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Manager Wanted

Part Time Apartment Manager wanted. Responsible for showing apartments, handing out applications, overseeing maintenance and other duties as needed. Up to \$25 per hour. Previous sale experience a plus. Send email of interest to Grotnmnger@gmail.com

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

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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Tuesday, June 21

Senior Menu: Tater tot hot dish, green beans, grape juice, sour cream apple pie square, whole wheat bread.

Anniversaries: Gary & Linda Thurston, Ben & Kristi Peterson.

Birthdays: Gabrielle Ferrell, Art Gengerke, Austin Lorenz, Karen Spanier.

10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study

5:30pm: Legion hosts Mobridge (2)

6:00pm: T-Ball Gold at Ferney

Wednesday, June 22

Birthdays: Angela Dobbins, Wade Nyberg, Jerrie Vedvei.

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

6:00pm: Junior Teeners at Sisseton (DH)

6:00pm: NESDU8 in Britton (Groton Blue vs. Britton Black and Groton Red vs. Britton Red)

6:00pm: T-Ball Black hosts Columbia

7:00pm: NESDU8 in Britton (Groton Blue vs. Britton Red and Groton Red vs. Britton Black)

Thursday, June 23

Anniversary: Henry & Vera Musil.

Birthdays: Twila Ruden, Kaycie Hawkins, Shaylee Peterson, Alyssa Sippel, Sarah Sippel, Megan Baule, Madeline Fliehs, Branden Abeln.

4:00pm: Groton Transit Fundraiser

6:00pm: NESDU10 in Britton (Groton Blue vs. Britton in double header)

Apts for Rent

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Mayor Scott Hanlon is shown getting prepped for his donation at the recent Groton Blood Drive. (Courtesy Photo)

Local blood drive nets 51 units

Thanks to all who participated in the Groton Community Blood Drive, sponsored by James Valley Telecommunications. Forty-four people registered to donate and 41 were able to give. Ten gave blood on the automated 2RBC machine which collects two units of red blood cells during the donation, so a total of 51 products were collected. One donor donated for the first time!

Congratulations to Melinda Eikamp who won a \$100 credit on her JVT account.

Players named for South Dakota prep All-Star Football Game

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Eighty-four players from around the state will take part in this year's South Dakota High School All-Star Football Game.

The July 9 game will be in the DakotaDome in Vermillion, which won the bid last November. It's the first time that the game will be held outside of Aberdeen, which hosted it for three decades.

Officials this year also are doing away with the \$300 fee that athletes had to pay to play. Business sponsorships will be used to defray costs.

The players and nine coaches were announced Monday. They'll report July 6 for practices and activities leading up to the game.

Those on the list include #44 Bradyn Wieker of Claremont, #31 Carter Jondahl of Groton and #64 Jordan Carson of Langford. See the whole list, go to this link: <http://www.usd.edu/~media/files/news/SDHSFBRoster>

Groton Senior Citizens

Groton Seniors met May 9 for a regular meeting. Seventeen members were present. President Ella Johnson opened with all reciting the flag pledge. Lee Schinkel played "God of our Fathers" and "Faith of our Mothers" for Mother's day. Minutes and treasurers report were read. Meeting was adjourned and cards played and the winners of the games, Bridge- Darlene Fisher; Whist- Carolyn Morehouse, Jan Raap, Pinochle- Ivan Morehouse and door prizes, Marian Raines, DeLoris Knoll and Ella Johnson. Lunch was served by Ruby Donavon

On May 16 the seniors celebrated the May and June birthdays. Twenty two members attended. Bingo was played and Bob Pray won blackout. Cards were played after Bingo. Cake and ice cream were served by Eunice McColester, Pat Peterson and Elda Stange.

On May 23 Seniors met for a regular meeting . Twenty three members were present. President opened with the flag pledge. Lee Schinkel played and all sang "My country tis of thee." President thanked the ones who help plant flower at the community center. Hazel McKittrick donated the large flower pots in memory of her husband Jim McKittrick, and Gladys Dirks a former member of senior citizens who recently passed away at the age of 100. She was at the Golden Living Center in Groton. Meeting was adjourned and cards played the winners of the games. Pinochle- Allan Zoellner , whist- Tony Goldade, Carolyn Morehouse, Elda Stange. Canosta- Pat Larson, Cindy Gemmill. Door prizes -Marian Raines, Hazel KcKittrick, and Ruth Pray. Lunch was served by Ruth Pray and Ella Johnson.

Shared services grant applications to be available soon

PIERRE, S.D. – At its meeting on Monday, the state Board of Education approved rules related to shared services grants, which were included in Senate Bill 133 of the 2016 legislative session. These grants are designed to provide an incentive for school districts to share employees.

The Department of Education plans to make grant applications available to South Dakota public school districts later this summer.

The grant review committee will give priority to applications addressing rural or sparsity needs, increased opportunities or services for students or increased efficiency.

An individual grant may be used to fund up to three shared services employees. Grant funding is intended to help initiate the process of sharing services and will be awarded for up to three years, with a 50 percent reduction in year two and a 75 percent reduction in year three. Applicants must demonstrate a need for shared employees among participating districts and the ability to sustain the plan for sharing employee services.

House Bill 1182, which was also part of the 2016 education package, allocated 3 percent of new sales tax revenue for increasing instructor salaries to competitive industry levels at the state technical institutes. The board approved rules related to distribution of these funds as well.

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South Dakota Pump Price Average Reaches a Plateau

June 20, 2016 – South Dakota's average price for a gallon of regular gasoline today is \$2.333, same price as last week and 43 cents below the 2015 price one year ago.

"Although our decline in pump prices has not been dramatic, the average hasn't fluctuated more than 1 cent each of the last five days," said Marilyn Buskohl, spokeswoman for AAA South Dakota. "This is an encouraging sign for motorists, a signal that gas prices may have finally hit their high for the year. Midwest refineries have transitioned over to making summer blends and we expect prices to begin moving down, as long as there are no major bumps in oil prices."

	Today	Last Week	Change	23-May	Change	Last year
Aberdeen	\$2.297	\$2.328	-\$0.031	\$2.187	\$0.110	\$2.766
Brookings	\$2.370	\$2.438	-\$0.068	\$2.278	\$0.092	\$2.828
Huron	\$2.514	\$2.376	\$0.138	\$2.149	\$0.365	\$2.771
Mitchell	\$2.332	\$2.283	\$0.049	\$2.169	\$0.163	\$2.656
Pierre	\$2.428	\$2.469	-\$0.041	\$2.302	\$0.126	\$2.975
Rapid City	\$2.342	\$2.275	\$0.067	\$2.256	\$0.086	\$2.806
Sioux Falls	\$2.181	\$2.226	-\$0.045	\$2.184	-\$0.003	\$2.629
Vermillion	\$2.269	\$2.399	-\$0.130	\$2.266	\$0.003	\$2.659
Watertown	\$2.332	\$2.352	-\$0.020	\$2.269	\$0.063	\$2.696
Yankton	\$2.385	\$2.369	\$0.016	\$2.265	\$0.120	\$2.808
South Dakota	\$2.333	\$2.323	\$0.010	\$2.250	\$0.083	\$2.765

The nation's gas price average has declined for nine consecutive days, reaching today's average of \$2.33 per gallon. Nationwide averages are down 46 cents per gallon versus this same date last year, attributed to year-over-year surpluses, and these savings are likely to continue as supply appears more than capable of keeping pace with growing demand.

On the whole, refineries are keeping up with growing demand and the latest data from the U.S. EIA shows that the market is well supplied. Additionally, expectations of increased production from Western Canada and the U.S. are likely to keep global crude oil prices relatively lower.

Quick Stats

The nation's top five least expensive markets are: South Carolina (\$2.03), Mississippi (\$2.07), Arkansas (\$2.09), Oklahoma (\$2.09) and New Jersey (\$2.11).

The nation's top five most expensive markets are: California (\$2.86), Hawaii (\$2.75), Alaska (\$2.68), Washington (\$2.65), and Michigan (\$2.59).

Prices are down double-digits in several Great Lake States week-over-week—Ohio (-18 cents), Indiana (-18 cents) and Michigan (-15 cents)—following a string of unplanned refinery issues and distribution challenges that had caused prices to jump over the past several weeks.

Central States

Gas prices in the Central region of the continent remain relatively low and Oklahoma (\$2.09), Missouri (\$2.12) and Tennessee (\$2.13) are ranked in the nation's top 10 least expensive markets. Consumers in Missouri (-7 cents), Oklahoma (-6 cents) and Minnesota (-5 cents) have seen prices fall by a nickel or more week-over-week and the region overall remains well supplied. Magellan's pipeline in Kansas remains offline for repair; however supply appears to be capable of offsetting this outage.

Oil Market Dynamics

Crude oil prices continue to swing on speculations of increased production and market dynamics related to geopolitical issues. Both primary global benchmarks, West Texas Intermediate and Brent Crude, opened the week with gains credited to questions surrounding whether the U.K will exit the European Union, and what, if any, impact it will have on the global oil market and the U.S. dollar. A vote is scheduled for later this week. News about U.S. gasoline demand and the U.S. dollar are also expected to influence crude oil prices in the near term – both factors tend to lead to fluctuations in the price drivers pay at the pump.

After reaching its lowest settlement price since May 13 earlier in the week, WTI closed out Friday's formal trading session on the NYMEX, up \$1.77 to settle at \$47.98 per barrel.



Heartland Communications Manager Ann Hyland, right, presents an energy efficiency grant to Groton Finance Officer Anita Lowary and Metering Technician Paul Kosel, who is displaying one of the new street lights the city is installing. (Photo by Steve Moses)

Groton upgrading street lights, receives grant

GROTON, S.D. – The city of Groton is upgrading street lighting with help from Heartland Consumers Power District. The utility was recently awarded a \$5,000 energy efficiency grant for upgrading the city's lighting from high pressure sodium to LED.

The city is replacing 100 fixtures and expects to realize annual energy savings of 65,867 kWh, equating to about \$6,257 a year. The project will pay for itself in savings in just over three years, or approximately 13,700 operating hours. The LED fixtures are expected to last at least 100,000 hours.

Groton has partnered with Heartland to upgrade lighting in the past. The utility received a grant in 2014 to replace lighting at the city shop and again in 2015 to replace 33 street light fixtures.

"LED street lights offer significant advantages to their counterparts including savings in energy and maintenance, and a superior quality of light and appearance," said Heartland Communications Manager Ann Hyland. "Groton joins a number of municipalities within our customer base and across the region making the switch, and we are happy to help them administer this project."

