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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: 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 Fliehs 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)
6:00pm: NESDU10 in Sisseton (Groton Blue vs. Sisseton 1 in double header)
6:00pm: NESDU12 in Milbank South (Groton Blue vs. Milbank Red in double header)
6:00pm: NESDU12 in Webster (Groton Red. vs. Webster in double header)
6:30pm: U10 Softball at Ipswich
7:30pm: U12 Softball hosts Ipswich

Apts for Rent

1 bedroom and HUGE 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartments available NOW! All utilities included except A/C, 1 bedroom \$504 and HUGE 2 bedroom 2 bath \$674 Please call or text 239-849-7674

			
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Brown County 4-H Horse Show

The 2016 Brown County 4-H Horse Show was held on Wednesday, June 22nd at the Joe Akkerman Arena. There were 19 competitors and the judge for the day was Jean Hommel from Watertown, SD. Concessions for the day were provided by the Road Kill Café. Local results are as follows:

Exhibitor:	Flihs, Faith				
Exhibitor #:	6				
Club:	Lazy Farmers 4-H Club				
Department	Division	Class	Entry	Result Type	Result Value
Horse	Equitation	EQH 2000: Beginner Stock Seat Equitation	30	Award	GRAND CHAMPION
Horse	Equitation	EQH 2000: Beginner Stock Seat Equitation	30	Ribbon	Purple
Horse	Games	GAME4006: Beginner Flag Racing	34	Award	RESERVE CHAMPION
Horse	Games	GAME4006: Beginner Flag Racing	34	Ribbon	Purple
Horse	Games	GAME4000: Junior Barrel Racing	35	Ribbon	Purple
Horse	Games	GAME4003: Junior Pole Bending	36	Award	GRAND CHAMPION
Horse	Games	GAME4003: Junior Pole Bending	36	Ribbon	Purple
Horse	Performance	PERF 3002: Junior Ranch Riding	31	Ribbon	Blue
Horse	Performance	PERF 3000: Junior Reining	32	Ribbon	Blue
Horse	Performance	PERF 3004: Junior Trail	33	Award	GRAND CHAMPION
Horse	Performance	PERF 3004: Junior Trail	33	Ribbon	Purple
Horse	Showmanship	SHWH 1000: Beginner Western Showmanship	29	Award	GRAND CHAMPION
Horse	Showmanship	SHWH 1000: Beginner Western Showmanship	29	Ribbon	Purple

Exhibitor:	Krueger, Dylan				
Exhibitor #:	8				
Club:	Putney Putovers 4-H Club				
Department	Division	Class	Entry	Result Type	Result Value
Horse	Equitation	EQH 2002: Junior Stock Seat Equitaiton	47	Award	GRAND CHAMPION
Horse	Equitation	EQH 2002: Junior Stock Seat Equitaiton	47	Ribbon	Purple
Horse	Games	GAME4000: Junior Barrel Racing	51	Ribbon	Blue
Horse	Games	GAME4003: Junior Pole Bending	52	Ribbon	Blue
Horse	Performance	PERF 3002: Junior Ranch Riding	48	Award	GRAND CHAMPION
Horse	Performance	PERF 3002: Junior Ranch Riding	48	Ribbon	Purple
Horse	Performance	PERF 3000: Junior Reining	49	Award	GRAND CHAMPION
Horse	Performance	PERF 3000: Junior Reining	49	Ribbon	Purple
Horse	Performance	PERF 3004: Junior Trail	50	Ribbon	Blue
Horse	Showmanship	SHWH 1002: Junior Western Showmanship	46	Ribbon	Purple

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Exhibitor: Miller, Hanna
Exhibitor #: 15
Club: Friendly Fellows & Daisies 4-H Club

Department	Division	Class	Entry	Result Type	Result Value
Horse	Equitation	EQH 2002: Junior Stock Seat Equitaiton	94	Ribbon	Red
Horse	Games	GAME4000: Junior Barrel Racing	96	Ribbon	Red
Horse	Games	GAME4003: Junior Pole Bending	97	Ribbon	Blue
Horse	Performance	PERF 3004: Junior Trail	95	Ribbon	White
Horse	Showmanship	SHWH 1002: Junior Western Showmanship	93	Ribbon	Blue

Exhibitor: Miller, Mallory
Exhibitor #: 14
Club: Friendly Fellows & Daisies 4-H Club

Department	Division	Class	Entry	Result Type	Result Value
Horse	Games	GAME4000: Junior Barrel Racing	91	Ribbon	Red
Horse	Games	GAME4005: Senior Pole Bending	92	Ribbon	White
Horse	Showmanship	SHWH 1000: Beginner Western Showmanship	87	Ribbon	Red

Exhibitor: Pauli, Blake
Exhibitor #: 13
Club: Friendly Fellows & Daisies 4-H Club

Department	Division	Class	Entry	Result Type	Result Value
Horse	Equitation	EQH 2000: Beginner Stock Seat Equitation	81	Award	RESERVE CHAMPION
Horse	Equitation	EQH 2000: Beginner Stock Seat Equitation	81	Ribbon	Purple
Horse	Games	GAME4006: Beginner Flag Racing	82	Ribbon	White
Horse	Games	GAME4000: Junior Barrel Racing	83	Ribbon	Red
Horse	Games	GAME4003: Junior Pole Bending	85	Ribbon	Red
Horse	Showmanship	SHWH 1001: Beginner Pony Miniature Horse Western Showmanship	79	Award	GRAND CHAMPION
Horse	Showmanship	SHWH 1001: Beginner Pony Miniature Horse Western Showmanship	79	Ribbon	Purple

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Exhibitor: Ringgenberg, Kaitlyn
Exhibitor #: 20
Club: Friendly Fellows & Daisies 4-H Club

Department	Division	Class	Entry	Result Type	Result Value
Horse	Equitation	EQH 2004: Senior Stock Seat Equitation	118	Award	RESERVE CHAMPION
Horse	Equitation	EQH 2004: Senior Stock Seat Equitation	118	Ribbon	Purple
Horse	Equitation	EQH 2008: Senior Hunt Seat	119	Award	GRAND CHAMPION
Horse	Equitation	EQH 2008: Senior Hunt Seat	119	Ribbon	Purple
Horse	Games	GAME4002: Senior Barrel Racing	123	Ribbon	Red
Horse	Games	GAME4005: Senior Pole Bending	124	Ribbon	Red
Horse	Performance	PERF 3003: Senior Ranch Riding	120	Ribbon	Red
Horse	Performance	PERF 3005: Senior Trail	122	Award	GRAND CHAMPION
Horse	Performance	PERF 3005: Senior Trail	122	Ribbon	Purple
Horse	Showmanship	SHWH 1004: Senior Western Showmanship	116	Award	RESERVE CHAMPION
Horse	Showmanship	SHWH 1004: Senior Western Showmanship	116	Ribbon	Purple
Horse	Showmanship	SHWH 1007: Senior English Showmanship	117	Award	GRAND CHAMPION
Horse	Showmanship	SHWH 1007: Senior English Showmanship	117	Ribbon	Purple

Exhibitor: Thompson, Turner
Exhibitor #: 7
Club: Lazy Farmers 4-H Club

Department	Division	Class	Entry	Result Type	Result Value
Horse	Equitation	EQH 2000: Beginner Stock Seat Equitation	39	Ribbon	Blue
Horse	Games	GAME4006: Beginner Flag Racing	43	Award	GRAND CHAMPION
Horse	Games	GAME4006: Beginner Flag Racing	43	Ribbon	Purple
Horse	Games	GAME4000: Junior Barrel Racing	44	Ribbon	Blue
Horse	Games	GAME4003: Junior Pole Bending	45	Ribbon	Blue
Horse	Performance	PERF 3002: Junior Ranch Riding	40	Award	RESERVE CHAMPION
Horse	Performance	PERF 3002: Junior Ranch Riding	40	Ribbon	Purple
Horse	Performance	PERF 3000: Junior Reining	41	Ribbon	Blue
Horse	Performance	PERF 3004: Junior Trail	42	Ribbon	Blue
Horse	Showmanship	SHWH 1000: Beginner Western Showmanship	38	Ribbon	Red

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Exhibitor: Townsend, Cassandra
Exhibitor #: 2
Club: Lazy Farmers 4-H Club

Department	Division	Class	Entry	Result Type	Result Value
Horse	Equitation	EQH 2004: Senior Stock Seat Equitation	1	Award	GRAND CHAMPION
Horse	Equitation	EQH 2004: Senior Stock Seat Equitation	1	Ribbon	Purple
Horse	Equitation	EQH 2008: Senior Hunt Seat	2	Award	RESERVE CHAMPION
Horse	Equitation	EQH 2008: Senior Hunt Seat	2	Ribbon	Purple
Horse	Performance	PERF 3003: Senior Ranch Riding	3	Ribbon	Purple
Horse	Performance	PERF 3001: Senior Reining	4	Ribbon	Blue
Horse	Performance	PERF 3005: Senior Trail	5	Ribbon	Blue
Horse	Showmanship	SHWH 1007: Senior English Showmanship	6	Award	RESERVE CHAMPION
Horse	Showmanship	SHWH 1007: Senior English Showmanship	6	Ribbon	Purple
Horse	Showmanship	SHWH 1004: Senior Western Showmanship	7	Ribbon	Purple

Exhibitor: Wright, Trey
Exhibitor #: 4
Club: Friendly Fellows & Daisies 4-H Club

Department	Division	Class	Entry	Result Type	Result Value
Horse	Equitation	EQH 2004: Senior Stock Seat Equitation	18	Ribbon	Blue
Horse	Games	GAME4008: Senior Break - Away Roping	20	Ribbon	White
Horse	Games	GAME4009: Senior Tie-Down Roping	21	Ribbon	Purple
Horse	Games	GAME4010: Senior Team Roping	22	Ribbon	Purple
Horse	Games	GAME4002: Senior Barrel Racing	125	Award	GRAND CHAMPION
Horse	Games	GAME4002: Senior Barrel Racing	125	Ribbon	Purple
Horse	Games	GAME4005: Senior Pole Bending	126	Award	GRAND CHAMPION
Horse	Games	GAME4005: Senior Pole Bending	126	Ribbon	Purple
Horse	Performance	PERF 3005: Senior Trail	19	Ribbon	Blue
Horse	Showmanship	SHWH 1004: Senior Western Showmanship	17	Ribbon	Purple

THINKING ABOUT HEALTH

A “breakthrough” Drug May Not Be As Great As It Sounds

By Trudy Lieberman, Rural Health News Service

A story in The Guardian, a British news outlet that now has a publishing arm in the U.S., grabbed my attention. The headline read, “Treatments for cancers and Alzheimer’s on the verge of a breakthrough.”

Really? Now, I’ve written about this stuff long enough to know the word “breakthrough” is a red flag. Anyone who hears the word or sees it in print should be skeptical.

There are very few genuine breakthroughs, but there’s lots of enthusiasm for the term on the part of the media, physicians, academic medical centers and others who use it to attract attention to a product or a service. It’s a dandy marketing tool. Who wouldn’t want a “breakthrough” cure for cancer or Alzheimer’s disease?

Sure enough, the first paragraph of the Guardian’s story noted that new emerging treatments “may, in the next 10 to 20 years, transform the way people are treated.” Ten or 20 years doesn’t exactly sound like a breakthrough is imminent. But the word sure gets people to read the story and pay attention when they see advertising for the product.

What exactly does the term “breakthrough” mean? It sounds as if it signifies a sudden, important and dramatic discovery or development. The Food and Drug Administration has a specific meaning for the term. A few years ago Congress gave the FDA, which regulates drugs, the authority to designate certain drugs as “breakthroughs” and allow drug companies to market them based on preliminary evidence that they might result in important outcomes for patients. That’s according to Larry Sasich, PhD, founder of Patient Drug News, who once worked for the Washington consumer advocacy group Public Citizen.

Drugs with this “breakthrough” designation can come to market in a shorter time, but approvals can be withdrawn if further trials don’t show meaningful benefit to patients, Sasich told me. All it means is that these drugs “are allowed to be sold using a lower standard of evidence that requires confirmation of a true benefit for full approval.”

The idea of an FDA designation for “breakthrough” drugs has now spread to breakthrough medical devices. A bill, the 21st Century Cures Act, that loosens regulatory standards for clinical trials for devices passed the House of Representatives last year, and a Senate version is moving toward passage. It contains controversial provisions for labeling some devices as breakthroughs.

Dr. Sanket Dhruva, a Yale cardiologist, who studies medical evidence, told me, “This is more a marketing sales pitch than something that’s truly a breakthrough that’s going to benefit patients.” The FDA grants one-third of requests it receives for the breakthrough designation for drugs. “It’s a low bar,” he says.

“If a drug is truly meaningful, we’ll know that through the evidence and won’t need to call it a breakthrough.”

Furthermore, it’s becoming clear that neither doctors nor patients really understand what breakthrough really means. A study published in the journal JAMA reported that board-certified internists and specialists significantly overestimated what the FDA requires to be a breakthrough drug. They believed those drugs were backed by stronger evidence than what the FDA actually required.

Sasich added that the JAMA study also showed that doctors don’t have a good understanding of the drug’s FDA-approved professional product label. This, he says, can result in physicians overestimating the benefit and, thus, prescribing inappropriately.

Another study, published in JAMA Internal Medicine, asked a sample of Americans which of two drugs they would take for a potentially deadly condition. One was described as a “breakthrough.” The other was described as meeting the FDA criteria for being a breakthrough drug. Ninety-two percent chose the one that was labeled “breakthrough.” Marketing works, leading patients to be overly optimistic about what a drug can and cannot do.

If doctors don’t know whether a drug (and maybe also a medical device if the Cures Act passes) is really a breakthrough supported by scientific evidence, it’s up to patients to find out on their own.

