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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

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Chambers Best Ball Tourney
Junior Teeners at Milbank Tourney
Legion at Redfield Tourney
Anniversary: Mark & June Thompson
Birthdays: Jeremy Weber, Eunice Alberts, Ellie Sippel
6:00pm: Teeners host Webster (DH)

Saturday, June 25

Junior Teeners at Milbank Tourney
Legion at Redfield Tourney
U12 Softball at Ellendale Tourney
Birthdays: Dodie Neumann, Carlie Peterson, Sydney Locke.
4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

Sunday, June 26

Junior Teeners at Milbank Tourney
Legion at Redfield Tourney
Anniversary: Jeff & Bridget Fliehs
Birthday: Thomas Sternhagen
9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship
9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass
9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship
10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church
11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship
3:00pm: Amateurs host Northville (DH)

Monday, June 27

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By Richard P. Holm M.D.

Animal-human infection connection

By Richard P. Holm MD

One early morning, I was walking toward the back door on my way to work when suddenly there was a big bat flying around the breakfast room, swooping around like in a Dracula movie. As it came near me, I reactively swung at it and like hitting a Nerf ball, it was thrown across the room landing on the kitchen floor a little stunned. I closed all doors to the rest of the house, locked open the exit outside, washed my hands thoroughly, and shooed the creature out into the early morning darkness.

Bats are a marvel of evolutionary diversity with something like 47 different species living just in the U.S. and important by their contribution to our ecosystem. Experts believe that these winged animals first developed powered flight and later the ability to chirp and recognize their echo and thus their location. This capacity for radar-like-echolocation became so refined as to allow flying at night or in a cave without light. Bats eat their weight in bugs every night, carry seeds to reforest depleted wooded areas, and pollinate plants.

But one percent of these little flying mammals carry a deadly virus called Rabies. Stricken with Rabies, the victim, whether bat, dog, skunk, cat, or human, turns confused, agitated, aggressive, and infectious. Although not like a movie Zombie, which has returned from the dead, those bitten by one infected with this age-old condition, left untreated will certainly die.

So, after striking down the bat, did I need to receive Rabies Post Exposure Prophylaxis (RPEP) to protect me from coming down with Rabies? This involves four doses of Rabies vaccine over 14 days, and one injection of active immune globulin. Checking out the last 15 cases of Rabies over five years in the U.S., nine were from bat exposure, four from dogs, one from a fox, and one unknown. All but one died, and the one survivor is neurologically disabled. This left me concerned.

The CDC recommendations advise having RPEP if there has been a bite or an exposure to saliva into eyes, nose, mouth, or open wound. This was unlikely in my case and official recommendations say hand-washing is extremely important.

So I did not seek out RPEP as I did not receive a bite, the bat was acting normally, and I washed my hands well after touching the bat, although I did have a few restless and on edge nights.

Still, don't let me bite you if I start acting like a Zombie.

FEMA Urges Americans to Use FEMA Smartphone App to Prepare for Disasters

Washington, D.C. – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is urging residents across the nation to download and use the FEMA smartphone app. The app is designed to help families prepare for a wide array of natural and man-made disasters, and can help affected Americans recover, should disaster strike. FEMA officials will be available for interviews to discuss the importance of residents preparing for severe weather, and specific features contained in the app that can help families and individuals stay safe and recover from disasters.

According to a recent survey by Pew Research, 40 percent of Americans have used their smartphone to look up government services or information. Additionally, a majority of smartphone owners use their devices to keep up to date with breaking news, and to be informed about what is happening in their community.

Some key features of the app include:

National Weather Service Alerts: The app enables users to receive weather alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations across the nation. This new feature allows users to receive alerts on severe weather happening anywhere they select in the country, even if the phone is not located in the area, making it easy to follow severe weather that may be threatening family and friends.

Safety Tips: Tips on how to stay safe before, during, and after over 20 types of hazards, including floods, hurricanes, tornadoes and earthquakes.

Preparation Checklist: Helps users put together emergency kits and develop family communication plans to determine how they will reunite with loved ones in the event of a disaster.

Maps of Disaster Resources: Users can locate and receive driving directions to open shelters and disaster recovery centers.

Apply for Assistance: The app provides easy access to apply for federal disaster assistance.

Information in Spanish: The app defaults to Spanish-language content for smartphones that have Spanish set as their default language.

The latest version of the FEMA app is available for free in the App Store for Apple devices and Google Play for Android devices. For more information visit <https://www.fema.gov/mobile-app>

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The Life of Reta Washnok



Services for Reta Washnok, 100, of Aberdeen and formerly of Groton area, will be 11 a.m., Saturday, June 25, 2016 at the United Methodist Church, Groton. Rev. Eldon Reich will officiate. Burial will follow in the Conde Cemetery.

Visitation will be held at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton, on Friday from 5-7 p.m.

Reta fell asleep June 21, 2016 at Avera Mother Joseph Manor in Aberdeen, where she resided since fall 2011.

Reta Padfield was born April 14, 1916, to Arthur and Leona (West) Padfield in Verdon, SD. She spent most of her childhood years in Verdon, except for two years on a farm near Crandall, SD. She attended and graduated from Verdon School, where she was one of the members of the first graduation class from Verdon School. Reta attended Northern State Teacher's College in Aberdeen and attained a teaching certificate. She taught school in rural schools in the Brown County area.

Reta married Frank Washnok of Verdon, on July 5, 1938. They had five children. Four of the children received college degrees. Richard attained a PhD from Colorado University, resulting in his own corn breeding company. Joyce attained a PhD from Western University of Michigan in Education. Lois

attained a BS degree in Elementary Education at Northern State University in Aberdeen. Dale attained a BS degree in Crop Science South Dakota State University in Brookings.

Reta and her husband continued to live in Verdon where for many years she was a secretary of the town board and school board, and also served on the town election, She was a member of the Conde United Methodist Church and taught Sunday school and Bible School. She also held offices in the United Methodist Women Organization. For many years, Reta was a member of a Brown County Extension Club. She became a member of the Diana Chapter #83 Order of the Eastern Star on April 19, 1943, where she was a member for 73 years. She also held several offices in the Diana Chapter #83.

After her family had grown Reta was employed in the Groton Elementary School Library for fifteen years. She retired in May 1985. She moved to Groton in 1978 and transferred her church and Eastern Star Membership to Groton. She enjoyed the Groton Senior Citizen Organization, volunteered at the Rosewood Assisted Living Center and the Nursing Home in Groton.

On March 1, 2001, Reta moved to Chaska, MN, to be near her daughter, Lois, and her family. She missed her SD friends and relatives, but enjoyed the many activities and the friendly acquaintances in Chaska. Her distance families visited often, and she accompanied them on Caribbean Cruises through the Panama Canal, Alaska, and times in Florida and Hawaii.

Reta returned to South Dakota in May 2006 to be near her son, Dale, and his family in Aberdeen. She became a resident of Mother Joseph Manor in November 2011, where she died.

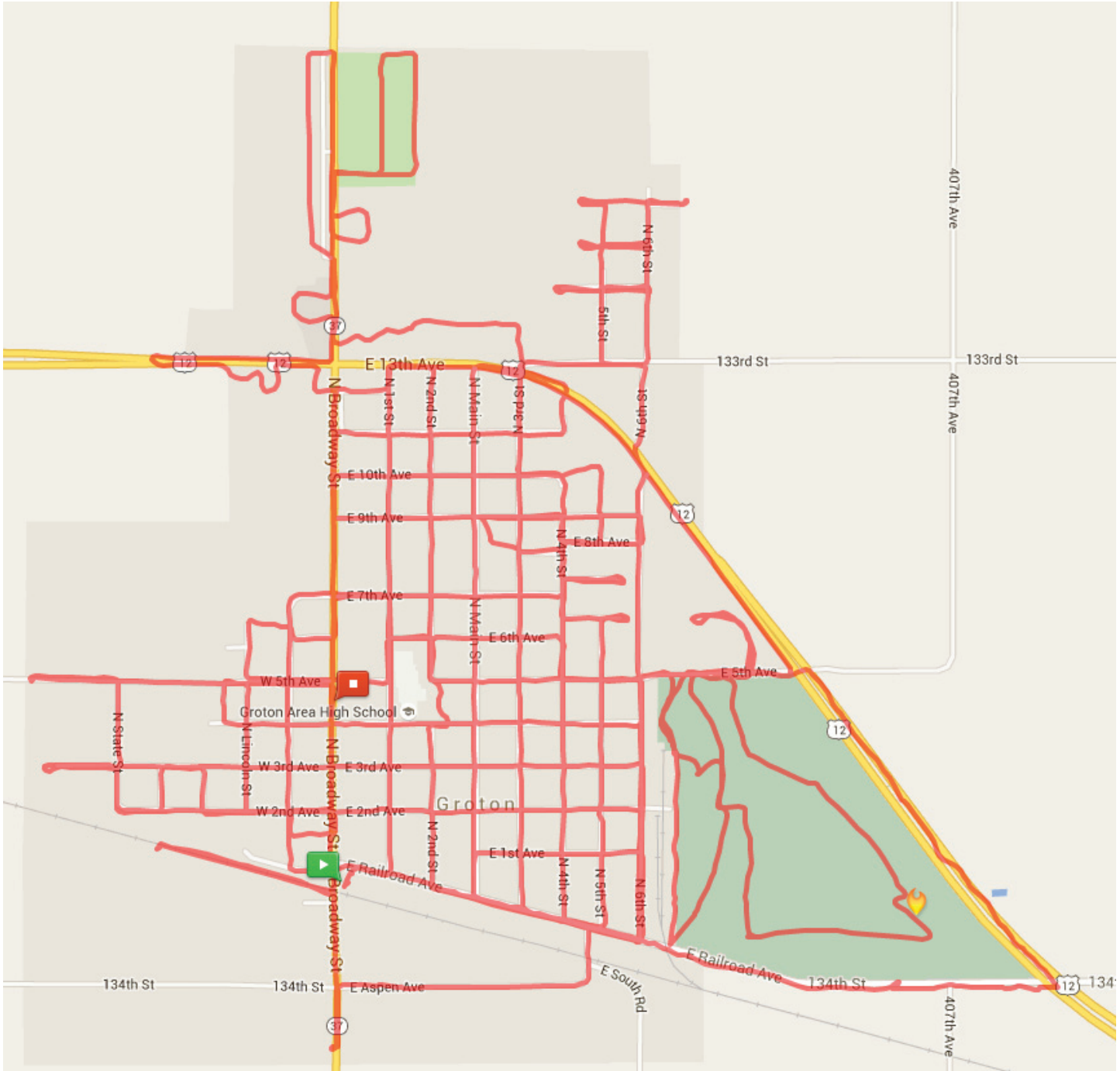
Survivors are her children, Lois (Gayle) Degler, Chanhassen, MN, Dale (Margie) Washnok, Aberdeen, SD, son-in-law Harold Way of Kansas, eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents, husband Frank, son Richard, daughter, Joyce Way, infant son Kent Lee, brothers Arista and Arthur Padfield, and sister Harriet (Kenneth) Ragels, and daughter-in-law Marvel.

