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

"From minor scratches to a complete rebuild . . . we can do it all"

**NOW OPEN**

## Harris

**Auto Body** ABDN

225 Brown County Hwy 19 South  
Aberdeen: 605/725-4900

## Groton Area Schedule of Events

**Friday, September 21, 2018**

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

**Saturday, Sept. 22**

9:30am: Groton 3rd-4th grade football at Sis-seton Red.

Volleyball Tourney at SF Sanford Pentagon. Groton is in Pool D. On Court 9: 10 a.m.: Groton Area vs. Hitchcock-Tulare. Noon: Groton Area vs. Ethan. 2 p.m.: Groton Area vs. Western Christian. First place match at 5:30 p.m. Pool D first place plays Pool C first place at 4:30 p.m. on HCA. Pool D second place plays Pool C second place on Court

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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

It's Football Action on GDILIVE.COM



**Mobridge-Pollock  
Tigers**

**VS**



**Groton Area Tigers**

Friday, Sept. 21, 2018  
at Mobridge, 7:00 pm

**GRANARY RURAL CULTURAL CENTER**  
**LIVING HISTORY  
FALL FESTIVAL**  
*The Past Comes Alive!*

**FREE ADMISSION**

**Saturday  
Sept 22, 2018  
11 am - 5 pm**  
at the **GRANARY**  
Physical Address: 40161 128th St  
RURAL GROTON, SD

**Music by JAMI LYNN**  
SD Arts Council Touring Artist  
Performances at 12:30 & 2:30 pm  
Support is provided with funds from the State of South Dakota, through the Department of Tourism and the National Endowment for the Arts.

**LUNCH CONCESSIONS BY:  
THE BRASS KETTLE**

*Step Back in Time...*  
Historical Demonstrations & Re-enacting  
Pioneer Home Life • One Room School • Music  
Kid's Activities • Spelling Bee • Museum Gift Shop  
Old Fashioned Entertainment & Much More!  
**COME DRESSED IN FRONTIER COSTUME - GET A PRIZE**  
**An Event for All Ages!**

The GRANARY is the Arts & Culture Campus of Dacotah Prairie Museum  
Museum: [www.dacotahprairiemuseum.com](http://www.dacotahprairiemuseum.com) • Granary: [granaryfinnarts.org](http://granaryfinnarts.org)  
THE GRANARY is 50% of 112 Hwy 12 - Between Aberdeen & Groton - During Construction on Website

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## Cavaliers beat Groton Area in three games

Groton Area's seventh graders were the only ones to win their match Thursday evening in Groton as the Tigers hosted Aberdeen Roncalli.

The seventh graders lost their first game, 28-26, but then came back to win the next two games, 25-17 and 15-12. The eighth graders also went into a third game with the Cavaliers winning that match. Groton Area won the first game, 25-21, but lost the next two, 25-23 and 16-14. The C team lost both of its games, 25-15 and 30-28. The junior varsity team lost, 25-19 and 25-13. And the varsity team lost three games, 25-17, 25-17 and 26-24.

The first varsity game was tied five times and there were five lead changes before the Cavaliers scored six straight points to take the lead for good. The Cavaliers had 12 kills and one ace serve while Groton Area had six kills and one block.

The game was tied twice and there was one lead change in the second game with the Cavaliers winning with the help of Groton errors. Groton had 10 kills and one block while Roncalli had seven kills and two ace serves.

The third game was tied nine times and there were five lead changes as the Tigers led for most of the game. Groton Area had a 14-7 lead, but the Cavaliers kept chipping away at the lead until the game was tied at 18. Groton Area tied the game at 24 but Roncalli scored the last two points for the win. Groton Area had 13 kills, two ace serves and one block while Roncalli had 10 kills and two blocks in the third game.

In serving, Groton Area was 58 of 60 with two ace serves by Jennie Doeden. Roncalli was 62 of 68 with nine ace serves. Emily Kokales was 14 of 17 with five ace serves and Mariah Winegar was seven of nine with two ace serves.

Groton Area was 124 of 151 in attacks with 31 kills. Eliza Wanner was 28 of 35 with 10 kills, Jennie Doeden was 34 of 40 with eight kills and Nicole Marzahn was 28 of 31 with six kills. Also having kills were Portia Kettering with four and having one each were Payton Maine, Kaylin Kucker and Taylor Holm. Roncalli was 166 of 180 with 39 kills. Mariah Winegar was 28 of 32 with 14 kills and Jami Ewart was 39 of 40 with 10 kills. Megan Streier, Reagan Reede and Hannah Kuck each had four kills and Allison Dix had two.

In sets, Groton Area had 31 with Kaylin Kucker having 24 and Miranda Hanson five. Roncalli was 150 of 150 with 29 assists. Megan Streier was 123 of 123 with 27 assists.

Groton Area had 94 digs with Payton Maine having 41, Miranda Hanson 13 and Eliza Wanner 13. Roncalli had 114 digs with Madelyn Martin having 25 and Jami Ewart 23. Indigo Rogers and Taylor Holm each had a solo block and Nicole Marzahn and Taylor Holm combined for a block. Roncalli had four block assists and one solo. Mariah Winegar had three assists and one solo block.

Groton Area, now 10-2 on the season, will travel to Sioux Falls on Saturday for a series of matches. Roncalli goes to 11-1.



**Jan Seibel brought her papers with her as she corrected them during the volleyball matches Thursday night in Groton.** (Photo by Paul

Kosel)

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**Allyssa Locke** in the junior varsity game. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Eliza Wanner.** (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



**Payton Maine.** (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



**Jennie Doeden.**  
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Portia Kettering.** (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



**Miranda Hanson.** (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

## West Nile Virus — South Dakota

September 19, 2018



**Human West Nile Virus (WNV) reported to SD Department of Health (SD-DOH)**

Human cases: 140 (Median age: 52; range 2-89)

Hospitalized: 50

Deaths: 4

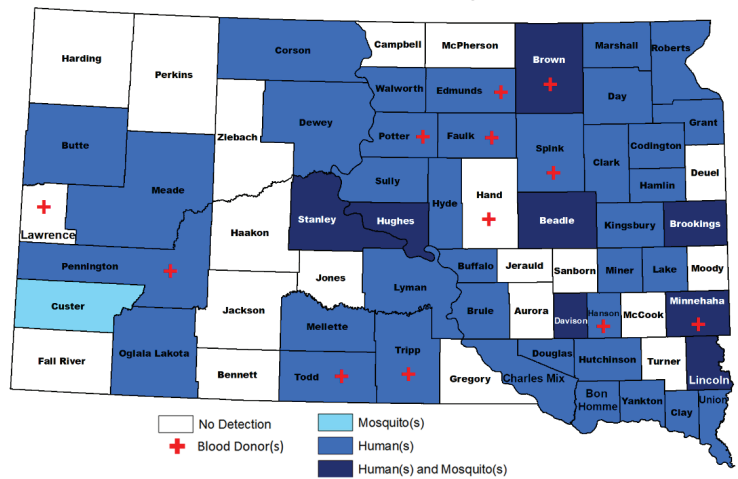
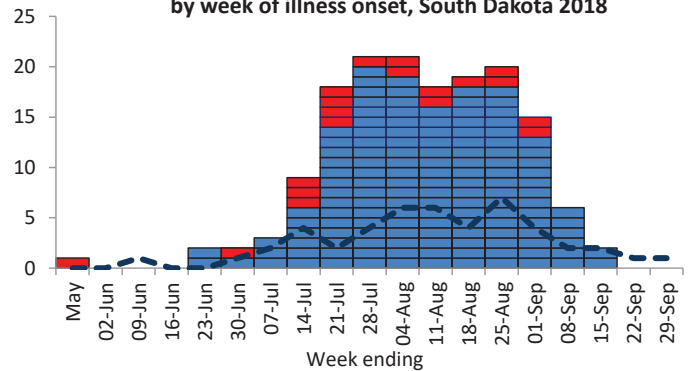
### County Counts

**Human cases:** Beadle (5), Bon Homme (1), Brookings (4), Brown (15), Brule (1), Buffalo (1), Butte (1), Charles Mix (3), Clark (1), Clay (2), Codington (7), Corson (1), Davison (1), Day (3), Dewey (4), Douglas (1), Edmunds (4), Faulk (4), Grant (1), Hamlin (1), Hanson (2), Hughes (6), Hutchinson (2), Hyde (1), Kingsbury (2), Lake (2), Lincoln (10), Lyman (1), Marshall (3), Meade (2), Mellette (1), Miner (1), Minnehaha (12), Oglala Lakota (1), Pennington (9), Potter (2), Roberts (2), Spink (4), Stanley (1), Sully (2), Todd (1), Tripp (2), Union (3), Walworth (2), Yankton (4), Ziebach (1)

**Viremic blood donors:** Brown (2), Edmunds (2), Faulk (1), Hand (1), Hanson (1), Lawrence (1), Minnehaha (4), Pennington (2), Potter (1), Spink (2), Todd (1), Tripp (1)

**Positive mosquito detections:** Beadle, Brookings, Brown, Custer, Davison, Hughes, Lincoln, Minnehaha, Stanley

West Nile Cases (blue) and blood donors (red) by week of illness onset, South Dakota 2018



### SDSU WNV Risk Assessment Projected Cases for 2018

[mosquito.sdstate.edu](http://mosquito.sdstate.edu)

123 Detections Forecast



SD-DOH: Phone 800-592-1861; [westnile.sd.gov](http://westnile.sd.gov)

CDC West Nile: [cdc.gov/westnile](http://cdc.gov/westnile)

## Health Department Investigates Legionnaires' disease increase

PIERRE, SD – The South Dakota Department of Health is investigating 14 confirmed cases of Legionnaires' disease that have been reported in people who reside or traveled to Sioux Falls. All 14 cases were hospitalized and 1 died. The patients are ages 36-80 years, with a median age of 57 years.

South Dakota typically sees between 8 and 15 case reports of Legionnaires' disease each year. As of Sept. 20, 24 cases have been reported in the state this year, mirroring a national increase in cases. The Department continues to conduct in-depth interviews with patients to identify potential exposures and has notified healthcare providers in Sioux Falls of the increase in cases to aid in prompt diagnosis and treatment.

Occurring more frequently in hot humid weather, Legionnaires' disease is spread by inhaling the fine spray from water sources containing Legionella bacteria. It is not spread person to person or by consuming drinking water. Cases of Legionnaires' disease have been associated with cooling towers (part of large air conditioning systems), decorative fountains or hot tubs in other states.

"The Department has requested assistance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to provide additional resources to help us investigate this increase in cases," said Dr. Joshua Clayton, state epidemiologist. "In addition to enhanced case investigations, CDC will assist us with environmental assessments and testing to identify water sources that may contain the Legionella bacteria. However, it is often the case that a single source may not be found."

In addition to case investigations and environmental assessments, CDC will be assisting the Department to provide an education program for businesses on the proper maintenance and operation of cooling towers, hot tubs and other water features. The Sioux Falls Health Department will be coordinating outreach to local businesses.

"As with past public health concerns, we are ready to assist the South Dakota State Department of Health investigate Legionella cases and to help identify opportunities to reduce risk to this community," said Sioux Falls Public Health Director Jill Franken.

Legionnaires' disease is a type of pneumonia caused by Legionella bacteria. Most people exposed to Legionella bacteria don't develop Legionnaires' disease. People over the age of 50, smokers or those with certain medical conditions, including weakened immune systems, chronic lung disease or other chronic health conditions are at increased risk for Legionnaires' disease. Symptoms include muscle aches, chills, shortness of breath, headache, fatigue, loss of appetite and coughing. These symptoms may be followed by high fever and pneumonia. Individuals experiencing these symptoms should see their healthcare provider.

For more information visit: <http://doh.sd.gov/news/legionnaires.aspx>

Preventing and controlling infectious disease is one objective of the Department of Health's 2015-2020 strategic plan, <http://doh.sd.gov/strategicplan>.

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## GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #06-6 School Board Meeting September 24, 2018 – 6:00 PM – GHS Conference Room

### AGENDA:

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

### POTENTIAL CONFLICTS DISCLOSURE PURSUANT SDCL 23-3

### CONSENT AGENDA:

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

### OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. Open Forum for Public Participation...in accordance with Board Policy & Guidelines.
2. Program Overview Presentations  
**Technology**...Aaron Helvig
3. School Board Committee Reports:
  - a. **Building, Grounds, & Transportation:** Clint Fjelstad, Merle Harder
  - b. **Personnel, Policy, & Curriculum:** Deb Gengerke, Kara Pharis
  - c. **Negotiations:** Grant Rix, Steve Smith, Marty Weismantel
4. Administrative Reports: (a) Superintendent's Report; (b) Principal's Reports; (c) Business Manager Report

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approve amended work agreements and assignment changes:
  - a. Jan Hoffman (no salary change), Jaimie Mitchell (no salary change)
2. Approve FY2019 district budgets with amendments and authorize Business Manager to file tax request with county auditor.
3. Approve hiring Jaccob Sargent as full time custodian at \$11.85/hour beginning September 28.
4. Approve hiring Thomas Cranford as part-time student custodian up to 20 hours week at \$9.45/hour.
5. Approve hiring Austin Fordham as thespian advisor at 5% of base salary.

### ADJOURN

## League of Women Voters to Host Redistricting Forum-Oct. 2nd

Aberdeen (SD) League of Women Voters of South Dakota is hosting an educational forum on legislative redistricting and gerrymandering on Tuesday, October 2nd at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Erin Fouberg, Professor of Geography at Northern State University, will speak on redistricting at "Will Your Vote Count?" in the Community Room in the K.O. Lee Public Library in Aberdeen.

The League of Women Voters of the United States, a ninety-eight year old, nonpartisan organization formed after women's suffrage was enacted nationally, focuses primarily on upholding democracy through its "Making Democracy Work" programs. Educating voters, along with registering voters and encouraging voters to vote, is at the heart of LWV's work.

League of Women Voters South Dakota has received a \$10,000 grant from the national League of Women Voters to hold comprehensive public education forums on legislative redistricting. Eight events will take place in cities across the state in the next three months.

The forums are intended to increase voters' knowledge and understanding of redistricting, how redistricting affects elections and alternatives to the current process.

The 2020 census will track population changes over the last 10 years and have a major impact on how legislative districts are redrawn in South Dakota. Currently, the state legislature draws those lines. In 2016, Dakotans voted on a constitutional amendment which would have removed that power from the legislature and given it to a nine-member independent commission consisting of three Republican voters, three Democrat voters and three voters not affiliated with either of the two parties. That amendment was defeated, 57 percent to 43 percent.

Redistricting is an issue of democracy that is being addressed in the courts as well as by legislative action and ballot initiatives. A 2005 federal court case in South Dakota, Bone Shirt v. Nelson, forced the state to redraw district lines in the southwest part of the state. Two cases recently before the Supreme Court, from Wisconsin and Maryland, were sent back to the states for further attempts at redistricting. The cases drew claims of gerrymandering from both Republicans and Democrats.

Dr. Fouberg is a political geographer and author of two college level textbooks published by Wiley: Understanding World Regional Geography with William Moseley and Human Geography: People, Place, and Culture with Alec Murphy and H.J. de Blij.



## Board of Regents Release Fall Enrollment for 2018

PIERRE, S.D. – Fall enrollment at South Dakota’s six public universities is down about 2 percent in full-time equivalent students, the South Dakota Board of Regents reported today.

The number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students for the Fall 2018 term—based on total credit hours generated by all students within the regents’ system—was down by 540.8 students to a total of 26,092.9. Total headcount at the six public universities was 35,737, a decline of 2.5 percent or 925 students over last year.

In contrast to these system enrollment trends, Dakota State University at Madison reported growth in both its headcount (2.27 percent) and FTE (2.42 percent). The University of South Dakota at Vermillion also grew its FTE count by 23 students.

“In a strong economy, potential students often choose work over education, particularly if they simply do not have the sources of money and support they need,” said Paul B. Beran, the regents’ executive director and CEO. “Many of our students struggle with the costs of a college education. That’s why we are developing plans to present to the Governor and legislature for scholarship and need-based financial aid support that will make higher education a reality for more students.”