One place to start is the DailyMed website, <https://dailymed.nlm.nih.gov/dailymed/> offered as a free

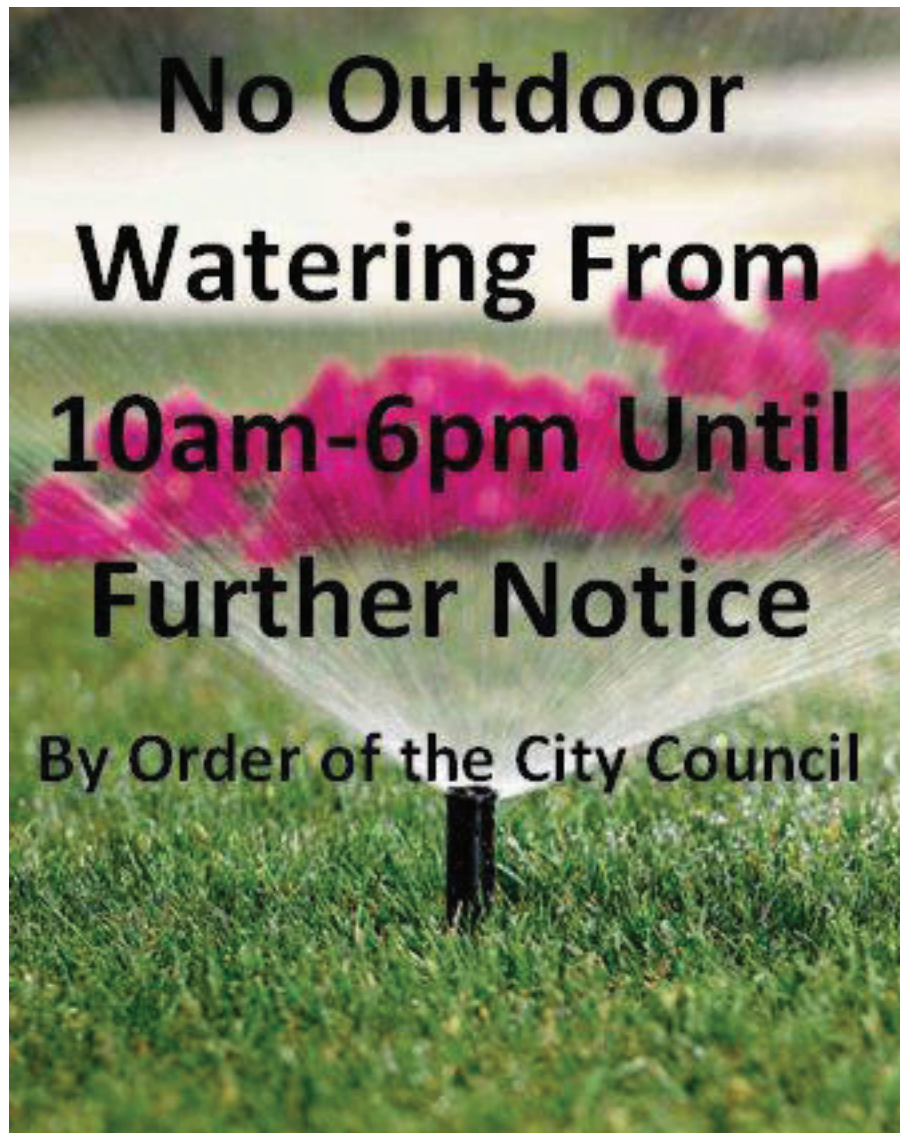
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service of the National Library of Medicine, part of the National Institutes of Health. The website contains drug labeling information for more than 87,000 drugs. You can find drug guidance, regulatory information, and warnings about medicines you may be prescribed - for example, that the FDA's strongest warning, a black box warning, means there is reasonable evidence that a serious hazard is associated with the drug.

Remember, before you ask your doctor about some "breakthrough" drug you've seen advertised, it's best to do your homework.

What experiences have you had with drugs that didn't do what you were told they would? Write to Trudy at trudy.lieberman@gmail.com.



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Groton School June 27 Meeting Minutes

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6

REGULAR MEETING

June 27, 2016

President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Hanson, Harder, Kjelden, Nelson, Rix, Smith and Weismantel. Others present: Superintendent J. Schwan, Principal A. Schwan and B. Schwan and Business Manager Weber.

Moved by Weismantel, second Kjelden to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Harder, second Nelson to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: North Central Special Ed Coop school of record agenda items and year-end bills, and District and Agency bills. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: J. Adler – reimburse fees, 43.25; Agency Fund – advance payments, 8,115.88; Carquest – supplies, 222.19; Classroom Connection – supplies, 29.90; Cole Papers – supplies, 1,406.05; Dakota Supply Group – bulbs, 185.04; Groton Daily Independent – newsletters, 400.00; A. Helvig – meals, 36.16; Matheson – supplies, 105.94; Mid-American Research Chemical – supplies, 4,685.77; MJ's Sinclair – fuel, 4,775.61; Northwestern energy – natural gas, 13.87; Petty Cash – postage, 9.42; QQP/Midstates – health cards, 63.91; Ramada Hotel – lodging, 169.90; A. Schwan – meals, 21.20; A. Seeklander – meals, 29.85; Sewer Saver – repairs, 250.28; Sheraton – lodging, 134.00; J. Sternhagen – meals, 32.84; C. Swanson – supplies, 73.40. Total – \$20,804.46.

CAPITAL OUTLAY: Agency Fund – adv pmts, 137.13; David Kampa Construction – overhead door, 1,582.00; Hanlon Brothers – services, 2,460.00. Total – \$4,179.13.

SPECIAL ED: Avera St. Luke's – services, 7,188.96; Patron – mileage reimb., 529.20.

Total - \$7,718.16.

ENTERPRISE: Food Service - C. Achen – refund, 18.25; Agency Fund – adv pmts, 165.89; J. Deloera – refund, 8.70; Earthgrains – breads, 64.26; H. Krueger – refund, 6.00; K. Sombke – refund, 8.25. Total - \$271.35. OST- Agency Fund – supplies, 610.93; City of Groton – pool passes, 180.00; Groton Area School – supplies, 1,198.20; Menards – supplies, 44.96. Total - \$2,034.09. Total Enterprise – 2,305.44

Members of the public were allowed five minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no public members present to speak, the board proceeded with their remaining agenda items.

There were no board committee reports given.

The board acknowledged second reading of recommended policy changes to the MS/HS Student Handbook. Motion by Nelson, second Rix to approve changes as presented. Motion carried.

The board acknowledged second reading of recommended policy changes to the Elementary Student Handbook. Motion by Weismantel, second Nelson to approve changes as presented. Motion carried.

The following items were discussed in administrative reports: ASBSD Joint Convention, DENR Grant, City Soccer Lease Agreement, summer maintenance, community engagement meeting dates, Athletics Moratorium, Civil Rights Training, policy revisions, fall in-service, year-to date financials, fund balance history and tax valuations and levy projections.

Moved by Harder, second Nelson to approve the following:

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER CONTINGENCY FUNDS

WHEREAS: The General Fund Contingency Account consists of \$50,000.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved to transfer \$72 to Class Size Reduction Programs and \$21,000 to Architecture and Engineering Services for a total of \$21,072.

Date of Resolution, June 27, 2016.

Steven R. Smith, President

M. J. Weber, Business Official
(Resolution carried.)

Moved by Weismantel, second Kjelden to approve the following:

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RESOLUTION TO ADOPT SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY

WHEREAS: The following budget function levels set by the Board of Education were not adequate to meet the operating needs of the District in Capital Outlay.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, in accordance with SDCL 13-11-3.12, adopts the following supplemental budget in Capital Outlay by allocating \$33,800 from Cash on Hand to Technology in Schools (\$26,400), Debt Service (\$3,700) and Athletics (\$3,700).

Date of Resolution, June 29, 2015.

Steven R. Smith, President
M. J. Weber, Business Official
(Resolution carried.)

Moved by Weismantel, second Kjelden to approve the following:

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

WHEREAS: The following budget function levels set by the Board of Education were not adequate to meet the operating needs of the District in Special Education.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, in accordance with SDCL 13-11-3.12, adopts the following supplemental budget in Special Education by allocating \$19,350 from Cash on Hand to Physical Therapy (\$5,300), Occupational Therapy (\$14,000) and Autism Administration (\$50).

Date of Resolution, June 27, 2016.

Steven R. Smith, President
M. J. Weber, Business Official
(Resolution carried.)

Moved by Weismantel, second Kjelden to approve the following:

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET FOR BOND REDEMPTION

WHEREAS: The following budget function levels set by the Board of Education were not adequate to meet the operating needs of the District in Bond Redemption.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, in accordance with SDCL 13-11-3.12, adopts the following supplemental budget in Bond Redemption by allocating \$1,100 from Cash on Hand to Bond Debt Services.

Date of Resolution, June 27, 2016.

Steven R. Smith, President
M. J. Weber, Business Official
(Resolution carried.)

Bids for fuel oil, diesel and gas were opened and read as follows: MJ's Sinclair - #2 Diesel - 1.88, #1 Diesel - 1.9429, Ethanol - 1.8075, Lead-Free - 2.0465, and E-85 - 1.296; Ken's Shell Express - #2 Diesel - 1.775, #1 Diesel - 1.875, Ethanol - 1.839, Lead-Free - 2.125 and E-85 - 1.165 Moved by Weismantel, second Rix to award fuel contract to Ken's Shell Express. Motion carried.

Quotes for official newspaper were opened and read as follows: Groton Independent - legal line rate \$0.24 per line, classified advertising \$3 per week, local open display advertising \$3.00 per column inch and current subscribers 275. There were no other bidders. Moved by Rix, second Kjelden to award newspaper contract to Groton Independent. Motion carried 6-0 with Nelson abstaining.

Moved by Nelson, second Hanson to amend ESY work agreements for Joni Groeblichhoff and Gail Kyar to \$15.00 per hour. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Kjelden to hire Nicholas Strom as Assistant Boys Basketball Coach for 2016-17. Motion carried.

Moved by Kjelden, second Hanson to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Motion carried.

M. J. Weber, Business Manager

Steven R. Smith, President

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Breck files four more complaints against city council

Betty Breck has filed four more complaints against the city council as a reflection of alleged violations at the June 20th council meeting. In her complaint filed with the Fifth Judicial District, she alleged that the council arbitrarily denied public participation at an open public meeting, that the council failed to cite a specific law to close an official meeting, that there was a failure to vote on a motion to go into executive session, and that the discussion of items was not specified in the closure motion.

Breck is requesting that the South Dakota Open Meetings Commission decide if the council did or did not comply with SDCL 1-25 which states:

1-25-2. Executive or closed meetings--Purposes--Authorization--Violation as misdemeanor. Executive or closed meetings may be held for the sole purposes of:

(1) Discussing the qualifications, competence, performance, character or fitness of any public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. The term "employee" does not include any independent contractor;

(2) Discussing the expulsion, suspension, discipline, assignment of or the educational program of a student or the eligibility of a student to participate in interscholastic activities provided by the South Dakota High School Activities Association;

(3) Consulting with legal counsel or reviewing communications from legal counsel about proposed or pending litigation or contractual matters;

(4) Preparing for contract negotiations or negotiating with employees or employee representatives;

(5) Discussing marketing or pricing strategies by a board or commission of a business owned by the state or any of its political subdivisions, when public discussion may be harmful to the competitive position of the business.

However, any official action concerning such matters shall be made at an open official meeting. An executive or closed meeting shall be held only upon a majority vote of the members of such body present and voting, and discussion during the closed meeting is restricted to the purpose specified in the closure motion. Nothing in § 1-25-1 or this section may be construed to prevent an executive or closed meeting if the federal or state Constitution or the federal or state statutes require or permit it. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

Be Safe with Fire this Independence Day

RAPID CITY S.D. — The South Dakota Department of Agriculture's Wildland Fire Division is reminding people to use extreme caution when shooting off fireworks in areas of the state where conditions are dry.

Selling fireworks in South Dakota is legal until Monday, July 5. This year, it's legal to discharge fireworks through Sunday, July 10.

SD Wildland Fire encourages you to follow these recommendations:

- Remember that fireworks are prohibited within the Black Hills Forest Fire Protection District
- Don't use fireworks where a fire could start
- Have quick access to water or water on hand to douse a fire should one start

"One small spark has the potential to start a wildfire," said Jim Strain, deputy director of South Dakota Wildland Fire.

Other fire safety reminders include:

- Properly dispose of cigarettes
- Make sure campfires are "dead" out
- Travel and camp with a shovel and ample water
- Avoid parking vehicles in tall or dry grass

Fireworks are prohibited within in the Black Hills Forest Fire Protection District, which is located in west central South Dakota.

In the Black Hills area, local, state and federal agencies have combined fire restriction information on one website at: <http://www.blackhillsfirerestrictions.com>. Contact information and website links can be found for each agency if questions arise.

Anyone who causes a wildland fire intentionally or through negligence can be held accountable for damage and suppression costs.

South Dakota Wildland Fire can be found on Twitter @SDWildlandFire and on Facebook by searching SD Wildland Fire.

Agriculture is a major contributor to South Dakota's economy, generating \$25.6 billion in annual economic activity and employing over 115,000 South Dakotans. The South Dakota Department of Agriculture's mission is to promote, protect, preserve and improve this industry for today and tomorrow. Visit us online at <http://sdda.sd.gov> or find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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The Olive Grove Golf Course team of Randy and Sue Stanley, Bob and Vicki Walter, Greg Kjellsen and Tyler Sperry won the championship flight of the Groton Chamber Golf Tourney.



Groton Chamber Golf Tourney June 24, Olive Grove Golf Course

Championship Flight

Olive Grove Golf Course: Score 62: Bob Walter, Vicki Walter, Randy Stanley, Sue Stanley, Greg Kjellsen, Tyler Sperry

Brandon Stanley Team: Score 64: Brandon Stanley, Kalen Kjellsen, Taylor Hanson, Justine Severson, Dylan Hanson, Gabe Kjellsen

Groton Golf Cars: Score 64: Steve Dunker, Betty Dunker, Craig Dunker, Tasha Dunker, Lorin Fliehs, Terry Gilchrist

Grand Slam Computers / NE Chiropractic: Score 67: Mitch Locke, Heidi Locke, Taylor Anderson, Micki Locke, Matt Locke, Zach Harry

Brad Larson Team: Score 69: Brad Larson, Dar Larson, Rachel Larson, Sammy Bonn, Lance Bonn, Savannah Larson

First Flight

TNT Tax Service: Score 69: Nancy Hansen, Mindy Santema, Jennifer Starks, Derwin Kampa, Ken Santema, Keith Starks

Johnson Farms: Score 69: Jerry Ray Johnson, Becca Johnson, Bridget Fliehs, Jeff Fliehs, Cameron Zent, Dave Frank

James Valley Telephone: Score 71: Jay Waage, Tyler Herman, Jordan Balster, Tina Guthmiller, Tami Zimney, Randy Lord

Farm Credit Services: Score 72: Terry Fjeldheim, Jay Behrends, Melanie Johnson, Brandi Matthews, Lauren Wheeting, Chad Johnson

Groton Ford: Score 73: Craig Jondahl, Angie Sombke, Dave Blackmun, Marcy Blackmun, Jarod Fliehs, Kristi Fliehs

Pin prizes went to ~

- Longest Putt on # 1 = Kalen Kjellsen
- Closest to the Pin on # 4 = Tami Zimney
- Closest to the Pin on # 8 = Ken Santema
- Longest Putt on # 9 = Ken Santema

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The Brandon Stanley team placed second in the championship flight. Left to right: Dylan Hanson, Taylor Hanson, Brandon Stanley, Justine Severson, Kalen Kjellsen and Gabe Kjellsen

Johnson Farms took second in the first flight. Left to right are Jerry Ray and Becca Johnson, Cameron Zent, Dave Frank, Jeff and Bridget Fliehs



TNT Tax Service placed first in the first flight. Pictured left to right are Keith and Jennifer Starks, Derwin Kampa, Nancy Hansen, and Mindy and Ken Santema.