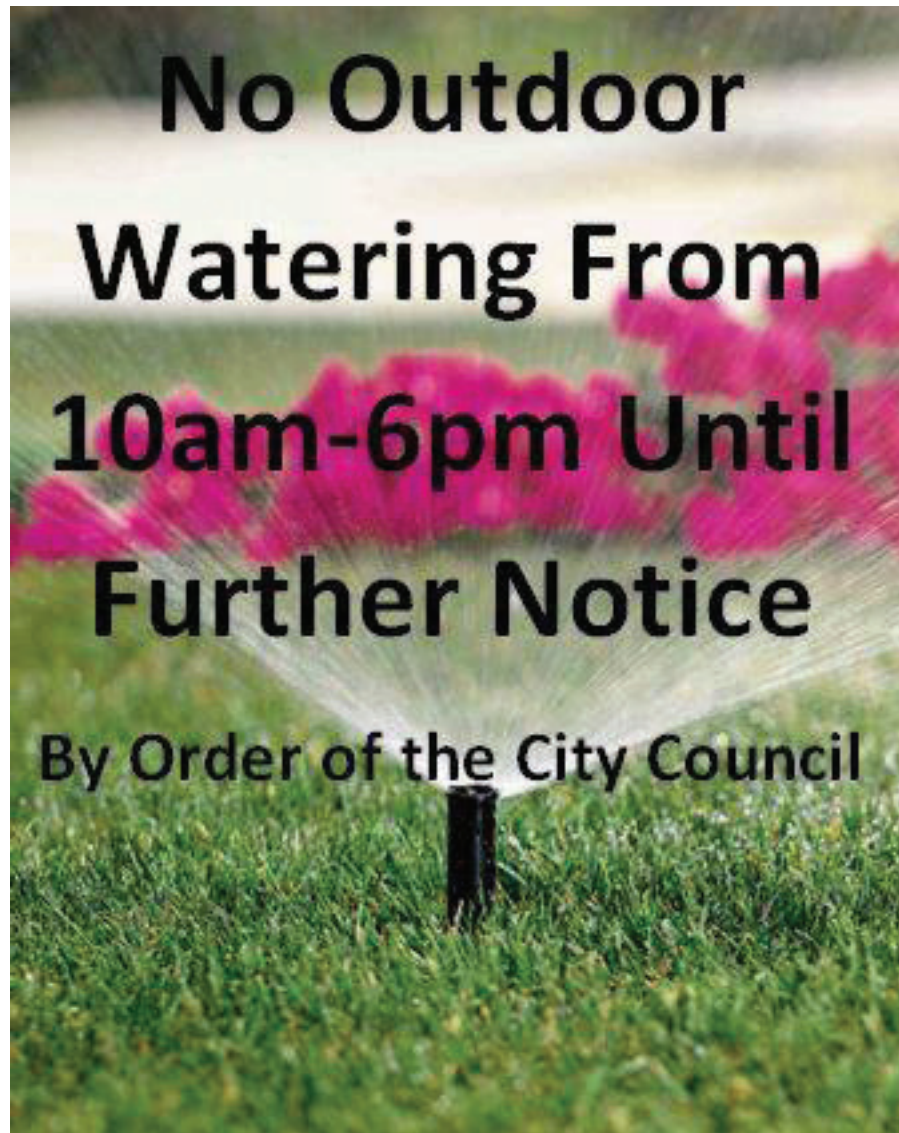
Casketbearers are her grandchildren: Grant Washnok, Todd Degler, Wade Degler, James Washnok, Marsha Knackstedt, Beth Utecht, and Rebecca Washnok.

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Mosquito control was done last night in the City of Groton. There was a SE breeze from 5-10 mph which resulted in good coverage throughout the town. The above map is where the mosquito control was done.



The recent hot, dry conditions have resulted in lots of sprinkler systems running to keep the grass green. On Thursday, the city used 274,000 gallons of water. WEB supplies the city with 262,000 gallons a day, resulting in a 12,000 gallon drain on the city's reservoir. The water ban for daytime watering only makes common sense as one should not be watering during the heat of the day.

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Today in Weather History

June 24, 1902: Very strong winds occurred during the evening hours over portions of Hand and Stanly, to Turner and Lincoln Counties. Heavy losses occurred to barns and other farm outbuildings, trees, and windmills. One person was killed, and several were injured. A peak wind gust of 67 mph was recorded in Pierre.

June 24, 2003: An F4 tornado destroyed or heavily damaged all buildings, other structures, and vehicles in the small town of Manchester, in Kingsbury County. Propane and fuel oil tanks were destroyed. Many homes were stripped to the foundation. Of the six residents of the town, four were injured and were transported to hospitals. Three were deemed to be seriously injured, but none of the injuries were listed as life-threatening. One of the injured was in a basement, one was blown out of the home on the way to the same basement, and two were in a mobile home which was destroyed. The tornado damaged crops, trees, and power lines south of Manchester before reaching the town. The tornado also heavily damaged several farms north of Manchester, including two farms on which several buildings, including the houses, were destroyed. About 12 cattle were killed and others injured. The amount of crop damage was not known. Throughout the path, the tornado was observed to have multiple vortices. The tornado was seen and videotaped by numerous storm chasers and researchers. Researchers also deployed weather sensors around the town of Manchester. One of these sensors recorded a 100 millibar pressure drop as the tornado passed.

1929: In Durban, South Africa, a storm drops hailstones the size of baseballs. The rattle produced by the storm is described as sounding like "machine gun fire."

1975: An Eastern Airlines Boeing 727 crashed at JFK airport in New York City. 113 of the 124 people on board the aircraft died. Researcher Theodore Fujita studied the incident and discovered that a microburst caused the crash. His research led to improved air safety. The tower never experienced the microburst, which was held back by a sea-breeze front. The plane crashed 2,400 feet short of the runway.

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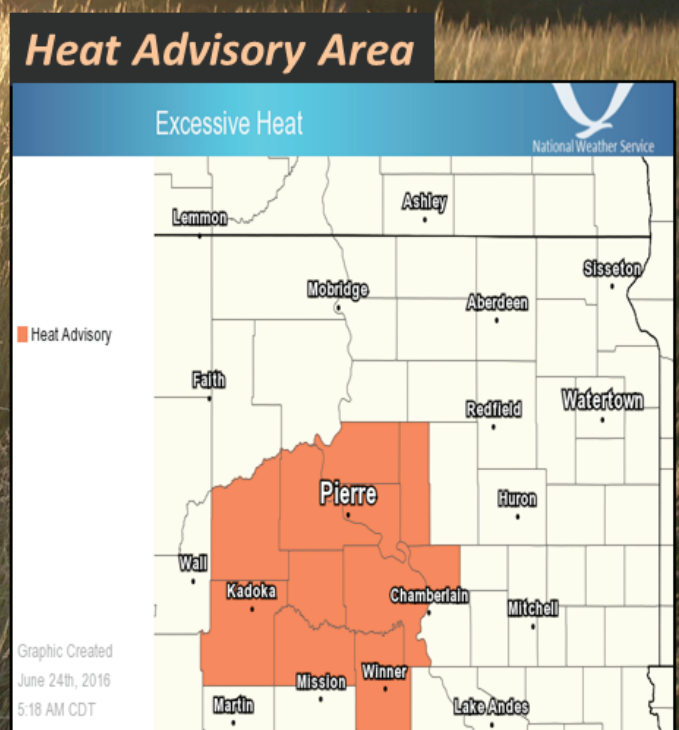
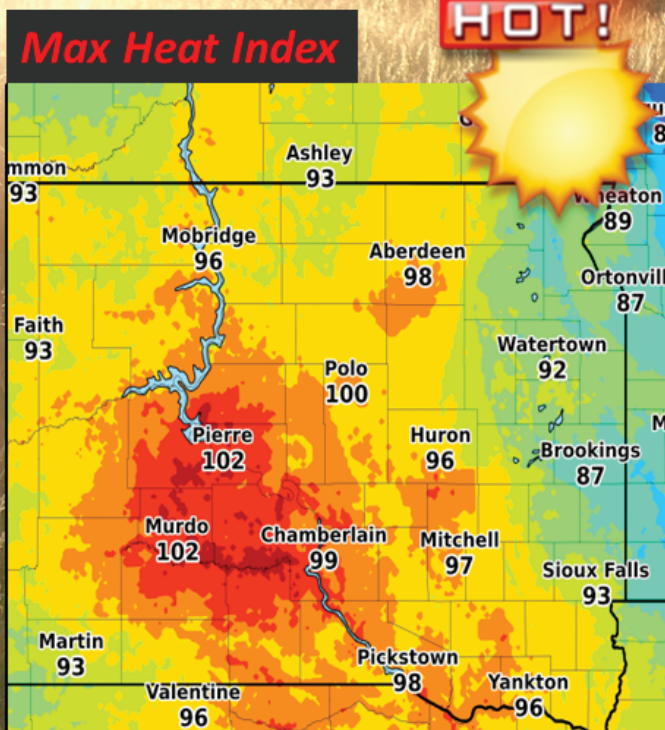
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Today	Tonight	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday
						
Chance T-storms then Sunny and Breezy	Breezy. Partly Cloudy then Slight Chance T-storms	Slight Chance T-storms and Breezy	Clear	Sunny and Breezy	Mostly Clear	Sunny
High: 91 °F	Low: 72 °F	High: 84 °F	Low: 60 °F	High: 84 °F	Low: 57 °F	High: 75 °F

Hot and Humid Today!



 weather.gov/Aberdeen  National Weather Service Aberdeen  @NWSAberdeen

Published on: 06/24/2016 at 5:26AM

Hot and humid air will make a return to the region today. Afternoon highs will soar into the 90s along and west of the James River. Across central South Dakota, temperatures will flirt with 100 degrees. Heat index values will range from 100 to 105 degrees over portions of central and south central South Dakota, as shown in the graphic above. A Heat Advisory has been issued for the Pierre region this afternoon into the early evening hours. Exercise caution when outdoors today and drink plenty of fluids.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 79.8

Heat Index:

Low Outside Temp: 54.6

High Gust: 17

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 108° in 1988

Record Low: 41 in 1958

Average High: 80°F

Average Low: 56°F

Average Precip in June: 2.97

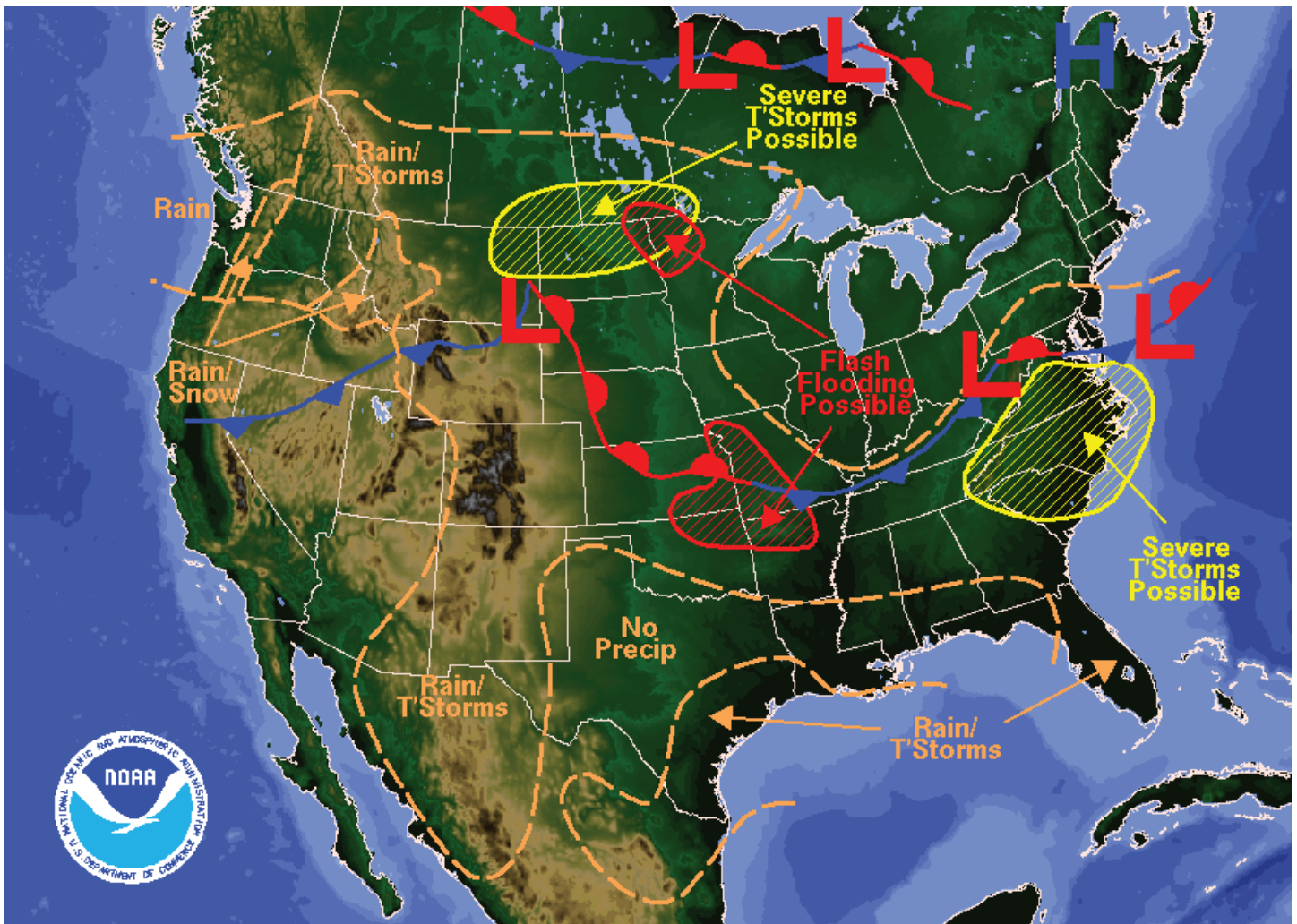
Precip to date in June: 1.67

Average Precip to date: 10.11

Precip Year to Date: 6.66

Sunset Tonight: 9:26 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:46 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Fri, Jun 24, 2016, issued 4:44 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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SAFE AT SEA

The sky was blue and the sea calm. The freighter Summit Venture was completing its journey into the Port of Tampa Bay. But before it arrived at the dock, it crashed into the Sunshine Skyway Bridge. Sadly, thirty-one people lost their lives.

