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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

Manager Wanted

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

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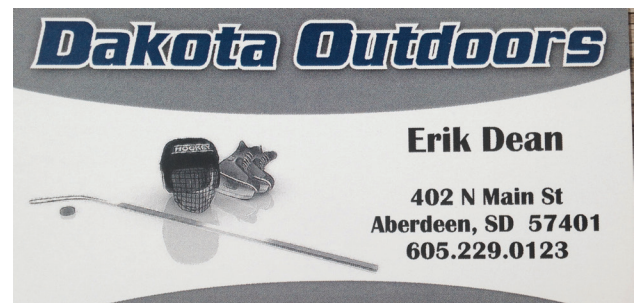
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recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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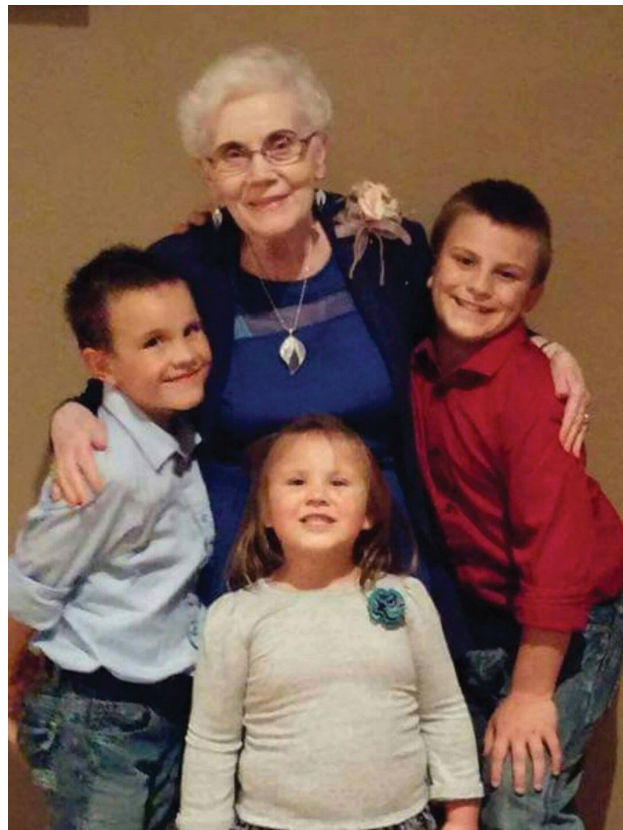
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Death Notice: Helen E. Mielke



Helen E. Mielke, 89, fell asleep in Rapid City on Sunday, Jan. 24, 2015, at 6:15 a.m. She was born October 26, 1926 at Mina.

Helen is survived by her children, Suzanne, Rick, Marylynn, and Nancy Lee; nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence and son, Jeffrey.



Hannon's 80th Birthday

Happy 80th Birthday to Ida Hannon. We will be celebrating on Saturday, July 9th, from Noon to 6 pm at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites located at 3310 7th Ave SE, Aberdeen SD 57401. Cards and gifts are welcome. If unable to attend feel free to send to 1902 Prospect Ave Apt B2, Aberdeen SD 57401.

The Map Maker of the American West



Gouverneur Kemble Warren was at the right place at the right time and made the right decision.

Warren was chief engineer of the Army of the Potomac during the American Civil War. During the Battle of Gettysburg, on July 1-3, 1863, he climbed Little Round Top, the second highest elevation on the battlefield. He found it unoccupied except for a small Signal Corps detachment. He immediately ordered Union troops to seize Little Round Top. They arrived just in time to hold off a Confederate attack. As a result, the Union army was able to hold this key position and go on to win the battle.

Years earlier, Warren had also been at the right place at the right time making the right decisions.

Graham A. Callaway and W. Raymond Wood called Warren "the single most important cartographer of the American West" in their introduction to "Lieutenant G.K. Warren's 1855 and 1856 Manuscript Maps of the Missouri River." At the time, Warren was a lieutenant in the U.S. Army Corps of Topographical Engineers.

Warren is credited with making the first reliable maps of the Black Hills and adjacent region, and with creating the first comprehensive map of the United States west of the Mississippi River. His reports are among the most readable and instructive official documents published by the government, and provide scientific knowledge of the region prior to white settlement, according to Callaway and Wood.

Born on Jan. 8, 1830 at Cold Spring, N.Y., Warren was named for his father's friend Gouverneur Kemble, a U.S. Congressman, diplomat and industrialist from New York. Warren received an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point when he was 16 and graduated second in his class in 1850.

In 1855, Warren was the topographical engineer for an expedition led by Gen. William S. Harney that took him from Fort Pierre to Fort Kearny in Nebraska across the Nebraska Sand Hills, then through the Badlands in what is now South Dakota.

Warren returned west the next year to survey the Missouri River from the southern boundary of Nebraska to a point 60 miles above the mouth of the Yellowstone.

"Lieutenant G.K. Warren's 1855 and 1856 Manuscript Maps of the Missouri River" contains charts of the river from the northern boundary of Kansas to a point above Fort Union, in what is now North Dakota. The charts are significant not only because they are among the earliest detailed maps of the Missouri River but because they contain symbols denoting sand bars, trees, bluff lines, tributary streams and other features. The maps show how the course of the river has changed and where villages, forts and towns were located. Copies of the map were published by the State Historical Society of North Dakota, and are sold in the Heritage Store at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. The map can be purchased at the website www.sdhsf.org or by calling (605) 773-6346.

In 1857, Warren obtained further data on the Central Plains from an exploration that skirted the Black Hills and the Niobrara and Loup rivers in Nebraska.

The government published a report of the three western expeditions as the "Preliminary Report of Explorations in Nebraska and Dakota, in the Years 1855 - '56 - '57."

The reports included information about rivers, routes, transportation, American Indians, military posts and meteorological observations.

Warren visited what is now South Dakota during a drought, and wrote that "continuous settlements cannot be made in Nebraska, west of the 97th meridian, both on account of the unfavorable climate and want of fertility in the soil."

At the start of the Civil War, Warren was a mathematics instructor at West Point. He was appointed lieutenant colonel of the 5th New York Infantry on May 14, 1861.

Warren was called the "hero of Little Round Top" for his actions on July 2, 1863, and promoted to

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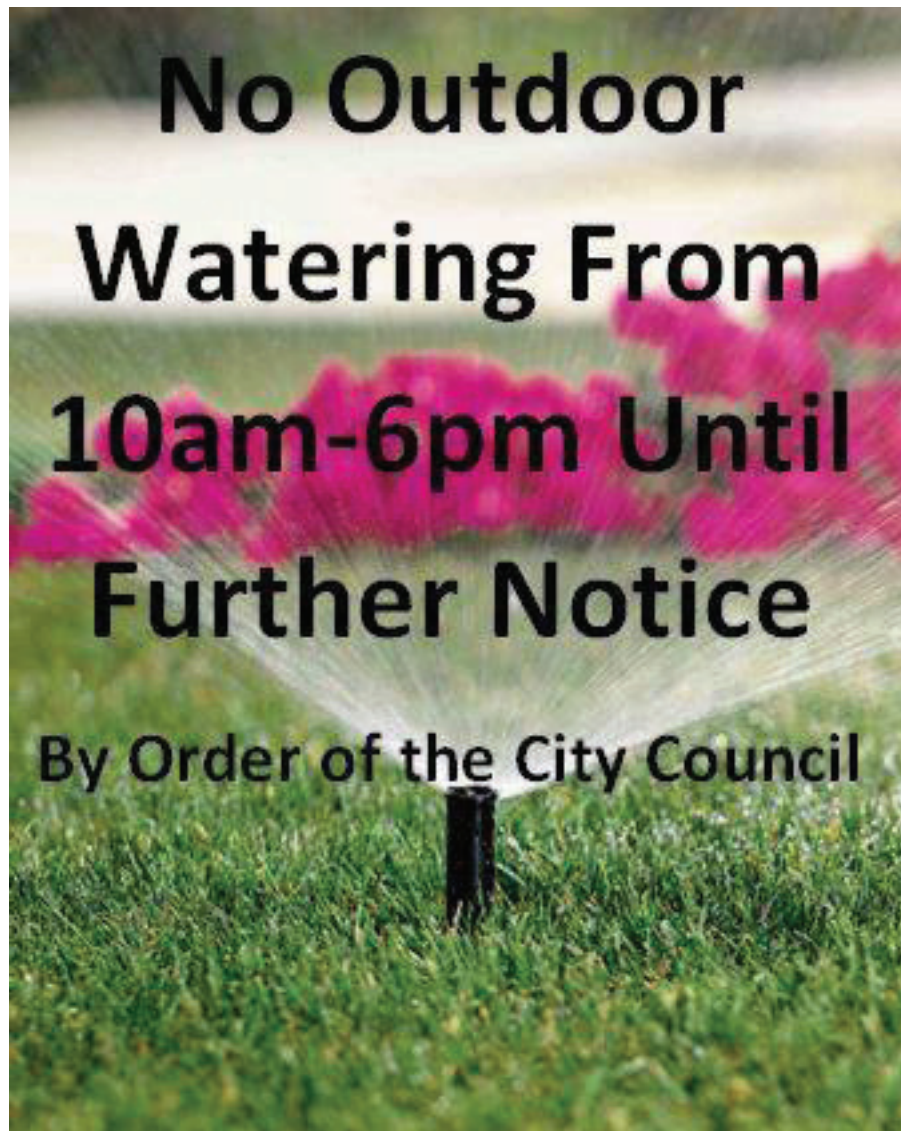
major general. At the Battle of the Five Forks on April 1, 1865, Maj. Gen. Philip Sheridan judged that troops under Warren's command had moved too slowly and relieved Warren of command on the spot.