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Today in Weather History

June 29, 1927: This estimated F2 tornado moved northeast from near Claremont, passing along the northwestern edge of Britton. The Claremont area had a \$12,000 loss as a large silo was destroyed. A dozen homes had roof damage in Britton.

June 29, 2005: Torrential rains of three to seven inches fell across far eastern Brown, western and northern Day, and most of Marshall Counties in the early morning and again in the afternoon hours. One location measured five inches of rain in two hours. Many township roads and highways were flooded along with thousands of acres of cropland. Water surrounded several homes resulting in people being rescued. Some of the homes were flooded. Many bridges were damaged, and roads and culverts were washed out. In Day County, 30 roads were washed out, and 15 bridges needed repairs. Some rainfall amounts include 5.04 inches in Britton, 3.34 at 8N of Columbia, and 2.08 in Aberdeen. Total June rainfall for some locations in Marshall and Day Counties was between 11 and 12 inches. The flooding continued into early July before receding by July 10th.

1931 - The temperature at Monticello FL hit 109 degrees to establish an all-time record for the state. (The Weather Channel)

1954 - Hurricane Alice dumped as much as 27 inches of rain on the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas. The Rio Grande River at Laredo reached a level 12.6 feet above its previous highest mark, and the roadway of the U.S. 90 bridge was thirty feet below the high water. (David Ludlum)

1987 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather in the Ohio Valley and the Great Lakes Region, with reports of large hail and damaging winds most numerous in Ohio, Indiana and Michigan. Thunderstorms spawned four tornadoes in Michigan. A tornado near Clare MI was accompanied by softball size hail. In Colorado, an untimely winter-like storm blanketed Mount Evans with six inches of snow. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Alpena, MI, reported a record low of 39 degrees while Jackson, MS, equalled their record for the month of June with an afternoon high of 105 degrees. Thunderstorms in the central U.S. soaked Springfield MO with 3.62 inches of rain, a record for the date. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather in the Southern and Central High Plains Region. Thunderstorms in Colorado produced softball size hail at Kit Carson, while pea to marble size hail caused ten million dollars damage to crops in Philips County, CO. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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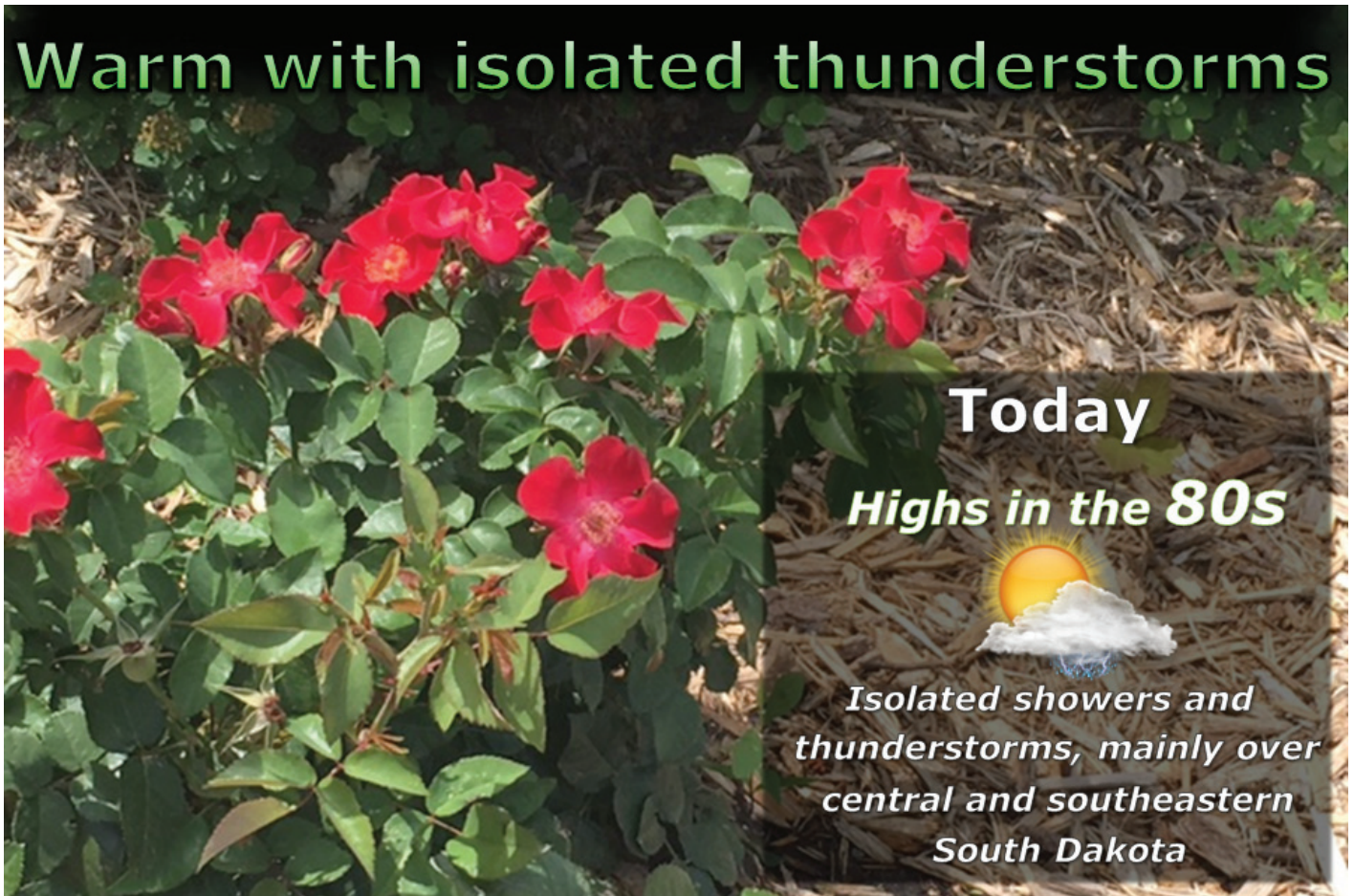


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Today	Tonight	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday
						
Sunny then Scattered Showers	Scattered Showers then Isolated T-storms	Slight Chance T-storms then Sunny	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny	Slight Chance T-storms	Slight Chance T-storms
High: 82 °F	Low: 59 °F	High: 76 °F	Low: 49 °F	High: 76 °F	Low: 57 °F	High: 81 °F

Warm with isolated thunderstorms



Today

Highs in the 80s



Isolated showers and thunderstorms, mainly over central and southeastern South Dakota

National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD



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Updated: 6/29/2016 5:16 AM Central

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Highs will be in the 80s today, with isolated showers and thunderstorms over mainly central and southeastern South Dakota. A cold front, with additional showers and thunderstorms, will sink south across the region tonight into early Thursday. Cooler and drier air will flow in behind the front, with highs in the 70s for both Thursday and Friday.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 80.5 F at 5:58 PM

Heat Index: 80.0 at 4:06 PM

Low Outside Temp: 48.8 F at 6:30 AM

High Gust: 11.0 Mph at 11:17 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 107° in 1931

Record Low: 42 in 1900

Average High: 81°F

Average Low: 57°F

Average Precip in June: 3.59

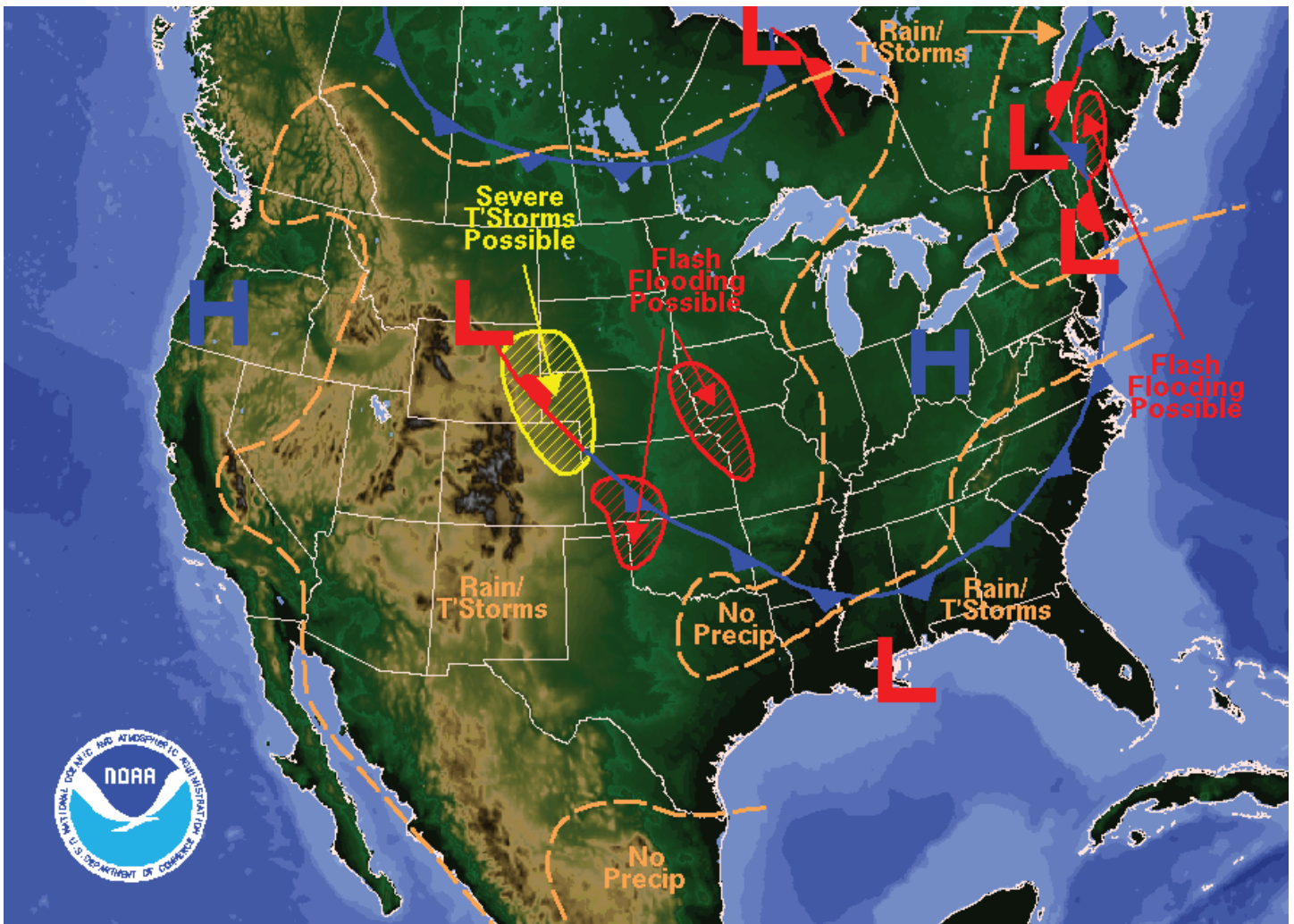
Precip to date in June: 1.67

Average Precip to date: 10.73

Precip Year to Date: 6.66

Sunset Tonight: 9:26 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:48 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Wed, Jun 29, 2016, issued 4:55 AM EDT
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Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



WHAT NEXT, GOD?

"Time for bed, Rosemary," said grandmother.

"Let's read the story of creation." As she read through the verses, she would pause and emphasize how carefully God worked and made something different each day. She wanted her granddaughter to love and understand the power, majesty and wonder of God.

"What do you think of this story?" she asked.

"Oh, I love it," came the reply. "You never know what God's going to do!"

How true.

Jesus once said, "It is very hard to get into the Kingdom of God."

He was then asked, "Then who in the world can be saved?"

He replied, "Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But not with God. Everything is possible with God."

Jesus took this important opportunity to teach the message of salvation. Although salvation by one's efforts is impossible, by God's grace we can be saved if we place our faith in Christ.

It is God's love that provides the grace for our salvation. "You never know what God's going to do."

Prayer: We thank and praise You, Father, for what You did to make our salvation possible through Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Mark 10:27 But Jesus looked at them and said, "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible."

Multimillion-dollar Bismarck development gets anchor hotel

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Developers of a multimillion-dollar housing and retail complex in downtown Bismarck have secured a Sheraton Hotel to serve as the project's anchor.

Cardon Development Group says ground will be broken next March for the FiveSouth development. The public-private partnership will be in the area of the Bismarck Event Center and Kirkwood Mall.

City commissioners last September approved a tax increment finance district to fund \$35 million in public infrastructure including two new parking ramps.

Officials have said investments in the mixed-use development that will include apartments and commercial space could total \$350 million. The project could take three years to fully develop.

The four-star, 140-room hotel will be managed by The Hegg Companies of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and will include a Crave American Kitchen & Sushi Bar.

Capitol flags at half-staff in memory of former lawmaker

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard has ordered flags at the state Capitol in Pierre flown at half-staff for the day in memory of former state legislator Glen McVay of Sioux Falls.

McVay died on Saturday at age 86, and his funeral was being held Wednesday.

McVay was elected in 1984 to represent the Canton area in the state House of Representatives. He served one term.

Crews begin to suppress 1 1/2-square mile Crow Peak Fire

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — Crews have begun to suppress a wildfire on Crow Peak west of Spearfish.

The 1 1/2-square-mile blaze sparked by lightning Friday evening is at 5 percent containment. No structures have been lost, though a few have been threatened and some voluntary evacuation notices have been issued.

About 470 people are fighting the fire on the ground and from the air. Officials say the public can expect to see smoke for some time.

Fire officials have scheduled a community meeting at the Spearfish High School Auditorium on Wednesday night.

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. Higgins Gulch Road also remains closed to the public.

150 South Dakota Army National Guard soldiers return home

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Army National Guard says 150 soldiers are returning home after a 10-month deployment to Kuwait.

A welcome home ceremony for the Guard's Rapid City- and Wagner-based 155th Engineer Company is scheduled for Saturday at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center.

The unit deployed to Kuwait to remodel and complete construction of base infrastructure in the U.S. Army Central area of operations. The Guard says the unit has a variety of specialties, including carpentry, plumbing, electrical work and masonry.

