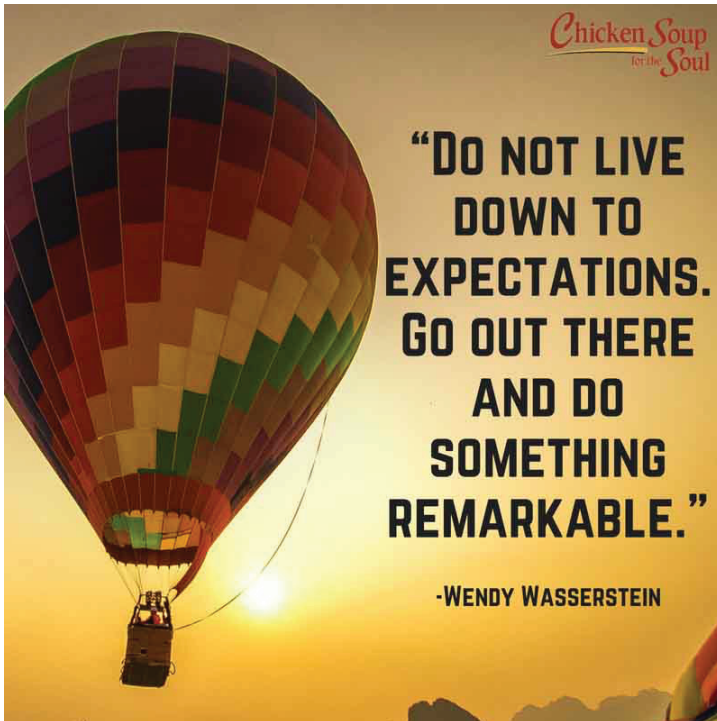


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Closed: Recycling Trailer in Groton
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave. It takes cardboard, papers and aluminum cans.

It's Volleyball Action on GDILIVE.COM

 **Roncalli Cavaliers**

VS 

Groton Area Tigers

Thursday, Sept. 20, 2018
at Groton, 7:15 pm

Hanlon Brothers
Gravel Hauling

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Groton Area Schedule of Events

Thursday, September 20, 2018

- 10:00am: Golf: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Sisseton @ Sisseton Golf Course
- 4:00pm: Football: Boys 7th Game vs. Aberdeen Central @ Aberdeen
- 4:00pm: Soccer: Boys Varsity Match vs. James Valley Christian @ Groton Area High School
- 4:30pm: Volleyball - Roncalli at Groton Area: 7th grade and C match at 4:30 p.m., 8th grade and JV match at 6 p.m. followed by varsity match.

Friday, September 21, 2018

- 7:00pm: Football: Boys Varsity Game @ Mo-bridge-Pollock High School

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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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Groton's JV has lone game win against Warner

Warner nearly made it a clean sweep in volleyball action in Groton on Tuesday. Of the nine games played, Groton won one and that was a junior varsity game. Warner both seventh grade matches, won the eighth grade match, 25-11 and 25-8, the C team match, 25-20 and 25-17, and the varsity match, 25-12, 25-12 and 25-19. In the junior varsity match, Warner won the first game, 25-17. Allyssa Locke had two ace serves at the end as Groton Area won that game, 26-24. Warner would go on to win the match with a third game win, 15-3.

Eliza Wanner finished the night for Groton Area with five kills and three ace serves. Jennie Doeden had three kills, three blocks and one ace serve. Nicole Marzahn had four kills and two blocks. Taylor Holm had two kills, Portia Kettering had a kill and a block, Payton Maine had a kill and an ace and Kaylin Kucker had one ace serve.

Ashley Fischbach led Warner with 14 kills and two ace serves, Laurie Rogers had 12 kills and three blocks and Sydney Leidholt had 10 kills, four ace serves and one block.

Groton Area, now 10-2 on the season, will host Roncalli on Thursday. Warner is now 17-1 on the season.



Featured here are Portia Kettering (top left), Nicole Marzahn (above) and Payton Maine (left). (Photos by Jeslyn Kosel)

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Today in Weather History

September 19, 1991: Record to near record cold hit central and northeast South Dakota on this day. Temperatures fell into the 20s during the morning bringing a hard freeze to much of the area. Pierre and Mobridge had record lows of 24 degrees while Timber Lake set a record low of 21 degrees. Near record lows of 28 degrees and 22 degrees occurred at Aberdeen and Kennebec, respectively.

1947: A hurricane made landfall near the Chandeleur Islands, LA on this day. Wind gusts of 112 mph and a central pressure of 967 mb were measured at Moisant International Airport. A storm surge of 9.8 feet reached Shell Beach, Lake Borgne. Moisant Airport field was flooded by two ft. of water while Jefferson Parish was flooded to depths of 3.28 ft. New Orleans suffered \$100 million in damages. Total loss of life was 51 people. As a result of this storm, hurricane protection levees were built along the south shore of Lake Pontchartrain to protect Orleans and Jefferson Parishes from future storm surges.

1947 - The eye of a hurricane passed directly over New Orleans, and the barometric pressure dipped to 28.61 inches. The hurricane killed fifty-one persons, and caused 110 million dollars damage. It produced wind gusts to 155 mph while making landfall over Fort Lauderdale FL two days earlier. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1967 - Hurricane Beulah deluged Brownsville, TX, with 12.19 inches of rain in 24 hours, to establish a record for that location. Hurricane Beulah made landfall on the 20th near the mouth of the Rio Grande River, where a wind gust to 135 mph was reported by a ship in the port. (19th-20th) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Cool autumn-like weather invaded the Central Rockies. Temperatures dipped into the 30s and 40s, with readings in the teens and 20s reported in the higher elevations. Gunnison CO was the cold spot in the nation with a morning low of 15 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Thunderstorms developing along a fast moving cold front produced severe weather in Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan. Eight tornadoes were reported, including five in Indiana. Thunderstorm winds gusted to 74 mph at Wabash IND. Winds associated with the cold front itself gusted to 69 mph at Kenosha WI. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Showers and thunderstorms produced heavy rain in the Middle and Northern Atlantic Coast Region. Cape Hatteras NC was deluged with nearly 3.50 inches of rain in three hours. Syracuse NY reported 1.77 inches of rain, a record for the date, and Chatham NJ reported an all-time record of 3.45 inches in one day. Hurricane Hugo headed for the Bahamas, and Tropical Storm Iris, following close on its heels, strengthened to near hurricane force. (The National Weather Summary)

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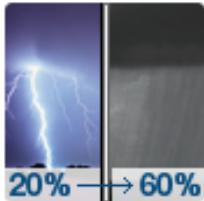


50%

Chance
Showers

High: 63 °F

Tonight



20% → 60%

Slight Chance
T-storms then
Showers
Likely

Low: 51 °F

Thursday

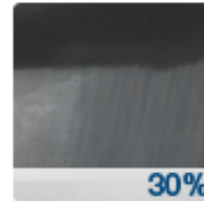


80%

Showers

High: 57 °F

Thursday
Night



30%

Chance
Showers

Low: 44 °F

Friday



Partly Sunny

High: 60 °F

Showers and Thunderstorms Today and Thursday

- **Moderate to heavy rainfall** likely today and Thursday for large portions of South Dakota.
- **Heaviest rainfalls** likely in east central and southeastern South Dakota.
- **Highs** in the Low **60s** today and in the upper **50s** (north) and low **60s** (south) Thursday

Widespread showers and thunderstorms are expected today and Thursday, though there may be a break in the action this afternoon and evening. The heaviest rains through Thursday are expected to be in east central and southeastern South Dakota. Highs today will be in the 60s.

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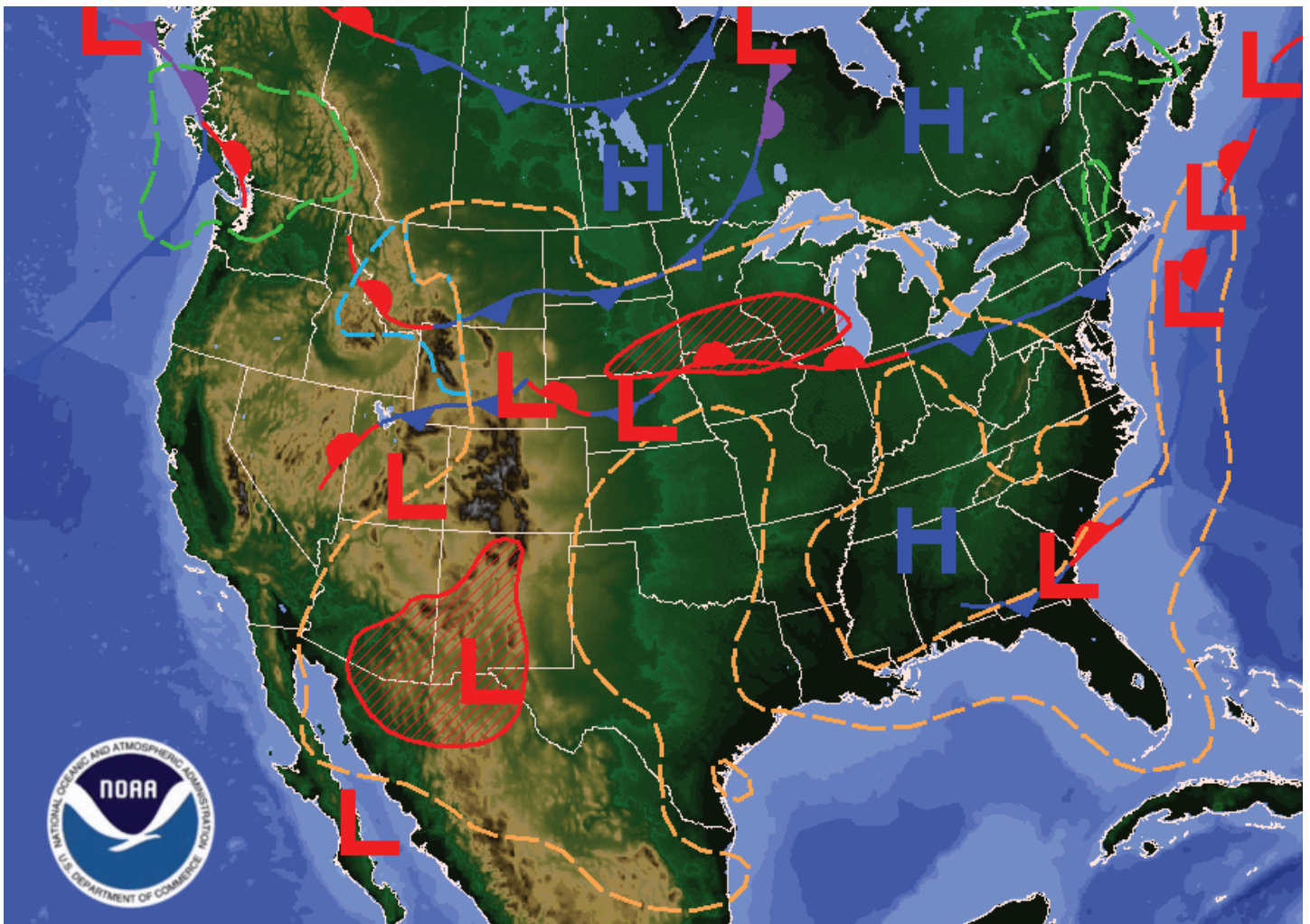
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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 69.3 F at 4:03 PM
Low Outside Temp: 47.0 F at 5:15 AM
High Gust: 20.0 Mph at 4:20 PM
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 101° in 1895
Record Low: 26° in 1938
Average High: 71°F
Average Low: 44°F
Average Precip in Sept.: 1.34
Precip to date in Sept.: 0.82
Average Precip to date: 17.63
Precip Year to Date: 12.08
Sunset Tonight: 7:37 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:18 a.m.



Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Wed, Sep 19, 2018, issued 4:45 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

Rain	Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)
Rain and T'Storms	Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)
Rain and Snow	Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)
Snow	Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)

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GOD IS GOOD

Only God can be called good. And His very name comes from His goodness. When good and goodness are shortened, we end up with God.

Everything that comes from God - His creation or counsel, His laws and love, His promises and provisions - must be good because the nature of God Himself is good!

God is not good to us if we are good, nor does He always treat us bad if we are bad. Those who say, God wont be good to you if you are bad do not understand God or who He is.

The Psalmist did. He wrote, The Lord is good to all!

We recognize Gods goodness in the way He provided for our salvation. After a young Brahman interviewed a missionary, he said, Hinduism has many things which Christianity has. But there is one thing which you have that we do not have - a Savior. We have a Savior because of Gods goodness. It was His goodness that flowed from His love that He sent His Son to be our Savior. Only a Good God would make such a supreme sacrifice to make salvation possible which is available to all!

We realize Gods goodness in the way He meets the needs of everyone. The food that grows in fields, on bushes and branches, vines and beneath the soil, was first planted by God for everyone. The water, which God gave us for survival, falls on the just and the unjust. Why?

