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Legion at Brookings Tourney
Senior Menu: Lemon baked fish, rice pilaf, California blend veggies, peach crisp, whole wheat bread

Birthdays: Kelby Hawkins • Pam Hanson • Ann Gibbs • Katie Groeblinghoff • Avery Schuneman

5:30pm: U8 Softball hosts Ipswich

6:30pm: U10 Softball hosts Ipswich

7:30pm: U12 Softball hosts Ipswich

Saturday, July 9

Amateurs at Jamestown Tourney

Legion at Brookings Tourney

Birthdays: Jordan Voss • Jocelyn Peterson • Ty Lerew • Marlene Coon

4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

Sunday, July 10

Amateurs at Jamestown Tourney

Legion at Brookings Tourney

Birthdays: Loren Osterman

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship

9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

9:00am: St. John's Lutheran worship

10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

2:00pm: Emmanuel pastor at Bethesda in Aberdeen

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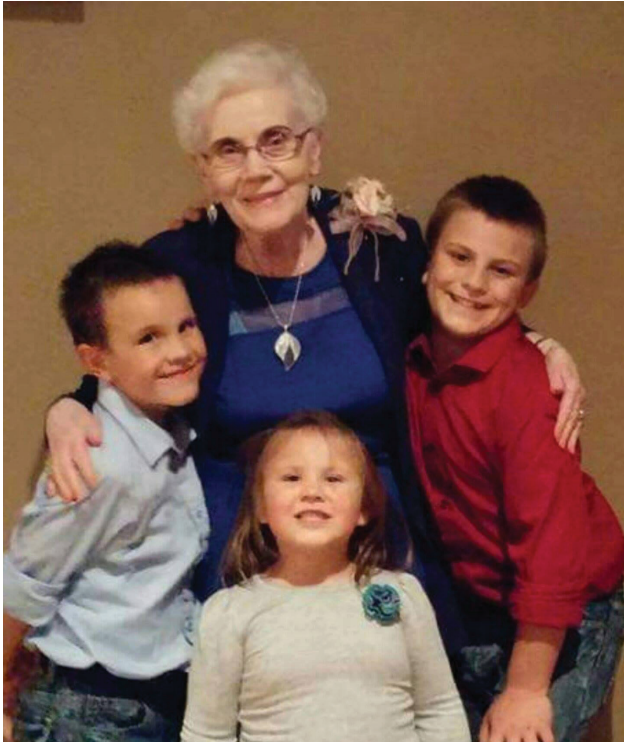
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Hannon's 80th Birthday

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.

Hendrickson's 60th Anniversary

Darrell and Deanna Hendrickson are celebrating 60 years of marriage today.

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John and Mary Phillips, owners of Willet-Hauser Architectural Glass and Associated Crafts of Winona, Minnesota, removed the stained glass altar windows from Groton's Historic Trinity Church Wednesday. The windows will be transported on edge to the company's studio where they will be disassembled, cleaned, re-leaded and completely restored with the help of a Deadwood Fund Grant from the South Dakota State Historical Society, matched by the Brown County Historical Society.

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Topper Tastad, President of the newly-formed Groton Community Historical Society, helped with removal of the Trinity Church stained glass windows by providing advice, tools, and other assistance. The Groton Community Historical Society was incorporated by Groton Attorney Dick Kolker for the express purpose of preserving and maintaining the Historic Trinity Church. The Brown County Historical Society deeded the church to the Groton Society earlier this year, and has provided financial assistance to the fledgling Groton Society.



Betty Breck, Groton, supports one of the stained glass panels that were removed from the Historic Trinity Church. Breck, with the help of Sherri Rawstern, President of the Brown County Historical Society, wrote the grant proposal which netted a total of \$18,000 from the State Historical Society Deadwood Fund Grant and the Brown County Historical Society for repair of the windows.

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School Board Agenda for July 11

GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #06-6 School Board Meeting July 11, 2016 – 7:30 PM – GHS Conference Room

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order with members present. Approve agenda as proposed or amended.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of minutes of June 27, 2016 school board meeting as drafted or amended.
2. Approval of North Central Special Education Co-Op (NCSEC) agenda items...as fiscal agent.

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. Open Forum for Public Participation...in accordance with Board Policy & Guidelines.
2. Approval of June 2016 Financial Report, Agency Accounts, and Investments.
3. Approval of June 2016 School Lunch Report.
4. Approval of June 2016 School Transportation Report.
5. 8:00 PM – DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING – Revenue & Expenditures – Line Items.
6. School Board Committee Reports:
 - a. Building, Grounds, & Transportation: Lars Hanson, Marty Weismantel, Merle Harder
 - b. Personnel, Policy, & Curriculum: Dorene Nelson, Grant Rix
 - c. Negotiations: Kelly Kjelden, Steve Smith
7. Administrative Reports: (a) Superintendent's Report; (b) Principal's Reports; (c) Business Manager Report

ADJOURN

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION BUSINESS:

1. Call to Order with members present.
2. Installation of board members, Clint Fjelstad, Deborah Gengerke, and Merle Harder (incumbent) followed by election of president and vice president as well as appointments to the various "ad hoc" committees.

3. Conflicts disclosure pursuant SDCL Ch. 3-23

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve July 2016 District bills for payment.
2. Designate legal counsel/school attorney...Rodney Freeman of Churchill, Manolis, and Freeman of Huron.
3. Designate Groton Independent as official legal newspaper for FY17.
4. Designate Business Manager as custodian of all district accounts.
5. Authorize business manager to continue existing funds and establish new accounts and to invest and reinvest funds in local institutions which serve the greatest advantage to the District.
6. Designate official bank depository...First State Bank.
7. Adopt Groton Area School District Policy Manual with such revisions as previously approved.
8. Adopt Special Education Comprehensive Plan.
9. Authorize office personnel to administer Agency Funds & NSLP (school lunch) funds, with oversight by business office management.
10. Authorize superintendent to administer or direct federal programs, with Consolidated Application (Title programs) and related ESSA compliance issues assigned to building principals.
11. Appoint superintendent to act as Asbestos Compliance Officer.
12. Authorize superintendent or designee to close school in emergency situations or inclement weather.
13. Authorize superintendent or designee to institute NSLP & School Breakfast Agreement.
14. Adopt Food Safety Plan, HACCP-Based Standard Operating Procedures.
15. Authorize superintendent or designee to institute ASBSD school bus mutual assistance pact.
16. Authorize business manager to transfer petty cash and incident payment funds (SDCL 13-18-16/17).
17. Approve peripheral sports and other volunteer school workers such as chain gang, line judges, Booster Club/PAC workers, assistant coaches, volunteer coaches, volunteer drivers, school board members etc. to be included in the school's worker's compensation insurance coverage.
18. Approve Open Enrollment #17-12 (grade 1) from Aberdeen School District.

