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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.



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10:00am: Golf: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Redfield-Doland @ Redfield Golf Course

Noon: Olive Grove Bridge Party

4:00pm: Football: Boys 7th/8th Game vs. Red-field-Doland @ Doland High School (7th Grade 4:00 PM; 8th Grade 5:00 PM)

5:00pm: Volleyball: Girls Varsity Match vs. Mobridge-Pollock Schools @ Mobridge-Pollock High School (C & JV matches start at 5pm)

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Olive Grove Men's League Championship and Banquet

Thursday, September 13, 2018

4:00pm: Cross Country: Varsity Meet vs. Aberdeen Roncalli @ Lee Park Golf Course

4:00pm: Football: Boys 7th Game vs. Aberdeen Central @ Groton Area High School

4:00pm: Volleyball: Girls 7th/8th Match vs. Sisseton @ Sisseton High School (7th Grade; 4:00 PM

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Governor Asks For Flags At Half-Staff On 9/11 Anniversary

PIERRE, S.D. – President Trump is calling for the flag of the United States to be displayed at half-staff on Tuesday in observance of Patriot Day, and he has invited governors of the United States to join in the observance.

At the President's request, Gov. Dennis Daugaard asks that all flags in the state be flown at half-staff on Tuesday, Sept. 11, from 8 a.m. until sunset in honor of those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on the United States on Sept. 11, 2001.

Brian Gravatt put the flags up around town on Monday in preparation for Patriot Day (9/11) on Tuesday.

(Photo by Paul Kosel)

BATES TOWNSHIP WEED NOTICE

OWNERS & TENANTS of Bates Township are hereby notified and required, according to law, to cut all weeds and grass in road ditches adjacent to their property or tenanted by them within Bates township on or before October 1, 2018 or same will be hired done by the township board and assessed property taxes at the rate of \$300 per half mile.

Bates Township Board of Supervisors reminds all landowners and tenants that the road right-of-way extends 33 feet from the center of the township road. This ditch is to be maintained and mowed. Any crops planted in the road right-of-way will be mowed and charged to the landowner. Landowner is responsible for spraying all noxious weeds.

Bates Township Board of Supervisors Betty Geist Township Clerk

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School enrollment up from last year

The Groton Area School enrollment is up from last year. Superintendent Joe Schwan reported that the enrollment number is now 582, up by 14 students from last year. There are 33 students in the district who are home schooled in 10 families. For the first time, the district has a home schooled student partially enrolled in elective coursework. There are two inquiries from families who would like to have their student participate in extra-curricular activities. Presently, the school policy states that students have to be enrolled in the public school.

Elementary Principal Brett Schwan reported that the elementary developmental screening for three-year-olds will be held September 19 at the Groton Area Elementary School.

The OST numbers are up by about seven students this year with a daily average of 40.

The student council will be meeting Thursday to pick a theme for homecoming. Homecoming coronation is September 24 at 7:30 p.m. The parade is September 28.

Business Manager Mike Weber reported on the Wellmark Health Insurance. He said that broken down, the board pays for about 2/3 of the premium cost and the staff pays about 1/3 of the premium. For the past year, the premiums paid totaled \$960,436.01 and the amount paid out was \$682,648.41.

Micah Westby and Rodney Johnson from the New Life Fellowship church in Aberdeen approached the school board about renting the elementary facility to start a church in Groton. Johnson said that they have members from Bath to Webster going to Aberdeen for church and that Groton would be an ideal place to start a new church. They said they have about 125 members between Bath and Webster. Westby said that 50 percent of church starts today start in the school, renting the facility on Sunday morning. They also said it would not a be a long-term obligation. After about one and one-half to two years, they would look at building a new church. "We're one church, multiple locations," Westby said. "We want to be a blessing to your community." Their idea was to rent the commons area for church and the elementary gym for the students and they would like to start in the spring of 2019.

Tylan Glover and AnneMarie Smith approached the board about having a student director for the one-act play/all-school play. Brian Schultz from the Aberdeen Community Theater was also present. Glover said that he would like to be the student director this year. The board members felt comfortable with Glover doing it; however, he would still need an adult supervisor. Board President Steve Smith said, "You need to find supervisors" after the board gave the okay.

Amended work agreements were authorized for Don Donley bus route from \$12,240 to \$12,415; Lena Cox bus route from \$16,993.80 to \$17,063.80; Chuck Padfield bus route from \$11,325 to \$11,360; Kamo Lipp salary from \$17,354.37 to \$17,433.46; Joann Donley salary from \$17,587.35 to \$16,860.60; Lena Cox 6 hours per week IEP and 10 hours per week JK and Rany Hjermstad 8 hours per week IEP and 10 hours per week JK each at \$10.25 per hour. A lane change for Kristen Gonsor was approved from MS+30 to MS+45 for a raise of \$750.

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Motorists Can Expect East Coast Gas Prices to Spike this Week as Hurricane Florence Approaches

September 10, 2018 - On the week, the national gas price average jumped a penny to land at \$2.85. Prices remain relatively stable across the country as gasoline demand dipped slightly and gasoline inventories incrementally built according to the latest Energy Information Administration (EIA) reports.

With the switchover to winter-blend gasoline fast approaching (September 15), gas prices are expected to decline this month. The threat of Hurricane Florence — which is now a Category 3 storm and projected to hit between South Carolina and Virginia by end of this week —will likely have an impact on East Coast gas prices this week should the storm follow its projected path.

"A storm like this typically causes an increase in fuel purchases in the market and a slowdown in retail demand. Motorists can expect spikes in pump prices to be brief, but possibly dramatic," said Marilyn Buskohl, AAA spokesperson. "AAA will continue to monitor the storm and will provide updates. Motorists can find the latest gas prices at GasPrices.AAA.com."

South Dakota Average Gas Prices:

Current Avg. \$2.803 Yesterday Avg. \$2.822 Week Ago Avg. \$2.835 Month Ago Avg. \$2.900 Year Ago Avg. \$2.556

Quick Stats

The nation's top 10 least expensive markets are: Alabama (\$2.52), Mississippi (\$2.54), Arkansas (\$2.57), Louisiana (\$2.58), South Carolina (\$2.59), Tennessee (\$2.59), Virginia (\$2.61), Missouri (\$2.61), Texas (\$2.62) and Oklahoma (\$2.63).

The nation's top 10 largest monthly changes are: Michigan (-12 cents), South Dakota (-10 cents), Illinois (-10 cents), Colorado (+7 cents), North Dakota (-7 cents), Alaska (-7 cents), Nebraska (-6 cents), Florida (-6 cents), District of Colombia (-5 cents) and Tennessee (-5 cents).

Great Lakes and Central

Motorists in the Great Lakes and Central states are seeing pump prices mostly remaining steady on the week. Only three states saw any 'significant' spikes in gas prices: Michigan (+6 cents), Indiana (+4 cents) and Kentucky (+4 cents). South Dakota and Missouri both have the largest pump price drop – three cents – of all states in the region.

Compared to one month ago, motorists in every state in the region – except Ohio (+1 cent) – are paying less to fill up. Five Great Lakes and Central states land on the top 10 largest monthly changes list: Michigan (-12 cents), South Dakota (-10 cents), Illinois (-10 cents), North Dakota (-7 cents) and Nebraska (-6 cents). Gasoline inventories built slightly on the week to register at 53.1 million bbl, which is the largest inventory level recorded for this time of year since 2008. With demand expected to continue declining, and taking into account high inventory levels, motorists in the region can expect prices to steadily decline this fall.

Oil market dynamics

At the close of Friday's formal trading session on the NYMEX, WTI dropped two cents to settle at \$67.75. The drop in the price of crude oil can be attributed to several factors including increasing U.S. gasoline inventories, wariness regarding U.S. sanctions against Iran, and instability in production in Libya and Venezuela. These market dynamics are mostly keeping gas prices flat, but a factor that may negatively impact prices is the threat of Hurricane Florence in the Atlantic. While it is still too early to pinpoint exactly where it will make landfall, the National Hurricane Center reports landfall could occur somewhere between South Carolina and Virginia late this week.

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GFP Commission Proposes Fishing Regulation Changes

PIERRE, S.D. – Last week, the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Commission proposed to eliminate fish possession limits at an angler's permanent residence. Possession limits do not have a biological impact on fish populations. While possession at a permanent residence will be unlimited, possession limits would remain in place for transporting fish and for storing fish at other locations. This change would provide flexibility in how and when anglers keep and store fish.

The Commission also proposed to repeal liberalized fishing regulations. "Whenever a fish kill on a lake is anticipated, historically, the Department utilized liberalized regulations to allow people to take more fish prior to them dying," stated Geno Adams, GFP fisheries program administrator. "When these regulations were instituted, fish were already dying and not susceptible to angling. The Department has not used liberalized fishing rules for some time and they were not effective in accomplishing intended goals."

In addition, the Commission also proposed to remove the closed fishing seasons for game fish on Minnesota/South Dakota border waters. This removal would reduce regulation complexity and increase recreational opportunities for anglers. The Commission also proposed to remove spring stream closures in eastern South Dakota, in association with opening spearing for northern pike and catfish year-round on all waters except those managed for muskies.

The GFP Commission will finalize these fishing proposals in October. The public hearing will be held Oct. 4 at 2 p.m. MDT at Cadillac Jacks in Deadwood. Individuals can also provide written comments on proposals by sending them to 523 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501, or online at https://gfp.sd.gov/forms/positions/. To be included in the public record and to be considered by the Commission, comments must include a full name and city of residence and meet the submission deadline of 72 hours before the public hearing.

GFP Commission Proposes Fish Limit Changes

PIERRE, S.D. - The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Commission proposed several changes to fishing regulations at their September meeting in Yankton.

These changes or removals include:

Remove the daily and possession limits for white bass and rock bass.

Eliminate the regulation allowing only one trout over 14 inches from Black Hills lakes.

Establish a minimum length limit of 24 inches and a daily limit of one for lake trout or splake in the Black Hills Fish Management Area.

Remove the 15-inch minimum size restriction on walleye for all waters with a four walleye daily limit except for waters of the Missouri River system and Angostura and Shadehill reservoirs.

Remove black bass (largemouth and smallmouth) size restrictions from all waters with the exception of Burke Lake, New Wall Lake and Lake Yankton.

Add a 28-inch minimum length and a daily limit of one walleye on Horseshoe Lake in Day County.

Modify the Lake Francis Case paddlefish season by allowing license holders to take a paddlefish with snagging gear or bow and arrow.

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GFP Commission Finalizes the Bobcat Hunting Season

PIERRE, S.D. - The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Commission proposed the 2019 and 2020 bobcat hunting and trapping seasons with no changes. By rule, the bobcat season is now finalized.

Season dates for the bobcat hunting include:

Dec. 26, 2018 - Feb. 15, 2019 All counties west of the Missouri River

Dec. 26, 2018 – Jan. 20, 2019 Bon Homme, Brule, Buffalo, Charles Mix, Clay, Hughes, Hutchinson, Hyde, Union and Yankton counties

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GFP Commission Proposes Modifications to Nebraska Border Waters and Fish Spearing and Archery Rules

PIERRE, S.D. - The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Commission proposed opening up the spearing of rough fish year-round on South Dakota/Nebraska border waters and proposed to add crossbows and legal spearguns to the list of legal methods of rough fish.

The Commission also proposed the following changes to spearfishing regulations:

Open up the entirety of Lake Sharpe and Lake Francis Case to gamefish spearing and archery during established season dates.

Remove the requirement to purchase a game fish spearing and archery permit.

Change spearing season dates for northern pike and catfish on inland waters, except those managed for muskie, to year-round.

Change gamefish spearing and archery season dates on the South Dakota/Nebraska border waters to July 1-Dec. 1 to match Nebraska's season.

Allow for the take of gamefish below Gavins Point Dam during established season dates.

Prohibit spearing and archery fishing in Angostura and Lewis and Clark Lake marinas.

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GFP Commission Proposes Modifications to AIS Rules

PIERRE, S.D. - The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Commission proposed several modifications to the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) rules.

These modifications include:

Add Starry Stonewort to the list of aquatic invasive species.

Allow exemptions for commercial plant harvesters and lakeshore property owners from the prohibitions of possessing aquatic invasive species if authorized to do so by the department.

Allow the GFP Department secretary to authorize certain boats to keep plugs in while being trailered. Add Lake Yankton to the list of containment waters.

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GFP Commission Finalizes Boating Restrictions on Indian Springs

PIERRE, S.D. - The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) finalized their proposal regarding boating restrictions on Indian Springs in Clark County.

The Commission added a "no discharge of a weapon from a boat on the waters west of a half mile east of 427th Avenue within Indian Springs from Oct. 10 – Dec. 31." In addition, language was also added to state that "fishing from a boat is prohibited on the waters west of a half mile east of 427th Avenue during the same time period."

"This change in rule allows recreational users the opportunity to recreate on all portions of Indian Springs the vast majority of the year, while addressing the waterfowl disturbance concerns expressed by some of the surrounding landowners during the waterfowl season," concluded Kevin Robling, GFP special projects coordinator.

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St. John's Soup, Sandwich, and Pie Luncheon

September 13, 2018, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. \$2.00 per item For take-out orders, call 397-2386 at 10:30 a.m. or after.

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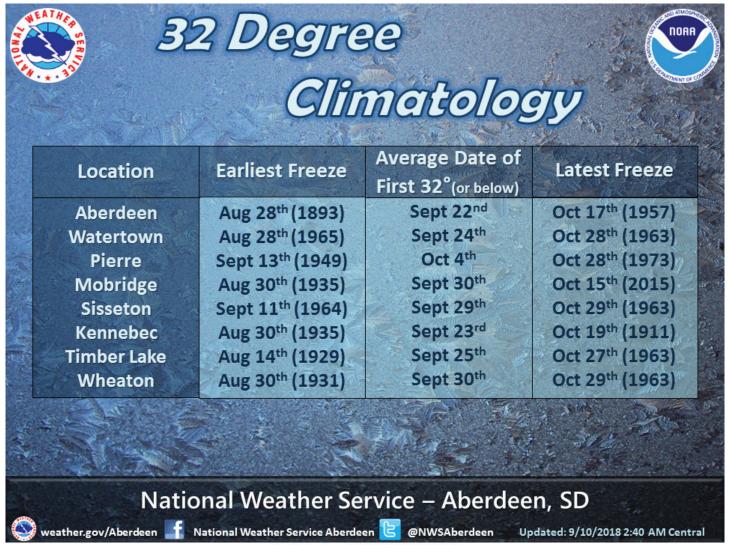
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We're starting to get questions about when we can expect the first frost. Good news - unless you have a mosquito problem - is that its unlikely we will see a frost this week. That said, for several locations the average is within the next week or two. Then again, its not unheard of that we could go all the way into October!