Warren returned to work for the Corps of Topographical Engineers after the Civil War and became the first district engineer of the St. Paul District in 1866. One of his first tasks was to study potential sites for railroad bridge construction across the Mississippi River between St. Paul and St. Louis.

During this time, Warren requested a military court of inquiry to clear his name. The court of inquiry was denied until 1879. The court found that Sheridan had not been justified in relieving Warren of his command, but it was too late for Warren to find comfort in the ruling. He died on Aug. 8, 1882, three months before court findings were published.

Several statues of Warren commemorate his service in the Civil War, including one at Little Round Top.

This moment in South Dakota history is provided by the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation, the nonprofit fundraising partner of the South Dakota State Historical Society at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. Find us on the web at www.sdhsf.org. Contact us at info@sdhsf.org to submit a story idea.



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Today in Weather History

1886 - The second destructive hurricane in nine days hit the Apalachicola-Tallahassee area. (David Ludlum)

1942 - The temperature at Portland, OR, hit 102 degrees, an all-time record for that location. (The Weather Channel)

1972 - The entire state of Pennsylvania was declared a disaster area as a result of the catastrophic flooding caused by Hurricane Agnes, which claimed 48 lives, and caused 2.1 billion dollars damage. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Hot weather prevailed in the Pacific Northwest, with readings above 100 degrees reported as far north as southern British Columbia. Yakima, WA, reported a record high of 100 degrees, while temperatures near the Washington coast hovered near 60 degrees all day. Thunderstorms prevailed from southwest Texas to New England. Thunderstorm winds gusting to 100 mph at Gettysburg, PA, killed one person. High winds and large hail caused more than five million dollars damage to property and crops in Lancaster County, PA. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Thunderstorms in eastern Kansas drenched Worden with 12.21 inches of rain, and a wall of water two to four feet deep swept through Lone Star, KS, flooding every home in the town. Up to ten inches of rain was reported southeast of Callaway, NE. Thunderstorm winds gusted to 75 mph at Winfield, KS. Seventeen cities in the north central and northeastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date, including Duluth, MN, with a reading of 36 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Winnfield, LA, reported 22.52 inches of rain in three days, and more than thirty inches for the month, a record for June. Shreveport LA received a record 17.11 inches in June, with a total for the first six months of the year of 45.55 inches. Thunderstorms also helped produce record rainfall totals for the month of June of 13.12 inches at Birmingham AL, 14.66 inches at Oklahoma City, OK, 17.41 inches at Tallahassee FL, 9.97 inches at Lynchburg, VA, and more than 10.25 inches at Pittsburgh, PA. Pittsburgh had also experienced a record wet month of May. (The National Weather Summary)

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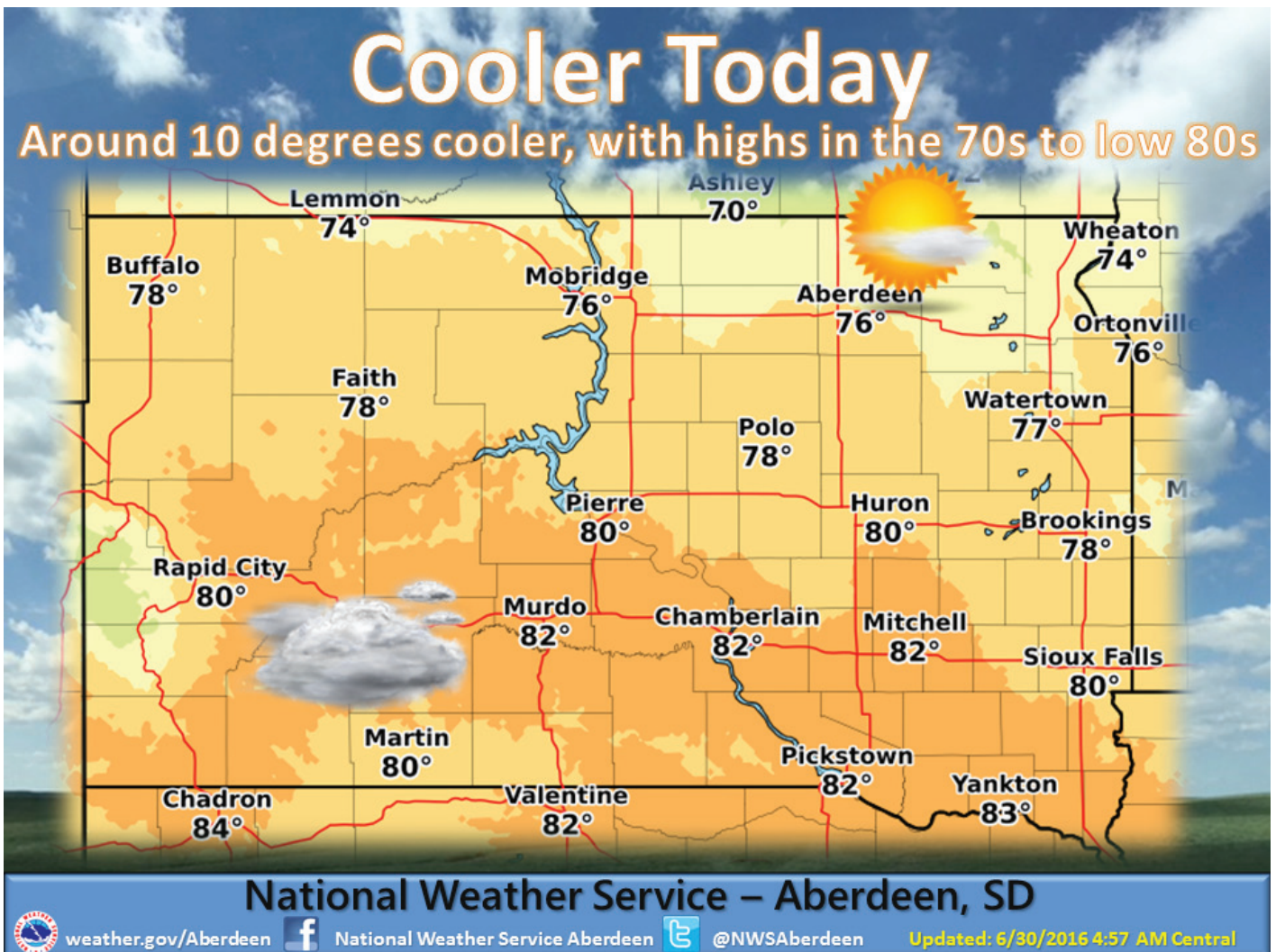

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Today	Tonight	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday
 Mostly Sunny	 Clear	 Sunny	 Mostly Clear	 Mostly Sunny	 Partly Cloudy	 Mostly Sunny
High: 75 °F	Low: 48 °F	High: 77 °F	Low: 55 °F	High: 80 °F	Low: 58 °F	High: 82 °F



Published on: 06/30/2016 at 4:58AM

A cold front sinking south across the area will bring in cooler air on northerly winds today. Temperatures will top out in the 70s to low 80s this afternoon. Dry high pressure will settle across the Dakotas and Minnesota tonight. Although there will be a chance of showers and thunderstorms over western South Dakota on Friday, expect mainly dry weather to continue over north central and northeastern South Dakota, and west central Minnesota through the weekend.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 84.9 F at 5:27 PM

Low Outside Temp: 57.9 F at 3:27 AM

High Gust: 13.0 Mph at 10:39 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 104° in 1931