### South Dakota Public University System: Fall 2018 Enrollments

Institution	Headcount				Full-time Equivalent			
	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Enrollment Difference	Percentage Difference	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Enrollment Difference	Percentage Difference
BHSU	4,178	4,035	-143	-3.42%	2,806.0	2,646.1	-159.9	-5.70%
DSU	3,307	3,382	75	2.27%	1,989.1	2,037.3	48.2	2.42%
NSU	3,611	3,493	-118	-3.27%	1,930.5	1,913.2	-17.3	-0.90%
SDSMT	2,778	2,654	-124	-4.46%	2,326.7	2,197.4	-129.3	-5.56%
SDSU	12,527	12,107	-420	-3.35%	10,108.0	9,802.4	-305.6	-3.02%
USD	10,261	10,066	-195	-1.90%	7,473.4	7,496.5	23.1	0.31%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36,662</b>	<b>35,737</b>	<b>-925</b>	<b>-2.52%</b>	<b>26,633.7</b>	<b>26,092.9</b>	<b>-540.8</b>	<b>-2.03%</b>

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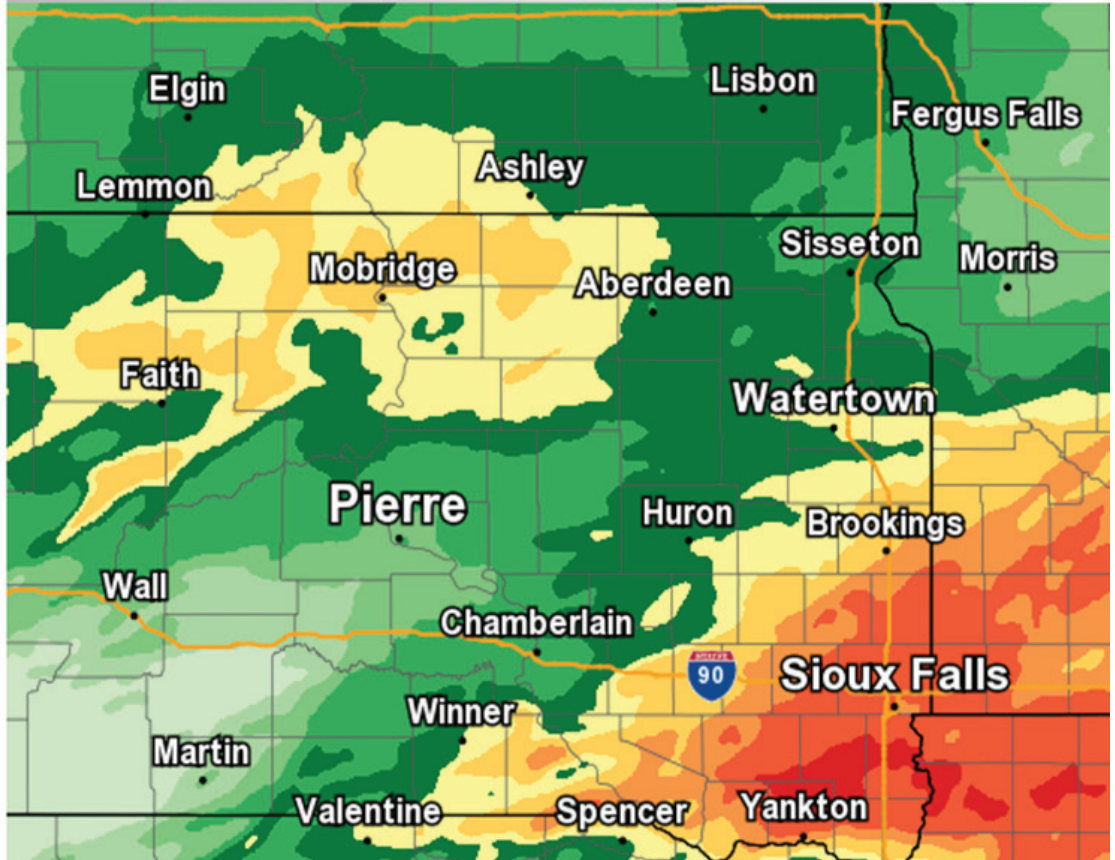
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## 48 Hour Observed Precipitation



Valid Ending Thursday September 20th, 2018 at 7 PM CDT

- Up to 0.1 inch
- 0.1 to 0.25 inches
- 0.25 to 0.5 inches
- 0.5 to 1.0 inches
- 1.0 to 1.5 inches
- 1.5 to 2.0 inches
- 2.0 to 3.0 inches
- 3.0 to 4.0 inches
- 4.0 to 6.0 inches
- 6.0 to 8.0 inches
- 8.0 to 10.0 inches
- 10.0 to 15.0 inches
- 15.0 to 20.0 inches
- 20.0 to 30.0 inches
- 30.0 to 50.0 inches



Graphic Created  
September 20th, 2018  
7:54 PM CDT

Published on: 09/20/2018 at 8:38PM

Widespread rainfall from the 18th-20th added up to generally 0.5-2.5" across the area. This graphic displays 48 hour radar estimated amounts as of 7 pm on the 20th. For a listing of observations, visit: <https://bit.ly/2FUuGf2>

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## Today in Weather History

September 21, 1960: In the morning hours of September 21st, lightning struck and caused structural damage to a home in Clear Lake, Deuel County. Lightning also hit a home in Clark in Clark County, and two telephone poles near Milbank in Grant County. Power was also interrupted for a short time by lightning near Britton.

1894 - A heavy chicken house, sixteen by sixteen feet in area, was picked up by a tornado and wedged between two trees. The hens were found the next day sitting on their eggs in the chicken house, with no windows broken, as though nothing had happened. (The Weather Channel)

1894: A late season severe weather outbreak occurred across northwest Iowa, south central Minnesota and southwestern Wisconsin during the late evening hours. Several communities were impacted by this outbreak with an estimated 55 to 65 deaths, and in additional 300 injuries. The strongest tornado was an estimated F5, which tore through the counties of Kossuth, Hancock, Winnebago in Iowa, and Faribault in Minnesota.

1924: A couple of tornadoes, one rated F4 and the other F5, tore paths of devastation through Eau Claire, Clark, and Taylor Counties in Wisconsin. The death toll was 18 and 50 people were injured.

1938 - A great hurricane smashed into Long Island and bisected New England causing a massive forest blowdown and widespread flooding. Winds gusted to 186 mph at Blue Hill MA, and a storm surge of nearly thirty feet caused extensive flooding along the coast of Rhode Island. The hurricane killed 600 persons and caused 500 million dollars damage. The hurricane, which lasted twelve days, destroyed 275 million trees. Hardest hit were Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Long Island NY. The "Long Island Express" produced gargantuan waves with its 150 mph winds, waves which smashed against the New England shore with such force that earthquake-recording machines on the Pacific coast clearly showed the shock of each wave. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1954 - The temperature at Deeth, NV, soared from a morning low of 12 degrees to a high of 87 degrees, a record daily warm-up for the state. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Tropical Storm Emily, which formed in the Caribbean the previous afternoon, caused considerable damage to the banana industry of Saint Vincent in the Windward Islands. Unseasonably hot weather continued in Florida and the western U.S. Redding CA and Red Bluff CA, with record highs of 108 degrees, tied for honors as the hot spot in the nation. (The National Weather Summary)

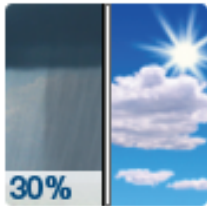
1988 - Thunderstorms produced high winds and locally heavy rain in the southwestern U.S. One thunderstorm in west Texas produced wind gusts to 86 mph at Dell City completely destroying an airport hangar. A Cessna 150 aircraft housed within the hangar was flipped over and snapped in two. Thunderstorms produced large hail in east central Utah, while snow blanketed some of the higher elevations of the state. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Hurricane Hugo slammed into the South Carolina coast about 11 PM, making landfall near Sullivan's Island. Hurricane Hugo was directly responsible for thirteen deaths, and indirectly responsible for twenty-two others. A total of 420 persons were injured in the hurricane, and damage was estimated at eight billion dollars, including two billion dollars damage to crops. Sustained winds reached 85 mph at Folly Beach SC, with wind gusts as high as 138 mph. Wind gusts reached 98 mph at Charleston, and 109 mph at Shaw AFB. The biggest storm surge occurred in the McClellanville and Bulls Bay area of Charleston County, with a storm surge of 20.2 feet reported at Seewee Bay. Shrimp boats were found one half mile inland at McClellanville. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Friday



Chance Showers and Breezy then Mostly Sunny

High: 58 °F

Friday Night



Mostly Clear

Low: 39 °F

Saturday



Sunny

High: 69 °F

Saturday Night



Partly Cloudy

Low: 48 °F

Sunday



Mostly Sunny

High: 74 °F

**This Morning**

**Chilly – Windy  
Light Showers**

**This Afternoon**

**Clearing  
Highs – Upper 50s**

**This Weekend**

**Highs: 70s to 80s**



NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

Updated: 9/21/2018 4:25 AM Central

Published on: 09/21/2018 at 4:38AM

The area remains unsettled this morning with the departing weather system drawing clouds and showers down out of North Dakota, along with gusty north winds. Conditions will improve through the day, though temperatures will struggle. Mild weather is expected for the weekend, though another weather system will bring some limited moisture to the region for Monday.

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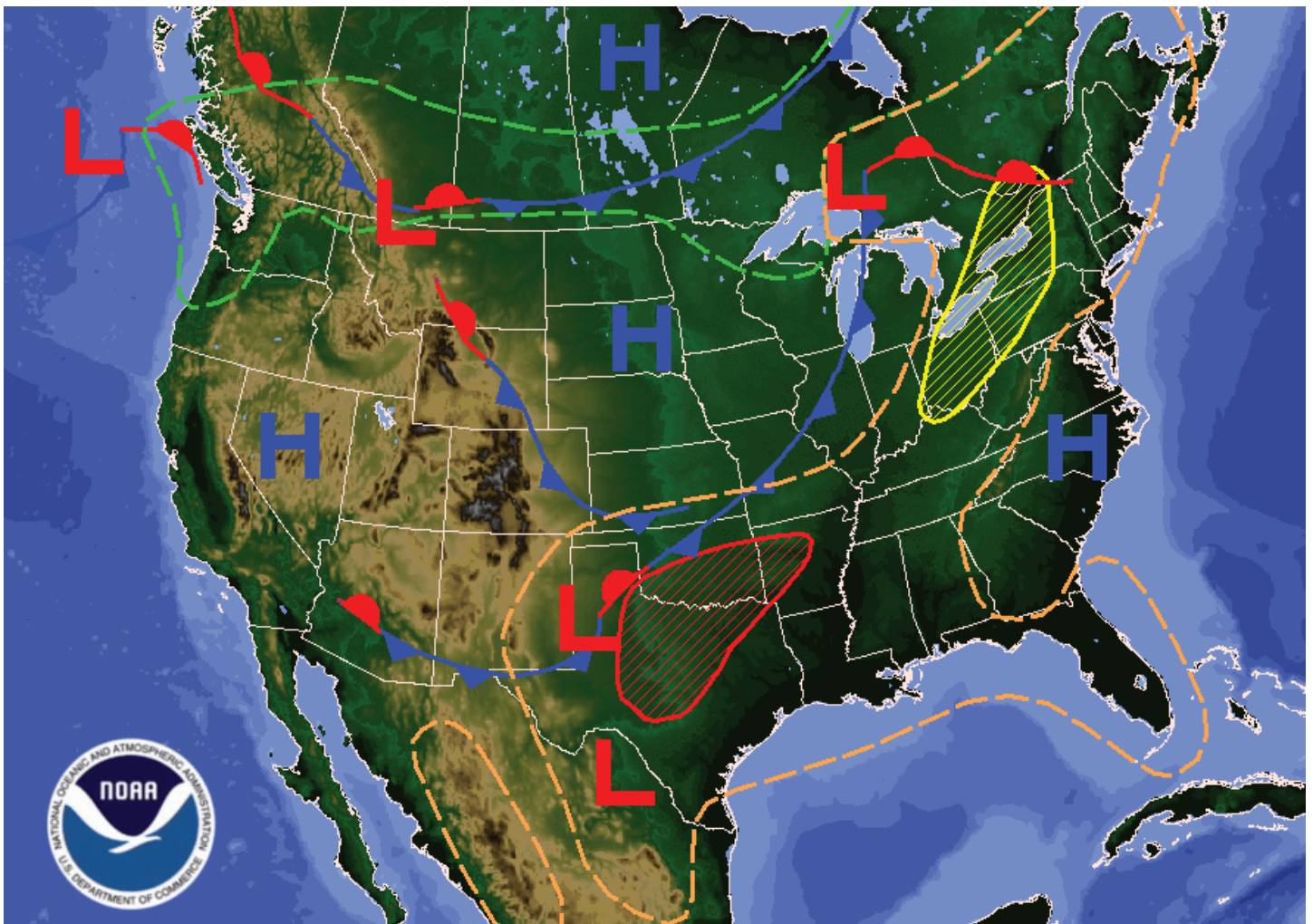
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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 57.7 F at 1:29 PM**  
**Low Outside Temp: 51.1 F at 5:18 AM**  
**High Gust: 50.5 F at 11:28 PM**  
**Precip: 0.61**

## Today's Info

**Record High: 94° in 1937**  
**Record Low: 20° in 1901**  
**Average High: 70°F**  
**Average Low: 44°F**  
**Average Precip in Sept.: 1.41**  
**Precip to date in Sept.: 1.80**  
**Average Precip to date: 17.70**  
**Precip Year to Date: 13.01**  
**Sunset Tonight: 7:35 p.m.**  
**Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:20 a.m.**



### Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Fri, Sep 21, 2018, issued 4:38 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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## WHATS SO AMAZING ABOUT GRACE?

Shortly after John Newton turned eight years old, he was orphaned and became a wanderer. He eventually began working on ships, and the sea captain became his father. It was not long before he joined the Royal Navy. Dissatisfied, he deserted his post, was caught, put in irons and whipped publically before being thrown in prison.

Leaving prison angry and defiant, he signed on with the lowest of all seagoing ships - one that carried slaves.

Aboard the new ship, life continued to deteriorate. The wife of the captain treated him with great disdain. When meals were served, his food was thrown on the floor, and he was forced to eat like a dog. If he refused to eat, he was beaten. He finally escaped, made his way to shore where he built a fire and attracted a ship that rescued him.

John could hardly read, but his knowledge of the sea and sailing ships earned him a promotion. One day he served the crew too much rum, and they became drunk. It so angered the captain, that while brutally beating him, John was knocked overboard. But instead of allowing him to drown, the captain threw a harpoon at John and rescued him. The harpoon speared him, and as a result, he carried a scar the rest of his life.

On a voyage from Brazil, a severe storm nearly sank the ship. Newton became so frightened that he fell on his knees and asked God to save him. Years later, reflecting on his sordid life, he fell on his knees again. This time to write the great hymn, Amazing Grace, to honor The Lord who was gracious, compassionate, and slow to anger.

Prayer: Father, sin is sin and all of us have compiled our own list. We thank You that Your grace exceeds every sin! In Jesus Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 145:8 The Lord who was gracious, compassionate, and slow to anger.

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## 2018 Groton SD Community Events

- Groton Lion's Club Bingo- Wednesday Nights 6:30pm at the Groton Legion (Year Round)
- Nov./Dec./Jan./Feb./Mar. 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)
- Transit Fundraiser (Middle Thursday in June)
- SDSU Golf at Olive Grove
- 6/15/2019 Triathlon (Saturday before Father's Day)
- 7/4/2019 Firecracker Golf Tourney (4th of July)
- 7/14/2019 Summer Fest
- 9/7/2019 Fall City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday after Labor Day)
- 10/12/2019 Pumpkin Fest (Saturday before Columbus Day)
- 10/11/2019 Lake Region Marching 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
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## Early voting begins as midterms season enters final phase

By **STEVE PEOPLES** and **STEVE KARNOWSKI**, Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Much of the political world is consumed with a battle over a Supreme Court nominee, an expanding international trade war and President Donald Trump's social media posts. Yet here in Minnesota, the first votes of the 2018 midterm elections are being cast.

Voting machines are set up inside city buildings. A series of get-out-the-vote rallies is scheduled. And each party is spending millions of dollars to push its supporters to the polls.

While Election Day 2018 is technically Nov. 6, Minnesota law allows in-person voting to begin Friday — a full 46 days early — making it the first battleground state to begin casting actual votes in the broader fight for control of Congress.

Voters in every corner of the nation will soon follow.

South Dakota also opens early voting on Friday, and four more states follow in the next six days, including key states including New Jersey and Missouri. California, Montana and Arizona are among seven others that allow early voting in the subsequent two weeks.

It may feel early, but make no mistake: The final phase of the 2018 midterm season has begun.

"It's like Election Day every day," said Jake Schneider, spokesman for Minnesota Republican Senate candidate Karin Housley. "It really changes the dynamic of an election. It really does. And it's exciting."

The commencement of voting in key states underscores the heightened significance of virtually every major development — political or otherwise — on the state and national stage in the coming days. Economic indicators, the president's tweets, new revelations in the special counsel investigation and even the weather begin to matter much more as voters decide whether to go to the polls.

It's been an inauspicious beginning to the voting season for Trump and his Republican Party, which continue to struggle under the weight of near-constant self-imposed crises and chaos.

The president escalated a trade war with China in recent days, triggering new waves of concern among farmers and major employers across Minnesota and beyond. And the GOP's continued embrace of Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, despite an allegation of decades-old sexual misconduct, threatens to further alienate suburban women, a key constituency this fall that has already largely turned away from Trump.

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Political parties and their allies are ramping up voter outreach programs in several states to mark the beginning of the early voting phase.

The Democratic allies, Priorities USA Action and the Senate Majority PAC, for example, are launching a multimillion-dollar digital ad campaign next week as part of a voter mobilization program across five states that targets African-Americans, young Hispanics and other young people.

One of the new ads, shared with The Associated Press, highlights the rise of white supremacists in the Trump era. In another, a young black man says, "I'm willing to do whatever it takes to vote this year."

As is the case in many midterm battlegrounds, outside groups for several weeks have been dumping money into Minnesota, which features at least four competitive House elections, two U.S. Senate contests and a governor's race.

Each of the political parties deployed paid staff and volunteers on the ground several months ago to identify supporters and persuade them to vote.

Democrats are focused on turning out "communities of color" in Minnesota, particularly in the areas around Minneapolis that feature large Somali and Southeast Asian populations, according to Ramsey Reid, the Midwestern regional director for the Democratic National Committee.

Democrats are working to ensure that minorities, who are considered more sporadic voters in some cases, comprise more than 8 percent of the Minnesota electorate, Reid said, noting that they made up less than 6 percent in the last midterm elections.

Republicans are focused on trying to bank their own set of "low-propensity" voters in the initial days of early voting, a group identified through several months of on-the-ground work with its expanding network of field staff and volunteers, according to Matt Dailer, the political strategy director for the Republican National Committee.

The RNC has a permanent presence on the ground in Minnesota and 19 other early voting states, he said, noting that the GOP is running a series of nationwide get-out-the-vote tests beginning Oct. 1 to ensure its system is running smoothly.

Minnesota faces an unusually high number of competitive races this fall.

Recent polling gave narrow leads to Democratic Rep. Tim Walz in the gubernatorial race and incumbent Democratic Sen. Tina Smith in the special election to fill the final two years of Democratic former Sen. Al Franken's term, but their Republican opponents were within striking distance.

And four of the state's eight congressional races are considered tossups. Two of those races, in southern Minnesota's 1st District and northeastern Minnesota's 8th District, are for open seats held by retiring Democrats, and they afford Republicans two of their pickup opportunities in the nation. That's essentially the only place where the GOP is poised to flip a Democratic seat. In the suburban 2nd and 3rd districts, however, Democratic challengers stand good chances of defeating Republican incumbents.

Minnesota Democrats have planned an early vote campaign blitz this weekend with a series of rallies and surrogate appearances featuring people like former Planned Parenthood president Cecile Richards, Nevada Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto and David Wellstone, the son of the late Minnesota Sen. Paul Wellstone.

After a Friday rally at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Smith and other Democrats plan to encourage attendees to hop on the nearby light-rail train and head downtown to vote.

Democratic congressional candidate Angie Craig, who's taking on GOP incumbent Rep. Jason Lewis in the 2nd District, was planning her own "Early Vote Weekend of Action."