Again, the Psalmist said: His tender mercies are over all.

God is good. But one day, all will stand before Him in judgment and be asked: Is my Son your Savior?

Prayer: Lord, we recognize Your eternal goodness and grace and ask Your forgiveness and cleansing for our sins. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 145:9 The Lord is good to all. His tender mercies are over all.

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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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Tuesday's Scores By The Associated Press

Volleyball

Aberdeen Roncalli def. Webster, 25-17, 25-15, 25-27, 25-17
Andes Central/Dakota Christian def. Tripp-Delmont/Armour, 24-26, 25-18, 25-21, 19-25, 15-6
Avon def. Colome, 25-13, 25-23, 25-20
Brandon Valley def. Yankton, 25-11, 25-22, 25-18
Bridgewater-Emery def. Hanson, 25-17, 25-21, 25-22
Brookings def. Harrisburg, 25-18, 25-18, 25-20
Burke def. Platte-Geddes, 25-18, 25-20, 25-16
Canistota def. Colman-Egan, 25-18, 30-32, 25-14, 25-10
Canton def. Tri-Valley, 10-25, 25-23, 22-25, 25-21, 15-13
Chester def. Parker, 25-13, 23-25, 25-14, 25-18
Cheyenne-Eagle Butte def. Crow Creek, 25-23, 27-25, 12-25, 25-23
Clark/Willow Lake def. Castlewood, 22-25, 29-27, 14-25, 25-20, 15-9
Dakota Valley def. West Central, 25-21, 25-15, 23-25, 25-13
Dell Rapids def. Garretson, 25-17, 27-25, 25-14
Dell Rapids St. Mary def. Howard, 27-29, 25-23, 14-25, 25-21, 15-13
Deubrook def. Deuel, 25-20, 25-9, 25-14
Douglas def. Red Cloud, 15-25, 25-16, 15-25, 27-25, 15-13
Edmunds Central def. Wakpala, 25-3, 25-19, 25-21
Elk Point-Jefferson def. Beresford, 25-20, 21-25, 25-15, 25-21
Elkton-Lake Benton def. Baltic, 25-23, 21-25, 25-13, 25-21
Estelline/Hendricks def. Lake Preston, 25-21, 25-10, 25-15
Faulkton def. Highmore-Harrold, 25-10, 25-13, 25-15
Heart River, N.D. def. Harding County, 25-21, 21-25, 25-21, 23-25, 15-11
Herreid/Selby Area def. McIntosh, 25-12, 25-6, 25-17
Hill City def. Lead-Deadwood, 25-19, 25-22, 25-22
Hitchcock-Tulare def. Iroquois, 25-21, 25-8, 25-9
Huron def. Mitchell, 20-25, 25-16, 25-12, 19-25, 15-13
James Valley Christian def. DeSmet, 25-22, 26-24, 17-25, 24-26, 15-8
Kimball/White Lake def. Corsica/Stickney, 25-21, 25-27, 25-11, 25-14
Lead-Deadwood def. Custer, 22-25, 25-23, 20-25, 25-14, 15-1
Lennox def. Irene-Wakonda, 25-23, 25-18, 25-19
Little Wound def. Oelrichs, 25-8, 25-9, 25-12
Lower Brule def. Sunshine Bible Academy, 25-16, 25-19, 19-25, 25-16
Madison def. Chamberlain, 25-20, 25-16, 25-18
McCook Central/Montrose def. Flandreau, 25-17, 25-21, 25-11
Milbank Area def. Sioux Valley, 25-15, 27-25, 17-24, 25-13
Miller def. Redfield/Doland, 25-21, 27-25, 25-16
Northwestern def. Leola/Frederick, 25-8, 25-10, 25-7
Potter County def. Ipswich, 25-23, 25-16, 14-25, 20-25, 15-13
Rapid City Christian def. Belle Fourche, 14-25, 25-17, 25-15, 25-12
Sanborn Central/Woonsocket def. Wolsey-Wessington, 22-25, 25-22, 29-27, 25-27, 15-11
Sioux Falls O'Gorman def. Sioux Falls Washington, 21-25, 25-22, 25-23, 18-25, 15-12
Spearfish def. Sturgis, 25-19, 23-25, 25-15, 25-19

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St. Thomas More def. Hot Springs, 25-18, 25-9, 25-19
Timber Lake def. McLaughlin, 25-15, 25-12, 25-14
Vermillion def. Tea Area, 14-25, 12-25, 25-17, 26-24, 15-13
Wagner def. Bon Homme, 25-7, 25-17, 25-18
Wall def. Lyman, 22-25, 21-25, 25-14, 25-22, 15-12
Warner def. Groton Area, 25-12, 25-12, 25-19
Watertown def. Sioux Falls Lincoln, 25-19, 25-14, 25-4
Waubay/Summit def. Aberdeen Christian, 26-24, 25-20, 25-12

SD Lottery

By The Associated Press

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

Mega Millions

31-32-43-63-68, Mega Ball: 17, Megaplier: 2

(thirty-one, thirty-two, forty-three, sixty-three, sixty-eight; Mega Ball: seventeen; Megaplier: two)

Estimated jackpot: \$252 million

Powerball

Estimated jackpot: \$163 million

Trump rolls back pollution rules for drilling on US lands

By MATTHEW BROWN, Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — The Trump administration on Tuesday rolled back an Obama-era rule that forced energy companies to capture methane — a key contributor to climate change that's released in huge amounts during drilling on U.S. and tribal lands.

A replacement rule from the Interior Department rescinds mandates for companies to reduce gas pollution, which Trump administration officials say already is required by some states.

Within hours of the announcement, attorneys general for California and New Mexico filed a lawsuit in federal court seeking to reinstate the 2016 rule.

"We've sued the administration before over the illegal delay and suspension of this rule and will continue doing everything in our power to hold them accountable to our people and planet," California Attorney General Xavier Becerra said.

The change by Trump could save companies as much as \$2 billion in compliance costs over the next decade. It comes a week after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency proposed weakening a separate methane emissions rule affecting private land and some public lands.

"We're for clean air and water, but at the same time, we're for reasonable regulations," Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt told reporters.

Methane is a component of natural gas that's frequently wasted through leaks or intentional releases during drilling operations. The gas is considered a more potent contributor to climate change than carbon dioxide, although it occurs in smaller volumes.

Bernhardt and other Interior officials were unable to immediately say how much the new rule would affect methane emissions. But a U.S. Bureau of Land Management analysis provided to The Associated Press said all the reductions projected to occur under the original 2016 rule were lost with Tuesday's change.

The prior regulation would have cut methane emissions by as much as 180,000 tons a year. Emissions of potentially hazardous pollutants known as volatile organic compounds, which can cause health problems if inhaled, would have been reduced by up to 80,000 tons a year.

The change could also result in the loss of \$734 million in natural gas that would have been recovered over the next decade under the old rule. Those savings would have offset some of the industry's compli-

ance costs.

Democratic U.S. Sen. Tom Udall of New Mexico criticized the rollback as a “giveaway to irresponsible polluters.”

An estimated \$330 million a year in methane is wasted on federal lands, enough to power about 5 million homes.

Kathleen Sgamma, president of Western Energy Alliance, said the old rule improperly put the Bureau of Land Management in the role of regulating air quality, which she said should instead be done by the EPA or state agencies.

The Obama rule has been tied up in the courts since its adoption. It was put on hold in April by a federal judge in Wyoming.

Energy companies said it was overly intrusive and that they already have an economic incentive to capture methane so they can sell it. However, that’s not always practical in fast-growing oil and gas fields, where large volumes of gas are burned off using flares.

Flaring has been a common practice in Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, New Mexico and other states.

Follow Matthew Brown on Twitter at @matthewbrownap

NorthWestern Energy to refund customers \$3M after tax cuts

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — State regulators have approved an agreement with NorthWestern Energy to refund roughly \$3 million to customers after last year’s federal tax cuts.

The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission said Tuesday that commissioners voted to accept the settlement agreement, which also bars rate hikes until 2021. The refund will be roughly \$18 for an average household electric customer and about \$9 for an average residential natural gas buyer.

The company can’t ask the commission to increase rates until June 30, 2020, under the agreement. Commission Vice Chairman Gary Hanson says consumers will get two benefits: the refund and unchanged rates.

NorthWestern Energy has about 67,000 electric and 46,000 natural gas customers in the state.

US appeals court overturns South Dakota child removal ruling

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A federal appeals court has overturned an earlier ruling that said a South Dakota county must give Native American parents more rights during initial hearings of child-removal cases.

The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals focused on jurisdictional issues in its Friday ruling, saying the Pennington County case is a state issue and shouldn’t have gone to federal court, The Rapid City Journal reported .

The case stems from a 2013 lawsuit filed by three parents who challenged the practices of the state’s 7th Judicial Circuit, the Pennington County State’s Attorney Office and the state Department of Social Services during temporary custody hearings. The lawsuit alleges the hearings, under the U.S. Indian Child Welfare Act, are too brief and violate parents’ constitutional rights.

The chief U.S. district judge for South Dakota, Jeffrey Viken, sided with the parents in rulings in 2015 and 2016. He ordered changes to give parents more rights at those initial hearings, which are required to be held within 48 hours of a child’s removal from the home to decide whether the child should be returned to the home or be placed in the custody of the state Department of Social Services. Parents previously weren’t guaranteed legal protections until a later stage in the process.

The 8th Circuit ruling didn’t address the fairness of the child-removal hearings. The judges instead argued that a federal court ruling on the state’s procedures interferes with the state’s judicial system.

Dana Hanna, a lawyer for the Oglala and Rosebud Sioux tribes, which are working on behalf of the parents, said she plans to ask the federal appeals court to rehear the case. If that fails, an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court is possible.

“We are convinced, we strongly believe that the panel’s decision was wrong,” she said.

State Department of Social Services Secretary Lynne Valenti said she’s happy with the ruling.

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"DSS has maintained from the beginning the (federal) district court should have abstained from exercising jurisdiction in this case, and we are pleased that our position prevailed at the Eighth Circuit," she said in a press release.

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

Boston University to buy wind power to offset emissions

BOSTON (AP) — Boston University says it will buy power from a South Dakota windfarm to offset its carbon emissions in Massachusetts.

The school announced Tuesday it will buy wind power for 15 years starting in 2020 as part of a plan to reduce its carbon emissions to zero by 2040.

Although the power will be used in the Midwest, the school will receive legal credits proving it bought renewable power.

University President Robert Brown says it's "a major step" in the school's plan to become more environmentally friendly.

The school's "climate action plan" approved last year also calls for \$141 million in capital improvements over 10 years to cut greenhouse gas emissions.

Officials say supporting renewable power in the upper Midwest is helpful because its power grid relies more on fossil fuels.

Owners who lost house suing Sioux Falls board, builders

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The former owners of a Sioux Falls house that was torn down shortly after it was constructed are suing the city and the companies that designed and built the home.

Joseph and Sara Sapienza were forced to demolish their home after a long-running dispute with their neighbors who said the house was too tall and close to their property line. A judge in May ordered the Sapienzas to bring their home into compliance or rebuild.

The Argus Leader reports the Sapienzas are suing the city's Board of Historic Preservation, Natz and Associates and Sorum Construction, alleging they fail to make sure their home was built to code and within regulations.

Minnehaha County records listed the home's value at about \$865,000.

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

Second Minnehaha County escaped inmate arrested in Iowa

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say they've caught up with an inmate who escaped from the Minnehaha County Correctional Center last month.

The Sioux Falls Area Joint Fugitive Task Force says it received information Monday night that led to the capture of Lowell Calkins in Council Bluff, Iowa. Calkins is awaiting extradition back to Minnehaha County. He was serving time for damage to property and burglary.

Calkins escaped with Roy Hampton on Aug. 8. Hampton was arrested in Altoona, Iowa days after the escape.

State settles brutality case against Highway Patrol trooper

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The state of South Dakota will pay \$100,000 to settle a police brutality case brought against a Highway Patrol trooper who slammed a defenseless man into the floor of a garage.

The Argus Leader reports Trooper Cody Jansen claimed that Troy Rokusek was resisting arrest in April 2015, but a judge ruled that a video of the incident failed to corroborate Jansen's story.

The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals recently ruled against that state, which was seeking to have the

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lawsuit dismissed. A lawyer who represented Rokusek said the settlement that followed is satisfactory.

The Highway Patrol reprimanded Jansen after the incident for using a takedown method that was unauthorized. Last year, the agency named him "trooper of the year" for "exceptional service to the agency, citizens and communities."

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

Sioux Falls voters deciding fate of \$190M school bond issue

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls voters are deciding whether to approve a \$190 million bond to build new schools and improve existing facilities.

The measure needs 60 percent approval in Tuesday's election to pass. The money would be used to build a new elementary school, middle school and high school by 2024. It also would fund renovations at 14 other campuses.

The Argus Leader reports that if the bond passes, it will be the first in the district in 21 years.

