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Saturday, May 7

MS Instrumental Music Contest in Webster
Birthdays: Carter Schinkel • Reese Schuneman
4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
Mass

Sunday, May 8

MOTHER'S DAY
Birthdays: Austin Jones • Dale Kramer • John Lowary • Shonna Harry • Jodie Harry
9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Final School for season
9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass
9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship
10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church
10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran worship / SS Sings
11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship
2:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran pastor at Bethesda in Aberdeen

Monday, May 9

School Breakfast: French toast, links, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Submarine, French fries, fruit.

Senior Menu: Meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, creamed peas, fruited Jell-O, whole wheat bread.

Birthday: April Abeln

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

10:00am: Girls Golf Meet at Olive Grove, Groton

4:00pm: 7th/8th Track at Aberdeen Central School

7:30pm: School Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 10

School Breakfast: Breakfast bagel, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Chicken patty, tri tater, broccoli

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

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Closed**

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Dairy Queen Help Wanted

HELP WANTED: Part-time, flexible hours. Apply at Dairy Queen in Groton.

Lori's Pharmacy to close for funeral

Lori's Pharmacy will be closed from 10:15 AM to 11:30 AM, on Saturday, May 7, 2016 for the funeral of Brian Sundstrom. Brian was the husband of our employee, Nancy Sundstrom. We are sorry for the inconvenience. Thank you.

Rummage Sale

Saturday, May 7, 2016

Yardman riding mower, auto drive, 25HP; Murry riding mower, auto drive, 16.5 HP, 8 drawer tool box on wheels; 5 gal. gas can; hand tools, garde tools - some new, bicycles - different sizes, dishes - some new in the box, house vacuum, end table lamps, 30 cup coffee maker, feather pillow, small cooler with radio - electric and battery, 2 - 7.25" electric Skill saws (some new 7.25" blades), 2 wood working benches - 1 nnew in the box, small electric air compressor, new garden hose on reel, new 400 watt generator, electric power washer, electric tile cutter TDH550, Powermate air paint sprayer; new nuts, bolts, etc.; lots more stuff too numerous to mention. Come early at 511 1st Ave. East, Groton, Eddy Opp residence. Some items will be half price from noon to 1:30 p.m.

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Fey is double winner at Sisseton Twilight Meet

Steven Fey won both the discus and shot put to be a double winner at the Sisseton Twilight Track Meet held Friday in Sisseton. The boys' 3200m Relay team also won as did Jessica Bjerke in the discus. Both the boys' and girls' teams placed third at the meet.

Girl's Division

Team Points: 1, Lisbon 108; 2, West Central Area 101; 3, Groton Area, 93.5; 4, Redfield-Doland, 78.33; 5, Sisseton, 66.5; 6, Wilmot, 55.5; 7, Waubay-Summit, 44; 8, Webster Area, 41; 9, Waverly-South Shore, 38; 10, Rosholt, 29; 11, Milbank Area, 28.17; 12, Britton-Hecla, 18; 13, Sargent County, 10; 14, Wheaton/Herman-Norcross, 8.

100m Hurdles: 2, Josie Doeden, 16.96.

300m Hurdles: 5, Payton Maine, 55.57.

100m Dash: 2, Harleigh Stange, 13.50; Heather Lone, 14.30; Kenzie McInerney, 15.67; Emily Blocker, 15.85.

200m Dash: 2, Harleigh Stange, 28.29; Eliza Wanner, 30.31; Kenzie McInerney, 32.77; Emily Blocker, 34.04.

400m Dash: 4, Harleigh Stange, 1:05.49; 7, Eliza Wanner, 1:08.19; Melanie Schutze, 1:13.98.

800m Run: Tessa Erdmann, 3:01.33; Melanie Schutze, 3:35.39.

1600m Run: 5, Jasmine Schaller, 6:09.79; Tessa Erdmann, 6:56.51; Emily Thompson, 6:57.88.

4x100m Relay: 8, Groton (Josie Doeden, Payton Maine, Emily Blocker, Miranda Hanson), 57.75.

4x200m Relay: 5, Groton, (Miranda Hanson, Kenzie McInerney, Eliza Wanner, Payton Maine), 2:02.39.

4x400m Relay: 3, Groton (Josie Doeden, Eliza Wanner, Payton Maine, Harleigh Stange), 4:45.70.

Discus: 1, Jessica Bjerke, 104-1; 2, Carly Wheeting, 98-9; 4, Marlee Jones, 92-1; 6, Jennie Doeden, 87-8; Taylor Holm, 77-10;

Shot Put: 2, Carly Wheeting, 34-03.5; 5, Jessica Bjerke, 31-2.25; 6, Madison Sippel, 30-10; Marlee Jones, 30-3; Nicole Fey, 29-11.

Pole Vault: 5, Jasmine Scahller, 5-9.

Boy's Division

Team Points: Lisbon, 126; 2, Milbank Area, 102; 3, Groton Area, 95; 4, West Central Area, 95; 5, Sisson, 72; 6, Wheaton/Herman-Norcross, 58; 7, Waverly-South Shore, 50.5; 8, Sargent County, 29; 9, Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley, 28.5; 10, Webster Area, 24; 11, Redfield/Doland, 23; 12, Wilmot, 21; 13, Rosholt, 18; 14, Waubay-Summit, 14; 15, Langford Area, 7.

110m Hurdles: Tylan Glover, 23.09.

300m Hurdles: 8, Tylan Glover, 48.94; Bennett Shabazz, 50.30.

100m Dash: Jackson Oliver, 12.50.

200m Dash: Jackson Oliver, 26.74.

400m Dash: 3, Franklin Wuestewald, 56.96; 4, Joy Htoo, 57.48.

800m Run: 3, Treyton Diegel, 2:18.49; 7, Mitchell Koens, 2:28.74; Pablo Del Campo, 2:52.23.

3200m Run: 6, Mitchell Koens, 12:46.16.

4x200m Relay: 8, Groton (Franklin Wuestewald, James Thompson, Tylan Glover, Jackson Oliver), 1:46.94.

4x400m Relay: 4, Groton (Franklin Wuestewald, Sean Schuring, Brandon Keith, Treyton Diegel), 3:58.77.

4x800m Relay: 1, Groton (Sean Schuring, Brandon Keith, Mitchell Koens, Treyton Diegel), 9:26.14.

1600m Sprint Medley Relay: 3, Groton (Jackson Oliver, James Thompson, Brandon Keith, Sean Schuring), 4:10.87.

High Jump: Bennett Shabazz, 5-3.

Long Jump: 2, Bennett Shabazz, 19-8.75; Franklin Wuestewald, 17-1.5.

Triple Jump: 3, Bennett Shabazz, 38-3.

Discus: 1, Steven Fey, 126-11; 2, McClain Lone, 123-8.

Shot Put: 1, Steven Fey, 46-3.25; 2, McClain Lone, 45-7.5; Luke Thorson, 36-1.

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GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #06-6

School Board Meeting May 9, 2016 – 6:00 PM – GHS Conference Room

AGENDA:

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of minutes of April 11, 2016 school board meeting as drafted or amended.
2. Approval of minutes of April 25, 2016 school board meeting as drafted or amended.
3. Approval of North Central Special Education Co-Op (NCSEC) agenda items...as school of record.
4. Approval of April 2016 School Transportation Report and School Lunch Report.
5. Approval of April Financial Report, Agency Accounts, and Investments.
6. Approval of April District bills for payment.
7. Approve Open Enrollment Applications for 16-17 school year:
 - a. #17-01 from Aberdeen School District (Grade 2)
 - b. #17-02 from Aberdeen School District (Grade K)
 - c. #17-03 from Aberdeen School District (Grade 5)
 - d. #17-04 from Aberdeen School District (Grade 9)

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. Open Forum for Public Participation...in accordance with Board Policy & Guidelines.
2. Buildings Report from Fosters, Jacobs, and Johnson, Inc.
3. School Board Committee Reports:
 - a. Building, Grounds, & Transportation: Lars Hanson, Marty Weismantel, Merle Harder [5:00 PM Meeting with Representatives from Fosters, Jacobs, and Johnson, Inc.]
 - b. Personnel, Policy, & Curriculum: Dorene Nelson, Grant Rix
 - c. Negotiations: Kelly Kjelden, Steve Smith
4. Administrative Reports: (a) Superintendent's Report; (b) Principal's Reports; (c) Business Manager Report

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion on east coast trip for the spring of 2017 [Mr. Thorson].
2. Discussion with City of Groton representatives on soccer field lease agreement.
3. Discussion on District FY2017 Preliminary Budget in accordance with SDCL 13-11-2.
4. Review list of unwanted inventory items. Make motion to declare items as surplus property for disposal [Mr. Weber will provide an itemized list at the meeting Monday night.]
5. Approve waiver of facility use fee for Groton Youth Rally on November 16th, 2016.
6. Approve North Central Special Education Cooperative Agreement for 2016-2017 school year.
7. Cast ballot for SDHSAA Division IV Representative.
8. Cast ballot for SDHSAA Constitutional Amendment #1.
9. Approve resignation from Glenna Remington, paraprofessional, at end of 15-16 school year.
10. Approve resignation from Shaun Wanner, JH Girls Track Coach, for the 16-17 school year.
11. Approve hiring Jordan Kjellsen as JH Girls Track Coach for the 16-17 school year.
12. Approve hiring Becky Erickson as Assistant Girls Basketball Coach for 16-17 school year.
13. Approve hiring Justin Hanson as Head Boys Basketball Coach for 16-17 school year.
14. Approve signed auxiliary staff work agreements for 16-17 school year.
15. Approve summer library work agreement for Becky Lewandowski for 54 hours at \$11.20/hour.
16. Approve summer school work agreements for Deb Winburn and Julie Milbrandt for 88 hours at \$15.00/hour.
17. Approve special education extended school year services agreements for:
 - a. Deb Winburn for 6 hours @ \$15.00/hour
 - b. Gail Kyar for 56 hours @ \$11.20/hour
 - c. Joni Groeblichhoff for 56 hours @ \$10.50/hour
 - d. Amanda Bisbee for 12 hours @ \$10.50/hour

18. Issue work agreements for salaried auxiliary staff and off-staff coaches.
 - a. Loren Bahr, Transportation Director
 - b. Kathryn Bury, Assistant Business Manager
 - c. Beth Gustafson, School Nurse
 - d. Mike Nehls, Head Custodian
 - e. Chuck Padfield, Food Service Director
 - f. Chelsea Hanson, Head Volleyball Coach
 - g. Sandi Sippel, Wrestling Cheer Advisor
 - h. Mike Becker, Head Boys Soccer Coach
 - i. Cory Harder, Head Girls Soccer Coach
 - j. Joann Donley, co-DI Advisor
 19. Approve educational advancement lane change for Diane Kurtz from MS to MS+15 for 16-17 school year.
 20. Executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(4) negotiations.
 21. Approve Administrative Staff Negotiated Agreement.
 22. Approve amended and signed administrative contracts for 16-17 school year.
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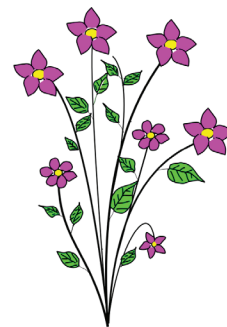
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May 8th



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Today in Weather History

May 7, 1896: A strong, estimated F3 tornado moved northeast from 12 miles SSW of Clark, to 3 miles west of Watertown, to beyond Lake Kampeska. It was estimated to be on the ground for a distance of 30 miles. Near the start of the path, a woman was killed, and ten people were injured in one home. Parts of a home were found up to two miles away. The tornado also leveled barns near Watertown.