"This race will come down to who turns out to vote between Friday and Election Day," Craig told the AP. "We need every Democrat to turn out for this election."

Minnesota is among 37 states that offer "no-excuse" absentee voting or another kind of early voting this year. Roughly 40 percent of ballots nationwide were not cast in a polling place on Election Day in the 2014 and 2016 elections.

Minnesota's no-excuse absentee voting system has soared in popularity since it rolled out in 2014. Voters don't have to give a reason for voting early, as some states require, and they can change their minds until a week before Election Day.

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"We no longer have an Election Day; we have an election window," said Wendy Underhill of the National Conference of State Legislatures. "It's beginning now."

Peoples reported from New York.

## South Dakota candidates, parties urge backers to vote early

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Some of South Dakota's top elected offices are on the line in November, so campaigns are wasting no time in mobilizing supporters as early voting gets underway.

Absentee voting starts Friday in the state, where candidates are running for governor, the U.S. House and state attorney general, not to mention other statewide offices and the Legislature. There are also five ballot measures to be decided this election, which will be held Nov. 6.

The state Republican Party plans to encourage people to vote early by knocking on doors and sending mailers to areas with high levels of early voting, said the party's finance director, Dave Roetman.

"Get out and vote early because the vote ... counts the same, and you don't forget," Roetman advised. "We call it banking the votes."

Volunteers for the state Democratic Party will go door-to-door and make phone calls to prospective supporters, party spokesman Aaron Matson said in a statement. Democrats also plan to hold events throughout the state to encourage people who request absentee ballots to submit them to their county auditors, he said.

"We understand the importance of the early and absentee vote, and we're planning accordingly," Matson said. "We'll have an aggressive campaign to target early and absentee voters this year."

South Dakota voters cast more than 52,000 absentee ballots during the 2014 midterm election.

In the race for governor, Democrat Billie Sutton, a state senator and former professional rodeo cowboy, will hold a Friday event in Sioux Falls to kick off early voting. Campaign spokeswoman Mackenzie Huber said in an email that Sutton has spent years listening to the state's voters and would like to "ensure their voices are heard loudly and clearly in this election."

The campaign for Sutton's Republican opponent, U.S. Rep. Kristi Noem, will be running a "robust" turnout operation that encourages people to "vote today and not wait until the last minute," campaign manager Justin Brasell said in a statement. Noem, the state's lone U.S. House member, has never taken a race for granted and this year's could be tight because of the current political landscape, he said.

Republican Dusty Johnson, who is running for Noem's House seat, plans to use email and social media to urge supporters to vote early, campaign manager Will Mortenson said.

"Early voting is huge in South Dakota," Mortenson said in a statement. "A vote cast for Dusty on Sept. 27 is a vote we don't have to chase through Election Day. It allows us to focus on folks who haven't got the chance to know Dusty yet."

The campaign for Johnson's Democratic opponent, Tim Bjorkman, is using calls, texts, emails and social media to promote early voting, campaign spokesman Tom Lawrence said.

"We're encouraging voters to start the process on Friday, and we're expecting a good response," Lawrence said. "I think it's important to start out the election on Nov. 6 with some votes in the bank."

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## Excerpts from recent South Dakota editorials

By The Associated Press

### Rapid City Journal, Rapid City, Sept. 20

#### Act to protect Native women

An epidemic of disappearances among Native American women should disturb every South Dakotan. On Indian reservations across the country accounts run rampant of women going missing or turning up dead.

The scope of the problem, however, remains obscure. Perhaps, this ignorance explains how it's so easy to ignore or disregard the harm. It's time to get better information and act on it.

At the end of 2017, the FBI's National Crime Information Center database had 633 open missing person cases for Native American women, according to a recent four-part Associated Press series. The rate is far higher than among the non-Native population and likely much larger. Many cases of missing Native American women and girls go unreported or haven't been thoroughly documented. No specific government database exists to track all cases. Nobody knows how many Native women have been abducted into sex trafficking, although concern is rising.

As a result, sex traffickers and murderers hide in plain sight behind a maze of competing jurisdictions and inadequate tribal law enforcement resources. The jurisdictional overlap of authority and laws depend on whether a crime happened on a reservation and whether a tribal member is the victim or perpetrator.

Federal changes enacted in 2010 were intended to close those loopholes, but recent statistics demonstrate little progress. More needs to be done, but action isn't guaranteed.

Indifference is perhaps the greatest impediment. Four out of five Native women experience violence in their lifetime, according to one 2016 federal study. It's a longstanding problem, and many people have turned their heads from the ugliness. Many have convinced themselves the issue doesn't affect non-Natives. There's a type of racism that requires inaction rather than action. This is an example of it.

If the problem were new, we wouldn't be so accepting. If a rash of disappearances arose in other communities, there would be outrage. We should be outraged anyway.

When a mother of four children goes missing, it affects generations of families. The disappearances of aunts, sisters, grandmothers and daughters leave black holes that expand into society, polluting everything they touch.

U.S. Sen. Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota has introduced "Savanna's Act," named after Savanna LaFontaine-Greywind, 22, who was murdered in 2017 while eight months pregnant. It aims to improve tribal access to federal crime information databases. It also would require the Department of Justice to develop a protocol to respond to cases of missing and murdered Native Americans so cases don't get ignored.

If authorities have accurate statistics, they might be able to detect patterns that help solve more cases.

If we address the issues and take steps to diminish the problem, the results would benefit everyone. If we can uncover sex trafficking rings where they can most easily take hold, we can prevent them from spreading into other communities.

We need to get the data, understand the issues, define a roadmap and not stop there. Resources must be deployed strategically to begin chipping away at a problem that has gone unchecked for far too long.

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### Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan, Yankton, Sept. 18

#### Should buffer strips be mandatory?

In an agricultural economy, the land and the water are everything. They represent not only the pulse of economic opportunity, but also the quality of life that we all value. It demands a delicate balancing act, carefully weighing how we use those resources to make a living and how we protect those resources in order to live.

The introduction could take us to a number of rural issues, but today, let's focus on something that was discussed in a South Dakota News Watch story in Saturday's Press & Dakotan: buffer strips along waterways.

As the name implies, a buffer strip is literally a strip of grass and/or hay on either side of, say, a creek

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that creates a filtering zone between cropland and that waterway. The strip helps filter the water runoff from cropland, in the process reducing the material that ends up running into the waterway and flowing somewhere else. The strip also acts as a safeguard against erosion by reducing the flow of draining water that can cut through and carry away soil.

In South Dakota, there are incentives available for buffer strips, but it's on a voluntary basis, as officials cite the reluctance of farmers to be dictated to in regards to how they do their business. However, a program that provides a 40 percent tax break for farmers using buffer strips attracted just 27 farmers who placed 292 acres in 12 counties in the program during the first year. Analysts say the tax break simply wasn't enough to make up for the money being made by farming those acres.

This is an unfortunate response. As stated above, the soil is the staple of farming business, and the failure to prevent the erosion of that soil is, ultimately, like failing to protect one's own investment.

Water is also crucial, and this is an area in which South Dakota has real concerns. Approximately two-thirds of the state's rivers were classified as being impaired by pollution in 2017, according to the federal government. A big culprit in this is ag runoff from farming operations, with E. coli bacteria being one of the more common pollutants.

Thus, protecting these resources must be a high priority — perhaps even a mandatory one.

That's what Minnesota did in 2015. According to News Watch, that state has seen an increase of nearly 20 percent in the use of buffer strips.

South Dakota officials say other agricultural methods, such as no-till farming, have reduced runoff and, thus, there is no need for making buffer strips mandatory.

But the federal water quality assessment implies that these other techniques may not be doing the job, at least not by enough.

That's not to say that buffer strips alone will dramatically change the state's water quality, but it would be a practical next step to controlling runoff and cleaning up the state's water.

There will likely continue to be resistance here to steps such as buffer strip requirements, but if Minnesota continues to see successful results, the pressure may grow in Pierre. And rightly so.

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## **The Daily Republic, Mitchell, Sept. 18**

### **Collaborative search leads to good work**

Last week, a group of first responders spent the night north of Mitchell searching for a missing child.

The 9-year-old boy, who authorities said is autistic, went missing Wednesday evening but was found by a Davison County Sheriff's deputy around 9 a.m. Thursday. The child was "beat up a little bit from spending the night in the weeds and the bushes" but was ultimately OK.

What a relief it is to hear the search was successful. Multiple agencies assisted in the late hours of the night and into the morning. They were the Davison County Sheriff's Office, Sanborn County and Jerauld County sheriff's offices, Davison County Search and Rescue, Mitchell Department of Public Safety and the Letcher Volunteer Fire Department.

In South Dakota, where we have thousands of miles of open fields and cropland, going into a search for a missing child can be like looking for a needle in a haystack. Luckily, authorities had some information and a good starting point to find the missing boy.

Due to the late-night work of volunteers and other first responders, the child was found about 3½ miles from where authorities pinpointed a probable location. When a rare situation like this arises, it takes a village to find a child. The more help, the better.

It was great to hear that multiple agencies — especially including volunteers like in this case the Letcher Volunteer Fire Department — are working together when an emergency of this magnitude arises.

While it's never fun planning for a missing child, it is necessary. It was only a few months ago the Hanson County Sheriff's Office led the search for a 3-year-old boy who went missing from his home. He was also found, and it was partially because 50 to 60 people were involved in the search.

These types of searches are not regular, but we hope law enforcement agencies of all shapes and sizes

have a detailed plan in place for when it does. In last week's case, a text alert was sent out at about 6:30 a.m. for morning travelers to keep an eye out for the missing boy. Volunteers were called early in the search.

Those are the types of plans and communications that need to be planned before a child goes missing.

We applaud everyone involved for the work last week in the search, and we hope other agencies take notice of the successful ending.

## **Dakota Access pipeline developer defends racketeering claims**

**By BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press**

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The company that built the Dakota Access oil pipeline says environmental group Greenpeace should be held legally accountable for violating federal racketeering laws.

Texas-based Energy Transfer Partners sued Greenpeace and two other groups for up to \$1 billion last year, arguing they worked to undermine the \$3.8 billion pipeline that's now shipping oil from North Dakota to Illinois. Greenpeace recently asked to be dismissed from the case, after a federal judge dismissed the other two groups. But the company argued this week that there was plentiful evidence of "malicious criminal conduct" by Greenpeace.

In court documents filed Tuesday, company attorneys allege that Greenpeace knowingly disseminated false information about the pipeline to obtain donations and incite unrest, including to company lenders and investors to hurt ETP financially. The company also alleges the environmental group organized and funded a violent protest faction in violation of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.

"Defendants' RICO enterprise comprised three related components," ETP attorney Jennifer Recine wrote in the court filing, arguing that Greenpeace was employing similar tactics against ETP pipeline projects in Pennsylvania and Louisiana.

Greenpeace argued in its dismissal request this month that ETP's claims were "generalized and implausible."

ETP filed the lawsuit last year against Earth First, BankTrack and three Greenpeace groups — Greenpeace, Greenpeace International and Greenpeace Fund.

The groups argued the lawsuit was an attack on free speech.

But in the documents filed Tuesday, Recine argued that ETP wasn't trying "to limit anyone's exercise of any legally protected conduct." Rather, the company is seeking "to vindicate its own legal rights in the face of the Greenpeace defendants' malicious criminal conduct."

U.S. District Judge Billy Roy Wilson dismissed BankTrack and Earth First as defendants in the case this summer. He said ETP failed to make a case that Earth First is an entity that can be sued. The judge said BankTrack's actions in imploring banks not to fund the pipeline did not amount to radical ecoterrorism.

In July, Wilson denied a motion by Greenpeace to be dismissed. But he also ordered ETP to revise the lawsuit, which the judge said contained vague claims. Company lawyers did so last month.

Groups and American Indian tribes who feared environmental harm from the pipeline staged large protests that resulted in 761 arrests in southern North Dakota over a six-month span beginning in late 2016.

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## **Legionnaires' disease cases jump in Sioux Falls**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota health officials are investigating a jump in the number of Legionnaires' disease cases in Sioux Falls.

The South Dakota Department of Health said Thursday there are 14 confirmed cases of Legionnaires' disease in people who live in or have traveled to Sioux Falls. All 14 people were hospitalized and one died. The patients range in age from 36 to 80.

South Dakota usually sees between eight and 15 cases of Legionnaires' disease reported each year. As of Sept. 20, 24 cases have been reported in the state this year.

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Legionnaires' disease is spread by inhaling the fine spray from water sources containing Legionella bacteria. State epidemiologist Dr. Joshua Clayton says the Health Department has requested help from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to investigate the increase.

## **Warrant issued for woman in Sioux Falls man's fatal shooting**

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Authorities are searching for a man and a woman in the shooting death of a 40-year-old man in Sioux Falls this week.

A warrant has been issued for 23-year-old Kelsey Rachel Roubideaux of Sioux Falls on suspicion of manslaughter. Police say she was driving a vehicle when Lakendrick Thornton was shot and killed in the back seat early Tuesday.

Thornton's body was found in a ditch near Renner later that morning. According to an affidavit, Thornton had been shot once in the chest.

The Argus Leader reports police have not identified the man who fired the shots. Authorities believe both Roubideaux and the man are in Sioux Falls. The vehicle was recovered in Sioux Falls.

## **South Dakota sends officials to aid with hurricane aftermath**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's Office of Emergency Management is sending two staff members to help with the response to Hurricane Florence.

The officials will be stationed in the state emergency operations center in Raleigh, North Carolina. They'll help coordinate requests to other states for help through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, a mutual aid agreement among U.S. states and territories.

The state Department of Public Safety says the two officials will complete their deployments by Oct. 3.

## **Mitchell traffic stop yields more than 13 lbs of marijuana**

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — A weekend traffic stop in Mitchell turned into a large marijuana bust.

The Daily Republic reports that an officer pulled over a car on Interstate 90 for an exhaust problem on Sunday night. Court documents say a search of the trunk turned up a storage tub containing more than 13 pounds of marijuana in vacuum-sealed bags, along with drug paraphernalia.

Thirty-year-old Christopher Friedel faces felony drug charges. He was released from jail Tuesday on \$3,000 bond and is due back in court Oct. 18. He did not immediately respond to a request for comment Thursday.

Information from: The Daily Republic, <http://www.mitchellrepublic.com>

## **Rapid City police target store selling cannabidiol products**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Rapid City police have cracked down on the sale of cannabidiol from a local store.

Hemporium Boutique owner Leonard Vandermate tells the Rapid City Journal law officers issued an ultimatum to stop selling the product made from cannabis. Police say they targeted the store due to a citizen complaint.

Cannabidiol or CBD is a chemical ingredient found in the marijuana plant, but not the one that gets people high. Some people tout its health benefits, but research has been limited because federal law still categorizes cannabis as an illegal drug. CBD products also are against the law in South Dakota.

Vandermate says he's pulled all CBD products from the shelves at both his Rapid City and Spearfish stores. He says people who relied on it to relieve pain are upset.

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

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## Harvesting of corn getting underway in South Dakota

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Harvesting of corn is underway in South Dakota.

The federal Agriculture Department in its weekly crop report says 2 percent of the corn crop is in the bin, along with 6 percent of soybeans.

Winter wheat seeding is approaching one-third complete.

Slightly more than half of the state's topsoil and subsoil moisture supplies remain rated adequate.

Pasture and range conditions are rated 42 percent in good to excellent condition, down slightly over the week.

## Ex-Trump lawyer Cohen boasts of aiding Mueller investigation

By MICHAEL BALSAMO, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's former personal lawyer says he is providing "critical information" as part of special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. election and possible coordination between Russia and the Trump campaign.

Michael Cohen, who pleaded guilty to campaign finance and other charges last month, said Thursday he is providing the information to prosecutors without a cooperation agreement.

Trump's longtime fixer-turned-foe could be a vital witness for prosecutors as they investigate whether Trump's campaign coordinated with Russians. For more than a decade, Cohen was Trump's personal lawyer, and he was a key power player in the Trump Organization and a fixture in Trump's political life.

Cohen pleaded guilty in August to eight federal charges and said Trump directed him to arrange payments before the 2016 election to buy the silence of porn actress Stormy Daniels and a former Playboy model who had both alleged they had affairs with Trump. It was the first time any Trump associate implicated Trump himself in a crime, though whether — or when — a president can be prosecuted remains a matter of legal dispute.

On Thursday night, Cohen tweeted: "Good for @MichaelCohen212 for providing critical information to the #MuellerInvestigation without a cooperation agreement. No one should question his integrity, veracity or loyalty to his family and country over @POTUS @realDonaldTrump."

The tweet was deleted almost immediately and was later reposted by his attorney, Lanny Davis, who said he wrote the tweet for Cohen and asked him to tweet it because he has a "much larger following." Davis said he was delayed posting the tweet on his own account, so Cohen tweeted it first.

ABC News reported earlier Thursday that Cohen has met several times — for several hours — with investigators from the special counsel's office.

The television network, citing sources familiar with the matter, said he was questioned about Trump's dealings with Russia, including whether members of the Trump campaign worked with Russians to try to influence the outcome of the election.

Davis had asserted last month that his client could tell the special counsel that Trump had prior knowledge of a June 2016 meeting at Trump Tower with a Russian lawyer, Trump's son-in-law and Trump's eldest son, who had been told in emails that it was part of a Russian government effort to help his father's campaign. But Davis later walked back the assertions, saying he could not independently confirm the claims that Cohen witnessed Trump's eldest son, Donald Trump Jr., telling his father about the Trump Tower meeting beforehand.

In the last two weeks, the special counsel secured the cooperation of Trump's former campaign chairman, Paul Manafort; signaled that he has obtained all the information he needs from former national security adviser Michael Flynn — who was also a government cooperator; and dispensed with the case of the campaign aide who triggered the Russia probe.

The president has continued a very public battle against the Mueller investigation, repeatedly calling it a politically motivated and "rigged witch hunt." He has said he is going to declassify secret documents in the Russia investigation, an extraordinary move that he says will show that the investigation was tainted



from the start by bias in the Justice Department and FBI.

Associated Press writer Michael R. Sisak in New York contributed to this report.

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**By ALAN FRAM and LISA MASCARO, Associated Press**

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## For Kavanaugh, path forward could be like Clarence Thomas'

By JESSICA GRESKO, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — When Clarence Thomas arrived at the Supreme Court in 1991 after a bruising confirmation hearing in which his former employee Anita Hill accused him of sexual harassment, fellow justice Byron White said something that stuck with him.