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Today in Weather History

September 11, 1978: High winds to 65 mph damaged the roofs of several barns outside of Watertown during the early evening.

1900: The remnants of the Great Galveston Hurricane were located over central Iowa on this day. Eastern Nebraska, northwest Iowa, and southern Minnesota show four-plus inches of rain from this storm.

1949 - An early snowstorm brought 7.5 inches to Helena MT. In Maine, a storm drenched New Brunswick with 8.05 inches of rain in 24 hours, a state record. (The Weather Channel)

1961 - Very large and slow moving Hurricane Carla made landfall near Port Lavaca TX. Carla battered the central Texas coast with wind gusts to 175 mph, and up to 16 inches of rain, and spawned a vicious tornado which swept across Galveston Island killing eight persons. The hurricane claimed 45 lives, and caused 300 million dollars damage. The remnants of Carla produced heavy rain in the Lower Missouri Valley and southern sections of the Upper Great Lakes Region. (David Ludlum) (Storm Data)

1976 - Up to five inches of rain brought walls of water and millions of tons of debris into Bullhead City AZ via washes from elevations above 3000 feet. Flooding caused more than three million dollars damage. Chasms up to forty feet deep were cut across some roads. (The Weather Channel)

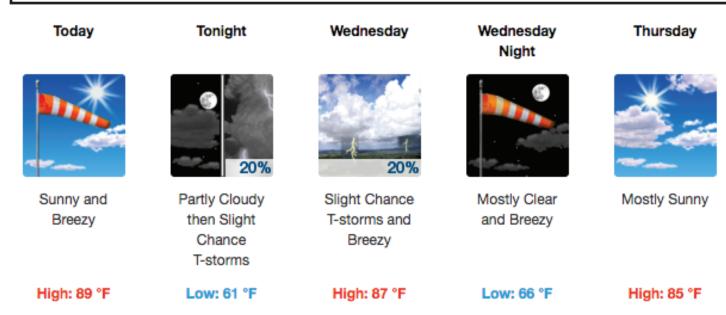
1986 - Thunderstorms caused flash flooding and subsequent river flooding in central Lower Michigan. Up to 14 inches of rain fell in a 72 hour period, and flooding caused 400 million dollars damage. (Storm Data) 1987 - Late afternoon and evening thunderstorms produced large hail and damaging winds in Texas, and spawned three tornadoes. Thunderstorm winds gusted to 70 mph at Goodnight TX. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

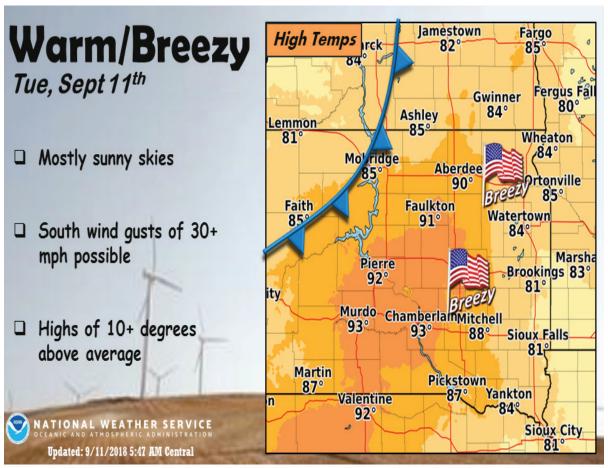
1988 - Snow blanketed parts of the Central Rocky Mountain Region and the Central Plateau, with ten inches reported at Mount Evans in Colorado. Smoke from forest fires in the northwestern U.S. reached Pennsylvania and New York State. Hurricane Gilbert, moving westward over the Carribean, was packing winds of 100 mph by the end of the day. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Nine cities in the north central U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date, including Havre MT with a reading of 23 degrees. Livingston MT and West Yellowstone MT tied for honors as the cold spot in the nation with morning lows of 17 degrees. Thunderstorms produced hail over the Sierra Nevada Range of California, with two inches reported on the ground near Donner Summit. The hail made roads very slick, resulting in a twenty car accident. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1992: Hurricane Iniki struck the island of Kaua'i with winds of 145 mph and a central pressure of 27.91 inches of mercury, making it a Category 4 hurricane. Iniki is the strongest hurricane to strike the Hawaii Island in recent history.

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Published on: 09/11/2018 at 5:50AM

Summer makes a comeback today as gusty south winds transport relatively moist and warm air across the area. Only a slight chance of non-severe t-storms early Wednesday morning, then we repeat with more gusty south winds and warm air on Wednesday. Be fire-weather aware!

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Yesterday's Weather High Outside Temp: 86.1 F at 4:40 PM

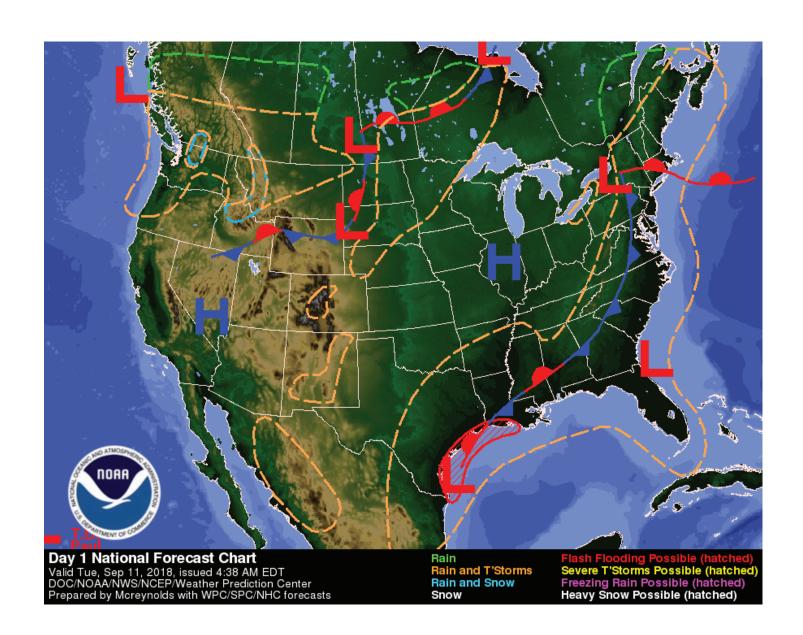
High Outside Temp: 86.1 F at 4:40 PM Low Outside Temp: 57.0 F at 7:09 AM High Gust: 25.0 Mph at 1:36 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info Record High: 100° in 1927

Record High: 100° in 1927 Record Low: 28° in 1940 Average High: 74°F Average Low: 48°F

Average Precip in Sept.: 0.75 Precip to date in Sept.: 0.10 Average Precip to date: 17.04 Precip Year to Date: 11.36 Sunset Tonight: 7:52 p.m. Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:09 a.m.



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ARE YOU LISTENING HARD, LORD?

Eight-year-old Greg was having a difficult time with his prayers one evening. It seemed the more he prayed the less God listened. Finally, in desperation, he said, OK God, when is the best time I can talk to You? I know You are always listening, but when will You be listening hard for someone who lives in Augusta, Georgia?

God is always listening hard no matter where we are. And, He is never so busy caring for His creation that He forgets where you are or what you need. He is always thinking about us and is aware of every need we have or ever will have.

We may talk to Him for a minute or a moment, an hour or two, or an entire day and night. But, there is one important matter about prayer that we must never forget.

It is always good to bring everything to God in prayer first. If we go to Him before we begin a plan, make a decision, attempt to solve a problem, or try to manage our finances, the best He has to offer us will be ours.

Let the morning bring me word of Your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in You; show me the way I should go, for to You I lift up my voice.

Prayer is a very important key to success. It is comforting to know that when we awaken in the morning Gods unfailing love is there waiting for us. And, when we put our trust in Him and ask Him to show us the way He has planned for us, we can be certain that He will do just that because of His unfailing love! If we lift up our voice to Him, He will give us all we need.

Prayer: Lord, You offer us so much, and we ask for so little. Help us to look more to You for everything we need. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 143:8 Let the morning bring me word of Your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in You; show me the way I should go, for to You I lift up my voice.

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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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Monday's ScoresBy The Associated Press

Volleyball

Colome def. Marty Indian, 25-10, 25-14, 25-12

Estelline/Hendricks def. Great Plains Lutheran, 25-21, 17-25, 25-16, 25-16

Waverly-South Shore def. Castlewood, 25-17, 25-23, 25-20

Police: Man dies after falling off hood of girlfriend's car

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police say a man has died from his injuries after falling off the hood of his girlfriend's car after an argument.

Authorities say the 46-year-old Sioux Falls man died around 11:30 a.m. Monday. Police say the man had an argument with his girlfriend and fell off the hood of her car as she drove away Saturday.

A passer-by found the man lying in the road.

Police spokesman Sam Clemens says the man was taken to a hospital, where doctors discovered a lifethreatening brain bleed. Because the man's family invoked their rights under Marsy's Law, his name will not be released.

The Argus Leader reports the man's girlfriend, a 43-year-old Sioux Falls woman, was arrested. The state attorney's office will determine if she'll face additional charges.

Tribes: Trump illegally approved oil pipeline from Canada By MATTHEW BROWN, Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — Native American tribes in Montana and South Dakota sued the Trump administration on Monday, claiming it approved an oil pipeline from Canada without considering potential damage to cultural sites from spills and construction.

Attorneys for the Rosebud Sioux tribe and Fort Belknap Indian Reservation asked U.S. District Judge Brian Morris in Great Falls, Montana, to rescind the permit for the Keystone XL pipeline, issued last year by the U.S. State Department.

The tribes argue President Donald Trump brushed aside their rights and put their members at risk when he reversed President Barack Obama's rejection of the \$8 billion TransCanada Corp. project.

The line would carry up to 830,000 barrels (35 million gallons) of crude daily along a 1,184-mile (1,900-kilometer) path from Canada to Nebraska. The route passes through the ancestral homelands of the Rosebud Sioux in central South Dakota and the Gros Ventre and Assiniboine Tribes in Montana.

"The tribes are talking about cultural sites, archaeological sites, burial grounds, graveyards — none of that has been surveyed and it's in the way of the pipeline," said Natalie Landreth, an attorney with the Native American Rights Fund, which is representing the tribes.

The tribes said a spill from the line could damage a South Dakota water supply system that serves more than 51,000 people including on the Rosebud, Pine Ridge and Lower Brule Indian Reservations.

An existing TransCanada pipeline, also called Keystone, suffered a spill last year that released almost 10,000 barrels (407,000 gallons) of oil near Amherst, South Dakota.

State Department spokeswoman Julia Mason said the agency had no public response to the lawsuit. The department has jurisdiction over the pipeline because it would cross the U.S.-Canadian border.

Calgary-based TransCanada does not comment on litigation and was not named as a party in the case. In August, U.S. District Judge Brian Morris ordered the State Department to conduct a more thorough review of Keystone XL's path through Nebraska. The move came in response to litigation from environmentalists and after state regulators changed the route.

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In yet another lawsuit involving the line, the American Civil Liberties Union and its Montana affiliate sued the U.S. government last week for the release of details related to preparations for anticipated protests against the line.

The groups cited confrontations between law enforcement and protesters, including many Native Americans, which turned violent during construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline through South Dakota.

Follow Matthew Brown on Twitter at www.twitter.com/matthewbrownap

Authorities recover body of missing Yankton boater

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have recovered the body of a missing boater from Yankton.

The Yankton County Sheriff's Office says the body of 53-year-old Duane Ernster was discovered Monday morning near Gavins Point campground. A camper discovered the body in the water near the shore.

Ernster was reported missing Friday. Crews from Nebraska and South Dakota had been searching the Missouri River for him.

Ernster left from the South Dakota side of Lewis and Clark Lake. His empty fishing boat was found in the Weigand area in northeastern Nebraska's Knox County.

Searchers spent the weekend looking for the boater near the Gavins Point Dam. The Yankton Press and Dakotan reports an autopsy is scheduled.

Information from: Yankton Press and Dakotan, http://www.yankton.net/

South Dakota residents oppose Minnesota wind farm proposal

CANBY, Minn. (AP) — A proposed wind farm in southwestern Minnesota is stirring fierce opposition from across the state border less than a mile away in South Dakota's resident community of Lake Cochrane.

U.K.-based Renewable Energy Systems' Bitter Root Wind Project calls for raising 44 of the skyscraper-sized machines in Minnesota's Yellow Medicine County, near the South Dakota border. The turbines are capable of generating 50 percent more energy than the average U.S. turbine, the Minnesota Public Radio reported.

But the project is facing public opposition from residents of South Dakota's Lake Cochrane, which sits less than a mile from the Minnesota border. The turbines are an "intrusion" and will interrupt views and produce noise, said resident Ron Ruud.

"Most of the people on the lake don't even understand how massive these things are yet," Ruud said. "We're starting to show some pictures and they're going, 'Holy cow! We had no idea.' Yeah, it's shocking."

The turbines stand at about 570 feet (174 meters) from ground level to blade tip, which is close to the height of a 40-story building. The machines would be the largest ever build in the state, if approved.

"We will do everything we have to do," Ruud said. "Because it will absolutely destroy Lake Cochrane's environment. It just doesn't fit."

Renewable Energy Systems understands that Lake Cochrane residents weren't prepared to see turbines built nearby, said Michelle Matthews, project developer for the Bitter Root project.

"We've done the best that we can to really minimize the impacts," she said.

Renewable Energy Systems decided against the turbine site nearest Lake Cochrane, but still hopes to use other turbine sites nearby, Matthews said.

"Some of the landowners that are right in proximity to the lake on the Minnesota side really do want to have these turbines on their property," she said. "One of them has been working with this project for 10 years. This is his land and this is what he wants to do with it."

Information from: Minnesota Public Radio News, http://www.mprnews.org

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Park officials hope water diversion improves fish survival

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Black Hills National Forest officials are hoping that a torrent of water high above a South Dakota creek will help fish survive.

Forest officials opened a valve this summer to divert cold water from Sheridan Lake to sections of Spring Creek in hopes of improving the trout fishery, The Rapid City Journal reported . Officials closed the valve Thursday.

Trout need cold water to survive, but temperatures in parts of the creek can rise in summer months during low-flow years, said Black Hills National Forest Fisheries Biologist Steve Hirtzel.

"What we are hoping for is the wintertime carry over of the population," he said. "That is what will make it a sustaining fishery."

The forest service plans to run the water diversion for several summers in order to get more accurate data about its impact on the fish population.