1840: A powerful tornado wrecked many boats at the Natchez Landing in Mississippi then plowed through the city on the bluff. The tornado killed 317 people and injured 109 others. The storm is currently the second deadliest tornado on record. The actual death toll could be higher as slaves were not counted.

1964 - The temperature at White Mountain 2, located in California, dipped to 15 degrees below zero to set a record for May for the continental U.S. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Thirty-one cities in the western U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date. Highs of 93 degrees at Portland OR and San Jose CA were the warmest of record for so early in the season. The high of 92 degrees at Quillayute WA was a record for the month of May. The temperature at Sacramento CA hit 105 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - A powerful storm in the north central U.S. produced up to three feet of snow in the Bighorn Mountains of Wyoming and the mountains of south central Montana. Up to five inches of rain drenched central Montana in less than 24 hours, and flash flooding in Wyoming caused a million dollars damage. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1989: Thirty-two cities in the central and eastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date, and 24-hour snowfall totals of 7.2 inches at Buffalo and 10.7 inches at Rochester New York were records for the month of May.

1990 - Gale force winds lashed the northern and central Pacific coast. A wind gust of 52 mph at Eureka CA established a record for the month of May. Strong winds over northeastern Colorado, associated with a fast moving Pacific cold front, gusted to 63 mph at Peetz. Snow developed over the northwest mountains of Wyoming late in the day, and Yellowstone National Park was whitened with 6 to 14 inches. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1993: Serious flooding occurred in central Oklahoma following torrential rain and hail on this date through the 8th. Rainfall amounts on this date were generally around one inch. Oklahoma City, OK then recorded 6.64 inches of rain on the 8th, the third greatest daily rainfall amount ever observed in the city. Extensive flooding resulted, which killed four people, and the fire department had to rescue 183 others. More than 2,000 homes and businesses were damaged or destroyed. Damages were estimated at \$8 million.

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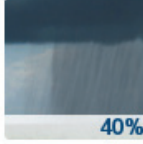
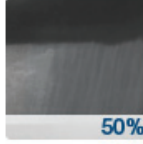



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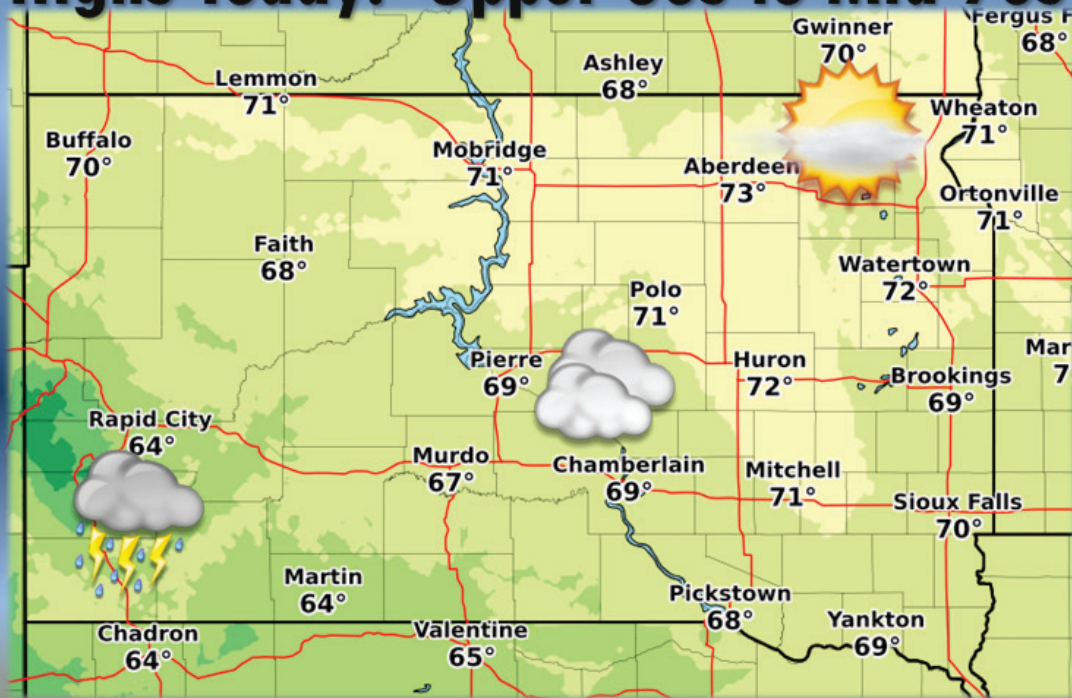
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Today	Tonight	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday
						
Patchy Smoke	Patchy Smoke	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Chance Showers	Chance Showers	Chance Showers
High: 71 °F	Low: 41 °F	High: 73 °F	Low: 48 °F	High: 69 °F	Low: 49 °F	High: 65 °F

Return of Seasonal Temperatures

Lighter Winds

Highs Today: Upper 60s to Mid 70s



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Updated: 5/7/2016 3:49 AM Central



Published on: 05/07/2016 at 3:52AM

Canadian high pressure sinking across the area will bring a return of seasonal temperatures, along with lighter winds. Temperatures today will top out in the upper 60s to mid 70s. Some patchy smoke may be noticeable today, stemming from the ongoing Canadian wildfires.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 90.6 at 1:50 PM

Low: 55.5 at 11:57 PM

High Gust: 30 at 4:19 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 94° in 1928

Record Low: 24 in 1982

Average High: 66°F

Average Low: 41°F

Average Precip in May: 0.71

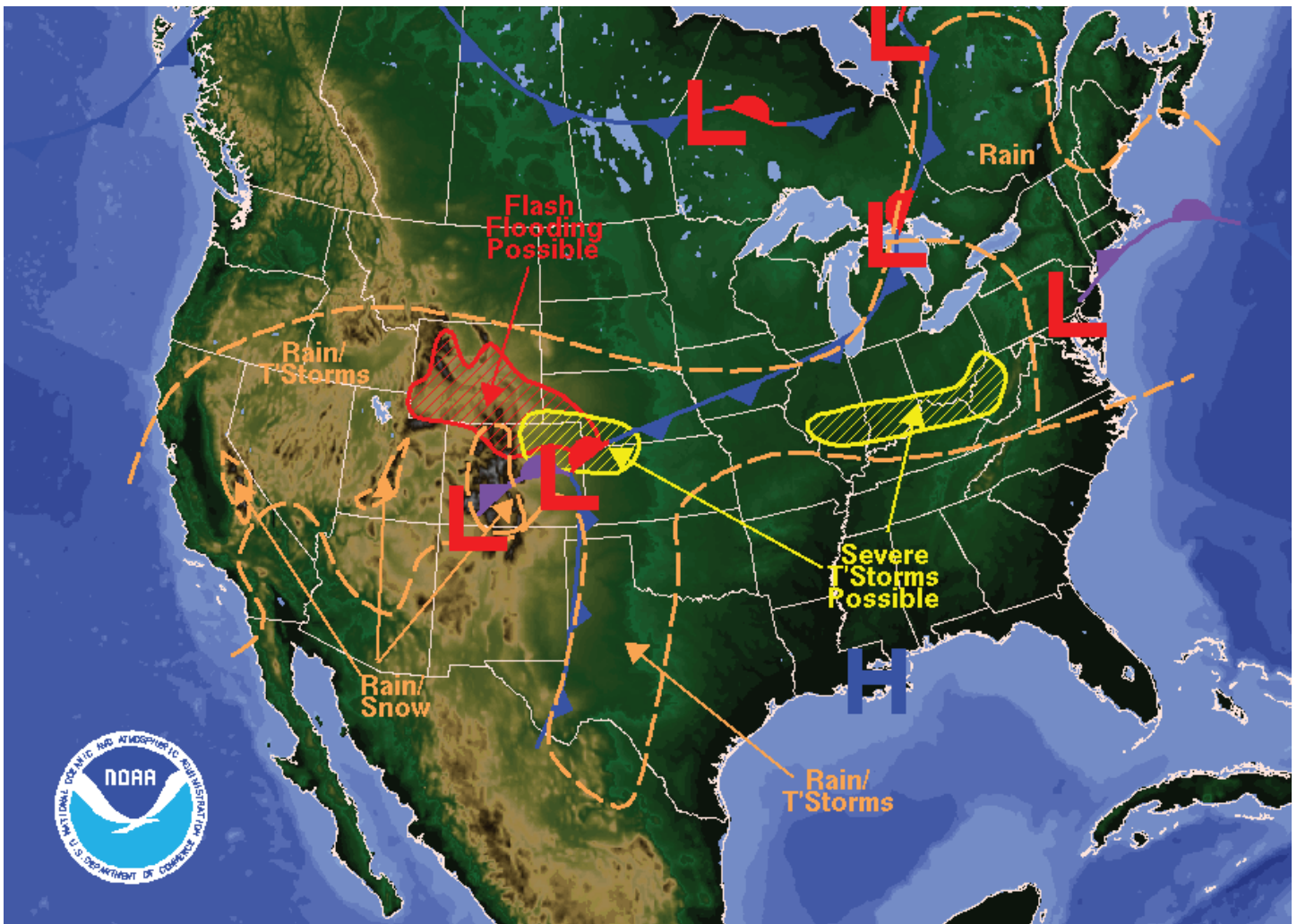
Precip to date in May: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 4.74

Precip Year to Date: 3.39

Sunset Tonight: 8:48 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:11 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, May 07, 2016, issued 4:23 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Krekeler based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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ACT LIKE YOU BELIEVE IT

Bud Grant was the legendary head football coach of the Minnesota Vikings and a member of the pro-football Hall of Fame. He was once referred to as the "toughest person on the field."

The first event at the first practice session of every Viking camp was the same. He personally showed his players how to line up for the playing of our National Anthem. He would remind them that if the other teams slouched or looked disinterested during the playing of the anthem, he was not responsible for their behavior.

However, he said to his men, "You're special. You're winners. Look and act like winners every second you are part of this team!"

We Christians need to realize that we are "special." We need to look and act like Christians all of the time – no matter where we are or what we are doing. The Apostle John said, "Those who say they live in God should live as Jesus did."

This does not mean that God expects us to have disciples or perform miracles. It means that we are to walk as He walked, talk as He talked, live as He lived, obey God as He obeyed God and follow His example of loving and serving others as He did.

Prayer: Our Father, may we as Your children be and act like Jesus, Your Son, and demonstrate to others that we are members of Your family. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: 1 John 2:6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

News from the Associated Press

Official: County won't be hurried on nuclear borehole test

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — There should be a careful review of a proposed federal test to assess whether nuclear waste can be stored in 3-mile-deep holes in east-central South Dakota and congressional input about the potential drilling project, a Spink County official said Friday.

Organizers have met opposition from county residents who are concerned in part because they don't trust the federal government, said Dave Albrecht, chairman of the county's board of commissioners, adding that he hasn't made up his mind about the proposal.

Battelle, a nonprofit group hired to manage the U.S. Department of Energy project, is considering whether county sites would suffice for the study on whether deep rock is suitable for nuclear waste disposal, but officials have repeatedly said the borehole field test will not involve any radioactive waste. The contractor is touting a multimillion-dollar estimated state and local economic impact.