Record Low: 38 in 1918

Average High: 82°F

Average Low: 57°F

Average Precip in June: 3.70

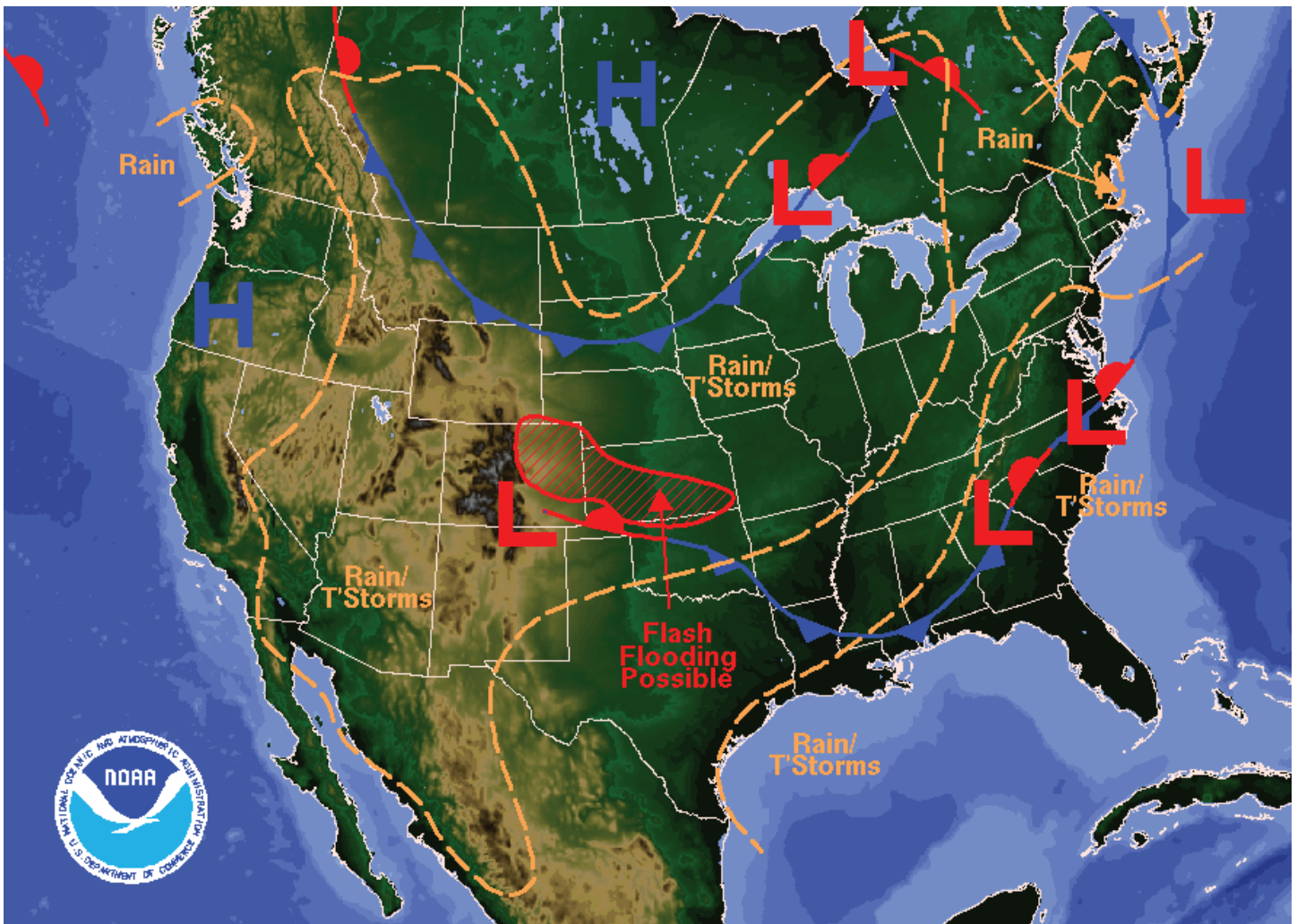
Precip to date in June: 1.67

Average Precip to date: 10.84

Precip Year to Date: 6.66

Sunset Tonight: 9:25 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:49 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Thu, Jun 30, 2016, issued 5:02 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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WHAT'S AVERAGE GOT TO DO WITH IT?

Someone said that the average man has sixty-nine pounds of muscle, forty-one pounds of bones but only three pounds of brain. (Now that may explain many things!)

Henry Spangler was not average. He was alert.

He worked as a janitor but had problems with dust. Whenever he swept the floor, the dust would rise, causing him to sneeze and cough. His eyes would run and it even caused him to have serious headaches. But he did not quit. He began to think about the dust – not himself. He began to search for ways to suck up dust rather than scattering it through the air. If only, he thought, there would be a way to capture the dust in a container. He asked God to help to solve his problem.

His search finally led him to the idea of a vacuum cleaner. After much thought, he shared his idea with an old friend and asked him to finance the idea and work with him. It resulted in the Hoover Vacuum Cleaner and his old friend was H. W. Hoover.

James wrote, "If you want to know what God wants you to do, ask...He'll tell you." God can solve any problem we have if we look to Him for His solution.

It's never the size of our problem but our faith and perseverance.

Prayer: Lord, help us to look beyond ourselves when we have a problem and know that You already have the solution if we simply ask for Your help. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: James 1:5-8 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

News from the Associated Press

2-square-mile Crow Peak Fire reaches 8 percent containment

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — A wildfire that has been burning on Crow Peak west of Spearfish for nearly a week is now at 8 percent containment.

The blaze sparked by lightning Friday evening has torched 1,350 acres, or slightly more than 2 square miles. No homes have been lost, though voluntary evacuation notices are still in effect.

About 125 people attended a community meeting held by fire officials on Wednesday night.

More than 500 people are fighting the fire on the ground and from the air.

Higgins Gulch Road remains closed to the public. Black Hills National Forest officials have issued a temporary closure order for the fire area for public safety.

Mitchell's Prehistoric Indian Village showcasing archaeology

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The Prehistoric Indian Village in Mitchell will be hosting a series of events this weekend to raise awareness about archaeology.

The village's annual Archaeology Awareness Days are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday.

The scheduled programs include flint knapping demonstrations and spear-throwing lessons. Visitors will also get a chance to make pottery in the same way that the occupants of the village did.

The Prehistoric Indian Village is a 1,000-year-old Native American village being excavated by students from England's University of Exeter and Augustana University in Sioux Falls. Excavations take place each summer from mid-June to mid-July.

The two-day event will also include a presentation on Native American women's culture. Visitors can also take artifacts they own to have them identified by archaeologists and researchers.

Biden-hosted conference in Sioux Falls targets cancer

REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Scientists, oncologists, nonprofit representatives, patients and others came together in Sioux Falls Wednesday to participate in a cancer research conference remotely hosted by Vice President Joe Biden.

Those gathered at Avera Health's cancer center listened via video conference to Biden's remarks during the summit — the centerpiece of the vice president's final-year push to double the pace of research toward curing cancer. They later expressed their agreement with Biden's remarks regarding the need to increase data sharing among cancer research institutions and discussed some of the challenges that South Dakota residents face in the prevention, detection and treatment of the disease given the rural nature of the state.

Dr. Luis Rojas, a gynecologic oncologist with Avera, said Biden's plan to make a decade worth of advances toward a cure in five years is "ambitious." He said the vice president's call to action should not just be a challenge for health care providers, but a "duty to proceed to try to achieve."

Rojas, however, emphasized that the goal will only be met if institutions across the country regardless of size collaborate with each other.

"I look at our state, and we have three great health care systems," Rojas said. "We should start collaborating more with each other for the people in the state — share our ideas, share our research. That's how we are going to be able to open more barriers and make research more available to those

rural communities where it's really nonexistent right now."

Biden called out drug companies for unnecessary price increases and major research hospitals for insufficient collaboration.

"It's not anybody's fault, but we've got to fix it," Biden said at the "National Cancer Moonshot Summit." He threatened to pull federal funding for cancer studies that do not publicly disclose their results as required.

Cancer researchers and their institutions have pushed back on those critiques, arguing they already share reams of data and partner frequently with each other and the government. They've also cited major hurdles imposed by federal agencies with intense bureaucratic requirements that they say make it near-impossible to develop treatments quickly and get them approved for patients — a concern that Biden acknowledged.

At the summit in Sioux Falls, a panel that included Rojas reinforced the need to strengthen cancer awareness efforts that target the state's rural population and to find ways that care can be delivered to people who live hours away from a cancer center.

Panelists said that many people living and working in rural areas delay or even forgo treatment because of the distance they would have to travel to get it and how it would interfere with their job and family.

"The problem that we have ... is that sometimes we got other things going on and some of those awareness things are not at the highest point in our list," said Walt Bones, former agriculture secretary in South Dakota and a member of Avera's rural cancer advisory board. "If you feel something in your throat or in your chest, but it's calving time or it's harvest time or it's planting time, we are going to just push it off maybe for 30-60 days, and then all of a sudden from stage 2 it's stage 3, maybe stage 4."

After his son, former Delaware Attorney General Beau Biden, died of brain cancer last year, the elder Biden said he'd spend his remaining months in office on a cancer "moonshot."

Dozens of facilities around the country listened to Biden's remarks and hosted roundtables Wednesday.

Board of Regents to consider beer, wine sales regulations

MADISON, S.D. (AP) — The state Board of Regents is set to give final consideration to rules governing the sale of beer and wine at special events hosted at South Dakota's public universities.

The board is scheduled to take up the policy Thursday. Members gave preliminary approval to the regulations at a past meeting.

The policy allows, but doesn't require potential sales. It also specifies that beer and wine access must be controlled and restricts the beverage sales to premium seating at student athletic events.

Past state law didn't ban serving alcohol, but on-campus sales were prohibited until a measure allowing them was approved in the 2016 legislative session.

South Dakota Transportation Hall of Fame to induct 2 people

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Department of Transportation has announced two people it plans to induct into its Hall of Honor later this year.

Dean Hyde, of Pierre, and Ronald Peterson, of Wakonda, will be inducted at banquets to be held later this year.

Hyde was involved in one way or another with the more than 1,000 bridges built on the state system during his 40-year transportation career, which he culminated as chief planning engineer.

Peterson is a former state Department of Transportation area engineer. He spent almost his entire 43-year career with the department's Yankton office.

The South Dakota Transportation Hall of Honor dates back to 1972 and now includes 86 inductees. Its goal is to recognize people who made a lasting impact to South Dakota's air, highway or rail system.

Volkswagen to pay South Dakota \$2.5M in civil penalties

SOUTH DAKOTA, S.D. (AP) — Attorney General Marty Jackley says South Dakota will get \$2.5 million in civil penalties from Volkswagen as part of a multi-state settlement with the German automaker over allegations it cheated on emissions tests.

Volkswagen has agreed to pay the states more than \$1,000 per car that violated consumer protection laws, totaling \$570 million nationwide.

Jackley announced the deal Wednesday, a day after news broke that Volkswagen will spend up to \$15.3 billion in settlements with consumers and governmental agencies. Lawyers are calling this the largest auto-related class-action settlement in U.S. history.

Jackley says Volkswagen misled consumers into buying cars "that were not what they represented them to be."

Volkswagen has admitted that cars equipped with 2-liter diesel engines were programmed to turn on emissions controls during government lab tests and turn them off while on the road.