Heartland Consumers Power District is a non-profit, public power utility located in Madison, S.D. Heartland provides reliable power as well as energy services and community development programs to communities, state agencies and organizations in Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas and South Dakota, including the city of Groton. Heartland provides energy efficiency grants to customers for projects that improve energy efficiency within the city. For more information, visit www.hcpd.com/energy-efficiency.

Mowing fines, water tower fund given first reading

Mowing into the street or alley fines were given a first reading at the Groton City Council meeting Monday night. There will be a warning issued on the first offense, then the fine will be \$25 and doubled thereafter until it reaches the \$500 maximum. A second reading will need to be held.

There may be a new line item on your future utility bills (not including the June bill). The council is looking at developing a fund to replace the current water tower. "In two years, you'll have a hundred year old water tower," said Finance Officer Anita Lowary. It was decided to add a line item on the utility bill for a water tower fund in the amount of \$5 each month. It would raise about \$45,000 a year. A new water tower will cost \$600,000 and there are 60:40 matching funds available from time to time.

The rent charges for the Groton Community Center were reviewed and the only change was the cleaning charge, which was raised to \$20 an hour. Someone wants to use one of the rooms for four to five times a week. The council hashed over charging \$15 each time.

Umpires will be paid for doing girls softball games. Since there is no teener team this year, the \$750 coaching fee will help pay for girls softball umpires. The fee to pay is \$20 at the plate and \$15 at the line.

The city will be applying for a grant for playground equipment at the ball field. Councilman David Blackmun said, "If we can double the money, let's try it." There is \$25,000 available in memorial funds available so if the city gets the grant, that would allow the city to buy \$50,000 in playground equipment.

The electric rates, especially dual fuel rates, were discussed. Councilman David McGannon said the city should get an outside firm to do an electric rate study. Lowary said a study would cost about \$6,000. The council instructed Lowary to get cost estimates on an electric rate study.

There are two dilapidated houses that are being considered for action. One on fifth street, being owned by the Bank of Iowa, has a porch that is ready to fall off and is being considered a dangerous house. Another one being considered is owned by Butch Farmen on Fourth Street. After further discussion, some of the councilmen agreed that the council is not in the position to decide if a house should be condemned or not. A letter was sent to the The Bank of Iowa house (formerly owned by Tony Donovan) and there has not been any response. The council instructed Lowary to get quotes from local contractors to "make the house safe," which will be assessed against the property. A letter will be sent to Farmen requesting that he present tot he council his plans for his house.



The Butch Farmen house (left) and former Tony Donovan house (right) were discussed as dilapidated houses in Groton.

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Today in Weather History

June 21, 1902: Light to heavy frost occurred over most of the state with low temperatures ranging from the mid-20s to the lower 30s. Some record low temperatures include; 27 degrees in Ipswich and Leola, 29 in Kennebec, 30 in Mellette, 31 in Aberdeen, Clark, and Watertown, 32 in Faulkton and Gann Valley, 36 in Sisseton, and 40 degrees in Milbank.

June 21, 1961: One or more tornadoes moved southeast along a distance from east of Aberdeen to the southeastern edge of Sioux Falls. A funnel cloud was first seen between Aberdeen and Groton and later on near Raymond. A tornado hit about 4 pm a few miles southwest of Clark with about 20 farm buildings demolished. One house was destroyed, killing an elderly lady and injuring one person. A boy was reportedly lifted high in the air, and another woman carried 100 yards by winds. Both were injured. Between 4:30 and 5:00 pm, areas northeast of Willow Lake and in northern Kingsbury were hit with a total of 13 farm buildings destroyed or twisted off the foundations. Five buildings on one farm were destroyed, and a house was unroofed near Oldham. The house roof was found several miles away. The tornado was of F3 strength.

June 21, 1983: An F3 tornado touched down in a resort area two miles west of Pollock. Eleven people fled from the southwestern most cabin and crawled under a nearby cabin. The southwest cabin was destroyed and the cabin the group crawled under was moved five feet from its concrete block foundation. Four people were treated for injuries. A van, boat, and trailer were demolished, and a small car was heavily damaged. The tornado turned east and reformed four miles east of Pollock, where it touched down briefly and dissipated. Another F3 tornado touched down in open prairie three miles northeast of Glad Valley and moved northeast, creating a path of destruction as it progressed. On one farm, nine buildings were wiped out and scattered up to two miles away. Trees and poles were uprooted and scattered a half mile away. This tornado was estimated to be on the ground for six miles with a path width of 300 yards. A third tornado, rated F2, touched down seven miles south of Pollock. This tornado damaged several cabin roofs, a restaurant, and downed several trees. Boats were tossed into a lake, and picnic tables were hurled against cars.

June 21, 2013: A long-lived severe thunderstorm developed over the southern Black Hills and moved eastward across the South Dakota plains during the morning hours. The storm produced large hail to softball size from eastern Custer to northern Jackson Counties. The softball size fell 12 miles east-southeast of Fairburn in Custer County, damaging property. This storm intensified along a strong warm front with very unstable air and strong, deep layer winds into several supercell thunderstorms and a

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damaging line of thunderstorms/bow echo across parts of central and northeast South Dakota through the afternoon hours. Damaging winds up to 90 mph uprooted large trees and caused considerable structural and crop damage and loss of power to those along the path. The worst wind damage was located at Lake Poinsett, Watertown, and Milbank. A woman was killed, and her husband had been severely injured on Lake Poinsett when their lake house was destroyed. Numerous trees were downed along with many structures damaged or destroyed. Many trees had fallen onto homes, cabins, and trailers. The bowling alley in Clear Lake lost its roof along with numerous pole barns being destroyed along the path of the storm. Thousands of people were also left without power. Four tornado touchdowns occurred along with hail up to the size of softballs. Isolated flash flooding also occurred. Codington, Hamlin, Grant, and Deuel counties were all declared in a Federal Disaster Declaration. Total damage estimates were around 1,100,000 dollars.

1893 - On the first day of summer the temperature at Dodge City, KS, soared to 106 degrees during the midst of a blistering heat wave. The heat wave initiated a severe three year drought in the Central Plains Region. Ironically, at about the same time, heavy rains in the Mississippi Valley were causing the river to swell to its highest level of record at New Orleans, LA. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1919 - Seven heavy coach cars of a moving train were picked up and thrown from the tracks by tornado winds. A baggage car was set down thirty feet away from the rest of the train. (The Weather Channel)

1954 - A severe hailstorm struck Wichita KS and vicinity causing nine million dollars damage. (The Weather Channel)

1972 - Phoenix, AZ, was drenched with 1.64 inches of rain late on the 21st and early on the 22nd to easily surpass their previous June rainfall record of 0.95 inches. The total for the month was 1.70 inches. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - A tornado destroyed 57 mobile homes at the Chateam Estates trailer park northwest of Detroit, MI, killing one person and injuring six others. Total damage was estimated at 1.7 million dollars. Thunderstorms over Lower Michigan also drenched the Saginaw Valley with up to 4.5 inches of rain in less than six hours. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - The first full day of summer was a torrid one, with afternoon highs of 100 degrees or above reported from the Northern and Central Plains to the Ohio Valley. Sixty-nine cities in the north central U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date. The high of 110 degrees at Sioux Falls, SD, was an all-time record for that location. Highs of 103 degrees at Des Moines, IA, 102 degrees at Fort Wayne, IN, 109 degrees at Huron, SD, 108 degrees at Sioux City, IA, and 101 degrees at South Bend IN were records for June. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - The first day of summer heralded snow in the northern and central Rockies. In Colorado, 15 inches of snow was reported at the summit of Mount Evans and, in Wyoming, 18 inches was reported at Dickens Park, west of Lander. Heavy rain continued in the eastern U.S. Huntsville, AL, reported a record 11.65 inches for the month, compared to the 0.17 inch rainfall total in June 1988. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2005 - A slow-moving thunderstorm dumped up to a foot of hail in southeastern portions of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Snowplows had to be used to clear a route through a major thoroughfare in the city. Heavy rainfall from the storm left up to 4 feet of water in city streets, trapping dozens of motorists (Associated Press).

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Today



Sunny

High: 85 °F

Tonight



T-storms
Likely

Low: 62 °F

Wednesday



T-storms
Likely then
Mostly Sunny
and Breezy

High: 81 °F

Wednesday
Night



Partly Cloudy
and Breezy
then Partly
Cloudy

Low: 55 °F

Thursday



Mostly Sunny

High: 80 °F

Thursday
Night



Mostly Clear

Low: 63 °F

Friday



Hot

High: 92 °F

Mostly Sunny Today

**Thunderstorms
Possible Tonight**

**Highs: 83 to 91,
warmest central**

Outlook and Timing

Best Chances in Yellow



National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD

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Expect a mostly sunny sky today before thunderstorms develop in the western Dakotas late this afternoon and evening. Depending on where the thunderstorms develop, they may track east-southeast across portions of northern South Dakota tonight. Some storms may become strong or severe with large hail and gusty winds the main threat.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 77.8 F at 4:46 PM

Heat Index: 77.0 F at 4:45 PM

Low Outside Temp: 59.7 F at 11:58 PM

High Gust: 21.0 Mph at 9:55 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 108° in 1988