State investigating death of jail inmate in Rapid City

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — An autopsy is being conducted on a 31-year-old Rapid City man who died after being taken into custody in Pennington County.

The sheriff's office says Richard Zimmerman was arrested on a parole violation Friday and found unresponsive at the county jail in Rapid City on Saturday.

Authorities tried to resuscitate him and transported him to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead. The state Division of Criminal Investigation is looking into the death.

No bids for Badlands Motor Speedway in South Dakota

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — No one bid on the Badlands Motor Speedway in Brandon in a weekend auction.

A statement from the speedway says there were several bidders on-site and online for Saturday's auction, but it ended after no one placed a bid. The minimum bid was \$3.15 million. The track will now sell for about \$6.3 million on a for-sale-by-owner basis.

Payday loan mogul Chuck Brennan bought the speedway in 2015 and added it to his Badlands empire, which include the massive Badlands Pawn shop, venue and gun range. After South Dakota voters capped payday loan interest rates in 2016, Brennan has worked to liquidate his properties.

The Argus Leader reports if no one buys the property by the end of the year, the price will increase to \$9.4 million.

The speedway last hosted a race in May 2017.

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

Kim agrees to dismantle main nuke site if US takes steps too

By ERIC TALMADGE and FOSTER KLUG, Associated Press

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — The leaders of North and South Korea announced a wide range of agreements Wednesday which they said were a major step toward peace on the Korean Peninsula. But the premier pledge on denuclearization contained a big condition, with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un stating he'd permanently dismantle his main nuclear complex only if the United States takes unspecified corresponding measures.

Compared to the vague language of their two summits earlier this year, Kim and South Korean President Moon Jae-in agreed in their second day of meetings to an ambitious program meant to tackle soaring tensions last year that had many fearing war as the North tested a string of increasingly powerful weapons.

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Kim promised to accept international inspectors to monitor the closing of a key missile test site and launch pad and to visit Seoul soon, and both leaders vowed to work together to try to host the Summer Olympics in 2032.

But while containing several tantalizing offers, their joint statement appeared to fall short of the major steps many in Washington have been looking for — such as a commitment by Kim to provide a list of North Korea's nuclear facilities, a solid step-by-step timeline for closing them down, or an agreement to allow international inspectors to assess progress or discover violations.

The question is whether it will be enough for U.S. President Donald Trump to pick up where Moon has left off. Trump, tweeting about the Korean leaders' agreements, said, "Very exciting!"

Declaring they had made a major step toward peace, Moon and Kim stood side by side as they announced the joint statement to a group of North and South Korean reporters after a closed-door meeting Wednesday morning. They took no questions.

"We have agreed to make the Korean Peninsula a land of peace that is free from nuclear weapons and nuclear threat," Kim said at the guesthouse where Moon is staying. "The road to our future will not always be smooth and we may face challenges and trials we can't anticipate. But we aren't afraid of headwinds because our strength will grow as we overcome each trial based on the strength of our nation."

Kim and Moon earlier smiled and chatted as they walked down a hallway and into a meeting room to finalize the joint statement, which also said that the leaders would push for a Korean Peninsula without nuclear weapons and to "eliminate all the danger of war." Moon and Kim planned to visit a volcano sacred to the North on Thursday, the last day of Moon's visit.

This week's summit comes as Moon is under increasing pressure from Washington to find a path forward in efforts to get Kim to completely — and unilaterally — abandon his nuclear arsenal.

Trump has maintained that he and Kim have a solid relationship, and both leaders have expressed interest in a follow-up summit to their meeting in June in Singapore. North Korea has been demanding a declaration formally ending the Korean War, which was stopped in 1953 by a cease-fire, but neither leader mentioned it Wednesday as they read the joint statement.

In the meantime, however, Moon and Kim made concrete moves of their own to reduce tensions on their border.

According to a statement signed by the countries' defense chiefs, the two Koreas agreed to establish buffer zones along their land and sea borders to reduce military tensions and prevent accidental clashes. They also agreed to withdraw 11 guard posts from the Demilitarized Zone by December and to establish a no-fly zone above the military demarcation line that bisects the two Koreas that will apply to planes, helicopters and drones.

Though not directly linked to security, the leaders' announcement that they would seek a joint Summer Olympics was a significant move in terms of easing tensions and building trust. It also flows from the North's decision to participate in the Pyeongchang Winter Games in February, which was regarded as a success for both sides.

Other agreements aimed at removing some longstanding irritants from their relations, such as allowing more contact between families divided by the Korean War. Moon also appeared to be making good on his proposals to help build up the North's infrastructure and open cross-border rail links.

Unlike Trump's initial tweets praising the summit, the news brought a quick and negative response from Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham, who tweeted that he was concerned the visit would undermine efforts by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley to impose "maximum pressure" on the North.

"While North Korea has stopped testing missiles and nuclear devices, they have NOT moved toward denuclearization," he tweeted.

With the main business of the day complete, North Korea was expected to hold a huge mass games spectacle in the evening, with Moon as the special guest. Seoul said Moon would make a short speech.

North Korea had put the iconic games, which feature tens of thousands of performers dancing and flipping placards in unison to create giant mosaics and slogans, on a back burner for the past several years,

but revived them for this month's celebrations of its 70th founding anniversary. In a performance for the anniversary, a giant photo of Moon and Kim shaking hands at their first summit in April was projected onto one side of the stands in Pyongyang's 150,000-seat May Day Stadium.

Kim has gone all out to make Moon's visit a memorable one.

On Tuesday, the first day of the summit, he greeted Moon and his wife at Pyongyang's airport and then rode into town with Moon in an open limousine through streets lined with crowds of North Koreans, who cheered and waved the flag of their country and a blue-and-white flag that symbolizes Korean unity.

At the start of their meeting, Kim thanked Moon for brokering the June summit with Trump.

"It's not too much to say that it's Moon's efforts that arranged a historic North Korea-U.S. summit. Because of that, the regional political situation has been stabilized and more progress on North Korea-U.S. ties is expected," Kim said, according to South Korean media pool reports and Moon's office.

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Kavanaugh's accuser wants FBI to investigate before hearing

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Christine Blasey Ford wants the FBI to investigate her allegation that she was sexually assaulted by Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh before she testifies at a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing next week, her lawyers said in a letter to the panel.

The lawyers wrote that Ford, who is now a college professor in California, wants to cooperate with the committee. But in the days since she publicly accused Kavanaugh of the assault when they were teens at a party 35 years ago, the lawyers said, she has been the target of "vicious harassment and even death threats." Her family has relocated, they said.

An FBI investigation "should be the first step in addressing the allegations," the lawyers wrote in the Tuesday letter, which was obtained by The Associated Press.

The development came after President Donald Trump showered sympathy on his embattled nominee and as Senate Republicans and Democrats fought determinedly over who should testify at a high-stakes hearing on the allegation just six weeks before major congressional elections.

Trump has already rejected the idea of bringing in the FBI to reopen its background check of Kavanaugh. Should he order such a review, it would likely delay a confirmation vote until after the election. Republicans hope to have Kavanaugh confirmed by Oct. 1, the start of the next Supreme Court term.

In a tweet Tuesday night, Trump wrote: "The Supreme Court is one of the main reasons I got elected President. I hope Republican Voters, and others, are watching, and studying, the Democrats Playbook."

Meanwhile, Republicans are suggesting that Ford, whose allegations have upended Kavanaugh's nomination — the committee's vote was already pushed from Thursday to likely next week — will have one chance to testify, and one chance only.

"Monday is her opportunity," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said Tuesday, a line that was echoed by other Republicans throughout the day.

McConnell expressed confidence that Kavanaugh would be confirmed. "I'm not concerned about tanking the nomination," he said.

The GOP chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Chuck Grassley of Iowa, said an FBI investigation wouldn't have bearing on Ford's testimony so "there is no reason for further delay."

Grassley said the committee offered Ford "the opportunity to share her story" in a public or a private hearing, or staff interviews, "whichever makes her most comfortable. The invitation for Monday still stands."

Said Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah, a key Republican on the panel, said, "We should proceed as planned."

The furious jockeying over Ford's testimony underscores the political potency so close to an election that will decide control of both the House and Senate, not to mention the confirmation of a conservative

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justice likely to serve on the high court for decades.

Democrats complain that Ford was not consulted before the hearing was announced. They also want more witnesses besides Kavanaugh and Ford, hoping to avoid what they said would turn into a "he-said-she-said" moment.

The lawyers for Ford predicted the hearing, as now scheduled, "would include interrogation by senators who appear to have made up their minds" that she is "mistaken" and mixed up.

But Democrats also said Tuesday they were planning to attend the hearing even if Ford did not show up.

Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., said he had "a lot of questions" for Kavanaugh. "A simple denial is not the end of questioning."

As Democrats press for more time to investigate, Republicans have been careful to say that Ford should have her chance to speak, and they have stressed that they are willing to move Monday's hearing behind closed doors, if she prefers.

"Were planning on a hearing Monday. It can be open. It can be closed, whatever Ms. Ford wants," said Sen. John Kennedy, a member of the Judiciary panel from Louisiana. "We're ready to hear anything she has to say. I am, anyway, and I think most of us are."

GOP Sen. Bob Corker of Tennessee — among a handful of Republicans who insisted on hearing from Ford before voting — said it would be a "shame" if Ford didn't show up to testify. But he suggested Republicans will not bend from their offer of a hearing Monday.

"That would be quite something if she decided she did not want to testify," Corker said. "I'd assume the committee would then move on as they should."

One witness the Democrats want to hear from is Kavanaugh's high school friend Mark Judge, who Ford said was in the room when she was assaulted. Kavanaugh has denied Ford's allegation, and Judge says he doesn't remember any such thing. "More to the point, I never saw Brett act in the manner Dr. Ford describes," Judge said in a letter to the panel.

The risks of a public hearing starring the all-male lineup of Republicans on the committee could be high. Republicans said late Tuesday they were considering hiring outside attorneys, presumably including women, to question the witnesses. But that may be moot if Ford declines to appear.

Kavanaugh, 53, was at the White House on Tuesday for a second straight day, but again did not meet with Trump. The president said he was "totally supporting" Kavanaugh and felt "terribly" for him and his family.

"I feel so badly for him that he's going through this, to be honest with you, I feel so badly for him," said Trump, who has himself faced numerous accusations of sexual harassment that he's denied. "This is not a man that deserves this."

The No. 2 Senate Republican leader, John Cornyn of Texas, noted that Ford has admitted she doesn't remember some details of the incident. He called the allegations a "drive-by attack" on the judge's character.

"There are gaps in her memory," Cornyn said. "She doesn't know how she got there, when it was and so that would logically be something where she would get questions."

Criticism like that fed a Democratic narrative that the GOP's handling of Ford could jeopardize that party's election prospects in the age of #MeToo, the response to sexual abuse that has torched the careers of prominent men.

"Now this is really what #MeToo is all about, if you think about it," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California, the top Judiciary Committee Democrat. "That's sort of the first thing that happens, it's the woman's fault. And it is not the woman's fault."

Meanwhile, Kavanaugh has been calling Republican senators, including Kennedy, who said the nominee was committed to moving forward.

"He's not happy, he's upset," Kennedy said. "He said very clearly and unequivocally, 'This did not happen.'"

Ford went public with her story Sunday, telling The Washington Post that Kavanaugh had forced himself on her in a bedroom at a party when he was 17 and she was 15, attempting to remove her clothes and clapping his hand over her mouth when she tried to scream. She says she escaped when Judge jumped on the bed.

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A year after Maria, Puerto Rican kidney patients fear death

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VIEQUES, Puerto Rico (AP) — As weeks turned into months, the seats of the small plane began to empty out.

In the beginning, 15 passengers flew from Vieques to the Puerto Rican mainland — refugees from Hurricane Maria. The storm had ruined the only dialysis center on this tiny island, their home; without treatment, the kidney patients would die.

But the thrice-weekly trips have taken a toll on these frail patients. Five have died in this past year from causes ranging from heart failure to cancer, but advocates insist that the very flights that keep the patients alive have hastened their deaths.

The mortality rate is “a high number,” said Angela Diaz, director of the nonprofit Renal Council of Puerto Rico. “We obviously cannot dismiss the fact that these are not appropriate conditions. It’s vital that (the government) take action as soon as possible. ... As much as they want to avoid the topic, we have to talk about how we’re still doing this one year after Maria.”

As dire as the situation may be, it could get worse. A mobile unit, purchased by federal officials to provide dialysis on Vieques, is stuck more than 3,000 miles (4,800 kilometers) away, in California; the Renal Council, which is paying for the dialysis flights, says it will run out of money to do so by month’s end.

“If they take away our flights, we will end up dying,” said Elias Salgado, a 56-year-old renal patient who is diabetic and suffers from high blood pressure. “There are not many of us left.”

The Vieques dialysis center was located in the island’s only medical clinic. The building still stands, though it is heavily damaged and strewn with horse manure. Weeks after Maria hit, health officials declared it contaminated and ordered that it be demolished.