"It doesn't matter how you got here. All that matters now is what you do here," Thomas recounted in his 2007 memoir, "My Grandfather's Son."

That view could be tested again if lawmakers confirm Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, who is facing allegations by college professor Christine Blasey Ford that he sexually assaulted her when both

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were in high school. Kavanaugh, who like Thomas has denied the allegation against him, is scheduled to appear before lawmakers at a hearing Monday, with the outcome of his nomination uncertain.

If Kavanaugh does become a justice, court watchers will be looking to see whether his smooth-turned-tumultuous confirmation affects him on the bench and whether having two justices who faced allegations about their treatment of women alters the public's perception of the court, particularly on future rulings about abortion and gender discrimination.

One thing that could shape how Kavanaugh emerges from the confirmation process is whether Ford appears at Monday's hearing. Ford's lawyer has proposed a hearing next Thursday instead without Kavanaugh in the room, but no final decision has been made.

Thomas' high-profile public showdown with Hill came to define his confirmation process, which he has called a "nightmare" and which Hill has called a "bane which I have worked hard to transform into a blessing." Those who have studied or know Thomas say his confirmation didn't change the kind of justice Thomas has become. He is now 70 and the most conservative member of the current court. But some suggest that — rightly or wrongly — it affected his public and private reception, particularly in his early years as a justice.

Ralph A. Rossum, professor of government at Claremont McKenna College and the author of a 2013 book about Thomas' legal philosophy, said Thomas' "long and withering" confirmation didn't make him any less willing to write unpopular opinions or interpret the Constitution as he sees it.

"What it didn't do is influence him on the bench," said Rossum, who pointed to a dissent Thomas wrote shortly after joining the court, a case where only he and Justice Antonin Scalia would have ruled against an inmate beaten in prison.

But Rossum said Thomas' confirmation experience did seemingly make him "more gun-shy to be in public."

"I think he was always a private man, and it made him even more of a private man," Rossum said.

Law schools, generally only too happy to have justices speak at their events, also seemed to shun Thomas initially, Rossum said. It took a year and a half after he joined the court for him to give his first public speech.

Since then, he has sometimes drawn protests when he makes appearances, but those are largely prompted by his conservative judicial philosophy. Hill's allegations do resurface periodically, such as in 2010, when Thomas' wife put them back in the news by leaving a telephone message for Hill suggesting she consider apologizing. Or, in the last year, as stories about the #MeToo movement have referenced Thomas.

Former Missouri Sen. John Danforth, a longtime friend of Thomas' who guided his confirmation, wrote in a 1994 book about the confirmation process that Thomas "has thought of the charge of sexual harassment as 'a stain that won't come off.'"

But Thomas wasn't changed by "the ordeal" he went through, Danforth said in a telephone interview.

"He's just the same, and he's really a happy person, too," he said. Danforth said Thomas "rose from the dead" after being confirmed.

At a swearing-in ceremony at the White House ahead of joining the court, Thomas talked about moving on.

"Today, now, it is a time to move forward, a time to look for what is good in others, what is good in our country," he said.

But not everyone believes that Thomas himself was able to move on so quickly. The hearings made him a recognizable face where before, as a judge, he enjoyed walking anonymously to lunch with his clerks, legal analyst Jeffrey Toobin wrote in his book "The Nine."

After his confirmation, Thomas stopped driving his black Corvette to work because the car was too recognizable, Toobin has written. And for years, Thomas purportedly kept a list in his desk of the roll-call vote on his confirmation. As for Thomas' colleagues, they were cordial but not overly welcoming, Toobin wrote.

Thomas, for his part, has denied that his reception was anything less than friendly, writing that all his colleagues treated him with the "utmost kindness and consideration."

But the confirmation process tainted how he felt about becoming a justice at the time. Thomas declined an invitation from the White House to watch as senators voted on his confirmation, and he was taking a

hot bath when his wife told him he'd been confirmed 52-48.

His response, according to his memoir: "Whoop-dee damn-doo."

More reporting on the Supreme Court and Kavanaugh can be found at <http://apne.ws/IHcZXad>

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## Memory's frailty may be playing role in Kavanaugh matter

By MALCOLM RITTER, AP Science Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — She says he sexually assaulted her; he denies it. Is somebody deliberately lying? Not necessarily.

Experts say that because of how memory works, it's possible that both Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh and Christine Blasey Ford — the woman who says a drunken Kavanaugh pinned her to a bed and groped her at a party when they were teenagers in the early 1980s — believe what they say.

And which one of them believes his or her version more strongly is no tipoff to what really happened.

"Confidence is not a good guide to whether or not someone is telling the truth," said Nora Newcombe, a psychology professor at Temple University in Philadelphia. "If they think they're telling the truth, they could plausibly both be confident about it."

As the nation ponders the accusations from Ford that could derail Kavanaugh's nomination, the possibility that one of them simply got it wrong has been floated on Capitol Hill. Ford's lawyers have said some senators appear to have made up their mind that she is "mistaken" and confused. Republican Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah told CNN, "Somebody's mixed up."

Experts say a person's memory is not like a video recorder, perfectly capturing an objective record of everything that happens for later retrieval.

"Memory is mostly true but sometimes unreliable," said psychologist Jennifer Talarico of Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania. Generally, "we get the gist mostly right."

Your beliefs and expectations shape what you perceive in your life and how you later remember those events, researchers say.

"You are constructing the reality out there as it happens, and therefore you get stuck with that ... as the most accurate you can have for your memory," said David Rubin, a professor of psychology and neuroscience at Duke University. "That's all you have to base your memory on."

So in a situation where a woman fears being raped by a man, her memories might be shaped by that fear into a recollection that overestimates the threat, whereas the man might consider it "just playing around" and simply forget it later on, Rubin said. And both could be completely honest about their recollections.

Typically, when people make mistakes in recalling an event, they unknowingly slip in details that would be typical on such occasions, Talarico said. (She would not speculate on particular memories at issue in the Kavanaugh matter.)

When it comes to emotionally charged events, it's typical to remember a central person or an item such as a gun but forget the context and details, Newcombe said. "You have this vivid central thing and everything else is fuzzy," she said. "Emotion makes one thing go up and the other go down."

So it would be wrong to challenge Ford's memory of the alleged incident over inability to recall details, Newcombe said.

Ford, a 51-year-old California psychology professor, told The Washington Post that she told nobody about the alleged incident in any detail until 2012, while in couples therapy. Her husband said he recalled her using Kavanaugh's last name at that time.

Some experts cited a classic case of how memory can fail: the 1973 Senate committee testimony of John Dean, former counsel to President Richard Nixon, regarding the Watergate affair. He testified about conversations that, it later turned out, had been recorded.

In 1981, a psychologist published a comparison of his testimony to the tapes and found that even though

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Dean was basically right about the existence of a cover-up, his accounts of conversations were often wrong. As for the Kavanaugh matter, Rubin said, "We don't have the tapes for what happened at the party."

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## Won, won and won! Browns beat Jets for first win since 2016

By TOM WITHERS, AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — For the first time in 635 days, the Cleveland Browns won.

Baker Mayfield showed them how.

The No. 1 overall pick replaced injured starter Tyrod Taylor and sparked the Browns, who got two 1-yard touchdown runs from Carlos Hyde and beat the New York Jets 21-17 on Thursday night for their first win since Dec. 24, 2016.

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"I've just been waiting for my moment," Mayfield said. "I'm just getting started."

And so ends Cleveland's 19-game winless streak, the NFL's second-longest since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger.

The Browns (1-1-1) trailed 14-0 in the first half before Mayfield came in for Taylor and led four scoring drives while winning an unexpected matchup against Jets rookie quarterback Sam Darnold. Cleveland passed on taking Darnold in the draft and instead chose Mayfield, the Heisman Trophy winner from Oklahoma.

Mayfield finished 17 of 23 for 201 yards in a little more than a half after coming in after Taylor suffered a concussion.

Darnold had one last chance, but was intercepted by Terrence Mitchell with 11 seconds left.

When the final seconds ticked off the clock, Cleveland fans, who had endured a 0-16 season and waited nearly two years to see their Browns win, erupted in celebration.

Refrigerators around the city stocked with Bud Lights were finally unlocked, and there figured to be more than a few beverages consumed in the hours ahead.

This was just one win, and while it was an ending, it also felt like a beginning — because of Mayfield.

"Dilly, dilly to the Cleveland fans," Mayfield said, using the beer's commercial slogan. "It's not the only win we're going to celebrate."

Isaiah Crowell had two touchdown runs for the Jets (1-2), who seemed in control when they took a 14-0 lead and knocked Taylor from the game.

Newly signed Browns kicker Greg Joseph made field goals of 45 and 27 yards after being signed just three days ago.

Browns coach Hue Jackson got just his second win in 35 games since being hired by owners Dee and Jimmy Haslam, and this win will ease some of the pressure he's been feeling to get Cleveland turned around. Jackson could also be faced with a difficult choice — either stick with Mayfield or go back to Taylor when he's healthy.

The decision might not be as tough now.

Jackson wouldn't commit to staying with Mayfield, but referred to the performance as "his coming out party" several times.

Mayfield made his NFL debut with 1:42 left in the second quarter, replacing an injured Taylor after Cleveland's starter was sacked for the third time. Taylor struggled getting to his feet after being dragged down by linebacker Avery Williamson, but he had absorbed several hard blows before that — and had been ineffective.

With Cleveland's crowd roaring, Mayfield completed a 14-yard pass to Jarvis Landry on his first pass as a pro and then found tight end David Njoku for 17 yards. Mayfield drove Cleveland into field-goal position and Joseph, who signed with the team on Monday following a tryout, drilled a low line drive to pull the Browns within 14-3.

Cleveland's plan was to have Mayfield watch and learn this season.

Taylor's injury may change everything.

For Darnold, a promising start ended with his second loss in three games. He completed 15 of 31 passes for 169 yards, but threw two picks late in the fourth as he tried to rally the Jets.

"I feel like I've got to play better and make better reads," Darnold said. "I need to be more decisive. We've got to make them pay and put the ball in our playmakers' hands."

Hyde's 1-yard TD run pulled the Browns within 14-12 and Cleveland tied it with a trick 2-point play.

Mayfield shifted to the left and the ball was snapped directly to running back Duke Johnson, who ran right and gave the ball to Landry on a reverse. Landry then lofted a pass into the end zone to Mayfield, whose conversion tied it and sent Cleveland fans into a frenzy.

Crowell scored his second TD with 7:54 left in the second quarter, and was flagged for excessive celebrating when he squatted and wiped the ball on his backside before flinging it into the crowd.

Crowell's untouched 7-yard run TD run came five plays after Jets linebacker Kevin Pierre-Louis got a hand on Britton Colquitt's attempted punt and New York took over at Cleveland's 28.

On the first play of the second quarter, Crowell took an inside handoff and raced into the end zone before firing the ball into the stands in celebration. Crowell spent four seasons with the Browns before signing a

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three-year, \$12 million free agent contract with New York as a free agent in March.

OH, BABY

Hyde arrived late for pregame warmups because his wife was giving birth. Jackson said as of late Thursday night the child had not yet been delivered.

LONG AUDITION

Joseph stayed on the field and kicked by himself during the opening coin toss, and each of his makes drew a rousing ovation from Cleveland fans. Just a few days ago, Joseph was relaxing in South Florida with friends while Gonzalez missed four kicks in New Orleans and then got booted by the Browns.

RADIO SILENCE

The Browns suspended radio reporter Nathan Zegura eight games for his conduct on the sideline during last Sunday's loss at New Orleans. Zegura, who also co-hosts the team's in-house radio broadcast, can't work a game until Nov. 25. He has also been removed from the team's afternoon show for two weeks.

INJURIES

Jets: CB Trumaine Johnson left in the first quarter with a suspected head injury, but returned. .... WR Charone Peake sustained a hamstring injury. ... CB Buster Skrine injured his knee in the first and did not return. ... WR Robby Anderson injured his nose in the third quarter, but came back.

Browns: S Jabrill Peppers hurt a shoulder in the first half, and Landry replaced him on punt returns.

UP NEXT

Jets: Play at Jacksonville on Sept. 30.

Browns: Visit the Oakland Raiders on Sept. 30.

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## 4 dead, including suspect, after Maryland warehouse shooting

By **DAVID McFADDEN** and **MICHAEL KUNZELMAN**, Associated Press

ABERDEEN, Md. (AP) — Workers say they endured horrifying moments of wild gunfire and terror as a woman working a temporary job at a drugstore warehouse in Maryland fired on colleagues with a handgun, killing three people before fatally shooting herself.

The shooting, which authorities said was touched off when the worker got into an argument Thursday morning, sent survivors screaming and running in all directions from the Rite Aid distribution center in northeastern Maryland. Others nearby helped the wounded and one person tied blood-soaked jeans around an injured man's leg trying to staunch the bleeding.

Worker Walter Zambrano, 64, said he was fortunate that he was in a bathroom when shooting broke out during a 9 a.m. morning break when workers were gathering in a cafeteria. He hid in the bathroom until the shooting stopped, fearing for his life.

The person was "shooting like crazy, bam! bam! bam!" Zambrano said, speaking in Spanish. "Everyone was screaming, running this way and that. I didn't know which way to run."

Harford County Sheriff Jeffrey Gahler told a news conference hours later that the woman had been identified as a temporary employee, Snochia Moseley of Baltimore County. It appears only one weapon was used — a 9 mm Glock handgun that was registered in Moseley's name — and no shots were fired by responding law enforcement officers, he added.

"She had reported for her workday as usual, and around 9 a.m. the shooting began, striking victims both outside the business and inside the facility," Gahler said.

He called it a "senseless crime," adding investigators didn't have any motive immediately after the shooting.

Three people were fatally shot and three more were wounded but expected to survive, the sheriff said. The victims were not immediately identified. Moseley died at a hospital from a self-inflicted gunshot wound, according to the sheriff.

The sheriff said the call about shots fired came in at about 9:06 a.m. Thursday and deputies and other officers were on the scene in just over five minutes. The shooting began outside the business and con-



tinued inside, he said.

Krystal Watson said her husband Eric works at the facility and told her the suspect had been arguing with somebody else near a time clock after a "town hall meeting."

"And she went off," she said.

"She didn't have a particular target. She was just shooting," Watson said as she left a fire station where relatives sought to be reunited with loved ones.

Susan Henderson, spokeswoman for the drugstore chain Rite Aid, described the building where the shooting took place as a support facility adjacent to a larger building. The company said in a statement that the facility had been closed temporarily and grief counselors were being made available to workers.

The company didn't immediately respond to an inquiry about Moseley's employment history.

Mike Carre, an employee of a furniture logistics operation next to the distribution center, said he helped tend to a wounded man who came hobbling in, bleeding from his leg. He called 911 before helping colleagues wrap the man's blood-soaked jeans above his injury to cut off blood flow.

Carre said the man told him the shooter "just came in in a bad mood this morning. He said she's usually nice. But today, I guess it wasn't her day. She just came in to pick a fight with someone."

"She pulled out a gun and she just started shooting at her co-workers."

The attack came nearly three months after a man with a shotgun attacked a newspaper office in Annapolis, Maryland, killing five staff members. Authorities accused Jarrod W. Ramos of attacking The Capital Gazette because of a longstanding grudge against the paper. It came less than a year after a fatal workplace shooting less than 10 miles (16 kilometers) from the warehouse, in which five were shot, three fatally.

Harford County Executive Barry Glassman said that, unfortunately, shooting like this are "becoming a too-often occurrence" in the nation.

On Thursday, 33-year-old Dominique Norton of Aberdeen, endured an excruciating wait of nearly two hours to be reunited with her mother, 62-year-old warehouse worker Irene Norton. The younger woman said she didn't know that her mother was unharmed until she got off a bus at the fire station and they tearfully embraced.

"I busted out crying. I was relieved and shaken," she said. "I am praying for all of the victims."

Kunzelman reported from Havre de Grace, Maryland. Associated Press writers Eric Tucker in Washington; Bill Cormier in Atlanta; Sarah Rankin in Richmond, Virginia; and Sarah Brumfield in Washington contributed to this report.

## Reckoning with loss of homes, livelihoods after Florence

By **ALEX DEROSIER** and **ALAN SUDERMAN**, Associated Press

SPRING LAKE, N.C. (AP) — With Florence's floodwaters receding in some places and still menacing others, tired and waterlogged North Carolinians are finally getting a chance to take stock of the destruction from the wind and floodwaters.

When rivers spilled from their banks this week, many were forced to flee their homes in multiple inland cities. Now that waters are receding, property owners along its banks are picking through debris and figuring out what's left of their homes and livelihood.

Jose Perez-Santiago, an Afghanistan war veteran, retrieved belongings on Wednesday from a Spring Lake house swamped by the overflowing Little River.

"I didn't realize we would lose everything," said Perez-Santiago. "We'll just have to start from the bottom again."

For some locals in Wilmington, a coastal city littered with downed trees and floodwaters, the storm offered the bittersweet bargain of nonstop, tiring work that comes with a paycheck for helping others.

Stanley Hall, 54, had to walk 4 miles (6 kilometers) to get to a downtown Wilmington hotel to join up with about 50 other locals doing temporary work for SERVPRO, which specializes in cleaning up water damage in homes and buildings.

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Hall said he's earning \$12 an hour for the SERVPRO work, two dollars more than his temp agency normally pays. He's also been working about double a normal week's worth of hours — meaning plenty of overtime pay.

"I ain't mad about that, that's for sure," he said.

Inland in Lumberton, which was hard hit by flooding from the Lumber River, Wavon Rogers spent several days after the storm as a civilian volunteer using his boat and truck ferrying 18 people either away from flooded homes, or back to retrieve medicine and essential belongings.

With the sun out and some Lumberton roads drying, he's shifting back to his day job as an electrical contractor, helping homeowners restore power or hook up generators. He told a reporter by phone he only had a few minutes to talk while working on one job before heading to others.

"I'm putting services up at this moment, wiring generators," he said.

Lumberton homeowner Kenneth Campbell said he found at least a foot of water in his one-story home when a friend took him into his flooded neighborhood on a boat Tuesday.

"The water was right above my floors," he said.