GOP Gov. Dennis Daugaard supports the project, but a spokeswoman for Republican U.S. Rep. Kristi Noem said in an email that she opposes moving forward. U.S. Sen. Mike Rounds said in a statement that the proposal "furthers our state's leadership in scientific underground research," but said he would support the choice Spink County residents make for their community.

U.S. Sen. John Thune's stance wasn't immediately available.

Organizers have hosted meetings in the county to answer questions from the community about the proposed research, which also could involve geothermal energy. Another is scheduled for next week.

"I'm very concerned that this will turn into something more than just a test project, that it would ultimately result in the storage of high-level nuclear waste right in the heartland, and frankly, my backyard," said Republican Sen. Brock Greenfield, who represents Spink County. "My distrust of the federal government is tremendous."

Spink County, home to about 6,500 people, would not be good for storing nuclear waste in the future because the proximity of subsurface water makes it an unattractive site, according to organizers.

The drilling project requires state and local government permits to move forward. The contractor anticipates it would require special county approval to zone the land for the test, Battelle spokesman T.R. Massey said.

Massey said he understands people's concerns, which is why the test's backers are trying to be open and transparent with residents. The borehole would be filled in after the test is completed, he said.

There are tough decisions ahead and the county will take its time if an application is submitted, Albrecht said.

"That Benson block has been there for billions of years. I don't think a few more months is going to hurt anything," he said. "We're not going to be hurried into this."

Free public tours of the Governor's Mansion start next month

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Governor's Mansion will begin its sixth season of free weekly tours next month.

First lady Linda Daugaard says the governor's mansion belongs to the people of South Dakota, and she and Gov. Dennis Daugaard are happy to again open the home on the shore of Capitol Lake to the public.

Beginning June 1, weekly public tours will be conducted each Wednesday in June, July and August. People who attend the first tour of the summer can see the Mount Rushmore mascots to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the national memorial's completion.

The 30-minute tours will begin at 1 p.m. Central time and will be conducted by volunteers, including the first lady.

Free tickets must be obtained in advance from the Pierre Area Chamber of Commerce.

Man given 20 years for conspiracy to distribute meth

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler says a 38-year-old Rapid City man has been sentenced to 20 years in prison for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine.

Jason Barton was indicted in February 2015 and pleaded guilty to the charge in January 2016. He was sentenced by Chief Judge Jeffrey Viken last week.

Prosecutors say that Barton conspired with others to distribute, and distributed more than 500 grams of methamphetamine within South Dakota.

Barton was immediately turned over to the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service.

Officials dedicate new Custer State Park visitor center

CUSTER, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard and officials from the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department have dedicated the new Custer State Park visitor center.

Officials held a ribbon cutting on Friday before opening the facility to the public.

The center features a large interactive map, 20-foot-tall scale models of the Cathedral Spires and educational displays about the park's iconic buffalo.

Daugaard says the visitor center and theater would not exist without the generosity of a dozen private donors. He specifically mentioned the Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust, the James and Eloise Elmen Foundation and the Lloyd and Beverly (Gerhardson) Paulson Family for donations of \$1 million each.

The Custer State Park Visitor Center is in the park at the junction of Wildlife Loop Road and Highway 16.

Rapid City woman pleads not guilty to Social Security fraud

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A Rapid City woman accused of defrauding the federal government has pleaded not guilty.

Thirty-five-year-old Melissa Dale is accused of receiving treatment at an Indian Health Service facility in Rapid City last September after registering under a false name and false Social Security number.

Dale was indicted on a charge of Social Security fraud. U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler says her trial is scheduled to begin July 5. She could face up to five years in prison if convicted, along with a \$250,000 fine and restitution.

Dale also goes by the name Melissa White Bull.

These beasts are beauties: India holds bovine beauty pageant

ROHTAK, India (AP) — Even beasts can be beautiful.

Hundreds of cows and bulls walked the ramp in a north Indian town Saturday in a bovine beauty pageant aimed at promoting indigenous Indian cattle breeds and raising awareness about animal health.

As farmers led their animals, the panel of experts judged the beasts for their size and overall looks, the length of their horns and, for the cows, their milk-yielding capacities.

The judges selected 18 winners in various categories, choosing the healthiest and best-looking cows and bulls from more than 630 animals in the contest, held in the farming town of Rohtak in Haryana state.

The winners, representing three different breeds, carried home prizes and a winner's sash.

Lebanese hope for change in first vote after trash crisis

PHILIP ISSA, Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Lebanon's capital on Sunday will hold its first elections since a months-long trash crisis left mountains of garbage festering in the streets, with an outsider group of candidates challenging a political establishment widely seen as corrupt and incompetent.

Beirut Madinati, Arabic for "Beirut, My City," has vowed to clean up the city's streets -- and its politics.

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"We will go to the polls and throw out the corrupt politicians," declared list leader Ibrahim Mneihmneh, a 40-year-old architect, at a recent rally attended by hundreds of people. "We will no longer whine about the trash, traffic, or corruption."

Polling stations for the municipal election will be open on Sunday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (0400 GMT to 1600 GMT). Results are expected as early as Monday.

Madinati hopes to channel the energy of the "You Stink" protest movement, which emerged in response to the trash crisis and went on to challenge the political class that has governed Lebanon since the end of its 1975-1990 civil war.

The leaders behind the "You Stink" movement, which brought thousands of protesters into the streets at the height of the trash crisis, have not formally endorsed Madinati but have attended its rallies.

Since the end of the war, Lebanon has been governed by a power-sharing arrangement among political blocs -- many led by former warlords -- that represent its various religious sects. That has led to widespread patronage and corruption, and more recently to the breakdown of public services.

The trash crisis began last summer when the government closed the city's main landfill without agreeing on a replacement. For eight months trash piled up across the city. An agreement was reached in March to open a new disposal facility, but critics cast it as simply another backroom deal that failed to address the root of the problem.

And the stench grew even worse in April, as excavators dismantled the piles of garbage to carry it out of the city.

"When you talk about Beirut, you say she's a beautiful woman," said the well-known Lebanese director Nadine Labaki, who is a candidate on the Madinati list. "Unfortunately, this is not what I'm seeing now."

The Madinati list is made up of independent technocrats who have reached out to voters through town hall-style meetings, rallies and fundraisers. But many wonder if they can succeed in a system dominated by lifelong politicians.

"It's like in the village," said Mohammad Hamza, a Beirut barber. "The outsiders win the elections, and for the next six years nothing gets done, because the political bosses block everything."

Powerball's pull puts weekend jackpot at \$415 million

SCOTT McFETRIDGE, Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The Powerball jackpot has climbed to \$415 million, making Saturday night's prize the largest since a record \$1.6 billion payout in January. Interest and sales typically spike when the lack of a winner causes prizes to spiral upward. Here are some things to keep in mind about Saturday's drawing and future jackpots.

START WITH THE ODDS

At one in 292.2 million, everyone from lottery officials to a helpful math teacher will explain that the odds of winning aren't good, but it's still hard to fathom. Just keep this in mind: You have a much better chance of being killed in an attack by bees in your lifetime, at one in 64,706, than winning the Powerball jackpot.

BUT EVENTUALLY, SOMEONE WILL CASH IN

Even with such bad odds, a winning ticket or tickets will eventually be sold. That's because about 323 million people live in the United States, and when the jackpot balloons, a lot of them buy a lot of tickets. In January, more than 75 percent of the possible 292.2 million combinations were sold for the astronomical prize.

HOW DOES POWERBALL WORK?

Drawings are at 10:59 p.m. Eastern time on Wednesdays and Saturdays, when five of 69 white balls are drawn from a drum, along with one of 26 red balls from another drum. Match all the numbers and you're suddenly very wealthy. Smaller prizes are paid if you match the Powerball or at least three of the white balls. The jackpot starts at \$40 million and increases until there is a winner. Each ticket costs \$2, and players can pay an extra \$1 to increase the smaller prizes they might win.

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With high hopes, people often buy 25, 100 or more tickets, or they might join an office pool. They're right that buying more tickets increases their chance of winning, but not by much. To really increase your odds, you'd need to buy hundreds of thousands or millions of combinations, and even then you'd probably lose.

PICK YOUR PRIZE

Jackpot winners face a choice of taking a lump sum or an annuity paid over 30 years. The annuity is the amount promoted as the jackpot, but most winners opt for cash — which, as of Friday morning, is an impressive but much smaller \$269.7 million. Most winners think they can earn a higher investment return than would be guaranteed through the annuity. But don't forget about taxes, which will eat up about half of the cash winnings and a bit less of the annuity.

LONG LINES

Powerball is sold in 44 states, plus Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. That leaves Alabama, Alaska, Hawaii, Mississippi, Nevada and Utah as the only states that don't participate. Typically, the busiest retailers and longest lines are found just across the border from states in the Lower 48 that don't offer the game.

Gucci quits US anti-counterfeiting group after Alibaba joins

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SHANGHAI (AP) — Gucci America has quit the International Anti-Counterfeiting Coalition, the second defection since the Washington, D.C.-based group allowed Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba to become a member in April.

Michael Kors walked out of the IACC last month, calling Alibaba "our most dangerous and damaging adversary."

The outrage over Alibaba's membership raises fresh questions about how effective Alibaba has been in fighting fakes as it pushes to take its e-commerce juggernaut global. It has also allowed the deep loathing some harbor for one of China's global champions to burst into view.

Gucci, along with other Kering Group brands like Balenciaga, is suing Alibaba in New York federal court. They accuse Alibaba of knowingly encouraging and profiting from the sale of counterfeit goods on its e-commerce platforms. Alibaba has dismissed the suit as "wasteful litigation."

By Saturday, Gucci's name had been struck from the IACC's website. "They were not happy about Alibaba joining," said IACC vice-president Candice Li-Uzoigwe. She said that Gucci informed the group of its decision to leave on Wednesday.

"The IACC stands by its decision and is committed to lean into the future and lead a coalition of the willing," IACC president Robert Barchiesi said by email Saturday. "Whether it's payment processors or online marketplaces, the choice is clear, they must be an integral part of the solution."

Gucci declined to comment.

Alibaba's membership falls into a special category, without leadership positions and voting rights. Barchiesi said that it was created in response to eBay's request for membership. eBay ultimately did not join the coalition.

Alibaba said IACC membership would allow it to work more closely and effectively with brands to proactively enforce intellectual property rights.

The IACC has over 250 members, including Apple, Cisco Systems and Chanel.

Trump scorns Republican opponents as well as Democrats

ERICA WERNER, Associated Press

STEVE PEOPLES, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump's derision of his political opponents draws hearty boos of support at rallies. That he castigates as many Republicans as Democrats is another sign of the fractures within the GOP.

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Trump shrugs off the high-profile Republicans who have stated they aren't voting for him, among them former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., both one-time rivals for the nomination he has all but won. While Trump declares that such GOP naysayers don't really matter when compared to all the votes he garnered in primary elections, he still takes time to mock Bush and Graham.

Appearing at rallies Friday in Nebraska and then Oregon, Trump repeated his nickname for Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton — "crooked Hillary" — but stepped up his attacks on Clinton by referencing her husband's infidelities for the first time since he became his party's presumptive nominee while dismissing her criticism of how he treated women.

"Bill Clinton was the worst in history and I have to listen to her talking about it?" Trump said. "Just remember this: She was an unbelievably nasty, mean enabler. And what she did to a lot of those women is disgraceful. So put that in her bonnet and let's see what happens."