The water was diverted through a tube that begins at the bottom of the lake dam and ends about a half-mile downstream above the creek. The pipe was installed about 80 years ago and had only been opened for short amounts of time over the past 15 years for routine maintenance, Hirtzel said

"The highest priority is to maintain the pool level of Sheridan Lake, so we aren't actually letting out any extra water than what normally would be," he said.

The water had stagnated because it was pulled from the bottom of the lake, causing a sulfur smell, Hirtzel said. But the South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks and state Department of Natural Resources found the water safe after testing, he said.

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

Probation, restitution ordered in tribal embezzlement case

ROSEBUD, S.D. (AP) — The former director of the Rosebud Sioux tribal ranch has been sentenced to probation for embezzling from the program.

The U.S. Attorney's Office says 66-year-old Patricia Jones was ordered to pay \$23,000 in restitution besides serving 2 years of probation.

Court documents say Jones embezzled from the tribal ranch between April 2015 and March 2016 and used the money for her personal use.

The investigation was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Deaths of Spearfish couple classified as murder-suicide

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — The deaths of a husband and wife in Spearfish have been classified as a murder-suicide.

Authorities say Scott Hockenbary shot and killed his wife, Heather, on Aug. 17, then five days later shot and killed himself.

The Black Hills Pioneer reports Spearfish police and the Lawrence County Sheriff's Office handled the investigation, with help from the Meade County Sheriff's Office, the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation and the state Highway Patrol.

Information from: Black Hills Pioneer, http://www.bhpioneer.com

Arizona man killed on South Dakota highway identified

HERMOSA, S.D. (AP) — The Highway Patrol has identified a 54-year-old Arizona man who died after being struck on a highway in South Dakota.

Fifty-four-year-old David Kollar of Chandler, Arizona, was on state Highway 79 in Custer County where a deer had been struck by a vehicle the night of Sept. 3. He was struck by a passing car and pronounced

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dead at the scene south of Hermosa.

The driver of the car was not hurt. He will not be charged. The patrol says he had moved to the passing lane because several vehicles were parked along the shoulder of the road in the area where the deer had been struck by one of them.

Authorities ID Pierre woman killed in Stanley County crash

HAYES, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have identified a Pierre woman who died in one-vehicle rollover in Stanley County.

The Highway Patrol says 20-year-old Romy Rabbit was a passenger in a sport utility vehicle that swerved to avoid a deer on a rural road Tuesday night, and ended up rolling in the ditch.

She was dead at the scene 12 miles north of Hayes. The 45-year-old female driver suffered minor injuries. She was not charged.

Officials: Bus crash in south India kills at least 45 people

HYDERABAD, India (AP) — A bus carrying pilgrims from a Hindu temple in the hills of south India plunged off a road Tuesday, killing at least 45 people, officials said. At least 25 others were injured.

The driver lost control as he tried to avoid another bus on the crowded road leading from the popular Anjaneya Swamy temple in Telangana state, said Narendar, a local official who uses only one name.

Crowds often throng the temple on Tuesdays. The temple is dedicated to the Hindu god Hanuman, and Tuesdays are seen as auspicious for offering prayers to him.

Passersby rushed to help after the bus crashed off the road, mangling the front of the vehicle. Volunteers crawled into the bus through broken windows, carrying the dead and injured though thick grass and up the hill to the road. The injured were taken to area hospitals.

An investigation has been ordered into the cause of the accident, Narendar said.

"Shocked to learn about the bus accident," President Ram Nath Kovind said in a tweet. "Thoughts with the bereaved families and those injured."

More than 100,000 people die every year on India's roads, often because of reckless driving, badly maintained roads and vehicles overcrowded with passengers.

Deadly bus accidents are common. In July, 48 people were killed when a bus crashed into a gorge in Uttarakhand state.

Millions prepare for potentially catastrophic Florence By JONATHAN DREW, Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — As mandatory evacuations begin for parts of three East Coast states, millions of Americans have been preparing for what could become one of the most catastrophic hurricanes to hit the Eastern Seaboard in decades.

Carrying winds of up to 140 mph (220 kph) as a Category 4 storm, Hurricane Florence is expected to approach Category 5 status on Tuesday as it slows and strengthens off North and South Carolina. The center of the massive storm is then forecast to meander Thursday, Friday and Saturday over a stretch of coastline saturated by rising seas.

"Please be prepared, be careful and be SAFE!" President Donald Trump tweeted Monday evening.

South Carolina's governor ordered the state's entire coastline evacuated starting at noon Tuesday and predicted that 1 million people would flee. Virginia's governor ordered a mandatory evacuation for some residents of low-lying coastal areas, while some coastal counties in North Carolina have done the same.

North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper said his state is "in the bullseye" and urged people to "get ready now." Florence could hit the Carolinas harder than any hurricane since Hazel packed 130 mph (209 kph) winds in 1954. That Category 4 storm destroyed 15,000 buildings and 19 people in North Carolina. In the six decades since then, many thousands of people have moved to the coast.

The storm's first effects were already apparent on barrier islands as dangerous rip currents hit beaches

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and seawater flowed over a state highway — the harbinger of a storm surge that could wipe out dunes and submerge entire communities.

For many people, the challenge could be finding a safe refuge: If Florence slows to a crawl just off the coast, it could bring torrential rains all the way into the Appalachian mountains and as far away as West Virginia, causing flash floods, mudslides and other dangerous conditions in places that don't usually get much tropical weather.

"This is going to produce heavy rainfall, and it may not move very fast. The threat will be inland, so I'm afraid, based on my experience at FEMA, that the public probably not as prepared as everybody would like," said Craig Fugate, former director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

National Hurricane Center Director Ken Graham also warned that Florence is expected to linger once onshore, downing trees, knocking out electricity and causing widespread flooding.

The storm's potential path also includes half a dozen nuclear power plants, pits holding coal-ash and other industrial waste, and numerous hog farms that store animal waste in massive open-air lagoons.

Airlines, including American, Southwest, Delta and JetBlue, have begun letting affected passengers change travel plans without the usual fees.

A warm ocean is the fuel that powers hurricanes, and this area of the ocean is seeing temperatures peak near 85 degrees (30 Celsius), hurricane specialist Eric Blake wrote. And with little wind shear to pull the storm apart, Florence's hurricane-strength winds were expanding.

"Unfortunately, the models were right. Florence has rapidly intensified into an extremely dangerous hurricane," Blake wrote Monday evening, predicting that the hurricane's top sustained winds would approach the 157 mph (253 kph) threshold for a wost-case Category 5 scenario. Tuesday morning's forecast still supports this, the National Hurricane Center said.

By 5 a.m. Tuesday, Florence was centered about 975 miles (1,570 kilometers) east-southeast of Cape Fear, North Carolina, and moving west-northwest at 15 mph (24 kph). Its center will move between Bermuda and the Bahamas on Tuesday and Wednesday and approach the coast of South Carolina or North Carolina on Thursday.

Two other storms were spinning in the Atlantic. Hurricane Isaac was expected to lose strength as it reaches the Caribbean, and Helene, much farther out to sea, may veer northward into the open ocean as the 2018 hurricane season reaches its peak.

In the Pacific, Hurricane Olivia triggered warnings for multiple Hawaiian islands, blowing westward and expected to arrive in the state as soon as late Tuesday or early Wednesday.

Preparations for Florence were intensifying up and down the densely populated coast. Since reliable record-keeping began more than 150 years ago, North Carolina has been hit by only one Category 4 hurricane: Hazel, with 130 mph winds, in 1954.

Several meteorologists said Florence could approach what Hurricane Harvey did last year over Texas, dumping days of rain over a wide area. "I think this is very Harvey-esque," said University of Miami hurricane expert Brian McNoldy.

South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster said an estimated 1 million people would be fleeing his state's coast, with eastbound lanes of Interstate 26 heading into Charleston and U.S. 501 heading into Myrtle Beach reversed to ease the exodus.

Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam's evacuation order applies to about 245,000 people, including parts of the Hampton Roads area and Eastern Shore.

Liz Browning Fox was planning to ignore these orders and ride out the storm in the village of Buxton on the North Carolina Outer Banks. She said her house, built in 2009, is on a ridge and was built to withstand a hurricane, but even the most secure homes could be surrounded by water, or penetrated by wind-launched debris.

"You never know, there could be tree missiles coming from any direction," she said. "There is no way to be completely safe."

But, she added, she's not sure whether going inland would be much safer: "I don't know where to go

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from here."

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For the latest on Hurricane Florence, visit www.apnews.com/tag/Hurricanes . https://www.apnews.com/tag/Hurricanes

AP Interview: Iran nuclear chief says atomic program strong By JON GAMBRELL and NASSER KARIMI, Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's nuclear chief told The Associated Press on Tuesday that he hopes the atomic deal between Tehran and world powers survives, but warns the program will be in a stronger position than ever if not.

The remarks by Ali Akbar Salehi, who also serves as a vice president to Iran's elected leader Hassan Rouhani, come as Iran tries to salvage an accord now challenged by President Donald Trump.

The American withdrawal from the deal and the return of U.S. sanctions already has badly shaken Iran's anemic economy, crashing its rial currency. Further sanctions coming in November threaten Iran's oil industry, a major source of government funding, and will further pressure the relatively moderate Rouhani. For his part, Salehi sought to contrast Iran's behavior, which includes abiding by the atomic accord, against "emotional moves and sensational moves."

"I think (Trump) is on the loser's side because he is pursuing the logic of power," Salehi told the AP in an exclusive interview in Tehran. "He thinks that he can, you know, continue for some time but certainly I do not think he will benefit from this withdrawal, certainly not."

Salehi heads the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, whose Tehran campus encompasses a nuclear research reactor donated to the country by the U.S. in 1967 under the rule of the shah. But in the time since, Iran was convulsed by its 1979 Islamic Revolution and the subsequent takeover and hostage crisis at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

For decades since, Western nations have been concerned about Iran's nuclear program, accusing Tehran of seeking atomic weapons. Iran long has said its program is for peaceful purposes, but it faced years of crippling sanctions.

The 2015 nuclear deal Iran struck with world powers, including the U.S. under President Barack Obama, was aimed at relieving those fears. Under it, Iran agreed to store its excess centrifuges at its underground Natanz enrichment facility under constant surveillance by the United Nations' nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency. Iran can use 5,060 older-model IR-1 centrifuges at Natanz, but only to enrich uranium up to 3.67 percent.

That low-level enrichment means the uranium can be used to fuel a civilian reactor but is far below the 90 percent needed to produce a weapon. Iran also can possess no more than 300 kilograms (660 pounds) of that uranium. That's compared to the 100,000 kilograms (220,460 pounds) of higher-enriched uranium it once had.

Salehi spoke about Iran's efforts to build a new facility at Natanz that will produce more-advanced centrifuges, which enrich uranium by rapidly spinning uranium hexafluoride gas.

For now, the nuclear accord limits Iran to using a limited number of an older model, called IR-1s. The new facility will allow it to build advanced versions called the IR-2M, IR-4 and IR-6. The IR-2M and the IR-4 can enrich uranium five times faster than an IR-1, while the IR-6 can do it 10 times faster, Salehi said.

"This does not mean that we are going to produce these centrifuges now. This is just a preparation," he said. "In case Iran decides to start producing in mass production such centrifuges, (we) would be ready for that."

Salehi suggested that if the nuclear deal fell apart, Iran would react in stages. He suggested one step may be uranium enrichment going to "20 percent because this is our need." He also suggested Iran could

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increase its stockpile of enriched uranium.

In the wake of Trump's decision, Western companies from airplane manufacturers to oil firms have pulled out of Iran. Iran's rial currency, which traded before the decision at 62,000 to \$1, now stands at 142,000 to \$1.

Despite that, Salehi said Iran could withstand the economic pressure, as well as restart uranium enrichment with far-more sophisticated equipment.

"If we have to go back and withdraw from the nuclear deal, we certainly do not go back to where we were before," Salehi said. "We will be standing on a much, much higher position."

Still, danger could loom for the program. A string of bombings, blamed on Israel, targeted a number of scientists beginning in 2010 at the height of Western concerns over Iran's program. Israel never claimed responsibility for the attacks, though Israeli officials have boasted in the past about the reach of the country's intelligence services.

"I hope that they will not commit a similar mistake again because the consequences would be, I think, harsh," Salehi warned.

The other New Hampshire primary: State races on tap Tuesday By HOLLY RAMER, Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — New Hampshire, which prides itself on going first in presidential primaries, is among the stragglers for state primaries.

Just eight weeks before the general election, voters on Tuesday will pick nominees for an open Congressional seat in a sought-after swing district, a Republican challenger in the other district and a Democratic opponent for the current governor.

Republican Gov. Chris Sununu faced no primary challenge as he seeks a second term, and will face either former state Sen. Molly Kelly or former Portsmouth Mayor Steve Marchand in November.

Seven Republicans are competing for a chance to face Democratic U.S. Rep. Annie Kuster in the 2nd Congressional District, but most of the action has been in the 1st District, which roughly covers the eastern half of the state.

There, Democrat Carol Shea-Porter's decision to step down after four non-consecutive terms resulted in a swarm of candidates seeking to replace her.

Executive Councilor Chris Pappas and former Obama administration official Maura Sullivan lead a crowded field of 11 Democrats that also includes longshot Levi Sanders, son of the Vermont senator and former presidential hopeful Bernie Sanders. State Sen. Andy Sanborn and Eddie Edwards, former enforcement chief for the state liquor commission, emerged as the front-runners in the six-candidate Republican race.

The 1st District was once reliably Republican but has flipped back and forth in each of the last four cycles. In 2016, it both returned Shea-Porter to Congress and backed President Donald Trump.

Edwards, who received the backing of Trump attorney Rudy Giuliani, sought to make the race about character and integrity, and said he'd refuse to support Sanborn as the nominee. Sanborn, a four-term senator from Bedford, has acknowledged making a sexual "joke" to a Statehouse intern in 2013 but said a recent investigation into the matter was politically motivated.

On the Democratic side, Sullivan raised more money than the other 10 candidates combined, but she's faced criticism for being both new to the state and voting in general.

She said she and her fiancé moved to New Hampshire last year to put down roots, but her opponents have accused her of district shopping. After the New Hampshire Union Leader newspaper reported that she failed to vote in either of the past two midterm elections or the 2016 presidential primary, Sullivan said she regrets not voting more often but saw herself as a soldier and public servant.

Pappas, who is openly gay, is a former state lawmaker who is serving his third term on the governor's Executive Council and runs a family restaurant in Manchester. He gained the backing of the state's two Democratic U.S. senators, and touted his strong financial support from New Hampshire residents.

