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Manager Wanted

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

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

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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FFA Leadership Retreat in Swan Lake, Viborg
Anniversaries: Doug & Melenie Sombke, Carroll & Pearl Dean.
Birthdays: Holly Johnson, Michael Baule.
10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study
5:30pm: Legion hosts Milbank (2)
6:00pm: T-Ball Gold hosts Ferney

Wednesday, June 29

FFA Leadership Retreat in Swan Lake, Viborg
Anniversaries: John & Meri Erickson, Gordon & Dorene Nelson.
Birthday: Derick Furman
7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study
12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center
6:00pm: NESDU8 in Groton (Groton Blue vs. Webster Wolves and Groton Red vs. Webster Saints)
7:00pm: NESDU8 in Groton (Groton Blue vs. Webster Saints and Groton Red vs. Webster Wolves)

Thursday, June 30

FFA Leadership Retreat in Swan Lake, Viborg
Birthdays: Brad Furman, Mary Anne Clark, CJ Lane, Alan Zoellner, Harvey Flihs Sr., Gilbert Hinkelman, Cole Larson, Steve Thurston, Haley Wheeler, June Meyer, Spencer Knecht.
5:30pm: Legion at Mobridge (2)
5:30pm: U8 Softball host Ipswich
6:00pm: Junior Teeners at Northville (DH)
6:00pm: NESDU10 in Britton (Britton vs. Groton Red in double header)

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District trying to save money by going local

The Groton Area School district is trying to get out of a three-year contract with Johnson Controls. "We are writing a letter to Johnson Controls and ask to be relieved of the contract," said Superintendent Joe Schwan. "We are starting the second of the three year contract." Schwan said they would like to go with Allied Climate Professionals, owned by Kevin Nehls and Trent Kahre. "Kevin has been working on our equipment and he knows our needs and lives in town," Schwan said. The district had signed up with a three-year service contract with Johnson Controls. At the time, the service agreement could be paid for with Capital Outlay Funds while any repairs had to come out of general fund. That is no longer the case as funds can be transferred between the two accounts up to a certain dollar amount. "It can actually save us money by making the change," Schwan said.

The soccer lease agreement was received Monday from the City of Groton. "We received the proposal after the agenda was published," Superintendent Schwan said, "so I'll review the terms of the agreement and bring it back for consideration on July 11."

The community engagement meetings for the proposed building projects have been set and are as follows: July 12, 7 p.m., Groton Community Center; July 21, 7 p.m., Columbia Legion; July 26, 6 p.m., Andover Senior Center (awaiting confirmation); July 26, 8 p.m., Bristol Community Center (awaiting confirmation); and July 28, 7 p.m., in Ferney (working on location).

There is going to be an emergency management exercise on the morning of August 24th, with the help of Brown County Emergency Management and many other interested agencies including Groton Fire and Rescue, Groton Police Department, Brown County Sheriff and South Dakota Highway Patrol. Numbers have been placed on the exterior doors of the facility at the recommendation of emergency personnel.

The special education fund has seen a drop in fund balance as there were 11 additional students needing services. The district has 71 students needing special education services. The fund had a \$210,021.48 starting balance and an ending balance of \$123,351.89. Business Manager Mike Weber said the district will need to have a promissory note to special education until the spring taxes arrive.

The 2017 valuations of the Groton Area School District increased to \$1,233,915,885, compared to \$1,081,691,041 in 2016 and \$771,319,615 in 2014.

The board accepted the low fuel bid quotes from Ken's Shell Express of Groton.

The board accepted the only quote for newspaper publishing which was from the Groton Independent.

ESY work agreements for Joni Groeblichhoff and Gail Kyar were amended to \$15 an hour. Nicholas Strom was hired as the assistant boys' basketball coach.



Dorene Nelson (far left) was reminiscing with Kiersten Gonsoir, Darlyne Johnson and Teri Kurtenbach, along with others, after the school board meeting Monday night. Nelson will be retiring from the school board. She has devoted over 70 percent of her life to the Groton Area School District.

Groton receives healthy grant for mosquito control

Groton received a \$5,000 grant from the Department of Health for mosquito control this year. Only 11 other programs in the state received more funding than Groton.

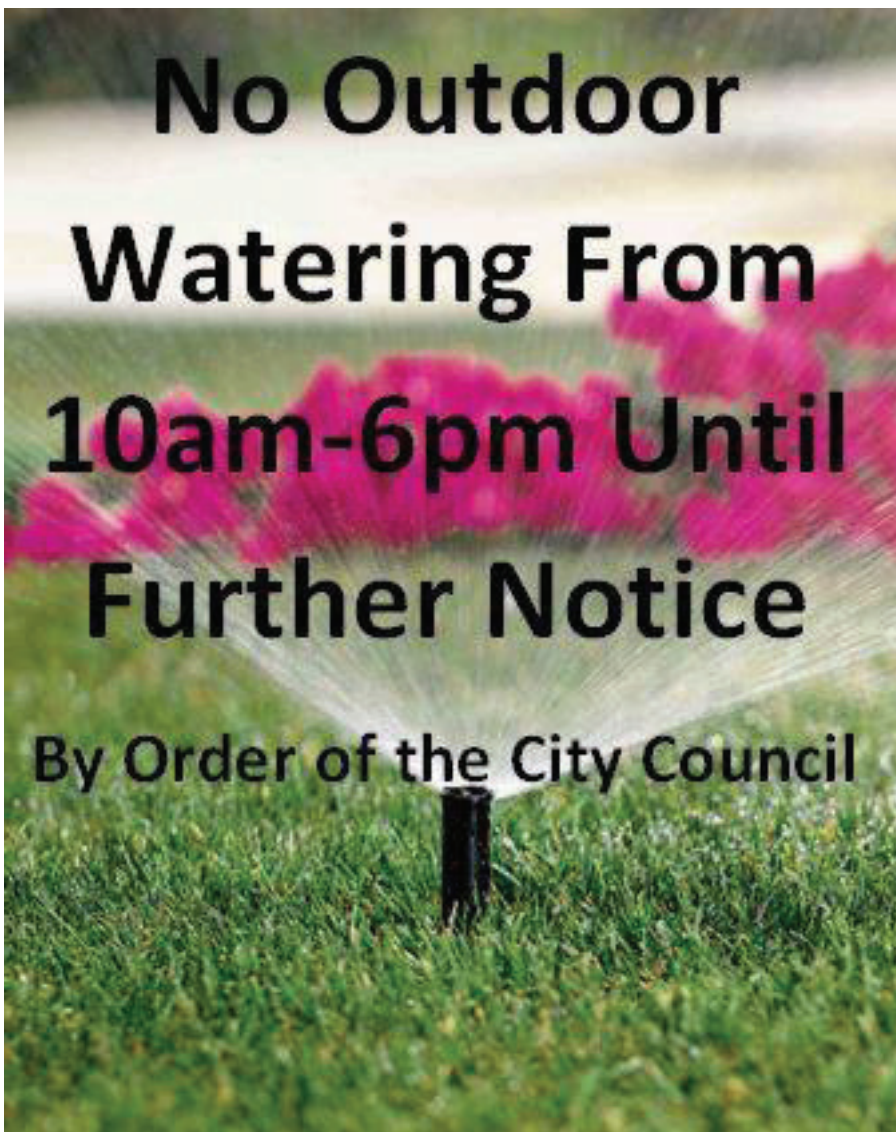
More than 200 South Dakota cities, counties and tribes will share in \$499,854 in grants intended to control mosquitoes and prevent West Nile virus (WNV), the Department of Health announced Monday.

All applying communities received funding, with grants ranging from \$450 to \$20,000. Grant awards were based on the population of the applying jurisdiction and its history of human WNV cases through 2015.

Since the state's first human case in 2002, South Dakota has reported 2,208 cases, including 696 hospitalizations and 32 deaths. Every county has reported cases. This season South Dakota reported its human WNV case, a Minnehaha County resident, on June 24.

Including this latest round of grants, the state has provided local mosquito control programs with more than \$6.5 million in support, in either direct grant funding or control chemicals, since the virus emerged in South Dakota.

Others in the area receiving funds were Aberdeen with \$20,000, Andover with \$500, Bristol with \$938, Britton with \$7,052, Claremont with \$2,231, Conde with \$750, Doland with \$937, Hecla with \$1,862, Ipswich with \$2,500, Langford, Pierpont, Roslyhn and Eden Coop with \$2,978, Redfield with \$4,473, Stratford with \$1,861, Turton with \$750, Webster with \$3,544 and Westport with \$2,659.



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**SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT
OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**



**Larry Zimmerman
Secretary**

Let's Light Up the Sky This Fourth of July!

As a little boy, the Fourth of July was all about going to the beach, baseball games, the parade, cookouts, and fireworks. I remember saving my money from my paper route and helping my dad with his milk route for months so I could buy a bunch of snaps, bottle rockets, firecrackers, snakes, poppers and sparklers. I remember gorging on hotdogs, burgers, fried chicken, and watermelon. It's safe to say, I had no clue what the Declaration of Independence was and why this celebration was so important to Americans.

This Fourth of July, I will stand proud and join all Americans in celebrating our independence. With vision and courage our founders stated, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

The truths set down in our Declaration of Independence are binding, and they continue to illuminate the course for future challenges. We have strived through decades of challenges to continue down the path our founders envisioned. As we continue to meet those challenges let us work together to ensure America remains the strongest force for peace, justice and freedom. Let us work to ensure our dreams can come true.

Our brave heroes are returning to the land of the free in need of our help and support to transition back into civilian life. President Theodore Roosevelt once said, "A man who is good enough to share his blood for his country is good enough to be given a square deal afterwards." Our men and women continue to shed blood to protect our freedom, and for this we owe them a great debt of gratitude for their service. Take time this Fourth of July to thank veterans for their service and encourage them to visit their county or tribal veterans service office. Freedom is not free and only because of the bravery and service of our armed forces does it ring loud and clear in our nation and around the world.

This Independence Day, let us all celebrate the brave spirit of those who founded the United States of America and the men and women who continue to ensure our freedom.

Larry Zimmerman, Secretary
South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs

Stable Gas Prices to Greet Record Number of Highway Travelers over the Fourth of July

June 27, 2016 – AAA is estimating a record number of South Dakotans will travel over the long Independence Day period – 131,300 in all – with 89 percent of them getting to holiday destinations by motor vehicle. Click here for the full July 4th travel news release issued by AAA South Dakota this morning.

“South Dakota’s gas price average is 40 cents below where it was a year ago on this date,” said Marilyn Buskohl, spokeswoman for AAA South Dakota. “So, it’s no surprise many of us are anxious to take advantage of these lower pump prices and head out of town when perhaps last year we didn’t.”

The price average for a gallon of regular unleaded has stabilized in South Dakota, AAA reports, remaining within the \$2.31to \$2.34 range for the last five weeks.

	Today	Last Week	Change	23-May	Change	Last year
Aberdeen	\$2.293	\$2.297	-\$0.004	\$2.187	\$0.106	\$2.695
Brookings	\$2.414	\$2.370	\$0.044	\$2.278	\$0.136	\$2.817
Huron	\$2.269	\$2.514	-\$0.245	\$2.149	\$0.120	\$2.904
Mitchell	\$2.351	\$2.332	\$0.019	\$2.169	\$0.182	\$2.647
Pierre	\$2.529	\$2.428	\$0.101	\$2.302	\$0.227	\$2.986
Rapid City	\$2.372	\$2.342	\$0.030	\$2.256	\$0.116	\$2.809
Sioux Falls	\$2.192	\$2.181	\$0.011	\$2.184	\$0.008	\$2.567
Vermillion	\$2.215	\$2.269	-\$0.054	\$2.266	-\$0.051	\$2.814
Watertown	\$2.414	\$2.332	\$0.082	\$2.269	\$0.145	\$2.733
Yankton	\$2.392	\$2.385	\$0.007	\$2.265	\$0.127	\$2.809
South Dakota	\$2.338	\$2.333	\$0.005	\$2.250	\$0.088	\$2.747

Nationwide, gasoline prices are holding steady and remain at their lowest levels for this time of year since 2005. Today’s national price average of \$2.31 per gallon is three cents per gallon below the price a week ago and two cents per gallon lower than the price one month ago. Year-over-year, drivers continue to benefit from noticeable discounts in the price to refuel their vehicles, and prices are down 47 cents per gallon versus this same date last year.

This year’s summer driving season across the country is likely to set records for both gasoline demand and vehicle miles traveled, and the latest data from the U.S. EIA shows that gasoline demand is currently at an all-time high. Refineries are reportedly increasing output and the supply of gasoline has more than kept pace with growing demand. However, strong demand can put additional pressure on refineries, and their ability to sustain output and keep gasoline flowing to markets directly impacts the price consumers pay at the pump

Refinery utilization rates reached its highest level since April and gasoline inventories posted an increase in the face of these record numbers. Gas prices have fallen for 16 consecutive days, and if the market can remain adequately supplied, drivers are likely to continue paying prices unseen for the summer months in more than a decade.

Quick Stats

- The nation’s least expensive markets are: South Carolina (\$2.00), Mississippi (\$2.06), Arkansas (\$2.07), Alabama (\$2.09) and Oklahoma (\$2.09).

- The West Coast leads the market and is posting some of the nation’s highest prices at the pump, led by: California (\$2.90), Hawaii (\$2.79), Alaska (\$2.66), Washington (\$2.65) and Nevada (\$2.55)

The Central Region

Oklahoma (\$2.09), Tennessee (\$2.10) and Missouri (\$2.11) are ranked in the nation’s top 10 least expensive markets, and prices in the Central States are expected to remain relatively lower. On the whole, weekly and monthly price comparisons show that prices are holding steady and with a few exceptions

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have moved by +/- 2 cents per gallon over these periods.

Oil Market Dynamics

The United Kingdom's decision to exit the European Union, also known as the "Brexit," reportedly contributed to West Texas Intermediate crude oil closing out the week at its steepest one-day loss since October. The global oil market has been characterized by extreme oversupply for the better part of the year, but the tide appeared to be turning thanks to record gasoline demand in the U.S. and expectations that demand from other nations would also grow. The Brexit put a damper on these speculations, however, because it contributed to the U.S. dollar gaining strength. A strong dollar makes crude oil more expensive for countries holding other currencies, which limits purchasing power, and could reduce global crude oil demand. The full impact of the Brexit remains unknown and both benchmarks opened the week trading lower.