Trump also turned to a relatively fresh target, Sen. Elizabeth Warren. The Massachusetts Democrat, he said, is a "goofus" and a "basket case" who has done nothing in the Senate. Warren, a favorite of the Democratic left whom some would like to see as Clinton's running mate, had insulted Trump earlier on Twitter, calling him "a bully who has a single play in his playbook."

Slamming Democrats was to be expected, but Trump's problems within the GOP itself remained an unusual spectacle of Republican vs. Republican discord. The nominee-to-be grudgingly agreed to meet next week with House Speaker Paul Ryan, the nation's highest-ranking Republican whose statement a day earlier — he said he was not ready to embrace Trump's nomination — set off the intraparty fireworks. Trump said he had "no idea" if they would patch things up.

"The thing that matters most are the millions of people that have come out to vote for me and give me a landslide victory in almost every state," Trump said moments after Ryan announced their planned meeting.

Rather than let the subject rest, Trump told supporters Friday night in Eugene, Oregon, that he and Ryan had had a nice phone conversation three weeks ago but that, "all of a sudden, he wants to be cute." Still, Trump assured the thousands gathered that "we're going to be a unified party."

Ryan said his meeting with Trump would occur next Thursday and that Trump also would meet with other House GOP leaders. Discussions will center on "the kind of Republican principles and ideas that can win the support of the American people this November," Ryan said.

Democrats were generally steering clear of the Republican infighting, letting the party's leaders tear at each other.

However, President Barack Obama did say when questioned about it at the White House: "This is not entertainment. This is not a reality show," and candidates need to show they have the qualities to lead the world's strongest nation.

Some Republicans were not shy about expressing their displeasure with Ryan. The telegenic Wisconsin Republican served as his party's vice presidential nominee in 2012, was drafted to the high-profile role of House speaker last fall and is seen as having designs on the 2020 presidential nomination himself.

"Yesterday's statement emboldens others to be equally publicly difficult. And that runs the risk of creating a Goldwater kind of moment where the party really does split," former House Speaker Newt Gingrich told The Associated Press, referring to the 1964 Republican presidential nominee whose candidacy divided the GOP and was followed by a big Democratic victory.

"I don't necessarily know that that's his role, to be a sticking point for the Republican nominee," said Rep. Duncan Hunter of California, one of a growing number of Trump supporters in the House. Added Rep. Lou Barletta of Pennsylvania: "The voters of our party have spoken loud and clear, and it's their voice that matters."

Turbulence injures 17 on Indonesia-Hong Kong flight

BALI, Indonesia (AP) — Seventeen passengers and crew were injured when a Hong Kong Airlines' flight ran into severe turbulence early Saturday on the way from Indonesia's resort Bali island to Hong Kong.

The Airbus A330-200 with 204 passengers and 12 crew returned to Bali about 2 ½ hours into the flight

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and landed safely at 4:34 a.m. (2034 GMT Friday), said Trikora Harjo, general manager of Bali's Ngurah Rai airport.

The plane encountered the turbulence above Kalimantan, Indonesia's part of Borneo, he said.

Most of the injuries were head bruises and there were no serious cases, Harjo said. Three crewmembers and eight passengers were brought to a hospital while six others were treated at the airport clinic, he said. He said there was no damage to the plane, but an inspection was underway.

Ninety-five passengers were flown to Hong Kong on board a Garuda Indonesia plane Saturday morning while the rest were waiting at the airport and hotels.

It was the second such incident involving Airbus planes over Indonesian territory in the past four days.

On Wednesday, an Etihad Airways flight from Abu Dhabi ran into sudden turbulence as it prepared to land in the Indonesian capital, injuring 31 passengers and a crew.

Investigators want to interview doctor about Prince case

MICHAEL TARM

CHICAGO (AP) — A law enforcement official says investigators want to interview a California doctor and his son about a prescription drug the son brought for Prince before the singer was found collapsed in an elevator at his Minnesota home.

The official told The Associated Press investigators also want to know if Dr. Howard Kornfeld and son Andrew Kornfeld had a longer-term medical relationship with Prince. Neither is accused of wrongdoing.

The law enforcement official had been briefed on the investigation and spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to speak to the media.

The Kornfelds' attorney, William Mauzy, said Prince's staff called Howard Kornfeld on April 20. He sent his son on an overnight flight with the drug buprenorphine. Andrew Kornfeld found Prince unresponsive and did not administer the drug.

North Korea party to give Kim Jong Un top title at congress

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PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — North Korea's ruling party is preparing to bestow its top title on leader Kim Jong Un, another sign that the third heir to North Korea's dynasty of Kims is firmly in control despite his country's deepening international isolation over one of his key ambitions, to keep developing more and better nuclear weapons.

The state-run Korean Central News Agency on Saturday said the agenda for the congress included reviewing the works of the party's Central Committee and Central Audit Commission, revising party rules, electing Kim to the top party post and electing a new central leadership for the party.

The decision to formally install — or perhaps simply re-install — Kim at the top is a step along the lines of his late father and grandfather, who held the title of general secretary of the Workers' Party and is a mostly symbolic move to demonstrate the young leader is in full control and ready to begin a new era of his own.

Kim is already head of the party, but with the title of first secretary. It wasn't immediately clear if he would be elected to the same post, or an unspecified new one. His father, Kim Jong Il, holds the posthumous title of "eternal general secretary" and his grandfather, national founder Kim Il Sung, is "eternal president."

Kim opened the lavish congress with a brief speech on Friday that singled out North Korea's advances in developing nuclear weapons and rockets capable of putting satellites into orbit, as examples of the country's progress in the face of international criticism and tough sanctions that threaten to further stifle its struggling economy.

Along with being high political theater filled with pomp and ceremony — the congress is being held in a lavishly decorated hall decked out with bright red banners and flags bearing the party's hammer, sickle and pen symbol — the gathering is a major milestone for the young North Korean leader, who was not

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yet born when the previous congress was held in 1980.

Kim called the congress a "historic" milestone in a grand struggle pitting the North against "all manner of threats and desperate challenges by the imperialists." He said it would "put forward the strategic line and tasks to keep ushering in a great golden age of socialist construction and the direction of advance of our revolution."

The reference to what the North claims was a successful hydrogen bomb test in January brought a standing ovation from the more than 3,400 delegates at the congress. To put a finer point on his defiant message, outside observers believe, the North may be preparing to conduct another nuclear test soon, possibly before the congress is over.

An analysis released by the respected 38 North website, which follows developments in North Korea, said commercial satellite imagery of North Korea's Punggye-ri Nuclear test site from May 5 suggests Pyongyang may be preparing for a nuclear test "in the near future."

The analysis said that overall activity at the site is low, but vehicles have been spotted at what is believed to be the Command Center, located approximately 6 kilometers (3.7 miles) south of the test site.

Since assuming power after the death of his father, Kim Jong Il, in 2011, Kim has pushed a "byongjin" guns-and-butter policy of developing North Korea's nuclear weapons while also building its domestic economy.

Though the dual strategy is his trademark policy, many outside economists believe it is unlikely to succeed because of the heavy price the nuclear program brings in international sanctions that keep the country's economy from achieving sustainable growth.

All of the previous six congresses were convened by Kim's grandfather, national founder Kim Il Sung. The previous one was used as the stage to formally announce Kim's father, Kim Jong Il, as the second heir to power.

Kim Il Sung died in 1994, and Kim Jong Il — who rarely spoke in public — never called for the convening of a congress, though they were on paper supposed to be held every five years.

This one is clearly designed to put the spotlight on Kim Jong Un, who has yet to travel abroad or meet any world leaders. With that in mind, the North has invited over 100 foreign journalists in to cover the event, though none have been let inside the convention hall.

Instead, they have been kept busy touring showcase factories, hospitals and historic sites.

DERBY 2016: Some dramatic finishes in the Run for the Roses

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Picking the most dramatic finishes in the Kentucky Derby is all but impossible. Arguably, each of the 141 editions has a remarkable ending, and Saturday's should be no different.

From breathtaking duels to the wire (Grindstone-Cavonnier) to almost unthinkable upsets (Mine That Bird at 50-1) to completely overpowering victories (Barbaro by 6 ½ lengths), there's good reason the Derby is often called the greatest two minutes in sports.

For many, though, it's all about how the race unfolds once these 3-year-olds come hauling around the turn and into the stretch under the twin spires at Churchill Downs with 170,000 racing fans roaring at the top of their lungs.

And we're off, with a handful of dramatic finishes:

MINE THAT BIRD (2009)

Four years earlier, Giacomo had pulled off a stunner at 50-1 odds, but this one seemed even more incredible. Mine That Bird barely qualified for the Derby, and little-known trainer Chip Woolley — a cast on his broken leg and all — hooked a horse trailer to his truck and drove 1,200 miles from New Mexico to Churchill Downs. Over a sloppy track, jockey Calvin Borel weaved his horse from last place past 18 others, moved rapidly to the inside and, before race caller Tom Durkin could get the words out of his mouth, the Bird was in front by three lengths along the rail on his way to a 6 ¾-length win. "Right there on the inside, coming through, Mine That Bird!" Durkin intoned. "In a spectacular, spectacular upset, Mine That

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Bird has won the Kentucky Derby! An impossible result here!" A \$2 win ticket was worth \$103.20.

GRINDSTONE (1996)

For Triple Crown winning trainer Bob Baffert, this still stands as his toughest loss. Although Unbridled's Song was the 7-2 favorite and leading, it was Baffert's Cavonnier who took over with a quarter-mile to go. Meanwhile, Grindstone, under Jerry Bailey, was making a huge move from 15th place and by the time they flashed by the finish line, it was too close to call between trainer D. Wayne Lukas' Grindstone and Cavonnier. Baffert thought he won. Lukas wasn't sure. The photo finish review took a long time. Several minutes. The nod went to Grindstone. Five days later, the colt was retired with an injury.

IRON LIEGE (1957)

Still hard to believe the great Bill Shoemaker could misjudge the finish line, causing Gallant Man an almost sure victory. But it happened.

A stellar field included Bold Ruler and Round Table, but it was Gallant Man and Iron Liege dueling to the wire in the stretch. Racing neck-and-neck into deep stretch, Shoemaker stood up in the saddle to celebrate victory too early — clearly misjudging the finish line. Gallant Man briefly lost momentum, and Bill Hartack aboard Iron Liege held on to win by a neck.

DARK STAR (1953)

This was supposed to be cakewalk for Native Dancer, who came into the race with a 9-for-9 record, a 2-year-old championship and a Horse of the Year award. Known as the "Grey Ghost" for his striking gray coat, Native Dancer was sent off as the 7-10 favorite. The race did not start well as Native Dancer was roughed up and dropped back under jockey Eric Guerin. Dark Star, a 24-1 long shot, led early on and remained in front into the stretch. Native Dancer was rolling by that point, closing fast, but Dark Star barely hung on and won by a head. Native Dancer went on to win the Preakness and Belmont Stakes and never lost again. He won 21 of 22 career races.

BROKERS TIP (1933)

Welcome to the fighting finish Derby, the one with the grabbing, pushing and whipping. The unbelievable events occurred in the stretch, and the lead roles were jockey Don Meade aboard Brokers Tip and Herb Fisher aboard Head Play. A stubborn Head Play would not load into the starting gate, and was allowed to begin the race from outside the gate. With mud on the track, Head Play stayed off the rail and led. Brokers Tip stayed well back, but the late-running colt was guided through an inside opening and Fisher steered Head Play toward Brokers Tip. Then the rumble began. With their horses racing stride for stride to the finish, the jockeys grabbed each other's saddlecloths, bridles and legs. They used whips on each other, not their horses. They crossed the finish line together, flailing away. Brokers Tip was declared the winner by the racing stewards, who watched the race through binoculars. It was the only race Brokers Tip ever won.