Campbell's house also flooded during Hurricane Matthew, and he hadn't expected to face the prospect of rebuilding two years later. Asked whether he thought his home and flood insurance would offer enough this time to rebuild, or if he would need further government assistance, he said he wasn't sure.

"That's hard to say," he said, in a low, sad-sounding voice. "Things are always changing."

In Campbell's neighborhood, Kevin Caudle has donned waders to wade in and check on his house multiple days this week. He fears that the floodwaters could be creeping above his crawlspace and could cause more damage.

"Came over to the house to pump water out from under the crawlspace today but when I arrived the water had risen probably 3 to 4 inches in over the crawlspace entrance," he told a reporter in a text message. "Very disheartening but we will make it through it."

Others, meanwhile, had yet to make it out of shelters to plan their next move.

Sonja Graham has been staying at a shelter in Fayetteville with her daughter and two grandchildren since Saturday, when she had to evacuate her Robeson County home. Shortly after evacuating, Graham says her house collapsed when unrelenting rain soaked through its roof and walls.

"I lost everything on my birthday," she said Wednesday night.

With little housing available right now, Graham said she has no choice but to stay at the shelter and wait for FEMA aid. But even with government help, new housing might still be tough to find. She said the Lumberton-area housing stock was depleted by Hurricane Matthew and many houses were still being repaired from the storm two years ago when Florence hit.

"Most of those houses aren't fixed — including the house I grew up in," she said. "The people hadn't even finished putting it back together."

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Suderman reported from Wilmington, N.C. Associated Press journalists Jonathan Drew in Raleigh and David Goldman in Spring Lake contributed to this report.

## Florence evacuees return as others brace for more flooding

By ALAN SUDERMAN and ALEX DEROSIER, Associated Press

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP) — The trillions of gallons of water dumped by Hurricane Florence continue to slowly meander their way to the sea, leaving billions of dollars of damage in their wake.

The crisis is slowly moving to South Carolina, where there was enough warning and certainty about where the water was going that hundreds of people loaded furniture from their homes into trucks and flatbeds to take to higher ground.

Officials downstream sounded dire alarms, pointing out the property destruction and environmental disasters left in Florence's wake.

"We're at the end of the line of all waters to come down," said Georgetown County Administrator Sel

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Hemingway, as he warned the area may see a flood like it has never seen before.

In North Carolina, a familiar story was unfolding as many places that flooded in Hurricane Matthew in 2016 were once again inundated.

Two years ago, flooding ruined the baseboards and carpet of the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant in Spring Lake. The congregation rebuilt. This year, water from the Little River water broke the windows, leaving the pews a jumbled mess and soaked Bibles and hymn books on the floor.

"I'm so sad just thinking about all the work we put in. My gut is turning up," church member Dennis DeLong said. "We put a lot of heart and soul into putting it back up."

South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster estimated damage from the flood in his state at \$1.2 billion in a letter that says the flooding will be the worst disaster in the state's modern history. McMaster asked Congressional leaders to hurry federal aid.

North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper said he knows the damage in his state will add up to billions of dollars, but said with the effects on the storm ongoing, there was no way to make a more accurate estimate.

Florence is blamed for at least 41 deaths in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. Well over half of those killed were in vehicles.

Potential environmental problems remained. Duke Energy issued a high-level emergency alert after floodwaters from the Cape Fear River overtopped an earthen dike and inundated a large lake at a closed power plant near Wilmington, North Carolina. The utility said it did not think any coal ash was at risk.

State-owned utility Santee Cooper in South Carolina is placing an inflatable dam around a coal ash pond near Conway, saying the extra 2.5 feet (76 centimeters) should be enough to keep floodwaters out. Officials warned human, hog and other animal waste were mixing in with floodwaters in the Carolinas.

In Wilmington, things kept creeping back closer to normal in the state's largest coastal city. Officials announced the end of a curfew and the resumption of regular trash pickup.

But they said access to the city of 120,000 was still limited and asked people who evacuated to wait a few more days. They also warned people to not get caught off guard as rivers that briefly receded were periodically rising back.

The storm continues to severely hamper travel. Parts of the main north-south route on the East coast, Interstate 95, and the main road to Wilmington, Interstate 40, remain flooded and will likely be closed at least until nearly the end of September, North Carolina Department of Transportation Secretary Jim Trogdon said.

More than a thousand other roads from major highways to neighborhood lanes are closed in the Carolinas, officials said. Some of them have been washed out entirely.

The flood has been giving so much warning to Horry County, South Carolina, that officials published a detailed map of places that flooded in 2016 and warned those same places were going underwater again. One man had time to build a 6-foot-high (1.8-meter) dirt berm around his house.

The Waccamaw River has started its slow rise in the city of 23,000, and forecasters expect it to swell more than 3 feet (0.90 meters) above the previous record crest by Tuesday while still rising. Some areas could stay underwater for weeks, forecasters warned.

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Derosier reported from Spring Lake. Associated Press writers Jonathan Drew, Martha Waggoner and Gary D. Robertson in Raleigh; Jeffrey Collins and Meg Kinnard in Columbia, South Carolina; Michael Biesecker in Washington and Jay Reeves in Atlanta contributed to this report.

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

## Asian stocks follow Wall Street higher

By **JOE McDONALD, AP Business Writer**

BEIJING (AP) — Asian stocks rose Friday after Wall Street hit a new high and a survey showed Japanese manufacturing accelerating.

KEEPING SCORE: Tokyo's Nikkei 225 rose 0.5 percent to 23,793.35 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng added 0.9 percent to 27,712.47. The Shanghai Composite Index climbed 0.3 percent, erasing earlier losses, to 2,737.27 while Sydney's S&P-ASX 200 advanced 0.6 percent to 6,204.40. Seoul's Kospi was up 0.2 percent at 2,327.87 and benchmarks in Taiwan and Southeast Asia rose. New Zealand declined.

WALL STREET: The Dow Jones industrial average and Standard & Poor's 500 index set records as a wave of buying pushed prices higher. Technology stocks, banks and health care companies accounted for much of the rally. Energy companies declined along with crude oil prices. The S&P 500 rose 0.8 percent to 2,930.75. The Dow gained 1 percent to 26,656.98. The Nasdaq composite climbed 1 percent to 8,028.23.

ANALYST'S TAKE: "The resilience in the U.S. market is evident here and the breakout further renews the momentum," said Jinyi Pan of IG in a report. Still, "warning signs are abundant" amid U.S.-Chinese trade tensions, Pan said. "Cautiousness in the form of stop losses may be ever so important with the uncertainty in post-tariffs exchanges lingering into next week."

TRADE TENSION: The latest U.S. tariff hike on Chinese goods in a dispute over Beijing's technology policy takes effect Monday, when Washington imposes an additional 10 percent tax on \$200 billion of imports. The tariffs will rise to 25 percent on Jan 1. Beijing announced it would retaliate by imposing tariffs of 5 or 10 percent on \$60 billion of U.S. goods including coffee, honey and industrial chemicals.

JAPANESE MANUFACTURING: A preliminary version of Japan's monthly purchasing managers' index showed factory activity accelerated in September. The PMI rose to a three-month high of 52.9 from August's 52.5 on a 100-point scale. The measure of new export orders rose to a four-month high.

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude fell 12 cents to \$70.20 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract lost 55 cents on Thursday to close at \$70.32. Brent crude, used to price international oils, advanced 1 cent to \$78.23 per barrel in London. It tumbled 70 cents the previous session to \$78.22.

CURRENCY: The dollar gained to 112.70 yen from Thursday's 112.46 yen. The euro was little-changed at \$1.1779.

## Telling men to 'step up,' Sen. Hirono strides into spotlight

By **MARY CLARE JALONICK, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hawaii Sen. Mazie Hirono, one of only four women on the 21-member Senate Judiciary Committee, asked Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh the same questions on sexual harassment she has asked dozens of other nominees.

Had Kavanaugh "made unwanted requests for sexual favors" or committed verbal or physical harassment of a sexual nature since he became a legal adult? And had he ever faced discipline or settled with anyone over that kind of conduct?

Kavanaugh said "no" to both questions at his confirmation hearing earlier this month. But few in the room, or watching on television, knew at the time how relevant Hirono's questions would prove to be.

A little more than a week later, a California professor named Christine Blasey Ford contended that at a house party in the 1980s, a drunken, 17 year-old Kavanaugh tried undressing her and muffling her cries on a bed before she fled. Kavanaugh denies that account.

Ford's accusation has upended his previously smooth confirmation process for Kavanaugh — and thrust the often low-key Hirono, 70, into the spotlight as one of the most outspoken senators in Ford's defense.

"I just want to say to the men in this country: Just shut up and step up. Do the right thing, for a change," Hirono said Tuesday, stealing the show at a press conference that featured several high-profile Democrats.

Hirono told The Associated Press Thursday in an interview that her "shut up and step up" comment hasn't just resonated with women.

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"I have talked to a lot of men who are really happy I said that, because they want to be part of the movement," Hirono said.

Hirono's outrage — and her commitment to holding male nominees accountable — has a deep history. When she was a child, her mother fled an abusive marriage in Japan and took Hirono and her brother to Hawaii, crossing the Pacific in steerage of an American ship.

"There is an environment where people see nothing, hear nothing, and say nothing," Hirono said this week about the #MeToo movement against sexual misconduct. "That is what we have to change."

Hirono became a state legislator in 1980, where she says she worked on improving sexual assault laws. The issue remained important to her as she became Hawaii's lieutenant governor in 1994, a member of the House in 2007 and eventually replaced longtime Democratic Sen. Daniel Akaka in 2013. She has kept a mostly low profile in her 12 years in Washington, but that has changed in the past year.

At a news conference Thursday, Hirono and New York Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand defended Ford and said the Judiciary panel is being unfair to her. President Donald Trump and Senate Republicans have rejected Ford's request for an FBI investigation of her accusation, which she says should take place before she testifies. Gillibrand accused Republicans of "bullying her."

As Hirono arrived at the press conference, people cheered her arrival, with several yelling her name. Her newfound political celebrity was also apparent earlier in the day, when protesters against Kavanaugh's nomination greeted her with cheers and applause at a Senate office building. Some of the protesters snapped selfies with her.

"They knew who I was and came up and encouraged me, and I thanked them," Hirono said. "It was very energizing."

It wasn't the first time Hirono has interacted with protesters. Earlier this year, she was one of just a few senators who mingled among a large group in the same Senate Hart Office building who were opposing the Trump administration's separation of families at the border. Hirono often calls herself the only immigrant in the Senate, and she is the sole senator who was born outside the United States to parents who were not citizens, according to the Senate Historical Office.

She acknowledges her profile has risen in recent months, saying "The Trump administration gives me so many more opportunities to be verbal and vocal."

Hirono's public ascent has also come amid health troubles, as she announced last year that she had been diagnosed with kidney cancer. She is still undergoing immunotherapy treatment.

"She's a badass," said Christina Reynolds of the advocacy group EMILY's List, which supports women candidates. "The fact that she's getting up there and calling it out, I think it's inspiring for us to watch."

Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer says Hirono may have seemed soft-spoken over the years, but adversaries shouldn't forget that she has a "spine of steel."

Hirono is encouraging other women to be active in politics, predicting their frustration will be felt in the outcome of the midterm elections.

"We work really hard to get elected," Hirono said. "Nobody hands anything to us."

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Associated Press writers Lisa Mascaro and Dustin Weaver contributed to this report.

## 4 dead, including suspect, after Maryland warehouse shooting

By DAVID McFADDEN and MICHAEL KUNZELMAN, Associated Press

ABERDEEN, Md. (AP) — A woman working a temporary job at a drugstore warehouse in Maryland got into an argument at work Thursday morning and began shooting colleagues, killing three before fatally turning the gun on herself, authorities and witnesses said.

Workers at the Rite Aid distribution center in northeastern Maryland described terrifying moments of "crazy" gunfire and people screaming and running in all directions after the shooting. Others said they helped the wounded, one person tying blood-soaked jeans around a man's injured leg in a bid to stop the bleeding.

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Harford County Sheriff Jeffrey Gahler said at a news conference that the woman was later identified as a temporary employee of the distribution center, Snochia Moseley of Baltimore County.

"She had reported for her workday as usual, and around 9 a.m. the shooting began, striking victims both outside the business and inside the facility," Gahler said. "We do not at this time have a motive for this senseless crime."

Krystal Watson, 33, said her husband, Eric, works at the facility and told her that the suspect had been arguing with somebody else near a time clock after a "town hall meeting."

"And she went off," she said.

"She didn't have a particular target. She was just shooting," Watson said as she drove away from a fire station where relatives tried to reunite with loved ones.

The sheriff said the call about shots fired came in at about 9:06 a.m. and deputies and other officers were on the scene in just over five minutes. The shooting began outside the business and continued inside, he said.

It appears only one weapon was used — a 9 mm Glock handgun that was registered in Moseley's name — and no shots were fired by responding law enforcement officers, Gahler said.

Walter Zambrano, 64, who described himself as a worker at the distribution center, said he was in the bathroom when shooting broke out and saw nothing as he hid, frightened for his life.

The person was "shooting like crazy," Zambrano said, speaking in Spanish.

He said the gunfire seemed to go on several minutes, and when it was over he sprinted outdoors. On the way out, he said he saw a female co-worker down on the floor. The scene, he said, was one of chaos.

"Everyone was screaming, running this way and that. I didn't know which way to run," he said.

The sheriff said three victims were fatally shot and three more were wounded but were expected to survive. They were not immediately identified. Moseley died at a hospital from a self-inflicted gunshot wound, Gahler said.

Area hospitals reported receiving five patients from the incident.

Susan Henderson, spokeswoman for the drugstore chain Rite Aid, described the building where the shooting took place as a support facility adjacent to a larger building. The company said in a statement that the facility had been closed temporarily and grief counselors will be made available to workers.

The company didn't immediately respond to an inquiry about Moseley's employment history.

Mike Carre, an employee of a furniture logistics operation next to the distribution center, said he helped tend to a wounded man who came hobbling in, bleeding from his leg. He called 911 from a bathroom before helping colleagues wrap the man's blood-soaked jeans above his injury to cut off blood flow.

Carre said the man told him the shooter "just came in in a bad mood this morning. He said she's usually nice. But today, I guess it wasn't her day. She just came in to pick a fight with someone."

"She pulled out a gun and she just started shooting at her co-workers."

Harford County Executive Barry Glassman said that, unfortunately, incidents like this are "becoming a too-often occurrence not only in Harford County but in the country."

The attack came nearly three months after a man armed with a shotgun attacked a newspaper office in Annapolis, Maryland, killing five staff members. Authorities accused Jarrod W. Ramos of attacking The Capital Gazette because of a longstanding grudge against the paper.

It came less than a year after a fatal workplace shooting less than 10 miles (16 kilometers) from the warehouse, in which five were shot, three fatally. And it followed another shooting Wednesday in Wisconsin in which authorities say a gunman shot four co-workers before being killed by responding officers.

On Thursday, 33-year-old Dominique Norton of Aberdeen, endured an excruciating wait of nearly two hours to be reunited with her mother, 62-year-old warehouse worker Irene Norton. Dominique Norton said she didn't know that her mother was unharmed until she got off a bus at the fire station and they tearfully embraced.

"I busted out crying. I was relieved and shaken," she said. "I am praying for all of the victims."

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Kunzelman reported from Havre de Grace, Maryland. Associated Press writers Eric Tucker in Washington; Bill Cormier in Atlanta; Sarah Rankin in Richmond, Virginia; and Sarah Brumfield in Washington contributed to this report.

This story has been updated to correct the spelling of Dominique Norton's first name.

## **Puerto Rico marks 1 year since Maria with song and sadness**

**By DANICA COTO, Associated Press**

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Clapping and raising their hands to the sky, hundreds of people clad in white gathered at an 18th-century fort in the Puerto Rican capital on Thursday to remember the thousands who died in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria as the U.S. territory struggles to recover one year after the Category 4 storm hit.

Religious leaders and government officials recalled how Puerto Rico was ravaged by the storm that killed an estimated 2,975 people and caused more than an estimated \$100 billion in damage.

Tens of thousands remain without adequate shelter or reliable electrical power, a sad fact that Gov. Ricardo Rossello noted on Thursday.

"After that catastrophic experience, we acknowledge how complex and difficult it is to prepare for a hurricane of that magnitude and fury," Rosello said. "The best tribute we can give these people, these brothers that we've lost, is to build a better Puerto Rico for their sons, their grandsons and their families."

While the U.S. government has invested billions of dollars to help clean up and repair the U.S. territory, much work remains. Major power outages are still being reported, tens of thousands of insurance claims are still pending and nearly 60,000 homes still have temporary roofs unable to withstand a Category 1 hurricane.

"I think it's inexplicable," Kumi Naidoo, Amnesty International's secretary general, told The Associated Press during a visit to the island Thursday. "There's no justifiable reason I can see for this gross level of negligence."

Across the island, people marked the one-year anniversary with gatherings large and small, solemn and anger-tinged — and at times, even hopeful.

In the coastal fishing and farming village of Yabucoa, the strains of one of Puerto Rico's most beloved songs filled the air at 6:15 a.m., the exact moment the storm made landfall there one year ago.

Tarps still covered many homes that have yet to be rebuilt in the town of 37,000, even as the nostalgic strains of "Amanecer Borincano" — "Puerto Rican Dawn" — resonated at the spot where Maria first unleashed its fury.

"I am the light of the morning that illuminates new paths," a choir sang as dozens of local officials and residents gathered there. "I am the son of palm trees, of fields and rivers."

In San Juan, the crowd of worshippers gathered at the 230-year-old San Cristobal fort sang and prayed along with pastors and musicians on stage, with music echoing through the fort's heavy walls as the sun slowly sank into the sea behind them.

Pastor Elder Gonzalez said he and other volunteers who flew to Puerto Rico after the hurricane to help were shocked at what he saw from up high.

"To see the island of enchantment was a deep and painful experience," he said. "No one on the plane said a word."

Government officials argue that many changes have been made to better prepare Puerto Rico for future storms, but they acknowledge that significant obstacles remain.

Jose Ortiz, director of Puerto Rico's Electric Power Authority, told reporters that 20 percent of repairs made to the power grid need to be redone. He said crews didn't have access to the best materials at the time or were forced to rely on temporary fixes, such as using trees as makeshift power polls after Maria destroyed up to 75 percent of transmission lines.