The investigation into this tragedy revealed that the captain who was steering the ship at the time of the accident had been in seven prior incidents. What an unfortunate ending for a journey that was intended to end in happiness.

In our journey through life we have One who is unsurpassed as Captain. His skills are unmatched and His compass is never out of line. He can calm seas and bring storms to a calm ending.

On our voyage through life we have an infallible Captain available to protect us. David wrote, "The Lord says, I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you."

When we put our complete confidence in the Lord, we have a Captain who not only cares for our very best but One who will guide us safely through the storms of life until we are safely at home with Him in heaven.

Prayer: We ask, Father, that we might trust in You as the Captain of our lives knowing that Your presence and protection will guard us always. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 32:8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.

News from the Associated Press

State crime bureau investigating Salem drug store burglary

SALEM, S.D. (AP) — Authorities are investigating the burglary of a drug store in Salem.

State Attorney General Marty Jackley says Salem Community Drug Store was burglarized late Tuesday by a male who was captured on surveillance video.

The state Division of Criminal Investigation is working to identify the suspect, and anyone with information is asked to contact authorities.

Jackley did not say what was taken in the burglary. The Daily Republic newspaper reports that store owner Bill Roth also did not disclose that information.

Northern State football game to be televised on ESPN3

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — Northern State University's Sept. 10 football game against Southwest Minnesota State will be televised on ESPN3.

The Saturday game will be featured as the NCAA Division II Game of the Week.

Wolves Athletics Director Josh Moon says NSU is excited to be playing in a nationally televised game. He says the school hopes to have a record crowd at Swisher Field in Aberdeen.

Suspect in South Dakota shooting death arrested in Colorado

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A man identified as the primary suspect in the shooting death of a Rapid City man has been arrested in Colorado.

Police say 33-year-old Mark Heinen was apprehended Thursday in Thornton, Colorado. Authorities are working to extradite him to South Dakota. It wasn't immediately clear if he had an attorney.

Heinen was wanted in the June 17 death of 23-year-old Kiawe (kee-AH'-vee) Walker. Police say Walker walked into a Burger King restaurant with a bullet wound and asked employees for help. Emergency workers who responded to the scene were unable to save him.

His death has been ruled a homicide.

3 more statues of South Dakota governors to be unveiled

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota is set to unveil three more bronze statues of its former governors during an event in the state Capitol rotunda.

Former Govs. Warren E. Green, Nils A. Boe and M. Michael Rounds are the newest additions in the Trail of Governors series. The sculptures will be unveiled Friday.

Current Gov. Dennis Daugaard is set to participate in the event with Rounds, now a sitting U.S. senator.

The statues will join others on the trail that goes through Pierre and the Capitol's grounds. It features a dozen statues now, with three commissioned each year by the trail's nonprofit foundation using individual and business donations.

Aquatic invasive species checks coming to Missouri River

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota wildlife officials will be conducting compliance checks along the Missouri River this weekend to ensure that boaters and anglers are following regulations aimed at slowing the spread of invasive species in waterways.

The state Game, Fish and Parks Department says all drain plugs, valves or similar devices must be opened or removed from boats when being transported. Boat owners found violating the rules will be subject to a misdemeanor and an \$85 fine.

Statewide regulations changed last year after officials found zebra mussels in the Lewis and Clark Reservoir. Earlier this month, the department announced that the invasive mollusk had also been discovered in McCook Lake.

The department's Dale Gates says rule compliance is a "key factor" for the future of the state's fisheries and water recreational resources.

1 dead, 2 injured in pickup truck crash near Sturgis

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — The driver of a pickup truck is dead and two passengers are injured after a crash near Sturgis.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol says the 32-year-old driver died Wednesday at the scene.

Authorities say the incident happened around 7:10 p.m., when the pickup truck driver lost control while driving on I-90. The vehicle rolled after going into the ditch and the three occupants were ejected.

They weren't wearing seatbelts. A 37-year-old passenger received serious injuries that were not a threat to his life, while a 32-year-old passenger had minor injuries.

Reward offered for information about vandalism of homestead

CUSTER, S.D. (AP) — The Black Hills Historic Preservation Trust is offering a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to the conviction of those involved in the vandalism of a historic homestead in the Black Hills National Forest.

Officials say vandals caused more than \$4,000 in estimated damage to the historic Meeker Ranch northeast of Custer. Windows were broken and an exterior door was damaged by forced entry.

The U.S. Forest Service and others have been working for years to restore the property.

Anyone with information can contact the Forest Service or the Custer County Sheriff's Office.

Man sentenced for assault; victim required plastic surgery

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — An Eagle Butte man has been sentenced to nearly two years in prison for an assault that gave a woman facial injuries that required complex plastic surgery to repair.

U.S. District Judge Roberto Lange has sentenced 27-year-old Carl White Eagle to 21 months in prison, followed by two years of supervised release.

White Eagle earlier pleaded guilty to assault resulting in serious bodily injury stemming from the April 2015 attack.

Authorities say White Eagle and friends were drinking at a residence when he got into an argument with his girlfriend. Wordlessly and without warning, he turned around and assaulted a woman who was walking behind them, knocking her to the ground.

Law enforcement was notified when she later got medical attention. She had to get plastic surgery to fix her lip and mouth injuries.

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Bystander shoots at Rapid City robbery suspects as they flee

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Authorities are searching for two suspects who robbed a Rapid City store and escaped with an undisclosed amount of cash after getting shot at as they fled.

Rapid City police say two men used a gun Wednesday night to demand money from the store's cash register. As they fled the store, a bystander in the parking lot fired two shots from a handgun at the suspects.

Authorities don't believe the suspects were hit by the gunfire. Police weren't able to find the two men with a K-9 unit, but they did recover a plastic airsoft gun.

Police are asking people with information about the robbery to come forward.

South Dakota man sentenced for beating man with metal cross

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Timber Lake man has been sentenced to more than three years in prison for beating a man with a large, heavy metal cross.

U.S. District Judge Roberto Lange has sentenced 33-year-old Dustin Buffalo to 40 months in prison to be served concurrently with a different assault sentence, followed by two years of supervised release when he gets out.

Buffalo earlier pleaded guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon stemming from the attack in November 2015.

Authorities say the victim tried to intervene in a physical altercation between Buffalo and a stepchild of the victim. Buffalo turned on the man and knocked him to the floor using the cross to hit the victim on the head.

Authorities say Buffalo hit and kicked the victim repeatedly while he was on the ground.

North Dakota opponents to speak out against Marsy's Law

JAMES MacPHERSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Incorporating victims' rights provisions into North Dakota's Constitution will have unintended consequences and do nothing to strengthen crime victim laws in the state, officials from advocacy groups said Thursday.

If approved by voters in November, the so-called constitutional amendment known as Marsy's Law would put "a \$5 bad check case on the same legal footing as a rape or murder case when it comes to the victim services required," said Darla Juma, president of the North Dakota Victim Assistance Association. "And that will bog down our court system and harm the victims who need it most."

Groups representing women and crime victims joined North Dakota prosecutors Thursday in Bismarck to oppose a campaign that supporters believe will bolster the rights of crime victims in the state.

If approved by voters, North Dakota would join California and Illinois in adopting Marsy's Law.

The law is named after California college student Marsalee "Marsy" Nicholas, who was stalked and killed in 1983 by an ex-boyfriend. A week after she was killed, her mother and brother were confronted by the suspect at a store. They did not know the man had been released on bail.

Her brother, billionaire Henry Nicholas, is bankrolling the national effort to expand the law into more states, including South Dakota, Georgia, Hawaii, Kentucky, Montana, North Carolina and Nevada.

Nicholas is the sole contributor to the North Dakota effort, and has contributed more than 1 million, campaign filings show.

Supporters say crime victims should be given information about their rights and services available; should be notified of proceedings and major developments in their case; should be told of any changes in an offender's custodial status; and be allowed to give input on plea agreements, among other things.

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Kathleen Wrigley, wife of Lt. Gov. Drew Wrigley and chairwoman of the sponsoring committee, has said North Dakota is one of only 18 states that do not have constitutional rights for victims. She said the proposed constitutional amendment places the same protections afforded to criminal defendants.

Wrigley, in a statement Thursday, said those opposing the measure "are showing their callous disregard for equal rights for crime victims in North Dakota."

The North Dakota Sheriff's and Deputies Association also has endorsed the measure.

Janelle Moos, the executive director of North Dakota's Council on Abused Women's Services, and Renee Stromme, executive director of the North Dakota Women's Network, said North Dakota already has laws that protect victims of violent crimes. And if any changes are needed, it should be handled by the state Legislature, opponents said.

North Dakota's Constitution allows voters to bypass the Legislature and put a constitutional amendment directly to a vote if the proposal's supporters can gather enough petition signatures, which has been done by supporters.

Opponents have no funding to mount a campaign against the measure, and will rely on voters to reject it as a bad idea that's funded by a wealthy California businessman, said Aaron Birst, executive director of the North Dakota State's Attorneys Association, which opposes the measure along with North Dakota Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

"At the end of the day, I don't think the money is going to win the day or lose the day," Birst told reporters.

Mysterious 'zombie bee' scourge reaches southern US

BEN FINLEY, Associated Press

NORFOLK (AP) — The mysterious "zombie bee" parasite that kills honeybees has reached the southern United States after scientists confirmed a case in Virginia about an hour outside Roanoke, researchers announced this week.

The discovery suggests the phenomenon is more widespread than previously thought, although researchers still know little about how many bees it actually kills.

Flies attach themselves to the bees and inject their eggs, causing erratic "zombie-like" behavior in the bees such as flying at night and toward light. The bees often die within hours. Fly larvae burst out of their carcasses days later.

The phenomenon was first discovered in California in 2008 and has spread to states including Oregon, South Dakota and New York. But even as "zombie bees" reach the South, scientists still don't know what role they might play in the pollinator's alarming decline.

"We're trying to answer some of these questions about how important this is," said John Hafernik, a biology professor at San Francisco State University who studies "zombie bees." "We don't know whether it's a major player in honeybee decline or a minor actor in a B-movie."

Honeybees contribute billions of dollars to the U.S. agriculture industry. They already fall prey to mites, viruses and Colony Collapse Disorder, a phenomenon in which worker bees disappear or abandon their hives.

Hafernik said he turned to the nation's beekeepers to lookout for "zombie bees" and report any noticeable patterns. One of them is Lynn Berry, 50, of Collinsville, Virginia, a receiving manager at a mattress and pillow factory who keeps bees as a hobby with his wife and mother-in-law.

Berry learned about "zombie bees" from presentations at local bee clubs. And some of his bees did indeed hover at night around an outdoor garage light before dying.

He put the carcasses in a jar covered with cheese cloth. After maggots emerged days later, he con-

tacted scientists in California, who confirmed that Berry had discovered Virginia's first case.

"My concern is what is going to happen as this spreads more and more," Berry said. "At this point it's kind of sporadic and here and there. But everything starts somewhere. Bees have enough issues as it is."

In the meantime, like-minded beekeepers across the country are collecting dead bee samples. But Richard Fell, professor emeritus at Virginia Tech's entomology department, said he's not alarmed yet.

For instance, he said, there are flies in other parts of the world that have similarly killed bees without a severe impact on the population.

"At this point, I'm not worried," Fell said. "We don't have enough data to make any kind of conclusion."

Sanford Health to allow physicians to discuss contract terms

REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Dakotas-based Sanford Health has agreed to allow its physicians to discuss terms of their contracts with coworkers and others after a federal labor board determined that the health care system was violating the law.

The National Labor Relations Board formally approved a settlement agreement with Sanford Health last week that forces the system to change its employment contracts so that doctors may discuss their compensation in the workplace and elsewhere. The settlement came three months after a physician filed an unfair labor practice charge with the national board against Sanford's branch in Bismarck, North Dakota.