The unit returned to the U.S. on June 19 and has been completing a series of requirements in Fort Bliss, Texas, before it travels to South Dakota.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard and the state's congressional delegation are expected to attend the event.

The 155th also served in Kuwait in 2002-2003.

58-year-old Hoven man dies after weekend motorcycle crash

SELBY, S.D. (AP) — A 58-year-old Hoven resident has died of injuries he suffered during a motorcycle crash over the weekend.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol says James Webb died Tuesday at a hospital in Bismarck, North Dakota.

Webb was traveling on 309th Avenue near Selby when a deer ran out in front of his motorcycle. Webb was thrown from the motorcycle after striking the deer.

The Highway Patrol says Webb was not wearing a helmet at the time of the incident. The agency says the crash remains under investigation.

Funds available for HIV prevention, care of Native Americans

REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The federal agency that provides health care to Native Americans will award up to \$1 million in grants to tribes and organizations across the country in an effort to improve HIV prevention and care outcomes among tribal populations.

The funding from the Indian Health Service will come in the form of up to five awards together totaling no more than \$200,000 a year for five years. The goals of the effort, announced Monday, are to reduce the number of new HIV infections annually, cut the risk of transmission by changing behavior and encourage an open discussion about the virus and disease among the Native American community, which compared with other and ethnicities, has poorer survival rates after an HIV diagnosis.

Rear Adm. Dr. Sarah Linde, the acting chief medical officer of the Indian Health Service, said in a statement to The Associated Press Tuesday that more HIV education is needed "because IHS data shows that as many as 26 percent of the American Indian and Alaska Native people living with HIV infection do not know it."

The IHS National HIV/AIDS Program aims to educate patients on how HIV is spread and how to get tested, offer HIV testing as a routine part of health care, and improve access to care, treatment and prevention services, Linde said.

Tribes, tribal organizations and nonprofits serving Native Americans in urban areas have until Aug. 28 to apply. The grants will be partially funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which will provide expertise to recipients.

Statistics from the Indian Health Service, or IHS, show American Indians and Alaska Natives ranked fifth in estimated rates of HIV infection diagnoses in 2013 compared with other racial and ethnic groups. That year, men accounted for 78 percent and women for 22 percent of the 218 American Indians and Alaska Natives who were diagnosed with HIV. Also in 2013, about 104 American Indians and Alaska Natives were diagnosed with AIDS, a number that the IHS says has remained relatively stable since 2009.

But while the rate of HIV infections among American Indians and Alaska Natives is proportional to their US population size, they face poorer survival rates as well as prevention challenges, including poverty and a longstanding mistrust of the government-run health care facilities that offer them care. The CDC has acknowledged that confidentiality and quality-of-care issues keep Native Americans from

seeking care at IHS-managed facilities.

The individual funding awards that the IHS will give out are anticipated to be between \$20,000 and \$100,000.

Harlan Pruden, a member of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, said that while he believes there should be more funding allocated to HIV prevention and care efforts, the money that the IHS is currently offering could significantly help smaller "Two-Spirit" — or Native lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender — community organizations.

"It opens up the possibility for some of the unfunded Two-Spirit organizations that don't have a lot of capacity to enter into these cooperative agreements. ... They have a lot of community expertise and community engagement — they just don't have any funding," Pruden said.

Fire officials remind residents to be careful with fireworks

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The Department of Agriculture's Wildland Fire Division says citizens should be very cautious lighting off fireworks in areas of South Dakota where conditions are dry.

Fireworks sales in South Dakota are legal until July 5, and they can be shot off through July 10.

Officials are reminding people not to use fireworks in an area where a fire could ignite and to have water nearby to put out a potential fire.

Jim Strain, deputy director of South Dakota Wildland Fire, says a small spark could set off a wildfire. Fireworks are banned in the Black Hills Forest Fire Protection District.

Midco Sports Network names broadcaster for UND games

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) — Midco Sports Network has chosen broadcast veteran Alex Heinert to announce University of North Dakota football, men's and women's hockey, volleyball, and men's and women's basketball games.

Heinert has nine years of sports broadcasting and journalism experience. He has been a play-by-play broadcaster, color commentator, reporter, producer and coaches' show host at Midco Sports Network and other TV and radio stations.

Heinert also has served as public address announcer for Sioux Falls Stampede hockey, Sioux Falls Canaries baseball and Sioux Falls Skyforce basketball.

Heinert begins his new role in Grand Forks in late July. He also will host and produce two coaches' shows — "North Dakota Hockey with Brad Berry" and "UND Sports Extra."

Daugaard's vote went to Kasich, not Trump, in state primary

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard says he voted for former presidential contender John Kasich in South Dakota's GOP primary earlier this month after the Ohio governor had suspended his campaign for the White House.

Daugaard cast a ballot for Kasich in the June primary even though Donald Trump was the presumptive Republican nominee. Kasich and Ted Cruz remained on the ballot in South Dakota after departing from the race.

Daugaard says he knows Kasich, a fellow governor. Daugaard also cited fiscal responsibility as a focus he's stressed at the state level that's lacking at the federal level.

Kasich made his mark in the U.S. House as a fiscal hawk while serving as chairman of the House Budget Committee and claims credit for crafting a balanced federal budget before leaving Congress in 2000.

Trump claimed victory in South Dakota's June 7 primary.

Tech school backers launch constitutional amendment campaign

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard is backing a proposed constitutional amendment that supporters say will help South Dakota's technical schools address the state's skilled worker shortage.

Boosters launched their campaign Tuesday to convince South Dakota residents to vote for Constitutional Amendment R at the polls in November. Supporters say the measure gives the technical schools a seat at the political table and changes the constitution to reflect current workforce demands.

"This amendment is about strengthening our technical institutes," Daugaard said. "We need to modernize our state laws so that technical institutes can be as nimble as possible and remain on the cutting edge of job creation and job training."

Becoming enshrined in the state constitution is advantageous to the technical schools, said Greg Von Wald, executive director of the Skilled Workforce Advocacy Council.

The changes would elevate them from an "afterthought" to a position equal with the state's K-12 schools and public universities during the legislative budgeting and policymaking process, he said.

"If you're not in the constitution and you have no direct input into the budget, what happens to you?" Von Wald said. "You're the red-haired stepchild."

The amendment also is meant to make it clear that South Dakota's four technical institutes in Watertown, Mitchell, Sioux Falls and Rapid City are independent from the state Board of Regents, said Republican Rep. Mark Mickelson, who ushered the measure through the Legislature during the 2015 session.

The uncertainty has been a concern for the tech institutes in the past, he said. The amendment specifies that publicly funded technical institutes, which had an enrollment of about 6,300 students during the 2015-16 school year, would be separately governed in a manner to be set by the state Legislature.

Tech Schools for South Dakota, the ballot question committee supporting the constitutional amendment, had raised roughly more than \$200,000 for the campaign at the end of the most recent finance disclosure deadline. The group must educate the public on the "amorphous" idea to get them to support it, Von Wald said.

The constitutional amendment requires a simple majority of votes to be approved.

"Yes on 'R,' for technical education and workforce development," Mickelson said. "It has no opponents."

Black Hills National Forest getting a new supervisor

CUSTER, S.D. (AP) — The Black Hills National Forest in western South Dakota and northeastern Wyoming is getting a new supervisor.

Mark Van Every has more than 33 years of experience with the U.S. Forest Service. He has worked at forests in Alaska, Wyoming, Utah, Minnesota and Colorado. The last four years he's been forest supervisor for the National Forests and Grasslands in Texas.

Starting Aug. 22, Van Every will replace Craig Bobzien at the Black Hills National Forest. Bobzien retired at the end of April, after serving as supervisor of the 1.2 million-acre forest since June 2005.

USD, SDSU collaborating on retail sports apparel store

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The University of South Dakota and South Dakota State University are collaborating on a retail sports apparel store in Sioux Falls.

The Jack and Charlie's store in the Empire Mall is named after the schools' Jackrabbit and Coyote mascots. The 3,000-square-foot store will open next month, selling apparel, gifts, souvenirs and other items from the Vermillion- and Brookings-based universities.

The schools are rivals when it comes to sports. But USD spokeswoman Tena Haraldson says many South Dakota families have ties to both schools. And she says the two universities have tens of thousands of alums in Sioux Falls.

41 dead in Istanbul airport attack blamed on Islamic State

ZEYNEP BILGINSOY, Associated Press

SUZAN FRASER, Associated Press

DOMINIQUE SOGUEL, Associated Press

ISTANBUL (AP) — Suicide attackers armed with guns and bombs killed 41 people and wounded scores of others at Istanbul's busy Ataturk Airport in an attack the government blamed on Islamic State extremists.

Funerals were expected Wednesday for some of the victims — who included at least 23 Turkish citizens and 13 foreign nationals — as Turkish authorities tried to piece together how the attack happened.

A Turkish official said authorities are going through surveillance footage and interviewing witnesses to establish a preliminary timeline and details.

The death toll excluded the three bombers, who arrived in a taxi and eventually blew themselves up after coming under fire, according to the government, though there were conflicting reports about exactly where they detonated their explosives.

Earlier, the same official had said none of the attackers got past security checks at the entrance, with two detonating explosives at the international arrivals terminal and the third in the parking lot. The official spoke on condition of anonymity in line with government protocol.

But the HaberTurk newspaper reported that one attacker blew himself up outside the terminal, and two others opened fire near the X-ray machines. The report said an attacker was shot at while running amid fleeing passengers, then blew himself up at the exit. The third attacker went up one level to the international departures terminal, was shot by police and detonated his explosives, according to the report.

Airport surveillance video posted on social media appeared to show the moment of one explosion, a huge ball of fire, and passengers fleeing. Another appeared to show an attacker, felled by a gunshot from a security officer, blowing himself up seconds later.

"So, what can we think? We cannot think anything," said Ali Batur, whose brother died. "A terror attack might happen everywhere, it happens everywhere. This terror trouble is also in our country. If God permits, we will get over this in unity and solidarity."

As dawn broke over the destroyed terminal, workers began removing debris. An information board inside showed about one-third of scheduled flights were canceled, and a host of others were delayed.

Earlier, the hundreds of passengers who fled the airport in fear were left sitting on the grass outside. Several ambulances drove back and forth, and security vehicles surrounded the scene.

The Istanbul governor's office said more than 230 people were wounded.

Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim said it appeared that the Islamic State group, which has threatened Turkey repeatedly, was responsible.

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"Even though the indications suggest Daesh, our investigations are continuing," Yildirim said, using Arabic shorthand for Islamic State.

Turkey has suffered a series of attacks, and the increasing frequency and scale have scared away visitors and devastated the economy, which relies heavily on tourism. The country is a key partner in the U.S.-led coalition against Islamic State and a NATO member.

Turkey shares long, porous borders with Syria and Iraq, war-torn countries where IS controls large pockets of territory. Authorities have blamed IS for several major bombings over the past year, including on the capital Ankara, as well as attacks on tourists in Istanbul.

The government has stepped up controls at airports and land borders and deported thousands of foreign fighters, but has struggled to tackle the extremist threat while also conducting security operations against Kurdish rebels, who have also been blamed for some recent deadly attacks.

The devastation at Istanbul's airport follows the March attack on the Brussels airport, where two suicide bombings ripped through check-in counters, killing 16 people. The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for that attack, as well as a subsequent explosion at a Brussels subway station that killed 16 more people.

Belgian Prime Minister Charles Michel said on Twitter: "Our thoughts are with the victims of the attacks at Istanbul's airport. We condemn these atrocious acts of violence."

Turkish airports have security checks at both the entrance of terminal buildings and then later before entry to departure gates.

Judy Favish, a South African who spent two days in Istanbul as a layover on her way home from Dublin, had just checked in when she heard an explosion followed by gunfire and a loud bang.

She said she hid under the counter, then passengers were ushered to a basement cafeteria where they were kept for more than an hour before being allowed outside.

Two South African tourists, Paul and Susie Roos from Cape Town, due to fly home at the time of the explosions.

"We came up from the arrivals to the departures, up the escalator when we heard these shots going off," Paul Roos said. "There was this guy going roaming around, he was dressed in black and he had a handgun."

The prime minister called for national unity and "global cooperation" in combatting terrorism.

"This (attack) has shown once again that terrorism is a global threat," Yildirim said. "This is a heinous planned attack that targeted innocent people."

He suggested that the attack was linked to what he said was Turkey's success against Kurdish rebels, as well as steps Ankara took Monday toward mending strained ties with Israel and Russia.

Yildirim said there were no immediate indications that other attackers were at large.

Dozens of anxious friends and relatives waited early Wednesday outside Istanbul's Bakirkoy Hospital.

"You can hear that people are wailing here," said Serdar Tatlisu, a relative of a victim. "We cannot cope anymore, we can't just stay still. We need some kind of solution for whatever problem there is."

Turkey is beset by an array of security threats, including from ultra-left radicals, Kurdish rebels demanding greater autonomy in the restive southeast, and IS militants.

On Jan. 12, an attack that Turkish authorities blamed on IS claimed the lives of a dozen German tourists visiting Istanbul's historic sites. On March 19, a suicide bombing rocked Istanbul's main pedestrian street, killing five people, including the bomber, whom the authorities identified as a Turkish national linked to IS.

Last October, twin suicide bombings hit a peace rally outside Ankara's train station, killing 102 people. There was no claim of responsibility but Turkish authorities blamed the attack on a local Islamic State

cell.

Istanbul's Ataturk Airport was the 11th busiest airport in the world last year, with 61.8 million passengers, according to Airports Council International. It is also one of the fastest-growing airports in the world, seeing 9.2 percent more passengers last year than in 2014.

Driver flips, totals car after slipping on snail slime

BERLIN (AP) — Is this the definition of a slow-moving hazard?

German police say a driver lost control of his car after slipping on a slimy trail left by a procession of snails that were making their way across the highway.

The car — an old East German Trabant — flipped over and was wrecked, but the driver was unhurt.

Police said the incident happened early Wednesday near Paderborn, about 350 kilometers (220 miles) west of Berlin.

Judge to farmer: Stop using crushed eggshells as fertilizer

BETHEL, N.Y. (AP) — A judge has ordered an upstate New York farmer to stop using eggshells as fertilizer after neighboring businesses complained the smell and clouds of flies drove away customers.

The Times Herald-Record of Middletown reports (<http://bit.ly/292kC8m>) Peter Hofstee has been applying crushed eggshells to his hay fields in the Sullivan County town of Bethel since his usual fertilizer of liquid duck manure was cut off by the supplier last summer.

The owners of a restaurant and a distilling company adjacent to the fields took Hofstee to court, saying the rotting eggshells caused an unbearable stench and served as a source of fly larvae.