In addition, municipal officials have complained that reconstruction efforts are too slow. Ariel Soto,

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assistant to the mayor of the mountain town of Morovis, said that 220 families there remain without a proper roof.

"We're still waiting for help," he said. "This hit us hard."

In San Juan, among those still living under a blue tarp during the peak of hurricane season was Sixta Gladys Pena, a 72-year-old community leader.

"You worry, because you think it's going to fly off like it did before," she said. "We've lost an entire year and nothing has been resolved. You feel powerless."

On Thursday, Ben Carson, secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, announced in San Juan that \$1.5 billion was being released to Puerto Rico as part of the overall \$20 billion pledged for rebuilding, the largest in the agency's history.

Officials said the priority is to help people still living under tarps, as well as those in low- and middle-income housing. The money will be used to repair and rebuild homes, relocate people and help them obtain property titles if needed.

"The path forward is challenging and will be measured not in months, but really in years," Carson said.

In recent weeks, Puerto Ricans have become increasingly angry and frustrated as President Donald Trump touted what he said was a "fantastic" response to Hurricane Maria, calling it an "unsung success" as he denied the official death toll without presenting any evidence.

On Thursday, Trump issued a one-sentence statement on the one-year anniversary of Maria. "We stand with Puerto Rico, and we are helping them to rebuild stronger and better than ever before," it said.

Nivia Rodriguez, a 60-year-old retiree whose uncle died a week after Maria, is among those disgruntled by Trump's comments, as well as by videos of rescue crews responding to Hurricane Florence in North Carolina.

"They saved five dogs that were drowning," she said of the rescue effort after Florence hit, adding that she feels Puerto Rico didn't get the same treatment. "That hits you."

Like many, Rodriguez hoped that after Thursday, she would no longer be bombarded by photos and videos that make her feel like she's reliving Hurricane Maria.

"It's too much," she said.

But others felt that Maria's tragic legacy still needs to be acknowledged, even long after the anniversary has passed. Among them was a group of artists unveiling an exhibition called simply, "6:15 A.M."

Artist Omar Banuchi, who organized the exhibit, said he was reluctant at first, in part because he didn't know how to approach the subject. "It's something that affected all of us and keeps affecting us," he said.

He said the exhibition walks a fine line, with some paintings showing beautiful landscapes alongside trailers set up by Puerto Rico's forensics institute as part of the effort to try to identify the bodies of those who perished in the storm. There also will be live music that will incorporate sounds of the hurricane hitting the island.

"The point is for people to have a good time," Banuchi said. "But there will be certain uncomfortable moments. ... Maria is still a difficult topic."

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## Despite protests, Russia's anti-doping agency reinstated

By EDDIE PELLIS, AP National Writer

The World Anti-Doping Agency declared Russia's scandal-ridden drug-fighting operation back in business Thursday, a decision designed to bring a close to one of sports' most notorious doping scandals but one bitterly disputed by hundreds of athletes and described as "treachery" by the lawyer for the man who exposed the corruption.

On a 9-2 vote, the executive committee took the advice of the agency's compliance review panel and declared RUSADA as having satisfied conditions of reinstatement that were gradually softened over the



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summer.

In most tangible ways, the decision doesn't change much: RUSADA has been up and running for a while, bringing one of the world's largest testing programs back on line with the help of officials from Britain and elsewhere. And Russia's Olympic committee was brought back into the fold after the Pyeongchang Olympics, where athletes who could prove they were clean were able to compete as "Olympic Athletes from Russia."

But RUSADA's reinstatement, after nearly a three-year suspension, now clears the country to again bid for major international events — although soccer's World Cup was held there this summer despite that restriction.

It also clears a major hurdle for Russia's track team to be declared compliant by that sport's international governing body (IAAF) — one of the few to take a strong, consistent stand against the doping — though IAAF released a statement saying there were other milestones still unmet and its next update isn't due until December.

Perhaps most importantly, hundreds of athletes and dozens of world anti-doping leaders see it as a stinging rebuke to the ideal of fair play.

"WADA's decision to reinstate Russia represents the greatest treachery against clean athletes in Olympic history," said Jim Walden, the attorney for Grigory Rodchenkov, the former Moscow lab director who exposed much of the Russian scheme.

WADA had been telegraphing the move since Sept. 14, when it released the recommendation of its compliance review committee. Olympic champion Beckie Scott resigned from that committee afterward.

"I'm profoundly disappointed," Scott said to Canadian broadcaster CBC after the decision. "I feel this was an opportunity for WADA, and they have dealt a devastating blow to clean sport. I'm quite dismayed."

Ben Hawes, chairman of the British Olympic Association's Athletes' Commission, said: "It is clear the process of the removal of these sanctions whilst key criteria has yet to be fulfilled has angered the athlete community."

U.S. Olympic Committee chairman Larry Probst said "suggesting that Russia has lived-up to its obligations is disingenuous, and today's decision to reinstate RUSADA flies in the face of WADA's responsibility to clean athletes everywhere."

Even in Russia, where the news was welcomed, it came with a sense that there's still work to be done.

"These questions will always follow us," said RUSADA CEO Yuri Ganus, whose appointment to the job was part of the housecleaning at the agency that WADA demanded. "These aren't the kind of skeletons which can lie unnoticed in the closet. These are the skeletons which will be banging on the closet door all the time."

The two biggest roadblocks to RUSADA's reinstatement (and still pending in the eyes of IAAF regarding the track team) involved the country accepting findings from a report by investigator Richard McLaren that concluded the government had engineered the doping scandal to win medals at the Sochi Olympics. It also involved Russia agreeing to hand over a trove of data and samples that could be used to corroborate potential doping violations that stemmed from the cheating.

Over a summer's worth of correspondence between WADA leaders and Russia's sports minister about how to bridge the gap, a pattern emerged of WADA backing down from its initial requirements and, at one point, essentially asking Russia what it would be willing to say in a letter designed to satisfy the WADA review committee.

"We think that a small addition to the letter, if acceptable to you, could ensure that the letter is well received ... and that a positive recommendation is provided," WADA CEO Olivier Niggli wrote to sports minister Pavel Kolobkov in May in a letter obtained by BBC Sport .

In the end, Russia agreed to accept findings of an IOC-commissioned report that put less onus on the Russian government for the scheme, a move that Rodchenkov said earlier this week was done "for the pure purpose of protecting their top-level apparatchiks who destroyed the Olympic Games in Sochi."

Russia also agreed to hand over the samples and data by Dec. 31. If it does not, RUSADA will again be

declared noncompliant.

"Without this pragmatic approach, we would continue with the impasse and the laboratory data could have remained out of our reach indefinitely," WADA president Craig Reddie said after Thursday's executive committee meeting in Seychelles.

Critics said reinstating RUSADA before obtaining the data only amounts to accepting another promise from a country that hasn't kept many over the five-year course of the scandal.

Travis Tygart, the CEO for the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, called the decision "bewildering and inexplicable," and urged a full revamping of WADA; Reddie also serves as a member of the IOC, which is one of the many conflicts of interest that bother critics of the agency.

"Let's be clear: Absolutely nothing will be off the table for how we, the anti-doping community, begin the work of reforming WADA," Tygart said.

Reddie said "WADA understands that this decision will not please everybody."

"Clean athletes were denied places at the Olympic and Paralympic Games, as well as other major events, and others were cheated of medals," he said. "It is entirely understandable that they should be wary about the supposed rehabilitation of offenders."

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## Floodwaters inundate lake at NC power plant, raising alarm

By MICHAEL BIESECKER and ALAN SUDERMAN, Associated Press

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP) — Duke Energy activated a high-level emergency alert at a retired coal-fired power plant in North Carolina as floodwaters from the nearby Cape Fear River overtopped an earthen dike there and inundated a large lake, raising concerns of a potential breach.

The dam containing Sutton Lake appeared stable and Duke officials were monitoring it with helicopters and drones, Duke spokeswoman Paige Sheehan said Thursday, calling it "an evolving situation."

Company employees notified state regulators overnight that the 1,100-acre (445-hectare) lake at the L.V. Sutton Power Station near Wilmington was at the highest alert level under its emergency action plan.

A copy of that plan reviewed by The Associated Press defines an Emergency Level 1 event as: "Urgent! Dam failure is imminent or in progress."

"Flash flooding will occur downstream of the dam," the manual says. "This situation is also applicable when flow through the earth spillway is causing downstream flooding of people and roads."

Sheehan described that language as "a worst case scenario to allow everyone to prepare accordingly." She said the company was in contact with local emergency management officials but high water levels meant "if the berm were to break, there would be very minimal impact down river."

The reservoir, a former cooling pond for the Sutton power plant, is adjacent to three large coal-ash dumps. The coal-fired plant was retired in 2013 and replaced with a new generating station that runs off natural gas.

A landfill under construction at the site meant to hold coal ash in lined terraces ruptured over the weekend, spilling enough material to fill 180 dump trucks. Coal ash contains arsenic, mercury and other toxic metals.

Parts of the top level of the landfill washed away in the heavy rains, leaving large scars where exposed coal ash was visible under a foot or two of sand and dirt. One crack was so wide that a bulldozer and two heavy rollers had fallen in sideways and were still stuck Thursday.

Workers were busy digging up one small coal ash spill on the side of the landfill opposite the lake Thursday as Duke employees towed a pontoon boat and a fan boat to the lake to continue examining water quality.

Sheehan said the company does not believe any coal ash is at risk of spilling from the site amid the current flooding, as work continues to clean up the earlier spill. The site received more than 30 inches (75 centimeters) of rain from former Hurricane Florence, with the Cape Fear River expected to crest Saturday.

Inspectors with the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality visited Sutton this week to collect samples from around the breached coal-ash landfill. Sutton Lake is now used for public recreation, including fishing

and boating.

Duke Energy said Wednesday that water samples collected by its employees and tested at the company's own lab showed "no evidence of a coal ash impact" to the lake or river.

Those results, provided to the AP, did detect chemicals present in coal ash in wetlands immediately adjacent to the shoreline. And they show that the employees collected their samples for Sutton Lake on the opposite side of the reservoir from the affected wetlands.

State regulators awaited results of their own testing before determining whether there were any violations of clean-water-quality rules, state environmental agency spokeswoman Megan Thorpe said.

Duke's ash waste management has faced intense scrutiny since a drainage pipe collapsed under a waste pit at an old plant in Eden in 2014, triggering a massive spill that coated 70 miles (110 kilometers) of the Dan River in gray sludge. The utility later agreed to plead guilty to nine Clean Water Act violations and pay \$102 million in fines and restitution for illegally discharging pollution from ash dumps at five North Carolina power plants. It plans to close all its ash dumps by 2029.

At the H.F. Lee Power Plant near Goldsboro, three old coal-ash dumps capped with soil were underwater Thursday after the Neuse River flooded.

Staff from the Waterkeeper Alliance, an environmental group, visited the site by boat Wednesday and took photographs and collected samples of gray sludge and water they said was washing into the floodwaters. The group said a private lab would analyze samples.

State environmental regulators went to the site Thursday, though they were unable to make a full assessment because of high water levels.

Sheehan, the Duke spokeswoman, said that any release of coal ash at the site appeared "minimal."

"We'll learn more as flood water recedes," she said.

State officials said Thursday they have also received reports of earthen dams at three hog lagoons breaching, spilling out feces and urine. Another three lagoons had sustained structural damage, 21 were flooded by nearby rivers and 30 were so full they overflowed. Another 75 lagoons were listed as being at risk of overtopping.

About 3.4 million chickens and turkeys and 5,500 hogs have been killed as rising North Carolina rivers swamped dozens of farm buildings, according to state officials.

An environmental threat is also posed by human waste as low-lying municipal sewage plants flood. On Sunday, the Cape Fear Public Utility Authority reported more than 5 million gallons (19 million liters) of partially treated sewage had spilled into the Cape Fear River after power failed at its treatment plant.

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## Gunman upset by divorce is found dead after manhunt

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP, Pa. (AP) — A Pennsylvania man who was apparently upset that his ex-wife had been awarded their home in their divorce was found dead early Thursday, several hours after he shot at her and later killed his own parents.

Bruce Rogal, 59, died after a manhunt and a police chase that ended when he crashed his car at the West Bradford Township home he had shared with his wife, Chester County District Attorney Tom Hogan said.

State police said at least one trooper shot at Rogal following the crash, but it's not clear if he returned fire. A gun was found in his car, authorities said, but a cause of death hasn't been determined.

No troopers were injured, authorities said.

Rogal had received word of an order finalizing the divorce that authorities said was mailed on Wednesday and "that appears to be what set him off," Hogan said.

Rogal first went to the house where his ex-wife was in the driveway changing her car's oil, shot at her and missed. He then drove to a retirement center in East Goshen where he shot and killed his parents, William and Nancy Rogal, who were both in their late 80s.

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Rogal then drove off, and police soon sent out an alert about the car he was driving. State police spotted the vehicle driving past the agency's Embreeville Barracks shortly before 1 a.m. Thursday, and a chase ensued that also involved SWAT team members.

Aided by a police helicopter, the troopers were able to follow Rogal a few miles into the West Bradford neighborhood where his ex-wife lives and where the initial shooting incident happened.

The chase ended when Rogal's crashed his car into the side of the house.

Court documents obtained by the Daily Local News in West Chester, Pennsylvania, showed Rogal's ex-wife had filed an order of protection from abuse against him in 2015, shortly before filing for divorce.

Rogal's attorneys had argued the order was a way to gain an upper hand in the divorce and said some of the incidents she had listed in the petition alleging Rogal had threatened or assaulted her. The court ordered him to leave their home.

Authorities confirmed they contacted both the special master who oversaw the divorce and the judge who signed the decree, eventually evacuating the special master from her home Wednesday night as a safety precaution.

This story has been corrected to show Rogal drove his car into his ex-wife's home in East Bradford Township, not into his home in Glenmoore.

## **Buoyant stocks lift US household wealth, mainly for affluent**

**By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER, AP Economics Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) — A rising stock market lifted U.S. household wealth to a record \$106.9 trillion in the April-June quarter, the culmination of a decade of economic recovery but a gain that is concentrated largely among the most affluent.

The value of Americans' stock and mutual fund portfolios rose \$800 billion last quarter, while home values increased \$600 billion, the Federal Reserve said Thursday. Total household wealth is now 2.1 percent higher than in the first quarter, when it was \$104.7 trillion.

The Fed's report came on a day when a wave of buying on Wall Street sent U.S. stocks surging and lifted both the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the Standard & Poor's 500 stock index to all-time highs. The Dow has gained nearly 8 percent this year, the S&P nearly 10 percent.

Household net worth reflects the value of assets like homes, bank accounts and stocks minus debts like mortgages and credit cards. The data aren't adjusted for inflation or population growth.

They also don't reflect the experiences of most U.S. households. Stock market wealth has been flowing disproportionately — and increasingly — to the most affluent households. The richest one-tenth of Americans own about 84 percent of the value of stocks. That's up from 81 percent just before the Great Recession began in late 2007.

That trend is concerning to some economists, who regard such sizable disparities in wealth as unhealthy for an economy. When lower- and middle-income people don't share much in overall prosperity, many are forced to absorb more debt and take other financial risks.

"I would be happy in a world where we saw big stock increases — if stocks were more broadly distributed across the population," said Josh Bivens, director of research at the liberal Economic Policy Institute. "The fact that is where most of the gains are going is worrisome."

In theory, greater household wealth can speed the economy by making consumers feel richer and more likely to spend. But most consumers are spending less of their wealth than they did before the recession began, economists have found.

Americans are saving nearly 7 percent of their incomes, according to Commerce Department figures. That figure has remained fairly steady for five years even as the stock market has set new highs and average home prices have increased faster than most people's wages. That trend suggests that many people remain cautious about cashing in their wealth, economists say, perhaps because they regard it as less stable than in the past.

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The rising concentration of wealth among affluent and educated Americans is another factor why the nation's increased net worth isn't accelerating the pace of consumer spending. Richer households are less likely to spend their wealth gains than middle- or lower-income households are.

America's richest 10 percent of households were nearly 120 times wealthier than the lower middle class in 2016, the most recent year for which figures are provided in a separate Fed report. That is up from 112 times in 2013. (The lower middle class was defined as those whose wealth placed them between the 25th and 50th percentiles of net worth.)

The top 10 percent had an average net worth of \$5.34 million; for the lower middle class, the figure was \$44,700.

In 2008, the year the financial crisis erupted, U.S. household net worth was \$58.9 trillion. Nearly a decade later, it has almost doubled.

Sharp disparities in wealth also cut across racial lines. The median white household has a net worth of \$171,000, according to Fed data. That's about 10 times the typical net worth for a black household of \$17,200. For Latinos, it was \$20,700. (The median is the point at which half the population has more and half has less.)

The Fed revised its previous quarterly data to show that household wealth was higher earlier this year than previously reported. Household wealth in the first quarter is now about \$4 billion higher than was originally reported, mostly because of higher pension reserves than previously estimated.

AP Economics Writer Josh Boak contributed to this report.

## Slayings raise alarms for women who practice sports alone

By **LUKE MEREDITH** and **SCOTT MCFETRIDGE**, Associated Press

AMES, Iowa (AP) — It was decades ago, but Sara Schwendinger remembers perfectly the panic she felt when she realized a car was following her as she ran along a country road at dusk, just outside her small Wisconsin hometown.

She desperately tore into a cornfield and listened as the vehicle stopped.

"I remember hiding in the cornfield and hearing them and then just running as fast as I could in the other direction and making it out of this cornfield and all the way to my house and being petrified," she said. "That experience has never left me, and it's 25 years ago."

Now 41 and living in Des Moines, Schwendinger often recalls that evening as she hears comments yelled by passing motorists when she trains along city streets. It's a disturbingly common part of life for female athletes, and it's suddenly in the spotlight following the deaths of three women who were attacked while engaged in the sports they love.

The killings raised alarms about how women can defend themselves and why they must be ready to fight off attackers in the first place.

"It's not fair that they have a different situation than a man does," said Steve Bobenhouse, the owner of a Des Moines-area running store and a longtime fixture in the city's running community. "But it's the way it is."