At the close of Friday's formal trading session on the NYMEX, WTI was down \$2.47 and settled at \$47.64 per barrel – this represents a loss of 34 cents per barrel on the week.

Motorists can find current gas prices along their route with the free AAA Mobile app for iPhone, iPad and Android. The app can also be used to map a route, find discounts, book a hotel and access AAA roadside assistance. Learn more at AAA.com/mobile.

Groton City June 20 Minutes

June 20, 2016

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at the Groton Community Center for their regular second monthly meeting with the following members present: Fliehs, McGannon, Opp, Glover, Blackmun, Peterson, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Finance Officer Lowary, Attorney Johnson, Betty Breck, Paul Kosel and Kathy Sundermeier.

The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Blackmun and seconded by Glover. All members present voted aye.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Opp to authorize the following bills for payment. All members present voted aye.

First State Bank 15,546.80 ss & wh; Consolidated Fed Cr Union 2,250.00 emp savings; SD Sec of State 60.00 renew notaries; SD Dept of Revenue 150.00 malt bev lic; SD State Treas 8,846.26 sales tax; City of Groton 350.00 sav to pay, bb fees; 1st National Bank 9,604.27 lagoon loan; April Abeln 40.15 med flex; AFLAC 782.32 emp ins; AmeriPride 31.70 rug rent; Associated Supply Co 507.55 anchor, band, grip; Car Quest 255.13 supp; CWD 109.05 supplies, food; Cole Paper 122.53 bags; Colonial Research 147.20 soap; Dakota Pump Control 1,588.75 pump; Darrel's Sinclair 12.00 tire repair; Dearborne National Life Ins 88.00 emp life ins; Eide Bailly 11,000.00 audit; Farmers Union Coop 119.50 gas; Fordham Signs 1,340.00 signs; Geffdog Designs 371.31 shirts, hats; Groton Ford 80.00 alignment; Groton Vet Clinic 9.90 gloves; HD Sup- ply 211.92 clamp, cplg, ball; Harry Implement 144.79 belt, blade; Heartland Cons Power District 35,411.75 power; Drew Johnson 2,400.00 legal services; Kens Food Fair 842.11 supplies; Paul Kosel 239.00 med flex; Lien Transportation 2,436.11 hot mix; Kami Lipp 9.03 cleaner; Anita Lowary 135.28 meals, mileage; Lyle Signs 121.23 signs; MJs Sinclair 2,668.51 gas, tires; MTI 238.45 rotor, valve; Lee Nickeson 50.00 refund bb fee; Pepsi Cola 919.70 pop; Potting Shed 367.00 flowers; Pressure Washer Central 190.00 hose; RDO-John Deere Credit 352.56 repairs; SD Dept of Health 75.00 testing; SD Supplement Retirement 1,160.00 emp retirement; Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield 12,548.62 health ins; Western Area Power Adm 24,543.08 power

A motion by Blackmun and seconded by Peterson to give 1st Reading to Ordinance No. 705, Amending the Fines for Blowing Yard Waste into the Street or Alley, from \$500 and jail time for each violation to Warnings and fines from \$25 to \$400. All members present voted aye.

A Water Tower Replacement Reserve in the Water Fund was established to save for the replacement of the current water tower in the next few years. 1st Reading was given to Ordinance No. 706, A Water Tower Replacement Fee, establishes a monthly fee of \$5.00 per household to be added the water rates

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on a motion by Opp and seconded by Flihs. All members present voted aye.

Council reviewed Community Center rates. A rental fee of \$15 and all cleanup at \$20 per hour for a partial daily rent was established for temporary business uses by Blackmun and seconded by McGannon. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Opp to pay umpires for girls softball games at a rate of \$20 for the plate and \$15 for the line. All members present voted aye.

Grants applications which are available for a portion of expenses to cap the railroad well from James River Water Development District and to GFP for a matching grant for the baseball playground equipment will be made.

A couple houses needing attention due to hazardous conditions will be notified by mail and action must be taken to make repairs or the city will cause it to happen and all costs will be added to property taxes on a motion by Opp and seconded by McGannon. All members present voted aye.

Electric rates and administrative rules were started to be reviewed.

Finance Officer Lowary reported on the Finance Officer School, Human Resources School, and the SDML board meeting.

Meetings available to Council members for Budgets, Elected Officials training, Heartland Power, and the DOT 2017 plans through Groton were announced. Blackmun will attend the budget meeting. Hanlon will attend the DOT meeting. Lowary and Lambertz will attend the Heartland Power District meeting.

Betty Breck requested time to address the Council, but since she was not on the agenda, she was not allowed to speak.

At 8:07pm the Council adjourned into executive session on a motion by Opp and seconded by Peterson to discuss legal matters and personnel. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened at 9:03pm.

Meeting adjourned.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer

State Park Visitors are Advised to Leave Fireworks at Home

PIERRE, S.D. – The upcoming Fourth of July holiday is a busy time in South Dakota's state parks and recreation areas. The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) is asking state park visitors to leave fireworks at home.

According to Katie Ceroll, state parks director, campgrounds are traditionally busy with campers and other visitors enjoying the parks during this time period.

"Parks are a Fourth of July destination. For many guests, the trip is a family tradition. High use of the campgrounds, beaches and day-use areas over the holiday weekend is a given," said Ceroll.

Discharging fireworks is prohibited on all lands owned or leased by GFP. The ban includes state parks, recreation areas, lakeside use areas, game production areas and nature areas. Discharging fireworks is also illegal within the boundaries of the Black Hills Forest Fire Protection District, national forests and national parks in South Dakota.

For more information on the South Dakota State Parks, visit gfp.sd.gov or call 605.773.3391.

Help Plants Deal with Drought and Heat by Using Mulch

Column by David F. Graper, SDSU Extension Horticulture Specialist & Master Gardener
Program Coordinator

As of June 21, 2016, nearly 47 percent of South Dakota was declared under a drought. The extreme temperatures, combined with wind, have significantly dried out many areas of the state, particularly West River.

Another important point to remember is that many gardeners just planted their gardens a few weeks ago, so plants have not developed a very extensive root system to absorb water.

This is particularly a problem for vegetables and flowers planted as transplants. While in the greenhouse, they were likely watered at least once per day to provide ample water to the confined roots in the cell packs or small pots in which those plants were growing.

Gardeners need to remember that even though these small plants now have the room to spread out by producing new roots, there hasn't been enough time for that to happen so early in the season. So, transplants should be watered quite frequently to make sure that the soil surrounding the root balls of these small plants does not dry out significantly because the original root ball is still the primary source of water for the plants.

Mulch: Defense against heat & drought

Mulch can be one way to help plants remain healthy and growing while water is scarce and temperatures climb into the mid-80s and higher.

Mulches, and in particular lighter-colored organic mulches, shade the soil to keep it cooler, which in turn helps to reduce water loss from the soil and the plants growing there.

As plants warm up, they use the process of transpiration to keep from getting too hot.

Transpiration is sort of like perspiration in that water vapor exits the leaves through tiny pores called stomata. As that water vapor evaporates it cools the leaves.

It is very important for plants to not get too hot. Since a mulched soil will not lose as much water as a bare soil, it will be able to provide a source of water to the plants for a longer period of time.

If plants run out of water that they can absorb from the soil, they will close up their stomata to prevent additional water loss but this then can cause the plants to overheat.

The stomata are also used to allow carbon dioxide to enter the leaf where it is used for photosynthesis. Oxygen produced from photosynthesis also exits the leaf through the stomata. Therefore, if the stomata are closed, this can slow or even shut down photosynthesis. Furthermore, if the plant continues to heat up and wilt significantly it can die.

Mulch Types

There are many different materials that can be used as a mulch around vegetables and flowers. My preference is to use an organic mulch whenever possible.

One of the primary reasons for this is that these kinds of mulches will break down over time to add nutrients and organic matter to the soil. Inorganic mulches, like plastics, can work very well and may prevent weeds better than some organic mulches, but they will generally need to be removed at some point and disposed of.

Organic Mulches

Grass Clippings. Probably the most common organic mulch that people use is grass clippings. These can work very well in the vegetable garden. However, they should be applied carefully so that you do not apply a layer more than 1/2 -inch deep at one time.

Multiple applications can be made but they should not ever get more than 3 to 4-inches deep. They shade the soil, conserve moisture and can reduce weed problems. However, if they mat down, they can impede water absorption into the soil and they can give off a bad odor during wet conditions too.

You can decrease weed seed germination by first applying a few layers of regular newspaper to the ground, then cover that with the grass clippings. Water it all down to help the clippings to adhere to the newspaper and help it to stick to the soil so it does not blow away as easily. The newspaper helps reduce

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weed seed germination because it covers the soil more consistently than a sprinkle of grass clippings.

Know the source of clippings

One has to be careful as to the source of those clippings and the history of the grass that produced them. Lawn herbicides can still be present on grass clippings, even weeks after they were applied.

Sensitive plants like tomatoes and potatoes can show damage from herbicides like 2,4-D and Banvel within just a few days of using contaminated clippings around plants.

Generally it will take one to two months for 2,4-D to break down to a safe level, once it has been applied to a lawn. Banvel can take 3 to 12 months!

Some of the other commercially applied, weed control products will need a similar time frame to effectively break down. So, while these are commonly used, probably the best place for your grass clippings is on the lawn. As long as you mow on a regular basis, not removing more than one-third of the grass blade height at one mowing, a regular lawn mower should distribute them nicely over the surface of the lawn where they will filter down in between the grass plants and decompose, recycling that expensive fertilizer you may have applied to your lawn as well as adding valuable organic matter to the soil.

Leaves & Pine Needles Leaves and pine needles are another organic mulching material to consider. However, most people do not have a lot of leaves in the early summer to use as a mulch for their gardens. The answer is to plan ahead by bagging your dry leaves in the fall, store them for the winter and spring, then use them as a mulch the next year. Pine needles may be more available in the early summer but because they are less likely to decompose in one gardening season, they might be better used as a mulch in a flower garden or landscape.

Straw & Hay Straw or hay are other organic options.

Of the two, the hay may be the better choice, particularly if it contains alfalfa or clover, both of which will provide a higher amount of nitrogen to the soil as they decompose. Once again, you need to be careful of potential herbicide contamination in the straw and both might be contaminated with weed seeds.

Look for certified weed-free straw which should be free of any weed seeds. It might still have some grain seed in it but this is usually of minimal concern and can be pulled easily. Straw works particularly well as a mulch around potatoes where you would ordinarily be hilling the potatoes to encourage greater tuber production.

Paper & Cardboard. Shredded office paper can be used, but like the newspaper mentioned earlier, it will blow away in the wind if it is not wetted down right away and then flattened into the soil. Cardboard is another option but it too can blow away and it may impede water absorption into the soil but that may not be a real problem in between rows of plants. It is effective in preventing weed growth however and can be held down by using landscape pins.

Living Mulches

Living mulches are gaining interest. In this case you actually plant a variety of vegetables, often in a raised bed, close enough together that there simply isn't room for weeds to grow.

Each plant helps to shade the soil, keep it cool and reduce weed seed germination and growth. For example, you might plant lettuce or spinach around your broccoli transplants.

As the salad greens grow, they can be harvested and the broccoli will grow nicely above the top of the lettuce and spinach.

Some people are using leguminous plants like perennial Dutch white clover. You can plant it in the aisles between the rows of your vegetables. It helps compete with weeds, gives you a nice soft path to walk on and works particularly well with larger plants that are grown in the rows.

Clovers can also fix nitrogen which can become available to vegetable plants.

Some people like to let purslane grow in between their vegetables and some even say it makes their tomatoes taste better. They also like to harvest the purslane and add it to their salads. But many gardeners consider purslane one of their most undesirable weeds and do their best to keep it out of their garden.

Cover crops like oats, buckwheat, rye, or legumes can also be incorporated into the garden.

These are usually planted during a fallow year for the garden, in the fall after the garden is finished or

early in the spring before the regular garden is planted. The vegetation is then usually mowed or rolled down to cover the soil or tilled into the soil. Cover crops can provide erosion protection as well as a great source of organic matter for your garden's soil.

Inorganic Mulches

Inorganic mulches are fairly popular as well. These are usually plastic mulches or films that are laid down on top of the soil or over a shaped bed.

Often drip irrigation tapes or lines are laid beneath the plastic to facilitate irrigation.

Vegetables are transplanted into holes that are punched or cut into the plastic. Weed barrier fabrics may also be used but are usually much more expensive.

Home gardeners may find these mulches very appealing since you can also use an ooze hose for irrigation beneath the plastic or fabric.

Market and commercial growers often use inorganic mulches to reduce weed management and other costs.

Since these mulches are usually black, they help to warm the soil early in the season, giving warm-season vegetables a quicker start than if they were planted directly in the soil.

Some special mulching films have two layers. The first layer is black, which deteriorates after a few weeks to expose a white layer. The black layer helped to warm the soil while the white layer helps to keep the soil and plants from getting too hot. Other mulching films come in other colors to assist in pest deterrence and management.

Organic mulches may actually keep the soil cooler early in the season. However, picking up and disposing of the plastic can be a real chore and environmental expense.

How the Retirement Estimator Works

The Retirement Estimator (www.ssa.gov/retire/estimator.html) gives estimates based on your actual Social Security earnings record. Please keep in mind that these are just estimates. We can't provide your actual benefit amount until you apply for benefits. That amount may differ from the estimates provided because:

- Your earnings may increase or decrease in the future.
- After you start receiving benefits, they will be adjusted for cost-of-living increases.
- Your estimated benefits are based on current law. The law governing benefit amounts may change because, by 2034, the payroll taxes collected will be enough to pay only about 79 cents for each dollar of scheduled benefits.
- Your benefit amount may be affected by military service, railroad employment or pensions earned through work on which you did not pay Social Security tax.

Who Can Use the Retirement Estimator

You can use the Retirement Estimator if:

- You have enough Social Security credits at this time to qualify for benefits and
- You are not:
 - o Currently receiving benefits on your own Social Security record;
 - o Waiting for a decision about your application for benefits or Medicare;
 - o Age 62 or older and receiving benefits on another Social Security record; or
 - o Eligible for a Pension Based on Work Not Covered By Social Security.

Please visit www.ssa.gov/retire/estimator.html and start planning your future today!



New cross at Groton Cemetery

A new cross was erected at the Groton Union Cemetery on Monday. The old concrete cross was removed last year and a new wooden one was erected in the Catholic side of the cemetery. The city crew of Shawn Lambertz and Dan Sunne put the cross up.