The National Labor Relations Act allows employees to "discuss with one and other their terms and conditions of employment and to, if they want to, act together to improve those conditions," Marlin Osthus, regional director at the board's office in Minneapolis, told The Associated Press. "So, it would be illegal, if the evidence were found, for an employer to tell employees that they cannot talk to one and other about their terms and conditions of employment or to require employees to sign some kind of agreement that they would not do so."

Osthus said Sanford required certain employees, but not all, to sign employment contracts banning them from talking about their terms and conditions of employment with other employees or outside parties.

Under the terms of the settlement, which were released Monday by the attorney representing the doctor who filed the complaint, Sanford must inform all affected physicians in writing that they have the right to discuss their pay and other employment terms with coworkers. The health care system, present in nine states, has a network of 39 hospitals and 225 clinics and employs more than 1,300 physicians.

Dr. Craig Lambrecht, executive vice president of Sanford Bismarck, said the health care system is working with the national board "to find a solution that supports open dialogue while protecting confidential information."

"We will, of course, work with the NLRB as we move forward with the appropriate changes," Lambrecht said in a statement.

Marshall Tanick, a Twin Cities-based employment labor lawyer, said that in recent years, particularly under the Obama administration, the national board has been "very aggressive" in patrolling instances where employers try to prevent employees from talking about their wages and contracts.

Tanick, who was not involved in the case against Sanford, said reasons why employers don't want employees discussing compensation include the potential for morale problems and internal competition. But he noted that another reason why "they don't want employees to have this information is so they can't come to management and say 'Hey, this is unfair, I'm being underpaid' or in some cases pursue

legal rights, especially in gender matters.”

An emergency medicine specialist, Dr. James Martin, filed the charge with the National Labor Relations Board on March 10. His Minneapolis-based attorney, Justin Cummins, said he is no longer affiliated with Sanford Bismarck.

“American physicians have been kept in the dark about their rights as employees within corporate medicine,” Martin said in a statement. “... When workplace conditions in our hospitals suffer under bad management, so too does patient care.”

Several people charged in damage to former Aberdeen hotel

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — Several people are being charged following a break-in at a former hotel in Aberdeen.

Police say the June 13 incident resulted in an estimated \$100,000 in damage at the former Ramada Inn. The damage was caused by graffiti and flooding that occurred when sump pumps were compromised.

A 20-year-old man and two juveniles have been charged, and authorities say charges are pending against others.

Pet food company plans new \$100M plant in North Sioux City

NORTH SIOUX CITY, S.D. (AP) — The Royal Canin USA pet food company is planning a new \$100 million plant in North Sioux City.

The Missouri-based company already operates in the South Dakota city. A kick-off event for the new manufacturing facility is planned Monday.

The company also plans to donate about 10,000 pounds of cat food and dog food to the Siouxland Humane Society and Noah’s Hope Animal Rescue.

The new plant is expected to begin production in April 2019. It’s not known if it will result in any new jobs.

South Dakota crops continue to be rated in good shape

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota farmers are wrapping up seeding of this year’s soybean crop, and half of the state’s spring wheat crop has now headed.

The Agriculture Department also says in its weekly crop report that nearly all of the state’s corn crop has emerged.

About two-thirds of the spring wheat and winter wheat crops are rated in good-to-excellent condition, and about three-fourths of the corn and soybean crops are in those categories.

Pasture and range conditions statewide are rated 68 percent good to excellent. Stock water supplies are 87 percent adequate to surplus.

Daugaard names day for post-traumatic stress injuries

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard has proclaimed there will be a “Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day” this month.

Daugaard says that Monday will be a day to think about the treatment, symptoms and causes of post-traumatic stress injuries.

Larry Zimmerman is secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs. Zimmerman says it’s important to make sure that veterans embrace their “invisible wounds” in a timely and confident

manner.

He says everyone should help raise awareness about post-traumatic stress injuries.

Washington state agency seeks denial of oil-terminal project

PHUONG LE, Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — A Washington state agency in charge of protecting millions of acres of state land from wildfires is opposing a proposal to build an oil-by-rail terminal in Vancouver, citing risks of blazes from increased train traffic and other concerns.

The Department of Natural Resources urged a state energy panel to recommend that the project be rejected, according to a brief filed ahead of hearings that begin Monday.

The city of Vancouver also filed a brief stating its opposition to the project.

The Department of Natural Resources said that based on the evidence, the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council cannot meet its obligations to assure the public that there are adequate safeguards and that the project will have minimal environmental impacts.

The council, which oversees the siting and permitting of large energy projects, will make a recommendation to Gov. Jay Inslee, who has the final say.

Beginning Monday, the panel will hear testimony from numerous witnesses during trial-like proceedings lasting several weeks.

"We're all very concerned about the lack of safety and the probability that bad things will happen around derailments or other accidents," Public Lands Commissioner Peter Goldmark said in an interview Wednesday. "We're trying to persuade both (the energy council) and the governor that this is not a wise move. It's not safe."

In its filing, the Department of Natural Resources said the project would "create an increased risk of wildfire ignition along every mile of track used, both from heat and sparks created by increased daily rail traffic and from catastrophic accidents."

It says state firefighting forces aren't equipped to handle those risks.

Tesoro Corp. and Savage Cos., operating as Vancouver Energy, want to build a rail-to-marine oil transfer terminal along the Columbia River that can handle an average of 360,000 barrels of crude a day. The facility would receive an average of four crude oil trains a day. The oil would temporarily be stored on site and then loaded onto marine vessels for transport to refineries on the West Coast.

Vancouver Energy says the project can be done safely and will provide jobs and tax revenue as well as reduce dependency on foreign oil.

"We live in the community. We work in the community. We play in the community, so it's obviously important to us to make sure this is done safely and in an environmentally safe way," Jared Larrabee, general manager for Vancouver Energy, said in an interview last week.

Tribal, environmental and other groups have intervened in the proceedings to oppose the project. They plan to raise concerns about the risk of train derailments, the potential for a catastrophic oil spill into the Columbia River, public health issues, tribal fishing access and toxic pollution.

Teacher recalls battle with tornado that killed 98 in China

PAUL TRAYNOR, Associated Press

CHRISTOPHER BODEEN, Associated Press

YANCHENG, China (AP) — Teacher Guo Haimei said the ferocious wind, blacked with dust and debris, seemed to descend out of nowhere onto her kindergarten and its 120 pupils.

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Within minutes, the powerful tornado and its accompanying rain and hailstorm had scythed through the area of eastern China with merciless force, leaving almost 100 people dead and another 800 injured.

"I was very scared. I had no idea what was happening," said Guo. "When I tried to close the door, my hand was injured by the wind pushing it back."

Guo and her mostly 6-year-old pupils were among the lucky ones. Although the school was heavily damaged, just seven students were injured, two of them seriously.

One day after the storm, rescuers on Friday continued searching for survivors in this densely populated area of farms and factories on the outskirts of the major city of Yancheng in Jiangsu province.

The twister was one of the most extreme weather events witnessed by China in recent years, leaving a swath of destruction with destroyed buildings, smashed trees and flipped vehicles on their roofs. A sprawling solar panel factory was shredded, forcing fire crews to secure toxic materials before they leaked into neighboring waterways.

As the death toll climbed to 98 on Friday, doctors said most of the 800 injured had broken bones and deep lacerations, especially on the head. Medical crews had been rushed to the area, about 800 kilometers (500 miles) south of Beijing.

Rescuers carried hurt villagers into ambulances and delivered food and water, while army units worked to clear roads blocked by trees, downed power lines and other debris. While the weather cleared Friday, forecasters were warning of the possibility of more heavy rain, hailstorms and even additional twisters.

"The people inside tried to run outside, but the wind was too strong so they couldn't," Xintu villager Wang Shuqing told an Associated Press reporter. "My family members were all inside, they all died. The police then came and took the bodies out. I can't bear it."

The disaster was declared a national-level emergency, and on a trip to Uzbekistan on Thursday, Chinese President Xi Jinping ordered the central government to provide all necessary assistance.

Tents and other emergency supplies were being sent from Beijing, while schools and other facilities were used to shelter survivors, state broadcaster CCTV said.

Cellphone and security camera footage showed the tornado's debris-blackened funnel touching down and golf-ball size hailstones falling thick as rain. Terrified residents who sought to hold back doors that were subsequently blown in spoke of a "black wind" that tore the glass from all windows.

Reports said the tornado struck at about 2:30 p.m. and hit Funing and Sheyang counties on the city's outskirts the hardest, with winds of up to 125 kilometers (78 miles) per hour. Twisters of that magnitude are considered capable of inflicting moderate damage, but the accompanying hailstorm appeared to have also contributed significantly to the destruction that reduced farm buildings to mere piles of bricks and tiles.

Cars and trucks lay upside down, street light poles snapped in half, and steel electricity pylons lay crumpled on their side. Power and telephone communications were knocked out over a broad area.

Tornados occasionally strike southern China during the summer, but rarely with the scale of death and damage caused by the one on Thursday. Last year, a freak wind described as a tornado was blamed partly for causing a cruise ship to capsize in the mighty Yangtze River on June 1, killing 442 people.

Volatile atmospheric conditions over the Yangtze River delta are common in June when warm and cool air currents meet, but further studies are needed to determine why Thursday's tornado was so fierce, said Ding Yihui, a researcher at the National Climate Center of China's Meteorological Administration.

Global climate change is also seen as a factor in increasing the frequency and severity of extreme weather events, Ding said.

"In the U.S., there could be as many as a dozen or more tornadoes in a single day, but in China there

are more rare and isolated," Ding said. "We are able to forecast a severe convective weather, but we aren't able to forecast the time of the occurrence of a tornado, let alone the severity of a tornado."

Britain votes to leave EU: Cameron to resign; markets rocked

DANICA KIRKA, Associated Press

JILL LAWLESS, Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Britain voted to leave the European Union after a bitterly divisive referendum campaign, toppling the prime minister Friday, sending global markets plunging and shattering the stability of a project in continental unity designed half a century ago to prevent World War III.

The decision launches a yearslong process to renegotiate trade, business and political links between the United Kingdom and what would become a 27-nation bloc, an unprecedented divorce that could take decades to complete.

"The dawn is breaking on an independent United Kingdom," said Nigel Farage, leader of the U.K. Independence Party. "Let June 23 go down in our history as our independence day!"

Prime Minister David Cameron, who had led the campaign to keep Britain in the EU, said he would resign by October and left it to his successor to decide when to invoke Article 50, which triggers a departure from European Union.

"I will do everything I can as prime minister to steady the ship over the coming weeks and months," he said, "but I do not think it would be right for me to try to be the captain that steers the country to its next destination."

Polls ahead of the vote had shown a close race, and the momentum had increasingly appeared to be on the "remain" side over the last week. But in an election Thursday marked by notably high turnout — 72 percent of the more than 46 million registered voters — "leave" won with 52 percent of the votes.

The result shocked investors, and stock markets plummeted around the world, with key indexes dropping 10 percent in Germany and about 8 percent in Japan and Britain.

The euro fell against the dollar and the pound dropped to its lowest level since 1985, plunging more than 10 percent from about \$1.50 to \$1.35 before a slight recovery, on concerns that severing ties with the single market will hurt the U.K. economy and undermine London's position as a global financial center. Bank of England Gov. Mark Carney sought to reassure the markets.

"We are well prepared for this," Carney said. "The Treasury and the Bank of England have engaged in extensive contingency planning. ... We have taken all the necessary steps to prepare for today's events."

Also seeking to calm frayed nerves was the most prominent "leave" campaigner, Boris Johnson. Taking a somber tone unusual for the flamboyant former London mayor, he described the EU as a noble idea which was no longer right for Britain. He said the result in no way means the United Kingdom will be "less united" or "less European."

Even as he spoke, however, Scotland's First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said a second Scottish referendum on independence from the United Kingdom is now "highly likely." Scotland voted in 2014 to remain a part of the U.K. but that decision was seen by many as being conditional on the U.K. remaining in the EU.

Britain would be the first major country to leave the EU, which was born from the ashes of World War II as European leaders sought to build links and avert future hostility. With no precedent, the impact on the single market of 500 million people — the world's largest economy — is unclear.

Leaders from across the EU voiced regret at the British decision. Germany called top diplomats from

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the EU's six founding nations to a meeting Saturday, and the president of the European Council, Donald Tusk, said the bloc will meet without Britain at a summit next week to assess its future. Tusk vowed not to let the vote derail the European project.