Secretary of State William Gardner is predicting 180,000 ballots will be cast, roughly split among Demo-

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crats and Republicans. That amounts to about 19 percent of registered voters and would be a record for Democratic ballots cast in a midterm primary.

Florence could hit with punch not seen in more than 60 years By EMERY P. DALESIO, Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — The last time the midsection of the East Coast stared down a hurricane like this, Dwight Eisenhower was in the White House and Marilyn Monroe and Joe DiMaggio were newlyweds.

Hurricane Florence could inflict the hardest hurricane punch the Carolinas have seen in more than 60 years, with rain and wind of more than 130 mph (209 kph). North Carolina has been hit by only one other Category 4 storm since reliable record keeping began in the 1850s. That was Hurricane Hazel in 1954.

In comparison, Florida, which is closer to the equator and in line with the part of the Atlantic where hurricanes are born, off the African coast, has had at least five hurricanes in the past century of Category 4 or greater, including Hurricane Andrew in 1992.

Hazel's winds were clocked at 150 mph at the North Carolina coast and kept roaring inland. They were only slightly diminished by the time the storm reached Raleigh, 150 miles inland. Nineteen people died in North Carolina. The storm destroyed an estimated 15,000 buildings.

"Hazel stands as a benchmark storm in North Carolina's history," said Jay Barnes, author of books on the hurricane histories of both North Carolina and Florida. "We had a tremendous amount of destruction all across the state."

Twelve hours after its landfall, Hazel was in Buffalo, New York, and had ripped through seven states with winds still swirling at 100 mph or more.

Few people have experienced the ferocity of a storm like Hazel, which also was blamed for at least 60 deaths in Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York state.

Jerry Helms, 86, was on his honeymoon on a barrier island off the North Carolina coast when Hazel hit on the evening of Oct. 14, 1954. He and his new bride had been to a roller skating rink and missed the evacuation warnings from police officers who went door to door.

Hazel obliterated all but five of 357 buildings in the beach community now known as Oak Island. The Helmses barely survived.

As the storm crashed ashore, they abandoned their mobile home for a two-story frame house. Before long, it was collapsing under the waves and "the house was falling in, and all the furniture was falling out through the floor," Helms recalled Monday.

He thought the roof of a neighboring cinderblock house might be safer, but soon a big wave went over that house. When the wave went out, the house was gone, Helms said.

"There was another house — a wooden house that was coming down the road more or less — and it had some guy in that thing and he's hollering for help," he said.

Helms pushed a mattress through the top-floor window, and they hung on as it bobbed in the raging water.

What lessons is he applying now that a similarly powerful hurricane is coming?

"I didn't feel like it was going to be bad enough to leave," Helms said. "I don't know. I just felt better about staying here than I did leaving."

He doesn't have a safer destination in mind, and having recently broken ribs in a fall, Helms fears getting stuck as thousands abandon the coast.

Meanwhile, Aida Havel and her husband, John, made preparations Monday to evacuate their home in the Outer Banks village of Salvo, where they've lived for about a year. They are heading about 200 miles inland to their former hometown of Raleigh, where Hurricane Fran hit in 1996. Fran took a similar inland path to what forecasters are calling for with Florence.

"I had a tree that smashed my car down in my driveway," Aida Havel said. "Even though that was 22 years ago, I have never gotten over it."

The throngs of vehicles heading inland demonstrate the big difference between Hazel's impact and the

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damage Florence could cause, Barnes said.

"Today, we have thousands and thousands of permanent residents on our barrier beaches," he said. "It's a totally different scenario with regard to human impact."

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US marks 9/11 with somber tributes, new monument to victims By JENNIFER PELTZ, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans are commemorating 9/11 with somber tributes, volunteer projects and a new monument to victims, after a year when two attacks demonstrated the enduring threat of terrorism in the nation's biggest city.

Thousands of 9/11 victims' relatives, survivors, rescuers and others are expected at Tuesday's anniversary ceremony at the World Trade Center, while President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence will head to the two other places where hijacked planes crashed on Sept. 11, 2001, in the deadliest terror attack on American soil.

The president and first lady Melania Trump plan to join an observance at the Sept. 11 memorial in a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, where a new "Tower of Voices" was dedicated Saturday. Pence is attending a ceremony at the Pentagon. Trump, a Republican and native New Yorker, took the occasion of last year's anniversary to issue a stern warning to extremists that "America cannot be intimidated."

Nearly 3,000 people died in the attacks on 9/11, when international terrorism hit home in a way it previously hadn't for many Americans. Sept. 11 still shapes American policy, politics and everyday experiences in places from airports to office buildings, even if it's less of a constant presence in the public consciousness after 17 years.

A stark reminder came not long after last year's anniversary: A truck mowed down people, killing eight, on a bike path within a few blocks of the World Trade Center on Halloween.

In December, a would-be suicide bomber set off a pipe bomb in a subway passageway near Times Square, authorities said. They said suspects in both attacks were inspired by the Islamic State extremist group.

The 9/11 commemorations are by now familiar rituals, centered on reading the names of the dead. But each year at ground zero, victims' relatives infuse the ceremony with personal messages of remembrance, concern and inspiration.

"What I can say today is that I don't live my life in complacency," Debra Epps said last year as she remembered her brother, Christopher Epps. "I stand in solidarity that this world will make a change for the better."

Hours after the ceremony, two powerful light beams will soar into the night sky from lower Manhattan in the annual "Tribute in Light."

This year's anniversary comes as a heated midterm election cycle kicks into high gear. But there have long been some efforts to separate the solemn anniversary from politics.

The group 9/11 Day, which promotes volunteering on an anniversary that was declared a national day of service in 2009, routinely asks candidates not to campaign or run political ads for the day. Organizers of the ground zero ceremony allow politicians to attend, but they've been barred since 2011 from reading names or delivering remarks.

Memorials to 9/11 continue to grow at Shanksville, where the Tower of Voices will eventually include a

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wind chime for each of the 40 people killed there, and ground zero, where work is to begin soon on a pathway honoring rescue and recovery workers.

It will serve as a way to honor those who became sick or died from exposure to toxins released when the Trade Center's twin towers collapsed. Researchers have documented elevated rates of respiratory ailments, post-traumatic stress disorder and other illnesses among people who spent time in the rubble.

About 38,500 people have applied to a compensation fund, and over \$3.9 billion in claims have been approved.

Meanwhile, rebuilding continues. A subway station destroyed on 9/11 finally reopened Saturday. In June, doors opened at the 80-story 3 World Trade Center, one of several rebuilt office towers that have been constructed or planned at the site. A performing arts center is rising.

However, work was suspended in December on replacing a Greek Orthodox church crushed in the attacks; the project hit financial problems.

Discovery of dog saves Oregon man from sex-crime conviction By ANDREW SELSKY, Associated Press

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — The discovery of a black Labrador named Lucy led to the unraveling of a criminal case Monday against an Oregon man who had begun serving a 50-year prison sentence.

Joshua Horner, a plumber from the central Oregon town of Redmond, was convicted on April 12, 2017, of sexual abuse of a minor.

In the trial, the complainant testified Horner had threatened to shoot her animals if she went to the police about the alleged molestation, and said she saw him shoot her dog, killing it, to make his point.

Six months after a jury convicted Horner in a verdict that was not unanimous, he asked the Oregon Innocence Project for help. The group took up his case.

When the group raised concerns in April about the case with Deschutes County District Attorney John Hummel, he agreed to work with them.

Horner had insisted he never shot the dog. Finding the dog would show the complainant had lied under oath. But if it was alive, where was it?

An Oregon Innocence Project volunteer and an official from Hummel's office searched for it. The black Lab had reportedly been given away. The investigators were sniffing on the trail, but they had trouble tracking down the purported dog's owner.

"They made a couple trips around Deschutes County; he was not there," said Steve Wax, legal director of the Oregon Innocence Project. "We heard he was in Seattle. Then we learned he had a place on the Oregon Coast."

It was there, in the town of Gearhart northwest of Portland, that the pair finally found Lucy after her owners agreed to rendezvous at a golf course.

"She was drinking a bowl of water and sitting in shade underneath a porch. We played with her. Petted her. It was wonderful," said Lisa Christon, the Oregon Innocence Project volunteer.

Lucy was identified by an undisputed chain of custody and her looks.

"She's a very distinctive-looking black Lab; not purebred. She's got this adorable shaped head and really long ears," Christon said.

That key evidence showed the complainant had not been truthful when testifying, the district attorney said.

"Lucy the dog was not shot. Lucy the dog is alive and well," Hummel's office said in a statement.

Hummel told the court Monday he's not certain that Horner did not sexually abuse the complainant, but that he's now not convinced he did. The Associated Press is not naming her because it doesn't identify alleged victims of sexual abuse.

Deschutes County Judge Michael Adler dismissed the case.

Horner, in a statement released by the Oregon Innocence Project, thanked the group, his family, friends and Hummel.

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"Kelli and I are ready to pick up the pieces of our lives," Horner said, referring to his wife. The couple came out of the courthouse Monday holding hands and smiling.

Horner had walked out of a state prison in Pendleton on Aug. 3 after the Oregon Court of Appeals reversed his conviction and ordered a new trial. The appeals court said the defense had not been allowed to present certain evidence that was unrelated to the dog.

Now, Horner no longer faces that second trial. He declined a request for an interview, saying he is not ready to speak with the press just yet

After Lucy was found, the complainant failed to attend a meeting in August to discuss her testimony, Hummel said. Last Wednesday, one of his investigators heard she was at a home near Redmond. When he pulled up to the driveway, she ran away.

Horner had been indicted under a previous district attorney, but the trial and conviction came under Hummel's watch.

Hummel said in an email the issue of the dog being shot was raised for the first time during the trial, so there was no investigation to be done regarding it prior to trial, "and we had no credible reason to question the statement after it was made."

He said exonerations are a reminder that while America has "the best system of justice in the world it is not perfect. Mistakes will be made and we should be judged by how we respond to them."

Wax, who was Oregon's former top federal public defender for 31 years before joining the Oregon Innocence Project, said this case is highly unusual.

"To be able to establish that a person should not have been convicted, you need something objective," Wax said in a telephone interview. "In most child sex abuse cases, there is no evidence. Finding Lucy alive showed the complainant lied under oath in her testimony."

It was the first exoneration for the Oregon Innocence Project, launched in 2014 to exonerate the wrongfully convicted and promote legal reforms.

Wax praised Hummel for his willingness to re-examine the case.

"Nationwide, what Mr. Hummel did was unusual," Wax said. "It is to be commended. It should be the model."

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Many California marijuana products failing safety tests By MICHAEL R. BLOOD, Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Nearly 20 percent of marijuana products in California have failed tests for potency and purity since the state started requiring the checks on July 1, a failure rate some in the industry say has more to do with unrealistic standards and technical glitches than protecting consumer safety.

The testing has been especially tough on cannabis-infused cookies, candies and tinctures: about one-third have been blocked from store shelves.

In much smaller numbers, testing companies licensed by the state are finding unacceptable levels of pesticides, solvents and bacteria, including E. coli and salmonella, according to data provided to The Associated Press by the state Bureau of Cannabis Control.

In the first two months, nearly 11,000 samples were tested and almost 2,000 failed. In some cases, the product must be destroyed. But many involve labeling issues that can be corrected. For example, a marijuana bud that's tested to show a different potency than what's on the label can be relabeled and sold with the right specification.

To the state, the strict testing program is largely doing what it was designed to do: identify marijuana buds, concentrates, munchies and other products that are in some way tainted and unsuitable for eating or smoking.

"Mandatory statewide testing is a new thing and it's going to take some time for everything to run smoothly, but on the whole we're pleased with how things are progressing," Bureau of Cannabis Control

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spokesman Alex Traverso said.

But as regulators consider recasting rules governing the nation's largest legal pot economy, they are facing pressure to revamp testing requirements that are being alternately described as going too far, not far enough, or an overly costly burden.

The California Growers Association, an industry group, is among those concerned the state is forcing growers and manufacturers to hit too tiny a target when gauging levels of THC, the psychoactive chemical that causes marijuana's high.

Rules require the THC concentration come within 10 percent of what is advertised on a product label. Company executives say some products are being rejected after landing outside the margin by tiny amounts.

The California Cannabis Manufacturers Association, another industry group, is pushing for changes that include allowing companies to challenge lab testing results.

"Even if the lab admits it made an error, there is no way to change those results," said Bryce Berryessa, an association board member who is CEO of TreeHouse dispensary in Santa Cruz County and president of La Vida Verde, which produces infused cookies.

"Labs are not perfect. Mistakes get made," he said.

At a state hearing last month, the Santa Ana-based testing company Cannalysis urged regulators to broaden their rules to include a test used in food and pharmaceutical industries that company officials say can detect a large number of potentially harmful species of mold and yeast not currently covered in state guidelines.

The company has seen examples where mold was on cannabis but the sample passed state tests.

Swetha Kaul, the company's chief scientific officer who sits on the board of the California Cannabis Industry Association, said in an interview the state needs to "create a bigger net to catch things."

By limiting its required review to a few mold species the state is "essentially creating a loophole where every other species can get by," she said.

California began broad legal sales on Jan. 1 and gave companies six months to sell off stockpiles of marijuana, oils and edibles produced without strict testing requirements.

The rules require all cannabis products to clear a range of tests at labs before reaching consumers, from ensuring THC is distributed evenly in chocolate bars to making sure buds have not been contaminated by fuzzy blankets of mold.

From July 1 through Aug. 29, labs tested 10,695 product batches and 1,904 were rejected, a failure rate of about 18 percent.

Claims on the label, such as TCH content, accounted for 65 percent of the failures, or 1,279 tests.

This is how the rule works: If a bottled juice drink said on the label it was 25 percent apple juice, testers would have to find that the concentration in the juice was within 10 percent of that mark, plus or minus. It's the same with cannabis.

Next in line: About 400 batches were flagged for unacceptable levels of pesticides. Impurities such as bacteria and mold caused 114 rejections.

Ninety percent of the buds that were tested were sent on to shops, suggesting a mostly clean market for legal growers. The rejection rate was double that for concentrates: 20 percent of oils and "waxes" tested didn't make the cut.

In a statement, the California Department of Public Health said it had not received any verified reports of illness resulting from consumption of a cannabis product attributed to mold or bacteria, although three complaints were submitted anonymously and were unverifiable.

The debate over testing isn't just about lab procedures or allowable levels of pesticides. It all comes with a cost, which companies say is straining their budgets.