The latest attack happened Tuesday evening in Washington, D.C., when Wendy K. Martinez, 35, was attacked as she went for a run in the Logan Circle neighborhood. She was stabbed in what police said was likely a random attack, dying after she staggered into a restaurant where customers tried but failed to save her life.

A day earlier, Iowa State University golf star Celia Barquin Arozamena was stabbed to death during a random attack while she was golfing by herself in broad daylight on a course not far from campus in normally quiet Ames, Iowa. That attack came little more than a month after the body of University of Iowa student Mollie Tibbetts was found hidden among corn stalks near her small hometown of Brooklyn, Iowa. She had disappeared weeks earlier after going for a run.

Police have charged men with murder in both of the Iowa killings.

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Tibbetts' death prompted an outpouring from other runners, especially on social media under the hashtag #MilesforMollie. Hundreds of women shared their experiences of being harassed and followed and vowed to keep running as a show of defiance.

"It was foggy & still dark when I went for my run this morning. I looked over my shoulder more than usual, but running outside is something I love too much to let fear stop me," one Twitter user said.

"I just want us all to be able to feel safe and free when out on a run — is that so much to ask?!?" someone else lamented on Instagram.

After Tibbetts' death, Bobenhouse's store set up a meeting to discuss safety issues and had to move the gathering to the city's main library due to an overwhelming response. More than 200 women gathered that night to hear from police and share best practices on how to stay safe while running alone.

Kathleen Meek, who helped organize the event, said a key issue is situational awareness.

"I'd be the first one to say that, even walking, I've had headphones in and I've thought 'Oh my gosh. I don't even know who's around me,'" Meek said. She urged women to "know what's going around you so you can be confident in what you're doing."

Other suggestions included using the buddy system, joining a running/biking club and informing others of intended routes should something go wrong.

Des Moines police spokesman Paul Parizek, who hosted the meeting, also warned women to know their abilities and understand their limitations should they find themselves in imminent danger.

"There's a lot of conversation now, especially since Mollie Tibbetts' (death), about, do I need a gun? Do I need a stun gun? Pepper spray? What do I need? Well, that depends on what you're willing to do, what you think you need to do and what you're capable of doing," Parizek said.

According to Joseph Giacalone, a retired New York City detective and sergeant who now teaches at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, one of the ways that women can also put themselves in danger is when they share their whereabouts on social media.

Giacalone says his warnings to his students not to announce their plans on Instagram, Twitter or Snapchat can "fall on deaf ears." But he also tells his students to change up their routines as often as they can and make sure their headphones aren't turned up too loud to for them to not know what's happening around them.

"These guys are just looking for that opportunity," Giacalone said. "Women, specifically, need to be mindful of their surroundings, unfortunately, when they're going out."

If there's one thing Parizek, Giacalone and Schwendinger agree on, it's that women shouldn't have to face these issues to begin with.

But they do, and Schwendinger, the cross country coach at Roosevelt High in Des Moines, said it happens to her so often that she's "almost" unfazed when she's harassed while running. Recently, a truck full of men yelled out lewd comments to her in the middle of the day on a busy main street between downtown and the airport.

To Schwendinger, the issue is less about women learning to protect themselves and more about changing the dialogue about women being objectified.

"We shouldn't have to arm ourselves against men who are making those decisions," she said. "You teaching me how to throat punch a guy is all well and good. But why do I need to be in the position to throat punch a guy?"

## Anti-abuse activists pan US Catholic bishops' new proposals

By DAVID CRARY, AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Lawyers and advocates for victims of clergy sex-abuse are assailing as inadequate some new steps announced by U.S. Catholic bishops to curtail the abuse scandals that have deeply shaken the church this year.

The initiatives, announced Wednesday, include developing a code of conduct for bishops regarding sexual abuse and harassment, and establishing a confidential hotline — to be run by a third party — to

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receive complaints of sexual misconduct by bishops, and relay such complaints to appropriate church and civil authorities.

Critics called on the bishops to go further by allowing outside investigators full access to church sex-abuse records and by supporting changes to statute-of-limitation laws so that more cases of long-ago sex abuse could be addressed in court.

"Until they allow professional investigators inside the secret archives, there will be no real transparency," said Jeff Anderson, a Minnesota lawyer who has handled many sex-abuse lawsuits. "They are incapable of handling this internally."

Marci Hamilton, a University of Pennsylvania professor who has studied sex abuse statute of limitations, depicted the bishop's statement as "little more than words ... while they lobby against justice for the victims."

Until the bishops support major statute of limitations reforms, she said Thursday, "they are enemies of the victims and the public seeking to know the actual risk posed by their policies."

Sex-abuse scandals have beset the Catholic church worldwide for decades, but events this year have elevated the issue to crisis-level at the Vatican.

In July, Pope Francis removed U.S. church leader Theodore McCarrick as a cardinal after church investigators said an allegation that he groped a teenage altar boy in the 1970s was credible. Subsequently, several former seminarians and priests reported that they too had been abused or harassed by McCarrick as adults.

In August, a grand jury report in Pennsylvania detailed decades of abuse and cover-up in six dioceses — alleging that more than 1,000 children had been abused over the years by about 300 priests.

Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro expressed regret that the bishops did not endorse the grand jury's recommendations for reform, including eliminating the statute of limitations for child sex abuse.

"That is the true test to determine whether the Church has changed, and thus far, no bishop has answered the call," Shapiro said. "The time for words has passed."

The bishops did endorse "a full investigation" into the McCarrick case, "including his alleged assaults on minors, priests, and seminarians, as well any responses made to those allegations."

"Such an investigation should rely upon lay experts in relevant fields, such as law enforcement and social services," said the statement, issued by the administrative committee of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. It made no mention of the bishops' earlier request for a Vatican role in investigating McCarrick.

More broadly, the bishops expressed remorse for the abuse scandals and pledged support for victims.

"Some bishops, by their actions or their failures to act, have caused great harm to both individuals and the Church as a whole," the statement said. "For this, we again ask forgiveness from both the Lord and those who have been harmed."

The bishops described their proposed steps as "only a beginning."

"Consultation with a broad range of concerned parents, experts, and other laity along with clergy and religious will yield additional, specific measures to be taken to repair the scandal and restore justice," they said.

Conservative Catholic activist Michael Hichborn of the Lepanto Institute called the bishops' proposals "a good first step" but faulted them for not reinforcing their apology with "public acts of reparation."

Mitchell Garabedian, a Boston lawyer who has represented many hundreds of clergy sex abuse victims since the 1990s, described Wednesday's statement as "insincere."

"If they were truly interested in prevention and helping victims heal, they would release all documents in their possession concerning clergy sexual abuse," he said. "They would announce they would not oppose amendments to statutes of limitation."

The bishops' reference to working with lay experts encouraged John Gehring, the Catholic program director at Faith in Public Life, a Washington-based clergy network,

"Some of these proposals could have been adopted years ago and possibly prevented abuses, but it's good to see the conference moving from expressions of shame to action steps," Gehring said. "Bishops can't police themselves. There seems to be a growing acknowledgment that to get this right, we need

agents of accountability from outside the institution.”

The Catholic Archdiocese of New York provided evidence of that approach on Thursday, announcing that it has hired a former federal judge, Barbara Jones, to review its procedures and protocols for handling allegations of sexual abuse. Cardinal Timothy Dolan said he ordered the review because Catholics in New York have demanded “accountability, transparency” and “action” from church leadership.

David Clohessy, former director of SNAP — a network of clergy-abuse survivors — was skeptical of both the bishops’ statement and Dolan’s announcement.

“Until secular authorities start charging, convicting and jailing bishops who enable abuse, little or nothing will change, especially if Catholic officials keep claiming they can handle these crimes and cover ups internally,” he said.

## Get ready for ‘Bongzilla,’ selfie frenzy at Vegas pot museum

By REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A glass bong taller than a giraffe. Huggable faux marijuana buds. A pool full of foam weed nuggets.

Las Vegas’ newest attraction — and Instagram backdrop — is a museum celebrating all things cannabis. Nobody will be allowed to light up at Cannabition when it opens Thursday because of a Nevada ban on public consumption of marijuana, but visitors can learn about the drug as they snap photos.

It’s a made-for-social-media museum where every exhibit has lights meant to ensure people take selfies worthy of the no-filter hashtag.

The facility — whose founder says has a goal of destigmatizing marijuana use — will likely land among the talking points officials and others use to try to draw gambling-resistant millennials to Sin City.

It will welcome its first visitors almost 15 months after adults in Nevada began buying marijuana legally, with sales far exceeding state projections.

“Our goal when people come out of this is that they don’t fear the cannabis industry if they are not believers in the industry,” founder J.J. Walker told The Associated Press. “Cannabition is not about just serving people that like marijuana, it’s about serving the masses that want to learn about cannabis and or just have fun and go do a cool art experience.”

Guests will wander through 12 installations with rooms like “seed,” where people can lie down in a bed shaped like a marijuana seed, and “grow,” which features artificial plants in sizes ranging from inches to feet tall placed under bright lights to represent an indoor cannabis grow facility.

Photo ops are also available under a glow-in-the-dark tree, next to a giant marijuana leaf meant to represent an edible gummy and by a 24-foot-tall (7-meter-tall) glass bong that’s dubbed “Bongzilla” and billed as the world’s largest.

There is a space with taller-than-you faux buds representing different strains and another room with gonzo journalist Hunter S. Thompson’s famous “Red Shark” Chevrolet Caprice.

This museum in Las Vegas’ downtown entertainment district is not the Smithsonian of marijuana, but it has some educational components. Guests get an introduction from museum guides and some graphics on walls explain how concentrates are made and the differences between indica and sativa cannabis strains.

Museums always evolve with the times to remain relevant, and audience engagement is an important goal for the facilities today, said Gwen Chanzit, director of museum studies in art history at the University of Denver. For those who remember very traditional, no-photography-allowed museums, she said, “that ship has sailed.”

“Once cellphones became ubiquitous, the culture of museum visiting changed,” Chanzit said.

Many of the facility’s exhibits are sponsored by cannabis companies, with their logos prominently displayed. It is common for museums to receive the support of corporations and to place their logo on a wall.

Only adults 21 and older will be allowed at Cannabition. The tour is designed to last up to an hour.

Walker, the founder, has invited reality TV stars, models and other influencers to Las Vegas for the weekend with the charge of spreading the word about the facility.



As for those who buy a ticket but their Instagram followers are only in the dozens or hundreds, Walker said, "you're still an influencer to your friends."

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Find complete AP marijuana coverage here: <http://apnews.com/tag/LegalMarijuana> .

## Trying to hold state Trump won, McCaskill feels pull to left

By SARA BURNETT, Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The college students and neighbors gathered at a St. Louis coffee shop seemed like one of the friendlier crowds Democratic Sen. Claire McCaskill might face campaigning in heavily Republican Missouri. But the audience on a recent night came armed with tough questions and unafraid to push back — or cast a side eye — at any answer they didn't like.

Why did she support an immigration deal that increased funding for border security? (It was a compromise, McCaskill said, and "there's nothing wrong with having rules.") What did she think of NFL players kneeling during the national anthem? ("I don't think it's appropriate ... but I respect anybody's right to do it.")

Should Democrats run on impeaching President Donald Trump?

"I don't think so," McCaskill replied, acknowledging it wasn't what some wanted to hear. "I'm authentically a moderate. For those of you who are already irritated with me, now you're going to be more irritated."

The night summed up the double challenge facing McCaskill in a race that could decide whether Democrats take control of the Senate in November: The same liberal energy that's led to insurgent Democratic victories around the country is spurring voters she should be able to count on to demand that she move to the left, even as she has to attract some Trump voters to win in a state he carried by almost 20 percentage points.

The president has campaigned for her opponent, state Attorney General Josh Hawley, telling an audience this summer, "We need Josh badly." Trump is scheduled to return to Missouri for a rally Friday.

Hawley, a 38-year-old Yale and Stanford graduate elected to his first public office in 2016, says McCaskill supports a "radical left-wing agenda" that's at odds with what Missouri voters want. He's called on McCaskill to debate him across the state, holding campaign events alongside a trailer with two lecterns, bales of straw and a "Let's Debate" banner.

"It is no small thing that people of this state voted for this president by 20 points," Hawley said during a stop in Columbia. "Quite frankly I think she's forgotten where she's come from."

Republicans view the contest as one of their best chances of flipping a seat in the Senate, where the GOP has a slim 51-49 majority, and polls show it's a toss-up.

Democrats are hoping the enthusiasm that's put the GOP-led House in play will spill over to the Senate, though the map there is much tougher. McCaskill is among 10 Democratic incumbents seeking re-election in states Trump won — some by wider margins than Missouri.

But the 65-year-old former prosecutor and state auditor has won tough races before, running as a moderate in an increasingly conservative state. She is one of only two Democrats serving statewide in Missouri. She narrowly defeated GOP Sen. Jim Talent in 2006 as part of a Democratic wave that saw the party win control of the House and Senate. In 2012, she was considered one of the Senate's most vulnerable incumbents until the GOP nominee, Todd Akin, said women's bodies can prevent pregnancy in cases of "legitimate rape." The comment drew a national backlash, and McCaskill won easily.

Can she pull out another win this time around, in a political climate that's even more polarized?

Polls show Trump's approval rating has fallen since the 2016 election, including in Missouri, and McCaskill is pitching herself as a check on the president and some of his administration's "worst instincts." She's stressed her support of health care coverage, noting Hawley joined other GOP attorneys general in a lawsuit seeking to throw out the federal health law without providing for a way to continue coverage of pre-existing conditions.

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Republicans expressed early concerns that Hawley, who was recruited by top GOP leaders including Vice President Mike Pence, wasn't living up to expectations. Hawley declared his candidacy less than a year after taking office and was slow to begin campaigning, prompting former GOP Sen. Christopher "Kit" Bond, one of his early backers, to warn that he needed to "gear it up and get with it." Bond didn't respond to several phone messages and emails seeking comment over the past week.

Hawley said he hasn't pulled away in the polls because McCaskill is benefiting from the advantages of incumbency and of running in the first midterm election under the opposing party's president, when historically the president's party loses seats.

"It's a feat to win," he said.

Meanwhile, McCaskill has received a small reprieve on Trump's nominee to the Supreme Court, an issue where she's felt pressure from both sides.

At her event at the St. Louis coffee shop, held before a woman publicly accused Brett Kavanaugh of sexual assault, longtime supporter Reese Forbes wanted to know why she hadn't yet come out as a "no" vote. It was important to people — particularly women who believe that Kavanaugh supports overturning the abortion decision *Roe v. Wade* — to hear her say she's voting no, he said.

"I understand how strongly you feel," McCaskill replied, saying she was still reviewing documents but hoped to have a decision soon. "But when I go to other parts of this state, guess what? They feel just as strongly the other way."

Days later, the allegation of an assault 36 years ago surfaced. And on Wednesday, McCaskill came out with her decision: She'll be a no vote on Kavanaugh, largely because of his opinion that anonymous "dark money" spending on issues ads in campaigns should not be curbed. The sexual assault allegations were troubling, she said, but not the basis for her decision.

Hawley quickly derided her decision, linking it to his theme of an out-of-touch senator and tying her to the Senate's decidedly liberal Democratic leader. "Claire McCaskill is now 0 for 6 on Supreme Court nominees since she started running for the Senate 12 long years ago. She has sided with Chuck Schumer every single time - for liberals and against Missouri," Hawley said in a statement.

In the St. Louis coffee shop, Alena Johnston, a sophomore political science major at St. Louis University, said after the event near campus it was wise of McCaskill to be out courting college students. While she plans to vote for her, "a lot of my friends think their vote doesn't matter."

That, McCaskill said, is part of why she's "frustrated and worried about this election."

"I know that I may not be perfect in your eyes in terms of where I stand on every issue," she told the roughly 100 people in the coffee shop courtyard, urging them to help her campaign. "But I hope you will take a look at what's at stake."

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This story has been corrected to show McCaskill is one of two Democrats serving, not elected, statewide.

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## Plight of jailed Catalans strains dialogue with Spain

By RENATA BRITO and ARITZ PARRA, The Associated Press

SANT JOAN DE VILATORRADA, Spain (AP) — A farm tractor with a crane lifts up half a dozen people holding Catalan independence flags in northeast Spain, trying to get high enough so they can peek into a prison courtyard and see their separatist heroes.

The distance makes it hard to recognize the faces of the Catalan activists and politicians jailed in the Lledoners penitentiary while they await trial for their involvement in a banned independence referendum last year in Catalonia. But inmates and supporters make a quick connection.

Shouts of "Freedom!" and "We want you home!" from outside are met with "We want to be out!" coming from the prison. And joy erupts when the unofficial Catalan flag embraced by secessionists, the "estelada," appears through the bars of a cell window.

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"I'm convinced that the energy we send them from here helps them," said Quima Albalate a 58-year-old nurse who joins her son for twice-a-week picnics of solidarity in these quiet hills of rural Catalonia.

Jailed Catalan separatists, together with those who fled abroad to avoid prosecution by Spain, have become an emotional symbol of what many perceive as Spain's heavy-handed attempt to crush the independence movement in Catalonia. They are also a key stumbling block in negotiations trying to find a way out of the political deadlock, Spain's worst constitutional crisis in decades.

Their absence casts a shadow over Thursday's commemorations of the year since Spanish police began searching government buildings in Barcelona and arresting Catalan officials.

Several thousand people, including Catalan regional president Quim Torra, turned out for a protest Thursday night in Barcelona to mark those events, which helped to fire up the latest secessionist push in a region where many have long sought to break away from Spain. Protesters shouted for the jailed activists to be released from prison.

Nine of the separatists remain in preventive jail on preliminary charges of rebellion and abuse of power. Seven are in Lledoners, including prominent activists Jordi Sanchez and Jordi Cuixart, who drew tens of thousands to the streets one year ago to protest police searches ahead of Catalonia's banned Oct. 1, 2017 referendum on independence. Former regional ministers Oriol Junqueras and Jordi Turull are also here.

The latter's wife, Blanca Bragulat, stood this week outside the prison's walled perimeter and put her husband on speakerphone for supporters.

"We're OK, we are strong," Turull said, replying to questions by friends and relatives who applauded when they heard his voice.

Holding Catalan independence flags and wearing yellow t-shirts and ribbons — ubiquitous symbols of support for those they consider to be political prisoners — these families have been setting up the picnic tables twice a week ever since the inmates were transferred from prisons near Madrid to this facility 70 kilometers (43 miles) north of Barcelona.