"What doesn't kill you, makes you stronger," he said.

But already, far-right leaders in France and the Netherlands were calling for a similar anti-EU vote.

The referendum showed Britain to be a sharply divided nation: Strong pro-EU votes in the economic and cultural powerhouse of London and semi-autonomous Scotland were countered by sweeping anti-Establishment sentiment for an exit across the rest of England, from southern seaside towns to rust-belt former industrial powerhouses in the north.

"It's a vindication of 1,000 years of British democracy," commuter Jonathan Campbell James declared at the train station in Richmond, southwest London. "From Magna Carta all the way through to now we've had a slow evolution of democracy, and this vote has vindicated the maturity and depth of the democracy in our country."

Others expressed anger and frustration. Olivia Sangster-Bullers, 24, called the result "absolutely disgusting."

"Good luck to all of us, I say, especially those trying to build a future with our children," she said.

Cameron called the referendum largely to silence voices to his right, then staked his reputation on keeping Britain in the EU. Former London Mayor Boris Johnson, who is from the same party, was the most prominent supporter of the "leave" campaign and now becomes a leading contender to replace Cameron. The vote also dealt a blow to the main opposition Labour Party, which threw its weight behind the "remain" campaign.

"A lot of people's grievances are coming out and we have got to start listening to them," said deputy Labour Party leader John McDonnell.

Indeed, the vote constituted a rebellion against the political, economic and social Establishment. All manner of groups — CEOs, scientists, soldiers — had written open letters warning of the consequences of an exit. Farage called the result "a victory for ordinary people against the big banks, big business and big politics."

Donald Trump praised the decision during a visit to one of his golf courses in Scotland, saying Britons "took back their country. It's a great thing." He likened the vote to the U.S. sentiment that has propelled him to the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, saying people in the United States and the United Kingdom are angry about similar things.

"People are angry all over the world," he said.

After winning a majority in Parliament in the last election, Cameron negotiated a package of reforms that he said would protect Britain's sovereignty and prevent EU migrants from moving to the U.K. to claim generous public benefits.

Critics charged that those reforms were hollow, leaving Britain at the mercy of bureaucrats in Brussels and doing nothing to stem the tide of European immigrants who have come to the U.K. since the EU expanded eastward in 2004. The "leave" campaign accuses the immigrants of taxing Britain's housing market, public services and employment rolls.

Those concerns were magnified by the refugee crisis of the past year that saw more than 1 million people from the Middle East and Africa flood into the EU as the continent's leaders struggled to come up with a unified response.

Mindful of the intense rhetoric, the mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, reached out to the 1 million Europeans in the capital and underscored that they are "very welcome here."

"We all have a responsibility to now seek to heal the divisions that have emerged throughout this

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campaign — and to focus on what unites us, rather than that which divides us,” he said.

Cameron’s efforts to find a slogan to counter the “leave” campaign’s emotive “take back control” settled on “Brits don’t quit.” But the appeal to a Churchillian bulldog spirit and stoicism proved too little, too late.

The slaying of pro-Europe lawmaker Jo Cox a week before the vote brought a shocked pause to both campaigns and appeared to shift momentum away from the “leave” camp. While it isn’t clear whether her killer was influenced by the EU debate, her death aroused fears that the referendum had stirred demons it would be difficult to subdue.

The result triggers a new series of negotiations that is expected to last two years or more as Britain and the EU search for a way to separate economies that have become intertwined since the U.K. joined the bloc on Jan. 1, 1973. Until those talks are completed, Britain will remain a member of the EU.

Exiting the EU involves taking the unprecedented step of invoking Article 50 of the EU’s governing treaty. While Greenland left an earlier, more limited version of the bloc in 1985, no country has ever invoked Article 50, so there is no roadmap for how the process will work.

Authorities ranging from the International Monetary Fund to the U.S. Federal Reserve and the Bank of England have warned that a British exit will reverberate through a world economy that is only slowly recovering from the global economic crisis. The European Union is the world’s biggest economy and the U.K.’s most important trading partner, accounting for 45 percent of exports and 53 percent of imports.

In addition, the complex nature of Britain’s integration with the EU means that breaking up will be hard to do. The negotiations will go far beyond tariffs, including issues such as cross-border security, foreign policy cooperation and a common fisheries policy.

It will also affect the ability of professionals such as investment managers, accountants and lawyers to work in the EU, threatening London’s position as one of the world’s pre-eminent financial centers. The U.K. hosts more headquarters of non-EU firms than Germany, France, Switzerland and the Netherlands put together.

“We believe this outcome has serious implications for the City and many of our clients’ businesses with exposure to the U.K. and the EU,” said Malcolm Sweeting, senior partner of law firm Clifford Chance. “We are working alongside our clients to help them as they anticipate, plan for and manage the challenges the coming political and trade negotiations will bring.”

Clinton’s State Dept. calendar missing scores of entries

STEPHEN BRAUN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Television cameras rolled when Hillary Clinton appeared on the central balcony of the New York Stock Exchange to ring the opening bell — just minutes after she attended a private breakfast in September 2009 with influential Wall Street and business leaders.

But the identities of her breakfast guests would be left off of her official State Department calendar — omissions that are among scores of names and events missing from Clinton’s historical record of her daily activities as secretary of state, an Associated Press review found.

Now the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, Clinton met that morning with a dozen chief executives, most of whose firms had lobbied the government and donated to her family’s global charity, the Clinton Foundation. The event was closed to the press and merited only a brief mention in her official calendar, which omitted the names of all her guests — among them Blackstone Group Chairman Steven Schwarzman, PepsiCo CEO Indra Nooyi and then-New York Bank of Mellon CEO Robert Kelly.

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The AP review of Clinton's calendar — her after-the-fact, official chronology of the events of her four-year term — identified at least 75 meetings with longtime political donors and loyalists, Clinton Foundation contributors and corporate and other outside interests that were either not recorded or listed with identifying details scrubbed. The AP found the omissions by comparing the 1,500-page document with separate planning schedules supplied to Clinton by aides in advance of each day's events. The names of at least 114 outsiders who met with Clinton were missing from her calendar, the records show.

The missing entries raise new questions about how Clinton and her inner circle handled government records documenting her State Department tenure — in this case, why the official chronology of her four-year term does not closely mirror other more detailed records of her daily meetings. At a time when Clinton's private email system is under scrutiny by an FBI criminal investigation, the calendar omissions reinforce concerns that she sought to eliminate the "risk of the personal being accessible" — as she wrote in an email exchange that she failed to turn over to the government but was subsequently uncovered elsewhere.

No known federal laws were violated and some omissions could be blamed on Clinton's highly fluid schedule, which sometimes forced late cancellations. But only seven meetings in Clinton's planning schedules were replaced by substitute events on her official calendar. More than 60 other events listed in Clinton's planners were omitted entirely in her calendar, tersely noted or described only as "private meetings" — all without naming those who met with her.

Clinton campaign spokesman Nick Merrill said Thursday night that the multiple discrepancies between her State Department calendar and her planning schedules "simply reflect a more detailed version in one version as compared to another, all maintained by her staff."

Merrill said that Clinton "has always made an effort to be transparent since entering public life, whether it be the release of over 30 years of tax returns, years of financial disclosure forms, or asking that 55,000 pages of work emails from her time of secretary of state be turned over to the public."

The missing or heavily edited entries in her calendar included private dinners with political donors, policy sessions with groups of corporate leaders and "drop-bys" with old Clinton campaign hands. Among those whose names were omitted from her calendar were longtime adviser Sidney Blumenthal, consultant and former Clinton White House chief of staff Thomas "Mack" McLarty, former energy lobbyist Joseph Wilson and entertainment magnate and Clinton campaign bundler Haim Saban.

The AP first sought Clinton's calendar and schedules from the State Department in August 2013, but the agency would not acknowledge even that it had the material. After nearly two years of delay, the AP sued the State Department in March 2015. The department agreed in a court filing last August to turn over Clinton's calendar, and provided the documents in November. After noticing discrepancies between Clinton's calendar and some schedules, the AP pressed in court for all of Clinton's planning material. The U.S. has released about one-third of those planners to the AP, so far.

The State Department censored both sets of documents for national security and other reasons, but those changes were made after the documents were turned over to the State Department at the end of Clinton's tenure.

The documents obtained by the AP do not show who specifically logged entries in Clinton's calendar or who edited the material. Clinton's emails and other records show that she and two close aides, deputy chief of staff Huma Abedin and scheduling assistant Lona J. Valmoro, held weekly meetings and emailed almost every day about Clinton's plans. According to the recent inspector general's audit and a court declaration made last December by the State Department's acting executive secretary, Clinton's aides had access to her calendar through a government Microsoft Outlook account. Both Abedin

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and Valmoro were political appointees at the State Department and are now aides in her presidential campaign.

Unlike Clinton's planning schedules, which were sent to Clinton each morning, her calendar was edited after each event, the AP's review showed. Some calendar entries were accompanied by Valmoro emails — indicating she may have added those entries. Every meeting entry also included both the planned time of the event and the actual time — showing that Clinton's calendar was being used to document each meeting after it ended.

Former senior State Department logistics officials and government records experts interviewed by the AP said that secretaries of state have wide latitude in keeping their schedules — despite federal laws and agency rules overseeing the archiving of calendars and warning against altering or deleting records. Omissions in Clinton's calendar could undermine the document's historical accuracy, particularly its depictions of Clinton's access to political, corporate and other influences, experts said.

"It's clear that any outside influence needs to be clearly identified in some way to at least guarantee transparency. That didn't happen," said Danielle Brian, executive director of the Project on Government Oversight, a nonpartisan government reform group. "These discrepancies are striking because of her possible interest at the time in running for the presidency."

When Clinton met in September 2009 with her 12 corporate breakfast guests at the New York Stock Exchange, her planning schedule that morning listed the hourlong event as "CEO breakfast discussion and New York Stock Exchange opening bell ceremony," adding that no press would be allowed.

Besides Schwarzman, Nooyi and Kelly, Clinton's other guests were Fabrizio Freda, CEO of the Estee Lauder Companies Inc.; Howard Schultz, CEO of Starbucks Corp.; Lewis Frankfort, chairman of Coach Inc.; Ellen Kullman, then-CEO of DuPont; David M. Cote, CEO of Honeywell International Inc.; James Tisch, president of Loews Corp.; John D. Wren, CEO of Omnicom Group; then-McGraw Hill Companies chairman Harold McGraw III; and James Taiclet, chairman of the American Tower Corp. Also attending was then-NYSE CEO Duncan Niederauer, who later accompanied Clinton when she rang the stock exchange bell.

As she opened the day's trading session, Clinton cited Wall Street's resurgence after the 2008 recession. "Coming back as secretary of state after all that we've done in the last year to try to pull ourselves out of this economic downturn is very exciting," she said.

Details about Clinton's private conversation with her corporate guests were not included in her records. Four of the attendees — Schwarzman, Nooyi, Cote and Kullman — headed companies that later donated to Clinton's pet diplomatic project of that period, the U.S. pavilion at the 2010 Shanghai Expo. All the firms represented except Coach lobbied the government in 2009; Blackstone, Honeywell, Omnicom and DuPont lobbied the State Department that year. Schwarzman and Frankfort have personally donated to the Clinton Foundation, and the other firms — except for American Tower and New York Bank of Mellon — also contributed to the Clinton charity.

P.J. Crowley, a State Department spokesman for Clinton at the time, told the AP that Clinton's vision of "21st century statecraft" included exchanging views with corporate leaders and promoting public-private partnerships. "That was certainly reflected in her day-to-day schedule, her travel and her global outreach," Crowley said.

Clinton's calendar listed meetings with 124 business leaders and political donors and loyalists, but not with 114 others who were identified by the AP's review. In some cases, repeat Clinton visitors were listed for some meetings, but not for others.

Four meetings with S. Daniel Abraham, a multimillionaire who founded the Center for Mideast Peace, were noted in Clinton's calendar. But in four other sessions — including two listed only as "private meeting" — Abraham's name was omitted. Abraham, a prolific fundraiser for Clinton's 2008 campaign

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who has donated \$3 million to a super PAC backing Clinton in 2016, told the AP last year that he and Clinton typically discussed Mideast policy.

"The fact that some information was not captured isn't necessarily a sign of bad faith," said Steven Aftergood, a government records expert at the Federation of American Scientists. He added, "It's obviously more important to have a complete record than a scattershot one."