11-year-old's slaying spreads grief far beyond Navajo Nation

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FARMINGTON, N.M. (AP) — She was a budding musician and talented artist, a girl whose death at the hands of a man who authorities say lured her into his van spread grief far beyond her home on the Navajo Nation.

More than 3,000 people turned out for Ashlynn Mike's funeral in Farmington, New Mexico, weeping as images of the 11-year-old girl were displayed overhead and the sounds of her xylophone rang out in the auditorium. A headstone created for her grave read "our little angel in heaven."

The crowd Friday far outnumbered the community of Lower Fruitland, where Ashlynn was raised with her father and siblings. Entire families, hugging each other and their children, sat before her small white

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coffin. Many wore yellow T-shirts. Navajo Nation Council Speaker LoRenzo Bates said yellow represents hope, strength and resilience, and it was one of her favorite colors.

New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez called on the mourners to carry on the kindness Ashlynnne showed the world.

"I cannot imagine the pain Ashlynnne's loved ones feel right now," the governor said. "But even as we mourn her, we should celebrate her life and remember what a beautiful little girl she was, inside and out."

More than 200 miles away in Albuquerque, suspect Tom Begaye Jr. waived his right to a preliminary and detention hearing, and a judge ordered him to remain in custody on charges of murder and kidnaping. Public defender James Loonam was assigned to represent him and did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Begaye, a 27-year-old Navajo who lived down the highway from Ashlynnne's home, persuaded her and her 9-year-old brother, who had been playing near their bus stop after school, to climb into his van, an FBI agent's affidavit says. The boy told police that the man took them deep into the desert and then walked off with his sister, before returning alone.

Begaye told investigators he sexually assaulted the girl and struck her twice in the head with a crowbar, and that she was still moving when he left her, according to the affidavit.

Begaye has been cited multiple times by Navajo police since 2006 on suspicion of public intoxication, speeding, theft, disorderly conduct and not having a valid driver's license, tribal records say. Off the reservation, he had been cited for drug possession about three weeks ago.

The slaying has raised tough questions for residents and law enforcement on the country's largest American Indian reservation, which stretches for 27,000 square miles into New Mexico, Utah and Arizona. Eight hours passed between the family's initial missing-persons report and an Amber Alert that went out at 2:27 a.m. Tuesday, urging people around the region to be on the lookout.

Her body was found later that morning, south of Shiprock Pinnacle, just inside the border of the Navajo Nation in the northwest corner of New Mexico.

One of Ashlynnne's brothers, Ryan Begay, told the audience at her funeral that he drove around the monolith for hours in the darkness, looking for his sister. He said he asked for an alert at 10:30 p.m. and grew more upset with each passing hour.

"I really wish that this alert went out a lot sooner," he said, prompting strenuous applause.

Ashlynnne's younger brother told police that he tried to find his sister after the man left him in the desert. Then he ran for help and was spotted by a couple, Ella and Benny Yazzie, who were driving and took him to police. The boy was so distraught that he couldn't describe what happened with enough detail to focus the search, authorities said.

Navajo families extend far beyond bloodlines, through traditional clan systems that foster kinship among tribal members, and the law enforcement delays didn't prevent about a hundred community members from searching for Ashlynnne, driving across the open desert long into the night.

On Friday, his father embraced the boy as the governor praised his bravery and said Ashlynnne would have been proud.

Later in the service, images from across the country of people releasing balloons, holding vigils and singing in remembrance of Ashlynnne flashed on the overhead screen.

Rick Nez, president of the Navajo Nation's San Juan Chapter, urged people to make sure their families know how much they care about them.

"Don't ever forget to go to bed and rise in the morning and say, 'I love you, my precious child,'" Nez said.

Later Friday, Ashlynnne's classmates got the honor of leading hundreds of other children in a milelong race. Then, 500 yellow balloons were released in her memory.

Race organizers also planned to go ahead with Saturday's Shiprock Marathon. The course, along Navajo Route 13, runs about 3 miles from where Ashlynnne's body was found. A Christian prayer team and a traditional practitioner blessed the entire route "to bring some peace and healing to the place and to the runners who will be out there," race director Tom Rigenbach said.

"It's hard to know what emotions will be there," Riggerbach said. "I'm sure it will be very pure and raw emotions, but I think the one thing a lot of the kids will understand is that sometimes life is not always easy, it's not always happy, it's not always fair by our standards. But people pull together and can overcome it."

China navy searches for 17 sailors missing in sea collision

BEIJING (AP) — China's navy is searching for 17 sailors after their fishing boat collided with another vessel. The official China News Service said Saturday that two other sailors have been rescued by another fishing boat following the pre-dawn crash.

Three navy ships operating in the East China Sea off the coast of Zhejiang province were diverted to join the search and another five vessels dispatched because of poor visibility in the area.

The other vessel involved in the crash was identified only as non-Chinese and it wasn't clear whether it had suffered any damage.

A staffer reached at the Maritime Search and Rescue Center under the Ministry of Transport said Saturday afternoon that the search and rescue effort is continuing.

Philippine election could cause heartburn for its US ally

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The upcoming Philippine presidential election could cause some heartburn in Washington. The winner of Monday's vote will be hand-maiden to the most crucial U.S. relationship in Southeast Asia, and the front-runner has not inspired confidence with his casual threats to shoot criminals and by joking about the gang rape and killing of a foreign missionary.

The historically tumultuous relationship between the U.S. and its former colony has thrived in recent years as the Philippines has turned to Washington for support against an assertive China. But there's uncertainty about how the eventual election winner will navigate external relations during a period of high tensions with Beijing.

Front-running candidate Rodrigo Duterte is known for his profanity-laden speeches and has been likened to Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump. He made international headlines last month when he said that an Australian missionary who was gang raped and killed during a 1989 prison siege was so beautiful that he "should have been the first" to assault her. The Australian and U.S. ambassadors criticized that comment, and Duterte told them to shut up.

On Friday, incumbent President Benigno Aquino III, who cannot run for re-election, made a desperate call for the trailing candidates to ally against Duterte, whom he described as a threat to democracy. The veteran city mayor has earned the nickname "Duterte Harry," after a Clint Eastwood character with little regard for rules. He faces allegations that death squads committed extra-judicial killings to clean up the southern city of Davao that he's run for 22 years.

As with any foreign election, U.S. officials are reluctant to comment in case they are accused of trying to influence the result. "We look forward to working with the next Philippine administration to build upon our strong and enduring relationship, whatever the outcome of elections may be," said Katina Adams, a State Department spokeswoman for East Asia.

Still, they'll be hoping for a successor who will follow the strategic path forged by Aquino, who has doubled down on ties with Washington in the face of China's aggressive pursuit of territorial claims in the disputed South China Sea.

On Aquino's watch, the Philippines has agreed to opening up several of its military facilities in American forces — a quarter-century after nationalist sentiments forced the closure of U.S. bases in the island nation. That's an important boost to President Barack Obama's push to expand America's presence in the Asia-Pacific to counter China.

"The Philippines has adopted an adversarial posture with regard to China that is unique in the region,"

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said Marvin Ott, a former U.S. intelligence analyst and now a lecturer on Southeast Asian studies.

Aquino has been more circumspect with China than his predecessor, who was accused of cutting a corrupt deal with Beijing over joint exploitation of resources in the South China Sea. Aquino did reach out to Beijing after taking office in 2010, but relations tumbled after Chinese vessels occupied a shoal off the Philippine coast in 2012. Manila subsequently lodged a case with an international tribunal challenging the legal basis of Beijing's claims to virtually all the South China Sea. A ruling is expected within weeks.

That's an approach that's been supported by the Obama administration, but which could sharpen tensions with China if the tribunal rules in Manila's favor, as many expect.

The contender most likely to follow Aquino's policies on the South China Sea is the one the president has endorsed: Mar Roxas, a U.S.-educated investment banker who served in Aquino's Cabinet. But all of the candidates, including Roxas, have signaled a willingness to improve relations with China, the region's dominant economy.

Vikram Singh, a former senior U.S. defense official, said it was possible that as president, any of the candidates could slow the recent agreements on increased U.S. military access to Philippine bases, but he expected "they'll want to keep close ties with Washington when they see just how significant the pressure can be from Beijing."

Duerte's position on the South China Sea has been characteristically unconventional. He has said he would initiate talks with the Chinese, and if those fail he'd go to one of the disputed Chinese-made islands by jet ski and plant a Philippine flag. He told a televised debate it would be up to the Chinese if they want to shoot him and make him a national hero.

Angsty conservatives licking wounds in Age of Trump

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WASHINGTON (AP) — For a lot of angsty conservatives, there's more to worry about than just Donald Trump. There's the future of the conservative movement to consider.

The soul-searching over what to do with the Republican Party's presumptive presidential nominee includes a broader debate over who gets to define conservatism.

An Iowa talk show host on the right talks of conservatism going into "temporary exile." A senator and self-described "movement conservative" still is casting about for an alternative to Trump and expected Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton. The head of a grassroots conservative group in Texas wishes he could wake up from a dream and discover the Trump-as-nominee notion is nothing more than the product of indigestion from a bad burrito.

"The conservative movement, a movement I have been proud to be a part of, has been hijacked and twisted, and all the work we've done has been totally reversed," laments RedState columnist Joe Cunningham.

The bitter irritation over Trump isn't just about ideology; there's ego in play, too.

"There are certain conservatives who view themselves as the brains and leadership of the movement who are somewhat offended that their call to action to stop Trump failed," says Matt Schlapp, chairman of the American Conservative Union, the oldest and largest conservative grassroots organization. "When they told people to go in a certain direction, the people didn't follow. And so there's a certain amount of ego and pride wrapped into the current state of affairs."

For Schlapp, the answer to the what-now question is easy, although his organization hasn't made an endorsement. He's ready to "strongly, enthusiastically, full-throatedly" support Trump — given the Democratic alternative.

"Look," he says, "Donald Trump is not on trial to determine whether or not he is an award-winning conservative. It is a choice between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton."

Further, says Schlapp, Republican voters didn't reject conservatism to vote for Trump. They simply put a higher priority on Trump's shake-up-the-system message than they did on evaluating how his positions jibe with their policy manuals.

Some glass-half-full types say conservatives need to stop the gloom-and-doom over Trump, and use

this as a teachable moment.

Michael Quinn Sullivan, head of the grassroots group Empower Texans, says conservatives should be reflecting on how they underestimated the frustration of the electorate and consider how they can do a better job of communicating with the millions of first-time voters Trump is bringing into the system.

"A lot of folks on the elected side of the movement have been trying very hard to keep the lid on top of the frustration and the angst and the anger, and when it finally blows it gets a little messy," says Sullivan. "We need to be encouraging some of our elected officials and some of our politicians and party officials to be willing to let the steam off, and be willing to engage folks at the level where they really are."

Sullivan adds that based on his conversations with Texas voters, Trump's early supporters included plenty of frustrated conservative activists who decided, "I know he may not be necessarily exactly one of us, but he's going to go burn the place down. He's going to shake up the establishment."