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Groton Garden Club

The Garden Club met June 20 at 5:30 pm at the home of Marj Overacker with Pat Larson assisting. Following supper president Beverly Sombke opened the meeting by leading the pledges. Yearbooks were distributed. The Rocky Mt. Fall meeting will be held in Ruertom, Wy., September 9-10. Yard of the week schedules were filled out. Eunice McCollister reported she and Elda Stange had attended the State meeting in Milbrank, June 18. During the meeting there was a memorial service honoring Gladys Dirks. Next meeting will be July 18, at the home of Linda Gengerke with Linda Anderson assisting. Linda Gengerke will give the program.

ABC

The Adult Birthday Club met at the Olive Grove Club House for its June meeting with Deloris Knoll as hostess. Prizes were awarded to Marian Raines, Grace Albrecht and Lorraine Sippel. The honors were awarded to Lorraine Sippel. Mel Eikamp was a guest. The August 2 meeting will be held in Aberdeen at Darlene Fisher's home. There will not be a July meeting due to the Fourth of July.

Mitchell Technical Institutue Preisent's List

Mitchell—A total of 373 students at Mitchell Technical Institute have been placed on the Spring Semester 2016 President's List, according to MTI President Mark Wilson. To be named to the list, students must earn a term GPA of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and complete at least 12 credit hours of academic work during the semester.

Included on the Spring 2016 President's List are Dustin Bergan, Columbia; Aaron Herman, Ferney; Hailey Sumption, Frederick; and Nickolas Johnson, Groton.

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Today in Weather History

June 28, 1961: An F2 tornado skipped ESE from about 5 miles south of Eureka to Lake Mina. About twelve farm buildings were destroyed. A house was damaged when a small shed was smashed against it in Hillsvie. The storm struck north of Roscoe where a barn was unroofed. A second F2 tornado struck west of Hoven. On one farm, a barn, and five small buildings were destroyed, although grain bin nearby was untouched. Another farm, across the road, lost four buildings including a house. The Langford area of Marshall County was struck by an EF2 tornado shortly after 8:00 pm. An estimated 15 to 20 farm buildings were demolished or heavily damaged, and a store in town was partially unroofed.

June 28, 1982: An estimated thunderstorm wind gust up to 94 mph knocked down trees and caused minor structural damage to several homes just west of Wheaton, Minnesota.

June 28, 1990: KDIO radio in Ortonville, Minnesota, clocked winds of 80 to 85 mph for several minutes as a thunderstorm passed. There were reports of numerous trees downed and scattered power outages in Ortonville.

1788 - The Battle of Monmouth in central New Jersey was fought in sweltering heat. The temperature was 96 degrees in the shade, and there were more casualties from the heat than from bullets. (David Ludlum)

1892 - The temperature at Orogrande UT soared to 116 degrees to establish a record for the state. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders)

1923 - A massive tornado hit Sandusky, OH, then swept across Lake Erie to strike the town of Lorain. The tornado killed 86 persons and caused twelve million dollars damage. The tornado outbreak that day was the worst of record for the state of Ohio up til that time. (David Ludlum)

1975 - Lee Trevino and two other golfers are struck by lightning at the Western Open golf tournament in Oak Brook, IL. (The Weather Channel)

1980 - The temperature at Wichita Falls, TX, soared to 117 degrees, their hottest reading of record. Daily highs were 110 degrees or above between the 24th of June and the 3rd of July. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Thunderstorms developing along a cold front produced severe weather in the north central U.S. Thunderstorms in Nebraska produced wind gusts to 70 mph and baseball size hail at Arapahoe, and wind gusts to 80 mph along with baseball size hail at Wolback and Belgrade. Six cities in the Ohio Valley reported record low temperatures for the date, including Cincinnati, OH, with a reading of 50 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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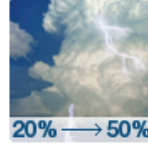




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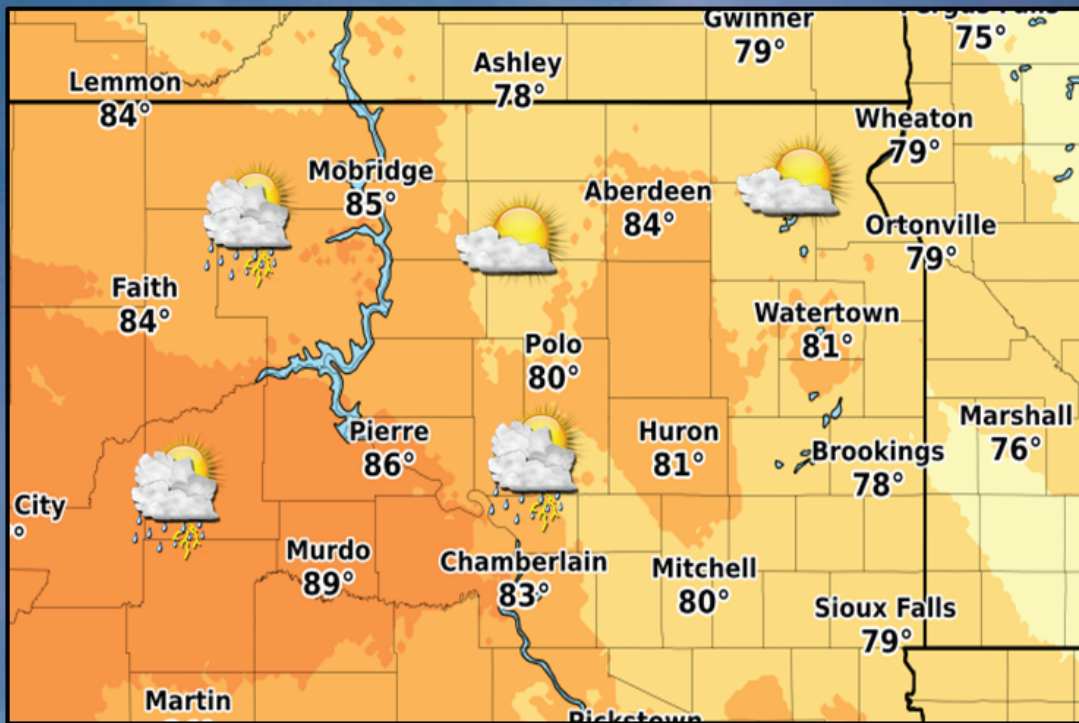


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Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday
						
Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Slight Chance T-storms then Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	Slight Chance T-storms	Mostly Clear	Sunny
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Updated: 6/28/2016 4:19 AM Central

Published on: 06/28/2016 at 4:23AM

Surface high pressure will largely be in control of the weather across eastern portions of the forecast area today, with light winds, mostly sunny skies, and dry conditions. Further west across western and central South Dakota, widely scattered thunderstorms are expected. Any severe storms are expected to remain mainly west of the Missouri River. Highs will rise into the 80s for most areas today, with readings topping out a few degrees warmer than Monday's temperatures.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 75.4 F at 3:47 PM

Heat Index: 76.0 at 2:26 PM

Low Outside Temp: 54.9 F at 5:24 AM

High Gust: 23.0 Mph at 12:58 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 112° in 1931

Record Low: 40 in 1951

Average High: 81°F

Average Low: 57°F

Average Precip in June: 3.47

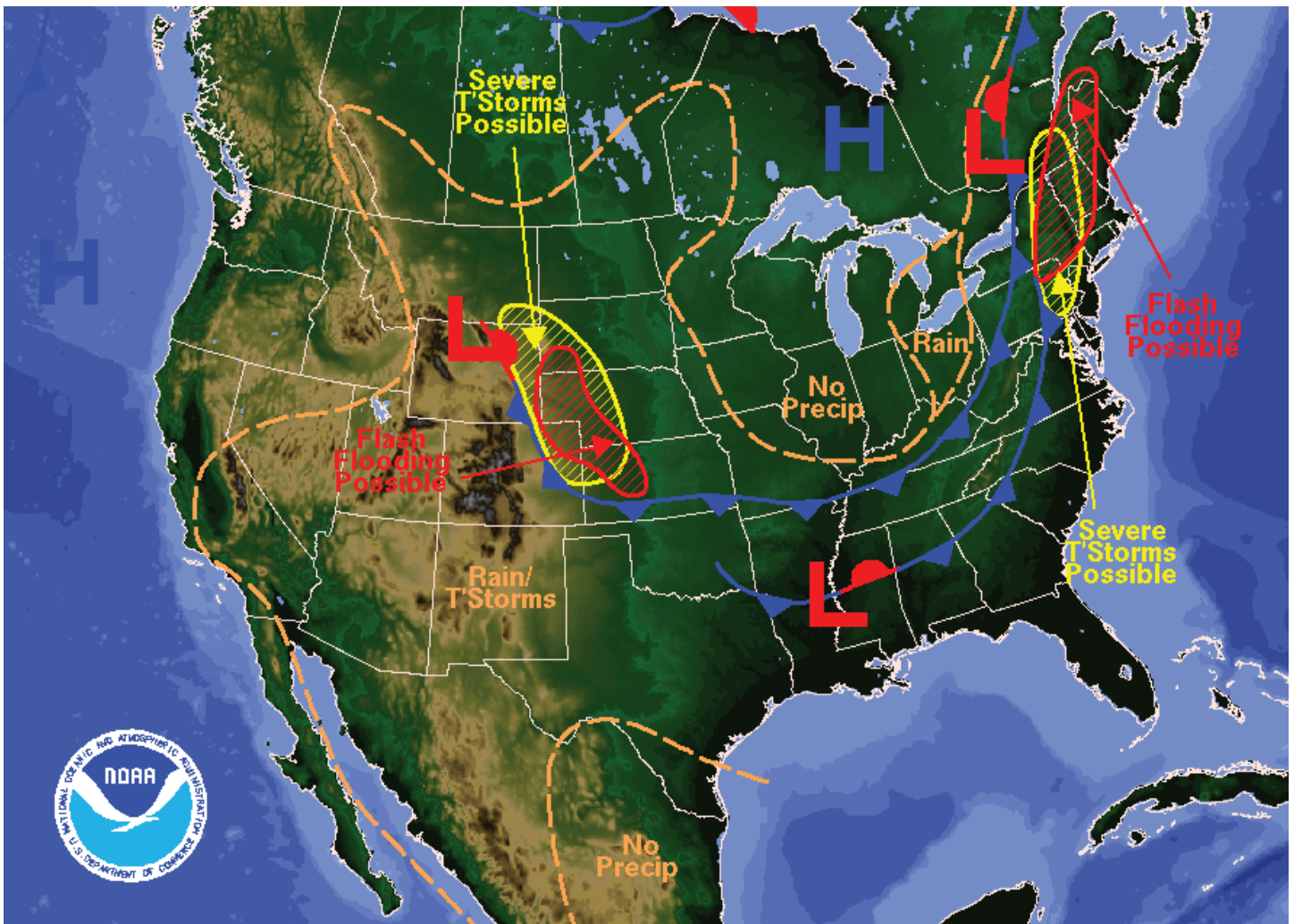
Precip to date in June: 1.67

Average Precip to date: 10.61

Precip Year to Date: 6.66

Sunset Tonight: 9:26 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:48 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Jun 28, 2016, issued 4:51 AM EDT
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Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



THE PROMISE OF PATIENCE

When I was a child, I was fascinated by my father's garden. Each spring we would plant little seeds that would grow into large plants that produced all types of vegetables. One day I decided to plant my own garden.

Carefully I "turned" the soil and placed the same seeds that my father planted in straight rows separated with room enough for them to grow. Then I went into our house and watched my garden through the window of my bedroom. Every morning and evening I would visit the garden to look for some sign that would assure me that my garden was growing.

Finally, in desperation for some sign that my garden was "working" just like my dad's, I dug up the seeds to see what was going on. To my surprise I discovered that they were still seeds. I had faith and hope, but no patience.

Sometimes during the difficult periods of life we sow seeds in the garden of prayer and water them with times of meditation, faith and hope. But we lose patience with God and do not give Him enough time to do His work. His Word reminds us, "When the way is rough, your patience has a chance to grow."

Prayer: Help us, Lord, to wait on You for lessons in patience that we all need to learn. Only then will we be strong enough to face the challenges of life. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: 2 Peter 1:1-7 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.

News from the Associated Press

Personnel battling Crow Peak wildfire grows to nearly 420

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — The number of personnel battling a wildfire on Crow Peak west of Spearfish has grown to nearly 420, with more arriving.

The fire sparked by lightning Friday evening has burned an estimated 1,000 acres, or about 1 ½ square miles. There is still no containment.

Crews are battling the flames on the ground and from the air. Voluntary evacuation notices have been issued, with 16 structures close to the fire. Higgins Gulch Road is closed to the public.

The area is a popular recreation destination. Black Hills National Forest officials have issued a temporary closure order for the immediate fire area for public safety.

Gas line rupture in Pierre leads to evacuations, no injuries

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Nearly 70 people were evacuated from residences, a library and a YMCA in Pierre after a city street crew ruptured an underground gas line.

No injuries were reported in the Monday afternoon incident. The evacuees were allowed to return after about two hours.

Montana-Dakota Utilities spokesman Mark Hanson says it took about three hours for workers to repair the line.

Over 200 cities, counties and tribes get mosquito grants

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The state Department of Health says over 200 cities, counties and tribes in South Dakota are sharing about \$500,000 in grants for mosquito control and West Nile virus prevention.

The agency says all of the communities that applied got grants, which ranged from \$450 to \$20,000. South Dakota in June had its first confirmed human case of West Nile virus this season.

The mosquito-borne virus was first confirmed in South Dakota in 2002. Since then, the state has reported 2,208 human cases, including 696 hospitalizations and 32 deaths.

South Dakota has provided over \$6.5 million in support to local mosquito programs since West Nile virus emerged in the state.

Crow Peak wildfire still uncontained; grows to 1,000 acres

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say a wildfire on Crow Peak near Spearfish has grown from about 300 to 1,000 acres in the last day.

The fire is on a scenic peak that includes a popular hiking trail. Rugged terrain has made combating the blaze difficult for firefighters. They're fighting the flames on the ground and from the air.

The number of firefighters working to contain the lightning-caused fire is up to about 135, with more personnel on the way.

Voluntary evacuation notices have been issued, with 16 structures close to the fire.

The fire is about 4 miles west of Spearfish and 2 miles south of Interstate 90. The Black Hills State University campus is being used as a staging area for firefighters.