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19. Approve Open Enrollment #17-13 (grade 1) from Aberdeen School District.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion on upcoming community engagement meetings with FJJ representatives.
2. Discussion on Lease Agreement received from City of Groton for soccer field complex.
3. Set date and time for regular school board meetings...presently 2nd & 4th Monday for months of September through November and January through April; 2nd Monday only for months of December, May, July, & August, and 2nd Monday and last Monday of the month in June, to be held in the GHS Conference Room at 7:30 PM for the months of April through October and 7:00 PM for the months of November through March, with consideration to reschedule the meeting dates, times, and places when deemed necessary or appropriate.
4. Appoint board member to serve as voting member of the North Central Special Education Cooperative Governing Board for 2016-2017 school year.
5. Set salaries for board members...presently at \$50/meeting
6. Set rate for substitute teachers for 16-17 school year...recommend \$100/day [Currently \$100/day].
7. Set rate for substitute bus drivers for 16-17 school year...recommend \$60/day [Currently \$55/day].
8. Establish activity admission & school lunch prices for 2016-2017. Recommendations
Admission: Adult - \$5; Doubleheader - \$6 No Change
Adult 10-punch ticket - \$45 No Change
1st-12th grade - \$4 No Change
1st-5th grade activity ticket - \$25 No Change
6th-12th grade activity ticket - \$30 No Change
Breakfast JrK-5 - \$2.00; 6-12 - \$2.50; Adult - \$2.75 No Change Lunch JrK-5 - \$2.75; 6-12 - \$3.25; Adult \$4.00 No Change
O-Juice JrK-5 - \$7.00/month or \$28/sem or \$56/year No Change
Milk JrK-5 - \$5.90/month or \$23.60/sem or \$47.20/year No Change
9. Set rate for OST services for 16-17 school year.
10. Approve price quotes for 2016-2017 bakery products (Dean Foods).
11. Approve price quotes for 2016-2017 dairy products (Bimbo Bakery).
12. Approve SDCL 13-29-4 request from Webster Area School District to pick up students in Bristol for 16-17 school year.
13. Approve lane change for Jodi Sternhagen, from MS+30 to MS+45 for 2016-2017 school year.
14. Approve lane change for Janel Lone, from BS+30 to BS+45 for 2016-2017 school year.
15. Executive session pursuant SDCL 1-25-2(4) to discuss negotiations.
16. Other items, as may be appropriate or as deemed necessary.

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School Board Agenda for July 12

GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #06-6 School Board Meeting July 12, 2016 – 7:00 PM – Groton Community Center

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order with members present. Approve agenda as proposed.

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. Public presentation and discussion of proposed building improvement measures.

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Today in Weather History

July 8, 1922: Two tornadoes occurred near the southern border of South Dakota, with one at St. Charles in Gregory County, and the other on the southern shore of Lake Andes, in Charles Mix County. The distance apart was about 30 miles. The tornado in Gregory County missed the town of Lake Andes. However, it destroyed about 29 cottages and five large barns. Fifteen people were injured, but no one was killed.

July 8, 1951: An F2 touched down in open country and moved northeastward, passing three miles northwest of Corona in Roberts County. Thirteen buildings were destroyed on a farm with only the house left standing. Three cows and 20 pigs were killed.

July 8, 2009: A tornado passed through the city of Dickinson, ND, on the far south side, mainly just south of the Heart River. From their eyewitness accounts, and from video obtained from the Dickinson Police Department, it is likely that this was a rain-wrapped tornado, and very difficult if not impossible to see. The tornado occurred before sunset, yet it was described as being as dark as night during the event. Over 450 structures were damaged, of which nearly 100 were declared destroyed or beyond repair. Numerous vehicles were damaged or destroyed; some were on their roofs. From that, it was determined that peak wind speeds in the tornado were on the order of 150 mph.

July 8, 2011: Historical releases on the Oahe Dam of 160,000 CFS kept the Missouri River from Pierre to Chamberlain at record flood levels throughout July. Extensive sandbagging and levee building had been done earlier to hold back the river. Residents in the Pierre, Fort Pierre, and Oacoma areas continued to be the most affected by the river. Many homes, along with roads, crop, and pastureland remained flooded throughout the month. The Missouri River at Pierre remained from 5 to 6 foot above flood stage throughout July. The Missouri River at Chamberlain reached a record stage of 75.1 feet on July 8th. Flood stage at Chamberlain is 65 feet. The flooding on the river began in late May and continued into August.

July 8, 2013: A thunderstorm complex moving across central and north central South Dakota produced gusty winds up to 70 mph. These strong winds brought down several tree branches around the area with Dewey County the hardest hit location. In Timber Lake, downed tree branches fell on houses and vehicles causing damage.

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Today	Tonight	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday
						
Sunny	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny	Chance T-storms	Mostly Sunny then Mostly Sunny and Breezy	Slight Chance T-storms and Breezy	Chance T-storms
High: 80 °F	Low: 59 °F	High: 86 °F	Low: 69 °F	High: 92 °F	Low: 72 °F	High: 88 °F

Warming Through the Weekend

Today
Mostly Sunny
Highs: 78 to 86,
warmest central SD

Saturday
Isolated Morning
Thunderstorms Central
Breezy
Highs: 82 to 94,
warmest central SD

Sunday
Isolated Thunderstorms
Early
Partly Cloudy
Breezy
Highs: 88 to 98,
warmest central SD

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Updated: 7/8/2016 3:05 AM Central

Published on: 07/08/2016 at 3:25AM

Warmer weather is expected this weekend as southerly winds develop across the area. Heat indices will rise into the upper 90s on Sunday. In addition, there are a few opportunities for thunderstorms, but widespread rainfall is not expected.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 78