Record Low: 31 in 1902

Average High: 79°F

Average Low: 55°F

Average Precip in June: 2.59

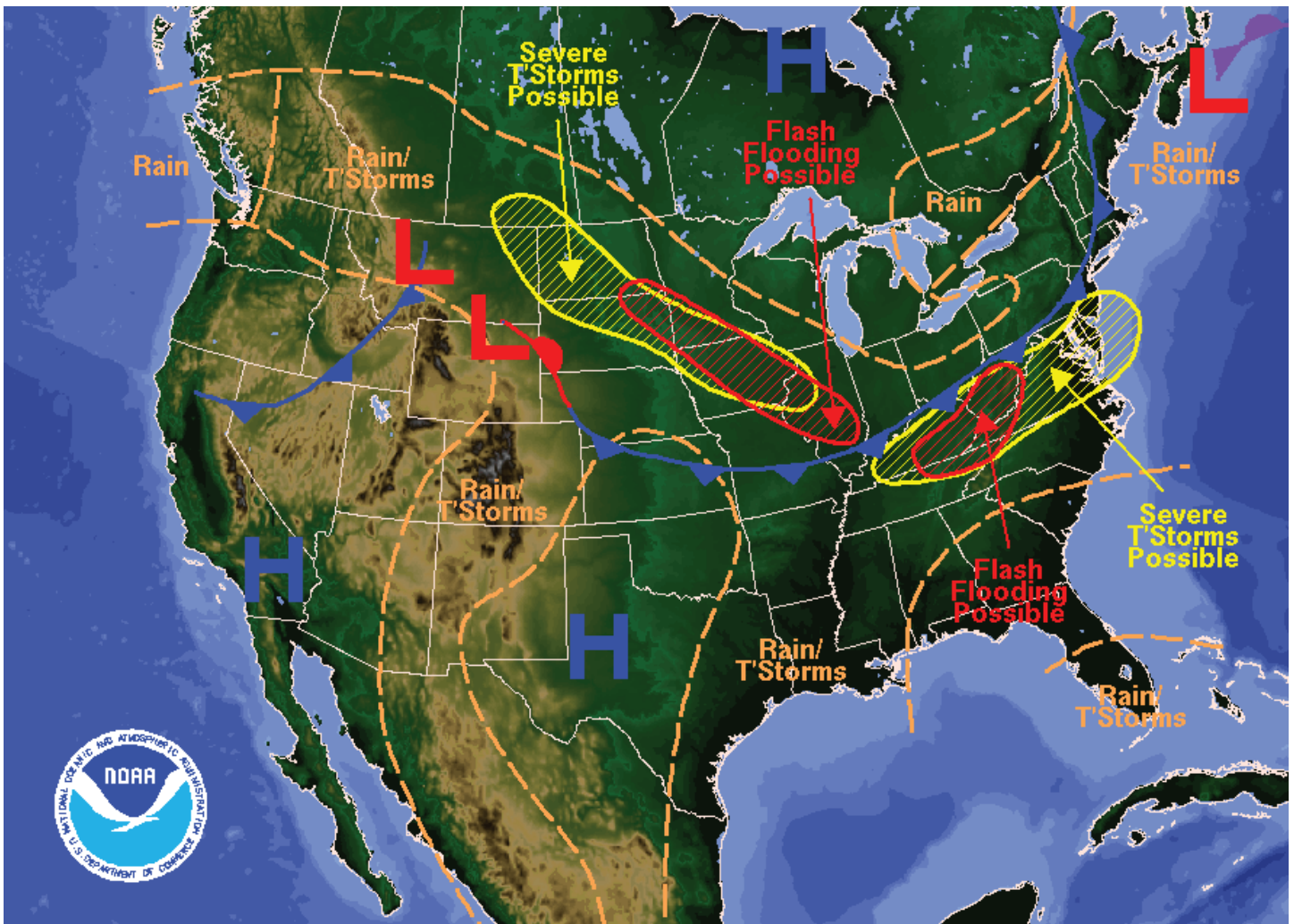
Precip to date in June: 1.67

Average Precip to date: 9.73

Precip Year to Date: 6.66

Sunset Tonight: 9:25 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:45 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Jun 21, 2016, issued 4:28 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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"MY FATHER KNOWS!"

A customer was watching young James help his father move boxes of shoes from one location to another. The father would place boxes of shoes in his arms and then he would move them to another location. Seeing the pile grow higher and higher in the boy's arms, he politely asked, "Son, I don't see how you can carry any more. Isn't that too much for you?"

Cheerfully he responded, "Sir, my father knows how much I can carry."

Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, wanted to give them a burst of encouragement as they faced the temptations in a sinful culture. So, he said, "God is faithful. He will keep the temptation from becoming so strong that you can't stand up against it." In other words, "He knows how much you can carry."

No one is immune from the temptations of life. Even if we feel that we are being singled out by God for a special examination, we must realize that others have faced similar temptations and have successfully resisted them. We have God's Word that He will always give us the strength to face the temptations and avoid sinning – if we choose to.

The issue is not about being able to face and flee temptation; the issue is whether or not we want to.

Prayer: Help us, Lord, to realize that Your Son faced every temptation that we will face, yet remained sinless. May we, as He did, call on You for help. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: 1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

News from the Associated Press

Uber files paperwork to begin operating in Sioux Falls

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Uber has filed paperwork to begin ride-hailing services in South Dakota's largest city.

A subsidiary of the transportation network company submitted an application to the Sioux Falls licensing office last week, along with a \$1,500 annual license fee.

City Council members last November approved rules to enable ride-hailing services such as Uber to operate in the city, despite grumbling from taxicab and limousine drivers.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard in March signed a bill into law allowing drivers with services such as Uber to operate without commercial license plates and driver's licenses.

The new law takes effect July 1. That's the earliest that Uber could begin operating in Sioux Falls.

Man wanted in South Dakota hotel death arrested in Texas

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A man suspected of killing a woman at a South Dakota hotel late last year has been arrested in Texas.

Rapid City police say 59-year-old Brian Duncan was arrested in San Marcos, Texas, on Saturday on a warrant for second-degree murder in the death of 60-year-old Helen Wright.

Wright's body was found in a room at the Western Thrifty Inn on Nov. 4. Authorities believe she had been dead for at least two days. An autopsy indicated she had been assaulted. Authorities said Wright and Duncan had been living in the room.

Authorities are working to extradite Duncan back to South Dakota to be prosecuted. It wasn't clear if he had an attorney.

Jackley ending presidential term at attorneys general group

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Attorney General Marty Jackley is ending his presidential term at the National Association of Attorneys General.

Jackley's office said Monday that he will conclude his term at the group's summer meeting this week.

He says it has been an honor to lead the states' attorneys general over the last year. Jackley says he's proud of their accomplishments, which have been driven by strong bipartisan cooperation.

While president of the association, Jackley has focused on officer-involved shootings, police body cameras and campus sexual assaults, among other issues.

He will transition into the role of past president of the group for the next year.

Authorities identify man killed in Rapid City shooting

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have identified the man killed in a shooting near a Burger King in Rapid City and are looking for two suspects in the case.

Rapid City police said Monday that 23-year-old Kiawe Walker of Rapid City died in the Friday shooting. Authorities responded to a report of a man with a gunshot wound at a Burger King.

Police say the victim walked to the restaurant from a nearby location and asked employees for help. Officials say emergency workers tried to revive the victim, but he died at the scene.

The incident is being investigated as a homicide by police and the Pennington County Sheriff's Office.

Teen acquitted of murder now accused of burglary, stalking

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Sioux Falls teenager acquitted of murder earlier this year is now accused of breaking into his ex-girlfriend's apartment and threatening her and her current boyfriend.

Eighteen-year-old Conner Hanson faces charges including burglary, simple domestic assault and stalking. The Argus Leader reports a judge set his bond at \$100,000 cash only.

Authorities say Hanson kicked his ex-girlfriend's door open Friday. She hid while her current boyfriend got a hammer, and Hanson allegedly ran.

Hanson allegedly texted threatening messages to the victim after getting pulled over by police Saturday. The Argus Leader reports Hanson's attorney says some facts in the case are "unfounded."

A jury in January found Hanson not guilty in the January 2015 killing of 18-year-old Anthony Gabriel, who authorities say was shot and killed after a car chase. Hanson argued self-defense.

Rapid City man dies in weekend ATV crash in Lawrence County

NEMO, S.D. (AP) — A 27-year-old Rapid City man was killed in an all-terrain vehicle crash in western South Dakota over the weekend.

The Highway Patrol says Jetto Rezac lost control of the ATV on a gravel road near Nemo, and the vehicle went off the road and rolled.

The crash happened about 8:30 p.m. Saturday. Rezac was pronounced dead at the scene about 2 miles west of Nemo. He was alone on the ATV.

Powerball ticket sold in Sioux Falls worth \$100,000

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Powerball ticket sold in Sioux Falls is worth \$100,000.

State lottery officials say the ticket matched four of five white ball numbers and the Powerball in Saturday's drawing to win the game's \$50,000 third prize. An option purchased for an addition dollar doubled the amount.

Winning numbers are 2, 23, 41, 53, 63, Powerball 11 and Power Play 2. The odds of winning the third prize in Powerball are 1 in about 913,000. The winner has about six months to claim the money.

Powerball is played in 44 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The jackpot is at \$184 million for the next drawing, on Wednesday.

Trump's campaign cycles \$6 million into Trump companies

JULIE BYKOWICZ, Associated Press

CHAD DAY, Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Donald Trump's campaign likes to keep it in the family.

When Trump flies, he uses his airplane. When he campaigns, he often chooses his properties or his own Trump Tower in New York City, which serves as headquarters. His campaign even buys Trump bottled water and Trump wine.

The presumptive Republican presidential nominee has been on the campaign trail for a year now, and federal finance reports detail a campaign unafraid to co-mingle political and business endeavors in an unprecedented way — even as he is making appeals for donations.

Through the end of May, Trump's campaign had plunged at least \$6.2 million back into Trump corporate products and services, a review of Federal Election Commission filings shows. That's about 10 percent of his total campaign expenditures.

Unlike in the primary when Trump touted his ability to pay his own way, he has been on an urgent

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fundraising quest for more than a month. His campaign began June with \$1.3 million in the bank, compared with the \$42 million presumptive Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton had amassed.

Wealthy political candidates in the past have walled off their business from their campaigns, but Trump embraces his companies. Public documents indicate his revenue has risen along with his presidential aspirations.

While Trump's controversial comments have cost his businesses money — for example, the PGA Tour recently announced it would move its World Golf Championship from a Trump course to one in Mexico City — Trump reported in documents filed in May with federal regulators that his revenue had increased by roughly \$190 million over the previous 17 months.

Trump's campaign didn't respond to detailed questions about the intermingling of his businesses and campaign.

Trump isn't the first high-profile politician to run a campaign while managing large corporate assets. Former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and presidential contender Steve Forbes both ran companies bearing their name.

Both took great care to carefully separate their businesses and their campaigns, their former aides said, citing the complex maze of campaign finance regulations about using corporate resources. For instance, federal rules require a company to charge their campaigns fair-market value.

The Trump campaign— funded during the primary contest mostly by loans Trump made— appears to be properly documenting its use of the businessman's assets in federal reports, leaving a record of his campaign's finances and their impact on his self-reported financial largesse.

Some of Trump's revenue bump appears to be directly traced to his campaign. TAG Air Inc., the holding company for his airplane, had \$3.7 million in revenue in the most recent reporting period — an amount that came largely from the campaign.