For now, though, Sullivan is with House Speaker Paul Ryan — just not ready to support Trump.

The speaker said Thursday: "Conservatives want to know, does he share our values and our principles on limited government, the proper role of the executive, adherence to the Constitution? There are a lot of questions that conservatives, I think, are going to want answers to, myself included."

Gregory Angelo, president of the Log Cabin Republicans, which advocates for LGBT rights, says he hears from plenty of "died-in-the-wool conservatives who are splintered right now in terms of where they're going."

"The wounds are still fresh, as it were, and I don't think people are going to digest where we're headed until several months have gone by," says Angelo, adding that his organization is "just as splintered and soul searching" as other GOP groups.

Exit polling in the primaries found Trump doing less well with people who are the most conservative.

Across all states so far where exit polling data is available, Trump voters included 36 percent of those who are very conservative, 43 percent of those who are somewhat conservative and 41 percent of moderates.

Count Sen. Ben Sasse of Nebraska among those who are most outspoken about the conservative dilemma.

He used a Facebook post after Trump's last GOP rivals dropped out to hold out hope for another option, saying he was willing to set aside "an ideological purity test, because even a genuine consensus candidate would almost certainly be more conservative than either of the two dishonest liberals now leading the two national parties."

Syndicated talk show host Steve Deace in Iowa, in a column written for USA Today, was even more cutting about how the GOP has failed conservatives.

"Conservatism's role in the 2016 election is now over while the idiocracy takes it from here," he wrote.

Israel strikes Hamas targets after Gaza rocket fire

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's military says it has struck Hamas targets in the Gaza Strip in response to rocket fire toward Israel.

The military says sirens wailed in southern Israel early Saturday warning of an incoming rocket. One landed in an open field, causing no injuries. The military says it retaliated against the territory's Hamas rulers.

Gaza militants have fired mortar rounds at Israel over the past three days, prompting Israeli retaliation. Palestinian attacks intensified after Israel uncovered an attack tunnel Thursday beneath the border.

Hamas used tunnels to attack Israel during the 50-day Gaza war in 2014 and fired thousands of rockets. The recent exchanges of fire are among the most serious since the war ended.

Philippine election could cause heartburn for its US ally

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The upcoming Philippine presidential election could cause some heartburn in Washington. The winner of Monday's vote will be hand-maiden to the most crucial U.S. relationship in Southeast Asia, and the front-runner has not inspired confidence with his casual threats to shoot criminals and by joking about the gang rape and killing of a foreign missionary.

The historically tumultuous relationship between the U.S. and its former colony has thrived in recent

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years as the Philippines has turned to Washington for support against an assertive China. But there's uncertainty about how the eventual election winner will navigate external relations during a period of high tensions with Beijing.

Front-running candidate Rodrigo Duterte is known for his profanity-laden speeches and has been likened to Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump. He made international headlines last month when he said that an Australian missionary who was gang raped and killed during a 1989 prison siege was so beautiful that he "should have been the first" to assault her. The Australian and U.S. ambassadors criticized that comment, and Duterte told them to shut up.

On Friday, incumbent President Benigno Aquino III, who cannot run for re-election, made a desperate call for the trailing candidates to ally against Duterte, whom he described as a threat to democracy. The veteran city mayor has earned the nickname "Duterte Harry," after a Clint Eastwood character with little regard for rules. He faces allegations that death squads committed extra-judicial killings to clean up the southern city of Davao that he's run for 22 years.

As with any foreign election, U.S. officials are reluctant to comment in case they are accused of trying to influence the result. "We look forward to working with the next Philippine administration to build upon our strong and enduring relationship, whatever the outcome of elections may be," said Katina Adams, a State Department spokeswoman for East Asia.

Still, they'll be hoping for a successor who will follow the strategic path forged by Aquino, who has doubled down on ties with Washington in the face of China's aggressive pursuit of territorial claims in the disputed South China Sea.

On Aquino's watch, the Philippines has agreed to opening up several of its military facilities in American forces — a quarter-century after nationalist sentiments forced the closure of U.S. bases in the island nation. That's an important boost to President Barack Obama's push to expand America's presence in the Asia-Pacific to counter China.

"The Philippines has adopted an adversarial posture with regard to China that is unique in the region," said Marvin Ott, a former U.S. intelligence analyst and now a lecturer on Southeast Asian studies.

Aquino has been more circumspect with China than his predecessor, who was accused of cutting a corrupt deal with Beijing over joint exploitation of resources in the South China Sea. Aquino did reach out to Beijing after taking office in 2010, but relations tumbled after Chinese vessels occupied a shoal off the Philippine coast in 2012. Manila subsequently lodged a case with an international tribunal challenging the legal basis of Beijing's claims to virtually all the South China Sea. A ruling is expected within weeks.

That's an approach that's been supported by the Obama administration, but which could sharpen tensions with China if the tribunal rules in Manila's favor, as many expect.

The contender most likely to follow Aquino's policies on the South China Sea is the one the president has endorsed: Mar Roxas, a U.S.-educated investment banker who served in Aquino's Cabinet. But all of the candidates, including Roxas, have signaled a willingness to improve relations with China, the region's dominant economy.

Vikram Singh, a former senior U.S. defense official, said it was possible that as president, any of the candidates could slow the recent agreements on increased U.S. military access to Philippine bases, but he expected "they'll want to keep close ties with Washington when they see just how significant the pressure can be from Beijing."

Duterte's position on the South China Sea has been characteristically unconventional. He has said he would initiate talks with the Chinese, and if those fail he'd go to one of the disputed Chinese-made islands by jet ski and plant a Philippine flag. He told a televised debate it would be up to the Chinese if they want to shoot him and make him a national hero.

Afghanistan faces tough battle as Haqqanis unify the Taliban

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ISLAMABAD (AP) — A shadowy, Pakistan-based militant faction is on the rise within the Taliban after its leader was appointed deputy and played a key role in unifying the fractured insurgency.

The ascendancy of the Haqqani network, a U.S.-designated terrorist organization, could significantly strengthen the Taliban and herald another summer of fierce fighting in Afghanistan. The firepower it brings to the Taliban was shown by a Kabul bombing last month that killed 64 people, the deadliest in the Afghan capital in years, which experts say was too sophisticated for the insurgents to have carried out without the Haqqanis.

The network's role could also further poison already tainted relations between Islamabad and Kabul. Afghanistan is pressing Pakistan to crack down on the Haqqanis, accusing it of tolerating the group, a charge the Pakistanis deny.

An audio recording of a recent meeting of the top Taliban leadership, obtained by The Associated Press, offers a glimpse into the influence the Haqqani network now holds within the movement. Sirajuddin Haqqani, the network's leader and newly elevated deputy head of the Taliban, tells the gathering that they must end differences and focus on fighting. "It is time to work. The mujahedeen (Islamic holy warriors) are happily going to the battlefield," he is heard saying. The voice is recognizable as Haqqani's.

Haqqani's rise to the deputy post is the highest, most direct role that the network is known to have taken in the Taliban leadership. The network pledged allegiance to the Taliban years ago but has traditionally operated independently.

The network was founded by Jalaluddin Haqqani, a one-time ally of the United States who achieved fame fighting the Soviets in Afghanistan in the 1980s and who developed close ties to the slain al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden. After his death, his son Sirajuddin Haqqani took over.

The elder Haqqani aligned his group with the Taliban after the insurgents were driven from power in the U.S.-led invasion that followed the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. He was a formidable militant financier, traveling to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates to raise money. The network maintained close ties to al-Qaida and is believed to have large numbers of Arab and other foreign fighters.

The network is believed to command thousands of fighters on both sides of the Afghan-Pakistani border. Over the years, the Haqqanis emerged as the Taliban's strongest asset because of their battle-hardened fighters and traditional links to Pakistan's security agencies. Both U.S and Afghan intelligence agencies say Pakistan's intelligence network, known as ISI, has allowed the Haqqanis to live freely for decades in Pakistan's tribal regions, a claim Islamabad denies.

"There's no one sole source of the Haqqani network's strength, though three places you can point to are its personnel, its links to Pakistan, and its ties to the Gulf region," said Michael Kugelman, senior associate for South and Southeast Asia at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington.

The Taliban leadership meeting, held early last month at an undisclosed location, focused on strategies and battles ahead, the audio recording shows. During the meeting, Sirajuddin Haqqani called on the Taliban to close ranks, reminding them their enemy is the "foreign infidel" and not each other.

"Our objectives should be service to religion and we should end our differences and complaints," he says in Pashtu, the language of Afghan and Pakistani Pashtuns, the ethnic group that makes up the backbone of the Taliban movement.

Since last summer, Sirajuddin Haqqani has been instrumental in reconciling differences among Taliban commanders, who balked at recognizing Mullah Akhtar Mansoor as the supreme Taliban chief following the announcement that the insurgency's reclusive leader, Mullah Mohammad Omar, was dead.

As soon as Mansoor became leader, he announced that he had named Haqqani as his deputy.

Haqqani quickly set about uniting the fractured Taliban, first by bringing Mullah Omar's son, Mullah Yaqoob, and his brother, Mullah Abdul Manan Omari, into the fold, according to a Taliban official who spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because he's not authorized to talk to the press.

Haqqani then coaxed Zakir Qayyum, a Taliban strongman in the battleground southern Afghan province of Helmand and the former head of the Taliban military committee under Mullah Omar, to swear allegiance to Mansour, healing some of the biggest divisions within the Taliban, the Taliban official said. Fahd Humayun,

program and research manager at the Jinnah Institute, a think-tank in the Pakistani capital, who closely follows Taliban developments, also said Haqqani was key to healing the divisions.

The rise of the Haqqanis comes at a critical juncture in relations between Kabul and Islamabad.

In the off-and-on effort for negotiations over the years, Pakistan has hosted past meetings between the Kabul government and the Taliban, whose leaders are widely believed to be based in the Pakistani cities of Quetta and Peshawar, near the border with Afghanistan.

A four-nation group that included Pakistan, Afghanistan, China and the United States launched efforts earlier this year to try to bring Afghanistan's protracted war to a negotiated end but the push fell apart amid recent Taliban battlefield gains.

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani now says he is no longer interested in having Pakistan bring the Taliban to the negotiating table. Instead, he demands Islamabad stop harboring the Taliban and take up the fight against the Haqqanis.

The U.S. State Department has also repeated its demand that Pakistan take action.

"We have consistently expressed our concerns at the highest level of the government of Pakistan about their continued tolerance for Afghan Taliban groups, such as the Haqqani network, operating from Pakistani soil," U.S. State Department spokesman Elizabeth Trudeau said at a press briefing following the Kabul attack.

Islamabad claims it decimated the Haqqani network's infrastructure in a military operation launched two years ago in North Waziristan, where the Haqqanis are headquartered. It points to its own grievances with the Haqqanis, who also maintain links with the Pakistan Taliban, a separate group that has killed hundreds of Pakistani soldiers in recent years.

Islamabad has also aided the United States in its drone strikes against the Taliban and other militants by providing ground intelligence for the Americans, said Humayun of the Jinnah Institute, though officially Pakistan condemns the strikes because of civilian deaths.

While Pakistan pledged to dismantle militant networks on its territory, Pakistan's special adviser on foreign affairs, Sartaj Aziz, earlier this week told reporters in Islamabad that the only solution to the Afghan war was through peace talks.