Low Outside Temp: 57.3

High Gust: 35

Precip: 0.10

Today's Info

Record High: 106° in 1936

Record Low: 43 in 1905

Average High: 83°F

Average Low: 59°F

Average Precip in July: 0.86

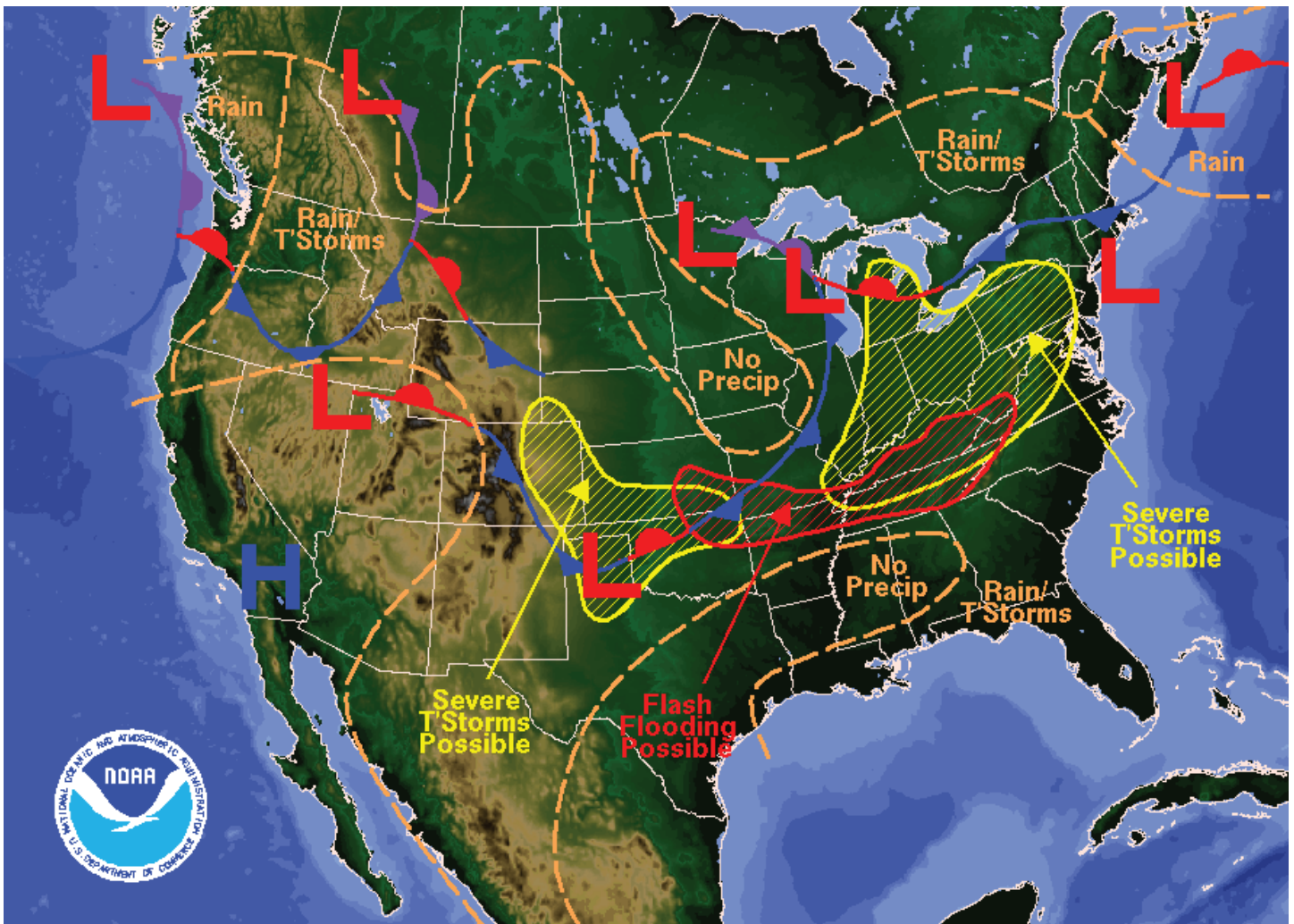
Precip to date in July: 0.53

Average Precip to date: 11.70

Precip Year to Date: 7.19

Sunset Tonight: 9:23 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:54 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Fri, Jul 08, 2016, issued 4:37 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



FACING FEAR

General Jimmy Doolittle was the first pilot to fly an airplane relying only on the aircraft's instruments. He is also the one who led the impossible, yet successful, raid on Tokyo in World War II. On one occasion he said to his crew, "I can honestly say that I have never felt fear." How amazing!

Fear grips us when we sense an impending danger, a situation that might harm or destroy our well-being. Fear comes to us when we feel or sense that a situation is beyond our control. Fear can be either helpful or harmful.

On one occasion David said, "I trust in God, so why should I be afraid? What can mere mortals do to me?"

In other words, David was saying, "How much damage or harm can people do to me if my trust is in the Lord?" People can try to destroy our reputation. They can make statements that hurt us. They can inflict pain and suffering and even death. But they cannot destroy our relationship with God or remove our name from the Book of Life.

God has given each of us complete responsibility to accept or reject His salvation. We have the power of choice within the grace of God to trust Him for our salvation and the privilege of being with Him in eternity. Jesus said, "Do not be afraid of those...who can kill your body. They cannot touch your soul." Our only fear should be of God who controls this life and the one to come.

Prayer: We thank You, Lord, for being a God whom we can trust and whose Word endures forever. We are grateful that we trust in You and never be afraid. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust, I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me? Psalm 56:4

News from the Associated Press

Federal district court denies death row inmate's appeal

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A federal court has denied the appeal of a death row inmate seeking to overturn his decades-old murder conviction.

South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley on Thursday said the U.S. District Court in South Dakota denied Charles Rhines' appeal to have his penalty amended. Rhines' latest appeal came after the same court denied a separate petition in February.

The court ruling affirms that Rhines' "murder conviction and capital sentence for the horrific murder of Donnivan Shaeffer are constitutional," Jackley said in a statement.

Rhines was convicted of murder and sentenced to death for the March 1992 stabbing of Schaeffer at a Rapid City doughnut shop. Authorities contend Schaeffer, 22, a part-time employee at the shop, had surprised Rhines during the burglary.

The state Supreme Court previously upheld his conviction. Rhines' defense team did not return a request for comment from The Associated Press on Thursday.

In his most recent appeal, Rhines argued that newly discovered evidence provided grounds for relief, including the fact that "at least one juror harbored serious anti-gay bias and that homophobic stereotypes served as a basis for imposing a death sentence." He argued that issue had not been previously raised in either state or federal proceedings because none of his previous attorneys had interviewed the jurors from his trial, but he had now secured affidavits from some members of the jury.

U.S. District Judge Karen Schreier, however, said Rhines' argument failed for several reasons, among them the fact that Rhines' juror bias claim should have been set from the beginning of his earlier petition seeking a writ of habeas corpus.

"Rhines faults each of his attorneys for not developing this evidence sooner, r... But Rhines's allegations undermine the foundation of his motion," she wrote. "For Rhines to prevail, he must show that his evidence could not have been discovered earlier despite having exercised reasonable diligence to obtain it. Rhines, however, asserts that the evidence should have been discovered earlier if his attorneys were diligent."

Rhines can appeal the federal district court's decision to the U.S. Court of Appeals and, ultimately, to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Sage grouse hunting season to open in September

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota this year will have a sage grouse hunting season for the first time since 2012.

The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Commission has voted to have the two-day season start on Sept. 17.

The season will allow 40 resident hunting permits with a limit of one sage grouse per hunter.

State wildlife officials had closed the season based on the number of male sage grouse counted on annual spring surveys.

The state's sage grouse management plan allows reopening the season if the survey shows more than 250 male sage grouse on all leks. Nearly 280 male sage grouse were tallied during this year's survey.

Capitol flags to be flown at half-staff for past legislator

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard has ordered flags at the state Capitol in Pierre to be flown at half-staff on Aug. 6 in memory of former state legislator Mary McClure Bibby of Brookings.

McClure Bibby died Saturday at age 77, and her funeral is being held Aug. 6.

She served Redfield and the surrounding area in the state Senate from 1975 until 1989. She was the first woman in state history to have a top leadership spot in the South Dakota Legislature, serving as Senate president pro tempore for a decade.

She later married former Sen. John Bibby, a colleague from her time in office.

Civil War-era cannonball found in South Dakota destroyed

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — A unit with the Ellsworth Air Force Base in Rapid City has destroyed a Civil War-era cannonball that a person found at a garage in Wessington Springs.

The Mitchell Police Department says the Air Force squadron has destroyed the bowling ball-size cannonball at Mitchell's landfill.

Police say the city's public safety department was alerted to the cannonball on June 30, and it was determined that it contained live explosives and metal balls. Detective Lt. Don Everson says the person who reported the artifact discovered it in a relative's garage in Wessington Springs and then took it to Mitchell.

Police say the cannonball appears to have been in the garage for several years.

Authorities do not know how the owner obtained the cannonball.

Sioux Falls officials search for dog that bit person

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Authorities in Sioux Falls are searching for a dog they say bit a person at a soccer game.

Officials say the dog bit the "young man" Wednesday night at Washington High School. He was playing soccer with his friends when the dog bit him and ran off. The dog is described as black and short-haired, and weighs about 20 pounds. It was wearing a white collar.