Sioux Falls mayor's capital spending plan would be record

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls Mayor Mike Huether has laid out the most expensive five-year capital spending plan in city history.

Huether's plan for city projects scheduled between 2017 and 2021 totals \$589.2 million. The capital program includes street and utility improvements, park upgrades and a new fire station.

Huether says the plan focuses "on the critical infrastructure that the public expects to be rock solid." Some City Council members have raised concerns about the price tag.

The mayor next month will give his 2017 budget address before the council begins budget hearings in August.

Oacoma woman pleads guilty to being accessory in stabbing

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — An Oacoma woman has pleaded guilty to being an accessory in the stabbing death of a man in the city.

Attorney General Marty Jackley says 28-year-old Dayna Wells faces up to five years in prison. A sentencing date was not immediately set.

Wells was charged in the stabbing death of Calvin Shields last September. Another Oacoma resident, 27-year-old Whitney Turney, pleaded guilty in January to manslaughter and was sentenced in March to 25 years in prison.

Police search for suspect in attempted casino armed robbery

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police are looking for a man who tried to rob a casino.

Authorities say the suspect walked into a Happy Jacks casino about 10 a.m. Wednesday and brandished a handgun, but didn't get away with any money.

There were customers inside the casino at the time but no one was hurt.

Crews begin to suppress nearly 2-square-mile Crow Peak Fire

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Nearly 475 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.

Hillary Clinton raising big dollars at tiny fundraisers

JULIE BYKOWICZ, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A single elevator could have accommodated the donors who recently gathered with Hillary Clinton at home of the Pritzker family in Chicago's Gold Coast neighborhood. Small in number, the group was big in largesse, contributing at least \$1 million to help elect her and other Democrats this fall.

To raise that much money, it would have taken a 37,000-seat stadium of Bernie Sanders fans each chipping in the campaign's self-described average donation of \$27.

In her quest for the White House, Clinton is using every fundraising technique at her disposal, including intimate salon-style gatherings with elite donors. Together with small-donor efforts such as email marketing and happy hours for young professionals, these events are helping Clinton collect as much as \$1 billion to battle presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump.

The mini-fundraisers have landed big money: At least \$19.5 million has flowed from 16 of them over the past two months, according to an Associated Press review.

But they also may open her up to criticism. Like her Democratic opponent Sanders, presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump eagerly depicts Clinton as bought and paid for by her wealthy contributors.

"The people who rigged the system are supporting Hillary Clinton because they know as long as she is in charge nothing's going to change," Trump told employees of an aluminum scrap metal factory in a speech on Tuesday.

And as Clinton works to win over liberals in her party after a divisive primary, the events may undercut her argument that she would be a strong proponent of campaign finance reform. Clinton says Democrats cannot unilaterally disarm in the midst of a tough presidential election, but once in the White House she'd work to reduce big money in politics — a line President Barack Obama also used.

Both Clinton and Trump can solicit checks of \$350,000 or more from a single donor thanks in part to a Supreme Court ruling that lifted an overall per-person cap on political contributions. That's roughly triple what the individual donor limit was in 2012.

The resulting money flow could help the presidential candidates build robust on-the-ground voter contact and turnout operations, as well as pay for costly advertising. That's in addition to what's available on the super PAC side: those groups, which cannot directly coordinate their spending with the candidates, face no contributions limits whatsoever.

Clinton has made high-dollar fundraisers a staple of her campaign financing plan, frequently pairing a

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small pricey event with a far larger one that has a much lower entry fee. It's a version of what Obama did in 2012, when he held small roundtables with big donors, often just a few blocks from the White House at the Jefferson Hotel.

In addition to the 10-person Monday night confab at the home of J.B. and M.K. Pritzker — some of the heirs to the Hyatt hotel fortune — Clinton has held at least nine other events with 15 or fewer donors, according to AP's review. On Wednesday, the candidate mingled with 15 donors at trendy San Francisco brunch spot Boulettes Larder.

Other top-tier fundraisers include a 15-person gathering in late May at the sprawling Portola Valley, California, home of former eBay chief executive John Donahoe, and a double-header two weeks earlier in posh New York City residences. On that date, Clinton scooped up at least \$1.5 million for Democratic efforts at financier Steven Rattner's home and then headed to longtime friend Lynn Forester de Rothschild's place to double the night's haul.

Donors at those events typically were asked to give at least \$100,000 to the Hillary Victory Fund. Clinton also has entertained 50 or fewer donors at six more events where the minimum contribution generally was \$33,400.

The campaigns can accept only \$2,700 per donor for each election, but a victory fund allows candidates to ask for more and then parcel out the money to the campaign, national political party and dozens of state parties. Both Trump and Clinton have set up these kinds of accounts.

"When a candidate takes that much money, they become dependent on those donors and cannot afford to act against their wishes," said Josh Silver, director of Represent.us, a group working to reduce the influence of money in politics through state-level public financing measures. "This is exactly why Democrats and Republicans are falling short on the public interest demands of their constituents, and it has a lot to do with the remarkable popularity of Bernie Sanders."

Even while it rakes in big cash, the Clinton campaign has emphasized its efforts to appeal to the kinds of small donors that fueled Sanders' insurgent candidacy. Clinton's campaign also has tried to give some small donors big-donor-level access by holding raffles for private dinners with her.

The AP was able to conduct its review of Clinton's fundraisers because her campaign makes public background information about its finance events. Trump's campaign does not. Trump associates say he has held several small gatherings with bigger donors, including during a May swing through California.

Theater shows R-rated comedy trailer with "Finding Dory"

CONCORD, Calif. (AP) — The owner of a California movie theater is apologizing after a trailer for an R-rated upcoming Seth Rogen comedy was shown ahead of a screening of Disney's "Finding Dory."

The East Bay Times reports (<http://bit.ly/2930i2e>) moviegoers eager to see the PG-rated "Dory" at a Brenden theater in the Bay Area city of Concord were surprised earlier this month with a preview of Rogen's "Sausage Party," animated film with dark themes about what happens to food after it's taken home from the supermarket.

Brenden vice president Walter Eichinger tells the newspaper it was a one-time mishap due to the theater "moving screens around in effort to accommodate several large last-minute groups wanting to see 'Dory.'" He says the wrong movie was started by mistake and insists it won't happen again.

US officials: Military concerned about transgender timeline

LOLITA C. BALDOR, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon is poised to announce new rules allowing transgender individuals

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to serve openly in the U.S. military, amid concerns from senior military leaders who believe the department is moving too fast and has yet to resolve many details, U.S. officials told The Associated Press.

Defense Secretary Ash Carter is expected to announce the new policy this week, nearly a year after announcing his intention to make the change. The move would end one of the last bans on service in the military.

Several senior U.S. officials, however, said that while the chiefs of the military services largely back the change, they sought more time to fully develop and implement the complex new rules.

According to officials, the service chiefs asked Gen. Joseph Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to relay their concerns to Carter. A senior U.S. official told the AP that Carter met this week with his military leaders, heard their concerns, and has adjusted the timeline.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss policy decisions before they were made public.

Under the new policy, transgender individuals will be allowed to enlist in the military, and those already serving can no longer be forced to leave based on their gender identity.

Officials familiar with the new plan said people with gender dysphoria, a history of medical treatments associated with gender transition and those who have had reconstruction surgery may be disqualified as military recruits unless a medical provider certifies that they have been clinically stable in the preferred gender for 18 months, and are free of significant distress or impairment in social, occupational or other important areas. Also, transgender troops receiving hormone therapy must have been stable on the medication for 18 months.

The new rules also give military commanders flexibility, noting that not all cases are the same, the officials said. According to estimates, there are likely several thousand transgender individuals serving in the military.

When the military service chiefs met this week, they said they were concerned that they would be given as little as 45 days to develop an implementation plan for those serving, and another 45 days to put it in place, officials said.

According to defense officials, the military leaders, including Gen. Mark Milley, the Army chief of staff, and Gen. Robert Neller, commandant of the Marine Corps, said that while they aren't opposed to lifting the ban, they thought the new rules didn't include enough specifics to guide commanders who will have to make decisions about people in their units.

The senior U.S. official said Carter met with military leaders several times over the past two months, and after discussions this week, agreed to give them an additional 45 days, and was told the military chiefs believe they can work within those guidelines.

Last July, Carter said he intended to rescind the ban, calling it outdated. He has long argued that the military must be more inclusive to bring in the best and brightest.

At the time he ordered a six-month study to include extensive medical and scientific research and discussions with other nations and companies with experience in the process. He extended the study because the military wanted more time. Officials said he wanted to insure there was no impact on military readiness, but over time he became frustrated with the slow progress.

The new policy provides broad guidelines for transgender service members. They will be able to use the bathrooms, housing, uniforms and fitness standards of their preferred gender only after they have legally transitioned to that identity, according to officials.

The new rules, however, give commanders the discretion to make decisions on a case-by-case basis, including for job placement, deployments and training delays, based on the needs of the military mission and whether the service member can perform their duty.

The policy also allows commanders to approve certain accommodations when possible, such as when troops are showering. That could include installing shower curtains, towel hooks or allowing transgender troops to shower at different times or wear minimal clothing.

The military policy differs from civilian gender transitions, where transgender individuals often dress, live socially and work fulltime in their preferred gender during the process. Under the new policy, service members would only be able to do that when off-duty and away from their duty station.