A state Supreme Court judge ordered the farmer to remove his eggshell stockpiles and rid his fields of fly larvae.

Hofstee says the ruling will put him out of business.

Scotty Moore, Elvis Presley's first guitarist, dies at 84

ADRIAN SAINZ, Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Scotty Moore, the pioneering rock guitarist whose sharp, graceful style helped Elvis Presley shape his revolutionary sound and inspired a generation of musicians that included Keith Richards, Jimmy Page and Bruce Springsteen, died Tuesday. He was 84.

Moore died at his home in Nashville, said biographer and friend James L. Dickerson, who confirmed the death through a family friend.

"As a musician, I consider him one of the co-founders of rock 'n' roll because of the guitar licks that he invented," Dickerson said, calling Moore an icon.

Presley's ex-wife Priscilla Presley echoed that sentiment in a statement Tuesday night: "Elvis loved Scotty dearly and treasured those amazing years together, both in the studio and on the road. Scotty was an amazing musician and a legend in his own right. The incredible music that Scotty and Elvis made together will live forever and influence generations to come."

Moore, a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, was the last survivor of a combo that included Presley, bassist Bill Black and producer Sam Phillips.

Moore was a local session musician when he and Black were thrown together with Presley on July 5, 1954, in the Memphis-based Sun Records studios. Presley was a self-effacing, but determined teen anxious to make a record. Moore's bright riffs and fluid solos — natural compliments to Presley's strumming rhythm guitar — and Black's hard-slapping work on a standup bass gave Elvis the foundation on

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which he developed a fresh blend of blues, gospel and country that came to be called rock 'n' roll.

"One day, we went to have coffee with Sam and his secretary, Marion Keisker, and she was the one who brought up Elvis," Moore said in a 2014 interview with Guitar Player magazine. "We didn't know, but Marion had a crush on Elvis, and she asked Sam if he had ever talked to that boy who had been in there.

"Sam said to Marion, 'Go back in there and get that boy's telephone number, and give it to Scotty.' Then, Sam turned to me and said, 'Why don't you listen to this boy, and see what you think.' Marion came back with a slip of paper, and it said 'Elvis Presley.' I said, 'Elvis Presley — what the hell kind of a name is that?'"

For the now-legendary Sun sessions they covered a wide range of songs, from "That's All Right" to "Mystery Train." After "That's All Right" began drawing attention, Presley, Moore and Black took to the road playing any gig they could find, large or small, adding drummer D.J. Fontana and trying their best to be heard over thousands of screaming fans.

The hip-shaking Presley soon rose from regional act to superstardom, signing up with RCA Records and topping the charts with "Heartbreak Hotel," "All Shook Up" and many other hits. Elvis was the star, but young musicians listened closely to Moore's contributions, whether the slow, churning solo he laid down on "Heartbreak Hotel" or the flashy lead on "Hard-Headed Woman."

"Everyone else wanted to be Elvis," Richards once observed. "I wanted to be Scotty."

Moore, Black and Fontana backed Presley for his shocking TV appearances and early movies, but by 1957 had tired of what Moore called "Elvis economics." In the memoir "That's Alright, Elvis," published in 1997, Moore noted that he earned just over \$8,000 in 1956, while Presley became a millionaire. Moore also cited tension with Elvis' manager, "Colonel" Tom Parker.

"We couldn't go talk to Elvis and talk about anything," Moore, who along with Black left Presley's group, told The Tennessean newspaper in 1997. "There wasn't ever any privacy. It was designed that way, but not by Elvis. It's not that I feel bitterness, just disappointment."

Moore worked one more time with Elvis, for the 1968 "comeback" TV special that helped return him to the top of the charts. But Moore's compensation didn't even cover his travel expenses, he would recall, and he was not asked to join Presley's band for his tours in the 1970s. (Presley died in 1977).

Starting in the late 1950s, Moore worked on various projects. In 1959, singer Thomas Wayne had a Top 5 hit, "Tragedy," on Moore's Fernwood record label. Moore put out a solo album in 1964 called "The Guitar That Changed the World!" and with Fontana played on the 1997 Presley tribute album "All the King's Men," featuring Richards, Levon Helm and other stars. He and Fontana also backed Paul McCartney for the ex-Beatle's cover of "That's All Right." In 2000, Moore was inducted into the Rock Hall of Fame. More recently, he was a recording studio manager, engineer and businessman.

"He was a class act as a human being," biographer Dickerson told The Associated Press late Tuesday. "Besides being one of the best guitarists that ever lived and most inventive, he was a great person, and you don't always find that in the music industry."

Dickerson said a family member of Moore's longtime companion, Gail Pollock, who had been staying in the house with Moore confirmed the death Tuesday. Pollock died in November 2015.

Moore was born near Gadsden, Tennessee, in 1931, and learned guitar at an early age. He was a fan of jazz and country and was strongly influenced by Chet Atkins and Les Paul. After serving in the Navy, he settled in Memphis, working at a dry cleaning plant during the day and playing music after his shift was over.

Phillips, who had not been impressed with Presley at first, had called in Moore and Black to work with the young singer. The two had been recorded by Phillips previously as members of a country-Western

band, The Starlite Wranglers.

"I wanted them to get together (with Presley) and get a feel for each other," Phillips told the Los Angeles Times in 1981. "I also told them to keep an eye out for material."

Moore told of that recording session many times over the years, remembering that it was not going well until Presley broke into a spontaneous, upbeat version of "That's All Right." The song, also called "That's All Right, Mama," was originally recorded by bluesman Arthur "Big Boy" Crudup in 1946.

Moore and Black began jamming with Presley and helped work out the version that Phillips put on tape.

"Sam poked his head out of the door — this was before mixing consoles had a talkback button — and he said, 'What are you guys doing? That sounds pretty good. Why don't you keep doing it,'" Moore told Guitar Player. "So I got my guitar, ran through it a couple of times, and that was it. That was the beginning of, how do you say it — all hell breaking loose!"

World stocks up as worries ease over Britain's EU leave vote

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SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Global stocks rose sharply Wednesday as worries eased about the uncertainty that follows Britain's vote to leave the European Union. The British pound also rose as talks got underway among European leaders on how to handle the situation.

Britain's benchmark stock index, the FTSE 100, was up 2.6 percent to 6,298. It has not suffered much because many of its listed companies have global operation and the pound's drop to a 31-year low will help their exports and boost the value of earnings repatriated to Britain. Domestic companies have taken a much bigger hit.

Germany's DAX advanced 2 percent to 9,636 and France's CAC 40 gained 2.8 percent to 4,202. Futures augured a positive start for Wall Street. Dow futures added 0.6 percent and S&P futures rose 0.7 percent.

Investors appeared to have set aside their anxiety over Britain's vote, encouraged by solid data on the U.S. economy and housing market.

But analysts said market volatility could return any time and it is too early to say that investor confidence has made a full comeback since the vote for "Brexit," a British exit from the EU.

"Stock markets may find it difficult to return immediately to the levels seen before last week's vote with buyers being wary about being too aggressive in what may yet be just another volatile swing," said Ric Spooner, chief market analyst at CMC Markets, in a commentary.

Global financial markets were rattled last Friday by the vote's result, which many investors did not seem to anticipate. Stocks and oil fell, as did the pound, while bonds and gold rose thanks to their perceived status as safe havens. Ratings agency S&P slashed its top-shelf credit rating for the U.K.

The British currency recovered some of its losses this week but remained near its 31-year low. On Wednesday, the pound rose 0.5 percent to \$1.3408. In other currencies, the yen, which strengthened sharply after the British referendum, lost some gains. The dollar rose to 102.69 yen from 102.63 yen. The euro rose to \$1.1090 from \$1.1080.

In Asia on Wednesday, Japan's Nikkei 225 jumped 1.6 percent to 15,566.83 and South Korea's Kospi gained 1 percent to 1,956.36. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index added 1.3 percent to 20,436.12, while Australia's S&P/ASX 200 rose 0.8 percent to 5,142.40. Stocks in mainland China, Taiwan, Singapore and Indonesia also were higher.

Benchmark U.S. crude rose 60 cents to \$48.45 per barrel in New York. The contract added \$1.52 on

Tuesday. Brent crude, used to price international oils, gained 58 cents to \$49.84 a barrel in London.

Former TV judge Joe Brown can't practice law in Tennessee

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Former television judge Joe Brown cannot practice law in Tennessee under an order from the state Supreme Court.

According to The Commercial Appeal (<http://bit.ly/292mXhT>), the state's highest court has placed Brown on disability inactive status, which designates that a lawyer is temporarily disabled and incapacitated from practicing law. Lawyers can resume practice when they prove to the court that the disability has been removed.

Production company Celebritunity says Brown is suffering from complications from type II diabetes "and the effects of prescribed medication for the condition combined with hypertension and stress."

Brown unsuccessfully ran for Shelby County district attorney in 2014. He was jailed for five days last September for contempt of court stemming from an outburst in Juvenile Court in March 2014.

Dispatcher: 'My caller is no longer responding'

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ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Police dispatchers heard repeated gunfire, screaming and moaning from patrons of the Pulse nightclub who called to report that gunman Omar Mateen was opening fire inside the club, according to written logs released Tuesday.

The first call of "shots fired" came in at 2:02 a.m. and the caller reported "multiple people down."

One caller said Mateen had gone upstairs where six people were hiding. Dispatchers heard up to 30 gunshots in the background at another point as callers screamed and moaned.

"My caller is no longer responding, just an open line with moaning," one dispatcher said in the report.

Another dispatcher wrote, "Hearing gunshots closer, multiple people screaming."

A caller described Mateen as wearing a gray shirt and brown pants.

Mateen opened fire at the club on June 12, leaving 49 patrons dead and 53 injured in the worst mass shooting in recent U.S. history. In calls with the police after the shooting began, Mateen pledged his allegiance to Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the leader of the Islamic State group, declared himself to be an Islamic soldier and demanded that the United States stop bombing Syria and Iraq, the FBI said.

"Saying he pledges to the Islamic State," a dispatcher wrote at 2:40 a.m.

The report recounted where patrons hid in the nightclub: in an office upstairs, in a closet, in a dressing room and behind a stage. Ten people were hiding in the handicap stall of a bathroom. One caller described patrons using their hands to stop the bleeding of shooting victims.

At several points, callers relayed misinformation to the dispatchers. One caller said there was a second gunman and another thought Mateen had a bomb.

Mateen "is saying he is a terrorist ... and has several bombs strapped to him in the downstairs female restroom," the dispatcher notes said.

According to the time-stamped calls, nine people were evacuated through the air conditioner window of a dressing room at 4:21 a.m. At 5:07 a.m., dispatchers heard an explosion as SWAT team members tried to knock down a bathroom wall to free 15 hostages. At 5:17 a.m., dispatchers heard: "Bad guy down."

Emails, inspection reports and texts released by the Orlando Fire Department on Tuesday suggested that one of the exits at the Pulse nightclub wasn't operable weeks before the massacre, but a fire department spokeswoman and an attorney for the club both said that wasn't true.

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The last fire inspection at Pulse was conducted in late May when the inoperable exit door was discovered, according to an email exchange between Orlando Fire Marshall Tammy Hughes and Fire Chief Roderick Williams. A follow-up visit was planned but hadn't been assigned so it wasn't known if the problem was fixed, the emails said.

But Pulse attorney Gus Benitez said Tuesday that none of the six exits at the gay nightclub was blocked during the inspection. The inspector only found that a light bulb in an exit sign needed to be replaced and a fire extinguisher needed to be hung on wall. Both items were corrected, Benitez said in a statement.

Fire department spokeswoman Ashley Papagni backed up Benitez's contention on Tuesday. She said the exit door was deemed inoperable because of the light bulb problem in the exit sign.

Pulse had twice the number of exits needed to accommodate its maximum occupancy of 300 patrons, according to the emails and texts.

The emails and dispatcher notes were released on the same day that a legal tug-of-war broke out over which court should be the venue for determining whether 911 tapes from the Pulse nightclub shootings can be made public.

Nearly two dozen news media organizations — including The Associated Press, CNN and The New York Times — contend 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 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 and are part of an FBI investigation.

A hearing had been scheduled Tuesday in a Florida courtroom in Orlando but it was abruptly canceled after the U.S. Department of Justice was added to the case and Justice officials asked for it to be transferred to federal court.

Attorneys for the news media organizations said they will fight to keep the case in state court.

Division, confusion as EU rethinks future without Britain

ANGELA CHARLTON, Associated Press

LORNE COOK, Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — EU leaders met Wednesday without Britain for the first time to rethink their shaken union, make it more relevant to citizens and keep it from disintegrating after Britain's unprecedented vote to leave — but conflicting visions of Europe's future are complicating the high-stakes summit.

British Prime Minister David Cameron left Brussels on Tuesday night without any clear divorce plan, fending off pressure for a quick exit and punting the complex departure negotiations to his successor.

In Britain, nominations opened Wednesday for a new Conservative leader to replace him after his devastating political miscalculation in calling last week's referendum.

With Britain's fate in Europe uncertain, the 27 remaining presidents, chancellors and prime ministers meeting in Brussels are focusing Wednesday on what to do about the rest of the continent. There's a widespread sense that the post-war project to foster peace via trade has become a bureaucratic, un-democratic behemoth with little meaning for its 500 million citizens.

"We all need to wake up and smell the coffee," Lithuanian President Dalia Grybauskaitė said.

"We have to show that Europe brings a real added value that can be felt by our fellow citizens," Belgian's Prime Minister Charles Michel said.

They all seem to agree that something must change after frustrations built up to the point that Britain quit, but disagree about how. The initial EU founding nations in the west lean toward a tighter, closer

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union while newer nations in the east want to keep more control with national governments — notably of their borders.

Other EU countries are now facing calls, especially from the nationalist far right, for referendums on quitting the bloc. Popular French far-right leader Marine Le Pen pressed unpopular President Francois Hollande in a weekend meeting for such a vote in France, but his government has rejected the idea.

The 27 remaining EU members are especially divided over how to deal with migration, a major issue in Britain's vote last week. Central European nations led by Hungary refuse to accept imposed EU refugee quotas, and countries further north have all tightened border controls in response to the arrival of more than 1 million migrants last year.

Britain is more concerned about EU immigration, since its strong economy draws hundreds of thousands of workers from other EU nations.

Britain's departure will also shift the balance of power within the EU, handing more weight to Germany's Merkel and emboldening eastern countries such as Poland that want a greater voice in the EU. The bloc depends on consensus, so has long relied on trade-offs and compromise between countries with very different approaches to what they want out of Europe.