Prosecutors: GEAR UP defendant misused nonprofit's money

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Rapid City man facing felony charges from South Dakota's GEAR UP scandal allegedly spent money meant to help Native American youths on steakhouse meals, electronics and other personal expenses, the Attorney General's office said in a Monday court filing.

Prosecutors want to introduce evidence that former GEAR UP official Stacy Phelps misused funds from the nonprofit American Indian Institute for Innovation to show that Phelps' motive in allegedly helping a couple who had been embezzling was to avoid a potential audit of the Institute, where he was chief executive. Phelps, 42, is charged with two counts of falsifying evidence and two counts of conspiracy to offer forged or fraudulent evidence.

The court filing says Phelps spent more than \$60,000 of the Institute's money at Sam's Club between October 2011 and December 2014; roughly \$58,000 at Wal-Mart between November 2011 and December 2014; nearly \$21,000 at Best Buy between February 2012 and Sept 2015; and more than \$20,000 at Computer Village between December 2011 and September 2015, among other transactions.

Prosecutors also detail lavish spending at restaurants from Seattle to New York.

Defense attorney Dana Hanna said that they "are all legitimate work-related expenses that were submitted and approved as legitimate work-related expenses."

Three people, including Phelps, have pleaded not guilty to charges stemming from a financial investigation into the GEAR UP college-readiness program. The investigation was launched after Scott Westerhuis in September shot his wife, Nicole Westerhuis, and their four children, then set fire to their home and killed himself.

Authorities say the Westerhuises used the Institute, where they had fiscal oversight, to embezzle money from their employer, Mid-Central Educational Cooperative. Their deaths came hours after the state informed Mid-Central it was losing a contract for GEAR UP because of financial problems and accounting failures.

According to court documents, the couple took money from Mid-Central's bank account without authorization to fund the Institute's payroll.

By November 2015, the Institute owed Mid-Central as much as \$826,000 for payroll, according to Stephanie Hubers, a former business employee at Mid-Central who has been charged.

Dan Guericke, who has been Mid-Central's director, faces six felony counts for falsifying evidence and conspiring to offer forged or fraudulent evidence.

Guericke and Phelps are accused of backdating two contracts between Mid-Central and the Institute in August 2015 before they were made available to the state Department of Legislative Audit. Authorities say the contract changes were an attempt to avoid a potential audit of the Institute.

Prosecutors said in the filing that an audit would have stopped Phelps' "unchecked spending" and brought his and Scott Westerhuis' "financial schemes" to light. The state also wants to introduce evidence from an email exchange between Westerhuis and Phelps to show that the two wanted to avoid questioning from the Institute's governing board.

Attorney General Marty Jackley wasn't immediately available for comment.

TransCanada seeks \$15B for rejection of Keystone pipeline

GRANT SCHULTE, Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The company that proposed the Keystone XL pipeline is seeking \$15 billion in damages from the federal government after the Obama administration rejected the Canada-to-Texas

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project, a company spokesman said Monday.

TransCanada Inc. filed a request for arbitration Friday under the North American Free Trade Agreement, arguing that the State Department's actions led the company to believe the project would win approval. Obama rejected a federal permit for the project in November, saying it would have undercut the nation's reputation as a global leader on addressing climate change.

The Calgary-based company argues that it moved forward with the project under the assumption that it would win approval, given numerous federal reviews and the government's approval of the original Keystone pipeline. It also alleges that the administration rejected the project to bolster its environmental credentials.

"TransCanada has been unjustly deprived of the value of its multi-billion dollar investment by the U.S. Administration's arbitrary and unjustified denial," company spokesman Mark Cooper said. "It is our responsibility to take the actions we deem appropriate to protect our rights."

The pipeline would have carried 830,000 barrels of crude oil per day from Hardisty, Alberta, in Canada to Steele City, Nebraska, where it would have connected to existing pipelines running south to Gulf Coast refineries. The final route would have run through Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

A State Department spokesman said the agency doesn't comment on pending litigation.

The \$8 billion pipeline, first announced in 2008, faced numerous roadblocks from environmental groups, as well as some landowners where it would have crossed.

Pipeline opponents said the claim highlights a problem with NAFTA as well as the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership, which Congress has yet to ratify. Both allow foreign companies to challenge domestic laws in front of international arbitration panels, and could be used to circumvent federal environmental rules, said Michael Brune, the Sierra Club's executive director.

"TransCanada filed this NAFTA challenge as a bullying tactic," said Jane Kleeb, executive director of the anti-pipeline group Bold Nebraska.

Warm, windy conditions affect condition of some crops

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Warm and windy conditions across much of South Dakota in the last week have hurt the condition of some crops and pastures.

The Agriculture Department says in its weekly crop report that topsoil moisture was rated 37 percent short or very short, and subsoil moisture was 29 percent short or very short.

The report says the spring wheat condition was rated 5 percent excellent, 53 percent good, 34 percent fair, 7 percent poor and 1 percent very poor.

Pasture and range conditions statewide are rated 61 percent good to excellent, down from 66 percent the previous week. Stock water supplies are 83 percent adequate to surplus, a drop of 4 percent.

The alfalfa crop is rated 48 percent fair and 32 percent good to excellent.

North Dakota Insurance Department fines Sanford over ads

BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota Insurance Commissioner Adam Hamm on Monday fined Sanford Health Plan \$22,000 for not properly filing advertisements for Medicare supplement insurance and for leaving out required information in the ads.

Dakotas-based Sanford over a five-year period beginning in 2010 failed to file 14 ads with his department as required by law, according to Hamm. If the ads had been filed, Hamm said, he would have

required Sanford to make several changes in them.

Sanford agreed to the discipline, and "I am satisfied Sanford Health Plan has taken corrective action to ensure this situation won't happen again," Hamm said in a statement.

Sanford Health Plan is a subsidiary of Sanford Health, based in Fargo, North Dakota, and Sioux Falls, South Dakota. It's one of the largest health systems in the nation, with hundreds of hospitals and clinics in nine states. Sanford spokesman Darren Huber issued a statement acknowledging that the ads were not properly filed for approval.

"We paid a small fine, fixed the issue and haven't had any problems since," he said.

North Dakota law requires anyone selling Medicare supplement insurance to provide a copy of advertisements within 10 days of their first use in the state for review and approval by the insurance commissioner. Hamm's order said Sanford failed to do so with print ads that were published in the Fargo, Finley, Mayville and Bismarck areas; with some online and radio ads; and in direct mail letters, postcards and pamphlets.

Hamm said in his order that after reviewing the 14 ads, he determined that nine had content that he would have required Sanford to change.

"Because the ad did not reference all the other plans or suggest there were other plans available, it did not meet statutory requirements," Hamm said in a statement to The Associated Press. "The reason for this law is so that consumers, which are mostly seniors, know there are other plans."

Hamm fined Sanford \$14,000 for not filing the ads and \$8,000 for not having complete information in them.

Sanford officials declined to elaborate to the AP on how the problem happened. Lisa Carlson, Sanford Health Plan's planning and regulation director in Sioux Falls, waived the company's right to a hearing on the matter.

Egg-laying chickens and eggs both down in South Dakota

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Egg-laying chickens and eggs are down in South Dakota.

The Agriculture Department reports layers during May totaled 2.1 million, down from 2.2 million the previous year.

Egg production during the month totaled 52 million eggs, down from 57 million in 2015. Production per 100 layers was 2,471 eggs, compared to 2,602 last year.

Pat Summitt, winningest coach in D1 history, has died at 64

STEVE MEGARGEE, AP Sports Writer

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Pat Summitt, the winningest coach in Division I college basketball history who uplifted the women's game from obscurity to national prominence during her 38-year career at Tennessee, died Tuesday morning. She was 64.

With an icy glare on the sidelines, Summitt led the Lady Vols to eight national championships and prominence on a campus steeped in the traditions of the football-rich south until she retired in 2012.

Her son, Tyler Summitt, issued a statement Tuesday morning saying his mother died peacefully at Sherrill Hill Senior Living in Knoxville surrounded by those who loved her most.

"Since 2011, my mother has battled her toughest opponent, early onset dementia, 'Alzheimer's Type,' and she did so with bravely fierce determination just as she did with every opponent she ever faced," Tyler Summitt said. "Even though it's incredibly difficult to come to terms that she is no longer with us, we can all find peace in knowing she no longer carries the heavy burden of this disease."

Summitt helped grow college women's basketball as her Lady Vols dominated the sport in the late

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1980s and 1990s, winning six titles in 12 years. Tennessee — the only school she coached — won NCAA titles in 1987, 1989, 1991, 1996-98 and 2007-08. Summitt had a career record of 1,098-208 in 38 seasons, plus 18 NCAA Final Four appearances.

She announced in 2011 at age 59 that she'd been diagnosed with early onset dementia. She coached one more season before stepping down. At her retirement, Summitt's eight national titles ranked behind the 10 won by former UCLA men's coach John Wooden. UConn coach Geno Auriemma passed Summitt after she retired.

When she stepped down, Summitt called her coaching career a "great ride."

Summitt was a tough taskmaster with a frosty glower that could strike the fear of failure in her players. She punished one team that stayed up partying before an early morning practice by running them until they vomited. She even placed garbage cans in the gym so they'd have somewhere to be sick.

Nevertheless, she enjoyed such an intimate relationship with her players that they called her "Pat."

Known for her boundless energy, Summitt set her clocks ahead a few minutes to stay on schedule.

"The lady does not slow down, ever," one of her players, Kellie Jolly, said in 1998. "If you can ever catch her sitting down doing nothing, you are one special person."

Summitt never had a losing record and her teams made the NCAA Tournament every season. She began her coaching career at Tennessee in the 1974-75 season, when her team finished 16-8.

With a 75-54 victory against Purdue on March 22, 2005, she earned her 880th victory, moving her past North Carolina's Dean Smith as the all-time winningest coach in NCAA history. She earned her 1,000th career win with a 73-43 victory against Georgia on Feb. 5, 2009.

Summitt won 16 Southeastern Conference regular season titles, as well as 16 conference tournament titles. She was an eight-time SEC coach of the year and seven-time NCAA coach of the year. She also coached the U.S. women's Olympic team to the 1984 gold medal.

Summitt's greatest adversary on the court was Auriemma. The two teams played 22 times from 1995-2007. Summitt ended the series after the 2007 season.

"Pat's vision for the game of women's basketball and her relentless drive pushed the game to a new level and made it possible for the rest of us to accomplish what we did," Auriemma said at the time of her retirement.

In 1999, Summitt was inducted as part of the inaugural class of the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame. She made the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame a year later. In 2013, she also was given the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor.

Summitt was such a competitor that she refused to let a pilot land in Virginia when she went into labor while on a recruiting trip in 1990. Virginia had beaten her Lady Vols a few months earlier, preventing them from playing for a national title on their home floor.

But it was only in 2012 when being honored with the Arthur Ashe Courage Award that Summitt shared she had six miscarriages before giving birth to her son, Tyler.

She was born June 14, 1952, in Henrietta, Tennessee, and graduated from Cheatham County Central High School just west of Nashville. She played college basketball at the University of Tennessee at Martin where she received her bachelor's degree in physical education. She was the co-captain of the 1976 U.S. Olympic team, which won the silver medal.

After playing at UT Martin, she was hired as a graduate assistant at Tennessee and took over when the previous head coach left.

She wrote a motivational book in 1998, "Reach for the Summitt." Additionally, she worked with Sally Jenkins on "Raise the Roof," a book about the 1997-98 championship season, and also detailed her battle with dementia in a memoir, "Sum It Up," released in March 2013 and also co-written with Jenkins.

"It's hard to pinpoint the exact day that I first noticed something wrong," Summitt wrote. "Over the

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course of a year, from 2010 to 2011, I began to experience a troubling series of lapses. I had to ask people to remind me of the same things, over and over. I'd ask three times in the space of an hour, 'What time is my meeting again?' - and then be late."

Summitt started a foundation in her name to fight Alzheimer's in 2011 that has raised millions of dollars.

After she retired, Summitt was given the title head coach emeritus at Tennessee. She had been cutting back her public appearances over the past few years. She came to a handful of Tennessee games this past season and occasionally also traveled to watch her son Tyler coach at Louisiana Tech the last two years.

Earlier this year, Summitt moved out of her home into an upscale retirement resort when her regular home underwent renovations.

Summitt is the only person to have two courts used by NCAA Division I basketball teams named in her honor: "Pat Head Summitt Court" at the University of Tennessee-Martin, and "The Summitt" at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. She also has two streets named after her: "Pat Summitt Street" on the University of Tennessee-Knoxville campus and "Pat Head Summitt Avenue" on the University of Tennessee-Martin campus.

She is survived by son Tyler Summitt. He said a private funeral and burial will be held in Middle Tennessee and asked that the family's privacy be respected. A public memorial service is being planned for Thompson-Boling Arena.

EU lawmakers tell UK: If you're leaving, get moving

LORNE COOK, Associated Press

RAF CASERT, Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — Indignant European Union lawmakers pressed Britain to end the uncertainty that has gripped European and global markets, saying Tuesday that if it intends to leave, it should start the process immediately.

Prime Minister David Cameron entered talks with European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker hours ahead of an EU summit which is expected to hear from the British leaders that exit talks might not be launched before October. Cameron has said he wants informal talks on what comes next before that happens.

Juncker and other European leaders insisted they won't begin any talks until Britain invokes the EU Constitution's Article 50, which sets in motion a two-year process to split.

In an unprecedented emergency session of the EU parliament, called after Britain voted Thursday to leave the union, EU Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker demanded that Britain clarify its future.

"I want the U.K. to clarify its position. Not today, not tomorrow at 9 a.m., but soon," he told lawmakers. "We cannot allow ourselves to remain in a prolonged period of uncertainty."

Juncker said he had banned his policy commissioners from holding any secret talks with Britain on its future until London triggers the exit clause.

"No notification. No negotiation," he said to resounding applause.

Nigel Farage, a British member of the European Parliament and a leader in the "leave" movement, was booed and jeered when he urged Europe to give Britain a good trade deal when it leaves, saying jobs in Germany's auto sector might be at stake if it doesn't.

"Why don't we just be pragmatic, sensible, grown-up, reasonable ... and cut a sensible tariff-free deal?" he asked.

In a speech interrupted several times due to the noise, Farage warned: "The UK will not be the last

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member state to leave the European Union.”

Bearing out his words, French far-right leader Marine Le Pen called the British vote “an extraordinary victory for democracy — a slap for a European system based more and more on fear, blackmail and lies.”