Other health services were moved to a temporary shelter, but dialysis could not be performed there.

At first, the Federal Emergency Management Agency assumed responsibility, flying the patients by helicopter to San Juan. After a month, FEMA withdrew to take on other missions; nonprofits, including ViequesLove and Americares, picked up the bill. For a while, the patients traveled by ferry — a more arduous trip because the boats sometimes break down or fail to leave on time, and there is no way to reserve seats. They would show up early, and hope for the best.

Since March, the Renal Council has been paying \$3,900 a week for the flights, \$6,000 a month for a paramedic to accompany the patients and \$2,500 a month to feed them.

The flights take just 20 minutes. But the journey is far longer.

The patients wake up before dawn, wait at the airport for the plane to arrive, clamor aboard and then, once they reach the mainland, wait for transportation to the clinic. There, they sit for four hours as their blood flows through a filter and returns cleansed of toxins. Then they repeat the same routine to get home, arriving about 12 hours after they started their day.

“It’s exhausting,” Salgado said.

“You don’t get used to this,” chimed in Edwin Alvarado, a 59-year-old dialysis patient who also has high blood pressure and had open heart surgery five months after Maria.

Before Alvarado got a chance to sit down at the airport’s waiting room in Vieques on a recent Saturday, the paramedic intercepted him. He wrapped a cuff around Alvarado’s bicep and took his blood pressure: “It’s high,” the paramedic warned, “180 over 110.”

Alvarado shrugged. Like Salgado, he’d love to move to the U.S. mainland and live close to a dialysis clinic, but he has nowhere to stay and cannot afford to leave Vieques and find somewhere new to live.

Salgado has another reason to stay: He’s on Puerto Rico’s transplant list.

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"I could be called at any moment," he said.

Some of the patients knew each other before the storm; Vieques is a small island, with about 9,000 people. As months progressed, they began to feel like a small family, complete with quibbling, especially about those who complain too much.

Both men cheered up as a third dialysis patient, Leyla Rivera, strolled into the airport and lobbed small packets of vanilla cream cookies at each of them. She sat down with a sigh.

At 45, she is one of the youngest patients on the flight, and even she struggles to find the energy.

"Sometimes you come out of treatment dizzy, vomiting," said Rivera, who is seeking a spot on the transplant list. The mother of an autistic child, she is forced to skip two days of work every week because of the flights.

Before 7:30 a.m., the pilot announced he was ready. The patients made their way slowly down a ramp and took their favorite seats on the plane. They lapsed into silence as the small engines roared.

Less than an hour later, an ambulance with flashing lights pulled up to the airport. Inside lay 42-year-old Sandra Medina, another dialysis patient with diabetes and high blood pressure. Doctors amputated half her leg after an infection that worsened months ago.

She smiled slightly and confided that she's a nervous flyer, and that sometimes she loses hope.

"We go through a lot," she said.

Two paramedics wheeled her out to the runway and lifted her into another special gurney inside a small plane as she turned her head and looked out the window.

"Behave," one airport worker told her as he smiled and closed the plane's door.

Salgado's doctor, Jose Figueroa, worries about the effects of such exhausting travel. He likens it to insisting that someone walk home after running a marathon.

"Eventually those patients, who already are fragile, will keep worsening," he said. A year of this, he said, was "unacceptable."

Survivors of those who have died over the past year acknowledge that their loved ones were very sick, but they believe they need not have perished.

Argeo Caraballo, 70, died of heart failure on Feb. 13. "The trips were way too exhausting," said his daughter, Gladys, who traveled with him and found the trips grueling, as well. "He completely deteriorated after Maria."

Hector Serrano, 57, was co-pastor of a Vieques church. He died in mid-August of cancer and other ailments. Said his sister, Magali Rivera: "It's a crime what they're doing to these renal patients. ... He (Hector) would have been by our side for longer."

Peter Quinones, spokesman for the Puerto Rican health secretary, Dr. Rafael Rodríguez Mercado, did not respond to several requests for comment on why Vieques still has no dialysis center. Or why the department has not paid to have the \$3 million mobile clinic FEMA purchased delivered to Vieques. Legislators in Puerto Rico have pledged that the clinic will soon arrive, although they have not said when.

Daisy Cruz, deputy mayor of Vieques, said she is in constant communication with FEMA officials but receives limited answers from local health authorities. She said she has proposed rehabilitating an old pharmacy so it can be used for dialysis, but she has not heard back from Fresenius, the company that had operated the Vieques clinic.

Luis Emanuelli, a vice president at Fresenius Kidney Care, said the company has long been ready with the equipment and staff needed to resume treatment in Vieques under an agreement with Puerto Rico's health department, which has to provide a licensed facility.

The company is committed, he said, to "resuming operations as soon as there is a suitable location for us."

But patients say they have waited long enough and want Puerto Rico's government to deliver on its promises.

"It's an injustice to have us like this" — flying back and forth for treatment — "when they can put a clinic here," Medina said.

Meanwhile, money is running out to pay for those flights.

"Where is the conscience? Where is the humanity?" Cruz asked, tearing up. "It's always, 'We don't have the money, we don't have the money, we don't have the money.' But they're putting at risk lives that we could prolong."

China's premier appeals for free trade amid tariff battle

By **JOE McDONALD, AP Business Writer**

BEIJING (AP) — China's No. 2 leader appealed Wednesday for support for free trade and promised to improve conditions for foreign companies following tit-for-tat U.S. and Chinese tariff hikes in a battle over Beijing's technology policy.

Premier Li Keqiang's comments add to Beijing's effort to portray itself as a defender of global trade in the face of complaints by Washington and other trading partners that China violates its market-opening commitments.

Also Wednesday, a foreign ministry spokesman accused Washington of lacking sincerity after it proposed negotiations and then raised tariffs on \$200 billion of Chinese goods. But he gave no indication whether Beijing would take part in talks.

China responded to President Donald Trump's tariff hike by imposing its own penalties Tuesday on \$60 billion of American imports.

The two countries previously raised import taxes on \$50 billion worth of each other's goods in the battle over U.S. complaints Beijing steals or pressures foreign companies to hand over technology.

American officials also object to Chinese plans for state-led development of champions in robotics and other fields. They say that violates Beijing's market-opening commitments and might erode U.S. industrial leadership.

Speaking at a business conference, Li made no direct mention of the tariff fight but called for disputes to be resolved through negotiation.

"It is essential that we uphold the basic principles of multilateralism and free trade," the premier said in a speech at the World Economic Forum in the eastern city of Tianjin.

Disputes "need to be worked out through consultation," said Li, the country's top economic official. "No unilateralism will offer a viable solution."

U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said Tuesday it was up to Beijing to decide when to talk.

The foreign ministry spokesman, Geng Shuang, criticized "U.S. threats, intimidation and blackmail."

"What the United States is doing shows no goodwill and no sincerity," Geng said at a daily briefing in Beijing.

Trump threatened to add an additional \$267 billion in Chinese imports to the target list if Beijing retaliated for the latest U.S. taxes. That would raise the total affected by U.S. penalties to \$517 billion, covering nearly everything China sells to the United States.

Chinese officials deny foreign companies are required to hand over technology. But auto, pharmaceutical and other foreign companies are required to operate in China through local state-owned partners, which obliges them to share know-how with potential competitors.

Foreign governments and security researchers say Beijing encourages and in some cases engages directly in theft of trade secrets. Chinese military officers have been indicted by U.S. prosecutors on charges of computer hacking to steal business secrets.

Beijing has tried to appear restrained by doing no more than matching Trump's penalties. But it also has threatened "comprehensive measures" as it starts to run out of American imports for retaliation due to the countries' lopsided trade balance.

The American Chambers of Commerce in China and in Shanghai said last week that half of more than 430 companies that responded to a survey say they have suffered from slower customs approvals and been subject to more environmental and other inspections.

Li, the Chinese premier, indirectly acknowledged complaints about global trade regulation and affirmed Chinese support for reforms.

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U.S. officials say the World Trade Organization, the global trade regulator, is antiquated and unable to deal with complaints about Chinese-style industrial policies. Beijing agreed this year to join an initiative with the European Union to propose possible reforms.

"We believe we need to uphold the basic international rules and at the same time make improvements to those that need to keep pace with the times," Li said.

Li promised Beijing will refrain from weakening its currency to stimulate exports. China's tightly controlled yuan fell in value against the dollar this year, prompting suggestions Beijing was intentionally depressing its exchange rate to help exporters cope with higher U.S. tariffs. But the central bank has intervened to put a floor under the decline.

"China will never go down the path of stimulating exports by devaluing its currency," Li said.

The premier promised to "improve the business environment" for foreign companies. He affirmed promises to treat companies equally — a condition to which China committed when it joined the WTO in 2001 but that foreign business groups and governments say it regularly violates.

The EU filed a WTO challenge in June to Chinese rules on technology licensing that it said give local companies an unfair advantage.

"We will make sure that all companies, be they Chinese- or foreign-owned, so long as they are registered in China, will be treated as equals," Li said.

'Up in the air': If displaced by storm, where to call home?

By **RUSS BYNUM** and **GARY D. ROBERTSON**, Associated Press

BENNETTSVILLE, S.C. (AP) — As the pounding rains from Hurricane Florence finally ended, Lutrice Garcia left the shelter where she had spent several nights on a cot and tried to head home. But floodwaters from overflowing Crooked Creek covered the road and an emergency responder told her water was seeping into the houses.

The 28-year-old nurse had left photo albums and other important keepsakes stashed on high shelves before she fled Friday. She worried about the wedding dress she plans to wear on her big day in November, still hanging in the closet.

With the creek still rising, Garcia mostly wondered if the home she recently finished repairing from Hurricane Matthew's flood damage in 2016 would once again wind up uninhabitable. Her mother lives nearby, but already has eight other relatives under her roof. If she can't go home, Garcia isn't sure where she'll go.

"It's up in the air. I'm just taking it day by day," Garcia said Tuesday as she returned to the middle school where more than 30 people remained in a disaster shelter in rural Marlboro County in northeast South Carolina.

Officials overseeing evacuations and emergency rescues following Florence's catastrophic crawl across the Carolinas will soon face a long, hard recovery. Among the first tasks: finding temporary housing for thousands whose homes were destroyed or severely damaged by the storm's coastal surge and inland floods.

It's too early to say how many will end up homeless because of Florence, as rivers swollen by days of rain still threaten to swamp communities barely touched by the storm's landfall. North Carolina had about 10,000 people in shelters Tuesday, and South Carolina had another 320. Many could need a place to stay for weeks, even months.

They might get vouchers to stay in hotels, or rent to move into apartments. Some could get trailers deployed after disasters by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The federal government has approved major disaster declarations for the Carolinas, meaning immediate funds can go to help with damage repairs and recovery.

Tom Farigone of the Incident Management Assistance Team at FEMA said "everything was on the table" in terms of possible temporary housing.

"But our first priority is to get people out of areas that are immediately dangerous to their health and into a safe, sanitary and secure temporary shelter-like accommodation," Farigone said. "And then we will

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move them into something that better suits their needs.”

FEMA officials have been in North Carolina for days looking at housing options, said Mike Sprayberry, director the state Division of Emergency Management. He said they expect to use FEMA’s Transitional Sheltering Assistance program, which uses state and federal funds to house displaced residents in hotels.

The demand for hotel rooms for Florence’s victims could be much greater than after Hurricane Matthew. While 4,000 evacuees found protection in North Carolina shelters during Matthew, that number during Florence peaked at over 20,000.

FEMA reduced its reliance on trailers after they became symbols of the troubled federal response to Hurricane Katrina in 2005, when more than 144,000 trailers were deployed to Louisiana and Mississippi.

The agency’s downsized trailer stock led to shortages last year amid high demand after Hurricane Harvey slammed Texas and Hurricane Irma struck Florida. FEMA had just 1,700 trailers when Harvey hit in August 2017, and the agency rushed to put out bids for an additional 4,500.

FEMA hasn’t said how many trailers it has available after Florence, but agency officials have said they’re better prepared this hurricane season than in the past.

The long-term recovery will take years. Although more than \$740 million in federal, state and local funds have been spent to address Matthew’s damages, North Carolina officials are still working to distribute \$236 million allocated by the federal government last year to help reimburse or pay for extensive home repairs.

Jackie and Quinton Washington lost their home in Lumberton, North Carolina, to flooding during Matthew. They finished rebuilding last October. Then on Friday the couple and their two children evacuated again as the Lumber River began overflowing.

Even before the river crested, photos from neighbors showed the Washingtons’ house surrounded by water Monday, with the river still expected to rise several more feet.

“So it’s pretty much we’ve lost the house again. There’s no doubt about it,” Jackie said from her mother’s home in Rock Hill.