2 charged with racking up \$30,000 in unpaid tolls combined

FORT LEE, N.J. (AP) — Authorities say they've nabbed two New Jersey residents who have racked up about \$30,000 in unpaid tolls combined.

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey says officers pulled over Englewood resident John Reynolds on Wednesday morning after seeing him pass through the E-ZPass lane of the George Washington Bridge while pretending his cellphone was a transponder.

Authorities say the car had about 300 toll violations, totaling about \$19,000.

The next morning, officers stopped North Plainfield resident Lucy Sanchez on the bridge after police say she passed through without paying a toll.

Police say Sanchez didn't have a driver's license and had nearly 150 toll violations, totaling about \$9,000.

Both are charged with theft of service and evading tolls.

It's not known if they have lawyers.

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. BRITISH POLITICS IN CHAOS AS UK VOTES TO EXIT EU

The vote to leave the European Union, after a bitterly divisive referendum campaign, shatters the stability of a project in continental unity designed half a century ago to prevent World War III.

2. HOUSE OF CARDS: DAVID CAMERON'S LUCK RUNS OUT

The British prime minister, who has coasted through politics on instinct and charm, made a gamble that has sunk his career as he says he will resign by the fall.

3. WHY BRITONS VOTED TO LEAVE EU

Concerns about immigration and what some saw as the ever-increasing power of the 28-member bloc trumped the attraction of being part of a single market.

4. BREXIT SENDS GLOBAL MARKETS TUMBLING

Stock markets and oil prices crashing and the pound hitting its lowest level in three decades.

5. CLINTON KEPT SEPARATE CALENDARS AS SECRETARY OF STATE

An AP review finds Hillary Clinton kept one for public consumption and historical archives, but another that included scores of meetings with political donors and loyalists, Wall Street bankers, Clinton Foundation contributors and other outside interests.

6. OBAMA CONTINUES TUSSLE WITH SUPREME COURT

The high court's deadlock on immigration policy adds another chapter to the president's turbulent history with it and delivers a reminder that there's more to come.

7. HOW THE COURT'S LACK OF DECISION AFFECTS IMMIGRANTS

Those living in the U.S. without legal authorization and their advocates are deeply disappointed, but they're also resolved that this isn't the end of the fight.

8. WHERE THE POPE IS HEADED

Pope Francis is bringing a message of peace and solidarity to Armenia as it marks the centennial of

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the Ottoman-era slaughter of Armenians that Francis himself has called a "genocide."

9. WHICH AMERICANA MUSIC PIONEER HAS DIED

Appalachian music patriarch Ralph Stanley, who helped define the bluegrass sound of rapid rhythms, mountain folk and three-part harmony, has died at 89.

10. WHO WAS PICKED FIRST IN NBA DRAFT

The Philadelphia 76ers selected Australian-born LSU freshman Ben Simmons with the No. 1 pick in basketball's annual pro draft, which set a record for international players selected.

'Independence Day' co-stars Goldblum, Hemsworth are BFFs

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Liam Hemsworth and Jeff Goldblum apparently developed a bromance while making their new movie, "Independence Day: Resurgence."

Hemsworth says he loved Goldblum before they ever worked together and "I love him now."

"I love you," Goldblum told Hemsworth as they promoted the film in London.

Hemsworth said his co-star's enthusiasm is what he finds the most intoxicating.

"This guy is so much fun," Hemsworth said. "He loves acting, he loves making movies, so working with him ... was a constant reminder to enjoy it and be passionate about it because this guy is more passionate about it than anyone there."

"Independence Day: Resurgence" is in theaters now.

Freed hostage: Militants rejoiced as Canadians were beheaded

JIM GOMEZ, Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Abu Sayyaf extremists rejoiced as they watched two Canadians being beheaded in the jungles of the southern Philippines, said a still-shocked Filipino hostage who was freed Friday.

Marites Flor tearfully recalled to reporters the harrowing moment when Canadians John Ridsdel and Robert Hall were handcuffed and led away to a nearby jungle clearing to be separately decapitated in April and early this month by the ransom-seeking militants.

She said that Hall, who was killed early last week, was her fiancée. Ridsdel was beheaded by the militants in April.

"It's so painful because I saw them moments before they got beheaded," Flor told reporters in southern Davao city, where she was flown to meet President-elect Rodrigo Duterte after her release in nearby Sulu province.

"They were watching it and they were happy," she said of the militants, adding that she did not witness the killings.

Flor was abducted with Hall, Ridsdel and Norwegian Kjartan Sekkingstad from a yacht resort on southern Samal island in September last year and taken to the jungles of the predominantly Muslim island province of Sulu. The militants killed the two Canadians after ransom deadlines lapsed.

The captives were among some two dozen people held by the Abu Sayyaf this year.

On Friday, Indonesian Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi said that seven Indonesians were abducted by armed men who raided their tugboat and taken to Sulu, in a third such attack. Six others were released with the vessel, she said.

Duterte said he was told that Sekkingstad may already be on the way out of captivity, but did not provide details and appeared unsure of his statement. He later went into a meeting with the Norwegian ambassador.

Duterte cut short his speech in a nationally televised police ceremony when officials arrived and

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brought the 38-year-old Flor, who appeared still distraught, to the stage where he spoke. Duterte tried to console her and quietly asked a few questions.

Shortly before facing Flor, Duterte asked the Abu Sayyaf militants to stop ransom kidnappings, which he said have given the country "a very bad image." He warned people against joining the Abu Sayyaf, suggesting a major offensive was forthcoming.

"There will be, I said, a reckoning one of these days," he said.

It was not immediately clear if a ransom was paid to secure the freedom of Flor, who appeared in Abu Sayyaf videos tearfully pleading for her life and those of her companions. In a final video, she called on Duterte to save their lives before the extremists killed Hall a few days later.

Rebels belonging to the larger Moro National Liberation Front and a Sulu official, Abdusakur Tan, helped negotiate Flor's release with an Abu Sayyaf commander identified as Hatib Sawadjaan, two officials from the military and police, who monitored the talks, told The Associated Press.

They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to reporters.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau condemned the killings and called on other nations not to pay ransom if their citizens are abducted to discourage the brutal militants from carrying more ransom kidnappings.

Trump applauds decisions by British people to bolt EU

JONATHAN LEMIRE, Associated Press

AYRSHIRE, Scotland (AP) — Donald Trump is saluting the United Kingdom's vote to leave the European Union, saying "they took back their country, it's a great thing."

Trump arrived at his Turnberry golf course in Scotland a day after the so-called Brexit vote.

He said "people are angry all over the world," and said that worries about "the borders" fueled the UK's vote. He called the decisions to leave "fantastic" and "great."

Trump also suggested that other counties may follow the UK's lead, saying "this will not be the last." He said that people were angry about similar things in the United States.

He did not answer a question about whether British Prime Minister David Cameron should have decided to resign.

After Orlando, slight cracks in gun-rights' grip on Congress

ALAN FRAM, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even after the Orlando shooting slaughter, no one expects Congress to dramatically tighten firearms curbs. Yet a few modest election-year cracks have shown in the iron grip that Republicans and the National Rifle Association have long enjoyed on the issue.

The June 12 carnage in Orlando left 49 dead, the worst mass-shooting in modern U.S. history. In the days since, Congress has seen predictable partisan standoffs over how to react, but also signs that Democrats feel emboldened and some Republicans sense a need to respond differently.

A look at the crosscurrents:

WHAT'S DIFFERENT

On Thursday, eight Senate Republicans — an unusually high number — backed an NRA-opposed compromise barring guns to some suspected terrorists.

It cleared a procedural vote 52-46 but fell short of the 60 votes it would need to survive a filibuster. Most Republicans opposed it, saying it lacked adequate protections for people erroneously on federal lists of terror suspects.

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The eight Republicans included the proposal's chief author, moderate GOP Sen. Susan Collins of Maine, who's taken on the NRA before but this time found pragmatists from both parties as co-sponsors. Several are gun owners and one was Sen. Heidi Heitkamp, D-N.D., who often backs the NRA and faces re-election in 2018.

Three Republicans who supported Collins have tight re-election fights this year. One, New Hampshire Sen. Kelly Ayotte, also voted this week for a more sweeping measure resembling one she'd opposed just seven months ago.

WHAT ABOUT DEMOCRATS?

Energized Democrats have taken the offensive on guns, an issue they've often shied away from during campaign seasons. Though the GOP controls Congress, Democrats commandeered both chambers with a 15-hour Senate filibuster and a nearly 26-hour, old-fashioned sit-in on the House floor that won widespread press and social media coverage.

Democrats challenging the powerful NRA deep in an election-year is "a sea-change," says Arkadi Gerney, a gun policy expert at the liberal Center for American Progress. While liberals are happy to attack the firearms lobby, party leaders have often spent election years avoiding the issue to protect Democratic candidates in swing states where pro-gun voters are numerous.

WHY THE SHIFTS?

Besides the sheer number of casualties and recent years' spate of mass shootings, Democrats and Collins were partly enabled by Omar Mateen, the Orlando perpetrator killed by authorities. He was an American who'd pledged solidarity to the Islamic State extremist group and had once been on the government's terrorist watch list.

That let Democrats and Collins cast the issue as one of national security — an easier political lift than gun control. It also invited a bumper-sticker, commonsense appeal: No-fly, no buy, shorthand for barring terror suspects on the government's no-fly list from purchasing guns.

"I think this is really a watershed week," said Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., a leader of the filibuster. "I think the enthusiasm is shifting from the gun-lobby forces to the force of change."

Mateen targeted a nightclub popular with gay Hispanics. Latino and LGBT voters are enthusiastic Democratic constituencies whom the party would love to bring to the polls in November.

GOP RESPONSE TO ORLANDO

Republicans and the NRA have also characterized Orlando as a terrorist attack. They argue that Democratic proposals wouldn't stop many terrorists and insufficiently protect the right of gun ownership.

"Anti-gun politicians are exploiting a terrorist attack to push gun control," said Chris W. Cox, the NRA's top lobbyist.

WHAT'S NOT CHANGED

Plenty.

The week started with the Senate rejecting four measures — two from each party — strengthening required background checks for gun buyers and barring many suspected terrorists from purchasing firearms. That's become a recognizable dance as Democrats offer bills that Republicans say are overly restrictive, and the GOP counters with proposals that Democrats call too weak.

This week's roll calls showed that Congress clearly lacks the votes to enact major new restrictions on who can purchase firearms or other curbs — and that each side remains happy to attack the other over it.

House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., called the Democratic sit-in "a publicity stunt" and said Republicans would never "take away a citizen's constitutional rights without due process." Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said the GOP leadership "is letting the NRA run the show."

Another familiar pattern that Democrats hope is changing: Wide public interest in new gun limitations that routinely peaks after high-profile shootings but gradually fades. That leaves one significant group whose votes remain strongly linked to their view on the subject: firearms enthusiasts.

"The intensity is always with the gun owners," said former Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va., who headed the House GOP's political operation. "Everyone else says, 'It's nice you're with me,' but then they go on to other issues."

European stocks crash after UK vote to leave EU

YOUKYUNG LEE, AP Business Writer

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — European and Asian stock markets crashed Friday as Britain's unprecipitated vote to leave the European Union rocked world financial markets and also sent oil prices crashing and the pound to its lowest level in three decades.

Investors dumped European shares as soon as the markets opened, following earlier drops in Asia. Britain's FTSE 100 plunged about 8 percent while German index tanked 10 percent. France's index tumbled about 7 percent.

The result of the vote, which trickled in when Asian markets were trading, hit Tokyo stocks hard. The Nikkei 225 plummeted about 8 percent, its biggest fall since 2008. Other Asian markets were poised to finish the day with their biggest losses in several years. Governments in Asia vowed to take measures to stabilize the financial markets as the uncharted, unexpected path of a European Union without Britain sparked panic.

Oil prices crashed and U.S. futures also took a big hit. The pound hit its lowest level in three decades. The yen, however, surged as much as 4 percent to the U.S. dollar as investors seeking safety snapped up the Japanese currency.

"You can see people are running for cover," said Ken Courtis, chairman of Starfort Investment Holdings in Tokyo. Investors were betting on a victory for the remain side, but "what you're seeing now in markets is an adjustment in the other direction, as everyone tries to get through a tiny door at the same time," he said.

The British currency managed to recover and narrow its fall by mid-afternoon in Asia, after diving as much as 8 percent to the lowest level in 31 years. The pound traded 6 percent lower against the dollar at \$1.3694. It was down about 4 percent against the euro, at 1.2363 euros.