Netflix to boost original series, films in and from Asia

YOUKYUNG LEE, AP Business Writer

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Netflix plans to expand its Asian offerings to subscribers around the world by tapping more creators in the region, including “Snowpiercer” director Bong Joon-ho, its chiefs said Thursday.

CEO Reed Hastings said that the U.S. streaming service company is looking at many projects throughout Asia, including original series by Asian creators, following its investment in the South Korean filmmaker’s new movie “Okja.”

Hastings did not elaborate. He said more details will be announced later this year.

“Okja” represents Netflix’s first investment in a Korean film project. The latest work by Bong currently being filmed at a remote village in eastern Korea is slated for launch next year on Netflix and in movie theaters.

Bong is one of the best known Korean directors whose works “Snowpiercer,” “Mother” and “The Host” gave him both critical acclaim and commercial success. Local media reported that Netflix invested \$50 million, among the largest in the South Korean movie industry.

In January, Netflix launched its service in 130 more countries as part of its efforts to boost international subscribers. It is available in 190 countries to 81.5 million subscribers but not in China, the biggest market for Korean TV series and films.

Netflix is aware that its absence in China may be a letdown to local creators.

“China is part of a very important business model for K-drama, sometimes realizing even more revenues for the K-drama in China than realizing in Korea today,” Ted Sarandos, Netflix’s chief content officer, said referring the Korean drama series in abbreviation. “We continue to look at China as an opportunity, but it’s a very complicated one.”

While its service in China is yet to be available, it is spending more to deliver Korean drama series elsewhere in the world. The company bought rights to distribute “The Descendants of the Sun” in the U.S., Canada and Latin America, which will launch on Netflix this summer.

The Korean drama series about a romance between a surgeon and an army officer in a war-torn country was a blockbuster hit this spring in China, where it was launched simultaneously with South Korea. The move is part of efforts to increase subscribers overseas.

The company’s global expansion will likely bring more diversity to Hollywood and TV screens in the U.S.

Netflix officials believe that it is doing a much better job than Hollywood where the racial diversity issues, from casting white actors for Asian roles and the lack of diversity at the Oscars, have generated scandals.

“I’m very proud that Netflix shows are among the most diverse shows in the world,” said Sarandos. He highlighted “Marco Polo,” an epic drama set in Kublai Khan’s court in 13th-century China and “Masters of None.”

"They got enormous Asian casts and the shows are being watched and loved from around the globe," he said.

He also praised its original series "Orange is the New Black" for showing "faces, sizes of people you don't typically see on the televisions."

"In every one of our shows we got a very high level of diversity that we think accurately reflects the populations not just the view of the typical Hollywood casts. So we're absolutely doing well and pushing to do better in terms of diversity for the world," the top content officer at Netflix said.

Report: Turkish raids target Islamic State group, 13 held

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ISTANBUL (AP) — Police on Thursday conducted simultaneous raids on 16 locations in Istanbul, rounding up 13 people suspected of involvement in a devastating attack at Istanbul's Ataturk Airport in which the Islamic State group is the prime suspect.

A senior official said three foreigners were among the suspects detained, but did not provide any information on their nationalities. The official spoke on condition of anonymity in line with government regulations.

Earlier, the state-run Anadolu Agency said the raids were carried out in Istanbul's Pendik, Basaksehir and Sultanbeyli neighborhoods, which span the city's Asian and European sides.

Authorities say all information suggests the shooting and suicide bombing attack by three assailants late Tuesday on one of the world's busiest airports was the work of the IS group.

The official said "extensive soft-tissue" damage had complicated efforts to identify the attackers. "A medical team is working around the clock to conclude the identification process," he told journalists.

The attack killed 42 people, including 13 foreign nationals of whom three were dual nationals. More than 230 people were hurt in the attack. Thursday marked a second day of funerals and mourning.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility by the militant group, which used Turkey as a crossing point to establish itself in neighboring Syria and Iraq. IS this week boasted to have cells in Turkey, among other countries.

In separate large-scale police operations, nine suspects believed to be linked to the IS group were also detained in the coastal city of Izmir. It was not clear if the suspects had any links to the carnage at the airport.

The Izmir raids unfolded simultaneously in the neighborhoods of Konak, Bucak, Karabaglar and Bornova neighborhoods, according to Anadolu Agency. Police seized three hunting rifles and documents relating to IS.

The report said the suspects were in contact with IS militants in Syria and were engaged in "activities that were in line with the organization's aims and interests," including providing financial sources, recruits and logistical support.

Days before the Istanbul attack, on June 25, security forces killed two suspected Islamic State militants who were trying to cross the border illegally and ignored orders from security forces to stop, according to local media reports.

One of the two militants was wanted by Turkey on suspicion that he would carry out suicide attacks in the capital Ankara or in the southern city of Adana, Anadolu said.

Turkey shares long, porous borders with both Syria and Iraq, where IS controls large pockets of territory. The government has blamed IS for several major bombings over the past year, including in the capital Ankara, and on tourists in Istanbul.

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Police detain 13 people — including three foreign nationals — in connection with the attack that killed more than 40 people at Ataturk airport, Turkey's state-run news agency says.

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The ease of online communication is helping the KKK reach new members, but watchdogs say the infamous white supremacist movement remains a shadow of its former self.

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Far-right movements, government spending cuts and the influx of migrants have nations other than Britain pondering an exit.

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Senior military leaders tell the AP that the Pentagon is moving too fast to launch new rules allowing transgender individuals to serve openly in the U.S. military.

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In her quest for the White House, the Democrat uses intimate salon-style gatherings with a handful of elite donors that can raise \$1 million or more.

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Some hope the new Philippines president's maverick style will energize the country, but others fear he will undercut democracy amid threats to kill criminals en masse.

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Hispanics shot with Tasers by police in Connecticut in 2015 were more likely to be fired upon multiple times than other racial groups, an analysis finds.

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A NASA spacecraft built to peek through thick, swirling clouds will begin mapping the giant planet from the inside out next week.

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Pakistan extends stay of Afghan refugees until year end

MUNIR AHMED, Associated Press

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has permitted registered Afghan refugees to remain in the country until the end of the year, a foreign ministry spokesman said Thursday, as an earlier deadline was set to expire.

Government spokesman Nafees Zakaria said Pakistan hosts about 3 million Afghan refugees, half of whom are unregistered.

Pakistan's government had previously set a June 30 deadline, after which Afghan refugees would

have been deemed to be staying in Pakistan illegally and would be at risk of deportation. The decision to extend the stay of the refugees was announced at the request of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees.

In a statement late Wednesday, Sharif directed authorities to immediately engage the U.N. refugee agency and the Afghan government to gradually relocate refugee camps in Pakistan to Afghanistan.

"In order to facilitate relocation and as a gesture of continued goodwill, Pakistan shall commit provision of wheat for the relocated camps in Afghanistan for a period of three years, free of cost," Sharif said in the statement.

Afghanistan welcomed the extension of the deadline, but the refugees and repatriation minister, Sayed Hossain Alemi Balki, said he wanted it extended until December 2017. He also criticized Pakistani police for harassing refugees, and said Pakistan should not forcibly repatriate Afghan refugees when the new deadline expires.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Filippo Grandi, visited Pakistan this week. He announced an increase in the assistance package for Afghan refugees who opt to repatriate under the UNHCR-facilitated voluntary return program, which will double from \$200 to \$400.

Millions of Afghans fled their country to neighboring Pakistan and Iran during the 1979-1989 Soviet occupation of Afghanistan, the brutal civil war of 1992-1996 between U.S.-backed rebel groups that had fought the Soviets and again after the Taliban came to power in 1996 — creating one of the world's largest refugee populations. Both Pakistan and Iran have been pressing for them to leave.

Authorities in Pakistan have said a number of militants are hiding in refugee camps, creating a security risk for the country.

Party foul? \$90K worth of stolen beer set to be thrown away

ATLANTA (AP) — Authorities have found most of the nearly 80,000 bottles of beer that were stolen from an Atlanta brewery last week, but the company says every last drop will have to be thrown away.

SweetWater Brewing Co. spokeswoman Tucker Berta Sarkisian said in a news release that the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and Southeastern Transportation Security Council on Wednesday returned 30 of the 40 pallets of beer that had been stolen, minus a few cases.

The other 10 pallets had already been recovered. It's unclear where the stolen beer was found and no arrests have been made.

Sarkisian says two trailers carrying 3,272 cases of SweetWater's Summer Variety Pack were stolen June 21. The trailers were later found empty.

Because of quality concerns, Sarkisian says the beer, worth about \$90,000, will be taken to a recycling facility.

Hospital: Israeli girl, 13, dies after Palestinian stabbing

JERUSALEM (AP) — A Palestinian stabbed an Israeli teenager to death in her bedroom in the West Bank early Thursday before he was shot dead, the Israeli army and a Jerusalem hospital said.

The victim in the attack in the West Bank settlement of Kiryat Arba was Hallel Yaffa Ariel, 13, according to a spokeswoman for Jerusalem's Shaarei Tzedek hospital.

The military said Israelis civilian security officers fired at the assailant. One officer was stabbed before the assailant was killed, the army said.

The Palestinian health ministry identified the assailant as Mohammed Tarayreh, 19, from the nearby

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Bani Naim village.

The security officer was in a serious condition, emergency services spokesman Yonatan Yagodovsky said.

Over the last nine months, Palestinians have carried out dozens of attacks that have killed 33 Israelis and two Americans. About 200 Palestinians have been killed during that time, most identified as attackers by Israel. The assaults were once near daily occurrences but have become less frequent in recent weeks. In June, however, Palestinian gunmen killed four Israeli civilians in Tel Aviv.