Authorities need to find the dog to ensure its rabies vaccination is current. Otherwise, the person bitten likely will have to undergo a series of rabies shots.

Anyone with information is asked to call animal control at 605-367-7000.

Police: 5 officers dead, 6 hurt in Dallas protest shooting

TERRY WALLACE, Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas was in shock and beset by uncertainty early Friday after gunmen shot and killed five police officers and wounded six during a peaceful protest over fatal police shootings of black men in other states, police said, in bloodshed evoking the trauma of the nation's tumultuous civil rights era.

Police Chief David Brown blamed "snipers" and said three suspects were in custody while a fourth had exchanged gunfire with authorities in a parking garage downtown and told negotiators he intended to hurt more law enforcement officials.

Early Friday, Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings said the fourth suspect had died.

"We don't exactly know the last moments of his death but explosives did blast him out," Rawlings told The Associated Press.

He said police swept the area where the standoff took place and found no explosives.

Police did not identify any of the suspects or mention a possible motive.

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The shooting began about 8:45 p.m. Thursday while hundreds of people were gathered to protest the week's fatal police shootings week in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and suburban St. Paul, Minnesota. Brown told reporters the snipers fired "ambush style" on the officers. A civilian was also wounded, Rawlings said.

Brown said it appeared the shooters "planned to injure and kill as many officers as they could." Video from the scene showed protesters marching along a downtown street about half a mile from City Hall when shots erupted and the crowd scattered, seeking cover.

The attacks made Thursday the deadliest day for U.S. law officers since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, according to The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, which tracks on-duty deaths.

It also drew a comparison with November day in 1963 when a U.S. president was slaughtered by a sniper on a Dallas street only a few blocks away.

"I think the biggest thing that we've had something like this is when JFK died," resident Jalisa Jackson downtown said early Friday as struggled to fathom the still-unsettled situation. Officers crouched beside vehicles, SWAT team armored vehicles arrived and a helicopter hovered overhead.

Protests were held in several other U.S. cities Thursday night after a Minnesota officer on Wednesday fatally shot Philando Castile while he was in a car with a woman and a child, the shooting's aftermath livestreamed in a widely shared Facebook video. A day earlier, Alton Sterling was shot in Louisiana after being pinned to the pavement by two white officers. That, too, was captured on a cellphone video.

Thursday's shootings occurred in area of hotels, restaurants, businesses and some residential apartments only a few blocks from Dealey Plaza, where President John F. Kennedy was assassinated.

The scene was chaotic, with officers with automatic rifles on the street corners.

"Everyone just started running," Devante Odom, 21, told The Dallas Morning News. "We lost touch with two of our friends just trying to get out of there."

Carlos Harris, who lives downtown, told the newspaper that the shooters "were strategic. It was tap, tap pause. Tap, tap pause," he said.

Brown said police don't have a motivation for the attacks or any information on the suspects. He said they "triangulated" in the downtown area where the protesters were marching and had "some knowledge of the route" they would take.

Video posted on social media appeared to show a gunman at ground level exchanging fire with a police officer who was then felled.

Authorities have not determined whether any protesters were involved with or were complicit in the attack and were not certain early Friday that all suspects have been located, Brown said.

Rawlings said at the news conference that authorities will likely ask some people to stay away from downtown Dallas on Friday. Rawlings said a map would be posted online showing an area where people should avoid on Friday.

Early Friday morning, there were dozens of officers of the corridor of the ER at Baylor Medical Center, where other injured officers were taken. The mayor and police chief were seen arriving there.

Four of the officers who were killed were with the Dallas Police Department, a spokesman said. One was a Dallas Area Rapid Transit officer. The agency said in a statement that 43-year-old officer Brent Thompson was the first officer killed in the line of duty since the agency formed a police department in 1989.

"Our hearts are broken," the statement said.

Theresa Williams told The Associated Press that the injured civilian was her sister, 37-year-old Shetamia Taylor.

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Williams said her sister was at the protests Thursday night with her four sons, ages 12 to 17.

When the shooting began, Taylor threw herself over her sons, Williams said. She was undergoing surgery early Friday after being shot in the right calf.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott released a statement saying he has directed the Texas Department of Public Safety director to offer "whatever assistance the City of Dallas needs at this time."

"In times like this we must remember — and emphasize — the importance of uniting as Americans," Abbott said.

Other protests across the U.S. on Thursday were peaceful. In midtown Manhattan, protesters first gathered in Union Square Park where they chanted "The people united, never be divided!" and "What do we want? Justice. When do we want it? Now!" In Minnesota, where Castile was shot, hundreds of protesters marched in the rain from a vigil to the governor's official residence. Protesters also marched in Atlanta, Chicago and Philadelphia.

President Barack Obama said America is "horrified" over the shootings and there's no possible justification for the attacks.

Speaking from Warsaw, Poland, where he was meeting with leaders of the European Union and attending a NATO summit, the president said justice will be done and he's asking all Americans to pray for the fallen officers and their families. He also said the nation should express its gratitude to those serving in law enforcement.

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. SNIPERS OPEN FIRE ON POLICE OFFICERS IN DALLAS, KILLING FIVE OFFICERS AND INJURING SIX

Three people are in custody and a fourth suspect is exchanging gunfire with officers at a garage downtown.

2. MINNESOTA GOVERNOR SAYS BLACK MOTORISTS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN SHOT IF HE HAD BEEN WHITE

Democrat Mark Dayton pressed for a Justice Department investigation into the death of Philando Castillo at the hands of police.

3. PROTESTERS GATHER FOR THIRD NIGHT AT LOUISIANA STORE WHERE BLACK MAN SHOT TO DEATH

Emotions were stoked by another fatal police shooting of a black man, Philando Castillo, in Minnesota.

4. REPUBLICANS TO PRESS FBI TO LAUNCH INVESTIGATION INTO WHETHER CLINTON LIED DURING BENGHAZI TESTIMONY

Lawmakers may take a look at Clinton's testimony that she never sent or received emails marked as classified when she served as secretary of state.

5. WHERE TRUMP IS HEADED TO WOO HISPANICS AFTER HEATED DAY ON CAPITOL HILL

Trump plans to deliver a speech in Miami-Dade County, home to the largest Cuban-American population in the U.S.

6. OBAMA TO HUDDLE WITH EUROPEAN UNION LEADERS OVER BREXIT

At a meeting opening a NATO summit, Obama plans to urge the leaders to step carefully into the Britain-EU exit negotiations.

7. DEATH TOLL FROM ATTACK ON SHIITE SHRINE NORTH OF BAGHDAD RISES TO 37 WITH 62

WOUNDED

The assault fueled anger at the Iraqi government's security failings, coming less than a week after a bombing in Baghdad killed at least 186.

8. VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT NICOLAS MADURO TALKS ABOUT SHUTTING THE OPPOSITION-CONTROLLED LEGISLATURE

Maduro seems willing to take the risks of domestic anger and international condemnation that would be associated with closing congress.

9. SOUTH KOREA, US NEAR AGREEMENT ON SITE FOR US MISSILE DEFENSE

The announcement will raise strong objections in Beijing, Moscow and Pyongyang.

10. ASTRONOMERS REVEAL DISCOVERY OF STRANGE NEW WORLD

Shooting of 'Mr. Phil' shocks Minnesota school colleagues

CARLA K. JOHNSON, Associated Press

Philando Castile put on a suit and tie to interview for a supervisory position in the school district where he had worked since he was a teenager. He told the interviewer his goal was to one day "sit on the other side of this table."