The transfers were ordered by Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez soon after he came to power in June to ease the political conflict. But regional separatist authorities in Catalonia want more and are urging state prosecutors to change their position and allow the release of the prisoners.

The central government, which appoints the top prosecutor, is sticking to the line that the separatists are receiving due process according to Spanish law. But some officials have acknowledged that dialogue would be easier with the Catalans out of jail.

Foreign Minister Josep Borrell, a politician from Catalonia who presided over the European Parliament, recently said "at a personal level" he would have preferred for the separatists to be free while awaiting trial. That comment was mirrored by Territorial Affairs Minister Meritxell Batet, another Catalan in Sanchez's cabinet, who said "it would be better and much easier for the dialogue" if the Catalans were free.

For separatist parties in the prosperous region, however, the prisoners keep pro-independence supporters united, says political analyst Pablo Simon.

"For a highly fragmented Catalan movement that scrambles to find the next step in the fight for independence, the prisoners' plight is their only source of cohesion currently. But the politicians are in the hands of activists who think that with jailed separatists there can't be any compromise with central authorities," said the Carlos III University professor. "There's very little room to maneuver."

Meanwhile, divisions over the issue of independence are still running high in the streets of Catalonia. Some people have objected to using public spaces to hang symbols in support of the prisoners.

For separatists — but also for some of those who don't support a separate Catalonia — the jailing of the officials without even setting a date for a trial feels like a deep injustice.

"We need the higher courts to look at us here and see that these people defended political ideas," said Albalate, the nurse. "But that's not a reason for them to be in jail."

Bragulat said she hoped "the European Community at some point will say something."

But even Europe seems unmoved by the Catalan separatists' plight.

Council of Europe Secretary General Thorbjorn Jagland told reporters this month that he "had no doubt Spanish courts were treating the matter in accordance with Spanish law and the European Human Rights

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convention." He said the separatists could appeal their case in the European human rights court but only after they had gone through courts in Spain.

That's a bleak prospect for supporters and relatives like Bragulat, who told The Associated Press she has "gotten used to living day by day" in order to cope with her husband's absence.

"We don't know how long all of this will last," she said. "But it will end well, right?"

Parra reported from Madrid.

## Moon to carry private message from Kim Jong Un to Trump

By FOSTER KLUG and ERIC TALMADGE, Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A beaming South Korean President Moon Jae-in, freshly returned home Thursday from a whirlwind three-day summit with Kim Jong Un, said the North Korean leader wants the U.S. secretary of state to visit Pyongyang soon for nuclear talks, and also hopes for a quick follow-up to his June summit with President Donald Trump.

Only hours after standing with Kim on the peak of a volcano that's at the heart of Kim dynasty propaganda, Moon told reporters in Seoul that he will be carrying a private message from Kim to Trump about the nuclear standoff when he meets the U.S. president in New York next week on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly session.

Both Trump, who has repeatedly spoken of his good relationship with Kim, and the North Korean leader have expressed a desire to follow up on the June meeting in Singapore that was meant to settle an impasse that seemed to be edging toward war last year. But there are worries among observers about whether Kim is as committed to denuclearization as he claims.

Moon faces increasing pressure from Washington to find a path forward in efforts to get Kim to completely — and unilaterally — abandon his nuclear arsenal, which is thought to be closing in on the ability to accurately target any part of the continental United States.

"There are things that the United States wants us to convey to North Korea, and on the other side there are also things that North Korea wants us to convey to the United States," Moon said at a press center in Seoul where reporters had watched parts of his summit with Kim on huge video screens that occasionally showed live streams from Pyongyang. "I will faithfully serve that role when I meet President Trump to facilitate dialogue between North Korea and the United States."

Moon, who set up the Singapore summit and is eager for another to happen, also told reporters that he'll convey to Trump his and Kim's desire to get a declaration on ending the Korean War by the end of this year. The war still technically continues because it ended in 1953 with a cease-fire, not a peace treaty. An end-of-war declaration would be the first step toward an eventual formal peace treaty, but the United States is wary about signing off on something that could result in Kim pushing for the removal of U.S. troops stationed in South Korea to deter the North.

Earlier Thursday, Kim and Moon took to the road for the final day of their summit, hiking to the peak of Mount Paektu, which is considered sacred in the North, their hands clasped and raised in a pose of triumph. Their trip to the mountain on the North Korean-Chinese border, and the striking photo-op that will resonate in both Koreas, followed the announcement of wide-ranging agreements on Wednesday that they trumpeted as a major step toward peace.

However, their premier accord on the issue that most worries the world — the North's pursuit of nuclear-tipped missiles — contained a big condition: Kim stated that he would permanently dismantle North Korea's main nuclear facility only if the United States takes unspecified corresponding measures.

"Chairman Kim Jong Un has again and again affirmed his commitment to denuclearization," Moon said after returning to Seoul. "He expressed his wish to finish a complete denuclearization as soon as possible and focus on economic development."

Moon said North Korea's agreement to allow international experts to observe a "permanent" dismantling of a missile engine test site and launch pad was the same thing as a commitment to "verifiably and

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irreversibly" demolish those facilities.

Moon says such steps, combined with North Korea's unilateral but unverified dismantling of a nuclear testing ground earlier this year, would prevent the North from advancing its weaponry through further nuclear and missile tests. Experts say the destruction of the missile engine test site and launch pad wouldn't represent a material step in the denuclearization of North Korea, which declared its nuclear force complete last year and has designed its most powerful missiles to be fired from vehicles.

Moon also said that Kim hoped to visit Seoul soon.

"I wish there would be an opportunity for my fellow citizens to see Chairman Kim Jong Un for themselves and hear him talking about the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, peace and prosperity with his own voice," the South Korean president said.

Earlier in the day, the leaders smiled broadly as they posed at the summit of Paektu, their wives grinning at their sides, a brilliant blue sky and the deep crater lake that tops the volcano in the background. They also toured the shores of the lake, where Moon and his wife filled bottles with its water and a South Korean pop singer delivered for the leaders a rendition of a beloved Korean folk song, "Arirang," which is used in both Koreas as an unofficial anthem for peace.

The mountain is important to the Kim family, members of which are referred to as sharing the "Paektu bloodline," and the volcano is emblazoned on North Korea's national emblem and lends its name to everything from rockets to power stations.

Many South Koreans also feel drawn to the volcano, which, according to Korean mythology, was the birthplace of Dangun, the founder of the first ancient Korean kingdom, and has long been considered one of the most beautiful places on the peninsula. Not everyone was pleased, though. About 100 anti-North Korea protesters rallied in central Seoul to express anger about the summit and displayed slogans that read, "No to SK-NK summit that benefits Kim Jong Un."

The leaders are basking in the glow of the joint statement they signed Wednesday. Compared to the vague language of their two earlier summits, Kim and Moon seem to have agreed on an ambitious program meant to tackle soaring tensions that caused many to fear war last year as the North tested a string of increasingly powerful weapons.

Both leaders also 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.

It also was unclear what "corresponding steps" North Korea wants from the U.S. to dismantle its nuclear site.

The question now is whether it will be enough for Trump to pick up where Moon has left off. Trump told reporters Wednesday that the outcome of the summit was "very good news" and that "we're making tremendous progress" with North Korea. He didn't indicate in his brief remarks whether the U.S. would be willing to take further steps to encourage North Korean action on denuclearization.

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.

Talmadge reported from Pyongyang. Associated Press writers Hyung-jin Kim and Kim Tong-hyung in Seoul contributed to this report.

## Bye bye bugs? Scientists fear non-pest insects are declining

By SETH BORENSTEIN, AP Science Writer

OXFORD, Pa. (AP) — A staple of summer — swarms of bugs — seems to be a thing of the past. And that's got scientists worried.

Pesky mosquitoes, disease-carrying ticks, crop-munching aphids and cockroaches are doing just fine. But the more beneficial flying insects of summer — native bees, moths, butterflies, ladybugs, lovebugs, mayflies and fireflies — appear to be less abundant.

Scientists think something is amiss, but they can't be certain: In the past, they didn't systematically count the population of flying insects, so they can't make a proper comparison to today. Nevertheless, they're pretty sure across the globe there are fewer insects that are crucial to as much as 80 percent of what we eat.

Yes, some insects are pests. But they also pollinate plants, are a key link in the food chain and help decompose life.

"You have total ecosystem collapse if you lose your insects. How much worse can it get than that?" said University of Delaware entomologist Doug Tallamy. If they disappeared, "the world would start to rot."

He noted Harvard biologist E.O. Wilson once called bugs: "The little things that run the world."

The 89-year-old Wilson recalled that he once frolicked in a "Washington alive with insects, especially butterflies." Now, "the flying insects are virtually gone."

It hit home last year when he drove from suburban Boston to Vermont and decided to count how many bugs hit his windshield. The result: A single moth.

### WINDSHIELD TEST

The un-scientific experiment is called the windshield test. Wilson recommends everyday people do it themselves to see. Baby Boomers will probably notice the difference, Tallamy said.

Several scientists have conducted their own tests with windshields, car grilles and headlights, and most notice few squashed bugs. Researchers are quick to point out that such exercises aren't good scientific experiments, since they don't include control groups or make comparisons with past results. (Today's cars also are more aerodynamic, so bugs are more likely to slip past them and live to buzz about it.)

Still, there are signs of decline. Research has shown dwindling individual species in specific places, including lightning bugs, moths and bumblebees. One study estimated a 14 percent decline in ladybugs in the United States and Canada from 1987 to 2006. University of Florida urban entomologist Philip Koehler said he's seen a recent decrease in lovebugs — insects that fly connected and coated Florida's windshields in the 1970s and 1980s. This year, he said, "was kind of disappointing, I thought."

University of Nevada, Reno, researcher Lee Dyer and his colleagues have been looking at insects at the La Selva Biological Station in Costa Rica since 1991. There's a big insect trap sheet under black light that decades ago would be covered with bugs. Now, "there's no insects on that sheet," he said.

But there's not much research looking at all flying insects in big areas.

### THE EVIDENCE

Last year, a study that found an 82 percent mid-summer decline in the number and weight of bugs captured in traps in 63 nature preserves in Germany compared with 27 years earlier. It was one of the few, if only, broad studies. Scientists say similar comparisons can't be done elsewhere because similar bug counts weren't done decades ago.

"We don't know how much we're losing if we don't know how much we have," said University of Hawaii entomologist Helen Spafford.

The lack of older data makes it "unclear to what degree we're experiencing an arthropocalypse," said University of Illinois entomologist May Berenbaum. Individual studies aren't convincing in themselves, "but the sheer accumulated weight of evidence seems to be shifting" to show a problem, she said.

After the German study, countries started asking if they have similar problems, said ecologist Toke Thomas Høye of Aarhus University in Denmark. He studied flies in a few spots in remote Greenland and noticed an 80 percent drop in numbers since 1996.

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"It's clearly not a German thing," said University of Connecticut entomologist David Wagner, who has chronicled declines in moth populations in the northeastern United States. "We just need to find out how widespread the phenomenon is."

## THE SUSPECTS

Most scientists say lots of factors, not just one, caused the apparent decline in flying insects.

Suspects include habitat loss, insecticide use, the killing of native weeds, single-crop agriculture, invasive species, light pollution, highway traffic and climate change.

"It's death by a thousand cuts, and that's really bad news," Wagner said.

To Tallamy, two causes stand out: Humans' war on weeds and vast farmland planted with the same few crops.

Weeds and native plants are what bugs eat and where they live, Tallamy said. Milkweeds, crucial to the beautiful monarch butterfly, are dwindling fast. Manicured lawns in the United States are so prevalent that, added together, they are as big as New England, he said.

Those landscapes are "essentially dead zones," he said.

Light pollution is another big problem for species such as moths and fireflies, bug experts said. Insects are attracted to brightness, where they become easy prey and expend energy they should be using to get food, Tallamy said.

Jesse Barber of Boise State is in the middle of a study of fireflies and other insects at Grand Teton National Park. He said he notices a distinct connection between light pollution and dwindling populations.

"We're hitting insects during the day, we're hitting them at night," Tallamy said. "We're hitting them just about everywhere."

Lawns, light pollution and bug-massacring highway traffic are associated where people congregate. But Danish scientist Hoyer found a noticeable drop in muscid flies in Greenland 300 miles (500 kilometers) from civilization. His studies linked declines to warmer temperatures.

Other scientists say human-caused climate change may play a role, albeit small.

## RESTORING HABITAT

Governments are trying to improve the situation. Maryland is in a three-year experiment to see if planting bee-friendly native wildflowers helps.

University of Maryland entomology researcher Lisa Kuder says the usual close-crop "turf is basically like a desert" that doesn't attract flying insects. She found an improvement — 70 different species and records for bees — in the areas where flowers are allowed to grow wild and natural alongside roads.

The trouble is that it is so close to roadways that Tallamy fears that the plants become "ecological traps where you're drawing insects in and they're all squashed by cars."

Still, Tallamy remains hopeful. In 2000, he moved into this rural area between Philadelphia and Baltimore and made his 10-acre patch all native plants, creating a playground for bugs. Now he has 861 species of moths and 54 species of breeding birds that feed on insects.

Wagner, of the University of Connecticut, spends his summers teaching middle schoolers in a camp to look for insects, like he did decades ago. They have a hard time finding the cocoons he used to see regularly.

"The kids I'm teaching right now are going to think that scarce insects are the rule," Wagner said. "They're not realizing that there could be an ecological disaster on the horizon."

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## Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Friday, Sept. 21, the 264th day of 2018. There are 101 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 21, 1981, the Senate unanimously confirmed the nomination of Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first female justice on the Supreme Court.

On this date:

In 1792, the French National Convention voted to abolish the monarchy.

In 1893, one of America's first horseless carriages was taken for a short test drive in Springfield, Mass., by Frank Duryea, who had designed the vehicle with his brother, Charles.

In 1937, "The Hobbit," by J.R.R. Tolkien, was first published by George Allen & Unwin, Ltd. of London.

In 1938, a hurricane struck parts of New York and New England, causing widespread damage and claiming some 700 lives.

In 1970, "NFL Monday Night Football" made its debut on ABC-TV as the Cleveland Browns defeated the visiting New York Jets, 31-21.

In 1977, after weeks of controversy over past business and banking practices, President Jimmy Carter's embattled budget director, Bert Lance, resigned.

In 1983, in a speech to the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, Interior Secretary James G. Watt jokingly described a special advisory panel as consisting of "a black ... a woman, two Jews and a cripple." Although Watt later apologized, he ended up resigning.

In 1985, in North Korea and South Korea, family members who had been separated for decades were allowed to visit each other as both countries opened their borders in an unprecedented family-reunion program.

In 1987, NFL players called a strike, mainly over the issue of free agency. (The 24-day walkout prompted football owners to hire replacement players.)

In 1989, Hurricane Hugo crashed into Charleston, South Carolina (the storm was blamed for 56 deaths in the Caribbean and 29 in the United States). Twenty-one students in Alton, Texas, died when their school bus, hit by a soft-drink delivery truck, careened into a water-filled pit.

In 1996, John F. Kennedy Jr. married Carolyn Bessette in a secret ceremony on Cumberland Island, Georgia. The board of all-male Virginia Military Institute voted to admit women.

In 2001, Congress again opened the federal coffers to those harmed by terrorism, providing \$15 billion to the airline industry, which was suffering mounting economic losses since the Sept. 11 attacks.

Ten years ago: South African President Thabo Mbeki (TAH'-boh um-BEH'-kee) announced his resignation. "Mad Men" became the first basic-cable show to win the top series Emmy; "30 Rock" and its stars Tina Fey and Alec Baldwin won comedy awards. The United States took back the Ryder Cup with a 16 1/2-11 1/2 victory over Europe. Baseball said farewell to the original Yankee Stadium as the Bronx Bombers defeated the Baltimore Orioles 7-3.

Five years ago: Days after mass shootings in Washington and Chicago, President Barack Obama urged the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation to help push stalled legislation out of Congress so dangerous people wouldn't get their hands on guns. Islamic militants attacked an upscale shopping center in Nairobi, killing at least 67 people in the deadliest terrorist attack in Kenya in 15 years. An Afghan wearing a security forces uniform turned his weapon against U.S. troops, killing three in eastern Afghanistan.

One year ago: Millions on Puerto Rico faced the prospect of weeks or months without power in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria. President Donald Trump and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe met on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly to discuss the ongoing crisis involving North Korea. Facebook said it would provide congressional investigators with the contents of 3,000 ads that had been bought by a Russian agency; it had already released the ads to federal authorities investigating Russian interference in the U.S. presidential election.



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Today's Birthdays: Author-comedian Fannie Flagg is 77. Producer Jerry Bruckheimer is 75. Former Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear is 74. Musician Don Felder is 71. Author Stephen King is 71. Basketball Hall of Famer Artis Gilmore is 69. Actor-comedian Bill Murray is 68. Hall of Fame jockey Eddie Delahoussaye is 67. Former Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd is 61. Movie producer-writer Ethan Coen is 61. Actor-comedian Dave Coulier is 59. Actor David James Elliott is 58. Actress Serena Scott-Thomas is 57. Actress Nancy Travis is 57. Actor Rob Morrow is 56. Actor Angus Macfadyen is 55. Retired MLB All-Star Cecil Fielder is 55. Actress Cheryl Hines is 53. Country singer Faith Hill is 51. Rock musician Tyler Stewart (Barenaked Ladies) is 51. Country singer Ronna Reeves is 50. Actress-talk show host Ricki Lake is 50. Rapper Dave (De La Soul) is 50. Actor Rob Benedict is 48. Actor James Lesure is 47. Actor Alfonso Ribeiro is 47. Actor Luke Wilson is 47. Actor Paulo Costanzo is 40. Actor Bradford Anderson is 39. Actress Autumn Reeser is 38. TV personality Nicole Richie is 37. Actress Maggie Grace is 35. Actor Joseph Mazzello is 35. Actress Ahna O'Reilly is 34. Rapper Wale (WAH'-lay) is 34. Actor Ryan Guzman is 31. Actors Lorenzo and Nikolas Brino are 20.

Thought for Today: "All truth passes through three stages. First, it is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed. Third, it is accepted as being self-evident." — Arthur Schopenhauer, German philosopher (born 1788, died this date in 1860).