Kiryat Arba is a settlement adjacent to the city of Hebron, which has been a flashpoint of violence in the recent wave of attacks. There, about 850 Israelis live in heavily fortified enclaves amid some 200,000 Palestinians. Jews and Muslims revere Hebron as the burial place of the biblical Abraham.

Hope and fear as combative president takes over Philippines

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MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Rodrigo Duterte was sworn in Thursday as president of the Philippines, with many hoping his maverick style will energize the country but others fearing he could undercut one of Asia's liveliest democracies amid his threats to kill criminals en masse.

The 71-year-old former prosecutor and longtime mayor of southern Davao city won a resounding victory in May's elections in his first foray into national politics. He has described himself as the country's first leftist president and declared his foreign policy would not be dependent on the United States, a longtime treaty ally.

The frugal noontime ceremony at Malacanan, the Spanish colonial era presidential palace by Manila's murky Pasig River, was a break from tradition sought by Duterte to press the need for austerity amid the country's pestering poverty. In the past, the oath-taking had mostly been held at a grandstand in a historic park by Manila Bay, followed by a grand reception.

Vice President Leni Robredo, a human rights lawyer who comes from a rival political party, was sworn in earlier in a separate ceremony in her office compound. Vice presidents are separately elected in the Philippines, and in a sign of Duterte's go-it-alone style, he has not met her since the May 9 vote.

Duterte, who began a six-year term, captured attention with promises to cleanse his poor Southeast Asian nation of criminals and government crooks within six months — an audacious pledge that was welcomed by many crime-weary Filipinos but alarmed human rights watchdogs and the dominant Roman Catholic Church.

Duterte's inauguration address, before a crowd of more than 600 relatives, officials and diplomats, was markedly bereft of the profanities, sex jokes and curses that became a trademark of his campaign speeches. There were no menacing death threats against criminals, but he pressed the urgency of battling crime and graft, promised to stay within the bounds of the law and appealed to Congress and the Commission on Human Rights "to mind your work and I will mind mine."

"There are those who do not approve of my methods of fighting criminality, the sale and use of illegal drugs and corruption. They say that my methods are unorthodox and verge on the illegal," Duterte said.

He added: "The fight will be relentless and it will be sustained."

"As a lawyer and a former prosecutor, I know the limits of the power and authority of the president. I know what is legal and what is not. My adherence to the due process and the rule of law is uncompromising," he said to a loud applause.

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Shortly after Duterte's election win, police launched an anti-drug crackdown under his name, leaving dozens of mostly poor drug-dealing suspects dead in gunfights or in mysterious circumstances. The killings provided a fearsome backdrop to Duterte's rise.

After his resounding victory, he promised to mellow down on the vulgarity and promised Filipinos will witness a "metamorphosis" once he becomes president. Days before his swearing in, however, he was still warning "If you destroy my country, I will kill you," in a speech this week.

In a country long ruled by wealthy political clans, Duterte rose from middle-class roots. His brash style has been likened to that of presumptive U.S. Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump, although he detests the comparison and says the American billionaire is a bigot and he's not.

Duterte is also the first president to come from the country's volatile south, scene of a decades-long separatist insurgency by minority Muslims. He has said he would direct security forces to refocus on fighting Muslim and Maoist insurgents — a reversal from his predecessor, Benigno Aquino III, who shifted the military to take charge of territorial defense while police handle the insurgencies.

Duterte's initial foreign policy pronouncements point to potential problems for Washington at a crucial time for the region. An arbitration tribunal in The Hague is scheduled to rule July 12 on a case in which the Philippine government questioned the validity of China's vast territorial claims in the South China Sea. China has refused to join the arbitration.

Duterte has suggested he will keep the U.S. at arm's length and has shown readiness to mend frosty ties with China. Those potential shifts have raised the specter of another difficult phase in more than a century of a love-hate relationship between the Philippines and its former American colonizer.

A senior Philippine diplomat said American and Australian officials are curious how the new president will handle relations with their governments, which have enjoyed strong ties with Aquino, who bolstered security relations as a way to counter China's assertiveness in disputed South China Sea territories.

The Chinese ambassador, on the other hand, has worked hard to repair damaged relations with Manila. He told Filipino diplomats Beijing would extend an invitation to the new president to visit China within the next six months, according to the Philippine diplomat who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity for lack of authority to discuss such topic with reporters.

"Definitely if the Philippines backs away somewhat from supporting the U.S. in the South China Sea, this would be a problem for the U.S.," said Malcolm Cook, a senior fellow at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies Yusof Ishak Institute in Singapore.

"China likes to present the U.S. as a destabilizing outsider in the South China Sea and in Asia more generally," he said. "The fewer Asian states that publicly counter this Chinese depiction, the more isolated the U.S."

In 'year of the youth,' chances for US track newcomers, too

PAT GRAHAM, AP Sports Writer

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Possible new slogan for the U.S. Olympic track team: Higher, Faster, Younger. There could be a youth movement underway on the track over the next two weeks.

A group of up-and-comers are angling for spots on America's Olympic track team, hoping to duplicate the success a new crop of swimmers is making at that sport's trials in Omaha, Nebraska.

"The year of the youth," said 17-year-old sprinter Candace Hill, a dark horse possibility to make the U.S. squad for the Rio Olympics in the 100 meters, 200 meters or perhaps even both. "I feel like, since older people are leaving the sport, they're passing the torch to the younger folks. We have to step up our game and show we're ready to take over in a way."

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Hill is already the world's fastest girl ever, courtesy of a number of youth records she set last season, including in the 200, which she ran in 22.43 seconds.

A year ago, she ran 10.98 seconds in the 100 — the first time a female under 18 had gone below 11 seconds. That kind of time would've earned her a share of the silver medal at the 2008 Beijing Olympics and placed her seventh at the 2012 London Games.

Someday, she could be going for the label of fastest female in history. That honor belongs to the late Florence Griffith-Joyner, who holds both the 100 (10.49) and 200 (21.34) world marks.

Hill could be pushed by another teenager, Kaylin Whitney.

"My goal is to be one of the greatest female sprinters ever," said Hill, who turned pro last December and signed a 10-year deal with ASICS.

Hill's role model is Allyson Felix, the six-time Olympic medalist who Hill used to watch as a kid.

"I feel very old," lamented the 30-year-old Felix, who will try to make the team in the 200 and 400. "But it's a neat thing, because I remember when I was in that exact same place."

Upon arriving at the airport, Hill became star struck after running into sprinter Tori Bowie, along with 400-meter runners Natasha Hastings and Francena McCorory.

"I'm like, 'That's actually them,'" Hill said. "You see them on TV and in videos, but then they're right there."

Last week, Hill won the 100 at the USA junior championships. She's not the least bit tired, either.

The benefits of being so youthful.

The drawbacks are simple: Experience. Age does have some benefits.

"I just want to get out there and see what I can do," Hill said. "It's time for the youth to rise and take over the sport of track and field."

Here are some rising track and field athletes to keep an eye on at the trials:

FOLLOWING JIM RYUN'S FOOTSTEPS: Donovan Brazier of Texas A&M recently broke a record of Jim Ryun's that stood for five decades. The 19-year-old Brazier won the 800-meter title at NCAA championships in a time of 1 minute, 43.55 seconds, a new collegiate and American junior record. Brazier recently announced he was going pro after a sensational freshman year with the Aggies.

FOLLOWING JESSE OWENS' LEAD: How's this for some elite company: Arkansas senior Jarrion Lawson became the first man since Jesse Owens in 1936 to win the 100, 200 and long jump at the same NCAA championships. He was nominated for an ESPY award in the best male athlete category and is up against the likes of Alabama tailback Derrick Henry and Oklahoma hoops star Buddy Hield.

RECORD BREAKER: Teenager Sydney McLaughlin heads into trials fresh off winning the 400-meter hurdles title at the USA Track and Field junior championships last weekend. The week before, the 16-year-old from Dunellen, New Jersey, broke national high school records at New Balance Nationals. McLaughlin eclipsed the prep record set by Leslie Maxie in 1984 with her time of 54.46 seconds.

TRIPLE SCOOP: 20-year-old triple jumper Keturah Orji recently captured her second straight NCAA title for the University of Georgia. Orji, of Mount Olive, New Jersey, broke the collegiate mark this season. As it stands right now, she's one of only two triple jumpers at trials to have the Olympic qualifying standard.

BRIGHT FUTURE: Shamier Little definitely stands out in the 400-meter hurdles by wearing a neon bow in her hair. It's a way for her mom to easily find her. Here's another way to spot her: She's usually the one that crosses the finish line first. The 21-year-old Texas A&M junior recently won her third NCAA title.

Ku Klux Klan dreams of rising again 150 years after founding

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — The Ku Klux Klan is trying to make a comeback and reshape itself for a new era.

The white supremacist organization was born in the defeated South after the Civil War. It's 150 years old and has been in decline for decades.

Yet Associated Press interviews with Klan leaders show the group is still alive and dreams of restoring itself to what it once was: an invisible empire spreading throughout society.

Watchdog groups estimate total Klan membership at only a few thousand nationwide, and some scoff at the idea of a Klan resurgence. There's no single Klan, and different Klan groups disagree over tactics and philosophy.

But Klan leaders say they feel U.S. politics are going their way as a nationalist, us-against-them mentality deepens among some across the nation.

Other Europeans unhappy with EU could seek to follow UK out

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LISBON, Portugal (AP) — Disenchantment with the European Union is not limited to British voters who opted to leave the bloc.