His upbeat disposition won him the job.

"He stood out because he was happy, friendly and related to people well," said Katherine Holmquist-Burks, principal at J.J. Hill Montessori in St. Paul, Minnesota, who hired him to oversee the school cafeteria.

Now, colleagues and family members are trying to understand why a police officer in a St. Paul suburb fatally shot Castile, 32, after stopping his car Wednesday night. The U.S. Justice Department announced it would monitor the state investigation of the shooting, which Gov. Mark Dayton said would look at whether Castile's race played a role. Castile was black.

A passenger in the car, Castile's girlfriend, Diamond Reynolds, said the officer was Asian. State investigators named him as St. Anthony Police Officer Jeronimo Yanez but did not give his race; city police reports identified him as a member of the National Latino Police Officers Association.

Reynolds said the officer opened fire when Castile reached for his identification. She said Castile had a license to carry a firearm.

Castile graduated from Central High School in St. Paul in 2001 and joined the school district's Nutrition Services Department when he was 19. He worked at two schools before getting his promotion at J.J. Hill in 2014.

Students at the magnet school came to know him as "Mr. Phil," a gregarious man who sneaked students extra graham crackers and other treats in the lunch line.

"He always gave you a high-five after lunch," 9-year-old Jas Gilman said.

Holmquist-Burks, who retired last week, said he loved his job and never missed work or drew a complaint. Castile supervised two employees and ran the cafeteria for a school with 530 students and 85 staff.

He helped "create a warm, welcoming friendly environment in our cafeteria," she said.

Holmquist-Burks said that after she heard about Castile's death, she went to the vigil being held at the governor's mansion.

"I want his name respected," she said. "He was not a bad person. He was a great person. He was a warm person and a gentle spirit. This was a tragedy that he was murdered."

A cellphone video shot by Reynolds immediately after the officer opened fire indicated the officer may have believed Castile was reaching for a weapon.

Castile got a license to carry a firearm "for safety," said Dewanda Harris, 52, Castile's cousin. Harris, of Glendale, Arizona, said she watched Castile grow up in St. Paul alongside her son, who was about the same age.

Of the gun, she said, "I discussed it with my son and he began to tell me about them going to the gun range. All of them got licenses to carry," Harris said of Castile and other family members. "All of them do. They got it to protect themselves."

Harris said Castile would not have posed a threat.

"I know he was doing the right thing. Phil was a good kid. I'm stunned by this," she said.

Other colleagues of Castile's at J.J. Hill described Castile as a team player who got along well with everyone.

"We're all just so surprised," said teacher Amy Hinrichs, who said she spoke with Castile every day when he came in at 6:30 a.m. to set up the school's breakfast. "He was the calmest, nicest man. He was generous, kind. He remembered all the kids' allergies. He was never a complainer."

"He loved those kids so much," teacher Anna Garnaas said at a vigil for Castile outside the school Thursday evening. "And he will be so missed, by the people who got to work with him every day."

Dallas police chief: 4 officers killed, 7 injured at protest

TERRY WALLACE, Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — At least two snipers opened fire on police officers in Dallas on Thursday night, killing four officers and injuring seven others during protests over two recent fatal police shootings of black men, police said.

Dallas Police Chief David Brown told reporters the snipers fired "ambush style" upon the officers. Mayor Mike Rawlings said one member of the public was wounded in the gunfire.

Police later said in a statement that a suspect was in custody and a "person of interest" had surrendered. They said a suspicious package was being secured by a bomb squad.

The gunfire broke out around 8:45 p.m. Thursday while hundreds of people were gathered to protest fatal police shootings this week in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and suburban St. Paul, Minnesota.

The protests in Dallas were among several across the country that were held after a Minnesota officer on Wednesday fatally shot Philando Castile while he was in a car with a woman and a child in a St. Paul suburb. The aftermath of the shooting was livestreamed in a widely shared Facebook video. A day earlier, Alton Sterling was shot in Louisiana after being pinned to the pavement by two white officers. That, too, was captured on a cellphone video.

Video footage from the scene showed that protesters were marching along a street in downtown, about half a mile from City Hall, when the shots erupted and the crowd scattered, seeking cover.

Brown said that it appeared the shooters "planned to injure and kill as many officers as they could."

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott released a statement saying he has directed the Texas Department of Public Safety director to offer "whatever assistance the City of Dallas needs at this time."

"In times like this we must remember — and emphasize — the importance of uniting as Americans," Abbott said.

The search for the shooters stretched throughout downtown, an area of hotels, restaurants, businesses and some residential apartments. The scene was chaotic, with helicopters hovering overhead and officers with automatic rifles on the street corners.

"Everyone just started running," Devante Odom, 21, told The Dallas Morning News. "We lost touch with two of our friends just trying to get out of there."

Carlos Harris, who lives downtown told the newspaper that the shooters "were strategic. It was tap

tap pause. Tap tap pause.”

Demonstrator Brittaney Peete told The Associated Press that she didn't hear the gunshots, but she "saw people rushing back toward me saying there was an active shooter."

Peete said she saw a woman trip and nearly get trampled.

Late Thursday, Dallas police in uniform and in plainclothes were standing behind a police line at the entrance to the emergency room at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas. It was unclear how many injured officers were taken there. The hospital spokeswoman, Julie Smith, had no immediate comment.

Other protests across the U.S. on Thursday were peaceful. In midtown Manhattan, protesters first gathered in Union Square Park where they chanted "The people united, never be divided!" and "What do we want? Justice. When do we want it? Now!" In Minnesota, where Castile was shot, hundreds of protesters marched in the rain from a vigil to the governor's official residence. Protesters also marched in Atlanta, Chicago and Philadelphia.

Anti-Trump Virginia delegate hopes ruling sends message

ALAN SUDERMAN, Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A Virginia delegate to the GOP national convention who opposes Donald Trump's presidential campaign is hoping a favorable ruling on a legal challenge to state election law will serve as a last-minute spark to help dump the billionaire businessman as the party's nominee.

Carroll Correll Jr. said Thursday outside a federal courthouse in Richmond that he hopes an upcoming ruling will send a message to other Republican delegates that they are free to pick someone besides Trump.

"As a party and as a nation, we could do a lot better than Donald Trump," Correll said.

The Republican National Committee's national convention is less than two weeks away, and Trump is the party's presumptive nominee. But a diverse group of Trump opponents is still trying to find a way for the party to pick someone else.

In Correll's case, he — with the backing of a nonprofit called the Citizens in Charge Foundation — is challenging a heretofore obscure part of Virginia election law that Correll says mandates all Virginia's delegates to vote for Trump at the convention or face potential criminal charges.

"That is a clear violation of the First Amendment," David Rivkin Jr., an attorney for Correll, said during a daylong hearing on Correll's legal challenge.

The state party chose to award Virginia's 49 delegates to the national convention proportionally based on the results of the March 1 primary. Trump won the primary with about 35 percent of the vote, netting 17 delegates during the first round of voting at the convention. Delegates are unbound if there is a second round of voting.

Rivkin said any delegate who does not vote for Trump in the first round could face criminal prosecution under state law, though Virginia Democratic Attorney General Mark Herring's office said in court that no criminal charges would be filed based on any votes cast at the Republican national convention.