She said her family should be fine staying with relatives, as they did after Matthew. Their greatest worry is affording another round of rebuilding. FEMA gave the Washingtons \$20,000 two years ago, not nearly enough to cover the cost, she said. They couldn’t afford flood or homeowners insurance then, and they don’t have it now. Every extra dollar the couple had went into rebuilding the first time around.

“Our whole life savings is in that house,” Jackie said. “And now it’s gone again.”

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

North Carolina gov pleads with storm evacuees to be patient

By **CHUCK BURTON** and **MARTHA WAGGONER**, Associated Press

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP) — With Wilmington still mostly an island surrounded by Hurricane Florence’s floodwaters and people waiting for hours for handouts of necessities like food, North Carolina’s governor is pleading with thousands of evacuees to be patient and not return home just yet.

“I know it was hard to leave home, and it is even harder to wait and wonder whether you even have a home to go back to,” Gov. Roy Cooper said as officials began distributing supplies to residents of Wilmington, population 120,000.

The death toll rose to at least 37 in three states Tuesday, with 27 fatalities in North Carolina, as Florence’s remnants went in two directions: Water flowed downstream toward the Carolina coast, and storms raced through the Northeast, where flash floods hit New Hampshire and New York state .

Cooper warned that the flooding set off by as much as 3 feet (1 meter) of rain from Florence is far from over and will get worse in places.

“I know for many people this feels like a nightmare that just won’t end,” he said.

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Addressing roughly 10,000 people who remain in shelters and "countless more" staying elsewhere, Cooper urged residents to stay put for now, particularly those from the hardest-hit coastal counties that include Wilmington, near where Florence blew ashore on Friday. A second shelter is opening in Carteret County.

Roads remain treacherous, he said, and some are still being closed for the first time as rivers swelled by torrential rains inland drain toward the Atlantic.

In South Carolina, two women died after a van was overtaken by rising flood waters near the Little Pee Dee River. Marion County Coroner Jerry Richardson told The Associated Press that the women, detainees being transported to a mental health facility, drowned at around 6 p.m. Tuesday when a van tried to cross a roadway and was overtaken by water. Their names have not been released. Two other people were sent to a hospital for observation.

The White House said President Donald Trump will visit North Carolina on Wednesday to see the damage. Beforehand he boasted on Twitter: "Right now, everybody is saying what a great job we are doing with Hurricane Florence — and they are 100% correct." He warned that the Democrats will soon start criticizing the government response, and "this will be a total lie, but that's what they do, and everybody knows it!"

In Wilmington, workers began handing out supplies using a system resembling a giant fast-food drive-thru: Drivers pulled up to a line of pallets, placed an order and left without having to get out. A woman blew a whistle each time drivers had to pull forward.

Todd Tremain needed tarps to cover up spots where Florence's winds ripped shingles off his roof. Others got a case of bottled water or military MREs, or field rations. An olive-drab military forklift moved around huge pallets loaded with supplies.

Brandon Echavarrieta struggled to stay composed as he described life post-Florence: no power for days, rotted meat in the freezer, no water or food and just one bath in a week.

"It's been pretty bad," said Echavarrieta, 34, his voice breaking.

Nearby, about 200 people lined up to buy 40-pound (18-kilogram) bags of ice as quickly as a Rose Ice and Coal Co. could produce it.

Supplies have been brought into the city by big military trucks and helicopters, which also were used to pluck hundreds of desperate people from homes and other structures.

Mayor Bill Saffo said two routes were now open into Wilmington, which had been completely cut off by floodwaters, but those roads could close again as water swells the Cape Fear River on the city's west side.

At Fayetteville, about 100 miles (160 kilometers) inland, near the Army's sprawling Fort Bragg, the Cape Fear River had risen about 50 feet (15 meters) toward a crest predicted to be more than 25 feet (7 meters) above flood level. On Tuesday, logs and other debris became trapped under a rail bridge as rushing brown water pushed against the span.

The flooding got so bad that authorities closed a vehicle bridge in Fayetteville after the river began touching girders supporting the bridge's top deck. Fayetteville Mayor Mitch Colvin said it was unclear if the bridge was threatened. "We've never had it at those levels before so we don't really know what the impact will be just yet," he said.

The river swallowed trees, lamp posts and a parking lot near its banks. City officials warned still-rising water threatened some neighborhoods and businesses that seemed safe, but said the worst was nearly over and life was beginning to return to normal downtown. Businesses were re-opening and owners removed sandbags and plywood from storefronts.

Human and animal waste is mixing with the swirling floodwaters, which have killed about 1.7 million chickens on poultry farms. More than 5 million gallons (18 million liters) of partially treated sewage spilled into the Cape Fear River after power went out at a treatment plant, officials said, and the earthen dam of a pond holding hog waste was breached, spilling its contents.

The governor said 16 rivers statewide were at major flood stage and more than 1,100 roads were closed. Emergency workers reported rescuing and evacuating more than 2,200 people and around 575 animals, he said.

In a bright spot, the Lumber River appeared to be falling in hard-hit Lumberton, about 70 miles (110 kilometers) inland. Power outages in the Southeast also were down, from a high of more than 910,000 to

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about 245,000, nearly all in North Carolina.

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

This story has been corrected to show the death toll in North Carolina is 27, not 29.

Feds plan funding boost to fight assaults on Native women

By MARY HUDETZ, Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — The U.S. Justice Department will double the funding it grants tribes for public safety programs and crime victims as it seeks to tackle the high-rates of violence against Native American women, a top official said.

In an interview, the Justice Department's third-highest ranking official told The Associated Press that officials are seeking, in part, to address the issue with more than \$113 million in public safety funding for 133 tribes and Alaska Native villages that will be announced Wednesday, and another \$133 million that will be awarded in the coming weeks to tribes to help serve Native American crime victims.

The announcement comes amid increased focus on the deaths and disappearances of Native American women and girls in the United States.

"We recognize the serious nature of the problem we're facing and we are trying through a variety of strategies — both through the funding and the use of our own prosecutors, and building up awareness — to address these issues," said Jesse Panuccio, the Justice Department's acting associate attorney general.

For decades, tribes largely had been unable to directly access money in a federal program aimed at supporting crime victims nationwide — even as federal figures showed more than half of Native American women had encountered sexual or domestic violence at some point during their lives. On some reservations, Native American women are murdered at a rate more than 10 times the national average.

Nationwide, figures at the end of 2017 showed a disproportionate number of them listed as missing. An AP report this month found based on figures obtained from an FBI database that there were 633 open missing person cases for Native American women, who comprise 0.4 percent of the U.S. population but 0.7 percent of cases overall. African-American women were the only other group to be overrepresented in the caseload compared to their proportion of the population.

The Justice Department announcement follows years of federal legislative efforts that have attempted to fix a system that many say has left Native American women especially vulnerable to violent crime. Legal experts and victims' advocates have blamed both underfunded police departments that lack the resources to investigate crimes, and lingering jurisdictional gaps among federal, tribal and local law enforcement agencies that often resulted in cases going unprosecuted.

The announcement also comes as a series of congressional proposals seek to address how authorities' handle and track reports of missing women on reservations.

For example, a law proposed by U.S. Sen. Heidi Heitkamp, a Democrat from North Dakota, seeks to establish protocols for handling cases of missing and murdered Native Americans. It also would require annual reports to Congress on the number of missing and murdered Native American women, saying accurate statistics could potentially help authorities detect patterns and solve more cases.

A measure to expand the Violence Against Women's Act calls for similar proposals and for amending laws to give tribes authority to prosecute non-Native Americans suspected of selling tribal members for sex or running human trafficking rings. On Tuesday, the U.S. Senate voted to extend the Violence Against

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Women Act in its current form for two more months, delaying a vote on proposals to expand it.

"There is still much work to do," Heitkamp said.

The Justice Department has not expressed support or opposition for the proposals to expand tribal jurisdiction over non-Native Americans. Under the current law, tribes are able to prosecute people who aren't tribal members only in assault cases where the victim is a woman and knows her assailant.

Panuccio said the department's approach to tackling violence against Native American women focuses on partnering with tribes to assign more prosecutors capable of handling cases in federal and tribal courts, and supporting tribal law enforcement and victims.

For Juana Majel-Dixon, co-chair of a National Congress of American Indians' taskforce established to address violence against women, the increase in funding is welcome, though she still questions whether the money will stretch far enough in serving victims.

"When you think about the enormity of (the number of) victims we're talking about, the money being provided has been graciously received," she said. "But it's not enough."

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Slain golfer, suspect lived contrasting lives in Iowa city

By LUKE MEREDITH and RYAN J. FOLEY, Associated Press

AMES, Iowa (AP) — They had both recently turned 22 and were residing in the same Iowa college town but their lives couldn't have been more different before allegedly intersecting in the most violent way.

Celia Barquin Arozamena was a top amateur golfer from Spain who was finishing her degree at Iowa State University. Collin Daniel Richards was a former inmate from small-town Iowa with a history of violence.

The Big 12 conference champion, Barquin had dreams of making the pro tour and spent hours practicing at Coldwater Golf Links in Ames. Jobless and homeless, Richards had been living in a tent in an encampment near the course and had spoken of his desire to "rape and kill a woman," police said.

Richards was charged with stabbing Barquin to death during a random attack while she was golfing by herself in broad daylight on Monday morning. Barquin's body was found in a pond on the course near the ninth hole after fellow golfers noticed her abandoned bag and called police. Richards was arrested within hours, suffering from injuries to his face and hand after Barquin apparently tried to fight him off, investigators said.

As Barquin's colleagues began grieving the loss of a talented teammate and classmate, Richards was ordered jailed on a \$5 million cash-only bond at the county jail and facing the rest of his life in prison. It was, said Iowa State football coach Matt Campbell, a "cowardly act of violence."

The university had planned to honor Barquin at its football game Saturday for being its female athlete of the year — news that had brought Barquin to tears, according to athletic director Jamie Pollard. Instead, football players will wear helmet decals with her initials to mourn the loss.

"We're all devastated and heartbroken," said Pollard, who choked back tears at a news conference.

The golf course issued a statement calling Barquin an amazing young woman with an infectious smile who "made the people around her better."

Barquin was a top golfer in Spain as a teenager and came to Iowa State to pursue her career, drawn by its facilities, coaches, and picturesque campus. She became one of the best in school history and was completing her civil engineering degree after exhausting her athletic eligibility earlier this year. She recently won an amateur tournament in Europe and competed in the U.S. Women's Open Championship.

Richards had lived in small towns throughout western Iowa, residing with his mother, father and grandparents at various times. He ended up in Ames in January 2017 when he was placed in a halfway house there after violating his probation, court records show. By then, he had convictions for burglary, theft, criminal mischief and harassment. A judge revoked his probation, and he was sent to prison in November 2017.

Richards left a state prison in southeastern Iowa in June after completing the sentence. Soon he was

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back in Ames, arrested weeks later after being found passed out at a liquor store and admitting that he drank heavily after taking antidepressants.

Police Cmdr. Geoff Huff said homicides are rare in the city, and it's "very troubling for something like this to happen in broad daylight."

Police said officers recovered a knife that Richards had given to acquaintances after the slaying, as well as bloody clothing from his belongings.

Officers were called to the course around 10:20 a.m. Monday to investigate a possible missing female player. They found Barquin's body in the pond with several stab wounds to her upper torso, head and neck, according to the complaint filed Tuesday against Richards.

A police dog tracked Barquin's scent to a homeless encampment along a creek near the golf course where Richards had been living in a tent, the complaint said. Officers found Richards with several fresh scratches on his face consistent with fighting and a deep laceration in his left hand that he tried to hide, it said.

"What did he do to her?" an acquaintance of Richards allegedly asked officers who were searching the area.

That man told investigators Richards had said in recent days that he had "an urge to rape and kill a woman," the complaint said. A second acquaintance told police that Richards arrived at his nearby home on Monday appearing "disheveled and covered in blood, sand and water" before bathing and leaving.

Paul Rounds, a public defender representing Richards, declined comment.

Court records show that since 2014, Richards had been charged with abusing a former girlfriend, stealing a pickup truck after wrecking his own vehicle, using a baseball bat to smash a car window and burglarizing a gas station. In one case, the Iowa State Patrol seized a long knife from him during a traffic stop. In another, he threatened to return to a convenience store to shoot clerks after they caught him shoplifting.

Barquin's former team announced Tuesday it was pulling out of the East & West Match Play in Ann Arbor, Michigan, to grieve their loss. Women's golf coach Christie Martens said Barquin was an "outstanding representative of our school."

Professional golfer Sergio Garcia, one of Barquin's favorite players, tweeted that he was heartbroken by the news, saying he'd had the pleasure of meeting Barquin and calling her a "special person."

Foley reported from Iowa City, Iowa.

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GOP frets about prospects for picking up Indiana Senate seat

By BRIAN SLODYSKO, Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Mike Braun, the Republican candidate for a crucial Senate seat in Indiana, often refers to his rival, Sen. Joe Donnelly, as "Sleepin' Joe" and has vowed to wake the vulnerable Democrat from his "siesta" on Election Day.