Across the continent, anti-EU sentiment is bubbling up, fueled by far-right movements and others unhappy about government spending cuts, the influx of migrants and other policies overseen from the 28-nation bloc's headquarters in Brussels.

Some political parties are offering to fight the cause of those disgruntled voters in upcoming national elections — while a few far-right groups are demanding a ballot in their own countries on whether to follow the United Kingdom out of the EU door.

That prospect is sending a shudder through top EU officials because it could propel a process where the bloc breaks up or collapses as fast as an Arctic ice sheet, wrecking Europe's delicate postwar balance. "Will Britain's shock vote to leave the (EU) embolden populists elsewhere in Europe? That has become the key question for Europe," Holger Schmieding, the chief economist at German bank Berenberg, wrote in an analysis.

France's far-right National Front lost no time in claiming that the U.K. referendum outcome was an emphatic endorsement for the proposals it has been putting forward for years. The nationalist party's leader, Marine Le Pen, posted a Union Jack photo on her Facebook page when the result came out last week, saying, "The United Kingdom has started a movement that will not stop."

She told the European Parliament on Tuesday: "I believe the consequences (of the U.K. vote) can only be positive ... the people can only gain from getting back their independence, a democratic process and control of their destiny."

Le Pen predicts that Europe's future shape will now be a central issue in campaigning for the French presidential election in about a year's time. Numerous polls have shown her reaching a runoff against a mainstream candidate.

The British decision to leave was also met with joy by Dutch firebrand lawmaker Geert Wilders, whose anti-Islam and euroskeptic Freedom Party is riding high in polls ahead of a general election next year.

"We want to be in charge of our own country, our own money, our own borders, and our own immigration policy," Wilders said, pledging to hold a referendum on EU membership if he takes power. "Let the Dutch people decide."

Eager to nip such talk in the bud, EU leaders are taking a tough line with the British government — refusing to hold any talks on future ties with Britain until London formally notifies Brussels it is leaving.

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"No notification, no negotiation," EU Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker said Tuesday — also sending a signal that leaving the bloc won't be painless.

It's not hard to find European politicians disaffected with the EU. They might not want to quit the bloc, but they do want it to do some things differently and now they are finding public support.

Earlier this month, an anti-establishment party founded by a comic triumphed in Italian mayoral run-off elections, upending the established order of municipal politics in Rome and Turin. The 5-Star Movement candidates trounced Italian Premier Matteo Renzi's mainstream rivals.

"We want a Europe that is more a 'community' and not a union of banks and lobbies," the 5-Star Movement's founder, comic Beppe Grillo, wrote on his blog after the British vote.

"The European Union must change, otherwise it dies," he wrote. "There are millions and millions of European citizens ever more critical, who don't recognize themselves in this union, made of banks and economic blackmail."

Grillo was apparently referring to the deeply unpopular austerity measures designed to cut government debt in Europe after the continent's financial crisis. Although the immediate threat of a disintegration of the 19-nation eurozone that uses the euro currency has eased, the budget cuts have stayed.

So has the resentment of them.

Since a general election in Portugal last year, an anti-austerity Socialist government has been kept in power by an unprecedented alliance with the Communist Party and radical Left Bloc. While Portugal has won too many benefits to want to leave the EU, the government's reversal of austerity measures is a clear act of defiance against Brussels.

EU nations such as Hungary, Poland, the Czech Republic and others have also defied EU officials in Brussels by refusing to accept the principle of sharing the refugee load among all EU members and helping hard-hit Greece and Italy.

Even in Germany, a bedrock EU member, there are stirrings of dissent against the bloc.

Although Chancellor Angela Merkel's conservative bloc is easily the strongest political force, its ratings have sagged over recent months amid the huge surge of migrants to Germany and the fierce debate about how to respond.

At the same time, the 3-year-old nationalist Alternative for Germany party, or AfD, has surged in the polls and hopes to enter the national parliament next year. It opposes the EU becoming a "centralist federal state" and demands that the EU go back to being a community of "sovereign, loosely connected individual states."

If the EU doesn't scrap its "quasi-socialist experiment of deeper political integration, more European people will win back their sovereignty the British way," AfD leader Frauke Petry said.

And even the wealthy countries of Northern Europe have not been immune from the anti-EU malaise, with the U.K. referendum result encouraging euroskeptic parties there as well.

The nationalist Sweden Democrats reiterated their calls for a similar anti-EU referendum in Sweden, while the leader of the anti-immigrant Danish People's Party, Kristian Thulesen Dahl, said Denmark should wait to see what kind of exit deal Britain gets and then hold its own referendum.

Britain's impending departure from the EU — which is apparently is going to be a much longer process than EU officials want — has not triggered a groundswell of other countries eager to follow suit.

Still, it has given European leaders a lot to think about.

"Obsessed with the idea of instant and total integration, we failed to notice that ordinary people, the citizens of Europe, do not share our euro-enthusiasm," EU President Donald Tusk said.

At 16, Californian youngest male table tennis player in Rio

MELISSA MURPHY, AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Kanak Jha is having quite a year. He spent nine months playing professional table tennis in Europe, threw out the first pitch at a New York Mets game on his birthday and qualified for the Rio de Janeiro Olympics.

And get this: He's only 16.

"I'm happy that I'm the youngest, but I don't think about it so much," said Jha, who in April, when he was still 15, became the youngest male to qualify for table tennis in Olympic history. "In the end, it's just men."

If he sounds mature for his age, he comes across that way. Jha's competitive during a match, but easygoing away from the table. He recently trained at the Lily Yip Table Tennis Center in the New York area with his five Olympic teammates and signed autographs for fans.

"He has a good fighting spirit," said U.S. Olympic coach Massimo Costantini. "Sometimes at that age, they get upset and are not mature. We're working on the mental side to make him stronger. A simple mistake can compromise the entire match."

"You need a strong mental balance," Costantini said. "It's not just managing success, but failure."

Yip, who competed for the U.S. in table tennis at the 1992 Barcelona and 1996 Atlanta Games, is the U.S. girls national junior team coach. She hosted the current Olympic team, which wrapped up three days of practice with an exhibition and fundraiser at her club in Dunellen, New Jersey.

During the exhibition match, Jha started his serve by holding the ball and paddle a few inches from his nose, then tossing the ball 4 feet into the air before making contact. After the point, he wiped the table with his hand, a common players' habit before serving.

Although he lost the match to an older and higher-rated Chinese player, Jha drew warm applause from the mostly Asian audience.

Gordon Kaye, CEO of the USA Table Tennis, says it's rare to find a young player "of his caliber that is so aware and comfortable within his surroundings."

It's certainly not your basement pingpong, with quick best-of-7 singles matches played to 11 points. There are different styles — defensive "choppers" or offensive "loopers," who play a more aggressive game.

The Chinese men and women are the best in the world, winning Olympic gold with regularity. Since the 1988 Olympics, China has won 47 medals, followed by South Korea (18) and Germany (5).

The U.S. has never medaled in the sport, which offers singles and team competition. Gold-medalist Jake Zhang will return to defend his title in Rio, where competition begins Aug. 6.

So why are the Chinese so good, aside from their devotion to the sport and its prominence in the culture?

"They're very strong, especially in the first three shots of the rally — serve, receive and third-ball attack," Jha said. "They really dominate the rally."

Yue "Jennifer" Wu, like Yip, was born in China before becoming an American citizen. She moved from Beijing to New York eight years ago and improved her English by coaching at the club run by Wang Chen, a U.S. Olympian in the 2008 Games.

The 26-year-old gives lessons in New York at Spin, a table tennis club and restaurant co-owned by Susan Sarandon. Wu recently went home to Beijing and Japan to train and played tournaments in Croatia and Slovenia.

"Table tennis in China is like the NBA here, everybody plays," Wu said. "My mom plays three times a week and people love to watch."

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She ate no meat for a month while in Beijing, saying her concerns about banned steroids given to cattle trump those of the Zika virus in Rio. Wise decision, because drug testers arrived at 6:40 a.m. when she returned home in Fort Lee, New Jersey.

Wu said it was a "big dream" to make the Olympics since she was 8 years old. She was quiet on the bus after qualifying for the Rio Olympics at the Pan Am Games last year because it's "hard to make Olympics, you work so very hard."

Jha, who took up the sport at 5 at a recreation center near San Jose, California, lived in Sweden with his 19-year-old sister Prachi, who played on the national team but didn't qualify for Rio. He took online courses during his sophomore year in high school.

"There's a consistent training system," Constantini said of the European circuit. "A coach, trainer, physiotherapist. It's something you can't find in the U.S."

Jha's parents are from India, and he was born in the U.S. His father Arun came to America to study business and works at Oracle. His mother Karuna worked at Sun Microsystems before starting her own hypnotherapy and reiki business.

"She feels my energy," Kanak said of the reiki treatments.

Kanak uses positive imagery and self-talk before and during matches.

"It's kind of a ritual," he said. "I just keep reviewing strategy and say some motivational things to myself. I talk (silently) to myself a lot. More than other athletes."

The personal pep talks and affirmations seem to be working. Even so, his mom says she was "so nervous watching" the Olympic qualifying event in April in Markham, Ontario.

Jha says he's looking forward to the athletes' village and mingling with players from all over the world.

"It's a great opportunity at this young age to see how the Olympics works," Constantini said. "He will be ready by 2020."