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said she will use “all her strength” to prevent the EU from drifting apart. She and other EU leaders were beginning a two-day summit later Tuesday to hear Cameron’s position and chart the way forward.

Britain’s “leave” leaders hope that the nation can still enjoy many perks of the EU internal market for business, while being able to deny EU citizens entry to Britain to address concerns about immigration that were a key factor in the vote. Merkel, head of the EU’s biggest economy, made clear that isn’t an option.

In an address to the German Parliament before heading to Brussels, Merkel said she expects that Britain will want to maintain “close relations” with the EU once it leaves, but warned it cannot expect a business-as-usual approach.

“Whoever wants to leave this family cannot expect to have no more obligations but to keep privileges,” she said. “We will ensure that the negotiations are not carried out with the principle of cherry picking.”

She and other leaders joined Juncker in saying there can be no talks with Britain until it starts the formal procedure to leave.

Lawmakers paid tribute to Britain’s commissioner in Brussels, Jonathan Hill, who resigned after last week’s vote. He wept in the parliament Tuesday as he received a standing ovation.

German court restarts trial after judge repeatedly nods off

BERLIN (AP) — A German court had to restart the trial of two men suspected of robbing a grocery store because a judge kept nodding off during the proceedings.

The Muenster state court told the dpa news agency on Tuesday that the presiding judge decided it was better to start things over than provide immediate grounds for an appeal.

German trials are typically heard by a panel of five judges — three professionals and two lay judges. In this case, it was one of the lay judges who couldn’t stay awake on Monday.

Fortunately, it was the first day of the trial and it was able to start again from scratch after an alternate judge took his place.

Generation EU: British vote often pitted old against young

RAPHAEL SATTER, Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The day after Britain voted to leave the European Union, 69-year-old Mary Crossley of London said she got a phone call from her 31-year-old daughter. She seemed pretty annoyed.

“You’ve messed us up, mum,” Crossley said her daughter told her. “She kept telling me off.”

Crossley and her husband Barry had cast their ballots for a British exit — or Brexit — from the 28-nation EU. Crossley said her daughter Elizabeth had voted to remain in the union, fearing that the economic turmoil triggered by a Brexit would harm her husband’s business.

It wasn’t a serious dispute. Mary, interviewed at her north London home, said she was now looking after her daughter’s beagle mix. Still, the family’s intergenerational angst is an illustration of how last week’s referendum did more than just pit the “leave” forces against the “remain” side. In many cases, it pitted the old against the young.

In interviews with The Associated Press, Brits in their 20s and 30s described disagreements between

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euroskeptic parents and their more internationally minded children. The more passionate disagreements led to angry phone calls, accusatory text messages and — in one or two cases — parents and children who haven't spoken since the EU referendum results became known early Friday.

The reasons for the family feuds are as diverse as the families themselves, but for many young supporters of the "remain" camp, it's the prospect of seeing their parents shut the gates to Europe that galls, particularly as Britain's baby boomers prepare to bequeath their children a national debt of more than 1.6 trillion pounds (\$2.1 trillion.)

"We will never know the full extent of the lost opportunities, friendships, marriages and experiences we will be denied," 25-year-old Nicholas Barret wrote in a widely shared missive to the Financial Times. "Freedom of movement was taken away by our parents, uncles, and grandparents in a parting blow to a generation that was already drowning in the debts of our predecessors."

Surveys show a notable division between Britain's young and old on Brexit; an Ipsos MORI survey showed 64 percent of those aged 18 to 35 favored the "remain" side, with 60 percent of those aged 55 and over backing Brexit. The telephone survey was conducted June 21-22 and had a margin of error of 4 percent.

One expert said there was a clear age gap, but he added that was a feature of every election.

"The generational thing was entirely expected, but it's being played up because the overall outcome was so unexpected," said Justin Fischer, a professor of political science at Brunel University London. He laughed at the idea — floated by some disappointed youngsters — that the older generation had effectively stolen the vote from their children.

"You can't deny the vote to someone because they're likely to die in 10 years," he noted, adding that the youth turnout was, as is almost always the case, well below that of their elders.

"Had younger people turned out in higher numbers than they did, 'remain' might have won," Fischer said.

Some Britons don't buy the idea that the referendum was a young-versus-old contest.

"All of my grandparents voted for 'remain,'" said Andy Martin, a 23-year-old student in London. Martin said he was devastated by the vote — "it's the first time politics ever made me cry" — but he said journalists shouldn't overemphasize the battle of the generations. At least one other member of his family had voted to leave the EU and that "had more to do with their ideology than their age."

Barry Crossley said he'd voted against the EU back in 1975, when it was still called the European Economic Community, during Britain's last referendum on membership.

"I voted to stay out then," he said with a smile. "I knew it was going to be bad."

While social media has served up tales of dramatic fallings-out between children and their parents over Britain's place in Europe, others merely had good-tempered differences of opinion.

"Although we disagreed, we didn't have a disagreement," said 25-year-old paralegal Maia Duffield, who voted to remain while her father voted to leave.

Some parents even consulted their children, a nod to the idea that Britain's place in Europe means more to its young than to its elders.

Francesca Roberts, a 28-year-old who voted to remain, said some of her peers felt like "the older generation has shot a few holes in the ship and then left on the last lifeboat."

But that wasn't the case with her 57-year-old consultant father, Chris, who told The Associated Press he carefully considered his daughter's input.

In business as in politics, he said, it was important to keep the younger generation's perspective in mind.

"Otherwise you get stuck," he said.

So while the left-wing Francesca said she almost always clashes politically with her more right-wing dad, on the day of the EU referendum, he sent her a text message that read: "Wandering down to vote. Just wanted to say that despite our different views at times you do inform my thinking and I hope today sets a path to protect your future."

Finishing the text with a blown kiss emoji, he wrote: "This is your vote more than mine."

House Republicans' report fault Obama on Benghazi attacks

MATTHEW DALY, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans on the House Benghazi Committee faulted the Obama administration Tuesday in a report on the deadly 2012 attacks in Benghazi, Libya.

The panel's chairman, Rep. Trey Gowdy of South Carolina, and other Republicans accuse the Obama administration of stonewalling important documents and witnesses. Democrats say the panel's primary goal is to undermine Hillary Clinton's presidential bid.

Clinton was secretary of state during the attacks, which killed four Americans, including U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens.

Democrats released a report Monday saying that while the State Department's security measures in Benghazi the night of Sept. 11, 2012 were "woefully inadequate," Clinton never personally turned down a request for additional security at the U.S. outpost in Benghazi. Democrats said the military could not have done anything differently that night to save the lives of four Americans.

The dueling reports highlighted the partisanship of the inquiry, which has been marked by finger-pointing on both sides.

On Tuesday, the panel's Democrats denounced the Republicans' report as "a conspiracy theory on steroids — bringing back long-debunked allegations with no credible evidence whatsoever." The statement added: "Republicans promised a process and report that was fair and bipartisan, but this is exactly the opposite."

The State Department also issued a statement before the report's unveiling, saying that the "essential facts surrounding the 2012 attacks in Benghazi have been known for some time," and have been the subject of numerous reviews including that by an independent review board.

"We have made great progress towards making our posts safer since 2012," the statement said.

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. SUPREME COURT RULING ON ABORTION HAS WIDE-RANGING IMPACT

By striking down abortion restrictions in Texas, abortion-rights activists nationwide are emboldened and a range of anti-abortion laws in numerous states are in peril.

2. MERKEL SAYS NO OBLIGATIONS, NO PRIVILEGES TO UK

The German Chancellor says she will use "all her strength" to prevent the European Union from drifting apart in the wake of Britain's decision to leave the trade bloc.

3. HOW TRUMP IS SHIFTING ON MUSLIM BAN

With his poll numbers sliding, his spokeswoman says he's no longer seeking the restriction at all and will instead offer an approach based on an undefined standard of terrorism.

4. VW OFFERING OPTIONS IN EMISSIONS-CHEATING SCANDAL

In a settlement, Volkswagen diesel owners can choose to either sell their car back to the company or

get a repair that could diminish the vehicle's performance.

5. AIRPORT SECURITY FIX: BETTER TRAINING — FOR HUMANS AND DOGS

AP gets a look inside a new TSA central training center for new hires and a base where handlers train dogs to sniff out bombs.

6. MED SCHOOLS EXPAND LESSONS ON PAINKILLER ABUSE

Schools are increasingly teaching students to prescribe opioids only as a last resort and to evaluate all patients for drug abuse.

7. WHY THIS RAMADAN IS ESPECIALLY TOUGH IN WEST BANK

Already dealing with scorching summer heat, Palestinians in the north of the territory say Israel has intentionally cut the water flow to their taps.

8. CONGRESSIONAL DYSFUNCTION LIKELY TO STALL ZIKA BILL

It is possible lawmakers may recess without addressing Obama's \$1.9 billion request to combat a potential public health crisis from the mosquito-borne virus.

9. 'WALK THIS WAY' FOR A CUP OF JOE

A rock 'n' roll-themed coffee shop owned by Aerosmith drummer Joey Kramer is set to open in suburban Boston this week.

10. HOOPS LEGEND PASSES AWAY

Pat Summitt, the winningest coach in Division I college basketball history who helped boost the women's game to the big time in a 38-year career at Tennessee, is dead at 64.

Israel bans access for non-Muslims to Jerusalem holy site

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli police on Tuesday banned non-Muslims from a contentious Jerusalem holy site until the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan following repeated clashes with Palestinian rioters.

Police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said rocks and other objects were hurled toward police forces Jewish worshippers in a nearby plaza. He said a 73-year-old woman was lightly wounded and police arrested 16 suspects in the disturbances. As a result, police decided to close access to Jewish worshippers and other visitors for the remainder of the week to prevent tensions with Muslim worshippers until Ramadan is over. Throughout the week Palestinians had holed themselves up in the Al-Aqsa Mosque atop the mount and attacked officers with fireworks and other objects they had stockpiled inside.

The mosque is part of a compound sacred to both Muslims and Jews. Muslims refer to it as the Noble Sanctuary, where they believe the Prophet Muhammad embarked on a night journey to heaven, while Jews refer to it the Temple Mount, where the two Jewish temples stood in biblical times.

Violence had erupted at the site in mid-September before spreading elsewhere.

Since then Palestinians have carried out dozens of attacks, including stabbings, shootings and car ramming assaults, killing 32 Israelis and two visiting Americans. About 200 Palestinians have been killed during that time, most identified as attackers by Israel.

The unrest has led to renewed calls for peace talks, which last broke down more than two years ago.

1st hearing in fight over release of Pulse 911 calls

MIKE SCHNEIDER, Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A preliminary hearing will lay out ground rules for another hearing later this week on the fight between media companies and the city of Orlando over whether 911 calls from the mass shooting at a Florida nightclub can be made public.

Circuit Judge Margaret Schreiber is presiding over Tuesday's scheduled hearing involving Orlando officials and nearly two dozen news organizations including The Associated Press, CNN and The New York Times.

The media lawsuit contends city officials are wrongly withholding recordings of 911 calls and communications between gunman Omar Mateen and the Orlando Police Department. Mateen was killed by police early June 12 after a standoff in the shooting at the Pulse nightclub that killed 49 people and wounded 53 others.

City officials claim the recordings are exempt under Florida law.

In rain-soaked West Virginia, flood victim planning funerals

JOHN RABY, Associated Press

JONATHAN MATTISE, Associated Press

RAINELLE, W.Va. (AP) — Like other business operators along Main Street in the West Virginia town of Rainelle, Pamela Wallace Arnold is slowly cleaning up from state's worst flooding in decades. As a funeral planner, she's also helping to bury the dead.

She runs Wallace and Wallace, one of two funeral chapels in this West Virginia town of 1,500 residents. Wallace is doing double duty drying out her rain-soaked business — launched by her great-great-grandfather in 1926 — while planning the funerals of some of the flood victims.

Rainelle is in Greenbrier County, where 15 of the state's 23 deaths from last week's devastating floods occurred. Where the visitations will be held, not even Wallace knows. She's also not sure whether she can ever reopen at the same location.

She just understands that the community needs her.

"Obviously, our very first concern is taking care of the families," she said Monday. "We have to get somewhere quickly so we can take care of things."

Wallace is looking for another place where she can relocate temporarily. If not, her business has locations in other towns.

Thousands of homes and businesses across this mountainous state were damaged or destroyed when up to 9 inches of rain fell in a short span, causing perhaps the worst flooding West Virginia has seen in three decades. More than 400 people were living in shelters statewide.

Some of the worst destruction occurred in Rainelle, which is surrounded by hills, the Meadow River and several tributaries. Once home to the largest hardwood lumber mill in the world, the town's motto displayed on its website reads: "A town built to carry on ... building great things since 1906."

Now rebuilding will have to be done.

Further up Main Street, Smathers Funeral Chapel has not received inquiries about handling flood-related funerals for local residents. But owner Monica Smathers Venable said her phone system has not been working properly since the floods.

Storm damage prohibited Venable from holding a funeral Saturday unrelated to the floods. She hoped to conduct it Tuesday but isn't sure yet due to uncertainty about ongoing storms and road conditions.

Venable, too, is worried about damage at her site.

"If the building is not structurally sound, that changes everything," she said. "If it's just cosmetic, I think we'll have a go at it."

At the Park Center shopping plaza, state troopers assisted with traffic flow and helped carry items to a supply drop-off and distribution center while helicopters buzzed overhead.

The Rainelle United Methodist Church, made entirely of American Chestnut lumber, was turned into

a donation center. The church basement flooded but the main level, which sits higher off the ground, was spared.

Cindy Chamberlain, who oversees the shopping center distribution center, said she worked with the American Red Cross during the massive response to Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans more than a decade earlier.

"It parallels Katrina. It is that bad," she said.

Downpours on Monday brought back fears of the flood to some residents.

"That was the first thing that went through my head," Valerie Oney said. "I was like, 'Oh my, is this going to happen again? Are we sacrificing everything for nothing?'"

Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin defended the state's preparation and response, but conceded they were caught off guard by an uncertain forecast and by how much rain fell so quickly.

"We didn't anticipate, I don't think, being as bad as it was with as heavy amounts as we had," Tomblin said. "I think that it just came up so fast."

Rainelle resident George Wagner, who lost all his possessions when his apartment flooded, said he was aware of warnings about potential floods the night before the storms.

"I'm going to be paying more attention to the warnings and watches until I find another place," he said. "It's not going to be around water, that's for sure."