"Testing is currently costly, slow, and inconsistent," the growers association told the state in a recent letter. Testing for a small, outdoor marijuana farm can typically run \$5,000 to \$10,000 in California. There have been similar complaints in pot-friendly Colorado, where cultivators are dealing with new, required pesticide tests.

While California now has the nation's largest legal market, a huge black market still exists. Los Angeles

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Police Department Chief Michel Moore spotlighted the risk of buying on the illegal market last week, warning consumers that the price from money saved "can be their life."

He said unlicensed shops are known to lace their pot with Fentanyl and other narcotics. In an illegal shop "there's no telling what they're actually buying," Moore said.

Associated Press journalist Brian Melley contributed to this story.

Blood is a member of AP's marijuana beat team. Find complete AP marijuana coverage here: https://apnews.com/tag/LegalMarijuana

Case against officer who killed neighbor to go to grand jury By RYAN TARINELLI, Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — The case against a white Dallas police officer who shot and killed a black neighbor will be presented to a grand jury, which could decide on more serious charges than manslaughter, the district attorney said Monday as an affidavit provided a fuller description of the officer's account.

Lawyers for the victim's family questioned why it took three days for Amber Guyger to be charged and why she was so quick to use deadly force in her encounter with 26-year-old Botham Jean, who lived in the apartment directly above hers. She told authorities she mistook the neighbor's unit for her own.

An arrest affidavit prepared by a Texas Ranger was released Monday, providing a narrative of what happened. It appeared to be based almost entirely on the officer's account.

Guyger told investigators that she had just ended a 15-hour shift Thursday when she returned in uniform to the South Side Flats apartment complex. She parked on the fourth floor, instead of the third, where she lived, according to the affidavit, possibly suggesting that she was confused or disoriented.

When she put her key in the apartment door, which was unlocked and slightly ajar, it opened, the affidavit said. Inside, the lights were off, and she saw a figure in the darkness that cast a large silhouette across the room, according to the officer's account.

The officer told police that she concluded her apartment was being burglarized and gave verbal commands to the figure, which ignored them. She then drew her weapon and fired twice, the affidavit said.

She called 911 and, when asked where she was, returned to the front door to see she was in the wrong unit, according to the affidavit.

Authorities have not released any 911 tapes related to the shooting.

The Dallas County medical examiner's office said Jean died of a gunshot wound to the chest. His death was ruled a homicide. The officer was arrested Sunday night and booked into jail in neighboring Kaufman County before being released on bond.

Attorneys for Jean's family said the affidavit contradicts neighbors' accounts of what happened. One of the lawyers, Benjamin Crump, said the affidavit "is very self-serving." The other, Lee Merritt, said the document is an attempt to "condone what happened, give her a break."

Merritt said at a news conference Monday evening that two independent witnesses have told him they heard knocking on the door in the hallway before the shooting.

He said one witness reported hearing a woman's voice saying, "Let me in! Let me in!" Then they heard gunshots, after which one witness said she heard a man's voice say, "Oh my God! Why did you do that?" Merritt said he believes those were Jean's last words.

As for the contention that Jean left his front door ajar, Merritt said Jean was a "meticulous individual" who "makes it a point to close the door behind him."

"That means that when he comes into a room, he makes it a point to close the door behind him. He hangs his keys on the hook. He put everything in a particular place," Merritt said.

He also said Jean had a red doormat outside his apartment door. "In fact, to ensure no one mistook his apartment the way this officer is claiming in this case, he went out and bought the biggest, brightest red rug and placed it right there at his doorstep," Merritt said.

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Merritt has represented relatives of an unarmed black teenager who was shot in the back by a white police officer in June while fleeing a traffic stop near Pittsburgh.

Crump is best known for representing the families of Trayvon Martin and Michael Brown. Martin was the black 17-year-old who was fatally shot in 2012 by George Zimmerman, a Hispanic man who was his Orlando, Florida, area neighborhood's watch captain. Brown, who was 18, was shot to death in 2014 by a white police officer in Ferguson, Missouri.

"Black people in America have been killed by police in some of the most unbelievable manners," Crump said at a news conference earlier Monday, citing "driving while black in our cars" and "walking while black in our neighborhoods."

Now, he said, "we are being killed living while black when we are in our apartments."

Protesters gathered at police headquarters Monday night in Dallas to speak out against the shooting of Jean, The Dallas Morning News reported. Several dozen protesters blocked traffic as they marched about half a mile from the headquarters. Police, some on horseback, followed and officers fired pepper balls to help control the crowd at one point.

When asked why Guyger was allowed to surrender somewhere other than Dallas County's jail, Dallas County District Attorney Faith Johnson said the decision was made by the Texas Rangers, who are also investigating. She emphasized, though, that her office will conduct an investigation into the shooting as well.

"We are committed to making certain that we get to the bottom of (it)," Johnson said.

On the day after the shooting, Police Chief U. Renee Hall said her department was seeking manslaughter charges against Guyger, a four-year veteran of the police force. But Hall said Saturday that the Texas Rangers asked her department to hold off because they had learned new information and wanted to investigate further before a warrant was issued.

The district attorney will also have the option of presenting more serious charges to the grand jury.

It was not clear who, if anyone, had been hired to represent the officer. Online court documents that would normally list a defendant's attorney were not yet available.

Guyger's blood was drawn at the scene to be tested for alcohol and drugs, Hall said, but authorities have not released results.

Jean grew up in the Caribbean island nation of St. Lucia before attending college in Arkansas. He graduated in 2016 from Harding University, where he often led campus religious services as a student. He had worked for accounting firm PwC since graduating.

Jean wasn't the first person shot by Guyger. She shot a man named Uvaldo Perez on May 12, 2017, while on duty.

According to an affidavit filed against Perez, police were looking for a suspect when Guyger and another officer were called to assist a third officer. Perez got out of a car and became combative with Guyger and another officer. A struggle began and Guyger fired her Taser at Perez, who then wrested it away from her. She then drew her gun and fired, wounding Perez in the abdomen.

Sgt. Michael Mata, president of Dallas' largest police union, the Dallas Police Association, said Guyger was a respected officer and well known to investigative units in the department because she worked on a high-risk team tasked with arresting some of the most violent offenders. On the day of the shooting, Guyger's unit had arrested multiple suspects for armed robbery, he said.

Mata called for Guyger to have fair treatment, but also said she should answer for her actions.

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CBS sets aside \$120 million for Moonves, but will he see it? By DAVID BAUDER, AP Media Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — CBS revealed Monday that it set aside \$120 million in severance for ousted chief executive Leslie Moonves. But whether he sees a penny of it is one of the tough and potentially incendiary decisions the network faces after his resignation over sexual misconduct accusations.

Despite Moonves' announced exit Sunday, outside lawyers hired by CBS continue to investigate allegations against him and Jeff Fager, the top executive at "60 Minutes." In a regulatory filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, CBS said it will release the severance money if the investigation finds there was no cause for him to be fired.

Any payment to Moonves is likely to anger the #MeToo movement that has brought down other powerful men in Hollywood and the media, including Hollywood studio boss Harvey Weinstein, NBC's Matt Lauer and CBS' Charlie Rose.

Meanwhile, Moonves' wife, Julie Chen, did not appear Monday on the season-opening episode of her daytime show, "The Talk," and co-host Sharon Osbourne said on the air that "everyone here at CBS is nervous about their jobs." CBS' stock price slid.

As head of television's most popular network, Moonves was among the most powerful and richest executives in the TV industry, making a total of nearly \$140 million over the last two years.

His exit was announced hours after The New Yorker posted a detailed story alleging misconduct. In two stories posted this summer, a total of 12 women have said they were mistreated by the TV mogul, including forced oral sex, groping and retaliation if they resisted. Moonves has denied the charges, though he said he had consensual relations with some of the women.

The network's chief operating officer, Joseph Ianniello, is taking over as president and CEO until a reshaped board of directors can find a permanent replacement, CBS said. David Nevins, chief executive at CBS' Showtime network, was said to be a leading candidate.

Some of the allegations predate Moonves' working at CBS, which he joined as entertainment president in 1995. A determination on whether there was cause for his firing will focus on whether he violated any company policies while at CBS, said Dan Eaton, an employment lawyer and expert on severance issues as a professor at San Diego State University.

"If it turns that their reporting comes back with inconclusive findings on Mr. Moonves' conduct, then a negotiated resolution is highly probable," Eaton said.

CBS Corp. stock ended the day down 85 cents, or less than 2 percent, after rebounding in the afternoon. The stock has fallen more than 8 percent this year, with its biggest drop when the first round of accusations against Moonves surfaced.

On Monday's "The Talk," Osbourne said Chen was taking time off to be with her family. Chen, who is also host of the CBS prime-time show "Big Brother," has been married to Moonves since 2004.

"He's not been convicted of any crime, but obviously the man has a problem," Osbourne said.

Osbourne said she was particularly taken by the story of Phyllis Golden-Gottlieb, who told The New Yorker that Moonves pushed her head into his lap and forced her to perform oral sex when they both worked at the production company Lorimar in the late 1980s. Golden-Gottlieb said Moonves "ruined my career" when she resisted further advances; Moonves strongly denied hurting the careers of any women.

Osbourne said: "How is it when men get power it goes straight to their testicles? I don't know why, but it's true."

The New Yorker also reported Sunday that a former intern at "60 Minutes" three decades ago, Sarah Johansen, said that Fager groped her at a party. Fager is the gatekeeper for the most influential news show on television, and only the second executive producer it has ever had.

Earlier this summer, six former employees told the magazine that Fager had touched employees in ways that made them uncomfortable. Some women said Fager tolerated a workplace where men were protected.

"I really felt like this was one of the most sexist places I've ever worked," Johansen said.

Fager told the magazine that he had encouraged staff to talk to the lawyers investigating "60 Minutes,"

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and added: "I believe that a fair and open investigation will determine '60 Minutes' is a good place where talented women and men thrive and produce some of the finest broadcast journalism in America."

Reached Monday while on a two-day trip in advance of the show's season opener later this month, Fager said he had no additional comment.

"60 Minutes" has often operated as an island unto itself at CBS News, maintaining separate offices across 57th Street in Manhattan from where most of the news division is headquartered.

As for Fager's successor if he does not survive the investigation, the show's No. 2 executive, Bill Owens, is well respected, and veteran "48 Hours" executive producer Susan Zirinsky would be a formidable candidate from outside the show but inside CBS.

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Serena Williams' treatment resonates among black women By DEEPTI HAJELA, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — When Serena Williams told the umpire at the U.S. Open final that he owed her an apology, that he had stolen something from her, and then she got penalized for her words, Breea Willingham could relate to her frustration and anger.

Willingham isn't a tennis star, but she is a black woman. She and others like her say Williams' experience resonates with them because they are often forced to watch their tone and words in the workplace in ways that men and other women are not.

And if they're not careful, they say, they risk being branded "Angry Black Woman."

"So much of what she experiences we experience in the workplace, too," said Willingham, a professor of criminal justice at the State University of New York at Plattsburgh. "As black women ... we're expected to stay in our lane, that lane that has been created for us. Any time we step out of that lane, then we become a problem."

The stereotype of the "Angry Black Woman" is alive and well, said Felicia Martin, 36, a federal employee who lives in Brooklyn. She recalls once seeing a white female co-worker cursing and throwing things and not facing repercussions, while she's been told to calm down for expressing her own upset in a normal tone of voice.

"If I'm upset about something, I should get to express that to you," Martin said.

During Saturday's championship loss to Naomi Osaka, Williams got a warning from the chair umpire for violating a rarely enforced rule against receiving coaching from the sidelines. An indignant Williams emphatically defended herself, denying she had cheated. A short time later, she smashed her racket in frustration and was docked a point. She protested that and demanded an apology from the umpire, who penalized her a game.

Many people, black women among them, echoed Williams' contention that she was punished while men on the tennis circuit have gotten away with even harsher language.

"A lot of things started going through my head in that particular situation. You know, first and foremost, what was going to be said about her the next day? The typical angry black woman, you know ... when she really was just standing up for herself and she was standing up for women's rights," said former tennis champion Zina Garrison, who is black. "A woman, period, is always, when we speak up for ourselves, then you have the situation where people are saying, you know, they're too outspoken. They're acting like a man, all of that. But then a black woman on top of that, the angry black woman, who does she think she is?"

Martin and others pointed to a cartoon by an Australian artist as the clearest example of the stereotype facing black women. Mark Knight of Melbourne's Herald Sun depicted Williams as an irate, hulking, bigmouthed black woman jumping up and down on a broken racket. The umpire was shown telling a blond, slender woman — meant to be Osaka, who is actually Japanese and Haitian — "Can you just let her win?"

"I was deeply offended. This is not a joke," said Vanessa K. De Luca, former editor in chief of Essence magazine, who wrote a column about the U.S. Open furor.

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The cartoonist "completely missed the point of why she was upset," De Luca told The Associated Press. "It was about her integrity, and anybody who doesn't get that is perpetuating the erasure that so many black women feel when they are trying to speak up for themselves. It's like our opinions don't matter."

Some black women say they have to worry perpetually about how they're coming across to make sure they're not dismissed as angry or emotional.

"It's exhausting," said Denise Daniels, 44, of the Bronx, who works in professional development for educators. "It does diminish from the work satisfaction that other people get to enjoy because it is an additional cost."

Willingham thinks that was part of Williams' experience on Saturday as well, but that it was also about a career's worth of frustrations that she has had to endure, such as when the French Open banned the type of catsuit she wore.

"I felt it for her. I felt she was fed up, she was tired of this," Willingham said. "How much is she supposed to take, really? How much are any of us supposed to keep taking?"

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Mass rally wraps up North Korea's 70th anniversary events By ERIC TALMADGE, Associated Press

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — Tens of thousands of North Korean students rallied in Pyongyang's Kim Il Sung Square in the final major event of the country's 70th anniversary, an elaborate celebration that has showcased the nation's aspirations for economic growth and Korean unity.

The rally Monday night featured a sea of university and high school students carrying torches that spelled out giant slogans and words when seen from above the square. Leader Kim Jong Un did not attend.

This year's anniversary downplayed the missiles and nuclear weapons that brought the country to the brink of conflict with the United States just one year ago.

It highlighted what has been a series of stunning recent changes for North Korea, beginning with Kim's announcement on New Year's Day that he would seek better relations with the South and that the North was willing to participate in the Winter Olympics held in South Korea.

He followed that up with an announcement in April that he would stop nuclear tests and long-range missile launches and claimed that, having perfected his nuclear arsenal, he was ready to pursue talks with Washington on easing tensions on the Korean Peninsula. That in turn led to a flurry of summits with Beijing and Seoul and an unprecedented summit with President Donald Trump in Singapore three months ago.