But as Donnelly barnstorms the state in a used RV, it is Braun's own sleepy campaign that's leaving Republicans underwhelmed — and worried.

Groups that typically back GOP candidates, such as the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, are sitting on the sidelines. Braun's recent three-stop "solutions" tour — spread out across three days — was ridiculed by Democrats, who pointed to Donnelly's seven-day, 40-stop trek in August.

And while Braun, a multimillionaire businessman, took out \$6.4 million in loans to fund his primary campaign, he also publicly grouched about the cost. Now, with less than two months until the election, he has yet to purchase air time for October, while Donnelly has outspent him by almost double on TV and radio since June, records show.

That's cause for concern, according to a half-dozen GOP officials, operatives and commentators familiar with the race, most of whom spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity to offer candid as-

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assessments of the contest. They say Braun appears to be coasting at a time when he ought to be investing more of his own money and rallying the base.

Conservative talk radio host Rob Kendall summed up the GOP's worries by pointing to Braun's recent appearance with President Donald Trump at a rally in Evansville.

"He's in front of (thousands of) people at the Ford Center and it sounds like you're at a funeral," said Kendall, who is a producer and has a show on Indianapolis-based WIBC radio. "I would have been like James Brown and the Blues Brothers shouting out 'Do You See the Light' to the congregation. And this guy, you have to check him for a pulse."

Republicans have viewed Donnelly's seat as a prime pickup opportunity in a state Trump won by nearly 20 points in 2016. The criticism of Braun's performance reflects a sudden sense among the GOP that Senate contests in several states Trump carried may be tougher than expected and that control of the Republican-led chamber could be at stake — a prospect that was unthinkable just a few weeks ago.

Braun's campaign dismissed the criticism and insisted he's winning despite recent polling that suggests a neck-and-neck battle.

"Mike gets things done, and Donnelly is the least effective Democrat in the Senate," Braun spokesman Josh Kelley said in a statement. He noted that Braun "has held 80 grassroots events since the primary — including two packed rallies with President Trump — reminding Hoosiers of Donnelly's liberal record of voting for Obamacare and against tax cuts."

The race was thrown into further chaos this week after an allegation of decades-old sexual misconduct surfaced against Trump's Supreme Court nominee, Brett Kavanaugh. The development could cut both ways in the race, potentially hurting Braun — who has said he supports Kavanaugh — with suburban women. But the turmoil surrounding the nomination could also sting Donnelly if Democrats are seen as politicizing the allegation. Kavanaugh has denied the allegation.

For years, Republicans have insisted Donnelly's 2012 victory was a fluke caused by GOP nominee Richard Mourdock's incendiary comments about abortion and rape. Many now concede they underestimated Donnelly, who portrays himself as a conservative Democrat and often touts his votes for Trump's priorities.

While commuting back-and-forth between Indiana and Washington, Donnelly has held more than 190 campaign events since May — more than double the number attended by Braun, who resigned from his seat in the Indiana Legislature to focus on campaigning.

Bob Grand, a GOP fundraiser and Indiana powerbroker, said Donnelly has done a "phenomenal job" campaigning, but doubted it will be enough to win in an overwhelmingly Republican state.

"He's even featuring Donald Trump in his ads. What does that tell you?" Grand said.

Still, groups that have enthusiastically supported GOP nominees in the past are uncharacteristically absent.

In addition to the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, which opted against issuing an endorsement, the U.S. Chamber was mum over whether it will get involved. In 2016, the group spent at least \$3.7 million backing GOP Sen. Todd Young in his race against Democrat Evan Bayh, a popular former Indiana governor and senator who previously worked for them.

Americans for Prosperity, the political arm of billionaire industrialists Charles and David Koch, interviewed Braun but decided not to directly support him. Two years ago, they launched a door-knocking and phone-bank operation that helped Young win.

On paper, Braun has everything the GOP wants: He built a national auto parts distribution company from the ground up, speaks with a subtle southern Indiana twang and is a virtual outsider to politics, despite his brief stint in the Legislature.

He also has the ability to self-fund.

During the GOP primary, Braun used his wealth, worth somewhere between \$37 million and \$95 million, to bury U.S. Reps. Todd Rokita and Luke Messer with more than \$6.2 million worth of radio and TV spots, Federal Election Commission records show.

But Braun — whose wife once described him to The Indianapolis Star as the "tightest guy I know" — said after his May 8 victory that he wasn't looking to do the same in the general election.

With November looming, his campaign has yet to ramp up TV and radio spending, records show. Mean-

while, Democratic groups and super PACs are set to spend \$22 million, much of it ruthlessly attacking Braun's business record.

They've seized on stories by the AP that revealed his companies racked up safety violations and were sued by employees for unfair treatment, including a worker kicked off health insurance days after he suffered a heart attack .

Democrats also labeled Braun a hypocrite for attacking Donnelly's family business for outsourcing jobs to Mexico while using Chinese goods for his own brand of auto accessories.

Republican outside groups, including a super PAC linked to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, have picked up the slack. They're on pace to pour at least \$19 million into advertising. They've attacked Donnelly for being weak on immigration, voting against the Republican tax cut and being indecisive about whether he will support Kavanaugh.

But that may not matter if Braun doesn't campaign to win.

"I think Braun has a good narrative and a great story," said Kendall, the radio producer. "But he needs to be out there telling it."

Testimony by cops big part of Chicago officer's murder trial

By DON BABWIN, Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago police officers clearly do not want to be in court testifying against a colleague accused of murder, with one of them so uncomfortable he couldn't bring himself to point to the man on trial, something witnesses are routinely asked to do.

But one after another — whether they want to or not — officers at the scene the night of Oct. 20, 2014, when white officer Jason Van Dyke emptied his gun into black teenager Laquan McDonald are being called to testify, as prosecutors seek to chip away at the "blue wall of silence" long associated with the city's police force and other law enforcement agencies across the country.

Testimony was expected to resume Wednesday.

None of the officers has criticized Van Dyke in testimony over the first two days of his trial, but each has bolstered the contention by prosecutors that what Van Dyke did was "completely unnecessary." Van Dyke's attorneys say he feared for his life and acted according to his training.

Those testifying in Van Dyke's murder trial have included his partner that night, Joseph Walsh, one of three officers indicted on charges that they conspired to cover up what happened to protect Van Dyke. While video released more than a year after the shooting shows McDonald veering away from officers, Van Dyke and others on the scene initially said the 17-year-old had lunged at them with a knife.

Walsh, who is no longer on the force, acknowledged Tuesday that he "could have" fired, before answering, "Yes," to the question of whether he chose not to. But he also defended his partner's actions, saying he was "confident officer Van Dyke took necessary action to save himself and myself." And he maintained that he saw McDonald raise his right arm to swing it "in our direction," even though video of the shooting that played as he spoke doesn't show that. He maintained that he had a different vantage point.

Another witness, officer Joseph McElligott, was so reluctant to testify that prosecutors finally gave up trying to get him to point to Van Dyke after he was asked the routine question of whether he knew the defendant.

According to some experts, Walsh's testimony — and that of other officers — represents a shift in the landscape for a police force that the U.S. Justice Department in January 2017 described as having a "per-vasive cover-up culture."

"The fact that you have officers forced to testify is a huge moment," said Matt Topic, an attorney who waged an ultimately successful legal battle to force the city to release the video of the McDonald shooting in 2015.

Van Dyke is the first Chicago police officer in decades to be charged with murder for an on-duty shooting. He's pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, aggravated battery and official misconduct.

To Phil Turner, a former federal prosecutor who is now a defense attorney in Chicago, the blue wall of

silence isn't weakening so much as video evidence is revealing the truth. He points out that some officers are testifying only because they would otherwise be held in contempt of court. He sees police using video as key — not because it will make officers reluctant to lie to cover for their fellow officers but because it renders those lies "irrelevant."

"If they refuse to talk, who cares, they've got the video," he said.

Topic agrees that video has been important in Van Dyke's case.

"All of those officers had to know there was dashcam video and still they felt safe enough to provide a narrative that wasn't true," he said.

Dora Fontaine is the only officer to challenge statements attributed to her in police reports about the shooting. She arrived as Van Dyke was firing 16 bullets into McDonald. Fontaine testified Monday that she saw the knife in McDonald's right hand, but she did not see him raise his arm or charge at the officers.

Officer McElligott, who also testified Monday, was responding to reports that someone was breaking into vehicles in a trucking yard when he encountered McDonald.

McElligott said that even after McDonald stabbed the tire of his squad car, he didn't think it was necessary to fire his weapon. Instead, he and his partner were waiting for an officer to show up with a Taser to use on McDonald.

"We were just trying to be patient," he told the jury.

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Fate of FEMA leader in doubt as Florence cleanup continues

By COLLEEN LONG, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — While Hurricane Florence barreled through the Carolinas, a different type of storm was brewing within the federal disaster relief agency tasked with responding to the fallout.

The fate of Brock Long, the head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, was cast in doubt with revelations that he was being investigated by Homeland Security's internal watchdog and a congressional committee for the possible misuse of government vehicles.

The watchdog, the inspector general's office, has turned the review over to federal prosecutors to determine whether any criminal charges are warranted, according to a person familiar with the probe. The person was not authorized to speak publicly about the investigation and requested anonymity.

Long, a well-respected emergency manager, says he is not focused on the probes.

"I am fully focused on those impacted by Hurricane Florence," he said in a statement Monday evening, after being asked for comment on the investigation.

But some emergency management experts say the investigations are a distraction for the beleaguered agency as it deals with the worst storm of the year.

Beverly Cigler, co-chair of a Hurricane Katrina task force set up by the American Society for Public Administration, said Long has been working hard but that "any organization has to have active engaged leadership at the very top."

"You don't want your FEMA administrator to be under investigation that's going to distract you somewhat no matter how focused you are," said Cigler, a Penn State distinguished professor emerita.

Rafael Lemaitre, who was a senior FEMA official in the Obama administration, said the timing was troubling.

"For these allegations to emerge in the hours before landfall of a major hurricane is a huge distraction to the work the FEMA administrator is doing," he said.

The agency is already under pressure after a grueling hurricane season last year that included Harvey, Irma and Maria. The federal response to Maria in Puerto Rico was widely criticized; President Donald Trump has lashed out over the criticism and suggested without evidence the revised death toll of nearly

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3,000 was a conspiracy made up by Democrats.

Long has not been asked to resign. Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, who oversees FEMA, has said she has confidence in him. Other Trump administration officials have lost their jobs over ethics issues related to travel, but they involved more outsized allegations.

Long, 43, took over as FEMA administrator in June 2017. He has extensive emergency management experience — a federal requirement for the job since the Bush administration's bungled response to Katrina. He previously served in Alabama as the director of emergency management.

The investigations center on whether Long used government-owned vehicles for visits home to Hickory, North Carolina. It's not uncommon for an inspector general to refer cases so federal prosecutors can determine whether charges are warranted, and it doesn't mean he'll be charged with a crime.

Meanwhile, Long has until Oct. 1 to turn over documents to the House Oversight Committee related to travel and hotels possibly used by FEMA employees who were required to accompany him on the personal trips.

Long has largely kept a low public profile during Florence. He'd been front-and-center at press briefings as FEMA managed Hurricane Lane in Hawaii earlier this month. After the news broke of the investigation last week, Long appeared at a briefing in Washington to say he was fully focused on the storm preparations and would fully comply with the probe.

"Doing something unethical is not part of my DNA and it's not part of my track record in my whole entire career," Long said then.

But on Tuesday, he spoke at a North Carolina news conference with other emergency managers.

"It's really important for me to get out of D.C. and to be on the ground to be able to help North Carolina," Long said.

State emergency management head Mike Sprayberry thanked him for his work, as did Gov. Roy Cooper.

"Right now FEMA is giving us what we need," Cooper said.

Before the storm struck, FEMA had deployed more than 8 million bottles of water and meals, plus generators, blankets, tarps and cots to North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. It was acting on lessons learned following Maria, when it had underestimated the food and fresh water needed, and how hard it would be to get supplies to the island.

It's too early to gauge FEMA's response. While the storm has moved away, the rivers are still rising.

Associated Press writer Michael Balsamo contributed to this report.

China looks unlikely to give in after US tariff hike

By **JOE McDONALD, AP Business Writer**

BEIJING (AP) — China unveiled a slew of changes under mounting pressure from U.S. President Donald Trump over technology.

Beijing promised to cut tariffs, open its auto industry and buy American exports. But none of that was what Trump wanted: An end to development policies Washington says are based on theft of know-how and might erode U.S. industrial leadership.

Exporters scrambled to replace lost orders after Trump pulled the trigger in July with his first round of tariff hikes on \$50 billion of Chinese imports. Waves of job losses loom over factory towns. So far, however, Chinese leaders express confidence in their \$12 trillion-a-year economy and are refusing to budge on tactics they see as a path to prosperity and global influence.