Some residents have formed armed patrols to protect what was left of their homes and possessions after some reports of looting. Fayette County Sheriff Steve Kessler warned potential looters in a Facebook post that anyone caught would be arrested and jailed.

Oakland votes to ban coal shipments, citing health risks

JANIE HAR, Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The Oakland City Council voted unanimously to kill a plan to use a proposed marine terminal to transport Utah coal to Asia, calling such shipments public health and safety hazards. Backers argued the project would bring needed jobs to an impoverished part of town.

Monday's night's vote — which prompted environmental activists still in council chambers after four hours to break into applause — approved an ordinance that bans the transport, handling and storage of coal and petroleum coke at bulk material facilities or terminals in Oakland.

"We want jobs that people can have, and have a long life and they don't have to rely upon a job of desperation," said Council President Lynette Gibson McElhaney after the vote. "I just believe that we can do better in Oakland." The ordinance requires a second vote.

City leaders have wrestled with the issue for more than a year, as detractors and supporters of the proposed marine terminal argued over the environmental dangers of bringing millions of tons of coal through the area and the economic benefits of good-paying union jobs.

The terminal is part of a larger makeover of an army base that closed in 1999, eliminating thousands of jobs. The proposed terminal is in West Oakland, a historically black neighborhood that's among the poorest and most polluted in the region. The council approved the project before the coal proposal was made.

It's uncertain whether the terminal will continue without shipping coal. A lawyer for the Oregon Bulk and Oversized Terminal on Monday sent the council a letter detailing potential legal consequences.

"Politically, no quantity of handling coal or petcoke under whatever extraordinary standard will be tolerated," said David Smith. "While that may accomplish a political outcome, it is only the first steps

towards an unfortunate legal outcome.”

City leaders said they were confident they could overcome a legal challenge.

More than 150 people on both sides rallied outside the building Monday before the evening meeting. They packed the council's chamber, cheering and booing as speakers testified. At times, it was so hard to hear speakers that the council president had to ask security to remove some people from the room.

Coal proponents railed at the council for what they saw as a pre-ordained vote. They argued that any environmental impact would be mitigated by transporting coal in covered rail cars that are unloaded underground.

“We agree 1,000 percent that West Oakland is polluted,” said Ron Muhammad, a fourth-generation resident of West Oakland. “But the project has a plan to mitigate it, to address it, so since the public health portion is taken out of the picture, then it goes back to the jobs.”

On the other side, coal opponents argued there was no way to keep coal dust from escaping into the air, and that rail shipment would worsen the health of children already disadvantaged by poverty and bad air.

“This whole notion of coal-covered cars is rather ridiculous to say the least because it's never been done before,” said Derrick Muhammad of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, which opposes the shipment of coal.

Among the speakers were residents of Utah who were furious that their state lawmakers had pumped more than \$50 million in public money to build the facility, hoping to spur investment in the state's rural counties.

Justice quest goes on after 'Freedom Summer' court cases end

JEFF AMY, Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — The search for courtroom justice in the 1964 “Freedom Summer” killings of three civil rights workers in Mississippi's Neshoba County is over, more than a half century after they died, but some Mississippians and the relatives of the slain men say the search for another kind of justice still is still ongoing.

Mississippi Attorney General Jim Hood announced last week there's no longer any way to gather enough evidence to charge any remaining suspects in the slayings of James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner.

His announcement marks a turning point. The three men, barely adults when a group of Ku Klux Klansmen killed them June 21, 1964, would be past retirement age today. Those who knew them or who lived then in Neshoba County are aging. For many, the 1988 movie “Mississippi Burning” may be their only knowledge of the case.

Few close to the case say they were surprised that Hood said no more prosecutions were possible, citing elderly and uncooperative witnesses and lost records.

“With knowledge of the case and knowledge of those who were involved, I think it was a reasonable choice to do so,” said Philadelphia Mayor James Young, the Neshoba County seat's first African-American mayor. “The grave can only give so much information.”

But relatives of Chaney, Goodman and Schwerner, as well as Mississippians who have sought further prosecutions for more than 25 years, say the search for a justice that brings social healing still goes on.

“The whole issue of reconciliation and redemption is a battle that will go on for decades,” said Dick Molpus, a Philadelphia native and former Mississippi Secretary of State. In a watershed speech at the 25th anniversary of the deaths in 1989, Molpus apologized on behalf of the community.

Chaney, Goodman and Schwerner disappeared after venturing into Neshoba County to investigate

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the burning of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church and the beating of its African-American members. The three men's bodies were found weeks later in an earthen dam. After an FBI investigation, eight people were convicted in 1967 of federal civil rights violations related to the killings.

The final prosecution came in 2005, when Hood and the Neshoba County district attorney won three manslaughter convictions against white supremacist Edgar Ray Killen. He remains in prison.

David Goodman, Andrew Goodman's brother, said it's still important to recognize what happened and analyze it, even if that leads to uncomfortable conclusions. Goodman says the tension between civic ideals and the racism that led to his brother's murder remains present in American life.

"It's like life in general," said Goodman, who lives in New Jersey. "You have these great ideals and then everyday practices that arguably could be viewed as the exact opposite."

Goodman and Rita Bender, Schwerner's widow and a Seattle resident, say it's wrong to focus only on the Klansmen involved in the killings, or even on Neshoba County. They say a society-wide reckoning with racism is still needed.

Mississippi, by some measures, has made significant progress. A state where blacks once faced violence for trying to vote now has hundreds of black elected officials. Yet its electorate remains racially polarized.

Prominent groups are trying to promote racial reconciliation. One is Mission Mississippi, a faith-based effort that encourages people to build deeper relationships across racial lines.

"Let's deal with it in a way that will turn it into a positive for the whole society," said Mission Mississippi President Neddie Winters. "How do we learn how to trust each other? How can we move past the issues that divide us?"

Susan Glisson is executive director of the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation at the University of Mississippi. The group has worked with people in Philadelphia and elsewhere to examine histories of anti-black violence. While legal punishment may no longer be possible, Glisson said restorative justice still is. That approach tries to repair harm through a cooperative process involving victims, offenders and community members.

"I do think there's a different culture now, of reaching out to create relationships, instead of not talking about those issues or actively avoiding those issues," Glisson said.

A 2006 Mississippi law required schools to teach about civil rights. And a museum devoted to the civil rights struggle is supposed to open next year, adjacent to a broader state history museum.

In Neshoba County, some energy from the Philadelphia Coalition, the group of residents who publicly sought prosecutions, has shifted to the next generation. Leroy Clemons, an original coalition member, now leads the Neshoba Youth Coalition.

"Today, if you come into Philadelphia, the children can tell you the story," he said.

Clemons, like others, says he thinks some of the work building relationships has borne fruit in Philadelphia.

"The progress in our community was never tied to whether that case was open or not," he said.

How Clinton's and Trump's economic prescriptions clash

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican Donald Trump will deliver a speech outlining his trade policies on Tuesday — a talk that is sure to underscore the stark differences between his approach and that of likely Democratic rival Hillary Clinton when it comes to handling the economy.

Trump favors big tax cuts that mainly would help the rich. Clinton wants to boost taxes on high earners.

Clinton wants to raise the minimum wage nationwide. Trump favors leaving it to the states.

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Trump sees a middle class crushed by trade deals, globalization and shameless corporations moving jobs overseas.

Clinton argues that rebuilding the middle class requires government aid for higher education and job training. She wants to push corporations to share profits and raise pay.

The two candidates sketched out their dueling economic visions in speeches last week that highlighted their clashing ideas for energizing growth and hiring.

Some similarities between the two emerged as well, easily overlooked amid the back-and-forth. Both laced their speeches with populist attacks on Wall Street and descriptions of the economy as "rigged," though Trump, aiming to draw supporters of Democratic candidate Bernie Sanders, did so more than Clinton.

Both also stressed the need for more widely shared prosperity, a nod to the notion that economic growth since the end of the Great Recession has served mainly wealthier households and a handful of dynamic cities.

Overall, Clinton has made many more specific proposals than Trump, who has yet to spell out plans in such key areas as education, job training or the rebuilding of roads, bridges and other infrastructure.

He spoke of building "the greatest infrastructure on the planet earth" but hasn't laid out how he would do so.

Many of Clinton's plans — raising taxes on wealthier households and boosting financial aid for education and job training — resemble President Barack Obama's and, economists say, largely reflect the status quo.

"The Clinton plan is very much in line with Obama's campaign proposals and the budgets he has proposed as president," said Josh Bivens, research and policy director for the liberal Economic Policy Institute.

Most economists have been dismissive of Trump's economic proposals, particularly his steep tax cuts.

"The Trump plan is just this enormous tax cut that couldn't be adopted," said Alan Auerbach, an economics professor at the University of California, Berkeley and a leading expert on tax and budget policy. "I don't even know to evaluate it."

Some highlights of the candidates' economic proposals:

TRADE

CLINTON: Says she opposes the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement with 11 other nations along the Pacific Rim. She had endorsed the pact when she was secretary of state. She pledges to step up enforcement of trade laws that can be used to bar low-priced imports by creating a chief trade prosecutor and tripling the number of trade enforcement officers.

TRUMP: Opposes the Trans-Pacific Partnership accord. Has threatened to impose a 45 percent tariff on Chinese imports in retaliation for Beijing's currency manipulation. He also would impose a 35 percent tariff on imports from Mexico to discourage U.S. companies from moving there. He'll deliver a speech on the topic Tuesday, which his team has titled "Declaring American Economic Independence" at Alumisource, a factory in Monessen, Pennsylvania, about an hour south of Pittsburgh.

TAXES

TRUMP: Proposes huge across-the-board tax cuts that would mostly benefit wealthier Americans. He would replace seven current tax rates with three. The top tax rate would be 25 percent, down from 39.6 percent. The two other rates would be 10 percent and 20 percent. Taxes on dividends and capital gains would be capped at 20 percent. He would eliminate the tax on large estates.

CLINTON: Supports large tax increases on wealthier Americans. She would add a 4 percent tax sur-

charge on incomes above \$5 million, effectively creating a new top bracket of 43.6 percent. Those earning above \$1 million a year would be subject to a minimum 30 percent income tax. She would also reduce the value of tax deductions and exemptions for wealthy taxpayers. And she would increase the estate tax.

MINIMUM WAGE

TRUMP: During the primaries, he supported keeping the federal minimum wage at \$7.25 an hour. But in May, he changed his position and said it should be higher. Has not specified a minimum wage and said it should be left up to states.

CLINTON: Supports a \$12-an-hour federal minimum wage and "state and local efforts" to raise the minimum to \$15.

INFRASTRUCTURE

CLINTON: Proposes spending \$275 billion on repairing and building roads and bridges, expanding public transportation and increasing high-speed internet access. Of that amount, \$250 billion would be spent directly on infrastructure over five years. Would also create a \$25 billion infrastructure bank that would be independent but government-owned and would offer loans and other financial aid for infrastructure projects.

TRUMP: Hasn't proposed specific plans but says, if he's elected: "We will build the greatest infrastructure on the planet Earth."

Palestinians say Israel caused their summer water shortage

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SALEM, West Bank (AP) — As Palestinians in the West Bank fast from dawn to dusk in scorching heat during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, tens of thousands of people have been affected by a drought that has greatly reduced the flow to their taps.

Israel admits it's been forced to cut water supplies to the parched area, saying that nearby Jewish settlements have also been affected. But Palestinian areas appear to have been hit much harder, and both sides are blaming each other for the painful situation.

The water shortage has harmed farmers, forced people to bathe less and created a booming business for tanker trucks that travel from house to house delivering water.

Israel blames it on the unusually early summer heat and the Palestinians' refusal to cooperate with Israel on renovating their leaky pipe system. Palestinians say the shortage is evidence of the uneven distribution of the water that runs beneath their feet in an underground aquifer — a distribution that was enshrined in an outdated peace agreement.

Ironically, the shortages come as Israel has made great strides toward water independence through a fast-growing desalinization program. Today, desalinated water provides about 30 percent of Israel's water and has reduced the semi-arid country's dependency on meek rivers and sparse rainfall.

But the Palestinian villages in the West Bank and some isolated Israeli settlements are not connected to the national water grid, relying instead on local underground supplies.

Israeli environmental advocate Gidon Bromberg says the water shortage is "outrageous."

"The fact there is excess water in Israel means for very first time, the natural water can be shared at low cost to Israel and high gain to Palestinians and Israelis together," said Bromberg, the director of EcoPeace Middle East, a group that promotes region-wide environmental cooperation.

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In Salem, a village of 7,000 people in the northern West Bank, for a month now, Israel has slowed the water flow by two-thirds, said local water engineer Wahed Hamdan. What remains is further reduced by the village's leaky pipe system, which was installed back in 1982, he said.

To cope with the diminished flow, Salem has instituted a rotation regime between neighborhoods, Hamdan said. Residents use pumps to bring the trickle to storage tanks on their roofs but the weak stream cannot reach homes on the outskirts of the village.

When the water runs out, Mohammed Fahmi, 22, does a brisk trade supplying the village homes via 800-gallon (3,000-liter) tankers, which he delivers for 80 shekels, or about \$20 per truck — which can quadruple a family's monthly water bill.

The water comes from wells drilled by the Palestinian Authority. But there's often not enough for everyone. "Some people wait two days until I can deliver," Fahmi said.

Suleiman Hasan, a driver from Salem, said he is showering less to save water. His garden has dried up, and his olive tree has turned yellow.

By contrast, in the West Bank's political center of Ramallah, water is delivered twice a week, and the pressure is high enough to reach rooftop storage tanks without extra pumping. Usually, supplies last until the next delivery.

The story of the West Bank's water woes goes back to the 1967 Mideast war, when Israel conquered the territory from Jordan and took control of the water resources below ground. Under the interim peace accords signed in 1995, Israel controls 80 percent of shared water resources, while the Palestinian Authority is entitled to drill 20 percent. Israel must sell additional water to the Palestinians.

The Oslo Accords, which divided up the natural water resources, were intended to last for five years, pending a final peace agreement. But they remain in effect after two decades of failed peace efforts.

Israel Water Authority spokesman Uri Schor said Israel sells the Palestinians 64 million cubic meters of water each year, double the amount stipulated in the 1995 accords. He said that to protect the groundwater, Israel has reduced supplies to both Palestinian and Israeli communities in the West Bank. He would not say how much has been reduced to each side.

Schor accused the Palestinians of refusing to convene the Joint Water Committee, a body established by the Oslo Accords to manage the shared water resources. Without the committee, Schor says, it's impossible to approve repairs to infrastructure — and damaged pipes can drain away up to a third of supplies.