Britain's decision to leave the EU launches what will be years of negotiations over trade, business and political links with the EU, which will shrink to a 27-nation bloc.

"The currency markets are particularly making nervous fluctuations and we will watch their activity very closely so that the ongoing movement will not continue, and I hope to see firm intervention whenever necessary," Taro Aso, Japan's finance minister, told reporters.

Other policymakers in Asia also expressed concerns and vowed to take measures to restore stability in the markets. South Korea's finance ministry said it will take "every available measure" to stabilize currency and financial markets.

Japan's Nikkei 225 finished the wild day at 14,952.02 down 7.9 percent while South Korea's Kospi sank 3.1 percent to 1,925.24, its biggest fall in four years. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index tumbled 4.4 percent to 19,942.90 and Australia's S&P/ASX 200 fell 3.2 percent to 5,113.20. Stocks in Shanghai, Taiwan, Sydney, Mumbai and Southeast Asian countries were sharply lower.

U.S. markets were set to start with big losses as well. Dow futures fell about 3 percent and S&P futures sank about 4 percent.

"Financial markets throughout the night have been chaotic to say the least," said Craig Erlam, senior market analyst at Oanda in London. "All eyes will now be on central banks around the world to see how they respond to these market developments, particularly the Bank of England and the Bank of Japan."

In other currencies, the dollar fell to 102.52 yen from 104.80 yen while the euro weakened to \$1.104 from \$1.132.

Benchmark U.S. crude plunged about 5 percent to \$47.65 per barrel in New York. Brent Crude, the benchmark for international oil price, also fell about 5 percent to \$48.54 per barrel in London.

With tears and resolve, immigrants vow to keep fighting

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NEW YORK (AP) — After learning the Supreme Court deadlocked on an immigration plan that would protect her from being deported, Marta Gualotuna could barely speak through her tears.

"This decision is very, very painful for me," Gualotuna, 57, said in Spanish through a translator. The Ecuadorian immigrant had hoped the court would uphold President Barack Obama's 2014 executive order, which was designed to reduce the threat of deportation for certain immigrants living in the U.S. illegally.

Despite her sadness, Gualotuna, a New York City resident who's been in the country for more than 20 years and has three American-born children, was also determined. "The only thing I know is we're going to keep fighting," she said.

It was a sentiment expressed by other immigrants and their advocates Thursday after the high court's deadlock left intact a lower court ruling blocking Obama's order.

"For me, living in the shadows, it's like I don't have a life. I'm like nobody. I feel like nobody," said Betty Jaspeado, a mother of three in Los Angeles.

The Mexican immigrant described her working life in the United States as one devoid of hope, one where she constantly watched her back in fear of deportation. The possibility of protection offered by Obama had given her something to hold onto.

"I was thinking I could feel human again," Jaspeado said.

In November 2014, Obama proposed Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents, or DAPA, and he expanded the 2012 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, to effectively shield up to 4 million immigrants. His executive orders to this effect were put forth in a political climate where the chances for a legislative overhaul of the nation's broken immigration system were remote at best.

But 26 states filed suit against those orders, and a divided Supreme Court had no definitive answer. Stuck in the middle were people like the parents of Giselle Gasca, 22, of Fresno, California.

Gasca said her parents, whose names she did not reveal, were eligible for DAPA through her sister, a U.S. citizen. She had hoped they would get a chance to experience the opportunities she has been able to get through the original DACA program, such as the ability to travel outside the United States with the right permits. The travel limitations, Gasca said, prevented her mother from returning to Mexico to visit her own parents.

"That's something that my mom was hoping for, and I was hoping for her," Gasca said. "When her dad passed in 2009, she wasn't able to go back to Mexico and say her final goodbyes."

Obama said the ruling was "heartbreaking." He tried to offer assurances, saying his administration's priorities for deportations would continue to be new arrivals and those with criminal records.

"As long as you have not committed a crime, our limited immigration enforcement resources are not focused on you," Obama said.

That wasn't reassuring to many immigrants and their advocates, who have long criticized Obama for tightening enforcement of current laws at the border. Many of them call him the "deporter in chief," and some didn't waste any time making their unhappiness known.

In Phoenix on Thursday, more than 60 people blocked a major thoroughfare outside the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement building, carrying signs in sweltering heat and chanting in Spanish and English. Protester Eduardo Sainz, of the nonprofit advocacy group Mi Familia Vota, said the Supreme Court's deadlock brought tears to his eyes.

"This is a demonstration to show our community members that they're not alone and to also show our elected officials that we will hold them accountable. And that we will explore all the different scenarios that we have to do in order to move our agenda forward," Sainz said.

Meanwhile in North Carolina, Latino activists blamed Gov. Pat McCrory for joining the federal lawsuit that blocked a program to shield some immigrants. A few dozen people rallied outside the executive mansion in Raleigh Thursday evening chanting "sin papeles, sin miedo" - no papers, no fear - and "McCrory, escucha, estamos en la lucha" - McCrory, listen, we're fighting.

"We're going to keep pushing and fighting and going forward," said Carmen Rodriguez, a DAPA eligible parent from Raleigh, who has three sons who are U.S. citizens. "We're going to work to make sure Latino voters come out like never before."

The outcome puts even more pressure on the result of the presidential election. Democrat Hillary Clinton has spoken out in support of the executive actions, while Republican Donald Trump has spoken of his intention to build a border wall and deport all 11 million immigrants in the country illegally.

Immigrants plan to be part of the election process, said Javier Valdes, co-executive director of Make the Road New York, an advocacy organization.

"We're going to be fighting this until we get the outcome we want," Valdes said, pointing to efforts to influence those who can vote. "We want to punish those that came after us," he said.

Alejandro Mendiaz-Rivera, 26, a graduate student at the University of New Mexico, said the court's action may spark more Latinos to vote in November.

"I think that might be the only silver lining in this ruling," Mendiaz-Rivera said. "Those of us (who) are undocumented ... can't vote. But we sure as heck can encourage our friends and family who are citizens to go vote."

Acquittal of officer leaves Baltimore asking: What happened?

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BALTIMORE (AP) — With no witnesses or video inside the metal compartment of a police van, it's likely no one will ever know what snapped the neck of Freddie Gray, a 25-year-old black man left handcuffed and shackled but unbelted on his trip to the station.

What is certain is that six police officers criminally charged in his death were the last to see him uninjured. But none blamed a fellow officer, and the driver of the van, Caesar Goodson, was acquitted of murder and all other charges Thursday after he consistently refused to talk.

With no convictions after three trials so far, the judge presiding over all the cases declared that he has yet to see evidence proving any of the officers committed a crime.

For a citizenry desperate for fundamental changes in the culture of a police department under federal investigation after allegations of decades of abuse, the question remains: How can nobody be held accountable for the death of a young black man whose only apparent transgression was his attempt to run from a police patrol in his neighborhood?

"It's a matter of fact that he was alive when he got in the van. It's a matter of fact that his spine was

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severed," said Black Lives Matter activist and former mayoral candidate DeRay Mckesson. "Six people contributed to that."

Goodson and the other officers may be not guilty in a court of law, but "in the street we see it as criminal, and we see that our loved ones are dead," said Baltimore's NAACP president, Tessa Hill-Aston.

Prosecutors said Goodson, who was behind the wheel of the transport van and the only officer to be with Gray at each of the six stops along the 45-minute journey from the site of his arrest in Sandtown-Winchester to the Western District station house, was criminally negligent when he failed to buckle Gray into a seat belt and chose not to call a medic after Gray indicated that he wanted to go to a hospital. The state also floated the theory that Goodson gave Gray a "rough ride," leaving him intentionally unrestrained in order to bounce him around the metal compartment and cause injuries.

Baltimore Circuit Judge Barry Williams didn't deny that Gray was fatally injured inside the police van, but he dismissed the charges because the state failed to provide evidence or witnesses to support the claims.

"Here, the failure to seatbelt may have been a mistake or it may have been bad judgment," he said, "but without showing more than has been presented to the Court concerning the failure to seatbelt and the surrounding circumstances, the state has failed to meet its burden to show that the actions of the defendant rose above mere civil negligence."

After Williams issued his ruling, Ben Jealous, former president of the NAACP, posted on Twitter, "Maybe we should put the police van on trial for the death of #FreddieGray?"

Observers, attorneys and even the Gray family lawyer acknowledged a great divide between justice for a young man's untimely death, and what's prosecutable under the letter of the law.

Billy Murphy, who represents Gray's family and helped secure a \$6.4 million civil settlement, said the family experienced "immense frustration" at Goodson's acquittal, but was hopeful moving forward.

"They hope for justice," he said, "whatever that is, and they know justice doesn't have guilty or not guilty attached to it."

Warren Brown, a Baltimore attorney who observed much of the trial, said the state's case amounted to "this was a tragedy and so therefore someone should be held responsible, but that's just not the way it works."

In the wake of the acquittals, activists in the city are shifting their focus from the individuals and the facts of this particular case to the need for comprehensive police, prosecutorial and legislative reforms to protect citizens who are typically disenfranchised: poor African Americans.

Officials have begun the process. Officers will soon be outfitted with body cameras, and vans equipped with devices with the capacity to record and store footage. The department also recently rolled out a new online platform to disseminate policies and procedures to ensure that no officer will ever say he or she didn't get the memo on any particular rule. And this year, the Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights was amended for the first time in decades.

But many say it's not enough. One activist group, the People's Power Assembly, called for quarterly assemblies for citizens to publicly share experiences with police abuse and for more resources to be funneled to vulnerable communities.

Michaela Brown, an activist with the group Baltimore Bloc, called for an overhaul of the criminal justice system.

"We need to stop saying the system is broken," she said. "It is not broken; it is doing exactly what it was designed to do ... That is why we're not going to stop saying his name. We're not going to stop fighting until we see justice."

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Solar panel again stolen from New Mexico boy's grave site

SAN ACACIA, N.M. (AP) — A solar panel placed at a grave site of a 5-year-old boy who was scared of the dark has been stolen for a second time.

KRQE-TV in Albuquerque reports (<http://goo.gl/6VhUDm>) that thieves recently took the solar panel from the resting place of Nico Chavez at the San Acacia Cemetery near Socorro. The solar panel powered lights around the grave.

Chavez died in 2008 after collapsing at the doctor's office. He had been fighting the flu and strep throat.

The family installed it because Nico was afraid of the dark.

The family said this isn't the first time something has been stolen from Nico's grave. A few years ago, someone stole his piggy bank.

76ers take Ben Simmons with No. 1 pick in NBA draft

BRIAN MAHONEY, AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Ben Simmons went from Down Under to the top of the NBA draft, and a record number of international players followed.

The Philadelphia 76ers took the Australian with the No. 1 pick on Thursday night, making him the first of a record 14 international players chosen in the first round.

Nearly half the selections in the 30-pick round were international players, topping the 12 international players chosen in the first round in 2013.

Simmons climbed on stage to the sound of cheers from a Philly-filled crowd hoping he could turn around the 76ers.

Not long after the same crowd was largely quiet as the draft filled with unfamiliar names.

The picks included the first Austrian (Utah center Jakob Poeltl, No. 9 to Toronto), the highest Greek player ever drafted (Georgios Papagiannis, No. 13, Phoenix, rights dealt to Sacramento), two Croatians (Dragan Bender, No. 4 to Phoenix and Ante Zizic, No. 23, Boston), and two players from the Caribbean (Buddy Hield, Bahamas, No. 6 to New Orleans; and Skal Labissiere, Haiti, No. 28, picked by Phoenix but dealt to Sacramento).

The NBA said there were 26 international players selected, surpassing the record of 21 set in 2003.

Some of the international players won't come to the NBA next season, and perhaps never will.

Simmons might be ready to star now.

Philadelphia grabbed the versatile 6-foot-10 forward from LSU who averaged 19.2 points, 11.8 rebounds and 4.8 assists to become the only player in Southeastern Conference history to finish in the top five in all three categories.

He comes with some questions — he made only one 3-pointer — but too much potential for the 76ers to pass up with their first No. 1 pick since taking Allen Iverson 20 years ago.

"It feels amazing, honestly," Simmons said. "I can't even — my legs were shaking when I was on stage."

Philadelphia fans who made the trip to Brooklyn's Barclays Center loudly cheered the selection in hopes that Simmons can help them move forward after three straight dismal seasons, including a 10-72 finish in 2015-16 that was just a game better than the worst ever in the 82-game schedule.