The communist leadership appears no more likely to back down after Trump escalated their dispute Monday by approving penalties on an additional \$200 billion of Chinese goods, according to economists, political analysts and business groups.

"Contrary to views in Washington, China can — and will — dig its heels in," said the chairman of the American Chamber of Commerce in China, William Zarit, in a statement. "We are not optimistic about the prospect for a resolution in the short term."

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Trump's complaints strike at the heart of the Communist Party's view of itself as economic development leader — a venture capital investor on a national scale, boldly creating new industries.

That role has gained prominence since President Xi Jinping took power in 2012, despite the party's 2013 pledge to give market forces a "decisive role" in the state-dominated economy.

Reform advocates complain state-owned companies that dominate banking, energy and other industries are getting bigger. They say that ignores the lessons of three decades of market-style changes that propelled China's economic boom.

Beijing is still figuring out what Washington wants, said Citigroup economist Li-Gang Liu.

"The bottom line from the U.S. side is not clear," Liu said in an email. "Without clarity as to what President Trump wants from the Chinese exactly, it is difficult to see any progress ahead."

The ruling party sees initiatives including "Made in China 2025," which calls for state-led creation of global champions in robotics, electric cars and other fields, as essential for raising incomes for China's poor majority and restoring the country to its historic status as a technology and cultural leader.

Washington, Europe and other trading partners complain that explicitly nationalistic goals of creating Chinese global brands and promise subsidies to local competitors violate Beijing's promises to treat companies equally. American officials also say Beijing steals or pressures foreign companies to hand over technology.

While rebuffing U.S. pressure, Beijing has unveiled other changes long sought by its trading partners.

The government announced in April it would allow full ownership of electric car manufacturers beginning this year and lift all ownership caps in the industry by 2020. Beijing agreed to join the European Union in proposing reforms of the World Trade Organization, which Washington complains is antiquated and unable to cope with Chinese-style challenges.

Chinese leaders appear to be wrestling with how to present their plans in a way that causes less foreign opposition, said Paul Haenle, director of the Carnegie-Tsinghua Center for Global Policy. He said there was "considerable debate" about how to handle Washington at the leaders' annual summer retreat at the seaside resort of Beidaihe.

"I do think there is some internal debate about, Did we handle this right? Is there some way we can acknowledge to the U.S. side and others that we recognize there are changes we need to make?" said Haenle. But doing that without looking like Chinese leaders are "caving in to the United States will be a difficult endeavor to pull off."

Chinese leaders might have hoped cooperating on North Korea would win over Trump. But he went ahead with tariff hikes even after Beijing joined the "maximum pressure" campaign on North Korean leader Kim Jong Un to give up nuclear weapons and Xi skipped the regime's 70th anniversary festivities this month.

"I don't think they have any great hopes that Trump is going to be any easier on them," said Haenle.

Beijing's conviction that it needs to accelerate technology development was reinforced by this year's near-death of ZTE Corp., one of China's biggest tech companies, said Citigroup's Liu.

ZTE announced it might shut down after Washington imposed a seven-year ban on sales of U.S. components and technology to the state-owned manufacturer of telecoms equipment, citing its exports to North Korea and Iran. To regain access, ZTE agreed to pay a \$1 billion fine, replace its executive team and embed a U.S.-chosen compliance team in the company.

Chinese leaders realized "they don't have core technology," said Liu. "Made in China 2025" has "become more important than before and will be accelerated."

Some Chinese reform advocates see a possible way out: Restructure "Made in China 2025" and other initiatives to make them more market-oriented and strip out subsidies that irk Washington and other governments. They say that would pay dividends for China by encouraging creativity and efficiency through competition.

"That would be nothing more than promising further opening and reform. Government interference in business would be corrected," said Hu Xingdou, an economist in Beijing. "These are all good for the Chinese people."

Beijing might hope Trump will "move to a more conciliatory position," especially if his Republican Party suffers setbacks in November elections, said Haenle. But he said they doubt they know enough about

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American politics to try to influence the outcome by offering concessions.

The impact on China has been smaller than some American leaders hoped.

Monday's latest tariff hike might trim China's economic growth by 0.3 to 0.5 percentage points over the next year, Lillian Li of Moody's rating agency said in a report. But government stimulus spending and easier credit should offset that, leaving China's growth forecast unchanged at 6.6 percent this year and 6.4 percent in 2019, she said.

Citigroup estimates the first U.S. tariffs on \$50 billion of Chinese goods will wipe out about 881,000 industrial jobs. That could rise to 3.5 million additional lost jobs over three to five years if the tariffs on \$200 billion of imports increase to 25 percent, it said.

The dispute has a silver lining for some Chinese companies as some local governments act on longstanding complaints by cutting taxes and fees and simplifying bureaucracy.

Guangdong province, an export center adjacent to Hong Kong, announced changes on Sept. 10 that it said would cut costs for businesses there by 200 billion yuan (\$31 billion) in 2018-20.

"We believe Chinese industries will come out of the trade war stronger than before," said Citigroup's Liu.

AP researcher Yu Bing contributed.

Trump: Declassified Russia probe papers expose 'bad things'

By ERIC TUCKER and CHAD DAY, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump is flexing his executive power to declassify secret documents in the Russia investigation, an extraordinary move he says will ensure that "really bad things" at the FBI are exposed. But the decision, made against the backdrop of Trump's spiraling outrage at the special counsel's Russia investigation, may expose sensitive sources and methods and brush up against privacy law protections, experts say.

The order is likely to further divide the president from the intelligence agencies he oversees and raises new concerns that Trump is disclosing government secrets for his own political gain. Critics of the move say the president has a clear conflict by trying to discredit an investigation in which he himself is a subject.

"This radical policy choice is not being made on traditional policy grounds. It's being made on conflicted grounds," said David Kris, a former Justice Department national security division head. "That's problematic."

The Justice Department says it's begun complying with the order, though it's not clear when the documents might be released. It's also unclear if the multi-agency review now underway might find ways to try to withhold certain information or limit whatever damage, such as outing sources or scaring off would-be ones, that may arise from the release.

Trump and Republican supporters want the records out in hopes they'll reveal law enforcement bias in the early stage of the Russia investigation and prove the probe was opened without good reason.

Democrats say the material is too secret for disclosure and object to any meddling in an ongoing investigation.

In a letter Tuesday to Director of National Intelligence Daniel Coats, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein and FBI Director Christopher Wray, four top Democrats called Trump's action "a brazen abuse of power."

The letter said, "Any decision by your offices to share this material with the President or his lawyers will violate longstanding Department of Justice policies." It was signed by House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer, and the top Democrats on the House and Senate intelligence committees, Adam Schiff and Mark Warner.

The documents the president ordered declassified include a portion of a secret surveillance application for a former Trump campaign adviser, materials by default treated as highly secret and withheld from public view.

Trump appeared unconcerned Tuesday by the national security implications of the order, tweeting about a supportive congressman and saying, "Really bad things were happening, but they are now being

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exposed. Big stuff!" At the White House he said he wanted "total transparency," insisting again that the Russia investigation is a "witch hunt."

Trump told The Hill website on Tuesday, "I hope to be able put this up as one of my crowning achievements that I was able to ... expose something that is truly a cancer in our country."

He said he hasn't read the documents he ordered declassified.

In this case, the materials may shed new insight into why federal agents suspected the aide, Carter Page, of being the agent of a foreign power. But it may also identify specific sources of information for the FBI or disclose previously classified information about Russian efforts to interfere with the 2016 presidential election — which remains the center of an ongoing investigation by special counsel Robert Mueller.

"The applications routinely will contain critically sensitive details about the methods and means by which intelligence investigations gather information, including the identities of sources who may well be endangered if their identity becomes public and who certainly will be dis-incentivized from future cooperation as well," said Bobby Chesney, a national security law professor at the University of Texas.

Warrants to monitor the communications of a suspected agent of a foreign power are a common tool in counterterrorism and counterintelligence investigations, but they're applied for before a secret court.

An inspector general may be able to obtain that information during an investigation and a judge may have occasion to review it to settle an evidence dispute, but a target of an application like Page "certainly doesn't get to look at them," Chesney said.

The applications are detailed enough to convince a court that surveillance is appropriate, Kris said, so concern that information from them could be disclosed could "strain the system."

"I don't mean to suggest that the government will start lying to the court. They have an obligation to be candid," said Kris, founder of Culper Partners consulting firm. But "to the extent there is discretion at the margins, if the government fears disclosure, particularly disclosure for political reasons, it will strain the system, and that's not good."

Monday's order was extraordinary but not entirely unprecedented.

Trump made a similar move in February when the White House, over the objections of the FBI, cleared the way for the Republican-led House intelligence committee to release a partisan memo summarizing details from the Page warrant. Democrats later countered with their own memo.

Other materials covered by the order include FBI interviews of a senior Justice Department official and text messages of senior FBI leaders, including fired Director James Comey, involved in the investigation.

William Banks, a Syracuse University national security expert, said that by making the information public, Trump is essentially overruling the decisions of career officials intent on keeping it from foreign intelligence services, terrorist groups and other adversaries.

He said while there's nothing to prevent Trump from releasing the bulk of the information identified by the White House, he may face some problems releasing the Russia-related text messages because of the federal Privacy Act, which governs the type of personal information the government can make public.

"The Privacy Act is a big hurdle here unless Congress takes control of the materials and tries to release them themselves," Banks said.

The FBI earlier released in heavily redacted format 412 pages of surveillance applications and court orders related to Page. Monday's declassification order covers 21 pages of a 101-page June 2017 application to renew the warrant — the last of four filed by the Justice Department. His communications were monitored for nearly a year starting in October 2016.

Experts say the president's authority to unilaterally declassify the records is well-established, though that doesn't make it less unusual.

Though there are other instances of government officials or contractors spilling government secrets, Chesney said, "What's remarkable about this is it's the White House that's doing it."

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China's premier appeals for free trade amid tariff battle

By JOE McDONALD, AP Business Writer

BEIJING (AP) — China's No. 2 leader appealed Wednesday for support for free trade and promised to improve conditions for foreign companies following tit-for-tat U.S. and Chinese tariff hikes in a battle over Beijing's technology policy.

Premier Li Keqiang's comments add to Beijing's effort to portray itself as a defender of global trade in the face of complaints by Washington and other trading partners that China violates its market-opening commitments.

Also Wednesday, a foreign ministry spokesman accused Washington of lacking sincerity after it proposed negotiations and then raised tariffs on \$200 billion of Chinese goods. But he gave no indication whether Beijing would take part in talks.

China responded to President Donald Trump's tariff hike by imposing its own penalties Tuesday on \$60 billion of American imports.

The two countries previously raised import taxes on \$50 billion worth of each other's goods in the battle over U.S. complaints Beijing steals or pressures foreign companies to hand over technology.

American officials also object to Chinese plans for state-led development of champions in robotics and other fields. They say that violates Beijing's market-opening commitments and might erode U.S. industrial leadership.

Speaking at a business conference, Li made no direct mention of the tariff fight but called for disputes to be resolved through negotiation.

"It is essential that we uphold the basic principles of multilateralism and free trade," the premier said in a speech at the World Economic Forum in the eastern city of Tianjin.

Disputes "need to be worked out through consultation," said Li, the country's top economic official. "No unilateralism will offer a viable solution."

U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said Tuesday it was up to Beijing to decide when to talk.

The foreign ministry spokesman, Geng Shuang, criticized "U.S. threats, intimidation and blackmail."

"What the United States is doing shows no goodwill and no sincerity," Geng said at a daily briefing in Beijing.

Trump threatened to add an additional \$267 billion in Chinese imports to the target list if Beijing retaliated for the latest U.S. taxes. That would raise the total affected by U.S. penalties to \$517 billion, covering nearly everything China sells to the United States.

Chinese officials deny foreign companies are required to hand over technology. But auto, pharmaceutical and other foreign companies are required to operate in China through local state-owned partners, which obliges them to share know-how with potential competitors.

Foreign governments and security researchers say Beijing encourages and in some cases engages directly in theft of trade secrets. Chinese military officers have been indicted by U.S. prosecutors on charges of computer hacking to steal business secrets.

Beijing has tried to appear restrained by doing no more than matching Trump's penalties. But it also has threatened "comprehensive measures" as it starts to run out of American imports for retaliation due to the countries' lopsided trade balance.

The American Chambers of Commerce in China and in Shanghai said last week that half of more than 430 companies that responded to a survey say they have suffered from slower customs approvals and been subject to more environmental and other inspections.

Li, the Chinese premier, indirectly acknowledged complaints about global trade regulation and affirmed Chinese support for reforms.

U.S. officials say the World Trade Organization, the global trade regulator, is antiquated and unable to deal with complaints about Chinese-style industrial policies. Beijing agreed this year to join an initiative with the European Union to propose possible reforms.

"We believe we need to uphold the basic international rules and at the same time make improvements to those that need to keep pace with the times," Li said.