Kim's effort to present a more diplomatic and less-belligerent image was reflected throughout this weekend's 70th anniversary events.

In a sharp contrast to its previous two parades — in April last year and just before the Olympics began in February this year — North Korea refrained from displaying its long-range missiles at the military parade it held on Sunday.

It also revived its iconic mass games after a five-year hiatus with a spectacular and decidedly peaceful and forward-looking performance. At one point, the show featured giant images of Kim shaking hands with South Korean President Moon Jae-in at their first summit, in April, in the Demilitarized Zone that divides their two countries.

The image of the two Korean leaders was met by loud applause and cheers from the audience at the 150,000-seat May Day Stadium.

Kim himself has kept publicly quiet during the anniversary. He made no speech at the parade or at the mass games' opening performance.

Senior North Korean officials, meanwhile, have stressed the country's confidence in its ability to both

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maintain a strong military and build up its domestic economy. They have studiously avoided bragging about their nuclear weapons, but at the same time haven't referred to any plans for denuclearization.

Kim's moves seem to be paying off.

Trump quickly tweeted his satisfaction that no ICBMs were rolled out for the parade, which he called a "big and very positive statement from North Korea."

"Thank you To Chairman Kim," he added. "We will both prove everyone wrong! There is nothing like

good dialogue from two people that like each other!"

Last year, Trump and Kim were trading insults and threats and Kim was launching his missiles at a record pace. There hasn't been a North Korean launch this year, and Kim unilaterally ordered the destruction of his country's underground nuclear test site in May.

Chinese President Xi Jinping, who sent the ruling Communist Party's third-highest official to attend as his special envoy, issued a statement saying he is willing to work with Kim to develop healthy relations and promote regional peace and stability. "I sincerely hope that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea will prosper and the people enjoy a happy and healthy life," Xi said.

With the anniversary now behind him, Kim is to host Moon later this month in Pyongyang to further discuss ways to improve North-South relations, including the establishment of a liaison office in the North's city of Kaesong, and how to move the peace process with Washington forward.

That process has stalled since the Trump summit, with Kim insisting on security guarantees and a formal end to the Korean War as the first steps, while the U.S. wants irreversible moves toward denuclearization before it will agree to ease up its policy of sanctions and "maximum pressure."

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo was to visit Pyongyang just ahead of the anniversary, but Trump nixed that at the last minute because he said the prospect of making any significant agreements was too low.

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Trump vents over leaks as Woodward pushes back on criticism By CATHERINE LUCEY and JONATHAN LEMIRE, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump vented over White House leaks Monday as a new tell-all book commands attention, an anonymous writer detailing "resistance" in the administration remains at large and a former staffer reveals more private recordings of the commander in chief.

But while Trump continues to insist privately that he wants leakers punished — in particular, the author of an unsigned New York Times opinion piece — it remained unclear if his administration would mete out any discipline. Spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said no lie detectors were being used to smoke out the writer of the op-ed, though she insisted the West Wing would like to see an investigation.

Sanders said it's up to the Justice Department to make that determination. "But someone actively trying to undermine the duly elected president and the entire executive branch of government, that seems quite problematic to me and something they should take a look at," she said.

A White House official has said Trump was just venting over the essay and wasn't ordering federal prosecutors to take action. It also doesn't appear that the essay revealed any classified information, which would be a crucial bar to clear before a leak investigation could be considered. The Justice Department said it will not confirm or deny investigations.

It appeared to be another instance of the president versus the administration, as Trump proceeded on one track while the agencies largely moved on another. There was fear among some Trump advisers that if the president felt that his staff or the Justice Department was not carrying out his order to find the leakers, then he could feel compelled to make changes.

At a White House press briefing, Sanders slammed the book "Fear," from veteran journalist Bob Woodward, as "careless and reckless."

Woodward staunchly defended his work, saying on NBC's "Today" show that Defense Secretary Jim Mattis

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and White House chief of staff John Kelly "are not telling the truth" when they deny making disparaging remarks about Trump attributed to them.

"These are political statements to protect their jobs," Woodward said.

Trump officials have rushed to distance themselves from the op-ed and from Woodward's book, both of which depict a White House mired in dysfunction, with aides disparaging the Republican president and working to prevent him from making disastrous decisions.

It was not clear how aggressive White House efforts were to root out the op-ed writer, though a person close to the White House who was not authorized to speak publicly said officials had focused in on a few names.

Some Trump aides, including lawyer Rudy Giuliani, have suggested that Trump would be within his authority to order a formal investigation of it. But it would set off alarm bells throughout Washington if the president were to mobilize the Department of Justice to investigate a matter in which no crime was committed or classified information disclosed.

Trump spent the weekend complaining about the book as well as the op-ed writer. He argued that the person purposely put the piece in the Times to anger him, and he has continued to focus on identifying and firing the author, even as some advisers have urged him to let the matter go, said a person familiar with the president's thinking but not authorized to discuss private conversations.

Trump tweeted Monday that he has been subjected to "Phony books, articles and T.V. 'hits' like no other pol has had to endure."

Amid the drama, former staffer Omarosa Manigault Newman sought to seize some of the spotlight by releasing a recording she said was of Trump talking to junior aides during a communications meeting. Trump jumps from topic to topic, talking about the real "Russia story" involving his Democratic opponent, Hillary Clinton; the deadly Niger ambush on American soldiers; and economic gains.

The op-ed was not the only thing on Trump's mind as he called around to advisers over the weekend, according to two people familiar with the conversations. He told allies that he was certain that his stance on the national anthem controversy contributed to the NFL's lower television ratings for its Thursday night opener — though ratings were largely up for the league's first Sunday of games.

Trump also derided his predecessor's return to politics. While the president expressed annoyance that Barack Obama was taking credit for the nation's economic success, he told one adviser that the former president's increased visibility would give Trump more chances to attack a figure who remained very unpopular with his base.

Set for public release Tuesday, "Fear" has thrown an already chaotic White House into disarray. On Monday, it was ranked as the top-selling book on Amazon.

Trump tweeted that "the Woodward book is a Joke - just another assault against me, in a barrage of assaults, using now disproven unnamed and anonymous sources. Many have already come forward to say the quotes by them, like the book, are fiction. Dems can't stand losing. I'll write the real book!"

Kelly is quoted calling Trump "an idiot," and Mattis is quoted saying Trump has the understanding of "a fifth- or sixth-grader." Both deny the statements.

Woodward, who has shared in two Pulitzer Prizes, staunchly defended the integrity of his reporting and said the book "is as carefully done as you can do an excavation of the reality of what goes on."

Unlikely weapon: petanque balls help disarm Paris attacker By THOMAS ADAMSON, Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — They only went out to play a calm game of petanque and enjoy some late summer warmth by a Parisian canal. By the end of the evening, the three friends had neutralized a knife-wielding attacker who had stabbed seven people, with an unlikely weapon: the game's clanking — and hefty — metal balls.

Lobbing them in their dozens at the attacker and whacking him on the head with a wooden plank, they managed to bring the horror that befell the 19th district on Sunday night to an end. The attacker is now in custody and police are trying to piece together what happened and what the attacker's motivations for

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his bloody rampage were.

Without the bravery of the three friends, and the normally-slow-moving steel globes, it could have been a lot worse. The area, after all, was full of revelers from a popular cinema complex, tourists and families. Two British tourists were among those injured

Luckily for everyone there, petanque player Boudjema Hamani and his two friends were on hand and ready to wield their own weapons of choice.

Petanque, a typically Gallic pastime played by some 20 million French in which a ball is slowly rolled along the gravelly ground, is ubiquitous in Parisian courtyards in summer months. It's popular with the elderly, and does not have a reputation associated with danger, action or speed.

Until now.

In a surprise response at 11 p.m., the friends — none of whom can be considered elderly — chased the attacker, who officials believe is Afghan, down the street and showered him with their normally-peaceful steel spheres that can weigh almost a kilogram. Some 30 were thrown at the attacker as he was trying to stab people with a 40-centimeter (15-inch) kitchen knife. At least one struck his head.

Hamani, who helped disarm and arrest the knifeman, initially thought it was a normal commotion, perhaps a brawl, nothing especially out of the ordinary.

"But some young girls and young boys ran toward us, telling us 'careful, careful, he has a knife," Hamani told The Associated Press.

It was when the knifeman arrived on the Bassin de la Villette canal that Hamani and his friends started throwing their uncommon projectiles and anything else they could find, at him, until he lost his balance and fellow petangue player Reda Smain hit him on the head with a wooden plank.

Smain then managed to wrest the knife away from the attacker, as his friends were able to "block him on the ground," until plainclothes police arrived.

Smain told French network BFMTV that he struck the attacker's left arm, which was holding the knife. "I jumped on the knife, took it from his hand," he said. "Then I fell with him and knocked him out."

The Parisian petanque players were lauded for their bravery as French authorities opened an investigation into the attack. On Twitter, French Interior Minister Gerard Collomb praised their "courage and reactivity." Paris police said Monday four of the victims are in serious condition, including one in a life-threatening condition.

"Of course it's scary. We are human beings, we're not Superman so if we're stabbed we're going to die ... But we didn't have time to think about it," Hamani said, before reflecting.

"We had a weapon, like him."

Associated Press writer Sylvie Corbet and video reporter Nicolas Garriga contributed to this report.

Sweden joins Europe's move to right over migration backlash By PIETRO DECRISTOFARO and JEFF SCHAEFFER, Associated Press

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Sweden has become the latest European country to have its political order shaken by a backlash against large-scale immigration, with voters giving a boost to a far-right party and weakening the more established ones.

Sunday's election left the two rival blocs — a center-left group and a center-right alliance — with roughly 40 percent of the vote each, portending what is likely to be weeks of uncertainty and complex coalition talks before a new government can be formed.

The Sweden Democrats, which has roots in a neo-Nazi movement but has worked to soften its image, won 17.6 percent, up from 13 percent in 2014, for a third-place finish. That showing is not strong enough for it to lead a government, but it reflects how deeply that Sweden, famous for its progressive policies, is being transformed by migration.

The country that is home to the Nobel prizes and militarily neutral policies for the better part of two

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centuries has been known for its comparatively open doors to migrants and refugees.

Sunday's general election was the first since Sweden, with a population of 10 million, took in a record 163,000 migrants in 2015 — the highest per capita of any European country.

That had followed the earlier arrival of hundreds of thousands of asylum seekers.

Since 2015, the center-left government has sharply restricted immigration, but many Swedes complain that society cannot cope with integrating so many newcomers, many of them Muslims from Africa and the Middle East.

The growing strength of the Sweden Democrats also reflects how old taboos are collapsing.

Only a few years ago, Swedes would be shunned as racist for suggesting the country had limits on how many migrants it should take, or for expressing the view that it is hard to integrate Africans and Arabs. But people increasingly are expressing such ideas more freely — adding to the support for the party.

While the result is a boost for the Sweden Democrats, the party fell short of pre-election predictions.

The Expressen tabloid said in editorial that "it all pointed at the Sweden Democrats taking over the position as Sweden's second-biggest party. But the expected ... bang didn't happen."

The election came after populist and anti-migrant parties made significant political gains in Germany, Austria and Italy since 2015 — the other countries that have shouldered the heaviest burden of accommodating those fleeing war and conflict or simply searching for a better life elsewhere.

Sweden also gained international scrutiny after U.S. President Donald Trump portrayed the country as place where multiculturalism has brought crime and insecurity.

In early 2017, Trump claimed that a terrorist attack had happened the previous night in Sweden. The night, in fact, had been quiet, but Trump had seen a Fox News report about crime by immigrants in Sweden. He has insisted that he is still right about the general picture of the country as one where large-scale migration has brought security threats.

That narrative of Sweden as a failed multicultural experiment is also pushed by some on the right in Europe. While some Swedes say there is some truth to that, others feel it is too exaggerated and ignores the fact that Sweden is a place with a strong economy where many things work very well.

Both the left-leaning bloc led by the Social Democrats and the center-right bloc, in which the Moderates is the largest of four parties, have said they would refuse to consider the Sweden Democrats as a coalition partner.

Prime Minister Stefan Lofven, who brought the Social Democrats to power in 2014, said he intended to remain in the job. His party emerged with the greatest share of the vote — 28.4 percent as the count neared completion — yet is looking at holding fewer seats in parliament than four years ago.

Lofven told his supporters the election presented "a situation that all responsible parties must deal with," adding that "a party with roots in Nazism" would "never ever offer anything responsible but hatred."

"We have a moral responsibility. We must gather all forces for good. We won't mourn, we will organize ourselves," he said.

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Trump administration orders closure of Palestinian office By MATTHEW LEE and SUSANNAH GEORGE, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration ordered the closure of the Palestinian diplomatic mission in Washington on Monday and threatened sanctions against the International Criminal Court if it pursues investigations against the U.S., Israel, or other allies. The moves are likely to harden Palestinian resistance to the U.S. role as a peace broker.

The administration cited the refusal of Palestinian leaders to enter into peace talks with Israel as the reason for closing the Palestinian Liberation Organization office, although the U.S. has yet to present its plan to resolve the Israel-Palestinian conflict. The Palestinians accused the administration of dismantling

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decades of U.S. engagement with them.

Shortly after the State Department announcement, President Donald Trump's national security adviser, John Bolton, launched a broadside against The Hague-based International Criminal Court. Bolton declared that the ICC "is already dead" to the U.S. He also threatened the court and its staff with sanctions if it proceeds with investigations into alleged war crimes by American troops in Afghanistan.

The closure of the PLO office — the latest in a series of moves targeting the Palestinians — was centered on the fact that no "direct and meaningful negotiations with Israel" are underway despite previous warnings, the State Department said. It said the decision was also in line with U.S. law, a reflection of congressional concerns and consistent with U.S. policy to oppose and punish Palestinian attempts to bring Israel before the ICC.

The administration had told the Palestinians last year that closure was a distinct possibility unless they agreed to sit to down with the Israelis. It has yet to release its own much-vaunted but largely unknown peace plan although it said it still intends to do so.

Instead of heeding the warning to resume talks, "PLO leadership has condemned a U.S. peace plan they have not yet seen and refused to engage with the U.S. government with respect to peace efforts and otherwise," State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert said in a statement. "As such, and reflecting congressional concerns, the administration has decided that the PLO office in Washington will close at this point."

Bolton followed up in his address to The Federalist Society, a conservative, Washington-based think tank. "The Trump administration will not keep the office open when the Palestinians refuse to take steps to start direct and meaningful negotiations with Israel," he said. "The United States supports a direct and robust peace process, and we will not allow the ICC, or any other organization, to constrain Israel's right to self-defense."