The shock British vote has roiled markets and had impact on Europe and beyond, and overshadowed all the discussions Wednesday in Brussels, because it will rob the EU of its richest financial market, biggest military power and a diplomatic giant.

It could also prompt an unraveling of the UK.

Scotland's First Minister Nicola Sturgeon met Wednesday in Brussels with European Parliament President Martin Schulz and is meeting later with the leader of the EU executive, Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker. Scottish voters overwhelmingly chose to remain in the European Union but were drowned out by English voters. Sturgeon has indicated there may be a new referendum on Scottish independence.

"It was a good opportunity for me to set out Scotland's position and Scotland's desire to remain within the European Union and to protect our relationship with the European Union," Sturgeon said after meeting Schulz, but added, "I don't underestimate the challenges that lie ahead for us seeking to find a path."

Watching Britain's turmoil, Luxembourg Prime Minister Xavier Bettel said, "With a disunited United Kingdom, we need a united Europe more than ever."

In London, nominations opened Wednesday to replace Cameron as leader of the Conservative Party, with Work and Pensions Secretary Stephen Crabb the first official contender. Former London Mayor Boris Johnson and Home Secretary Theresa May are also expected to run.

At Tuesday night's summit dinner, EU leaders rejected Cameron's pleas for favorable conditions for Britain once it leaves, insisting there would be no cherry-picking of advantageous trade conditions without respecting the free movement of people.

Merkel dismissed suggestions that Cameron's successor might not start the formal EU withdrawal process because of the financial turmoil prompted by the vote and wide confusion about how to extract a country from the EU.

"I see no way to reverse it," Merkel said. She said this is not the time for "wishful thinking."

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. ISLAMIC STATE GROUP BLAMED FOR TURKISH AIRPORT ATTACK

Suicide attackers kill dozens and wound more than 140 at Istanbul's busy Ataturk Airport, the latest in a series of bombings to strike Turkey in recent months.

2. DIVISION, CONFUSION AS EU RETHINKS FUTURE WITHOUT BRITAIN

European Union leaders meeting in Brussels will talk about Europe without the United Kingdom. Meanwhile, Britain's Conservative Party will reveal the candidates for a new leader to replace David Cameron.

3. WHAT NORTH AMERICAN LEADERS ARE CONFRONTING

The leaders of Canada, the United States and Mexico are facing a rising tide of economic protectionism and nationalism as they meet in Ottawa.

4. TRUMP SLOGAN HAS DEEP HISTORY

"America First" harkens back to the isolationist America First Committee, a group remembered for trying to keep the U.S. out of World War II, anti-Semitism and praise for Hitler's economic policies.

5. WHY JORDAN MAY HAVE HOMEGROWN EXTREMISM PROBLEM

Hundreds of suspected backers of IS are facing a crackdown by the kingdom under toughened anti-terror laws that punish even liking or sharing extremists' material on social media.

6. RECORDS: CITY LAWYERS WEAK LINK IN POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

An AP review of hundreds of court records suggests city attorneys from Baltimore to Spokane, Washington, may have hidden or delayed disclosing evidence in police-misconduct cases.

7. CLOCK TICKING, BUT TWEAKS IN PLAY FOR LGBT LAW

North Carolina's Republican legislators say the provision which directs transgender people to use public restrooms that correspond with the sex on their birth certificates will not be revised.

8. WELCOME TO 'PYONGHATTAN'

North Korean soldier-builders are hard at work on an ambitious cluster of high-rises intended to show the world Kim Jong Un can't be stopped with sanctions and pressure.

9. PIONEERING ROCK GUITARIST DIES AT 84

Scotty Moore's sharp, graceful style helped Elvis Presley shape his revolutionary sound and inspired a generation of musicians like Keith Richards, Jimmy Page and Bruce Springsteen.

10. PLAYERS, COACHES MAKE PILGRIMAGE TO 'SUMMITT'

Dozens of Pat Summitt's former Tennessee players and coaches descended on Knoxville over the weekend, saying their final goodbyes to the winningest coach in Division I college basketball history.

Drug pusher deaths jump as Philippine leader takes office

TERESA CERAJANO, Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The bodies of dozens of suspected drug peddlers have turned up in the Philippines in recent weeks, providing an eerie backdrop to the swearing-in on Thursday of Rodrigo Duterte, who has warned of a bloody presidency in his bid to eradicate crime.

Some of the dead were killed in gunfights with police; others mysteriously turned up on the street. One was dumped with sign: "Don't follow me or you'll die next."

The numbers of bodies have spiked since Duterte swept the May 9 elections on promises to wipe out crime and corruption within six months. That bold pledge won him huge support but also sparked

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concerns about vigilante justice and a lack of due process.

Nicknamed "Duterte Harry" after a Clint Eastwood character with little regard for rules, he says he plans to fulfill his promise despite criticism from human rights advocates and church officials and dares his critics to impeach him.

"If I couldn't convince you, I'll have you killed. Just imagine if I kill 10 persons a day for the next six years," he was quoted as saying by Cebu Daily News in his native Visayan language, referring to drug suspects. "If you're into drugs, I'm sorry. I'll have to apologize to your family because you'll surely get killed."

So far, the threats seem to be working to some extent: Hundreds of drug pushers and addicts have surrendered to police in recent days, signing pledges to reform.

National police data show 39 mostly drug peddler suspects were killed since the start of the year until the election. But since then, 72 killed have been killed, bringing the yearly total so far to 111 deaths.

Outgoing national police chief Ricardo Marquez dismissed speculation that the spike in deaths was timed to the beginning of Duterte's presidency, saying he already promised an intensified anti-drug campaign when he took over last year.

"There is no truth to what is being said that it is only now that the police have stepped up the fight against drugs," he said. So far this year, 183 have been killed in clashes between police and clandestine drug lab workers, dealers and users, he added. The reason for the discrepancy in the totals wasn't immediately clear.

In one television report, a mother wailed as she saw the body of her son sprawled on a roadside in eastern Camarines Sur province, apparently shot with four wounds and a slash on his neck.

"What they have done is too much," she said, sobbing on the shoulder of another woman.

Nearly 5,000 suspects have been arrested in anti-drug operations after the election, bringing the number of arrests in a nationwide drive to nearly 19,000 since January, according to police records.

"We are alarmed about the rate of almost everyday killings of suspected criminals and members of drug syndicates," said Wilnor Montilla Papa, a human rights campaigner for Amnesty International in the Philippines. "Our concern is on the lack of due process, the seemingly abusive stance" of authorities.

Last week, the head of the influential Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines issued a letter saying the group was disturbed by the reports of growing numbers of drug suspects being killed as well as the spike in vigilante killings. The letter reminded law enforcers that one can "shoot to kill" solely on the ground of legitimate self-defense or the defense of others.

"To kill a suspect outright, no matter how much surveillance work may have antecedently been done on the suspect, is not morally justified," Archbishop Socrates Villegas said.

Others praised Duterte's drastic approach to combatting crime.

Arsenio Evangelista, whose son was kidnapped and killed 5 years ago, supports the incoming president's plan to restore the death penalty and promise to eradicate all major crimes, especially drug-related offenses in three to six months. But he said the recent increase in drug dealer deaths could not have been on orders of Duterte because he isn't in office yet.

"We want results out of frustration, dismay" with a criminal justice system that is corrupt and does not work, said Evangelista, who is also a spokesman for a group called Volunteers Against Crime and Corruption.

He said his group believes the deaths could be part of an effort by police officials to burnish their accomplishments in the face of Duterte's plans to revamp the police force. Under pressure to step up efforts, police have clamped down on mostly small-time drug pushers who are easier to find and apprehend, he added.

In the past, such peddlers would rather bribe officers than engage in a shootout, Evangelista said. "It's not believable that street-level drug peddlers' behavior changed totally," he said.

Police Senior Inspector Donelle Edep Brannon, head of a small community precinct in Manila's tourist district, said the spike in deaths is the result of an intensified anti-drugs campaign initiated by the police leadership in view of Duterte's strong pronouncements.

Police follow procedures, but deaths could not be avoided if law enforcers' lives are put in danger by those who choose to fight instead of surrendering to arresting officers, he added.

He said he expects the anti-crime drive to intensify even more once Duterte is in office — and he welcomes it.

"Being a police officer," he said, "it is better for us to feel that the president himself is our ally in fighting criminality."

Trump's 'America First' echoes old isolationist rallying cry

MICHAEL BIESECKER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump boils down his foreign policy agenda to two words: "America First."

For students of U.S. history, that slogan harkens back to the tumultuous presidential election of 1940, when hundreds of thousands of Americans joined the anti-war America First Committee. That isolationist group's primary goal was to keep the United States from joining Britain in the fight against Nazi Germany, which by then had overrun nearly all of Europe. But the committee is also remembered for the unvarnished anti-Semitism of some of its most prominent members and praise for the economic policies of Adolf Hitler.

'AMERICA FIRST' FORMED

The America First Committee was founded in spring 1940 at Yale University by students that included future U.S. president Gerald Ford and future Supreme Court justice Potter Stewart. Future President John F. Kennedy contributed \$100. Within months, France had capitulated to the Germans and England appeared on the verge of collapse. The committee was soon the largest anti-war organization in U.S. history, with more than 800,000 dues-paying members.

As the committee grew, it attracted celebrities, politicians and business leaders opposed President Franklin Roosevelt's lend-lease aid to the British. Among them was the admired aviator Charles Lindbergh, who was the first man to fly non-stop across the Atlantic Ocean more than a decade earlier.

FRIENDS IN BERLIN

Lindbergh, whose family was of Germanic heritage, made multiple high-profile visits to the Fatherland, including to the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin as a special guest of Field Marshal Hermann Goering, head of the German air force. Lindbergh grew to admire Hitler's revitalization of the German economy at a time the United States was still mired in the Great Depression. He also marveled at the advanced fighters and bombers of the Luftwaffe.

Upon his return to the United States, Lindbergh spoke favorably of the Nazis and published widely read opinion pieces saying the German military conquest of Europe was inevitable and that America should stay out of the war. He joined the executive committee of America First and became the public face of the group, traveling the country to speak at massive anti-war rallies.

ISOLATIONISM AND ANTI-SEMITISM

America First championed the belief that two vast oceans would insulate the United States from foreign invasion. The group also opposed the acceptance of shiploads of Jewish refugees then-fleeing Nazi persecution. In addition to Lindbergh, the executive committee of America First included the auto-

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maker Henry Ford, who had paid to publish a series of anti-Semitic pamphlets called *The International Jew*, and Avery Brundage, the former U.S. Olympic Committee chairman who had barred two American Jewish runners from competing at the Berlin Olympics.

Lindbergh espoused anti-Semitic views in his speeches, including a September 1941 *America First* rally in Des Moines, Iowa.

"The British and the Jewish races, for reasons which are not American, wish to involve us in the war," he said. "Their greatest danger to this country lies in their large ownership and influence in our motion pictures, our press, our radio and our government."

Within days of the Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Germany declared war on the United States. *America First* quickly disbanded.

TRUMP'S 'AMERICA FIRST'

During his first major foreign policy speech in April, Trump said "America First will be the major and overriding theme of my administration."

He has repeatedly used the slogan on the campaign trail, including in a speech this week.

"We are going to put America First, and we are going to Make America Great Again," Trump said last week in another speech. "We need to reform our economic system so that, once again, we can all succeed together, and America can become rich again. That's what we mean by America First."

Trump has proposed building a "big, beautiful wall" along the U.S. border with Mexico to keep out Latino immigrants and opposes the admittance of Muslim war refugees from Syria. He has also called for "tearing up" international trade deals.

ECHOES OF THE PAST

Historians told *The Associated Press* there are some ideological parallels between Trump's rhetoric on the campaign trail and the positions taken 75 years ago by members of the *America First* Committee. Then as now, an economic downturn fanned popular resentment toward immigration, especially by those who were not perceived as traditional Americans.

"Building a wall is about the illusion that there can be a physical safeguard to prevent intrusion from alien forces," said Bruce Miroff, a professor who teaches on American politics and the presidency at the State University of New York at Albany. "America First was tapping into suspicion of an ominous other who threatened the American way of life. At that time, it was about Jews. With Trump, it's Muslims and fear of terrorism."

Trump campaign spokeswoman Hope Hicks did not respond to messages this week seeking comment about the *America First* slogan.

The Anti-Defamation League, a Jewish civil rights organization, sent Trump a letter two months ago urging him to refrain from using "America First." The group also took \$56,000 that Trump and his family foundation had donated to it over the years and redirected the money to new anti-bias and anti-bullying education programs.

"For many Americans, the term 'America First' will always be associated with and tainted by this history," said Jonathan Greenblatt, the group's chief executive. "In a political season that already has prompted a national conversation about civility and tolerance, choosing a call to action historically associated with incivility and intolerance seems ill-advised."

The group received no response to its letter, but Trump has continued to use the slogan, including in a new speech Tuesday.

Facebook CEO's Hawaii neighbors grumble about new wall

AUDREY McAVOY, Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — Some of Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg's neighbors are grumbling about a rock wall he's having built on his property on the north shore of the Hawaiian island of Kauai.

Retiree Moku Crain said Tuesday the wall looks daunting and forbidding. Crain hopes and expects Zuckerberg will soften the wall's look by planting foliage around it.

The wall began going up about four to six weeks ago. It runs along the property next to a road in the semi-rural community of Kilauea.

"Whereas before when we drove along the road we could see the ocean and see through the property, it's closing off that view," Crain said. "So I think that's part of it. Nobody likes change."

Crain estimated the wall was about 6 feet tall and that another existing wall on the property was only about 4 feet. Few would complain if the new wall was built at the same height, Crain predicted.

Lindsay Andrews, a spokeswoman for the billionaire's Kauai property operations, says the rock wall is designed to reduce highway and road noise. Similar walls are routinely used for this purpose, she said. The wall follows all rules and regulations, she said.

"Our entire team remains committed to ensuring that any development respects the local landscape and environment and is considerate of neighbors," she said in a statement.

Other neighbors told The Garden Island newspaper on Kauai that the wall was oppressive, blocks breezes and views and "doesn't feel neighborly."

But software engineer Brian Catlin said the fence looks nice. He said it's an improvement on the barbed wire fence that was there. He said the complaining was limited to "just a few crybabies" and "nobody else cares."

"If they wanted to protect the view, they should have bought that land," Catlin said. "He paid a lot of money for that so he can do what he wants with it."

Catlin insisted the rock wall was less than 6 feet tall because that's how tall he is and he can see over it.

Forbes reported Zuckerberg paid over \$100 million for the property, which spans more than 700 acres on the coast, in 2014.