Trump's relentless product branding while on the campaign trail might be helping, too. Trump Ice LLC, the bottled water company, brought in income of more than \$413,000 in the most recent reporting period, up from \$280,000.

In the beginning months of his presidential bid, Trump paid about \$350,000 out of pocket to rent campaign space in his own building and to cover the salaries of some of the Trump Organization employees he'd moved onto his campaign staff. FEC reports show the campaign reimbursed him for those costs. In May, the campaign paid Trump an additional \$45,000 for more rent and payroll.

Trump also lent his campaign more than \$46 million over the past year — money he has largely not recouped, according to FEC reports.

The campaign has paid about \$520,000 to Trump Tower Commercial LLC and the Trump Corporation for rent and utilities. The campaign also paid \$423,000 to Trump's private Mar-a-Lago Club in south Florida for rent and catering and an additional \$135,000 in rent and utilities to Trump Restaurants LLC.

The campaign paid out \$26,000 in January to rent out a facility at Trump National Doral, his golf course in Miami. He'd held an event in the gold-accented ballroom there in late October. The campaign paid almost \$11,000 to Trump's hotel in Chicago.

Even \$4.7 million the campaign has spent on hats and T-shirts has a tie to Trump. The provider, Ace Specialties, is owned by a board member of son Eric Trump's charitable foundation.

Pakistan man attacked with acid by girlfriend dies of wounds

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Pakistani police say a man whose girlfriend threw acid on him for refusing to marry her has died of his wounds at a hospital.

Local police official Bashir Ahmed says the 22-year-old Sadaqat Ali died at a government hospital in the city of Multan in central Punjab province on Tuesday.

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Ali was brought to the hospital last week after 32-year-old Monil Mai threw acid on him when he was visiting her home in the city's Mukhdoom Rashid neighborhood. She had been having an affair with Ali for several years.

Mai was arrested by police hours after the attack and authorities have now registered a murder case against her.

Acid attacks and other so-called honor crimes against women are not unusual in Pakistan, though women are rarely perpetrators of such attacks.

10 Things to Know for Today

The Associated Press

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

1. ATTORNEY GENERAL VISITING ORLANDO IN WAKE OF DEADLY ATTACK

Loretta Lynch will meet with prosecutors, first responders and families of the victims of the worst mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

2. ELECTION YEAR NOT SWAYING REPUBLICAN LAWMAKERS

Even the most vulnerable GOP senators are siding with the NRA on gun votes.

3. THE FEW, THE PROUD ... THE PHYSICALLY FIT

AP finds that new physical standards established so women can compete for combat posts in the Marine Corps weed out many of the female hopefuls — and some men too.

4. TRUMP HOPING SHAKEUP SALVAGES WHITE HOUSE BID

The billionaire businessman's decision to fire his campaign manager less than a month before the convention signals he recognizes the dire state of his campaign.

5. CLINTON'S VEEP SEARCH INTENSIFIES

Those under consideration include Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine and HUD Secretary Julian Castro.

6. REPORT ASSAILS NYC JAIL'S SEX ABUSE RESPONSE

AP finds Rikers Island's emergency hotlines didn't work, confidential complaints were read by fellow inmates and alleged attackers weren't interviewed.

7. BOEING ENTERS MULTIBILLION DEAL WITH IRAN AIR

The proposed deal for the aircraft, which could be worth as much as \$25 billion, would mark Tehran's first major pact with a U.S. company following its landmark nuclear deal.

8. 'WE CAN'T CHANGE IT SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY LOVE DOGS'

A city in southern China goes ahead with an annual dog-meat eating festival despite heavy criticism and protests from animal rights activists.

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The Obama administration is on the verge of approving routine commercial use of small drones.

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Geoff Cameron pairs with John Brooks to propel the United States' soccer team to the Copa America semifinal against Argentina.

Vulnerable GOP senators side with NRA on gun votes

MARY CLARE JALONICK, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Among the Senate's most vulnerable Republicans, Pennsylvania Sen. Pat Toomey stood firmly with the powerful National Rifle Association on the latest ill-fated attempts at gun control. So did Ohio Sen. Rob Portman and Wisconsin Sen. Ron Johnson.

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Not so Illinois Sen. Mark Kirk, who represents Chicago where so far this year, more than 1,780 people have been shot, leading to the vast majority of the city's 294 homicides, according to police.

Just over four months to the election, and facing pressure from their Democratic opponents, most Republican Senate incumbents opted for consistency despite the political frenzy days after the worst mass shooting in modern American history. A lone gunman, Omar Mateen, killed 49 people and injured 53 at a nightclub in Orlando, Florida, prompting fresh calls for tighter restrictions on weapons. Mateen had been the focus of two terror investigations that were dropped.

Toomey, Portman and Johnson — as they did in December after shootings in San Bernardino, California — supported a NRA-preferred measure to deny a gun sale to a known or suspected terrorist, but only if prosecutors could convince a judge within three days that the would-be buyer was involved in terrorism. The three also helped to defeat a Democratic-sponsored bill to close the gun show loophole and expand background checks.

Kirk, facing a strong challenge from Democratic Rep. Tammy Duckworth, supported that bill and another Democratic measure to allow the government to deny gun sales to suspected terrorists.

"If you're too dangerous to fly on a plane, you're too dangerous to buy a firearm," said Kirk, who voted with the Democrats on a similar amendment in December.

The lone reversal was Sen. Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire, who is in a tight re-election bid against Democratic Gov. Maggie Hassan. Ayotte supported both the Democratic and Republican versions of the amendments to deny gun sales to suspected terrorists.

Ayotte said she is working with Maine Sen. Susan Collins, a moderate Republican, on possible compromise legislation.

"To get to that solution, we have to move this debate forward," Ayotte said on the Senate floor, defending her votes.

Democrats immediately pounced.

"She should make up her mind and not be a hypocrite," said Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid.

New Hampshire is home to some of the nation's most lenient gun laws, but Ayotte's approval rating fell after she voted against expanding background checks following the 2012 shooting at a Newtown, Connecticut elementary school.

In April 2013, the daughter of one of the Newtown victims confronted Ayotte at a town hall.

"You had mentioned that the burden to owners of gun stores that these expanded checks would cause. I'm just wondering why the burden of my mother being gunned down in the hall of her elementary school isn't as important as that?" asked Erica Lafferty Smegielski, whose mother, Dawn Hochsprung, was the principal at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

Smegielski was in the hallway outside the Senate during the votes Monday, and pledged to continue the pressure.

"My next step is to take a tally of who voted where and bring it to the polls in November," she said.

Florida Democrats have targeted Republican Sen. Marco Rubio, who is considering a run for re-election after previously saying he would give up his seat. Rubio defended his votes against the Democratic measures, saying they were "politically motivated and driven by a larger ideological agenda to disarm Americans."

Democratic Rep. Patrick Murphy, who is running for Rubio's seat, shot back at Rubio, saying he "put his political ambition ahead of keeping Floridians safe."

In Pennsylvania, Katie McGinty, Toomey's Democratic challenger, called for new leadership after Toomey voted for the NRA-backed amendments. She said the senator is "long on rhetoric but short on action."

Toomey had attempted to craft his own compromise last week to deny gun sales to terrorism suspects.

In a speech on the floor Monday, he pushed for votes on either his own compromise or Collins' bill.

"We're talking past each other," Toomey said of the multiple failed amendments.

Johnson was less concerned. He declined to discuss his votes with reporters before the vote.

"I'm not worried about it all," he said of the gun issue and his tough re-election bid against former Democratic Sen. Russ Feingold.

Some Democrats also took tough votes. Democratic Sens. Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota and Jon Tester of Montana voted against expanded background checks, while Indiana Sen. Joe Donnelly voted with Republicans. All three are up for re-election in heavily Republican states in 2018.

Moveon.org, a liberal political action group, immediately put out a statement denouncing Tester's vote, saying it was "yet another outrageous example of how our elected officials in Congress are beholden to the NRA."

Man taken into custody in Brussels after security alert

JOHN THOR-DAHLBURG, Associated Press

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BRUSSELS (AP) — A man claiming to have been kidnapped and outfitted with a bomb belt shut down a section of central Brussels during the Tuesday morning rush hour but a bomb squad found only salt and cookies in the belt, the Brussels prosecutor's office said.

The man, identified only as J.B., was taken in for questioning. Prosecutors said he had a criminal record and a history of psychiatric problems.

Brussels prosecutor Rym Kechiche said authorities were investigating whether the incident around the City 2 shopping mall had links to terrorism or whether it was a hoax.

A second man, who is suspected driving J.B. to the scene, was also being questioned.

J.B. phoned police at 5:30 a.m., saying he had been abducted and fitted with an explosive device that could be detonated remotely by another person, Kechiche said.

J.B. recently informed police that he had been enlisted to join the Islamic State extremist organization in Syria, but Brussels prosecutors weren't able to prove or disapprove his claim, Kechiche said.

A car corresponding to a detailed description the man gave police was found parked in a street in the Schaerbeek area of Brussels.

Amid the alert, Prime Minister Charles Michel changed his morning program and a meeting of the Belgian crisis center was called.

Crisis center spokesman Peter Mertens said the nation's security alert was not changed.

"That level, and the measures accompanying it, is already high," Mertens said. "The situation of this morning has no impact on the existing measures."

At the scene, police in hoods and military wearing helmets were seen patrolling around at least one major entry to the City 2 shopping center, and the demining squad was also called in. Some entries to the subway station were also blocked, and underground traffic disrupted.

Belgium has been living under a high threat level which says an attack is possible and likely since the November attacks in Paris. Some of the perpetrators of those attacks were either Belgian nationals or had lived in Brussels. Some have also been linked to the March 22 attacks on the Brussels subway and airport which killed 32.

The country has been particularly on edge over the last week following a series of arrests and police raids linked to suspected terror attacks.

Over the weekend, authorities charged three men with terror-related crimes after two days of raids and the detention of 40 people in a major investigation which they said required "immediate interven-

tion.”

Unconfirmed media reports suggested that a shopping complex, an American fast food chain and police were among the possible targets.

Boeing says it signs sales agreement with Iran Air

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DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Boeing Co. said Tuesday it signed an agreement with Iran Air “expressing the airline’s intent” to buy its aircraft — the Islamic Republic’s first major deal with an American company following its landmark nuclear accord last year with world powers.

It’s unclear how much the agreement with Iran Air would be worth, though an Iranian official earlier suggested the total Boeing sale to the Islamic Republic could be valued at \$25 billion.