Palestinian official Saeb Erekat said the move was "yet another affirmation of the Trump administration's policy to collectively punish the Palestinian people, including by cutting financial support for humanitarian services including health and education."

The Palestine Liberation Organization, commonly known as the PLO, formally represents all Palestinians. Although the U.S. does not recognize Palestinian statehood, the PLO has maintained in Washington a general delegation office that facilitates Palestinian officials' interactions with the U.S. government.

The closure was just the latest move the administration has taken against the Palestinians and in favor of Israel.

Just last month, it canceled more than \$200 million in aid for projects in the West Bank and Gaza as well as the remainder of its planned assistance for the U.N. agency that helps Palestinian refugees around the Middle East. Over the weekend, it announced it would cut \$25 million in assistance for hospitals in east Jerusalem that provide critical care to Palestinian patients.

Trump recognized Jerusalem as Israel's capital and moved the U.S. Embassy there, from Tel Aviv, in May. That led Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas to break off contact with U.S. officials for what he called pro-Israel bias, and the opening of the new embassy was met with large Palestinian protests in which dozens were killed.

"The United States continues to believe that direct negotiations between the two parties are the only way forward," spokeswoman Nauert said in her statement. "This action should not be exploited by those who seek to act as spoilers to distract from the imperative of reaching a peace agreement."

As for the ICC, Bolton questioned the legitimacy of the court and warned that the U.S. would thwart any attempt by its prosecutors to open investigations into Americans for alleged war crimes and other abuses in conflicts in Afghanistan or elsewhere. Bolton, a leading critic of the ICC said the Trump administration would impose sanctions on the court and take other measures to hamper its ability to function should it proceed with such probes.

"The United States will use any means necessary to protect our citizens and those of our allies from unjust prosecution by this illegitimate court," Bolton said. "We will not cooperate with the ICC. We will provide no assistance to the ICC. We will not join the ICC. We will let the ICC die on its own. After all, for

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all intents and purposes, the ICC is already dead to us."

Bolton said the U.S. would "not sit quietly" if the ICC came after it, Israel or other U.S. allies. He said ICC judges and prosecutors would be banned from coming to the U.S., their assets in U.S. jurisdictions would be frozen and they would face prosecution. Similar measures would be taken against any company or state that assists an ICC investigation of Americans, he said.

"No committee of foreign nations will tell us how to govern ourselves and defend our freedom," he said. The Clinton administration signed the Rome Statute that created the ICC but had serious concerns about the scope of the court's jurisdiction and never sought ratification by the Senate, where there was broad bipartisan opposition to what lawmakers saw as a threat to U.S. sovereignty.

When George W. Bush took office in 2001, Bolton sought and received permission to travel to New York to ceremonially "unsign" the document at the United Nations.

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With the fall of a kingmaker, CBS is punished on Wall Street By DAVID BAUDER, AP Media Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Sizing up a future of a network without its kingmaker, Wall Street sent shares of CBS down sharply Monday, the first day of trading since the departure of Les Moonves.

CBS said late Sunday, as more allegations of sexual abuse surfaced, that Moonves would be replaced and that the company was shaking up its board of directors.

Shares are down more than 8 percent this year, and suffered their biggest downturn in nearly 7 years in July when details of the accusations surfaced.

The stock tumbled close to 4 percent Monday.

The #MeToo movement fighting sexual misconduct had already claimed one of Hollywood's top movie moguls in Harvey Weinstein. Now it has done the same for Moonves, one of the television industry's most powerful executives.

CBS, just hours after The New Yorker magazine posted a story Sunday with a second round of ugly accusations against Moonves, said that the company's chairman would step down. A total of 12 women have alleged mistreatment, including forced oral sex, groping and retaliation if they resisted him. Moonves denied the charges in a pair of statements, although he said he had consensual relations with three of the women.

CBS said \$20 million will be donated to one or more organizations that support #MeToo and workplace equality for women. That sum will be deducted from any severance due Moonves, a figure that won't be determined until an outside investigation, led by a pair of high-profile law firms, is completed.

The network's chief operating officer, Joseph Ianniello, is taking over as president and CEO until the reshaped board of directors can find a permanent replacement, CBS said.

It has been nearly a year since Pulitzer Prize-winning articles by The New York Times and the New Yorker exposed a pattern of misconduct by Weinstein, who now faces sex crime charges in New York. Matt Lauer, Charlie Rose and Kevin Spacey are among other figures that lost jobs after men and women came forward with their own stories, often on social media with the hashtag MeToo, about sexually inappropriate behavior by powerful men.

Moonves ruled first the programming, then the full network and other corporate entities such as Showtime for two decades. CBS has consistently been the most-watched network on television, even as changes transformed the industry, first with cable networks investing in shows and then streaming services like Netflix. He's been paid handsomely for his success, earning just under \$70 million in both 2017 and 2016.

Those paychecks made Moonves the second-highest paid executive in the S&P 500, according to an analysis by The Associated Press and Equilar, an executive data firm.

Accusations emerged against the affable, raspy-voiced former actor last month, when six women accused him of misconduct similar to what came out Sunday. CBS announced an internal probe yet Moonves, who

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was also involved in a separate power struggle that threatened his future control of the company, remained in charge. In recent days, however, reports leaked that the CBS board and Moonves, 68, were formulating an exit plan. Reports that the severance could include a multi-million dollar payout provoked online anger.

In a regulatory filing published Monday by the Securities and Exchange Commission, CBS said that \$120 million will be placed in a grantor trust. If an internal investigation finds that Moonves employment cannot be terminated for cause, the money will be forwarded to him.

Any decision could be subject to arbitration, according to CBS.

One of the accusers who came forth in the New Yorker's article on Sunday, Phyllis Golden-Gottlieb, also filed a complaint with the Los Angeles police last year, but no charges were filed because the statute of limitations had expired. She said Moonves, while an executive at the Lorimar production studio in the late 1980s, pushed her head into his lap and forced her to perform oral sex.

At another time, she said an angry Moonves pushed her hard against a wall. When she resisted later advances, she began to be frozen out at the company, she said.

"He absolutely ruined my career," she told The New Yorker.

Another woman, Jessica Pallingston, said Moonves forced her to perform oral sex on her first day working as his assistant at Warner Bros. productions. Other women told the magazine of unwanted touching or advances.

The latest allegations were not addressed when CBS announced Moonves departure.

In a statement to the magazine, Moonves said the "appalling accusations" are untrue, but he acknowledged consensual relations with three of the women before he started working at CBS. Moonves was married at the time; he divorced his first wife and married CBS on-air personality Julie Chen in 2004.

"I have never used my position to hinder the advancement or careers of women," he said. "In my 40 years of work, I have never before heard of such disturbing accusations. I can only surmise they are surfacing now for the first time, decades later, as part of a concerted effort by others to destroy my name, my reputation and my career. Anyone who knows me knows that the person described in this article is not me."

In a second statement after his departure, Moonves said he was "deeply saddened" to be leaving the company and its employees. "Together, we built CBS into a destination where the best in the business come to work and succeed," he said.

With Moonves' exit, CBS viewers will wonder what the future holds for Chen, who is a panelist on the daytime show "The Talk" and host of the summer series "Big Brother." She stood in support of her husband when the first allegations hit last month.

Organizations that have supported women coming forward with stories of abuse, including Time's Up and Press Forward, said Sunday that CBS should be transparent about the findings of its internal investigation despite Moonves' ouster.

It's difficult to imagine CBS without Moonves. The network was struggling when he took over as entertainment chief in 1995, hot from a job at the Warner Brothers studio, which developed hits such as "ER" and "Friends."

He quickly turned things around and churned out programming appealing to the older, more tradition-bound CBS audience — broad appeal sitcoms such as "Everybody Loves Raymond," "Two and a Half Men" and "The Big Bang Theory" and procedural dramas such as "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" and "NCIS." "Survivor" was an early reality show hit, and continues to this day.

Many CBS viewers knew Moonves from the relentless ribbing he took from former late-night host David Letterman. Moonves said there were legitimate hard feelings between the two in his early years, but the relationship warmed before Letterman's retirement.

Moonves was an advocate for the traditional broadcast network model when others worried it was becoming obsolete, but he also launched streaming services for CBS entertainment and news. He took over the broader CBS Corp. in 2006 but kept his hand in entertainment duties, down to casting decisions for new shows.

His status as an industry king was never more evident than each year in May when CBS introduced the

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next year's schedule before an audience of advertisers and media executives crammed into Carnegie Hall. He starred in each year's presentation, often in elaborate filmed skits.

Yet this spring there were already signs the end was near. Locked in a battle for corporate control with Shari Redstone of National Amusements, Moonves received a standing ovation from an audience that sensed it could be his last year. He even skipped an event he created and relished, an annual breakfast meeting with reporters dubbed "Lox with Les."

CBS' board also announced Sunday that Redstone's National Amusements will not propose a merger between CBS and Viacom, which Redstone had been urging, for two years. Six new CBS board members were also appointed.

High stakes as 2-month sprint to Election Day begins By JULIE PACE, AP Washington Bureau Chief

WASHINGTON (AP) — Control of Congress and the future of Donald Trump's presidency are on the line as the primary season closes this week, jump-starting a two-month sprint to Election Day that will test Democrats' ability to harness opposition to Trump and determine whether the Republican president can get his supporters to the polls.

For both parties, the stakes are exceedingly high.

After crushing defeats in 2016, Democrats open the fall campaign brimming with confidence about their prospects for retaking the House, which would give them power to open a wide swath of investigations into Trump or even launch impeachment proceedings. The outcome of the election, which features a record number of Democratic female and minority candidates, will also help shape the party's direction heading into the 2020 presidential race.

Republicans have spent the primary season anxiously watching suburban voters, particularly women, peel away because of their disdain for Trump. The shift seems likely to cost the party in several key congressional races. Still, party leaders are optimistic that Republicans can keep control of the Senate, which could help insulate Trump from a raft of Democratic investigations.

History is not on Trump's side. The president's party typically suffers big losses in the first midterm election after taking office. And despite a strong economy, Republicans must also contend with the president's sagging approval rating and the constant swirl of controversy hanging over the White House, including special counsel Robert Mueller's ongoing probe into Russian election interference and possible obstruction of justice by Trump.

Despite those headwinds, Trump is betting on himself this fall. He's thrust himself into the center of the campaign and believes he can ramp up turnout among his ardent supporters and offset a wave of Democratic enthusiasm. Aides say he'll spend much of the fall holding rallies in swing states.

"The great unknown is whether the president can mobilize his base to meet the enthusiasm gap that is clearly presented at this point," said Josh Holmes, a longtime adviser to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. "Because the middle won't be there for Republicans."

Indeed, Trump's turbulent summer appears to have put many moderates and independents out of reach for Republican candidates, according to GOP officials. One internal GOP poll obtained by The Associated Press showed Trump's approval rating among independents in congressional battleground districts dropped 10 points between June and August.

A GOP official who oversaw the survey attributed the drop to negative views of Trump's meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin and the White House's policy of separating immigrant children from their parents at the U.S.-Mexico border. The official was not authorized to discuss the internal polling publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Those declines put several incumbent GOP lawmakers at risk, including Virginia Rep. Barbara Comstock, who represents a district in the Washington suburbs, and Rep. Erik Paulsen, whose suburban Minneapolis district has been in Republican hands since 1961.

Democrats need a net gain of 23 seats to take control of the House. Operatives in both parties believe

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at least 40 seats will be competitive in November.

Corry Bliss, who runs a super PAC aligned with House Speaker Paul Ryan, acknowledged a "tough environment" for Republicans that could quickly become too difficult for some incumbents to overcome.

"Incumbents who wake up down in the beginning of October are not going to be able to fix it in this environment," Bliss said. "But incumbents who go on the offense early can and will win."

Democratic incumbents had a similar wakeup call during the primaries after New York Rep. Joe Crowley, who held a powerful leadership position in Congress, stunningly lost to 28-year-old first-time candidate Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. She's among several younger minority candidates who defeated older, more established opponents, signaling a desire among many Democratic voters for generational change.

The result is a Democratic field with more women and minorities on the general-election ballot than ever before, several of whom are poised to make history if elected. Ayanna Pressley, who defeated 10-term Rep. Michael Capuano in a primary last week and is unopposed in the general election, will be the first black woman to represent Massachusetts in Congress. Rashida Talib of Michigan is on track to become the first Muslim woman in Congress. And Stacey Abrams in Georgia and Andrew Gillum in Florida would be their states' first black governors if elected this fall.

Crowley said the wave that led to his own defeat will have long-term benefits for the Democratic Party if it motivates more young people and minorities to vote.

"Look at the positives for the country in terms of engagement and the activity that it's causing and fervor that is forming," Crowley said.

Indeed, turnout for Democrats has been high in a series of special elections that preceded the November contest. Nearly 60 Democratic challengers outraised House Republicans in the second quarter of 2018. And of the 10 Senate Democrats running for re-election in states Trump carried two years ago, only Florida Sen. Bill Nelson has been outraised by his Republican opponent.

"We've got real wind at our back," said Tom Perez, the chairman of the Democratic National Committee. "The breadth and depth of the map is remarkable."

Despite Democrats' optimism heading into the fall, party officials concede that taking back control of the Senate may not be realistic. Unlike the competitive House races, which are being fought in territory that is increasingly favorable to Democrats, the most competitive Senate contests are in states Trump won — often decisively.

Democratic operatives are increasingly worried about Sen. Heidi Heitkamp's ability to hang on in North Dakota, a state Trump won by 36 points and visited on Friday. Democratic incumbents also face more conservative electorates in Missouri, Indiana and Montana.

Still, Democrats believe that if momentum builds through the fall and Trump's approval rating sinks further, the party could not only hold onto its current Senate seats but also add wins in territory that has long been out of reach, including Tennessee and Texas, where Rep. Beto O'Rourke is giving Republican Sen. Ted Cruz a surprising re-election fight.

"There's engagement and momentum like I haven't seen since the Ann Richards days," said Texas Democratic Chairman Gilberto Hinojosa, referring to the state's Democratic governor in the early 1990s.

While most of the attention is on the battle for Congress, competition for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2020 is heating up. New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker is scheduled to headline the marquee fall banquet for Iowa Democrats next month.

For now, former President Barack Obama is emerging as the top Democrat making the case for the party this fall. He returned to the political fray last week imploring voters upset with Trump to show up in November.

"Just a glance at recent headlines should tell you this moment really is different," Obama said in a speech Friday. "The stakes really are higher. The consequences of any of us sitting on the sidelines are more dire."

