were practically empty despite barricades designed to hold back crowds.

At one protest, people tossed baby shoes to remind the pope of the poor treatment the Catholic Church doled out to the children of unwed mothers.

Crowds did throng Francis’ popemobile route and gathered outside Dublin’s cathedral, basking in the sunny weather, and a stadium was nearly full for his evening vigil to close out the church’s family rally.

And two of the Irish adoptees said they were heartened Francis said he would address their concerns at Mass on Sunday. They are asking him to publicly state that their mothers had done nothing wrong and to encourage reconciliation between all unwed mothers, many of them now aged, who were forced by society and the church to give up their children.

Paul Redmond, who was born in a home and given up for adoption at 17 days, urged the pope to publicly call on the six orders of Catholic nuns who ran the homes to accept responsibility for the traumas they caused, issue an apology, and pay for the costs of inquiries.

“The pope did apologize to all of us for what happened in the homes,” he said.

The coalition of survivors of mother and baby homes estimates 100,000 single mothers were forcibly separated from their babies and that 6,000 babies died at the homes.

Deeply Catholic Ireland has had one of the world’s worst records of clergy sex abuse, crimes that were revealed to its 4.8 million people over the past decade by government-mandated inquiries. The reviews concluded that thousands of children were raped or molested by priests or physically abused in church-run schools — and Irish bishops worked for years to hide those crimes.

After the Irish church enacted tough new norms to fight abuse, it had been looking to the first visit by a pope in 39 years to show a different, more caring church.

More than 37,000 people, most of them young Catholics, signed up to attend a Vatican-sponsored World Meeting of Families that ends Sunday in Dublin, more than twice the number of a rally in Philadelphia three years ago.

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Francis urged the Irish to recognize that for all its failings, the Catholic Church educated and cared for generations of Irish children in times of famine and great poverty.

Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar concurred, saying the church stepped in to care for Irish children when the state did not. But in his speech at Dublin Castle, he said both church and state had a history of "sorrow and shame," and he urged the pope to ensure that victims of sex abuse find "justice and truth and healing."

Varadkar cited the recent Pennsylvania grand jury report, which found 300 priests had abused more than 1,000 children over 70 years in six dioceses, in urging Francis to "ensure that from words flow actions."

"In recent weeks, we have all listened to heart-breaking stories from Pennsylvania of brutal crimes perpetrated by people within the Catholic Church, and then obscured to protect the institution at the expense of innocent victims," Varadkar said. "It's a story all too tragically familiar here in Ireland."

That history of abuse has left its mark. Irish voters in recent years have turned their backs on core Catholic teachings. They have overturned a constitutional ban on abortion and legalized divorce, contraception, previously banned homosexual acts and same-sex marriage.

Survivors of one of Ireland's wretched mother and baby homes were to hold a demonstration Sunday at Tuam, site of a mass grave of hundreds of babies who died at a church-run home.

Francis will be nearby, visiting the Marian shrine at Knock, but has no plans to visit the grave site.

He did, however, hear about Tuam on Saturday from Ireland's minister for children, Katherine Zappone. Their conversation wasn't released but Francis said her words "still echo in my ears."

An amateur Irish historian, Catherine Corless, traced the deaths of 796 children at the Tuam home to a grave in the orphanage's sewage area. Corless and survivors of the home and their families want to unearth the site and give the children — all of whom were baptized — proper Christian burials.

Zappone's ministry is to recommend this fall whether to accept that proposal or build a memorial at the site.

AP video journalist Luigi Navarra contributed.

Volunteers re-enact World War I encampment in Verdun, France

By SYLVIE CORBET, Associated Press

VERDUN, France (AP) — Hundreds of volunteers from 18 countries gathered in the northeastern French town of Verdun on Saturday to keep alive the memory of those who fought under appalling conditions in World War I.

Re-enactors dressed in soldiers' uniforms brought to life a big military encampment in the town and were holding a military parade, part of a series of events to mark the centenary of the end of the war.

Visitors could visualize soldiers' daily life during the war through the reconstruction of field kitchens, First Aid posts and command posts.

Soldiers in khaki, grey or blue uniforms, depending on the country, and women wearing Red Cross nurses uniforms were presenting authentic objects and equipment from the 1914-1918 war.

Other volunteers were dispatched on key battlefield areas around Verdun. They didn't re-enact any fighting out of respect for the sites, which have since become a symbol of peace.

Instead, German and Polish volunteers were sharing tips about military clothes and historic anecdotes with their French, Australian and English neighbors at the encampment.

The 10-month battle at Verdun — the longest in World War I — killed 163,000 French and 143,000 German soldiers and wounded hundreds of thousands of others. Between February and December 1916, an estimated 60 million shells were fired. Entire villages were destroyed and never rebuilt.

The former battlefield still holds millions of unexploded shells, so that housing and farming are still forbidden in some areas.

Dozens of heads of state and government, including U.S. President Donald Trump, are expected in Paris to commemorate the Armistice that ended the war on Nov. 11.

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World War I remembrance sites and museums have seen a strong increase in tourist numbers in recent years, boosted by the commemorations of the centenary. More than 1 million visitors were counted on the five main sites in and around Verdun in 2016, the year of the 100th anniversary of the battle.

Celine Guillin, visiting Verdun with her 8-year-old son, said the recreated encampment allowed visitors to be "very conscious of the hardness of life during the Great War. It was hard on soldiers, but also on their wives, their whole family."