Catlin said it was a good thing Zuckerberg bought the property because a previous landowner had plans to build a housing development on part of it, which would have increased cars and traffic. The Garden Island newspaper reported in 2014 that a 357-acre section of the property called the Kahuaina plantation had been subdivided for 80 luxury homes of up to seven acres a piece.

US compensates family of child killed in motorcade incident

BRADLEY KLAPPER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hoping to make amends for a tragic accident, the United States has provided a wide range of compensation to a Cameroonian family whose child was killed by a vehicle in U.N. Ambassador Samantha Power's motorcade. The package included everything from cash to cows, U.S. officials said.

The incident occurred in April as Power visited the front lines in the war against Boko Haram. Traveling near the remote, northern Cameroon city of Mokolo, an armored jeep in her caravan struck 7-year-old Birwe Toussem at high speed after he darted into the road, killing him instantly.

Power returned later that day for a tense and emotionally fraught gathering with Birwe's family and community members. She promised to compensate them for their loss.

State Department officials said the cash payment was 1 million Central African francs, roughly \$1,700.

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Cameroon's GDP per person is about \$1,300.

Cameroon's government, aid organizations operating in the area and the U.N. — which also had officials in the convoy — contributed another 5 million francs, bringing the total cash payout to more than \$10,000.

In addition to money, officials said the U.S. government provided a pair of cows; hundreds of kilograms of flour, onions, rice, salt and sugar; and cartons of soap and oil. Still to come: A well that will provide the village with fresh drinking water.

State Department spokesman Jeffrey Loree called it a "compensation package commensurate with local custom, as well as the needs of the family and village."

"This package included a potable water well in the boy's community that will serve as a lasting memory and some monetary, food, and other support," Loree said. "U.S. diplomats have visited the family on several occasions following the accident and will continue to provide all support possible."

Power was on the first leg of a weeklong trip through West African countries bearing the scars of Boko Haram's Islamist insurgency. Traveling through territory that had witnessed previous Boko Haram attacks, Power's motorcade was moving at a fast clip, at times exceeding 60 mph. Villagers lined up along the sides of the road to greet the ambassador as U.S. and Cameroonian special forces ensured her security.

But when Birwe darted onto the two-lane highway, perhaps distracted by a Cameroonian helicopter monitoring overhead, there was no time for the sixth vehicle in Power's convoy to react.

The vehicle that hit the boy initially stopped, only to be ordered by American security forces to continue traveling through the unsecured area. An ambulance in the caravan immediately attended to Birwe, though it was apparent his condition was hopeless.

Trump Taj bankruptcy leaves 'little guy' contractors angry

BERNARD CONDON, AP Business Writer

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Weak from heart surgery and a sepsis infection that would soon kill her, Patricia Paone was resting at home last summer when an apparition appeared on the TV — a famous businessman who had struck a deal with her husband years before.

"He's a crook!" she roared, according to a son who was with her that day. "I can't listen to this."

A quarter of a century had passed since Donald Trump refused to pay \$1.2 million for the paving stones her late husband installed at Atlantic City's Taj Mahal casino. But for Paone and others like her — the dozens of contractors and their families who never got all they were owed — it could have happened yesterday.

The contractor who provided the onion domes atop the Taj had to eat \$2 million in losses. The contractor who supplied the Carrara marble from Italy ended up filing for personal bankruptcy. The contractor who put in the bathroom partitions had to lay off his brother.

"Anytime I went to Atlantic City and I'd see that Trump sign, I'd think of the little guys," says bankruptcy lawyer Arthur Abramowitz who worked with contractors for years after the casino itself went bankrupt. "It wasn't just the money; a lot of these guys went into depression."

Of all the real estate and casino deals in Trump's long career, the Taj arguably sheds the most light on how the would-be U.S. president handles crises. It was his biggest gamble, the "eighth wonder of the world," as he dubbed it. And when it went south, his moves to avoid a financial hit to his empire hobbled many small businesses with little cushion to absorb the blow.

After the Taj opened in April 1990, the self-anointed "King of Debt" owed \$70 million to 253 contrac-

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tors employing thousands who built the domes and minarets, put up the glass and drywall, laid the pipes and installed everything from chandeliers to bathroom fixtures. A year later, when the casino collapsed into bankruptcy, those owed the most got only 33 cents in cash for each dollar owed, with promises of another 50 cents later. It took years to get the rest, assuming the companies survived long enough to collect.

"We got next to nothing," says Michael MacLeod, whose 40-person studio made the giant elephant statues at the entrance to Taj. "I took a big hit."

Trump spokeswoman Hope Hicks and Trump attorney Alan Garten did not respond to a list of questions about the candidate's Taj dealings.

Marty Rosenberg, former vice president of Atlantic Plate Glass, was among two dozen contractors and their survivors caught in the aftermath of the Taj bankruptcy who were interviewed by The Associated Press. He says the way Trump handled the contractors shows the candidate is shrewd and clever, qualities his fans seem to like in the presidential candidate.

But he says Trump won't get his vote.

"If ethics or morality has nothing to do with business," Rosenberg says, "he's a very good businessman."

JUNK FINANCE

Trump financed the Taj with high-interest "junk" bonds — a method even he disdained.

The real estate mogul told state regulators in 1988 that companies that sell junk bonds were nothing but "junk" companies. To finance the Taj, he claimed he could borrow at low prime rates from banks because, as he testified, big banks were calling him "all the time," begging him to take out loans.

Several months later, unable to tap the banks, he sold \$675 million in junk bonds, agreeing to pay investors 14 percent interest annually.

Then he started spending lavishly. He ordered crystal chandeliers from Austria; hand-sewn carpets from Britain; 70 onion domes, one of them 50-foot high; the Carrara marble from Italy.

By the start of 1990, Trump was desperate for the contractors to finish so he could begin taking money from slots players and high rollers. Opening day was pushed back twice, to April 2, only six weeks before a \$47 million bond payment came due.

For the contractors, the first signs of trouble came in February 1990. Regular checks for work completed stopped arriving in the mail.

Marty Rosenberg, who was installing floor-to-ceiling curtain walls of glass, picked up the phone in his Atlantic City office and called one of Trump's men overseeing construction.

"I'll check it out, Marty, and call you right back," the man said. A day later, he got his answer: The money's coming in two weeks.

The check never came.

Rosenberg, whom Trump would eventually owe \$1.1 million, walked down the hall and entered his brother's office. "We got a problem," he said.

Five hundred miles away, in Ashtabula, Ohio, Robert Morrison of the Molded Fiber Glass Co. was pressing his workers to finish the domes and minarets and other faux Moorish ornaments in time for the April opening — and worrying about who was going to pay for all of it. An invoice sent a few weeks earlier for \$1.4 million still hadn't been paid.

Many contractors didn't know what to think. Trump was denying he was in financial trouble: "I have a tremendous amount of cash," he told the Washington Post that March. Far from being overstretched, he told Newsweek, he was looking to expand: "I think the people with a lot of cash —and I have a lot

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of cash — are going to be able to make beautiful deals in the next few years.”

“Naturally, you assumed you’d get paid,” Molded Fiber Glass CEO Morrison wrote in a book about the Taj published in 1994. “Donald Trump was flamboyant, but he was an immensely successful contractor who paid his debts.”

One of the reasons some contractors heard for the delay in pay: Trump said he needed to complete audits first to make sure they weren’t overcharging. Trump had a reputation as a relentless haggler with contractors, always suspecting that they were cheating him.

“You have to be very rough and very tough with most contractors,” he wrote in his 1987 book, “Trump: The Art of the Deal,” “or they’ll take the shirt right off your back.”

The delays meant that contractors had to keep reaching into their pockets to pay their workers and suppliers. Some couldn’t afford the negative cash flow, and the money squeeze started rippling out from company to company.

Desperate for cash, contractors became easy targets for a new offer from Trump: Agree to less than they billed, and he’d pay the lower amounts immediately.

‘WE COULD LOSE EVERYTHING’

One of the hardest hit was John Millar, a marble supplier who was owed \$3.9 million.

As he was walking into a meeting with contractors to share strategies about how to deal with Trump, landscaper Herman Caucci asked him what he planned to do: Stick it out in hopes of getting all he was owed, or take cash at a discount?

“I don’t know, Herman, I need the money,” Caucci recalls Millar responding before the March 1990 meeting. “I don’t know what’s going to happen to us. We could lose everything.”

Caucci, who himself was owed more than \$500,000, says Millar agreed to take 10 cents on the dollar, but court documents suggest he got about 30 cents on the dollar over the next year. Millar is deceased. His family wouldn’t respond to repeated calls for comment.

Either way, the money wasn’t enough. Millar eventually had to lay off workers, shut down his business Avalon Commercial, close many of his retail stores and borrow from friends to make ends meet, according to court documents and Millar’s lawyers and former employees.

The stress was also building at Hastings Pavement, the company doing the paving work.

Patricia Paone’s husband, Mario, had built Hastings by hard work, and had become a respected figure in his industry.

“He would shake your hand and look you in the eye,” says his son, Philip Paone. “To him that was more important than a piece of paper.”

He rarely lost his temper. But he had billed Trump \$1.3 million since February, and gotten only \$100,000 despite repeated requests for more, and so he exploded one day just as his son, then 24, walked up to his office door.

“I want my money!” Philip recalls his father screaming into the phone. “Pay me my money!”

He slammed the handset down.

“Who was that, dad?”

“Donald Trump.”

Documents filed with regulators suggest Trump gave Paone about a third of what he was owed over the next year.

“We took a beating,” former Hastings controller Howard Black says.

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TOPLESS TAJ

Trump managed to open the Boardwalk casino on April 2, 1990, though not quite as he had planned. The place was still unfinished, with the facade facing the Atlantic Ocean lacking much of its ornamentation.

He continued to dismiss rumors that he was in financial trouble, but regulatory documents released later showed otherwise.

His IOUs to companies doing work for the Taj, which included overdue bills from contractors, jumped to \$76 million in April — up 80 percent in just four months. The tab would climb to \$100 million the next month.

"I have a lot of money," he told The New York Times at the time, "and the Taj has a lot of money."

But the contractors weren't so sure anymore.

Morrison of Molded Fiber Glass was getting desperate for his money and so he turned to Irwin Tobman, a field supervisor in Atlantic City overseeing the installation of the domes and minarets. Tobman had been told earlier by a Trump official that the delay in sending the check was due to a "slight glitch."

"We got to get the job done," Tobman recalls the Trump guy saying. "Put in as many hours as you have to — unlimited overtime."

Tobman drove his staff hard, in three shifts — 24 hours a day, seven days a week. He pressed Trump's people again, and got a familiar answer: You'll get the money in two weeks, no problem.

Two months later, Molded Fiber Glass was still waiting. Trump was "stringing us along," says Tobman. "What he did was wrong."

On June 12, Molded Fiber Glass sued for the \$3 million it was owed. A few days later, its lawyers ratcheted up the pressure; they threatened to remove the domes from the Taj and cart them away. The New York Post headline: "The Taj May Go Topless."

Lawsuits began piling up. Thomas Roofing, owed \$1 million for HVAC work and a roof, argued that Trump officials committed fraud because they "misrepresented" that they had enough money to pay though they knew they didn't, thereby inducing the company to keep working.

Trump officials denied the charge, but the judge overseeing the case expressed frustration with the varying reasons they had given in depositions for not paying — and raised the specter of an investigation for perjury, according to published reports at the time.

The lawsuit was settled two months later for an undisclosed amount. Thomas Roofing did not respond to phone calls for comment.

Other contractors tried more subtle means to get their money.

Frank Lundy, owed \$580,000 for overseeing construction clean-up at the Taj, was visiting his sick grandfather; the older man's face was half frozen from a stroke, tubes sticking out his arms. Then he got an idea. He grabbed a camera and began shooting.

He brought the photos to a Trump lawyer named Patrick McGahn, a no-nonsense ex-Marine. McGahn, who had helped lead the campaign to bring gambling to Atlantic City, had called a meeting so contractors could plead their case to him.

"I really need the money," Lundy said as he handed over photos of his grandfather. "I'm trying to take care of him."

As Lundy tells it, Trump's lawyer made quick work of the ruse.

"Anyone who can afford home health care doesn't need our money. Next."

A TERRIBLE BLOW

In August 1990, the truth finally came out.

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Over his protests, regulators unsealed a devastating report written by Trump's own accountants: The "billionaire" had been burning through cash in his personal accounts so fast in the spring that he would have had nothing by end of the year if he didn't take drastic action. If he had to sell everything quickly, according to accountants Kenneth Leventhal & Co., he'd be worth as little as negative \$295 million.

More contractors sued Trump, but it was too late to collect what they were due. In November 1990, Trump missed a payment to his junk bond investors. Eight months later, the Trump Taj filed for bankruptcy.

When the casino emerged from Chapter 11, Trump got a contract to manage it. He later folded the Taj into a publicly traded company holding other casinos. That company, eventually called Trump Entertainment Resorts, went on to lose hundreds of millions over a dozen years, collapsing into bankruptcy twice. But Trump raked in \$82 million in fees and salary and bonuses, according to Fortune magazine estimates.

Others caught up in the Taj turmoil didn't fare as well.

George Jenkins, the bathroom partition man who had to lay off his brother, was shocked when Trump balked at paying the \$232,000 he was owed, according to his daughter, Beth Rosser. Her father never made it out of seventh grade, she says, and built his businesses on trust, no contracts. He died in 2010.

"My father was old school," says Rosser. "It was hard for him."

Marble man Millar eventually stopped paying credit card bills, dues for a private club, then his state taxes. In 1996, he filed for personal bankruptcy. Barbara Kerr, a friend who had lent him \$73,000, says that Millar had his hands in ventures outside of contracting, but that it was the work at the Taj that did him in. She recalls him breaking down in tears at a Cape May restaurant a few years after the casino's bankruptcy.

"He always managed to pay his bills," says Kerr. The personal bankruptcy was a "terrible blow" to him. Millar built back the retail side of his business to 14 stores before dying in 2008.

Molded Fiber Glass never removed its domes, choosing instead to join with Lundy and 46 others in a negotiated settlement with Trump for cash equal to 33 cents of each dollar owed, plus 50 cents in convertible bonds, according to Morrison's book. Trump also threw in a "right of first refusal," meaning the contractors would get future work at the Taj if they matched the best bid from others. The bonds would eventually pay in full, but the holders had to wait at least several years.

Strapped for money, some contractors sold them immediately, getting a fraction of what they were worth at maturity. Among the sellers was Morrison of Molded Fiber Glass, according to Tobman, his man in Atlantic City. Morrison ended up having to write off \$2 million of the \$3 million that Trump owed him, according to his book. The company refused to comment.