Li promised Beijing will refrain from weakening its currency to stimulate exports. China's tightly controlled yuan fell in value against the dollar this year, prompting suggestions Beijing was intentionally depressing its exchange rate to help exporters cope with higher U.S. tariffs. But the central bank has intervened to put a floor under the decline.

"China will never go down the path of stimulating exports by devaluing its currency," Li said.

The premier promised to "improve the business environment" for foreign companies. He affirmed promises to treat companies equally — a condition to which China committed when it joined the WTO in 2001 but that foreign business groups and governments say it regularly violates.

The EU filed a WTO challenge in June to Chinese rules on technology licensing that it said give local companies an unfair advantage.

"We will make sure that all companies, be they Chinese- or foreign-owned, so long as they are registered in China, will be treated as equals," Li said.

Newcomers bring decaying Kentucky distillery back to life

By **BRUCE SCHREINER, Associated Press**

MILLVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The whiskey quit flowing decades ago from a landmark Kentucky distillery housed in a picturesque castle. Nearly a half-century of neglect reduced the one-time tourist draw to a decaying relic.

Now, two newcomers to the whiskey business have resurrected the Old Taylor distillery and renamed it. And along with bourbon and rye, they hope once again to generate tourism.

Will Arvin and Wes Murry saw potential where others perceived only blight. In the past four years they've spent millions to restore the old glory of the castle-like entrance, sunken garden and colonnaded springhouse.

"The spirit of the place really called to us," Arvin said. "The bones of the building were solid. And we could just see through the decay and the brush to know that this place really needed to be brought back and saved as an iconic place."

Renamed Castle & Key Distillery, the facility resumed spirits production in late 2016 — the first year whiskey was produced there since the distillery shuttered in 1972.

On Wednesday, the grounds are reopening to visitors.

Arvin and Murry are following in the footsteps of the distillery's founder, Col. E.H. Taylor. A bourbon giant of his time, he built the Old Taylor distillery in the late 1880s and made it a forerunner of today's bourbon tourism business. Ownership eventually passed to National Distillers, and production ended during a lean time for bourbon producers.

Now bourbon sales are booming again, and the new owners are preparing bourbon and rye whiskey to hit the market under the Castle & Key label. The brown spirits are still maturing in barrels nestled in the distillery's warehouses. Master distiller Marianne Eaves hopes rye can make its debut in about a year, and says the brand's bourbon could be ready in 2021.

"We're letting flavor drive the decision on the release date," she said.

Murry said they hope to turn a marginal profit within a couple of years. In the meantime, the owners have found other ways to generate income. The brand's vodka and gin reached store shelves in April. The distillery also produces bourbon and rye on contract for several corporate customers.

Tourism should help the bottom line, especially if the iconic facility joins the Kentucky Bourbon Trail.

Kentucky Distillers' Association President Eric Gregory is among those predicting tourism success for Castle & Key. The central Kentucky distillery between Frankfort and Versailles sits a few miles from the Woodford Reserve and Buffalo Trace distilleries.

"It will be one of the most visited bourbon tourism sites in Kentucky — quickly," Gregory said.

Bill Samuels Jr., who retired after a long career as top executive at Maker's Mark, remembers admiring the castle-like distillery on a boyhood trip with his father. As years passed and the decay took its toll, he wondered if it would ever return. Twenty-five years ago, there was exciting talk of a restoration — but it

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came to nothing. Finally, he said, "we just gave up, thinking this will never happen."

Enter Arvin and Murry. Looking to become a distillery owner and tap into bourbon's resurgence, Arvin discovered the Old Taylor site on the internet. A mutual friend connected him with Murry, 40, who was looking for an entrepreneurial venture.

They paid about \$950,000 for the distillery in 2014. Restoring it took longer and cost more than expected, and it meant career changes. Arvin, 51, left a law career behind; Murry worked in finance.

The enormity of the renovation would have driven many to drink. Most of the windows were boarded up. One storage warehouse had collapsed. Roofs were failing. The grounds were a jungle of weeds.

"You only walked where animals had beaten a path," Murry said. "That was how you got around."

Gregory, who trudged through the thicket with Arvin during an early visit, said, "You were expecting some ghost at any moment ... because it was just so overgrown and so abandoned."

Eaves, 31, was a rising star during her time at Brown-Forman Corp., whose products include Jack Daniel's Tennessee Whiskey and Woodford Reserve bourbon. She was drawn by the Old Taylor site and the new owners' ambitious plans to revive it. Creating the Castle & Key spirits lineup as master distiller seemed a "once in a lifetime opportunity" when she signed on in early 2015. Soon, though, the size of the challenge became apparent — and that was long before whiskey was mentioned as a tariff target in an international trade war.

"We didn't have any heat, no running water, no restrooms," she said. "It was a stark change from working at a very comfortable corporate job to coming to this start-up environment."

Now, the distillery hums with activity seven days a week. The workforce is 60 and growing. The grounds are manicured, thanks to renowned Kentucky landscaper Jon Carloftis, and a quarter-mile botanical walking trail beckons.

Gregory said the hidden treasures among Kentucky's abandoned distilleries "are getting very few and far between." But as Castle & Key achieves more milestones, he thinks some of the prospective buyers who passed up the chance might regret their decision.

"They're probably kicking themselves already," he said.

Asian shares rise as traders shrug off new China-US tariffs

By YURI KAGEYAMA, AP Business Writer

TOKYO (AP) — Asian shares were mostly higher Wednesday, despite jitters over the escalating trade dispute between the U.S. and China.

KEEPING SCORE: Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 added 1.4 percent in early trading to 23,741.29. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 rose 0.4 percent to 6,195.70. South Korea's Kospi slipped 0.3 percent to 2,303.34. Hong Kong's Hang Seng advanced 1.0 percent to 27,355.73, while the Shanghai Composite also jumped 1.0 percent, to 2,726.27.

TRADE TENSIONS: The administration of President Donald Trump has decided to impose tariffs on an additional \$200 billion of Chinese goods. China responded by saying it will go ahead with plans to increase tariffs on \$60 billion worth of U.S. goods.

THE QUOTE: "As it is, the U.S. and China still sit on the brink of further ratcheting of trade tension, particularly with the latest Chinese tariffs targeting agricultural products and President Trump having vowed to bring out the next \$267 billion of Chinese imports for tariffs implementation if so," Jingyi Pan of IG said in a commentary.

WALL STREET: Wall Street's jitters over the escalating trade dispute between the U.S. and China proved to be short-lived. Gains in technology stocks and consumer-focused companies powered Tuesday's broad rally, which reversed nearly all of the indexes' losses from a day earlier. The S&P 500 index rose 15.51 points, or 0.5 percent, to 2,904.31. The Dow Jones Industrial Average climbed 184.84 points, or 0.7 percent, to 26,246.96. The Nasdaq composite gained 60.32 points, or 0.8 percent, to 7,956.11. The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies added 7.42 points, or 0.4 percent, to 1,710.97.

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude inched down 1 cent to \$69.84 in electronic trading on the New York

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Mercantile Exchange. It rose 1.4 percent to settle at \$69.85 a barrel in New York Tuesday. Brent crude, used to price international oils, fell 7 cents to \$78.96 a barrel.

CURRENCIES: The dollar was flat at 112.37 yen. The euro rose to \$1.1675 from \$1.1665.

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Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 19, the 262nd day of 2018. There are 103 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 19, 1881, the 20th president of the United States, James A. Garfield, died 2½ months after being shot by Charles Guiteau; Chester Alan Arthur became president.

On this date:

In 1777, the first Battle of Saratoga was fought during the Revolutionary War; although British forces succeeded in driving out the American troops, the Americans prevailed in a second battle the following month.

In 1783, Jacques Etienne Montgolfier (zhahk ayt-YEHN' mohn-gohl-fee-AY') launched a duck, a sheep and a rooster aboard a hot-air balloon at Versailles (vehr-SY') in France.

In 1796, President George Washington's farewell address was published. In it, America's first chief executive advised, "Observe good faith and justice toward all nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with all."

In 1934, Bruno Hauptmann was arrested in New York and charged with the kidnap-murder of 20-month-old Charles A. Lindbergh Jr.

In 1945, Nazi radio propagandist William Joyce, known as "Lord Haw-Haw," was convicted of treason and sentenced to death by a British court.

In 1959, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev, in Los Angeles as part of his U.S. tour, reacted angrily upon being told that, for security reasons, he wouldn't get to visit Disneyland.

In 1970, the "Mary Tyler Moore" show debuted on CBS-TV.

In 1982, the smiley emoticon was invented by Carnegie Mellon University professor Scott E. Fahlman, who suggested punctuating humorously intended computer messages with a colon followed by a hyphen and a parenthesis as a horizontal "smiley face." :-)

In 1985, the Mexico City area was struck by a devastating earthquake that killed at least 9,500 people.

In 1986, federal health officials announced that the experimental drug AZT would be made available to thousands of AIDS patients.

In 1997, in his first public comments since the death of Princess Diana, Prince Charles told the British people he would always feel the loss of his former wife, and thanked them for their support. Six people were killed when an express passenger train and a freight train collided in west London. The crime drama "L.A. Confidential" was released by Warner Bros.

In 2004, Hu Jintao (hoo jin-tow) became the undisputed leader of China with the departure of former President Jiang Zemin (jahng zuh-MEEN') from his top military post.

Ten years ago: Struggling to stave off financial catastrophe, the Bush administration laid out a radical bailout plan calling for a takeover of a half-trillion dollars or more in worthless mortgages and other bad debt held by tottering institutions. Relieved investors sent stocks soaring on Wall Street and around the globe. Baseball's new instant replay system produced its first reversal when Tampa Bay's Carlos Pena had a two-run double changed to a three-run homer during the fourth inning of a game against Minnesota. (The Rays beat the Twins, 11-1.)

Five years ago: Signaling a dramatic shift in Vatican tone, Pope Francis said in a published interview that the Roman Catholic church had become obsessed by "small-minded rules" about how to be faithful and

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that pastors should instead emphasize compassion over condemnation when discussing divisive social issues such as abortion, gays and contraception. A Texas appeals court tossed the criminal conviction of former U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, saying there was insufficient evidence for a jury in 2010 to have found him guilty of illegally funneling money to Republican candidates.

One year ago: In a speech to the U.N. General Assembly, President Donald Trump vowed to "totally destroy North Korea" if the U.S. were forced to defend itself or its allies against the North's nuclear weapons program. A 7.1 magnitude quake struck central Mexico, killing more than 360 people and causing more than three dozen buildings in Mexico City to completely collapse. Hurricane Maria barreled toward Puerto Rico after leaving widespread destruction on the small Caribbean island of Dominica. Former middleweight champion Jake LaMotta, who was portrayed by Robert De Niro in the film "Raging Bull," died at 95.

Today's Birthdays: Author Roger Angell is 98. Host James Lipton (TV: "Inside the Actors Studio") is 92. Actress Rosemary Harris is 91. Former Defense Secretary Harold Brown is 91. Actor David McCallum is 85. Singer-songwriter Paul Williams is 78. Singer Bill Medley is 78. Singer Sylvia Tyson (Ian and Sylvia) is 78. R&B singer Freda Payne is 76. Golfer Jane Blalock is 73. Singer David Bromberg is 73. Actor Randolph Mantooth is 73. Rock singer-musician Lol Creme (10cc) is 71. Former NFL running back Larry Brown is 71. Actor Jeremy Irons is 70. Actress Twiggy Lawson is 69. TV personality Joan Lunden is 68. Singer-producer Daniel Lanois (lan-WAH') is 67. Actor Scott Colomby is 66. Musician-producer Nile Rodgers is 66. College Football Hall of Famer and former NFL player Reggie Williams is 64. Singer-actor Rex Smith is 63. Rock singer Lita Ford is 60. Actor Kevin Hooks is 60. Actress Carolyn McCormick is 59. Celebrity chef Mario Batali is 58. Actress-comedian Cheri Oteri is 56. Country singer Jeff Bates is 55. Country singer Trisha Yearwood is 54. News anchor Soledad O'Brien is 52. Rhythm-and-blues singer Espraronza Griffin (Society of Soul) is 49. Celebrity chef Michael Symon is 49. Actor Victor Williams is 48. Actress Sanaa Lathan (suh-NAH' LAY'-thun) is 47. Actress Stephanie J. Block is 46. Rock singer A. Jay Popoff (Lit) is 45. "Tonight Show" host Jimmy Fallon is 44. TV personality Carter Oosterhouse is 42. Actress-TV host Alison Sweeney is 42. Rock musician Ryan Dusick is 41. Folk-rock singers-musicians Sara and Tegan (TEE'-gan) Quin are 38. Actor Columbus Short is 36. Rapper Eamon is 35. Christian rock musician JD Frazier is 35. Actor Kevin Zegers is 34. Actress Danielle Panabaker is 31.

Thought for Today: "He who is unable to live in society, or who has no need because he is sufficient for himself, must be either a beast or a god; he is no part of a state." — Aristotle, Greek philosopher (384 B.C.-322 B.C.).