The Chicago-based manufacturer issued a statement to The Associated Press saying that it signed the Iran Air agreement “under authorizations from the U.S. government following a determination that Iran had met its obligations under the nuclear accord reached last summer.”

“Boeing will continue to follow the lead of the U.S. government with regards to working with Iran’s airlines, and any and all contracts with Iran’s airlines will be contingent upon U.S. government approval,” it said.

Boeing offered no further details on the deal. Fakher Daghestani, a Dubai-based spokesman for the manufacturer, declined to elaborate.

Iran Air, the country’s national carrier, said this week it wants to buy new generations of the Boeing 737, as well as the 300ER and 900 version of the Boeing 777.

Earlier Tuesday, Iran’s Transportation Minister Abbas Akhoundi said a possible deal between the Islamic Republic and Boeing could be worth as much as \$25 billion, on par with the country’s earlier deal with its European rival, Airbus.

“The initial talks were held and I can say Boeing is negotiating with the U.S. officials and possibly the amount of our purchase is equal to Airbus,” Akhoundi said.

If the deal goes through, he said the first Boeing plane could arrive in Iran in October.

The overall size of the proposed Boeing sale to Iran remains unclear. Ali Abedzadeh, the head of Iran’s Civil Aviation Organization, was quoted Sunday by the state-run IRAN newspaper as saying the sale would involve 100 Boeing aircraft, something the manufacturer has declined to discuss.

Boeing has been cautious about entering Iran’s market as other sanctions remain in place against Tehran. American officials had said as recently as last weekend that the sale would need permission from the U.S. Treasury.

It’s unclear what changed in the last few days. Treasury officials could not be immediately reached for comment. It is likely Boeing may run the sale through an overseas subsidiary and use a currency other than U.S. dollars in order to avoid running afoul of American laws.

Iranian airlines have some 60 Boeing airplanes in service, but most were purchased before the 1979 Islamic Revolution that ousted Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi and brought Islamists to power.

Out of Iran’s 250 commercial planes, 162 are flying while the rest are grounded due to lack of spare parts, Akhoundi said Tuesday. Parts and servicing remained nearly impossible to get while the world sanctioned Iran over its contested nuclear program.

Included in last year’s nuclear deal is approval for airline manufacturers to enter the Iranian market. However, American lawmakers have warned Boeing not to do business there as the Iran deal remains

a hot topic in the ongoing presidential election.

Iran Air previously signed agreements to buy 118 planes from the European consortium Airbus and 20 more from French-Italian aircraft manufacturer ATR. The Airbus deal alone was worth 22.8 billion euros (\$25 billion).

But it's not just American hesitancy slowing U.S. companies from entering Iran.

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has expressed his continued distrust of American brands coming into the country. Comments Khamenei made in April apparently caused Iranian officials to strike models from General Motors Co.'s Chevrolet division off a list of allowed automobile brands for the Iranian market.

Khamenei also questioned purchasing aircraft in a speech June 14.

"This is a very important and necessary task, but is it a priority?" Khamenei asked, according to a transcript on his official website. "Imagine that we buy 300 airplanes. It is not clear whether this is a priority or not. This should be studied."

2 big wildfires in LA-area foothills burn toward each other

ANDREW DALTON, Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Two wildfires that together burned 7 square miles and drove several hundred people from their homes in foothill suburbs of Los Angeles were growing fast and surging closer to each other.

Aggravated by triple-digit heat that hastened similar fires from the Pacific Coast to New Mexico, the two blazes erupted Monday near Azusa and Duarte and gave a big scare to homeowners before burning mostly away from the cities and toward the Angeles National Forest.

Charlie Downing, out of breath and with his shirt off because of the heat, said when he first smelled fire and felt heat that he ran outside of his house in Duarte and was astonished by size and nearness of the flames.

"I came running over just to look and it was 15 to 20 feet in the air," Downing told reporters. "By the time I came back and told my grandma and my kids to get in the car, it was right by the car."

He and two neighbors sprayed the flames with their yard hoses until firefighters arrived minutes later.

It was "very fortunate" that the fire then shifted toward the mountains, though it could easily move back during the night, Los Angeles County Fire Department Deputy Chief John B. Tripp said.

"If we get down-canyon winds, it could shift and homes could be in danger again," Tripp said.

The fires were less than 2 miles apart, burning out of control, and could soon merge into one, authorities said.

Two towering columns of smoke visible by day became a single vast glow after night fell.

Elsewhere, crews made progress against a nearly week-old blaze in rugged coastal mountains west of Santa Barbara. Overnight winds pushed flames into previously burned areas, allowing firefighters to boost containment to 54 percent.

Most mandatory evacuations will be lifted Wednesday morning and nearly all by Saturday, authorities said Monday night.

About 270 homes and other buildings were threatened by the blaze, which has charred more than 12 square miles since Wednesday.

Another wildfire was growing near Potrero, a small desert town close to the Mexico border. It surged to nearly 12 square miles and forced the evacuation of about 75 people from the ranching community about 40 miles southeast of San Diego.

Other blazes burned wide swaths across Arizona and New Mexico, where firefighters also faced blister-

ing temperatures.

In central New Mexico, a 28-square-mile fire that erupted last week and destroyed 24 homes in the Manzano Mountains south of Albuquerque showed signs of slowing down. Higher humidity has allowed crews to strengthen lines around the fire, and some evacuees would be allowed to return home on Tuesday.

In eastern Arizona, a fire doubled to nearly 42 square miles and led officials to warn a community of 300 residents to prepare to evacuate. The blaze on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation southwest of Show Low was not moving quickly toward the community of Cedar Creek because of sparse vegetation and shifting winds.

Egyptian court rejects border demarcation pact with Saudi

CAIRO (AP) — An Egyptian court has rejected as illegal a demarcation border agreement between Egypt and Saudi Arabia under which Cairo would surrender control over two Red Sea islands to Riyadh.

The Tuesday verdict by the administrative court could deal a blow to President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi's government, which has zealously argued that the agreement would bring economic benefits for Egypt.

The government also maintains that the islands of Tiran and Sanafir at the mouth of the Gulf of Aqaba are owned by Saudi Arabia, which placed them under Egyptian control in 1950 for protection.

The verdict can be appealed.

The agreement was announced in April during a high-profile visit to Cairo by the Saudi monarch, King Salman, during which he announced a multi-billion dollar aid package to Egypt.

Official: Israeli troops shoot, kill 14-year Palestinian boy

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli troops shot and killed a 14-year-old Palestinian boy early Tuesday in the West Bank and wounded four others, a Palestinian official said.

Wajih Ahmad, head of the Beit Ur al-Tahta local council, said the teen, Mahmoud Badran, was killed when the car he was traveling in was fired upon by an Israeli military patrol. The hospital in the West Bank city of Ramallah said another Palestinian was moderately wounded and three others were lightly wounded.

The military said it was responding to Palestinians throwing rocks and firebombs on vehicles on a busy road in the area in which that three civilians were hurt. It said Israeli forces tried to protect other vehicles and fired toward suspects. "From the initial inquiry it appears that un-involved bystanders were mistakenly hit during the pursuit," the military said in a statement.

Over the past nine months, Palestinians have carried out dozens of attacks, including stabbings, shootings and car ramming assaults, which have killed 32 Israelis and two Americans. About 200 Palestinians have been killed during that time. Israel has identified most of them as attackers while the rest died in clashes with Israeli troops.

The assaults were once near-daily incidents but they have become less frequent in recent weeks.

Also Tuesday, the Israeli military demolished the home of a Palestinian who stabbed to death an American tourist and war veteran in an attack earlier this year.

The troops entered the West Bank village of Hajjah to knock down the residence of Bashar Masalha. In March, he killed Taylor Force and wounded 10 others in a stabbing attack on a Tel Aviv beachfront promenade.

Force was a Vanderbilt University graduate student visiting Israel during a school trip. He previously graduated from West Point and served tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. Masalha was killed by

police after the attack.

Israel says it carries out housing demolitions to deter future attacks. The Palestinians consider it a form of collective punishment.

Will Trump campaign's shake-up salvage bid?

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump's decision to fire his embattled campaign manager less than a month before the Republican convention sent a powerful signal to weary GOP leaders that the billionaire businessman recognizes the increasingly dire state of his presidential campaign. Now, his party is looking for him to quickly implement other changes to mount a credible challenge to likely rival Hillary Clinton.

Trump's decision to oust Corey Lewandowski aims to put an end to the months of infighting that had roiled his unconventional campaign. And it signals bigger changes are underway. Lewandowski, a constant presence at his boss's side, had long resisted calls for Trump to adopt a more presidential tone and campaign operation, instead insisting the key to victory was to "Let Trump be Trump."

That approach ultimately lost out to top GOP officials, donors and Trump's adult children, who have long-harbored concerns about Lewandowski's brusque manner and limited national campaign experience.

The shake-up comes as Trump is under growing pressure to build a credible general election campaign. Many in his party feel he has squandered the precious weeks since locking up the nomination. On the campaign trail, he appears stuck in a primary campaign he's already won.

Indeed, fundraising reports released late Monday showed donors gave Trump's campaign about \$3 million in May, even though he enjoyed presumptive nominee status for almost the entire month. By contrast, Clinton, who spent all of last month fending off her primary rival, Bernie Sanders, raised \$26 million. As a result, Trump's campaign started June with \$1.3 million in the bank; Clinton has \$42 million.

"It's got to become much more disciplined and much more focused and much more organized and have a bigger structure," said Stephen Stepanek, the campaign's New Hampshire co-chair, of Trump's organization in the wake of Lewandowski's departure.

Aides also hope Lewandowski's departure will bring an end to the infighting that has plagued the campaign since Trump hired strategist Paul Manafort in March to help secure delegates ahead of the convention. Since then, the campaign's rival factions have been jockeying for power, slowing hiring and other decision-making. Manafort, who has long advocated a more scripted approach backed by a larger and more professional campaign apparatus, will be taking full control.

"A presidential campaign must have unity of command. There must be one person in charge," said Roger Stone, a longtime confidante of both Manafort and Trump. "You can't have two heads of anything."

Senior adviser Barry Bennett said that, while there's never a good time for a campaign shake-up, he's glad it came ahead of the convention.

There are "tons of decisions that need to be made the next few weeks," he said. "Hopefully that will be easier with one chef."

In a conference call with top aides following Lewandowski's firing, Manafort signaled a rapid expansion would be coming soon.