In New Mexico, New Deal legacy gets a second look

MORGAN LEE, Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — The 100-year anniversary of the National Park Service is kindling interest in the cabins, murals, furniture and artwork of the New Deal era that transformed and popularized national and state parks while putting impoverished Americans back to work.

Rupert Lopez of New Mexico gratefully worked for \$1 a day amid the misery of the Great Depression making adobe-block walls for National Park Service administration building in Santa Fe.

Lopez himself is now 100 years old, and some preservationists saying it is time for the federal government to give public works projects of the New Deal era more focused attention.

At the same time, enthusiasts of New Deal history are using online crowdsourcing tools to identify overlooked buildings and artwork across the nation.

Conn. police more likely to use stun guns on minorities

DAVE COLLINS, Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Hispanics shot with stun guns by police in Connecticut in 2015 were more likely to be fired upon multiple times than other racial groups, according to an analysis released Thursday of the first statewide data of police stun gun use in the United States.

In cases where police pull stun guns, the report says officers also were more likely to fire them in confrontations involving minorities, as The Associated Press first reported in January after obtaining preliminary data collected from police departments around the state. Officers fired the weapons, as opposed to merely brandishing them, 60 percent of the time in confrontations involving whites, 81

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percent of the time in those involving blacks and 66 percent of the time in those involving Hispanics.

The report, written by Central Connecticut State University analysts who reviewed the data, said it was difficult to draw conclusions from the information because it was the first data to be collected and many police departments appeared to underreport their stun gun use.

The report calls for improved data collection but does not make any conclusions about whether police are engaged in racial profiling in their stun gun use.

"With this basic information you can start asking more questions and figure out whether policies governing Tasers need to be modified," said Michael Lawlor, Connecticut undersecretary for criminal justice policy and planning. "I'm sure over time it will have a big impact. You can expect the use of Tasers will change simply because law enforcement is aware this data is being collected and reported publicly."

A 2014 law made Connecticut the first state to require all police departments to report every instance in which an officer fires or threatens to use a stun gun.

Across the state, 610 people were involved in police stun gun incidents last year and 419 of them received an electrical shock. Nearly 300 people were injured after being shot with a stun gun and two died.

In stun gun incidents involving Hispanics, 27 percent were shocked twice, compared with 18 percent of whites and 15 percent of blacks. Hispanics also were more likely to be shocked more than twice.

Among the report's other findings, about 53 percent of the people shot with stun guns appeared to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol, despite guidance to avoid using them in such cases. In 2013, Taser International Inc., a leading maker of stun guns, advised law enforcement officials to try to avoid using stun guns on people who are impaired from alcohol, drugs or certain medications, because of the risk of injury or death posed by electric shocks to their bodies.

Wethersfield Police Chief James Cetran, a vice president of the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association, said it isn't clear why Connecticut officers are firing their stun guns at so many impaired people. He said it often isn't immediately clear to officers whether someone is under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and using a stun gun is preferable to using deadly force with a firearm.

"If you've got an immediate threat that's coming at you, you need to protect yourself or that innocent third person," he said. "There are certain times when policy doesn't save your life. ... Tasers I can honestly say have saved officers from injury. They've saved some suspects from injuries. Probably a lot of suspects."

The report also found that one-third of people involved in police stun gun incidents were described as "emotionally disturbed" and 13 percent were labeled as "suicidal." Data analysts noted that several federal courts have questioned the constitutionality of using stun guns on people to secure their own safety or to transport them to hospitals, which some Connecticut officers did in dealing with emotionally disturbed people.

The report comes as police across the U.S. face heavy scrutiny over their use of deadly force against blacks. Although stun guns have been billed as non-lethal alternatives to firearms, they have resulted in deaths, and reliable information on how police use them has been lacking.

Data from other states is not available.

Asian shares mostly up as markets get over Brexit shock

YURI KAGEYAMA, AP Business Writer

TOKYO (AP) — Asian shares were mostly up Thursday as markets continued to gradually get over the shock set off by Britain's vote last week to leave the European Union.

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KEEPING SCORE: Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 edged up 0.9 percent in early trading to 15,711.98, while South Korea's Kospi rose 0.3 percent to 1,962.49. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 added 1.6 percent to 5,223.90. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index rose 1.1 percent to 20,668.01. The Shanghai Composite was little changed, inching down nearly 0.1 percent to 2,929.54.

BREXIT: Post-"Brexit" worries are easing in recent sessions. Last week, Britain voted in a referendum to leave the European Union, sending stocks reeling. But Britain's stock market has recouped its losses. The worries are shifting from short-term worries to long-term worries, analysts say.

THE QUOTE: "The Brexit is only four market-days old, and equities are right back where they've been all year — running sideways," according to a report by the Group Strategic Marketing & Communications of DBS Bank in Hong Kong.

WALL STREET: On Wall Street, the Dow gained 284.96 points, or 1.6 percent, to 17,694.68. The S&P 500 index rose 34.68 points, or 1.7 percent, to 2,070. The Nasdaq composite added 87.38 points, or 1.9 percent, to 4,779.25.

ENERGY: In energy trading, benchmark U.S. crude fell 42 cents to \$49.46 a barrel in New York. It had added \$2.03 to close at \$49.88 a barrel Wednesday. Brent crude, used to price international oils, fell 49 cents to \$50.83 a barrel in London.

CURRENCIES: The yen, seen as a safe haven, strengthened sharply after the British referendum, but the volatility has since settled. The dollar was trading at 102.75 yen, up from 102.30 yen. The euro rose to \$1.1108 from \$1.107.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Thursday, June 30, the 182nd day of 2016. There are 184 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 30, 1966, the National Organization for Women (NOW) was founded in Washington, D.C.

On this date:

In 1859, French acrobat Charles Blondin (blahn-DAN') walked back and forth on a tightrope above the gorge of Niagara Falls as thousands of spectators watched.

In 1865, eight people, including Mary Surratt and Dr. Samuel Mudd, were convicted by a military commission of conspiring with John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Abraham Lincoln. (Four defendants, including Surratt, were executed; Mudd was sentenced to life in prison, but was pardoned by President Andrew Johnson in 1869.)

In 1908, the Tunguska Event took place in Russia as an asteroid exploded above Siberia, leaving 800 square miles of scorched or blown-down trees.

In 1912, Canada's deadliest tornado on record occurred as a cyclone struck Regina, the provincial capital of Saskatchewan, killing 28 people.

In 1921, President Warren G. Harding nominated former President William Howard Taft to be chief justice of the United States, succeeding the late Edward Douglass White.

In 1936, the Civil War novel "Gone with the Wind" by Margaret Mitchell was first published by The Macmillan Co. in New York.

In 1949, "The Missouri Waltz" became the official state song of Missouri.

In 1958, the U.S. Senate passed the Alaska statehood bill by a vote of 64-20.

In 1963, Pope Paul VI was crowned the 262nd head of the Roman Catholic Church.

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In 1971, the film fantasy "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory," starring Gene Wilder, was released by Paramount Pictures.

In 1985, 39 American hostages from a hijacked TWA jetliner were freed in Beirut after being held 17 days.

In 1994, an Airbus A330 passenger plane crashed after takeoff from Toulouse, France, on a test flight, killing all seven occupants.

Ten years ago: A tired-sounding Osama bin Laden praised slain Iraq insurgent Abu Musab al-Zarqawi (AH'-boo MOO'-sahb ahl-zahr-KOW'-ee) in an audiotape. The government of the Netherlands resigned over a failed attempt to strip Ayaan Hirsi Ali, a prominent Somali-born critic of Islam, of her Dutch citizenship.

Five years ago: The U.N.-backed Special Tribunal for Lebanon issued an indictment naming four suspects in the assassination of Lebanon's former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri (rah-FEEK' hah-REER'-ee), including a high-ranking Hezbollah militant linked to the 1983 truck bombings at the U.S. and French embassies in Kuwait. (Hezbollah has refused to extradite the suspects, who are being tried in absentia.) Conservative TV commentator Glenn Beck said goodbye to Fox News Channel, airing his final show before going into business for himself.

One year ago: A tough-talking New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie launched his 2016 campaign for president with a promise to tell voters the truth "whether you like it or not, or whether it makes you cringe every once in a while or not." An Indonesian Air Force transport plane crashed, killing at least 121 people on board and 22 on the ground. Actress Jennifer Garner and actor Ben Affleck announced plans to end their 10-year marriage.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Lea Massari is 83. Actress Nancy Dussault is 80. Songwriter Tony Hatch is 77. Singer Glenn Shorrock is 72. Actor Leonard Whiting (Film: "Romeo and Juliet") is 66. Jazz musician Stanley Clarke is 65. Actor David Garrison is 64. Rock musician Hal Lindes (Dire Straits) is 63. Actor-comedian David Alan Grier is 60. Actor Vincent D'Onofrio is 57. Actress Deirdre Lovejoy is 54. Actor Rupert Graves is 53. Boxer Mike Tyson is 50. Actor Peter Outerbridge is 50. Rock musician Tom Drummond (Better Than Ezra) is 47. Actor Brian Bloom is 46. Actor Brian Vincent is 46. Actress Monica Potter is 45. Actress Molly Parker is 44. Actor Rick Gonzalez is 37. Actor Tom Burke is 35. Actress Lizzy Caplan is 34. Rock musician James Adam Shelley (American Authors) is 33. Rhythm-and-blues singer Fantasia is 32. Olympic gold medal swimmer Michael Phelps is 31.

Thought for Today: "The man who has done his level best is a success, even though the world may write him down a failure." — B.C. Forbes, Scottish journalist (1880-1954).