The last No. 1 pick from LSU was Shaquille O'Neal — who will be enshrined in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame along with Iverson in September.

The Los Angeles Lakers, picking second for the second consecutive year, took Duke's Brandon Ingram, who averaged 17.3 points as the ACC freshman of the year. He is the latest young player on a team

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that will begin life without the retired Kobe Bryant next season.

"I'm just going to be myself," Ingram said. "Whatever I can do to impact the game, whatever the coach needs me to do, I'm going to do it."

The Boston Celtics then began a busy night by picking California forward Jaylen Brown. Boston had eight picks in the two-round draft, starting with one it acquired from Brooklyn in 2013 in the deal that sent Kevin Garnett and Paul Pierce to the Nets.

Bender ended the run of three straight freshmen when the Suns selected the 7-1 forward who has been playing professionally for Maccabi Tel Aviv.

Milwaukee rounded out the top 10 with Thon Maker, originally from South Sudan, and Orlando followed with Domantas Sabonis, whose rights were quickly dealt to Oklahoma City along with Victor Oladipo and Ersan Ilyasova for forward Serge Ibaka.

The Minnesota Timberwolves used the No. 5 pick on Providence junior Kris Dunn, a two-time Defensive Player of the Year in the Big East who should fit nicely for new coach Tom Thibodeau.

A couple of the draft's best shooters went next, with New Orleans grabbing All-American Hield from Oklahoma, and Denver picking Kentucky freshman Jamal Murray at No. 7.

Michigan State's Denzel Valentine, the Associated Press Player of the Year, went 14th to Chicago to close the lottery. But that was a rare well-known name to the crowd at the time, as Papagiannis went 13th to Phoenix — climbing out of a crowd in the stands near the concourse level surrounded by Greek flags — with Spain's Juan Hernangomez going 15th to Denver, and Boston selecting Guerschon Yabusele of France at No. 16.

Even they seemed surprised to hear their names called by NBA Commissioner Adam Silver.

"Nobody was expecting," Yabusele said. "I see (the cameras) coming close to me, see my name. So I was really surprised to be in here, but I was so happy."

Labissiere, who played with Murray at Kentucky, barely sneaked into the first round after being considered a potential lottery pick.

"It was tough at first, but one thing about the league, one thing about all of us now, everything starts over for all of us," he said. "We all start over once we get to that level. I'm excited to get to work."

Latest California wildfire burns buildings, spurs evacuation

LAKE ISABELLA, Calif. (AP) — Dozens of homes burned to the ground as a wildfire raged over ridges and tore through rural communities in central California, authorities said.

The streaking blaze that burned at least 60 homes northeast of Bakersfield around Lake Isabella came just as many others across western states were calming.

It broke out late Thursday afternoon amid heat in the 90s and single-digit humidity, climbing over at least three ridges into hillside neighborhoods, Kern County fire Capt. Tyler Townsend said.

Some houses were already little more than embers on the ground, while others were deep in flames. No injuries were reported.

"I've never been in a wildland fire where I've seen so many homes burn," Townsend said. "It's one of the most devastating I've ever seen."

The fire has burned over four square miles, and about 1,500 homes are under threat. Several thousand people were under evacuation orders.

Hillside homes along dirt roads were consumed by heavy flames in Squirrel Mountain Valley, a community of about 500 people.

Smoky haze could be seen for miles around, and orange flames lit the evening air as planes and heli-

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copters made drops on the blaze.

Many of the houses in the area have propane tanks, adding to the danger, Townsend said.

Some residents were refusing to evacuate, Townsend said.

Elsewhere in the state, cooler weather helped crews fighting two fires that burned more than 8 square miles of chaparral and brush in the Angeles National Forest and foothill communities northeast of Los Angeles. The fires were 15 percent contained.

More than 1,300 homes in Duarte and Azusa were evacuated during the 4-day-old blaze, but around half have been allowed back.

Near the San Diego County border with Mexico, an 11-square-mile fire was 35 percent contained after burning five homes. Most evacuees were allowed to return home Thursday.

In Colorado, a forest fire near the Wyoming line threatened about 40 cabins Thursday after exploding in size to more than 8 square miles, federal fire officials said.

Shifting winds sent the fire surging Wednesday from a single square mile. Trees killed by a beetle infestation fueled the flames in and around Routt National Forest, 140 miles north of Denver and 2 miles from Wyoming.

The deadwood made it too dangerous to send in crews to battle the flames, so they were attacking the fire's perimeter, fire information officer Brian Scott said.

The weather was cooler, but firefighters were keeping an eye on the sky. There was a chance of thunderstorms that could bring dangerously erratic wind and little rain.

"Then it's anybody's guess where those flames will go," Scott said.

In eastern Arizona, firefighters managed to corral nearly half of a fire that roared through about 67 square miles of pine, juniper and brush on an Apache Indian reservation.

Crews managed to light backfires that drew a "black line" around the south end of the blaze, fire information spokeswoman Rita Baysinger said. "They're really working their hearts out, and I think we've turned a corner," she said.

Still, more than 15,000 people in Pinetop-Lakeside, Show Low and nearby mountain communities were being told to be ready to evacuate if necessary.

Colombians cheer deal putting them on verge of peace accord

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BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Colombians cried and hugged as the leaders of their government and the country's biggest rebel group signed a cease-fire and disarmament deal moving their country to the verge of a final peace accord to end decades of fighting.

As the agreement was signed in Havana, hundreds of people watched the ceremony live on a giant screen set up in Colombia's capital, Bogota, many singing the national anthem and waving the Colombian flag.

Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos and Rodrigo Londono, commander of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, shook hands and described the moment as historic after their lead negotiators signed a deal setting out how 7,000 rebel fighters will hand over their weapons once a peace accord ends a 52-year war that has killed more than 220,000 people.

Santos has said he thinks the accord could come as early as next month, although negotiators have missed a series of other government-announced deadlines.

"Colombia got used to living in conflict. We don't have even the slightest memories of what it means

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to live in peace," Santos said. "Today a new chapter opens, one that brings back peace and gives our children the possibility of not reliving history."

The disarmament and cease-fire deal does not mean an immediate halt to conflict or the start of rebels surrendering their arms. That will begin only after a final peace deal is formally signed.

As nearly four years of peace negotiations seem close to success, attention is shifting to a referendum that Santos has promised to give Colombians a final say on its acceptance.

The peace deal could face difficulties due to the deep unpopularity of the rebels and the desire for revenge still felt by many Colombians over a conflict that killed so many and displaced millions. Supporters of the peace process also fear that too many voters could simply stay home, threatening to leave the referendum below the participation threshold needed to be valid.

FARC's aging leaders agreed to begin negotiations in 2012, after a 15-year, U.S.-backed military offensive that greatly thinned rebel ranks.

"The Colombian armed forces that grew enormous during the war are now called to play an important role in peace," said Londono, the FARC commander is better known by the alias Timochenko. "They were our adversaries, but going forward they'll be our allies."

Momentum had been building toward a breakthrough after Santos said this week that he hoped to deliver a peace accord in time to mark Colombia's declaration of independence from Spain on July 20. But the agreement signed Thursday went further than expected.

In addition to a framework for a cease-fire, both sides agreed on a demobilization plan that will see guerrillas concentrate in rural areas under government protection and hand over weapons to United Nations monitors. Disarmament would be required to be completed within no more than six months of a peace accord's signing.

The deal also includes security guarantees for the FARC during its transition to a peaceful political party. A similar attempt in the 1980s led to thousands of rebels and their sympathizers being killed by paramilitaries and corrupt soldiers.

"This is historic, a great hope for Colombia," said Jimmy Gonzalez, a hotel worker in Bogota. "Let this end the spilling of blood that's affected us for so many years."

A peace deal won't make Colombia safer overnight. The proliferation of cocaine remains a powerful magnet for criminal gangs operating in Colombia's remote valleys and lawless jungles. And the National Liberation Army, a much smaller but more recalcitrant rebel group, hasn't started peace talks.

The a strong element in Colombia opposed to a deal with the FARC is led by popular former President Alvaro Uribe, who spearheaded the military offensive against the FARC last decade.

"It damages the word 'peace' to accept that those responsible for crimes against humanity like kidnapping, car-bombing, recruitment of children and rape of girls don't go to jail for a single day and can be elected to public office," Uribe said Thursday in reaction to the latest agreement.

Still, regional and international leaders were enthusiastic.

Cuban President Raul Castro, whose country was one of the guarantors of the talks, said the end of five decades of war is close. "The peace process can't turn back," he said.

In Washington, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said in a statement, "Although hard work remains to be done, the finish line is approaching and nearer now than it has ever been."

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Today is Friday, June 24, the 176th day of 2016. There are 190 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 24, 1946, Fred M. Vinson was sworn in as the 13th chief justice of the United States, succeeding the late Harlan F. Stone.

On this date:

In 1509, Henry VIII was crowned king of England; his wife, Catherine of Aragon, was crowned queen consort.

In 1793, the first republican constitution in France was adopted.

In 1880, "O Canada," the future Canadian national anthem, was first performed in Quebec City.

In 1908, Grover Cleveland, the 22nd and 24th president of the United States, died in Princeton, New Jersey, at age 71.

In 1939, the Southeast Asian country Siam changed its name to Thailand. (It went back to being Siam in 1945, then became Thailand once again in 1949.)

In 1940, France signed an armistice with Italy during World War II.

In 1948, Communist forces cut off all land and water routes between West Germany and West Berlin, prompting the western allies to organize the Berlin Airlift.

In 1964, AT&T inaugurated commercial "Picturephone" service between New York, Chicago and Washington, D.C. (the service, however, never caught on).

In 1968, "Resurrection City," a shantytown constructed as part of the Poor People's March on Washington, D.C., was closed down by authorities.

In 1975, 113 people were killed when Eastern Airlines Flight 66, a Boeing 727 carrying 124 people, crashed while attempting to land during a thunderstorm at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport.

In 1983, the space shuttle Challenger — carrying America's first woman in space, Sally K. Ride — coasted to a safe landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

In 1990, Health and Human Services Secretary Louis Sullivan was virtually drowned out by jeering demonstrators as he addressed the Sixth International AIDS conference in San Francisco.

Ten years ago: Patsy Ramsey, who had been thrust into the spotlight by the unsolved slaying of her daughter JonBenet, died in Roswell, Georgia, at age 49.

Five years ago: A defiant U.S. House voted overwhelmingly to deny President Barack Obama the authority to wage war against Libya, but Republicans fell short in an effort to actually cut off funds for the operation. New York State legalized same-sex marriage. A truck-tractor hauling two side-dump trailers ran into a 12-car Amtrak passenger train at a crossing in the Nevada desert, killing six people, including the truck driver.

One year ago: A federal judge in Boston formally sentenced Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev (joh-HAHR' tsahr-NEYE'-ehv) to death for the 2013 terror attacks. Alabama Gov. Robert Bentley became the first southern governor to use his executive power to remove Confederate banners, as four flags with secessionist symbols were taken down from a large monument to rebel soldiers outside the state capitol in Montgomery. Pavin Smith homered and drove in three runs and Brandon Waddell turned in another strong College World Series pitching performance, leading Virginia over Vanderbilt 4-2 for the school's first baseball national championship.

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Today's Birthdays: Rock singer Arthur Brown is 74. Actress Michele Lee is 74. Actor-director Georg Stanford Brown is 73. Rock musician Jeff Beck is 72. Rock singer Colin Blunstone (The Zombies) is 71. Musician Mick Fleetwood is 69. Actor Peter Weller is 69. Rock musician John Illsley (Dire Straits) is 67. Actress Nancy Allen is 66. Reggae singer Derrick Simpson (Black Uhuru) is 66. Actor Joe Penny is 60. Reggae singer Astro (UB40) is 59. Singer-musician Andy McCluskey (Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark) is 57. Actor Iain Glen is 55. Rock singer Curt Smith is 55. Actress Danielle Spencer is 51. Actress Sherry Stringfield is 49. Singer Glenn Medeiros is 46. Actress Carla Gallo is 41. Actress-producer Mindy Kaling is 37. Actress Minka Kelly is 36. Actress Vanessa Ray (TV: "Blue Bloods") is 35. Actress Candice Patton is 31. Actress Kaitlin Cullum is 30. Singer Solange Knowles is 30. Actor Max Ehrich is 25.

Thought for Today: "You are what you settle for." — Janis Joplin, American blues and rock singer (1943-1970).