She pointed at a poster urging French women and children to work in the fields during the summer of 1914.

Jacob Withoos, 19, came from Australia as a volunteer within a group of 12 men.

"The main importance there is the remembrance," he said. "War is never a good thing and we must ensure it doesn't happen again. It's great to have things like this so we can remember the men who sacrificed themselves in order to preserve freedom, and definitively ensure it doesn't happen again to any future generation."

French volunteer Michel Pascal said "this is modern history. We must not forget what we've been through." Pascal was in charge of presenting an American corner in the encampment — composed of a small tent for two men, a backpack including mess tin and cutlery and a bayonet.

Caroline Hecquet, a volunteer from northern France, stressed all countries involved in World War I share a "common suffering."

"Historical memory is in books: strategies, battles, great generals ... But the memory of local people, it is fading," she said. "People don't know any more how objects were used, how clothes looked like. That's what we want to pass on."

Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Sunday, Aug. 26, the 238th day of 2018. There are 127 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 26, 1957, the Soviet Union announced it had successfully tested an intercontinental ballistic missile.

On this date:

In 55 B.C., Roman forces under Julius Caesar invaded Britain, with only limited success.

In 1883, the island volcano Krakatoa began cataclysmic eruptions, leading to a massive explosion the following day.

In 1910, Thomas Edison demonstrated for reporters an improved version of his Kinetophone, a device for showing a movie with synchronized sound.

In 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing American women's right to vote, was certified in effect by Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby.

In 1944, French Gen. Charles de Gaulle braved the threat of German snipers as he led a victory march in Paris, which had just been liberated by the Allies from Nazi occupation.

In 1958, Alaskans went to the polls to overwhelmingly vote in favor of statehood.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson was nominated for a term of office in his own right at the Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

In 1968, the Democratic National Convention opened in Chicago; the four-day event that resulted in the nomination of Hubert H. Humphrey for president was marked by a bloody police crackdown on antiwar protesters in the streets.

In 1972, the summer Olympics games opened in Munich, West Germany.

In 1974, Charles Lindbergh — the first man to fly solo, non-stop across the Atlantic — died at his home in Hawaii at age 72.

In 1978, Cardinal Albino Luciani (al-BEE'-noh loo-CHYAH'-nee) of Venice was elected pope following the

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death of Paul VI; the new pontiff took the name Pope John Paul I. (However, he died just over a month later.)

In 2015, Alison Parker, a reporter for WDBJ-TV in Roanoke, Virginia, and her cameraman, Adam Ward, were shot to death during a live broadcast by a disgruntled former station employee who fatally shot himself while being pursued by police.

Ten years ago: Hillary Rodham Clinton closed the book on her 2008 presidential bid by telling the Democratic National Convention in Denver the election wasn't about her and declaring herself a "proud supporter of Barack Obama." Russia recognized the independence claims of two Georgian breakaway regions, Abkhazia and South Ossetia. Hurricane Gustav struck Haiti, causing widespread flooding and landslides; the storm went on to kill at least 78 people in the Caribbean. Major League Baseball announced umpires would be allowed to check video on home run "boundary calls" starting August 27.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama bestowed the Medal of Honor on Army Staff Sgt. Ty Carter, who'd risked his life to save an injured soldier, resupply ammunition to his comrades and render first aid during intense fighting in a remote mountain outpost in Afghanistan.

One year ago: Hurricane Harvey spun into Texas, unloading extraordinary amounts of rain. (The hurricane killed nearly 70 people, damaged more than 300,000 structures and caused an estimated \$125 billion in damage.) Iraq's military said it had driven Islamic State militants out of 90 percent of the northern town of Tal Afar. Boxer Floyd Mayweather Jr. beat UFC fighter Conor McGregor in a boxing match in Las Vegas that was stopped by the referee in the 10th round; it was the last fight of Mayweather's career and earned him an estimated \$200 million. Spotify said Taylor Swift had set a new global first-day streaming record with more than 8 million same-day streams for Swift's new single, "Look What You Made Me Do."

Today's Birthdays: Pop singer Vic Dana is 78. Former Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge is 73. Rhythm-and-blues singer Valerie Simpson is 73. Pop singer Bob Cowsill is 69. Broadcast journalist Bill Whitaker is 67. Actor Brett Cullen is 62. NBA coach Stan Van Gundy is 59. Jazz musician Branford Marsalis is 58. Country musician Jimmy Olander (Diamond Rio) is 57. Actor Chris Burke is 53. Actress-singer Shirley Manson (Garbage) is 52. Rock musician Dan Vickrey (Counting Crowes) is 52. TV writer-actress Riley Weston is 52. Rock musician Adrian Young (No Doubt) is 49. Actress Melissa McCarthy is 48. Latin pop singer Thalia is 47. Actress Meredith Eaton is 44. Rock singer-musician Tyler Connolly (Theory of a Deadman) is 43. Actor Mike Colter is 42. Actor Macaulay Culkin is 38. Actor Chris Pine is 38. Actor Johnny Ray Gill is 34. Country singer Brian Kelley (Florida Georgia Line) is 33. Rhythm-and-blues singer Cassie (AKA Cassie Ventura) is 32. Actor Evan Ross is 30. Actress Danielle Savre is 30. Actor Dylan O'Brien is 27. Actress Keke Palmer is 25.

Thought for Today: "Do not wait for leaders; do it alone, person to person." — Mother Teresa (born this date in 1910, died 1997).