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"The campaign's going to pick up the speed," Bennett said.

But even with Lewandowski's departure, Trump faces an uphill climb. The campaign is woefully understaffed compared to Clinton's and Trump has so far shown little appetite for investing in even the basic building blocks of a modern-day White House campaign.

His communications team currently consists of a single spokeswoman and he has just about 30 paid staff deployed to battleground states across the country. Clinton, in contrast, has had a veritable campaign army mobilized for months, backed by millions of dollars in battleground-state television advertising. Trump has yet to reserve any ad time.

Instead, he is outsourcing even basic campaign functions to the Republican National Committee — an untested strategy that comes with risks, especially considering the resistance he continues to face from GOP leaders, including House Speaker Paul Ryan and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. They last week condemned Trump's renewed call to impose a temporary ban on foreign Muslims allowed to enter the country as part of his counter-terrorism strategy.

Trump has also squandered precious time campaigning in states unlikely to determine the election. And this week, he'll take a trip to Scotland to promote the renovation of one of his golf courses.

Trump has also been slow to embrace an aggressive plan to raise the hundreds of millions of dollars needed to fund both his campaign and the RNC's ground game — frustrating donors.

New fundraising reports covering the first few weeks after Trump became the presumptive nominee show the RNC raised \$13 million in May — about what it raised in April, before his rivals left the race. By comparison, four years earlier, GOP nominee Mitt Romney helped the RNC bring in \$34 million.

Veteran GOP fundraiser Fred Malek said he doubted Lewandowski's departure would have much impact on the campaign's fund raising and said the real change has to come from Trump himself.

"If it signals a change in his style and approach, it can only be positive. But I feel he needs to do more. And I feel that, no matter what he does on the fundraising front, he's going to be at a huge financial disadvantage," he said, explaining that it typically takes candidates two years to build fundraising operations.

Donors, he said, are waiting to see a less confrontational, more inclusive and more substantive Trump.

But Bennett, the adviser, suggested any major change was unlikely.

"If you read any of this to believe Trump is going to change in any way, you're probably misreading it," he said. "Donald Trump is Donald Trump and he's not going to change into something else."

Hillary Clinton's VP search moves into more intense phase

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Clinton's search for a running mate is moving into a more intense phase, according to several Democrats, as aides contact a pared-down pool of candidates to ask for reams of personal information and set up interviews with the presumptive Democratic nominee's vetting team.

Those on the shortlist include Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, a favorite of progressives who has emerged as a blistering critic of presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump; Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine, a well-liked lawmaker from an important general election battleground state; and Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julian Castro of Texas, a rising star in the Democratic Party.

Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, Clinton's toughest primary rival, is not on the shortlist of vice presidential candidates, according to one Democrat.

A small group of Clinton campaign confidants has been sifting through publicly available information

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about more than two dozen possible contenders for more than a month. But with Democratic primary voting wrapping up last week, the list has been culled significantly and the campaign has begun contacting those under consideration.

Several Democrats described Clinton's vice presidential search process on the condition of anonymity, because they were not authorized by her campaign to publicly discuss it. Clinton campaign spokesman Brian Fallon would not comment.

Clinton was pressing forward on her search for a running mate as her GOP rival struggled with dismal fundraising and major questions about his campaign organization. Trump fired his campaign manager Monday and new fundraising data showed donors gave the businessman's campaign just over \$3 million last month.

If Clinton were to tap Warren as her No. 2, she would be choosing one of the Senate's most outspoken liberals and a proponent of tough Wall Street regulation. She has long been viewed as a running mate who could help Clinton appeal to Sanders' loyal supporters. She is also relishing taking on Trump, blasting the businessman in speeches and on Twitter as a "thin-skinned, racist bully" — embracing a running mate's traditionally aggressive role.

While Warren and Clinton do not have a close relationship, they recently met for about an hour in Washington. The senator also gave a pep talk to staff at the Clinton campaign's Brooklyn headquarters last week.

Kaine, a former Virginia governor who previously headed the Democratic National Committee, is well-liked within the party and is more moderate than Warren. While he may not excite liberals, he's seen as a running mate who could appeal to independents and swing voters in his home state and elsewhere.

President Barack Obama thoroughly vetted Kaine as he searched for a running mate in 2008, ultimately passing over the Virginian in favor of then-Delaware Sen. Joe Biden.

Castro, a telegenic 41-year-old Texan, would bring youthful enthusiasm to Clinton's campaign and would be the first Hispanic on a major party ticket. Obama plucked him from his post as San Antonio mayor in 2014 to serve in the Cabinet, a move seen by some Democrats as a way to bolster Castro's national profile for a potential vice presidential run.

Warren, Kaine and Castro represent the two schools of thinking about the running mate pick that have emerged among those closest to Clinton's campaign.

Some advisers believe Clinton should pick a running-mate that would energize Democrats: a woman, a staunch liberal or a minority. Others argue that Trump's deep unpopularity gives Clinton an opportunity to win over a share of independents and Republican-leaning voters with a more centrist pick, such as Kaine.

Clinton is also said to be cognizant about the risks of tapping a senator who would be replaced by a Republican governor if Democrats won in November. That's a particular liability for Ohio Sen. Sherrod Brown and New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker. Clinton's campaign is said to have considered both, but it was unclear Monday whether either would be fully vetted for the vice presidential slot.

While Warren's seat would be temporarily filled by an appointee named by the Republican governor of Massachusetts, the state would hold a special election for a permanent replacement.

A handful of other Democrats are also said to be under consideration, though the full list is being closely guarded by the Clinton campaign. Longtime Clinton allies John Podesta and Cheryl Mills are overseeing the search and few people beyond them are believed to know the full list of candidates being vetted.

Clinton herself has been vague in describing her thinking about picking a running mate.

"I'm looking broadly and widely and I'm gonna begin to really, you know, dive into thinking hard about this," she told CBS News earlier this month. "I'm gonna be looking, first and foremost, as to who I believe could fulfill the responsibilities of being president and commander in chief."

Official: 6 killed, 14 wounded in Jordan border attack

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Jordan's military says that six people were killed and 14 wounded in a car bomb attack on Jordanian troops along the kingdom's border with Syria.

The attack took place early on Tuesday near a makeshift camp for tens of thousands of Syrian refugees who are stranded in the desert, awaiting entry to Jordan.

No militant group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

FAA rules to clear way for routine commercial drone flights

JOAN LOWY, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration is on the verge of approving routine commercial use of small drones, after years of struggling to write rules that would both protect public safety and free the benefits of a new technology.

The Federal Aviation Administration is expected to announce as early as Tuesday the creation of a new category of rules for drones weighing less than 55 pounds. The long-anticipated rules would mean drone operators would be able to fly without special permission.

Currently, they have to apply for a waiver from rules that govern manned aircraft, a process that can be time-consuming and expensive.

Since 2014 the FAA has granted more than 6,100 waivers and another 7,600 are waiting for approval. Many more small companies have been using drones without FAA permission, say industry officials.

Unless those operators make a serious mistake that brings them to the FAA's attention, there's not a lot the agency can do to track them down. The new rules would provide an easier way for those businesses to operate legally.

The rules also would effectively lift the lid on flights by other potential operators who have held off using the technology — real estate agents who want bird's eye videos of properties, ranchers who want to count cattle and a multitude of other businesses.

A summary of the new rules from last month was inadvertently posted online by the FAA, then removed Monday after it was reported by aviation bloggers. FAA officials declined to comment on the posting.

The summary says operators must register their drones online and pass an aviation knowledge exam for drone pilots at an FAA-approved testing center. That would give them a drone pilot certification that's good for 24 months. Operators must also present identification for a security vetting similar to that applied to general aviation pilots.

Operators also have to follow many of the rules that apply to model aircraft hobbyists — keep drones within sight at all times, and not fly them at night, over people or higher than 400 feet. The minimum age for commercial operators would be 16.

Operators who want to fly near airports would have to get special permission first.

The rules would still prevent delivery drones from flying across cities and suburbs clasping small packages, in part because that would entail flying over people. Amazon and Google announced two years ago that they are working on drone delivery systems for goods purchased online, and Google officials have said they expect deliveries to begin sometime in 2017.

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Earlier this year, the Senate passed an aviation bill that would require the FAA to issue regulations within two years to enable drone deliveries. The House has been unable to pass its own version of the bill due to unrelated controversies.

Congress has been prodding the FAA for more than a decade to write rules to enable broad access to the national airspace by civilian drones. Initially, the agency put its emphasis on finding ways to enable larger drones like those used for military missions to safely fly at the same altitudes as airliners and other manned aircraft. After several years, the agency shifted its focus to small drones when it became clear that the market for their uses was developing much faster.

But the FAA's slow pace led frustrated lawmakers to include a provision in a major aviation bill four years ago setting deadlines for the agency to issue regulations to safely integrate small drones into the national airspace by August 2014 and other drones by September 2015.

The rules expected this week would fulfill that first deadline. The agency is also working on an array of other safety rules and standards to further broaden the circumstances under which drones can be flown. In April, FAA officials said they were drafting regulations based on recommendations from an industry advisory committee that would allow flights over people by drones weighing about 2 ½ pounds or less.

Next month, another government-industry advisory committee is expected to recommend safety standards to the FAA for unmanned aircraft flights at higher altitudes.

Attorney general visiting Orlando in wake of deadly attack

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MIKE SCHNEIDER, Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Attorney General Loretta Lynch is visiting Orlando to meet with prosecutors, first responders and families of the victims of the worst mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

The trip Tuesday comes as the Justice Department continues investigating the June 12 massacre at the Pulse nightclub, in which 49 people died and dozens were wounded. Federal investigators who have conducted hundreds of interviews haven't ruled out charges against others in connection with the shooting and say they're still trying to determine why Omar Mateen, who died in a gun battle with police, picked as his target a popular gay nightclub.

More clues emerged Monday when the FBI released a partial transcript of phone calls Mateen had with a 911 operator and police crisis negotiators once the shooting got underway. He identified himself as an Islamic soldier, demanded to a crisis negotiator that the U.S. "stop bombing" Syria and Iraq, warned of future violence in the coming days and at one point pledged allegiance to Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the leader of the Islamic State, the FBI said.

Despite his declarations, the FBI says it's found no evidence the attack was directed by a foreign terrorist organization. Mateen instead appears to have radicalized on his own through jihadist propaganda on the Internet, part of a population of Americans that law enforcement officials have repeatedly expressed concern about.