Should the Haqqanis be pushed out of Pakistan and back into Afghanistan, Ghani's government and Afghan forces would likely be overwhelmed, say analysts.

"I can't imagine the Afghans would be able to take on the Haqqanis themselves," Kugelman said. "I'm not sure they'd be able to take them on even with assistance from foreign combat forces."

Passion, pain reignited over new Penn State abuse claims

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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The pain and passion over the Penn State sexual abuse scandal were reignited with new allegations that Joe Paterno was told Jerry Sandusky sexually abused a child as early as 1976 and that two assistant coaches witnessed the abuse of other children.

The allegations were revealed in an order this week by Philadelphia Judge Gary Glazer in litigation between an insurance company and Penn State.

The insurers alleged that a boy told the longtime Penn State football coach in 1976 that he had been molested by Sandusky, who was an assistant coach. The order also cited reports by unnamed assistant coaches who said they witnessed inappropriate contact between Sandusky and children, according to Pennlive.com. Glazer wrote there was "no evidence that reports of these incidents ever went further up the chain of command at PSU."

Sue Paterno defended her husband's legacy and said the family had no knowledge of new claims.

"It is time to end this endless process of character assassination by accusation," she said in a letter read Friday to Penn State's board of trustees. She asked board members to seek the truth "in the spirit of our love for Penn State and our duty to the victims."

The allegations were made in victim depositions taken in the insurance case, but those depositions

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remain under seal, Pennlive.com reported.

In 2001, Paterno told high-ranking university officials one of his assistant coaches reported seeing Sandusky acting inappropriately with a child in a team shower. In 2011, Paterno told a grand jury he did not know of any other incidents involving Sandusky, who retired from Penn State in 1999.

Paterno was fired following Sandusky's November 2011 arrest and died of lung cancer in January 2012.

Sandusky is serving a decadeslong prison sentence for his conviction in the sexual abuse of 10 children. The university has paid more than \$90 million to settle 32 civil claims involving Sandusky. How far back the acts occurred has not been made public.

In his ruling, Glazer found that Penn State had to assume the costs of settlements stemming from claims over most of the 1990s because its insurance policies did not cover abuse or molestation.

When Sandusky abused children at his home or at events held by the children's charity he started, "he was still a PSU assistant coach and professor, and clothed in the glory associated with those titles, particularly in the eyes of impressionable children," Glazer wrote.

"By cloaking him with a title that enabled him to perpetuate his crimes, PSU must assume some responsibility for what he did both on and off campus," he said.

Penn State said in a statement late Friday it has "no records from the time to help evaluate the claims," noting Paterno could not defend himself.

Tom Kline, a lawyer who settled an abuse allegation with Penn State, said he and other lawyers were aware of claims dating back to the '70s. He said disclosure of the 1976 allegation "provides one more link in the chain which has been repeatedly denied by those who refuse to come to terms with the tragic reality here."

But another plaintiff's lawyer, Michael Boni, urged caution.

"The headlines of these stories is Paterno knew of Sandusky's molestation in the '70s — '76 or '77. I'm unaware of direct, irrefutable evidence that that's the case," Boni said. "Believe me, I'm the last person to defend the guy, but I am the first person to believe in our justice system. And I think you need more than anecdotal evidence or speculative evidence."

The coach's son Scott Paterno called the 1976 claim "bunk," tweeting Friday that "it would be great if everyone waited to see the substance of the allegation before they assume it's true. Because it's not."

Defense attorney Al Lindsay said after speaking with Sandusky that his client denied that any of the incidents described in the court ruling occurred. Sandusky also maintained his innocence throughout the trial.

Paterno was not charged with any crime, and his family is pursuing a lawsuit against the NCAA for commercial disparagement.

Three university officials await trial on criminal charges for their handling of the Sandusky scandal.

Officials fear massive Alberta wildfire could double in size

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EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — Canadian officials fear a massive wildfire could double in size by the end of Saturday as they continue to evacuate residents of fire-ravaged Fort McMurray from work camps north of Alberta's oil sands city.

Thousands more displaced residents will get a sobering drive-by view of their burned out city as convoys continue Saturday.

Police and military will oversee another procession of hundreds of vehicles, and the mass airlift of evacuees will also resume. A day after 8,000 people were flown out, authorities said 5,500 more were expected to be evacuated by the end of Friday and another 4,000 on Saturday.

More than 80,000 people have left Fort McMurray in the heart of Canada's oil sands, where the fire has torched 1,600 homes and other buildings. The mass evacuation forced as much as a quarter of Canada's oil output offline and is expected to impact a country already hurt by a dramatic fall in the price of oil.

The Alberta provincial government, which declared a state of emergency, said Friday the size of the blaze had grown to 101,000 hectares (249,571 acres) or about 1,000 square kilometers (386 square miles). No

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deaths or injuries were reported.

Chad Morrison, Alberta's manager of wildfire prevention, said there was a "high potential that the fire could double in size" by the end of Saturday. He expected the fire to expand into a more remote forested area northeast and away from Fort McMurray. Extremely dry conditions and a hot temperature of 27 Celsius (81 Fahrenheit) was expected Saturday along with strong winds, he said.

Morrison said no amount of resources would put this fire out, and what was needed was rain.

"We have not seen rain in this area for the last two months of significance," Morrison said. "This fire will continue to burn for a very long time until we see some significant rain."

Environment Canada forecast a 40 percent chance of showers in the area on Sunday. Morrison said cooler conditions were expected Sunday and Monday.

About 1,200 vehicles had passed through Fort McMurray by late Friday afternoon despite a one-hour interruption due to heavy smoke, authorities said.

Jim Dunstan was in the convoy with his wife, Tracy, and two young sons. "It was shocking to see the damaged cars all burned on the side of the road. It made you feel lucky to get out of there," he said.

In Edmonton, between 4,500 and 5,000 evacuees arrived at the airport on at least 45 flights Friday, airport spokesman Chris Chodan said. In total, more than 300 flights have arrived with evacuees since Tuesday, he said.

A group that arrived late Friday afternoon was greeted by volunteers who handed out bottled water and helped direct people where to go next.

Among them was Chad Robertson, a fuel truck driver who was evacuated from Husky Energy's Sunrise project, northeast of Fort McMurray. He said that when the fire started, even though the flames were relatively far away, "everyone started panicking."

Robertson said he had plans to go to a friend's house in Edmonton before heading home to Nova Scotia.

Scott Burrell, from Kelowna, British Columbia, was waiting with others in an airport terminal that had been repurposed for evacuees who were resting and waiting for flights. He said he was working for a scaffolding company at a plant called Fort Hills when the fire broke out Tuesday.

"We were working overtime and I just saw what looked like a massive cloud in the sky, but I knew it was fire," he said. "The very next day was my day to go home. Ends up we weren't going home that day."

Burrell and others were evacuated by plane Friday, after spending three days with families who arrived at the work camp because they were evacuated from their towns. He said he and other workers rationed food to help the families who were coming in, and some offered up their living spaces.

Burrell planned to catch a flight back to British Columbia.

About 25,000 evacuees moved north in the hours after Tuesday's mandatory evacuation, where oil sands work camps that usually house employees were used to house evacuees. But the bulk of the more than 80,000 evacuees fled south to Edmonton and elsewhere, and officials are moving everyone south where it is safer and they can get better support services. The convoy was stopped for an hour because of smoke.

Police were escorting 50 vehicles at a time, south through the city itself on Highway 63 at a distance of about 20 kilometers (12.4 miles) south and then releasing the convoy. At that point another convoy of 50 cars begins.

All intersections along the convoy route have been blocked off and evacuees are not being allowed back to check on their homes in Fort McMurray. The city is surrounded by wilderness, and there are essentially only two ways out via road.

Fanned by high winds, scorching heat and low humidity, the fire grew from 75 square kilometers (29 square miles) Tuesday to 100 square kilometers (39 square miles) on Wednesday, but by Thursday it was almost nine times that — at 850 square kilometers (330 square miles). That's an area roughly the size of Calgary, Alberta's largest city.

The fire was so large that smoke from the fire is blanketing parts of the neighboring province of Saskatchewan where Environment Canada has issued special air quality statements for several areas.

The region has the third-largest reserves of oil in the world behind Saudi Arabia and Venezuela.

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Greg Pardy, an analyst with RBC Capital Markets, said that as much as 1 million barrels a day of oil may be offline, based on oil company announcements. That's just over a third of Canada's total oil sands output, Pardy noted.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, May 7, the 128th day of 2016. There are 238 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 7, 1945, Germany signed an unconditional surrender at Allied headquarters in Rheims (rams), France, ending its role in World War II.

On this date:

In 1789, America's first inaugural ball was held in New York in honor of President George Washington, who'd taken the oath of office a week earlier.

In 1824, Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 in D minor, Op. 125, had its premiere in Vienna.

In 1915, a German U-boat torpedoed and sank the British liner RMS Lusitania off the southern coast of Ireland, killing 1,198 people, including 128 Americans, out of the nearly 2,000 on board.

In 1939, Germany and Italy announced a military and political alliance known as the Rome-Berlin Axis.

In 1941, Glenn Miller and His Orchestra recorded "Chattanooga Choo Choo" for RCA Victor.

In 1942, U.S. Army Gen. Jonathan Wainwright went on a Manila radio station to announce the Allied surrender of the Philippines to Japanese forces during World War II.

In 1946, Sony Corp. had its beginnings as the Tokyo Telecommunications Engineering Corp. was founded in the Japanese capital by Akio Morita and Masaru Ibuka.

In 1954, the 55-day Battle of Dien Bien Phu in Vietnam ended with Vietnamese insurgents overrunning French forces.

In 1966, Kauai King won the Kentucky Derby; the event was telecast in color for the first time by CBS.

In 1975, President Gerald R. Ford formally declared an end to the "Vietnam era." In Ho Chi Minh City — formerly Saigon — the Viet Cong celebrated its takeover.

In 1984, a \$180 million out-of-court settlement was announced in the Agent Orange class-action suit brought by Vietnam veterans who charged they'd suffered injury from exposure to the defoliant.

In 1992, the latest addition to America's space shuttle fleet, Endeavour, went on its first flight. A 203-year-old proposed constitutional amendment barring Congress from giving itself a midterm pay raise received enough votes for ratification as Michigan became the 38th state to approve it.

Ten years ago: Iran's hard-line parliament threatened to pass legislation that would force the Tehran government to withdraw from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. Joe Torre got his 1,000th win as manager of the Yankees in an 8-5 victory over the Texas Rangers.

Five years ago: The U.S. released a handful of videos seized from Osama bin Laden's hideout showing the terrorist leader watching newscasts of himself amid shabby surroundings. The Taliban unleashed a major assault on government buildings throughout Kandahar, Afghanistan. Animal Kingdom sped past the leaders in the turn at Churchill Downs and roared down the middle of the stretch to win the Kentucky Derby. Justin Verlander threw his second career no-hitter, leading the Detroit Tigers to a 9-0 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays. World Golf Hall of Famer Seve Ballesteros, 54, died in Pedrena, Spain. Former General Motors Chairman and CEO Robert Stempel, 77, died in West Palm Beach, Florida.

One year ago: After years of sharing power, British Prime Minister David Cameron pulled off an unexpected election triumph that gave the Conservative leader a second term with an outright parliamentary majority. A three-judge panel of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New York ruled that the National Security Agency's bulk collection of millions of Americans' phone records was illegal. Alex Rodriguez passed Willie Mays for fourth on the career home run list, connecting for No. 661 and helping the New York Yankees beat the Baltimore Orioles 4-3.

Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., is 84. Rhythm-and-blues singer Thelma Hous-

ton is 73. Actress Robin Strasser is 71. Singer-songwriter Bill Danoff is 70. Rock musician Bill Kreutzmann (Grateful Dead) is 70. Rock musician Prairie Prince is 66. Movie writer-director Amy Heckerling is 64. Actor Michael E. Knight is 57. Rock musician Phil Campbell (Motorhead) is 55. Country musician Rick Schell is 53. Rock singer-musician Chris O'Connor (Primitive Radio Gods) is 51. Actress Traci Lords is 48. Singer Eagle-Eye Cherry is 45. Actor Breckin Meyer is 42. Rock musician Matt Helders (Arctic Monkeys) is 30. Actress-comedian Aidy Bryant is 29. Actor Taylor Abrahamse is 25. Actor Alexander Ludwig is 24. Actress Dylan Gelula is 22.

Thought for Today: "There are those who believe something, and therefore will tolerate nothing; and on the other hand, those who tolerate everything, because they believe nothing." — Robert Browning, English poet (born this date in 1812; died in 1889).

Scandal-ridden Malaysian leader seeks big win in state polls

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KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Scandal-ridden Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak is seeking a big win for his ruling coalition in elections Saturday in the country's biggest state, in the hopes of staving off corruption allegations threatening his rule.

More than 1.1 million people in Sarawak state on Borneo island are voting for 82 lawmakers in the state assembly.

This is the first election since Najib faced accusations of corruption and mismanagement over allegations that hundreds of millions of dollars was channeled into his accounts from an indebted state fund.

Under pressure to resign, he has denied the money came from state investment fund 1MDB. The government cleared him in January, saying the money was a donation from the Saudi royal family and that Najib had returned most of it. The explanation was met with widespread skepticism.

Najib still grapples with massive debts in 1MDB, which he started in 2009 and which is being investigated in several countries for embezzlement. A Malaysian parliamentary inquiry recently found massive unexplained payments and called for a police investigation of the fund's former head.

Najib's National Front coalition will retain Sarawak, but he is hoping for a big victory in the lead-up to national polls due in 2018. The coalition previously held 77 percent of the state seats.

Sarawak and Sabah states on jungle-clad Borneo make up for a quarter of the 222 seats held by the coalition in federal parliament.

Support for the National Front, which has been in power in Malaysia since independence from Britain in 1957, has eroded in the last two general elections. In 2013, it lost the popular vote for the first time and could have lost power if not for the Borneo states.

James Chin, director of Asia Institute at the University of Tasmania, Australia, said that Najib's scandals will unlikely affect the polls as local issues will predominate.

Najib has campaigned strongly in Sarawak, promising billions in development fund and visiting the state more than 50 times since he took power in 2009. He recently held a Cabinet meeting in there during the campaigning period.

"It is fairly obvious that Najib is looking for a big win in Sarawak to use as political capital and momentum for the next federal polls," Chin said.

Trump to face trial after election in Trump University suit

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SAN DIEGO (AP) — Donald Trump will go to trial in a class-action lawsuit against him and his now-defunct Trump University after the presidential election but before the inauguration, setting the stage for a president-elect to take the witness stand if he wins the White House.

U.S. District Judge Gonzalo Curiel on Friday scheduled trial for Nov. 28 in the suit that alleges people who paid up to \$35,000 for real estate seminars got defrauded. The likely Republican nominee planned to attend most, if not all, of the trial and would testify, Trump attorney Daniel Petrocelli said.

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"He has very, very strong feelings about this case," Petrocelli told reporters.

Petrocelli asked for a trial after Inauguration Day on Jan. 20, but the judge raised concerns about distractions if Trump wins the election. The attorney said the period between the election and swearing-in is extremely hectic for a president-elect but that it was preferable to holding a trial during the campaign.

The lawsuit is one of three that accuse Trump University of fleecing students with unfulfilled promises to teach secrets of success in real estate.

The San Diego suit says Trump University, which no longer operates and was not accredited as a school, gave seminars and classes across the country that were like infomercials, constantly pressuring students to buy more and, in the end, failing to deliver.

Trump, who appears on a list of defense witnesses for the trial, has repeatedly pointed to a 98 percent satisfaction rate on internal surveys. But the lawsuit says students were asked to rate the product when they believed they still had more instruction to come and were reluctant to openly criticize their teachers on surveys that were not anonymous.

Curiel, a judicial appointee of President Barack Obama, has been eager to get to trial and had planned for it this summer before Trump's surge in the primaries. The case was filed in 2010, making it the second-oldest on his docket.

Still, he expressed concern about a trial during the campaign, partly out of concern for jurors' safety.

"Will they be able to stay clear of the media frenzy?" he asked. "Ultimately that's my Number 1 concern."

Since the early 1980s, Trump personally has been sued at least 150 times in federal court, records show. Only a handful of those cases are pending, with the ones involving Trump University — two in California and one in New York — being the most significant.

Trump has railed against the judge in the San Diego case, calling him hostile and suggesting his positions may be the result of Trump's stance on border security. The likely GOP nominee has noted Curiel's ethnicity.

Trump said of the judge at an Arkansas rally in February: "I believe he happens to be Spanish, which is fine. He's Hispanic — which is fine."

Petrocelli said he would not ask for the judge to be removed from the case, despite Trump's views.

"He's got very strong views about everything and he expressed his own views," Petrocelli said.

Jury selection may begin shortly before Nov. 28, and the trial was expected to last a month or longer, the judge said.

Trump wants to break records with final primary votes

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OMAHA, Nebraska (AP) — Donald Trump seems more interested in running up the score than projecting unity.

The billionaire mogul on Friday urged his Nebraska supporters to help him break the record for most votes in a Republican primary by turning out to vote Tuesday, but made little mention of uniting the party behind him now that he's his party's presumptive presidential nominee.

"We have to go on Tuesday and vote because we're looking to break the all-time record," Trump said as he kicked off a rally in a private air hangar near the Omaha airport. "We want to create such a record like they haven't had before."

The request marked a change from Thursday night, when Trump told supporters in West Virginia to not bother casting primary ballots and to wait until the general election in November because he'd already effectively won the GOP presidential nomination.

Nebraska and West Virginia both hold their primaries May 10.

Trump and has been working behind the scenes to try to unite a fractured party behind his candidacy. But you never would have known it from the rally.

Instead of offering a look ahead, Trump spent 30 minutes talking about contests he'd already won, tick-

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ing them off one after the other. He also lashed out at two former Republican rivals, complaining about South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham's renewed criticisms and slamming former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, who has been out of the race months. Both said Friday they won't vote for Trump.

It took Trump almost 20 minutes into his speech to mention Hillary Clinton, the Democratic front-runner. And during the 40-minute speech, he only mentioned her twice.

Trump is facing deep resistance from some wings of his party, including from House Speaker Paul Ryan, who says he's not yet ready to support Trump.

When Trump mentioned Ryan, boos echoed throughout the private air hangar.

"Paul Ryan? I don't know what happened. He called me two, three weeks ago. It was a very nice conversation," Trump said. "I figured — routinely — he'd be behind it. And the other day he just did a big surprise."

The slight comes as Trump's team is working frantically to pivot to a general election. Trump's advisers have begun conversations with the Republican National Committee on coordinating fundraising and tapping the committee's extensive voter data file and nationwide get-out-the-vote operation.

Trump has also said he intends to begin fundraising for the party and the general election and appears to be moving forward with those plans. News emerged Friday that Trump will be holding a fundraiser later this month to help New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie pay off his own presidential campaign's debt and to raise money for that state's Republican Party.

According to an emailed invitation, Trump will appear with Christie at what is being billed as a "New Jersey rally" in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, on May 19.

The price of attendance is listed as \$200 per person, according to an invitation, which says all proceeds will benefit Chris Christie for President Inc.

Trump will also be appearing at a separate event at the same venue benefiting the New Jersey Republican Party, said Christie confidant and Republican National Committeeman Bill Palatucci. Tickets to that will go for \$25,000, Palatucci said.

Christie was one of Trump's earliest and most prominent backers and has appeared frequently with him on the campaign trail.

Christie ended his own campaign following a disappointing showing in the New Hampshire primary. His campaign account was about \$250,000 in the red at the end of March, according to federal campaign finance filings.

Stocks shake off earlier loss to close higher

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NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks closed modestly higher on Friday, ending three days of losses, after the U.S. government's disappointing jobs report added to speculation that the Federal Reserve might keep interest rates low for another year.

Investors were also weighing tepid U.S. earnings reports and persistent weakness in the global economy.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 79.92 points, or 0.5 percent, to 17,740.63. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 6.51 points, or 0.3 percent, to 2,057.14 and the Nasdaq composite rose 19.06 points, or 0.4 percent, to 4,736.16.

The three major indexes ended the week slightly lower, despite Friday's gains.

Stocks started the day lower after the Labor Department said U.S. employers created just 160,000 jobs last month, significantly below the 200,000 that economists were expecting.

While one month does not make a trend, there have been a few reports this week from around the world that suggested weakness in the global economy. A closely watched Chinese manufacturing survey showed production contracted last month, and European Union officials trimmed their forecasts for growth across the 19 countries that use the euro.

"Once again, we received evidence that the U.S. economy is just stumbling along and will most likely remain so until after the U.S. presidential election," said Tom di Galoma, a managing director of fixed

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income at Seaport Global.

As the day progressed, stocks turned higher in the early afternoon and stayed there the rest of the day. In a way, the bad news of the jobs report is good news for stock market investors, who have benefited from more than seven years of extremely low interest rates. Low interest rates make stocks look cheaper when compared to bonds.

Di Galoma and others said that the April jobs report significantly reduces the possibility that the Federal Reserve will interest rates in June or even later this year.

"In my view, a rate hike potential this year is nearing zero probability," he said.

That view appears to be widely held. Fed fund futures, which are securities that allow traders to bet on which way the Fed will move interest rates, show that a majority of investors do not expect the Fed to raise rates until February 2017.

"The weakening of jobs growth, should it persist as we think it will, will make the Fed's job more challenging this year, and any rate hikes will occur at a much slower pace than originally anticipated at the start of the year, and may not happen at all," said Rick Rieder, BlackRock's chief investment officer of fixed income.

Immediately after the release of the jobs report, bond prices jumped and interest rates moved sharply lower, but as the day wore on, the market reversed course. U.S. government bond prices ended lower, and the yield on the benchmark U.S. 10-year Treasury note rose to 1.78 percent from 1.74 percent the day before.

The euro rose to \$1.1401 from \$1.1398 and the dollar declined to 107.13 yen from 107.25 yen.

In company news, payment processor Square sank \$2.83, or 22 percent, to \$10.22. The company, run by Twitter founder Jack Dorsey, reported a larger than expected quarterly loss and reported sharply higher expenses.

In commodities, benchmark U.S. crude oil rose 34 cents to close at \$44.66 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Brent crude, used to price international oils, climbed 36 cents to close at \$45.37 a barrel in London.

Wholesale gasoline rose less than 1 cent to \$1.496 a gallon, heating oil rose 1 cent to \$1.337 a gallon and natural gas rose 2.5 cents to \$2.101 per thousand cubic feet.

Gold rose \$21.70 to \$1,294 an ounce, silver rose 20 cents to \$17.53 an ounce and copper was unchanged at \$2.15 a pound.