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Taliban attack Afghan security forces in north, killing 52 By RAHIM FAIEZ and AMIR SHAH, Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Taliban insurgents launched separate attacks on Afghan security forces in the country's north, killing at least 52, provincial officials said Monday.

Mohammad Yusouf Ayubi, head of the provincial council in Kunduz province, said that at least 13 security forces were killed and 15 others wounded in an attack on a checkpoint they were manning in Dashti Archi district. The firefight began late Sunday and continued into Monday morning.

Meanwhile in Jawzjan province, Provincial Police Chief Gen. Faqir Mohammad Jawzjani said the Taliban attacked Khamyab district from different sides, forcing Afghan forces to withdraw from the district head-quarters to avoid civilian causalities.

"There was intense fighting and we didn't want civilian houses destroyed, or any civilian casualties," said Jawzjani. He said that at least eight policemen were killed and three other police were wounded. Seven Taliban were killed and eight were wounded during the gun battle, he added.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid claimed responsibility for the group for the attacks in Kunduz and Jawzjan provinces.

The Taliban also killed another 14 local Afghan policemen and pro-government militiamen in the Dara Suf district of Samangan province, provincial spokesman Sediq Azizi said, adding that six others were also wounded.

Azizi added that three Taliban fighters were killed and four others wounded during the Monday morning battle.

No one claimed responsibility for the attack in Samangan, but Azizi blamed Taliban insurgents that are active in the province and often target Afghan security forces and local, pro-government militias.

Meanwhile in the northern Sari Pul province, the provincial governor, Zahir Wahdat, said that the Taliban killed at least 17 Afghan security forces and wounded three others in attacks across the province.

He said that 39 Taliban fighters were killed and 14 others were wounded in the battles, adding that the death toll could rise.

Gen. Abdul Qayum Baqizai, the provincial police chief, said at least two security forces were killed in the battles.

"The Taliban's attack has been repelled, but sporadic gun battles are underway at the outskirts of the city," Baqizai added.

The Taliban hasn't yet commented on the fighting in Sari Pul province.

Since a June cease-fire that marked the Islamic holiday of Eid al Fitr, Taliban insurgents have ramped up attacks against Afghanistan's security forces killing hundreds of security personnel in increasingly well-coordinated assaults across the country.

During the three-day cease-fire, pictures circulated of Taliban arm-in-arm with Afghan security forces, singing and taking selfies together. Outraged Mohammad Yaqub, the son of the Taliban's founder, Mullah Mohammed Omar, circulated a harshly worded audio tape condemning the fraternization.

Since then attacks against military installations have been relentless, and on several occasions the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSA) have been outgunned and out maneuvered. Even Washington's watchdog, the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan's Reconstruction (SIGAR), in successive reports noted weaknesses within the security forces, including desertions, inadequate training and corruption.

Since 2014 ANSA has taken the lead in the war against insurgents, with the U.S. and NATO providing support and training. Yet the Taliban have increased in strength and, according to the special inspector general, nearly half the country is either under their direct control or deeply influenced by them.

A local affiliate of the Islamic State group has also emerged in the past years and carried out brazen and increasingly deadly attacks, most often targeting civilians and the country's minority Shiite Muslims. The Taliban and the Islamic State affiliate are enemies and have attacked each other's forces. The Taliban has

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also denied responsibility for attacks on Shiites, which IS has claimed.

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Report: Chinese building projects narrowing economic gaps By JOE McDONALD, AP Business Writer

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese-financed railways and other projects in Africa and Asia are helping to reduce economic inequality between regions in the countries where they are built, a group of multinational researchers said Tuesday.

China's "Belt and Road" initiative has prompted complaints about debt and unease about Beijing's ambitions among governments from the United States to Russia to India. But a study led by AidData at the College of William & Mary in Virginia strikes a positive note.

The study of 3,485 projects in 138 nations across Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East in 2000-14 found they led to a more equal distribution of economic activity by improving access to jobs and markets.

"Western pundits and politicians often claim that Beijing is a reckless, self-serving or sinister actor," said AidData's executive director, Bradley C. Parks, in an email. But by helping to spread economic activity more evenly, "Beijing's investments address one of the root causes of instability around the globe and thus make it easier for Western powers to tackle other global threats and crises."

The report stressed it focused on only one aspect of Chinese financing. The overall impact is "a more complex question," it said, noting other research has found corruption and environmental damage linked to Chinese projects.

Leaders in Africa, South Asia and other regions welcome Chinese projects including "Belt and Road," President Xi Jinping's signature foreign policy initiative, but face complaints about costs. The initiative calls for expanding trade by building railways, ports and other infrastructure across a vast arc of 65 countries from the South Pacific through Asia to Africa and Europe.

Governments including Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand have scrapped or scaled back projects due to high costs or complaints that too little work goes to local companies. Most projects are built by Chinese contractors and financed by Chinese bank loans at market interest rates.

In Kenya, President Uhuru Kenyatta's government faces protests and a strike by filling station operators after imposing a 16 percent tax on fuel this month to repay construction costs. Kenya's payments to Chinese banks are due to triple in 2019 from this year's level.

Kenya is "gradually sinking deeper" into "Chinese debt-trap diplomacy," wrote commentator Jaindi Kisero in the Daily Nation newspaper.

Beijing suffered a public blow last month when Malaysia canceled Chinese-built projects, including a \$20 billion railway. Its prime minister said the Southeast Asian country couldn't afford them.

Chinese officials have released few financial details but deny "Belt and Road" and other projects lead to debt problems.

"People's livelihoods and economic development have been boosted," said a Cabinet official, Ning Jizhe, at an Aug. 28 news conference. "No 'debt trap' has been created."

Other governments worry Beijing is trying to gain strategic influence by creating a trading and financial network centered on China, the world's second-largest economy.

AidData's first report in 2013 focused on Chinese financing to Africa. The group includes researchers from Harvard University, Germany's Heidelberg University and other schools and research institutes.

They reported last year China was close to matching the scale of U.S. grants and loans to developing countries. But they said Beijing's financing served its own economic interests and provided little benefit to recipients.

"Belt and Road" was formally launched in 2012 but also includes Chinese-financed projects begun before that.

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For their latest report, researchers made a list of projects from news reports, government statements and research by academics and non-government organizations.

Some 43 percent were infrastructure such as roads, railway, bridges, ports, airports, power grids, cell-phone towers and fiber optic cable lines. Another 42 percent were services including hospitals, schools and sewers.

To measure economic impact, the researchers looked at changes in nighttime use of lights across cities and rural areas. That was based on satellite images from the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Those changes "correlate strongly with traditional measures of welfare down to the village level," the report said.

Projects financed by Beijing might produce a bigger payoff because Chinese companies work faster and often complete projects within months, while traditional Western-backed projects can require years, Parks said.

Also, they often focus on linking inland areas with ports, which increases export revenue, in contrast to traditional projects that connect areas within the same country, he said.

The ruling Communist Party has financed building projects abroad since the 1960s, when it paid for a railway to carry copper from Zambia in southern Africa across Tanzania to the port of Dar-es-Salaam. Lending boomed following rapid Chinese economic growth in the 1990s.

In the 15 years through 2014, Beijing lent or gave \$354.4 billion in Africa, Asia and elsewhere, equal to nearly 90 percent of the \$394.6 billion from the United States, according to AidData. But it said only 23 percent of Chinese spending counted as aid by international standards, compared with 93 percent of U.S. spending.

Associated Press writer Tom Odula in Nairobi, Kenya, contributed to this report.

Asian stocks mixed as investors await US tariff hike By JOE McDONALD, AP Business Writer

BEIJING (AP) — Asian stocks were mixed Tuesday after Wall Street's gains as investors waited for a new U.S. tariff hike in a trade battle with China.

KEEPING SCORE: The Shanghai Composite Index lost 0.3 percent to 2,661.33, while Tokyo's Nikkei 225 added 1 percent to 22,595.52. Hong Kong's Hang Seng retreated 0.3 percent to 26,538.58 and Sydney's S&P-ASX 200 advanced 0.5 percent to 6,171.00. Seoul's Kospi shed 0.3 percent to 2,281.90, while New Zealand. Benchmarks in Taiwan and Southeast Asia declined.

WALL STREET: U.S. stocks broke a four-day losing streak as industrial companies and retailers rose. Technology companies recovered some of last week's losses. Nike, Home Depot and Walmart all climbed. Microsoft and other technology companies rose, but Apple fell after saying more U.S. tariff hikes could push it to raise prices. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 0.2 percent to 2,877.13. The Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 0.2 percent to 25,857.07. The Nasdaq composite rose 0.3 percent to 7,924.16.

TRADE TENSIONS: The Trump administration is due to announce a decision shortly on whether to go ahead with 25 percent tariffs on \$200 billion of Chinese imports in a dispute over Beijing's technology policy. The two sides already have raised duties on \$50 billion of each other's goods. Trump said Friday that he was considering extending penalties to extending penalties to nearly all Chinese imports to the United States by raising duties on an additional \$267 billion of goods.

ANALYST'S TAKE: "Wall Street balanced the tech gloom against the fresh focus on tax cuts on Monday yielding mixed returns," Jinyi Pan of IG said in a report. "The protracted expectation for more bad news to set in with the looming tariffs remains the most important factor weighing on markets currently."

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude gained 4 cents to \$67.58 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract lost 21 cents on Monday to close at \$67.54. Brent crude, used to price international oils, advanced 11 cents to \$77.48 in London. It rose 54 cents the previous session to \$77.37.

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CURRENCY: The dollar gained to 111.36 yen from Monday's 111.12 yen. The euro edged down to \$1.1590 from \$1.1595.

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Today is Tuesday, Sept. 11, the 254th day of 2018. There are 111 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 11, 2001, on America's single-worst day of terrorism, nearly 3,000 people were killed as 19 al-Qaida members hijacked four passenger jetliners, sending two of the planes smashing into New York's World Trade Center, one into the Pentagon and the fourth into a field in western Pennsylvania.

On this date:

In 1297, Scottish rebels led by William Wallace and Andrew Moray defeated English troops in the Battle of Stirling Bridge during the First War of Scottish Independence.

In 1789, Alexander Hamilton was appointed the first U.S. Secretary of the Treasury.

In 1814, an American fleet scored a decisive victory over the British in the Battle of Lake Champlain in the War of 1812.

In 1857, the Mountain Meadows Massacre took place in present-day southern Utah as a 120-member Arkansas immigrant party was slaughtered by Mormon militiamen aided by Paiute Indians.

In 1936, Boulder Dam (now Hoover Dam) began operation as President Franklin D. Roosevelt pressed a key in Washington to signal the startup of the dam's first hydroelectric generator.

In 1941, groundbreaking took place for the Pentagon. In a speech that drew accusations of anti-Semitism, Charles A. Lindbergh told an America First rally in Des Moines, Iowa, that "the British, the Jewish and the Roosevelt administration" were pushing the United States toward war.

In 1954, the Miss America pageant made its network TV debut on ABC; Miss California, Lee Meriwether, was crowned the winner.

In 1967, the comedy-variety program "The Carol Burnett Show" premiered on CBS.

In 2003, actor John Ritter died six days before his 55th birthday at Providence St. Joseph Medical Center in Burbank, Calif. — the same hospital where he was born in 1948.

In 2006, in a prime-time address, President George W. Bush invoked the memory of the victims of the 9/11 attacks as he staunchly defended the war in Iraq, though he acknowledged that Saddam Hussein was not responsible for the attacks.

In 2007, a new Osama bin Laden videotape was released on the sixth anniversary of 9/11; in it, the al-Qaida leader's voice is heard commemorating one of the suicide hijackers and calling on young Muslims to follow his example by martyring themselves in attacks.

In 2012, a mob armed with guns and grenades launched a fiery nightlong attack on a U.S. diplomatic outpost and a CIA annex in Benghazi, Libya, killing U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans.

Ten years ago: Presidential candidates John McCain and Barack Obama put aside politics as they visited ground zero together on the anniversary of 9/11 to honor its victims. ABC News broadcast an interview with John McCain's running mate, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, who said she was ready to be president if called upon, but sidestepped questions on whether she had the national security credentials needed to be commander in chief.

Five years ago: A car bomb tore through a Libyan Foreign Ministry building in the eastern city of Benghazi on the anniversary of a deadly attack on the U.S. consulate there as well as the 2001 terror attacks in the United States. More than 1 million people showed their support for Catalan independence by joining hands to form a 250-mile human chain across the northeastern region of Spain.

One year ago: Authorities sent an aircraft carrier and other Navy ships to help with search-and-rescue operations in Florida, where a flyover of the Keys revealed what Gov. Rick Scott described as scenes of devastation from Hurricane Irma. Irma weakened to a tropical storm, and then a tropical depression, and

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finally left Florida after a run up the entire 400-mile length of the state. An estimated 13 million people in Florida remained without power.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Earl Holliman is 90. Comedian Tom Dreesen is 79. Movie director Brian De Palma is 78. Singer-actress-dancer Lola Falana is 76. Rock musician Mickey Hart (The Dead) is 75. Singer-musician Leo Kottke is 73. Actor Phillip Alford is 70. Actress Amy Madigan is 68. Rock singer-musician Tommy Shaw (Styx) is 65. Sports reporter Lesley Visser is 65. Actor Reed Birney is 64. Former Homeland Security Secretary Jeh (jay) Johnson is 61. Musician Jon Moss (Culture Club) is 61. Actor Scott Patterson is 60. Rock musician Mick Talbot (The Style Council) is 60. Actress Roxann Dawson is 60. Actor John Hawkes is 59. Actress Anne Ramsay is 58. Actress Virginia Madsen is 57. Actress Kristy McNichol is 56. Musician-composer Moby is 53. Syrian President Bashar al-Assad is 53. Business reporter Maria Bartiromo is 51. Singer Harry Connick Jr. is 51. Rock musician Bart Van Der Zeeuw is 50. Actress Taraji (tuh-RAH'-jee) P. Henson is 48. Actress Laura Wright is 48. Rock musician Jeremy Popoff (Lit) is 47. Blogger Markos Moulitsas is 47. Singer Brad Fischetti (LFO) is 43. Rapper Mr. Black is 41. Rock musician Jon Buckland (Coldplay) is 41. Rapper Ludacris is 41. Rock singer Ben Lee is 40. Actor Ryan Slattery is 40. Actress Ariana Richards is 39. Country singer Charles Kelley (Lady Antebellum) is 37. Actress Elizabeth Henstridge is 31. Actor Tyler Hoechlin (HEK'-lihn) is 31. Actress Mackenzie Aladjem is 17.

Thought for Today: "A hero is no braver than an ordinary man, but he is braver five minutes longer." — Ralph Waldo Emerson, American poet and essayist (1803-1882).