The statements to police, which one FBI official said were made in a "chilling, calm and deliberate manner" were similar to postings he apparently made to Facebook around the time of the shooting.

"I let you know, I'm in Orlando and I did the shootings," Mateen said in one call that came more than a half-hour after shots rang out, the FBI said.

Shortly after the call with a 911 operator, Mateen had three conversations with crisis negotiators in which he identified himself as an Islamic soldier and told a negotiator to tell America to stop bombing Syria and Iraq. He said that was why he was "out here right now," according to the excerpt.

Mateen's name and the groups and people to whom he pledged allegiance were initially omitted from

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the excerpt. But the Justice Department reversed course later Monday, providing a more complete transcript confirming Mateen pledged allegiance to al-Baghdadi. The Justice Department said in a statement it initially withheld the names so as not to give extremists "a publicity platform for hateful propaganda," but the omissions became an unnecessary distraction.

The shooting has fostered discussion about U.S. government efforts to identify and thwart individuals bent on violence — Mateen had been interviewed by the FBI three times since 2013 as part of two separate investigations and placed on a terror watch list — but also about whether stiffer gun control laws are needed. The Senate on Monday rejected proposals from both parties to keep extremists from acquiring guns, including one that was publicly supported by the Justice Department.

The release of the 911 calls does add to the public understanding of Mateen's motives. But Lynch, speaking on Sunday morning talk shows, said federal investigators are still unresolved as to what drove him to violence and to what extent he may also have been motivated by anti-gay hatred.

Besides meeting with first responders and victims, she's also scheduled to appear Tuesday alongside Lee Bentley, the United States attorney in Orlando overseeing the investigation into the shooting. Investigators have done hundreds of interviews, including with family members, and are working in particular to determine how much knowledge his wife had of the plot.

Lynch's meeting with first responders comes as Orlando police face continued questions about the response to the rampage.

On Monday, police Chief John Mina said that if any fire from responding officers hit victims at the club, gunman Mateen bears the responsibility. He wouldn't give further details but said: "Here's what I will tell you. Those killings are on the suspect, on the suspect alone in my mind." He stressed that the officers "acted heroically."

Mina acknowledged that questions have been raised by media outlets and the public about whether Orlando police waited too long after the start of the rampage at 2 a.m. to send in a SWAT team about 5 a.m.

He said an exchange of fire between police and Mateen shortly after 2 a.m. prompted the attacker to retreat into a bathroom and take hostages, shifting the incident from a shooting to a hostage-taking. Mina said there was no additional gunfire for about three hours until the SWAT team entered the building, although survivors have described at least some firing taking place inside one of the bathrooms.

Surviving hostage Patience Carter, in a live televised interview two days after the attacks, described the attacker firing when he entered the bathroom and more firing when the SWAT team burst into the building.

"I think there's this misconception that we didn't do anything for three hours," Mina said. "I'm trying to clarify: That's absolutely not true. Our officers were within the club within minutes, exchanging gunfire with the suspect, forced him to stop shooting and retreat into the bathroom."

"From there, we let our negotiator take over and try to negotiate this to a peaceful resolution in an effort to save lives while our SWAT team set up," Mina said.

China city holds dog-meat eating festival despite protests

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YULIN, China (AP) — A city in southern China went ahead with an annual dog-meat eating festival Tuesday despite heavy criticism and protests from animal rights activists.

Vendors slaughtered dogs and cooked their meat in dozens of restaurants across the city of Yulin, in an event that has come to symbolize the cruelty and potential for spreading disease associated with the largely unregulated industry.

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Activists bought dogs from dealers who had been planning to slaughter them, while local residents complained that outsiders were ruining what they consider a local tradition.

"We came to Yulin to tell people here dogs are our friends. They should not kill dogs in such a cruel way and many of the dogs they killed are pet dogs," said Yang Yuhua, a volunteer from the central city of Chongqing.

An estimated 10 million to 20 million dogs are killed for their meat each year in China, and the Yulin event has become a lightning rod for criticism.

Many of the dogs are believed to have been pets stolen from their owners or simply picked up off the street. They are stuffed in cages, and trucked to the city about 2,000 kilometers (1,250 miles) south of Beijing in the province of Guangxi, often without food or water.

Cats eaten at the festival are subjected to similar ill treatment.

The local government has in recent years sought to disassociate itself from the event, forbidding its employees from attending and limiting its size by shutting down some dog markets and slaughter houses.

"The so-called dog-meat eating festival has never been officially recognized by government or by any regulations or laws," said an official reached by telephone at the city government's general office.

"We hold meetings every time before the so-called festival, discussing counter measures such as deploying local police, business and sanitary authorities to inspect and deal with those who sell dogs," said the official, who like many Chinese bureaucrats would give only his surname, Liu, because he was not authorized to speak to reporters.

Opponents this year expanded their campaign to the United States, petitioning politicians in San Francisco to pressure their Chinese colleagues into calling for an end to the slaughter.

Actors and celebrities, including Matt Damon, Joaquin Phoenix and Rooney Mara, also released a public service announcement calling for an end to the torture and killing of dogs in China, South Korea and other Asian nations.

The brief clip focused particularly on the practice of killing dogs by beating, burning and other painful methods in the belief that dying by torture makes their meat taste better.

Such efforts may be having an effect. Wendy Higgins of the Humane Society International said activists on the ground reported fewer dogs killed and less visible dog meat eating than in years past.

The society "urges the Yulin authorities to take decisive steps to spare countless animals from a fate involving a brutal beating to death with metal poles," Higgins said in an emailed statement.

As many as 10,000 dogs are believed to be killed during the event, which falls around the summer solstice that arrived on Monday this year. Promoters say eating dog meat during the summer helps ward off the heat and maintain a healthy metabolism.

"It's been a tradition for years for us to celebrate the festival. We can't change it simply because they (animal lovers) love dogs," a local resident, who gave only his surname, Huang, told The Associated Press.

"They don't want us to eat dog meat. We eat dog meat to celebrate the festival, but since they've come here, they've ruined our mood completely," Huang said.

Opponents say the festival is cruel and has no redeeming cultural value.

Another animal rights activists, Chen Chun, said the push to end the Yulin festival was part of a larger campaign to pass legislation banning animal cruelty. A draft animal cruelty law remains mired in China's legislature and prosecution of dog thieves and those violating animal transport laws remains lax, activists complain.

"Our ultimate goal is that the country can make a law to protect animals, especially dogs here," Chen

said.

Activists debated and argued with local residents, with police intervening at times to prevent any physical confrontations.

Activists said rallies held around the country to oppose dog eating, as well as outrage on social media from the growing ranks of dog lovers, are already having an effect. Dog meat restaurants have been forced to take the festival indoors and large-scale open air dog-meat consumption is no longer seen.

Along with the question of animal cruelty, dog meat also poses a risk to human health by spreading diseases such as trichinellosis, rabies and cholera, the Humane Society says.

Guangxi is already one of China's five worst areas affected by human rabies, and Yulin ranks as one of the top 10 Chinese cities in terms of cases, the organization says.

Do You Have What it Takes to be a Marine?

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WASHINGTON (AP) — So you want to be one of the few and the proud in the U.S. Marine Corps?

Getting into a combat job requires recruits to pass a new set of physical standards that were put into place as part of the move to allow women to compete for frontline posts.

How do you measure up?

Initial Strength Test for incoming recruits:

For non-combat jobs, recruits must complete:

Two pull-ups (for men) or a flexed arm hang for at least 12 seconds (for women)

44 crunches in two minutes

1.5 mile run in 13:30 minutes (men) or 15 minutes (women)

For combat jobs:

Three pull-ups (men and women)

44 crunches in two minutes

45 lifts of a 30-pound ammunition can in two minutes

1.5 mile run in 13:30 minutes

Classification Standard test for combat jobs. Recruits must pass this test between 55-60 days into basic training in order to move into a combat job:

Six pull-ups

Three-mile run in no more than 24:51 minutes

60 lifts of a 30-pound ammunition can

Movement to contact test in 3:26 minutes, including a half-mile run in combat boots

Maneuver under fire test in 3:12 minutes, including belly crawl, ammunition can carry, evacuate a casualty, grenade throw

Combat Job Specific Testing: In order to get a specific infantry, armor, reconnaissance, combat engineer or other combat job, recruits must also complete tests that are unique to each post. Some examples include:

Scale a 56-inch wall carrying a rifle and wearing a fighting load in 30 seconds

While wearing fighting load and carrying rifle and 60 mm mortar, rush for 200 meters through an agility course in 1:45 minutes

Clean-and-press 115-pound Olympic bar

Deadlift and hold 150-pound Olympic bar at knuckle height for 30 seconds

Run 20 kilometers (about 12.5 miles) with rifle while wearing reconnaissance gear in 3 hours

Disassemble/assemble an M242 25 mm automatic gun in 3:21 minutes

Twist and Om: Millions take part in Yoga Day in India

CHANDIGARH, India (AP) — Millions of people across India twisted themselves into complex yoga positions Tuesday as the country celebrated International Yoga Day.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi joined a crowd of 30,000 schoolchildren and other residents of the northern city of Chandigarh for a mass yoga session.

Before beginning the exercises, Modi urged people to make yoga a part of their lives, saying the practice — which began in ancient India — doesn't differentiate between the rich and poor, and is accessible to all.

"With zero budget yoga provides health assurance and it does not discriminate between rich and poor," Modi told participants at the event.

Similar yoga events were held in villages, towns and cities all over India. Last year, the United Nations proclaimed June 21 as International Day of Yoga.

At the United Nations in New York, various yoga poses were projected on a side wall of the U.N. headquarters building to highlight the role yoga can play in helping the U.N. achieve its sustainable development goals.

On Tuesday, International Yoga Day will be celebrated outside the U.N. building with a demonstration by Jaggi Vasudev, also known as Sadhguru, and a musical incantation.

Many believe that practicing yoga is the best way to calm the mind and the best form of exercise for the body.

In New Delhi, hundreds of thousands gathered at several venues where mass yoga exercises were organized by the government in parks and in a central plaza.

APNewsBreak: Report assails NYC jail's sex abuse response

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NEW YORK (AP) — New York City's Rikers Island jail has entrenched problems dealing with sexual abuse, including emergency hotlines that don't work, confidential complaints read by fellow inmates and investigations that don't interview alleged attackers, according to an internal review obtained by The Associated Press.