Judge Robert E. Payne appeared sympathetic to Correll's challenge that the state law as written was unconstitutional, but Payne also signaled that he had no desire to get involved in a broader debate about whether Republican delegates were bound at all by the results of this year's primary.

At Thursday's hearing, Correll's legal team called as its only expert witness North Dakota RNC member Curly Haugland, who has long insisted that under current rules delegates are free to back anyone. The legal team representing Trump supporters in Virginia called Jesse Binnall, who has been hired as a parliamentary procedure expert by the Trump campaign. Binnall testified that Haugland's opinion was

in the minority among Republicans who set convention rules.

Payne is expected to issue a decision next week.

Former Virginia Chief Deputy Attorney General Chuck James, who watched the hearing, said Payne is likely to issue a ruling limited to whether the state law is constitutional and has "little to no bearing on how the party conducts its affairs."

Judge: Cosby's accuser doesn't have to testify before trial

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MICHAEL R. SISAK, Associated Press

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (AP) — A judge on Thursday denied Bill Cosby's bid to force his sex-assault accuser to testify before trial, ruling prosecutors worked within the law by using police statements as a stand-in for her at his preliminary hearing.

Cosby's lawyers argued they should've been allowed to cross-examine accuser Andrea Constand at the May 24 hearing because her decade-old statements about the 2004 encounter raised more questions than it answered.

But Judge Steven T. O'Neill said that a 2013 change in state court rules cleared the way for prosecutors to use those statements and other evidence in lieu of forcing Constand to take the witness stand before trial.

Prosecutors applauded the judge's decision.

"The defense operated around a mistaken belief that they had a right to confront the victim at this stage," District Attorney Kevin Steele told reporters afterward. "They do not."

Cosby's lawyers said they'd appeal to the state Supreme Court, which is considering another case involving preliminary hearing testimony. They said the 78-year-old Cosby's constitutional rights had been "trampled upon once again."

The judge, as he ruled, said, "One side sees this as an efficient way to handle cases. The other sees it as a violation of due process."

He seconded the findings of the judge in Cosby's preliminary hearing, saying prosecutors had presented enough evidence to send the case to trial.

Cosby is charged with felony indecent assault and accused of drugging and molesting Constand at his suburban Philadelphia home.

Authorities reopened the case last year after learning he had acknowledged in a deposition that he had given Constand pills and then engaged in sex acts with her. They also considered the dozens of other women who have raised similar claims in the decade since Constand went to police in 2005.

"Justice has been delayed too long," Steele said, adding: "If I was able to, I'd pick a jury tomorrow."

Steele read excerpts from Cosby's deposition in court and said his graphic description of the encounter shows "consciousness of guilt."

Constand told police the drugs left her semiconscious and unable to move and her lawyers believe Cosby gave her something stronger than Benadryl.

Steele compared Cosby's behavior with that of a date rapist who spikes a victim's drink.

"She is not in a state that she is able to consent to any of this," Steele said in court.

Cosby rubbed his hand on his face and leaned back in his chair, lightly rapping his wooden cane against the carpet as the hearing wore on. He chatted with an aide as he departed.

The man once known as America's Dad for his beloved portrayal of Dr. Cliff Huxtable on his top-ranked 1980s TV show is fighting Constand and other accusers in civil court, where he has been sued for defamation.

The Associated Press does not normally identify people who say they were victims of sex crimes unless they agree to be named publicly, which Constand has done.

Louisiana officers cleared in prior use of force complaints

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BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Four previous “use of force” complaints were lodged against the two white police officers in the video-recorded shooting death of a black man and they were cleared in all of them, according to internal affairs documents released Thursday.

The complaints included three black men and a black juvenile. One of the men was shot when police said he pointed a gun at them and the others were injured during arrests and a police pursuit in a vehicle.

The documents were released a day after the Justice Department opened a civil rights investigation into the shooting of 37-year-old Alton Sterling, who was killed by police during an altercation outside of a convenience store where he was selling CDs. Police say he was armed and an eyewitness said he had a gun in his pocket.

Sterling was a convicted felon, which would have barred him from legally carrying a gun, according to court records.

Cellphone video of his shooting was posted online and set off angry protests in this city of about 229,000, where 54 percent of the population is black and more than 25 percent live in poverty.

The officers involved are Blane Salamoni, a four-year member of the department, and Howie Lake II, who has been on the force for three years. Each had two prior “use of force” complaints.

Lake was involved in a police shooting in December 2014 when a black man refused to drop his gun, threatened to kill himself and pointed his revolver at officers. The man was wounded by police.

He also injured a combative black juvenile when they went to the ground during a struggle on April 19, 2014, according to documents. The juvenile cut his chin.

Salamoni’s complaints involved punching a black man on Aug. 5, 2015, when he tried to grab the officer’s stun gun and a vehicle pursuit on June 17, 2015, in which a black man was injured when he crashed into a retaining wall.

Separately, Salamoni was issued a letter of caution for his involvement in a “preventable crash” on June 13, 2012.

OFFICER’S FAMILY

Salamoni’s father, Noel Salamoni, is a Baton Rouge police captain and one of six commanders directly under Chief Carl Dabadie. Once president of the local police union, Noel Salamoni was a finalist for chief in 2013, losing out to Dabadie.

His mother, Melissa Salamoni, retired in June as a Baton Rouge police captain after 32 years on the force. She was hailed on the department’s Facebook page as a trailblazer, commanding multiple investigative units and serving as the first woman chief of staff. She collected 20 career commendations.

Blane Salamoni’s wife, Allison, was named 2016 emergency medical technician of the year in Louisiana by Acadian Ambulance, a private ambulance company.

STERLING’S CRIMINAL RECORD

Sterling pleaded guilty in 2011 to being a felon in possession of a firearm and illegally carrying a weapon. A judge in Baton Rouge sentenced him to five years in prison, giving him credit for time

served.

Court records show Sterling also was arrested in May 2009 after an officer confronted him outside a store where he was selling CDs. It was a different store than the one where he was killed.

According to a police report, Sterling tried to reach into his pocket when the officer was frisking him, ignored the officer's commands to keep his hands on a police vehicle and tried to run away, a police report said.

"I then grabbed the defendant by the back of his shirt and pushed him to the ground (giving) out loud verbal commands to stop resisting," the officer wrote.

A gun fell from Sterling's waistband while the officer was "wrestling" with him. Other officers arrived and helped arrest him.

THE INVESTIGATION

A group of community and faith-based leaders called Together Baton Rouge asked the Justice Department to widen the scope of its investigation, saying it should include possible criminal violations such as battery, assault with a deadly weapon, negligent homicide and manslaughter.

Richard Carbo, spokesman for Gov. John Bel Edwards, said the U.S. attorney's office in Baton Rouge will look into not only whether civil rights were violated, but also any other violations of state and federal law.

If they find any violation of state laws, the U.S. attorney's office will refer it back to the local district attorney for prosecution.

After meeting with the U.S. attorney's office to get an update on the probe, the Democrat put out a statement saying: "The people of Baton Rouge and across Louisiana should have no doubt that a thorough and impartial investigation is taking place as we speak."

At an evening vigil for Sterling, the governor thanked residents of the city for remaining peaceful and promised to make improving law enforcement a priority.

"So now is not only a time to grieve but also talk and, more importantly, to listen to one another," he said.