Tobman says Trump's cash crunch left Morrison with no money to pay the dozen companies he had hired to help with the Taj work. But Morrison paid them anyway, Tobman recalls, by borrowing the money.

"Morrison knew no other way but to pay his bills," says Tobman. "A handshake meant everything."

The trouble wasn't enough to keep Molded Fiber Glass from doing work for Trump again. The company helped with the roof of the Trump Parc East, a residential building overlooking Central Park in Manhattan, according to Tobman.

Lundy, the contractor with the sick grandfather, also took Trump up on his offer of working for him in Atlantic City again. But the deal didn't come together without another court fight. He says he had to sue Trump for not honoring the "right of first refusal."

Still, like some others among the contractors contacted by the AP, Lundy doesn't believe Trump acted badly given the hardball, sometimes unscrupulous nature of industry.

"It's a big boy's game," Lundy says.

McGahn, Trump's tough-guy lawyer who fended off contractors who felt shortchanged, ended up feeling shortchanged, too. He filed suit, charging that Trump never paid him in full for his work. His lawyer said McGahn won some money from Trump in a settlement, but did not remember the amount.

McGahn, a powerful figure in South Jersey circles, died in 2000.

As for MacLeod, the sculptor of the elephants outside the Taj, he says his anger over the episode has faded, and he can joke now about how he once got stiffed by a famous billionaire.

Giving a slide presentation of his work to an architectural firm two days after Trump swept the New York Republican primary in April, he slipped in two photos — one showing one of the elephants, the other showing Trump's name on the casino marquee in red lights.

"This guy never paid me," MacLeod deadpanned. Everyone laughed.

North American leaders confront rising tide of protectionism

ROB GILLIES, Associated Press

OTTAWA, Ontario (AP) — The leaders of North America confront a rising tide of economic protectionism and nationalism as they hold a summit Wednesday in the Canadian capital.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for the first time is hosting U.S. President Barack Obama and Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto in Ottawa for the North American leaders' summit. Obama will also address the Canadian Parliament.

The meeting comes one day after presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump in the United States blamed globalization for the loss of millions of manufacturing jobs, and he threatened to extricate the U.S. from the 2-decade-old North American Free Trade Agreement. Trump also vowed to withdraw from the Trans-Pacific Partnership, an agreement among 12 Pacific Rim nations that has yet to take effect, if he were elected president. And it comes less than a week after Britain voted to exit the European Union.

Canadian International Trade Minister Chrystia Freeland, chair of the Canada-U.S. cabinet committee, noted that the meeting of the three pro-trade leaders comes at an important moment.

"This is a time when a lot of leaders in the world are talking about building walls," Freeland said in an interview with The Associated Press. "What you are going to hear from the leaders of Canada, the United States and Mexico is that we are a continent and we believe in building bridges. We really believe in the open society. Those are core Canadian values, open to immigration, open to visitors and open to trade." Trump has also advocated building a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Trudeau pointed to the North American example of economic integration on Tuesday and warned of the risks of protectionism and nationalism.

"Better collaboration, better partnerships are a path to prosperity," Trudeau said. "And that's a compelling example that we want to showcase at a time where, unfortunately, people are prone to turning inwards which will unfortunately be at the cost of economic growth and their own success."

Trudeau and Pena Nieto announced measures to reduce barriers during the Mexican leader's state visit to Canada ahead of the summit. Trudeau said Canada will lift visa requirements for Mexican visitors as of December 2016, while Pena Nieto agreed to open Mexican markets to Canadian beef.

The deadly attack at Istanbul's Ataturk airport on the eve of the summit also adds urgency to discussions on how the three nations can collectively enhance security.

Efforts to curb global warming will also be a big part of the summit agenda. White House officials said the three leaders will pledge to rely on renewable energy to generate 50 percent of North America's

electrical power by 2025 and Mexico will also join the United States and Canada in tackling methane emissions.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said Tuesday that he anticipates Britain's vote to leave the EU will come up in the leaders' discussions, but "I don't anticipate that it will be the focus of their conversations."

He said the major difference was that the North American countries focused on trade, while the EU also moved to establish a common currency, the euro.

"The countries of North America have pursued a different strategy and one that has worked well for us," Earnest said. "It is a strategy that has enhanced the economies of all our countries. It's enhanced the national security of all our countries, and it certainly has made North America the most successful continent in the world."

Australian opposition leader shifts position on gay marriage

ROD McGUIRK, Associated Press

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Australia's opposition leader on Wednesday explained his shift on gay marriage, which will be a key issue in this weekend's elections.

The center-left Labor Party opposes the conservative government's plan to hold a plebiscite this year to allow the public a direct say on whether Australia should give legal recognition to same-sex marriage.

Opposition leader Bill Shorten confirmed a newspaper report on Wednesday, three days before the election, that he had told Christian church leaders in 2013 that he supported holding such a plebiscite.

Labor's position now is that Parliament should make the decision on same-sex marriage.

Shorten cited as a reason for his change of heart the Irish referendum in May last year in which 62 percent of Irish voters called for their constitution to be changed to allow same-sex marriage.

"That debate, whilst it was ultimately successful, did trigger some very ugly arguments," Shorten told reporters.

"I think the people of Australia, the majority of them, have clearly moved — even in the last two or three years — to supporting marriage equality and all popular opinion polls would seem to indicate the truth of what I'm saying," he added.

Both Shorten and Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull support same sex marriage, but differ on how it should be achieved.

Shorten has promised that if his party was elected on Saturday, the first legislation he would introduce to Parliament would be a bill to overturn Australia's ban on same-sex marriage.

Most marriage equality advocates support Labor's approach. Turnbull also previously opposed the plebiscite and the divisive community debate that would precede it. But Turnbull agreed to maintain the government's policy to hold a plebiscite when he defeated Prime Minister Tony Abbott in a leadership ballot in September last year.

The plebiscite would cost 160 million Australian dollars (\$120 million) and the result would have no legal standing.

Some government lawmakers have already said they would vote down gay marriage in Parliament regardless of the plebiscite's outcome.

But Turnbull said that if most Australians wanted gay marriage, legislation allowing it would "sail through the Parliament."

'Move on' from Benghazi? Republicans say it's unlikely

MATTHEW DALY, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Clinton says it's "time to move on" after a congressional report on the deadly 2012 Benghazi attacks accused the Obama administration of lethal mistakes, but produced no "smoking gun" pointing to wrongdoing by the former secretary of state.

Not likely, especially in an election year with Clinton's presidential rival — Donald Trump — lashing out.

An 800-page report by a special House committee makes no direct accusations of wrongdoing by Clinton, who was secretary of state during the Sept. 11, 2012, attacks that killed four Americans, including U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens.

Still, Republicans point to Benghazi as a major failure by the administration and by Clinton during her tenure leading the State Department. The issue is likely to shadow Clinton as she continues her bid for president.

"Four Americans died, yet no one has been fired. No one even missed a paycheck," said Rep. Ed Royce, R-Calif., chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. "Americans - including all our men and women serving overseas - deserve better."

Clinton, now the presumptive Democratic nominee for president, said the report by Republicans on the House Benghazi Committee took more than two years and \$7 million but "found nothing to contradict" the findings of earlier investigations.

"I'll leave it to others to characterize this report but I think it's pretty clear it's time to move on," Clinton said at a campaign stop in Denver Tuesday.

Republicans were not ready to let the issue go, especially with an election that will decide who occupies the White House and which party will control the House and Senate. The Benghazi panel has scheduled a July 8 meeting to formally adopt the report — 10 days before the Republican National Convention begins in Cleveland.

Sen. Kelly Ayotte, a New Hampshire Republican facing a tough re-election race, said the administration "ignored a deteriorating security situation" in Benghazi, "and the State Department disregarded repeated requests for increased security."

Trump was uncharacteristically quiet on the topic Tuesday, but he has repeatedly blamed Clinton for the deaths in Benghazi.

Even after issuing the report the committee's work is not over. On Wednesday the panel will interview a witness who posted on Facebook that he was a crew chief based in Europe on the night of the attacks. A committee spokesman said the interview would be posted on the panel's website and any information he provides can be added to the report.

Democrats called the interview ridiculous.

The Libya attacks have been political fodder from the start, given their timing in the weeks before President Barack Obama's re-election, and that has not abated despite seven previous congressional investigations. There has been finger-pointing on both sides over security at the diplomatic outpost and whether Clinton and the White House initially tried to portray the assault as a protest over an offensive, anti-Muslim video, instead of a calculated terrorist attack.

The prolonged investigation into the attacks has also been marked by partisan sniping. Republicans accuse the administration of stonewalling important documents and witnesses, while Democrats say the panel's primary goal is to undermine Clinton's presidential bid.

Republican insistence that the investigation was not politically motivated was undermined last year when House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., suggested that the committee could take credit

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for Clinton's then-slumping poll numbers. His statements helped dash McCarthy's chances of becoming House Speaker.

The committee interviewed more than 100 witnesses and reviewed some 75,000 pages of documents, but an almost accidental discovery by the panel last year has shadowed Clinton's candidacy. The committee disclosed that she had used a private email server to conduct government business while serving as secretary of state, a practice that has drawn widespread scrutiny, including an FBI investigation.

Already bitterly partisan, Tuesday's release of the report exposed divisions within Republican ranks.

Reps. Mike Pompeo of Kansas and Jim Jordan of Ohio issued a separate report slamming Clinton and the Obama administration, with Pompeo telling reporters that the former first lady and senator was "morally reprehensible." Clinton's public comments casting the attack as a possible protest over the anti-Muslim video differed sharply from her private assessments to family members and diplomats, Jordan and Pompeo said.

The panel's chairman, Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-S.C., deflected questions, saying the report "is not about one person."

The GOP report severely criticizes the military, CIA and administration officials for their response as the attacks unfolded, and their subsequent explanations to the American people.

Hours after the attacks began, "Not a single wheel of a single U.S. military asset had even turned toward Libya," Gowdy complained. U.S. military leaders told the committee they thought an evacuation was imminent, slowing any response.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, June 29, the 181st day of 2016. There are 185 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 29, 1956, actress Marilyn Monroe married playwright Arthur Miller in a civil ceremony in White Plains, New York. (The couple also wed in a Jewish ceremony on July 1; the marriage lasted 4 1/2 years).

On this date:

In 1767, Britain approved the Townshend Revenue Act, which imposed import duties on glass, paint, oil, lead, paper and tea shipped to the American colonies. (Colonists bitterly protested, prompting Parliament to repeal the duties — except for tea.)

In 1880, France annexed Tahiti, which became a French colony on December 30, 1880.

In 1913, the Second Balkan War broke out as Bulgaria attacked Serbia and Greece, its former allies from the First Balkan War.

In 1927, the first trans-Pacific airplane flight was completed as Lt. Lester J. Maitland and Lt. Albert F. Hegenberger arrived at Wheeler Field in Hawaii aboard the Bird of Paradise, an Atlantic-Fokker C-2, after flying 2,400 miles from Oakland, California, in 25 hours, 50 minutes.

In 1941, Polish statesman, pianist and composer Ignacy Jan Paderewski (een-YAHS' yahn pah-dayr-EF'-skee) died in New York at age 80.

In 1954, the Atomic Energy Commission voted against reinstating Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer's access to classified information.

In 1966, the United States launched airstrikes on fuel storage facilities near the North Vietnamese cities of Hanoi and Haiphong (HY'-fahng).

In 1972, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a trio of death sentences, saying the way they had been

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imposed constituted cruel and unusual punishment. (The ruling prompted states to effectively impose a moratorium on executions until their capital punishment laws could be revised.)

In 1988, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Morrison v. Olson*, upheld the independent counsel law in a 7-1 decision (the sole dissenter was Justice Antonin Scalia).

In 1992, the remains of Polish statesman Ignacy Jan Paderewski (een-YAHS' yahn pah-dayr-EF'-skee), interred for five decades in the United States, were returned to his homeland in keeping with his wish to be buried only in a free Poland.

In 1995, the space shuttle Atlantis and the Russian Mir space station linked in orbit, beginning a historic five-day voyage as a single ship. A department store in Seoul (sohl), South Korea, collapsed, killing at least 500 people. Actress Lana Turner died in Century City, California, at age 74.

In 2003, actress Katharine Hepburn died in Old Saybrook, Connecticut, at age 96.

Ten years ago: The Supreme Court ruled, 5-3, that President George W. Bush's plan to try Guantanamo Bay detainees in military tribunals violated U.S. and international law. The government announced it had recovered a stolen laptop computer and hard drive with sensitive data on up to 26.5 million veterans and military personnel, and that the data was not accessed or copied.

Five years ago: In the first ruling by a federal appeals court on President Barack Obama's health care overhaul, a panel in Cincinnati handed the administration a victory by agreeing that the government could require a minimum amount of insurance for Americans. Greece fended off bankruptcy as lawmakers backed austerity measures in the face of riots that left more than 100 injured.

One year ago: A deeply divided Supreme Court upheld the use of a controversial drug, midazolam, in lethal-injection executions. (Executions that employed midazolam took longer than usual and raised concerns that the drug did not perform its intended task of putting inmates into a coma-like sleep.) A car bomb killed Egypt's chief prosecutor, Hisham Barakat, in the country's first assassination of a senior official in 25 years. Stanley Cup winners Nicklas Lidstrom, Chris Pronger and Sergei Fedorov and former NHL star Phil Housley were among the seven newcomers in the Hockey Hall of Fame.

Today's Birthdays: Movie producer Robert Evans is 86. Songwriter L. Russell Brown is 76. Singer-songwriter Garland Jeffreys is 73. Actor Gary Busey is 72. Comedian Richard Lewis is 69. Actor-turned-politician-turned-radio personality Fred Grandy is 68. Rock musician Ian Paice (Deep Purple) is 68. Singer Don Dokken (Dokken) is 63. Rock singer Colin Hay (Men At Work) is 63. Actress Maria Conchita Alonso is 59. Actress Sharon Lawrence is 55. Actress Amanda Donohoe is 54. Actress Judith Hoag is 53. Violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter is 53. Rhythm-and-blues singer Stedman Pearson (Five Star) is 52. Actress Kathleen Wilhoite is 52. Producer-writer Matthew Weiner is 51. Musician Dale Baker is 50. Actress Melora Hardin is 49. Rap DJ Shadow is 44. Actress Zuleikha Robinson is 39. Country musician Todd Sansom (Marshall Dyllon) is 38. Singer Nicole Scherzinger is 38. Comedian-writer Colin Jost (johst) is 34. Actress Lily Rabe is 34. Rhythm-and-blues singer Aundrea Fimbres is 33.

Thought for Today: "Words can sting like anything, but silence breaks the heart." — Phyllis McGinley, American poet and author (1905-1978).