"The Palestinians are taking advantage of this to say Israel is taking our water," he said. "This is rubbish. The area has a problem and this can be solved by upgrading all the infrastructure, but the Palestinians veto this."

Palestinian Water Authority director Mazen Ghoneim countered that, saying the joint committee has not met in five years because Israelis use it to force Palestinians to approve water projects for Israeli settlements, which the Palestinians and most of the international community consider illegal.

Ghoneim demanded a renegotiation of the 80-20 percent ratio of water sharing in the West Bank and alleged that the Palestinian share of the water has actually declined due to the increased population and worsening leakage. He said villages and cities that are home to some 120,000 Palestinians have been affected.

Israeli and Palestinian leaders have not been willing to renegotiate water access without a larger peace deal — which seems highly unlikely, at least in the near future, amid the stalled Mideast negotiations.

In the meantime, foreign governments have attempted to help the Palestinians improve their water network. Since 2000, the American government's agency USAID has spent tens of millions of dollars upgrading some 600 miles (900 kilometers) of pipelines, mostly in the West Bank.

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Water shortages have hit Israeli settlements as well, although to a lesser degree.

Esther Allouch, spokeswoman for the Samaria Regional Council, a group of settlements in the northern West Bank, said the hilltop settlement of Tapuah, with a population of 1,000, had a three-day shortage recently and also needed to bring in water tankers, which her council pays for. Over the weekend, nearly all the 20,000 residents of the Israeli city of Ariel in the West Bank experienced a half-hour water interruption. Allouch said settlements are suspending irrigation of their farmland and reducing their uses of dishwashers and showers.

"For years we have been saying that the infrastructure in Judea and Samaria is not sufficient," she said, using the biblical name for the West Bank.

Bromberg, the environmental advocate, said the problem could be solved by renegotiating water allocation and allowing the Palestinians to drill more groundwater. He said Palestinians get roughly 70 liters of water per person per day, while Israelis get more than twice that amount.

"Holding the Palestinian public hostage to Oslo (accords) means they are not getting a fair share of the natural water," he said.

Trump's Muslim ban: From simple clarity to plain confusion

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NEW YORK (AP) — From the moment he first declared it, the plan has been a signature of his campaign for president: "Donald J. Trump is calling for a total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States until our country's representatives can figure out what is going on."

Yet from that first moment, the Republican White House candidate has evaded questions when pressed for details. Now that he's a presumptive nominee with sliding poll numbers, his spokeswoman says he's no longer seeking the ban at all.

In its place, he's offering an approach based on a standard of terrorism that he and his campaign refuse to define.

The ban idea originated with 28 direct and forceful words, issued immediately after the December shootings in San Bernardino, California, that killed 14 people. The blanket nature of the proposal, which appeared to stretch beyond immigration to include any member of the Muslim faith seeking to cross the U.S. border, provoked a flurry of questions.

Would it apply to U.S. citizens traveling or living abroad? Members of the armed forces? What about foreign leaders seeking to visit the U.S., such as Jordan's King Abdullah II — a staunch American ally? Or Nobel laureate Malala Yousafzai?

In response to questions that day from The Associated Press, Trump's campaign manager at the time, Corey Lewandowski, said the ban would apply to "everybody" — including tourists and Muslims seeking immigration visas.

Trump's campaign refused to respond to additional questions, including how the U.S. would determine a person's religious beliefs. Instead, Trump offered the following statement, delivered to AP via email: "Because I am so politically correct, I would never be the one to say. You figure it out!"

In the following days, he did offer shades of new detail. His ban would include exemptions, including for athletes and world leaders. As he got closer to winning the GOP nomination, his language softened further. Shortly after endorsing the billionaire businessman, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie suggested Trump had walked away from the plan entirely.

"That's not what he says any longer," Christie told ABC News in February. "He's backed off of that posi-

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tion over the course of time.”

He hadn't. But Trump was now stressing the “temporary” nature.

“It's a temporary ban. It hasn't been called for yet, nobody's done it,” he said on Fox News Radio in May. “This is just a suggestion until we find out what's going on.” He told Fox News Channel, “I'd like to back off as soon as possible because, frankly, I would like to see something happen. But we have to be vigilant.”

Then came this month's Orlando shootings. A day after the attack that left 49 people dead, he appeared to return to his call for a blanket ban on Muslims — at least for a time.

“I called for a ban after San Bernardino and was met with great scorn and anger. But now ... many are saying that I was right to do so. And although the pause is temporary, we must find out what is going on. We have to do it,” he said. “It will be lifted, this ban, when and as a nation we're in a position to properly and perfectly screen these people coming into our country.”

In that speech, Trump added a new element to his proposal: “When I'm elected, I will suspend immigration from areas of the world where there is a proven history of terrorism against the United States, Europe or our allies, until we fully understand how to end these threats.”

Once again, he had issued a policy proposal with little detail. Did this replace the Muslim ban, or was it an addition? What qualified as a “proven history of terrorism”? Would he halt immigration from the United Kingdom, France and Belgium, all targeted by Islamic extremists? What about Turkey, a NATO ally? Would Christians from Syria and Jews from Israel be barred?

Two days after delivering his Orlando speech, Trump was asked by Fox News Channel's Greta Van Susteren several times whether he still supported his original ban. He gave no indication his position had changed: “Greta, as you know it's temporary,” he said.

Then, during a visit to a pair of his golf courses in Scotland this past weekend, Trump said he would have no issue with a Muslim from the U.K. coming to the U.S. And, following an outburst on Twitter, campaign spokeswoman Hope Hicks said he no longer supports his original ban and only wants to limit immigration from states with extremist elements.

Trump went on to tell Bloomberg News on Saturday, “I want terrorists out. I want people that have bad thoughts out. I would limit specific terrorist countries, and we know who those terrorist countries are.”

But in a separate interview that day, Trump suggested he wasn't actually proposing a hard ban on immigration from “terrorist countries,” but only that people from such states — which he would not specify — should be strongly screened.

“When you have a terrorist country, and you have a country that's loaded up with terrorism, we don't want the people coming in until they're very strongly vetted,” he told DailyMail.com.

Asked to clarify whether Trump still supports a ban on Muslims entering the U.S. as originally proposed, a ban of immigration from states associated with terrorism, as he said in his post-Orlando speech, or strong vetting of people coming into the country from such nations, as he said this past weekend in Scotland, Hicks said: “Mr. Trump stated a position consistent with his speech two weeks ago.”

“He has been very clear,” she added in an email Monday. It's the press, she said, that has “tried to cause confusion.”

Texas may not restore lost abortion clinics despite ruling

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AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Long wait times for abortions and lengthy drives to clinics are likely to continue in Texas for months and maybe years despite the U.S. Supreme Court striking down restrictions that since 2013 have drastically reduced the number of providers statewide.

Texas lost more than half of its 41 abortion clinics in the three years since former Republican Gov. Rick Perry signed a sweeping anti-abortion law that justices largely dismantled in a 5-3 ruling Monday. The decision amounted to the Supreme Court's strongest defense of abortion rights in a generation and could imperil similar restrictions in other states.

The Texas laws required doctors who perform abortions to have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals and forced clinics to meet hospital-like standards for outpatient surgery. But even with those mandates now gone, Planned Parenthood and others providers are not yet making promises about breaking ground on new facilities in Texas.

And any openings, they cautioned, could take years, meaning that women in rural Texas counties are still likely to face hours-long drives to abortion clinics for the foreseeable future.

Buildings need to be leased. Staffs need to be hired. Clinics must still obtain state licenses and funds for medical equipment must be raised. Meanwhile, the Republican-controlled Legislature is all but certain to remain hostile to abortion providers that try to expand.

"We really have a daunting task to determine whether and how we can reopen our health centers," said Whole Woman's Health founder Amy Hagstrom Miller, whose chain of abortion clinics in Texas includes the state's only provider on the southern border with Mexico.

Planned Parenthood President Cecile Richards also would not immediately commit to the nation's largest abortion provider opening more Texas clinics, but she expressed hope.

"Just to re-establish services in a community and get the licensures is just not something that is going to happen overnight," said Richards, who is the daughter of former Texas Gov. Ann Richards.

For now, providers are celebrating because it could have been far worse: Had the law that former Democratic state Sen. Wendy Davis once temporarily blocked with an 11-hour filibuster been found constitutional, only 10 would have remained open in a state of 27 million people.

The bill propelled Davis, at the time a state senator who ran for governor in 2014, to national stardom when her filibuster packed the Texas Capitol with raucous protesters whose shouts deafened the Senate floor as time ran out on the measure.

More than 40 abortion clinics in Texas were open at the time, but neither Richards nor abortion rights groups would predict whether Texas would ever reach that number again. Davis said the expectation for now is that areas without a nearby clinic will at least see one reopen within the next six months, and that the goal may not necessarily be getting back above 40 facilities.

"The benchmark is more closely aligned with geographic proximity," Davis said. "If women are able to geographically access that care without tremendous costs or burdensome travel then we'll be back to where we need to be."

Monday's ruling now gives Texas abortion providers the go-ahead to continue offering abortions in smaller facilities that are akin to doctor's offices. Many clinics had faced multimillion-dollar renovations to comply with the law, such as upgrades to air ventilation systems and hallways wide enough to accommodate hospital beds.

Republican Texas Gov. Greg Abbott rebuked the justices for taking away rules that he says protect the health and safety of women, and Republican leaders in states including Michigan, Missouri and Pennsylvania have used similar arguments while enacting nearly identical laws. Justice Ruth Bader

Ginsburg, writing in a concurring opinion, said it was “beyond rational belief” that the Texas law looks after women.

The landscape of abortion in Texas changed drastically over the last three years: Most remaining clinics are concentrated around the major cities of Dallas, Houston, Austin and San Antonio, leaving many women in vast rural swaths of the state facing long drives to the nearest provider. The result was that wait times at some Texas abortion clinics started exceeding 20 days, Davis said, while opponents of the law also warned about women seeking out abortions in Mexico instead

Airport security fix: better training _ for humans and dogs

DAVID KOENIG, AP Airlines Writer

GLYNCO, Ga. (AP) — Covering their ears, 192 future airport security officers watched from a grandstand as Larry Colburn detonates a plastic-explosives device like the one carried by the underwear bomber in a failed attempt to blow up a plane on Christmas Day 2009.

A tremendous boom was accompanied by a plume of black and gray smoke. A wave of blast pressure ripples through the air, hitting the spectators.

Colburn, a former Memphis police bomb squad commander, tells his audience that a very small amount of the explosive, PTEN, can do tremendous damage.

“That is an eye-opener,” says Betsy Bueno. “That makes you want to do the job.”

Bueno is joining the Transportation Security Administration, the agency responsible for protecting the traveling public from terrorists. Many travelers associate the TSA with long lines and uncomfortable pat-downs. Critics say the agency gives the appearance of airport security without doing much to make air travel safe.

Screeners performed dismally in tests last year involving mock weapons and bombs being smuggled through checkpoints. The TSA suffers from understaffing, low morale and high turnover. Peter Neffenger, the agency’s sixth and current administrator, wants to hire more enthusiastic agents like Bueno and train them better, and also make greater use of bomb-sniffing dogs as ways to improve TSA performance.

Since January, almost all new hires have gone through a two-week course at a sprawling federal installation in Georgia. And TSA recently opened a new facility in Texas to train more dogs in bomb detection. The Associated Press took a look behind the scenes at both operations.

TSA was built on the fly after the September 2001 terror attacks. Since the agency’s inception, screeners have been trained piecemeal at airports around the country. Neffenger decided to centralize and standardize training at a former naval air station in Glynco that is used by more than 90 other law enforcement agencies. TSA said it spends \$2,400 per trainee on travel and lodging for their nine-day course at Glynco.

“By bringing them here to the academy, we’re sure that all of the officers are getting the exact same training, the exact same procedures,” says Douglas Yates, who worked at Palm Beach (Florida) International Airport and is now an instructor at the Georgia center. Under the airport-based approach, he says, “there is always the possibility that some of the local things might creep in that are not proper or not according to the program.”

There is classroom instruction on reading X-ray images, detecting explosives and other weapons, methods that terrorists use to conceal weapons, and handling hostile travelers. The heart of the academy is a fully equipped TSA checkpoint.

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On a recent morning, two dozen candidates practiced screening people and bags. Classmates played the role of travelers carrying infants, using wheelchairs, requesting to bypass the millimeter-wave screening machines or presenting other challenges.

Instructors say the hardest part for trainees is interpreting X-ray images. That could explain screeners' poor performance in audits — according to published reports, screeners working at airports across the country missed banned objects 67 out of 70 times in one test, a 96 percent failure rate.

New hires take up to 20 hours of classroom instruction with the screening machines and are drilled to ask for a supervisor's opinion if something looks suspicious.

Some threats are obvious on screens in the mock checkpoint — a handgun left in a bag. Others are ambiguous — a jumble of wires that could be part of a bomb or just the accoutrements of modern, connected life.

Trainees must pass written and hands-on tests during the course to be hired. The washout rate is remarkably low, just 1 percent. An instructor, Elaine Wilson Harrison, says that is partly because trainees get remedial help if they fail part of the course.

Anthony Roman, an aviation-security expert who runs an investigative consulting firm, says recent audits like the one with a 96 percent failure rate prove that TSA training has been poor. He says the creation of a central academy was a good first step.

"I don't think nine days is long enough, but we need many, many more TSA officers and we need them now," he says.

Roman says he already sees signs that better training is paying off. He says TSA's pat-downs are better and more military-like, more bags are being rescreened, and screeners are quicker to call a supervisor over to take a second look at an X-ray image.

At the academy, new hires are taught about TSA's history — an effort to make them feel special and less likely to quit. The work of airport screeners is often boring, adding to the agency's retention problem.

TSA veterans say, however, that they do important work and that it's not a dead-end career.

"I myself started out part-time and I worked my way up the ranks," said Wilson Harrison, who began at Memphis International Airport and moved up to Miami International before become an academy instructor. "Some of them do use it as a stepping stone to go to other agencies, but the majority of the students say that they would like to stay with TSA and make it a career."

Crystal Champagne, a 28-year from Minneapolis who worked for TSA in 2013 and is returning after a stint as a caregiver, says retention is tied to respect.

"We're all working together to keep our country safe," she says. "If we continue to show officers that's what this is about and it is truly necessary — and not to listen to media — I think we'll do well and we'll stay."