Tony Award-nominated Broadway actor John McMartin dies at 86

MARK KENNEDY, AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — John McMartin, the versatile, gentlemanly Tony Award-nominated actor who starred on Broadway in such shows as "Follies" and "Sweet Charity," has died, according to his manager. McMartin was 86.

McMartin's manager, Tony Cloer, said Thursday the actor died of cancer in New York on Wednesday surrounded by his family and his longtime companion, Charlotte Moore.

McMartin, who was equally at home in plays as well as musicals, was nominated for five Tonys, starting in 1966's "Sweet Charity." The silver-haired actor also was nominated for "Don Juan," "Showboat" and "High Society."

He was earned a Tony nod in the 2002 Tony-winning revival of the Stephen Sondheim-James Lapine musical "Into the Woods," playing the narrator opposite Vanessa Williams as the witch. Other recent Broadway credits include the 2011 revival of "Anything Goes," "A Free Man of Color" in 2010 and "Grey Gardens" in 2006.

In 1994, McMartin starred as Cap'n Andy in a revival of "Show Boat," a classic Broadway musical by Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein II, reinterpreted by director Harold Prince. The rest of the cast included Elaine Stritch as Parthy, Mark Jacoby as Gaylord Ravenal and Rebecca Luker as Magnolia. He

also was in the Cole Porter musical "Happy New Year" in 1980.

The Warsaw, Indiana, native was most famous for originating the role of Ben Stone in Sondheim's "Follies." He remained active into his 80s, last starring on Broadway as Sen. Richard Russell in "All the Way," the play about Lyndon Johnson featuring Bryan Cranston in 2013.

McMartin also had many TV and film roles. He played a newspaper editor in the classic film "All the President's Men" and had guest parts on such shows as "Murder, She Wrote," "Oz," "Touched by an Angel" and, most recently, "Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt."

Despite warning, Murray Energy says no layoffs expected

DYLAN LOVAN, Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The CEO of coal giant Murray Energy said Thursday that company officials are doing their best to avoid the layoffs that 4,400 workers in six states were warned about in precautionary notices last month.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Bob Murray said the company is trying to fend off bankruptcy while navigating a sluggish coal market. He said the company has two major debt payments to creditors that it must make in order to stay in business.

"We're not sure where we stand on those payments," Murray said. He declined to say how much the company owes, but he said officials are working on a plan to make the debt payments.

"We're doing everything in our power to make sure we don't lay off a single person," he said. "The last thing I want to do is enter bankruptcy."

The Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act requires companies to give a 60-day notice if a massive layoff is possible. On June 29, workers in Illinois, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Utah and West Virginia received the notices, which Murray described as a precautionary measure.

A news release from the St. Clairsville, Ohio, company this week also stated that "no layoffs are contemplated or expected at this time."

Murray has about 5,300 employees, down from about 8,400 in May 2015.

Bob Murray said the company is also trying to reach an agreement with the company's unionized workforce. Last month, the United Mine Workers of America rejected a proposed contract with Murray and other coal operators. Murray said the layoff notices were not connected with that.

Murray Energy is one of the nation's top coal producers, according to the Energy Information Administration. Three other major producers — Peabody, Arch Coal and Alpha Natural Resources — have each filed for bankruptcy in the past year.

World champion cable car bell-ringer crowned

KRISTIN J. BENDER

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) Leonard Oats wowed the crowd with a bell-ringing rendition of Michael Jackson's song "Bad" and took home a giant trophy, a stack of cash, lots of Ghirardelli chocolate and a fair amount of bragging rights for his effort Thursday afternoon.

The 53-year-old San Franciscan was crowned World Champion Bell Ringer at the 53rd annual event in Union Square. Reigning champion Byron Cobb took second, while Trini Whittaker won the third-place trophy.

"I love ringing the bell," Oats said following his win. "That's why I do it, for fun."

But there's more to it than fun. "You have to get a rhythm going. If you can't get a rhythm going, it's not going to be of much help."

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For a first time in more than 50 years, a woman competed in the contest.

Cassandra Griffin was up against six men, and though she didn't win she says she still made her mark. "I feel great," she said. "I feel being the first female to ring the bell up here I'm going into history, and it's great for my children to see that."

Her secret? "I just work my wrists. It's like dancing from the wrists."

She been a cable car operator for 15 years and vowed to return to the contest next year.

Ed Cobean, senior operations manager for the cable cars, said the bell-ringing contest is a way to recognize some of the 170 operators who run the 28 cable cars daily.

"It's a way to showcase the faces of the cable cars," he said, adding they have unique jobs operating the only moving historical landmarks in the world.

The event also featured bands, celebrity bell-ringers vying for charity money, local dignitaries as judges and a show bell outside a cable car that everyone was given a chance to ring. Local radio host "Freska" won the amateur portion of the bell-ringing contest with a crew of dancers moving to Justin Timberlake's "Can't Stop the Feeling" while she rang the bell.

She won \$500 for victims in the Orlando, Florida, nightclub shooting.

She also learned something. "Ringing the bell is not as easy as it looks," she said.

The goodbye begins for Dwyane Wade and the Miami Heat

TIM REYNOLDS, AP Basketball Writer

MIAMI (AP) — For Dwyane Wade and the Miami Heat, Thursday seemed like a day of business as usual.

Of course, that was anything but the case.

In New York, Wade was mobbed by autograph-seekers when he left his guest-hosting appearance on the syndicated morning talk show "Live With Kelly," talked to fans on Snapchat alongside wife Gabrielle Union and finalized his plans for this weekend in Miami. Meanwhile, back in the arena that Wade called home for 13 years, the Heat completed the signing of center Hassan Whiteside to a four-year deal.

Ordinarily, those things would have complemented one another. Not now, now that the moving-on process for both sides has started. For the first time in 4,760 days, Wade awoke as a member of another team. And the Heat began dealing with the aftermath of him leaving Miami and deciding to sign with his hometown Chicago Bulls.

"Surreal," Wade said on the television show, alongside host Kelly Ripa.

It will likely seem that way for a while.

Wade will be back in Miami this weekend, honoring his commitment to appear at a two-day youth basketball camp that bears his name. As part of the registration, all kids get a bag of gifts and a 1-on-1 photo opportunity with Wade, and most of those campers — if form holds from previous events — will be Heat fans who have watched him play for as long as they can remember.

They can still watch the man who was instrumental in bringing three titles to Miami, only now from afar.

"This man is a true mentor, friend and big brother," Heat guard Josh Richardson wrote on Instagram, alongside a photo of he and Wade from this past season. "I only got one season under his wing, but am fortunate to have had his guidance in laying the ground work for my career. There's a lot about this man's character and respect for the game that the world may not know and I'm honored to have been a part of his legacy in his final season with HeatNation."

The tributes won't end anytime soon. Wade-related merchandise was still selling around South Florida

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on Thursday, people apparently wanting to gobble up some more before it's gone for good.

"Miami-Dade County to me..will always be Wade County!!!" Wade said on Twitter.

Whiteside's contract signing — a \$98 million deal — was done quietly, no fanfare or news conference involved, though it's likely such an event will occur in the coming days. The Heat also signed guard Rodney McGruder, who is with their summer league team.

Before anything else, the Heat will pay tribute to Wade.