The report, conducted last year by an outside consultant, also revealed that guards dangerously underestimated the problem, felt helpless to do anything about it and showed "poor professional boundaries" themselves by inappropriately hugging and kissing one another and hanging racy postings in common areas.

The findings come as overseers of the city's 10,000-inmate jail system moved last week to write new city rules spelling out a zero-tolerance sexual assault policy in line with the 2003 federal Prison Rape Elimination Act.

At the time of the report, its authors noted, few staff or inmates had heard of the federal law, and education addressing its requirements "did not appear to be occurring."

City Correction Department spokeswoman Eve Kessler said the report was a "wake-up call, and we heard it loud and clear."

In response, jail officials say they have appointed a department-wide coordinator, published a 43-page directive of up-to-date standards on sexual assault and trained hundreds of guards and internal investigators.

The federally-funded report, conducted by the Washington, D.C.-based The Moss Group, detailed longstanding problems at Rikers that may be tough to fix. That view was punctuated last week when a

member of the jail oversight board, Gerard Bryant, said at a hearing: "As long as we are going to have prisons we are going to have sexual abuse in prisons. That's the reality. That's what happens."

Phone numbers to sexual assault hotlines posted throughout the jails regularly didn't work, were picked up by answering machines that left no helpful information and, in at least one case, rang to "a private citizens' phone number," according to the report.

Inmates who did disclose harassment or abuse allegations via a formal grievance system had trouble doing so confidentially, because the slips of paper they wrote their claims on were sometimes typed up by other inmates who could read their contents, according to the report.

It wasn't immediately clear if the defunct hotline numbers have been removed from the jails. Last August, jail officials partnered with a national nonprofit, Safe Horizons, to report allegations and provide counseling. A spokesman for the group wouldn't provide any figures on how many calls its hotline had received in the past year from city jails.

The report also reviewed the 46 sexual abuse or harassment cases closed by jail investigators in 2014, finding fundamental problems with the thoroughness of the inquiries.

Most investigations didn't include interviews with all possible witnesses, some didn't include video evidence and others didn't include interviews with accused guards.

"In one case an investigation included five paragraphs describing the reasons why the victim was lying, despite video and testimonial evidence that suggested something clearly had taken place," the report found, noting there was no mention in the case files of an attempt to collect physical and DNA evidence.

Brenda Smith, an American University law professor who served on the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission and reviewed the Moss report, said the problems at Rikers appeared fixable only by wholesale culture change.

"There really has to be some enforcement, some consequences," she said. "Something needs to happen to somebody."

New fires erupt in California as heatwave sears Southwest

JOHN ANTCZAK, Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — New wildfires erupted Monday near Los Angeles and chased people from their suburban homes as an intense heatwave stretching from the West Coast to New Mexico blistered the region.

Towering columns of smoke rose from the San Gabriel Mountains as two fires burning less than 2 miles apart devoured brush on steep slopes above foothill suburbs.

Police in the city of Azusa and parts of Duarte ordered several hundred homes evacuated. Others were under voluntary evacuations.

"It's crazy. It's super close," said 17-year-old Tawni Atencio, whose family was evacuating their home in Bradbury.

She said the flames were just a couple miles away and were making the house hot despite air conditioning. She watched as smoke from the fire billowed outside and helicopters dropped retardant on the flames.

"It looked like a bomb exploded," she said. "It's scary. We're just praying it doesn't get to our house."

The two fires grew to a combined 7 square miles and brought fears they could soon merge into one. The first was sparked by a fatal car crash, the California Highway Patrol said.

The second was much closer to foothill neighborhoods and brought quick evacuations. Its cause has

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not been found.

"We immediately had homes under threat," Los Angeles County Deputy Chief John B. Tripp said. But then the fire immediately started burning away from the homes, toward the forest. "That was extremely fortunate for us," he said.

A nighttime change in wind direction, however, could return serious danger in a hurry, Tripp said.

Officials had warned of extreme fire danger in the region as the heat peaked. Temperatures surpassed 100 degrees across much of Southern California well before noon, while some desert cities sizzled in the 120s.

Elsewhere, crews made progress against a nearly week-old blaze in rugged coastal mountains west of Santa Barbara. Overnight winds pushed flames into previously burned areas, allowing firefighters to boost containment to more than 50 percent.

Most mandatory evacuations will be lifted Wednesday morning and nearly all by Saturday, authorities said Monday night.

About 270 homes and other buildings were threatened by the blaze, which has charred more than 12 square miles since Wednesday.

Another wildfire was growing near Potrero, a small desert town close to the Mexico border. It surged to nearly 3 square miles amid triple-digit temperatures and forced the evacuation of about 75 people from the ranching community about 40 miles southeast of San Diego.

Three firefighters suffered heat-related injuries and were taken to a hospital for evaluations.

Other blazes burned wide swaths across Arizona and New Mexico, where firefighters also faced blistering temperatures.

In central New Mexico, a 28-square-mile fire that erupted last week and destroyed 24 homes in the Manzano Mountains south of Albuquerque was largely uncontained. Higher humidity overnight allowed crews to strengthen lines around the fire.

Farther north, a small blaze ignited in a popular recreation area where Santa Fe National Forest officials considered some youth camps and campgrounds threatened. Both camps posted social media updates saying the facilities were fine and there was no immediate threat.

In eastern Arizona, a fire doubled to nearly 42 square miles and led officials to warn a community of 300 residents to prepare to evacuate. The blaze on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation southwest of Show Low was not moving quickly toward the community of Cedar Creek because of sparse vegetation and shifting winds.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, June 21, the 173rd day of 2016. There are 193 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 21, 1964, civil rights workers Michael H. Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James E. Chaney were slain in Philadelphia, Mississippi; their bodies were found buried in an earthen dam six weeks later. (Forty-one years on this date in 2005, Edgar Ray Killen, an 80-year-old former Ku Klux Klansman, was found guilty of manslaughter; he was sentenced to 60 years in prison.)

On this date:

In 1788, the United States Constitution went into effect as New Hampshire became the ninth state to ratify it.

In 1834, Cyrus Hall McCormick received a patent for his reaping machine.

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In 1913, Georgia "Tiny" Broadwick became the first woman to parachute from an airplane as she jumped over Los Angeles.

In 1932, heavyweight Max Schmeling lost a title fight rematch in New York by decision to Jack Sharkey, prompting Schmeling's manager, Joe Jacobs, to exclaim: "We was robbed!"

In 1942, German forces led by Generaloberst (Colonel General) Erwin Rommel captured the Libyan city of Tobruk during World War II. (Following his victory, Rommel was promoted to Field Marshal; Tobruk was retaken by the Allies in November 1942.)

In 1955, the David Lean movie "Summertime" starring Katharine Hepburn and Rossano Brazzi opened in New York.

In 1963, Cardinal Giovanni Battista Montini was chosen during a conclave of his fellow cardinals to succeed the late Pope John XXIII; the new pope took the name Paul VI.

In 1966, "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?," Mike Nichols' film version of the Edward Albee play starring Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton, had its world premiere in Hollywood.

In 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Miller v. California, ruled that states may ban materials found to be obscene according to local standards.

In 1982, a jury in Washington, D.C. found John Hinckley Jr. not guilty by reason of insanity in the shootings of President Ronald Reagan and three other men.

In 1985, scientists announced that skeletal remains exhumed in Brazil were those of Nazi war criminal Josef Mengele (MEN'-guh-luh).

In 1989, a sharply divided Supreme Court ruled that burning the American flag as a form of political protest was protected by the First Amendment.

Ten years ago: The Marine Corps announced that seven Marines and a sailor had been charged with murder for pulling an unarmed Iraqi civilian from his home and shooting him to death the previous April without provocation. (The group's leader, Sgt. Lawrence G. Hutchins III, was sentenced to 15 years in prison after being convicted of unpremeditated murder; five cut deals with prosecutors in which they pleaded guilty to lesser charges.) President George W. Bush, addressing the annual U.S.-European Union summit in Vienna, accused Iran of dragging its feet on a Western incentive package aimed at getting Tehran to suspend uranium enrichment activity.

Five years ago: The Food and Drug Administration announced that cigarette packs in the U.S. would have to carry macabre images that included rotting teeth and gums, diseased lungs and a sewn-up corpse of a smoker as part of a graphic campaign aimed at discouraging Americans from lighting up. Amid street protests, Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou survived a confidence vote.

One year ago: Four days after it welcomed a young stranger who sat for prayer and then allegedly opened fire, killing nine people, the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church held its first worship service with themes of love and healing, plus a note of defiance. (Suspect Dylann Roof faces murder charges.) Jordan Spieth became the sixth player to win the Masters and the U.S. Open after Dustin Johnson three-putted from 12 feet on the final hole at Chambers Bay with a chance to win the championship himself.

Today's Birthdays: Composer Lalo Schifrin is 84. Actor Bernie Kopell is 83. Actor Monte Markham is 81. Songwriter Don Black is 78. Actress Mariette Hartley is 76. Comedian Joe Flaherty is 75. Rock singer-musician Ray Davies (The Kinks) is 72. Actress Meredith Baxter is 69. Actor Michael Gross is 69. Rock musician Joe Molland (Badfinger) is 69. Rock musician Don Airey (Deep Purple) is 68. Country singer Leon Everette is 68. Rock musician Joey Kramer (Aerosmith) is 66. Rock musician Nils Lofgren is 65. Actress Robyn Douglass is 63. Actor Leigh McCloskey is 61. Cartoonist Berke Breathed is 59. Country singer Kathy Mattea is 57. Actor Marc Copage is 54. Actress Sammi Davis is 52. Actor Doug Savant is

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52. Country musician Porter Howell is 52. Actor Michael Dolan is 51. Writer-director Lana Wachowski is 51. Actress Carrie Preston is 49. Actress Paula Irvine is 48. Rapper/producer Pete Rock is 46. Country singer Allison Moorer is 44. Actress Juliette Lewis is 43. Actress Maggie Siff is 42. Musician Justin Cary is 41. Rock musician Mike Einziger (Incubus) is 40. Actor Chris Pratt is 37. Rock singer Brandon Flowers is 35. Britain's Prince William is 34. Actor Jussie Smollett is 34. Actor Benjamin Walker is 34. Actor Michael Malarkey is 33. Pop singer Kris Allen (TV: "American Idol") is 31. Actor Jascha Washington is 27. Pop singer Rebecca Black is 19.

Thought for Today: "He, who will not reason, is a bigot; he, who cannot, is a fool; and he, who dares not, is a slave." — William Drummond, Scottish writer (1585-1649).