A TSA spokesman says full-time screeners start at \$25,000 to \$30,000 a year. On the federal government's jobs website, slightly higher salaries are listed in some high-cost areas. The vast majority of listings, however, are for part-time jobs paying \$15 to \$22 an hour.

Screeners must be at least 18 years old and hold a high school degree or the equivalent or have one year of full-time experience in a related field such as airport security or reading X-rays. Some new hires are in their 50s. The average new hire is 32, and 17 percent of screeners are veterans, according to TSA.

Halfway across the country, at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas, TSA handlers at a new \$14 million

facility are training more dogs to sniff out explosives.

Ford Rinewalt keeps Sylvia, a 2-year-old German shorthaired pointer, on a short leash while they moved briskly up and down aisles in a cargo-filled warehouse. As they turn a corner, Sylvia suddenly stops and focuses on a large box inside which trainers had hidden explosives-dusted bait.

"Good dog! Good dog!" Rinewalt exclaims as he rewards the dog with belly rubs and a toy.

"There is no way you can trick the dog if it is trained well," says Rinewalt's supervisor, Robert Grauel, who keeps a close eye on the handler and the dog from a few paces away. Drug smugglers have tried everything from ground coffee to layers of plastic, but the canine sense of smell is too keen, he says.

Dogs speed up the checkpoints because travelers who pass the canine smell test can be moved to expedited-screening lanes where they don't have to remove shoes, belts and jackets or take laptops out of their bags.

The dogs' usefulness goes beyond convenience. TSA officials believe that dogs, along with uniformed police officers, are a deterrent. And if dogs help move passengers through checkpoints faster, that could eliminate long lines that are themselves a target for terrorists.

Part of the cabin of a widebody airliner has been reassembled so the dogs can be trained to search a plane. There is also a mock airport gate, complete with "passengers" hired for the day from a temp agency.

Once the dogs are taught to find explosives they are paired with a trainer who must learn to lead the dog on methodical searches so that no area is missed, and to interpret the animal's behavior.

The training costs \$30,000 to \$55,000 per dog and, officials said, is constantly tweaked to keep up with changes in the materials and methods used by terrorists.

TSA has about 320 dogs to sniff cargo at airports and train stations; about 140 are also trained to work on people. Neffenger said recently that his agency could use 500 dogs if it had the money, and before Memorial Day he moved more dog teams to the busiest airports to help reduce lines.

Supreme Court ruling imperils abortion laws in many states

DAVID CRARY, AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — By striking down tough abortion restrictions in Texas, the U.S. Supreme Court has emboldened abortion-rights activists nationwide and imperiled a range of anti-abortion laws in numerous states.

Many anti-abortion leaders were openly disappointed, bracing for the demise of restrictions that they had worked vigorously to enact over the past few years.

The Supreme Court has decided "the abortion industry will continue to reign unchecked as mothers are subjected to subpar conditions," said Heather Weinger, executive director of Wisconsin Right to Life.

On the other side of the debate, Planned Parenthood president Cecile Richards hailed the ruling as "an enormous victory for women," and joined her abortion-rights allies in vowing to quickly seek gains beyond Texas.

"Far too many women still face insurmountable barriers, which is why we are taking this fight state by state," she said. "It's time to pass state laws to protect a woman's constitutional right to abortion, and repeal ones that block it."

The Texas rules struck down Monday by the Supreme Court required doctors who perform abortions to have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals and forced clinics to meet hospital-like standards for outpatient surgery. Supporters of the Texas law, and similar laws enacted in other states, said both

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provisions were necessary to ensure safe, high-quality care for women. Opponents of the laws said abortion already is a very safe procedure, and contended the real motive of the laws was to reduce women's access to abortion.

According to the Center for Reproductive Rights, which led the legal challenge, similar admitting-privilege requirements are in effect in Missouri, North Dakota and Tennessee, and are on hold in Alabama, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Wisconsin. The hospital-like outpatient surgery standards are in place in Michigan, Missouri, Pennsylvania and Virginia, and are on hold in Tennessee, according to the center.

Monday's ruling is likely to remove an ongoing threat to the only abortion clinic still operating in Mississippi. A Texas-style law there would have shut down the Jackson Women's Health Organization clinic, but enforcement of that law had been blocked pending resolution of the Texas case.

The sponsor of the Mississippi law, state Rep, Sam Mims, said he now expects that the law is doomed. It requires doctors who perform abortions to be able to admit patients to a hospital within 30 miles of their clinics; providers at the Jackson clinic had been unable to obtain such privileges.

"It's very disappointing that ... it seems like these five justices are more concerned about access to abortion than health care to the women," Mims said in a phone interview.

In Alabama, Attorney General Luther Strange said his office is ending the legal fight over its law requiring abortion doctors to have hospital-admitting privileges. The state had been appealing a judge's 2014 decision finding Alabama's law unconstitutional.

If the admitting privilege requirement was enforced, as many as four of the state's five abortion clinics could close.

The legislative director of Louisiana Right to Life, Deanna Wallace, said the Supreme Court decision doesn't automatically invalidate Louisiana's Texas-style law, but it "does not predict a favorable forecast for its future."

In several states, including Oklahoma, Kansas, Michigan and Missouri, state officials said they were reviewing the status of their abortion restrictions in light of the high court ruling.

In Pennsylvania, a Democratic state senator, Daylin Leach, said he would introduce legislation seeking to repeal a 2011 law that tightened requirements at abortion clinics. The law requires such clinics to comply with the same safety standards as outpatient surgery centers, including requirements for wider hallways and doorways, bigger operating rooms, and full-time nurses.

The law was signed by then-Gov. Tom Corbett, a Republican, in the aftermath of a Philadelphia criminal case in which an abortion provider, Dr. Kermit Gosnell, was convicted of killing newborn babies during illegal, late-term abortion procedures performed in filthy surroundings.

An abortion-rights lawyer, Sue Frietsche, said the law inflicted heavy financial burdens on abortion clinics throughout Pennsylvania and contributed to the closure of several of them.

Looking ahead, a key question for both sides in the abortion debate is to what extent Monday's ruling will affect other types of abortion restrictions, beyond the two provisions at stake in the Texas law.

For example, more than a dozen states have passed laws banning most abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy, on the disputed premise that a fetus can feel pain at that stage. Several states have recently banned dilation-and-extraction, a common second-trimester abortion technique which opponents have depicted as "dismemberment abortion." Some states now require a 72-hour waiting period before a woman can have an abortion.

Nancy Northup, CEO of the Center for Reproductive Rights, said her legal team will be reviewing these and other laws to determine if they are now vulnerable in the aftermath of Monday's high court ruling.

In the ruling, Justice Stephen Breyer wrote that the Texas requirements provided few, if any, health

benefits for women, while placing “an undue burden” on their constitutional right to seek an abortion. The question ahead, Northup said, is whether other types of state restrictions also pose such a burden.

“It’s going to be interesting to see if responsible lawmakers realize they need to start upholding women’s rights or continue with this game of Whack-a-Mole that’s been going on,” said Northup, referring to states that launched new anti-abortion legislation even as earlier measures were blocked by litigation .

Asian stocks start to shake off ‘Brexit’ worries

KELVIN CHAN, AP Business Writer

HONG KONG (AP) — Most Asian stock benchmarks rebounded from early losses Tuesday as investors started shaking off the jitters from Britain’s vote to quit the European Union and its messy aftermath.

Global financial markets have been roiled by the result of last week’s vote, which also sent the pound to its lowest level in three decades. The turmoil and uncertainty over the decision to leave the EU prompted ratings agencies Standard & Poor’s and Fitch on Monday to strip the UK of its top-shelf credit rating.

Asian markets were broadly lower in early trading but reversed some of their losses later on optimism for more government support policies. Japan’s Prime Minister Shinzo Abe instructed officials to take steps to reassure markets, the Kyodo news agency reported, while South Korea’s government unveiled a 20 trillion won (\$17 billion) stimulus package and backup budget for big infrastructure projects.

Japan’s benchmark Nikkei 225 index climbed 0.6 percent to 15,399.79 while South Korea’s Kospi added 0.4 percent to 1,934.23. The Shanghai Composite Index in mainland China edged up 0.1 percent to 2,898.35 and Australia’s S&P/ASX 200 fell 0.5 percent to 5,113.20. Benchmarks in Taiwan, Singapore, Thailand and Indonesia also rose.

Hong Kong’s Hang Seng Index fell 0.8 percent to 20,077.75, dragged down by companies with high exposure to Britain’s economy. One of the index’s biggest losers was billionaire tycoon’s Li Ka-shing’s CK Hutchison Holdings, which has British retail, ports and telecom investments and fell 2.5 percent.

“When you pull a spring, after you let it go it oscillates up and down for a little while and that’s still what we’re seeing in the markets,” said Andrew Sullivan, a sales trader at Haitong Securities. “This is nothing about individual companies per se, this is about the effect of forex on their earnings,” he said.

Britons voted last Thursday to leave the EU over concerns including immigration and regulation, an unprecedented move that stunned financial markets and triggered waves of selling on Friday and Monday.

The results sent the British pound sliding. On Monday it fell another 3.5 percent to hit a new 31-year low of \$1.3199.

The yen also surged as investors fled risky assets in favor of the currency, which is considered a haven and is hovering near its strongest level in two years. The dollar rose to 102.04 yen from 101.90 in late trade Monday. The euro strengthened to \$1.1055 from \$1.1020.

Benchmark U.S. crude rebounded 76 cents to \$47.09 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract slid \$1.31, or 2.7 percent, to settle at \$46.33 a barrel on Monday. Brent crude, used to price international oils, rose 77 cents to \$47.93 a barrel in London.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average lost 1.5 percent to close at 17,140.24. The S&P 500 index slid 1.8 percent to finish at 2,000.54 and the Nasdaq composite fell 2.4 percent to 4,594.44.

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Today in History The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, June 28, the 180th day of 2016. There are 186 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On June 28, 1778, the Revolutionary War Battle of Monmouth took place in New Jersey; from this battle arose the legend of "Molly Pitcher," a woman who was said to have carried water to colonial soldiers, then taken over firing her husband's cannon when he became injured.

On this date:

In 1836, the fourth president of the United States, James Madison, died in Montpelier, Virginia.

In 1838, Britain's Queen Victoria was crowned in Westminster Abbey.

In 1914, Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and his wife, Sophie, were shot to death in Sarajevo (sah-ruh-YAY'-voh) by Serb nationalist Gavrilo Princip — an act which sparked World War I.

In 1919, the Treaty of Versailles (vehr-SY') was signed in France, ending the First World War. In Independence, Missouri, future president Harry S. Truman married Elizabeth Virginia Wallace.

In 1939, Pan American Airways began regular trans-Atlantic air service with a flight that departed New York for Marseilles, France.

In 1940, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Alien Registration Act, also known as the Smith Act, which required adult foreigners residing in the U.S. to be registered and fingerprinted. Corporate lawyer Wendell Willkie received the Republican presidential nomination at the party's convention in Philadelphia (U.S. Senate Minority Leader Charles McNary of Oregon was nominated for vice president).

In 1944, the Republican national convention in Chicago nominated New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey for president and Ohio Gov. John W. Bricker for vice president.

In 1950, North Korean forces captured Seoul (sohl), the capital of South Korea.

In 1964, civil rights activist Malcolm X declared, "We want equality by any means necessary" during the Founding Rally of the Organization of Afro-American Unity in New York.

In 1975, screenwriter, producer and actor Rod Serling, 50, creator of "The Twilight Zone," died in Rochester, New York.

In 1989, about 1 million Serbs gathered to mark the 600th anniversary of the Battle of Kosovo in 1389.

In 1996, the Citadel voted to admit women, ending a 153-year-old men-only policy at the South Carolina military school. (The unanimous decision by the school's governing board came two days after the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the all-male admissions policy at Virginia Military Institute.)

Ten years ago: Israeli warplanes buzzed the seaside home of Syria's president and bombed Hamas targets in Gaza to pressure Palestinian militants into freeing a kidnapped Israeli soldier, Cpl. Gilad Shalit. "Miracle on Ice" coach Herb Brooks and Patrick Roy, the NHL's winningest goaltender, were among four honorees elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame. Star Jones Reynolds was booted from "The View," one day after surprising ABC and Barbara Walters by saying on the air that she wouldn't be returning to the daytime talk show in the fall.

Five years ago: Taliban fighters raided an international hotel in Kabul and killed 10 people on the eve of a conference to discuss plans for Afghan forces to take over security when international troops left by the end of 2014. French Finance Minister Christine Lagarde was chosen to lead the International Monetary Organization. Former All-Star goalie Ed Belfour was elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility, joining Doug Gilmour, Mark Howe and Joe Nieuwendyk (NOO'-in-dyk) as inductees.

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One year ago: Authorities in upstate New York captured David Sweat, one of two convicted murderers who'd escaped from the Clinton Correctional Facility on June 6; Sweat was apprehended two days after his fellow escapee, Richard Matt, was shot and killed in a confrontation with law enforcement. After 18 straight successful launches, SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket broke apart minutes after soaring away from Cape Canaveral, Florida, while carrying supplies for the International Space Station. Comedian Jack Carter, 93, died in Beverly Hills, California.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian-movie director Mel Brooks is 90. Former Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., is 82. Comedian-impressionist John Byner is 79. Former Defense Secretary Leon Panetta is 78. Rock musician Dave Knights (Procul Harum) is 71. Actor Bruce Davison is 70. Actress Kathy Bates is 68. Actress Alice Krige is 62. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer John Elway is 56. Record company chief executive Tony Mercedes is 54. Actress Jessica Hecht is 51. Rock musician Saul Davies (James) is 51. Actress Mary Stuart Masterson is 50. Actor John Cusack is 50. Actor Gil Bellows is 49. Actress-singer Danielle Brisebois is 47. Jazz musician Jimmy Sommers is 47. Actress Tichina Arnold is 47. Actor Steve Burton is 46. Actor Alessandro Nivola (nih-VOH'-luh) is 44. Actress Camille Guaty is 40. Rock musician Tim Nordwind (OK Go) is 40. Rock musician Mark Stoermer (The Killers) is 39. Country singer Big Vinny Hickerson (Trailer Choir) is 33. Country singer Kellie Pickler is 30.

Thought for Today: "Man is born free; and everywhere he is in chains. One thinks himself the master of others, and still remains a greater slave than they." — Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Swiss-born philosopher (born this date in 1712, died in 1778).