Calling his career "unforgettable," the Heat announced plans to honor Wade throughout the day Friday on their digital and social-media platforms. The 3,400-square-foot mesh video screen on the exterior of AmericanAirlines Arena will feature images of Wade, vignettes honoring some of the best moments of his Miami tenure will play and the team will release photo galleries of his career.

On Wednesday night, Wade released to The Associated Press a letter he penned to Miami with hopes of explaining some of the reasons for his move back to Chicago and his emotions about the decision. He had more written words to share Thursday — this time, a letter to Heat staff, a copy of which was obtained by AP.

"Thank you for taking care of my family and my team over the years," Wade wrote in the staff letter. "Thank you for helping me transcend the sport of basketball and become a global presence. Thank you for the memories. The championships...the parades....the division titles.

"Everyone from the coaching staff to the trainers and doctors...parking attendants to the ushers, store employees, sales team, HEAT TV, Marketing, ticket office, executives, assistants, game operations and community (affairs)...You have all had a part in who I am today. We won together. We lost together. We made magic together."

His longtime agent, Henry Thomas, did not sound as conciliatory in an interview with Miami television station WFOR.

"Dwyane expected to return to Miami. I expected him to return to Miami," Thomas told the CBS affiliate. "We didn't think it would come to this."

Wade, in his television appearance alongside Ripa, said he's never stopped fantasizing about what it would be like to play in his hometown.

"I'm excited to go back to the place that I've always envisioned playing basketball," Wade said. "You know, being a kid, growing up, Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls was the team for us. And I've always envisioned myself being in the backyard, always had a Bulls jersey on, always envisioned Dwyane Wade's name being called in the United Center. And I get an opportunity to live that dream out."

Sailor's medical background questioned after training death

JULIE WATSON, Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The drowning of a sailor who was repeatedly pushed underwater by an instructor during Navy SEAL basic training raises a host of questions, beginning perhaps with this: Why would a highly elite unit made up of some of the toughest, fittest warriors ever to wear a uniform take someone with an enlarged heart and maybe asthma or allergies?

An enlarged heart would not have shown up in the medical exams that sailors are routinely subjected to before they are accepted for SEAL basic training, said Dr. Kirk Parsley, a former SEAL who also served as the Navy doctor for West Coast SEALs until 2013.

Moreover, doctors say it is not uncommon for athletes to develop an enlarged heart from rigorous exercise, and the condition is usually benign, though there is a genetic type of heart enlargement that is hard to distinguish from "athlete's heart" and can be fatal.

The San Diego County medical examiner called Seaman James Derek Lovelace's enlarged heart a

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contributing factor to his drowning death May 6 during a pool exercise in Coronado, California, near San Diego. It was unclear from the autopsy report whether Lovelace's condition was the more dangerous type.

The medical examiner ruled the death a homicide after finding that the 21-year-old from Crestview, Florida, had been dunked at least twice by an instructor while struggling to tread water in full gear.

The autopsy also discovered Lovelace had an abnormal coronary artery that the medical examiner noted has been associated with sudden cardiac death, especially in athletes.

Lovelace would have undergone a medical exam and physical fitness test before being allowed to take part in SEAL basic training, a six-month program so grueling that 75 percent of candidates drop out by the end of the first month.

It's unclear from the autopsy report how much Lovelace's heart abnormalities contributed to his death. But Parsley said the stress of being repeatedly splashed and dunked could have exacerbated his problem.

"I think it's an unfortunate occurrence that is rare enough that I don't think the Navy could have done anything about it," the doctor said. "You could add advanced imagery techniques, like an MRI or CAT scan, but then if you do that, where do you stop? Do you check the liver, the brain, the heart? I think they do a very thorough job and many people who would be exceptional special warfare operators never get the chance because the screening is so stringent."

Dr. Byron Smith, a retired Army doctor and emergency room physician, agreed the heart problems would not have showed up in the medical screenings, but he said there were other red flags: Lovelace had a prior electrocardiogram that found an abnormal heart rate, and he got a prescription more than a year ago for Singulair, which is used to treat asthma and allergies — two conditions the Navy lists as reasons for disqualifying a sailor for SEAL training.

"Nobody should be on medication at that age who goes into the SEALs," Smith said. "That alone should have disqualified him."

Parsley said he believes Lovelace's prescription for Singulair was probably for allergies, since no inhaler was listed in the autopsy report.

The medical examiner's office declined to be interviewed, and Lovelace's family could not be reached for comment. Calls to a Florida phone number under Lovelace's father's name went unanswered.

Sailors who want to become SEAL candidates must be able to pass a test that includes swimming 500 yards in 12½ minutes, doing 50 push-ups in two minutes and completing 50 curl-ups in two minutes. During basic training, they run, climb, swim in frigid waters and perform other drills, often on little or no sleep.

The death raises questions about the safety of the strenuous training, which some argue is necessary to create warriors with missions like the one that took down Osama bin Laden.

No charges have been brought against the unidentified instructor, who has been put on administrative duty while the military investigates.

Technology gives bracing immediacy to police shooting story

DAVID BAUDER, AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A live, online piece of footage of a dying man brought a shocking new immediacy Thursday to the issue that gave birth to the Black Lives Matter movement.

The video — posted by a Minnesota woman from inside the car where her boyfriend lay bleeding from police gunfire — was seized on by some as sickening proof of what they have been saying all along: that police are too quick to use deadly force against minorities.

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Some viewers found it too painful or voyeuristic to watch, and some of the major TV networks chose to blur the picture.

"We'd never seen anything like this, which is what made the tape all the more remarkable," said Jim Murphy, vice president for morning programming at CNN, which chose not to obscure the image.

The video out of Falcon Heights, Minnesota, spread only hours after the release of footage showing the killing of Alton Sterling, a black man who was shot in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, after being pinned to the pavement by two white officers. Live pictures of Sterling's son wailing in grief on live TV Wednesday added to the misery.

In the Minnesota shooting, the woman propped up her smartphone, pressed a couple of buttons and instantly was on Facebook live, explaining that her boyfriend, Philando Castile, had been shot by police. She calmly contradicted an agitated officer who was pointing a gun at her through the car window, as a blood-covered Castile moaned beside her. The video continued for 10 minutes.

Except for a technical glitch that prevented the video from being repeated for about an hour Thursday morning, Facebook said it remained available, though with a warning about graphic content. By midafternoon, it had been viewed more than 3.6 million times.

CNN executives remade the network's "New Day" broadcast on the fly to feature the story Thursday. NBC's "Today" show, ABC's "Good Morning America" and "CBS This Morning" used the video, too, but blurred images of the bloodied Castile.

"Unfortunately, people have seen worse," Murphy said. "The broadcast that she created in that car needed to be seen by the public just as we were looking at it."

To Ryan Kadro, executive producer of "CBS This Morning," the exchanges between the woman and police were key to the video. Showing a blood-soaked man didn't add to people's understanding of the story, he said.

The newfound capability to essentially show these news events live online made the story especially powerful.

"You get to see stuff here that you don't see on police cameras, at least ones that have been released that I'm aware of," said Steve Jones, a professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago and an expert on communications technology. Police bodycam footage is "filtered through the police department. What we're seeing is the immediate aftermath from the viewpoint of a witness, in a much more visceral way and unredacted way."

Sometimes it's too real: Amy Linden, a writer from Brooklyn, clicked on Facebook, and the Minnesota video immediately began playing. She swiftly turned it off because "it was the first thing in the morning, and that's not what you want to have embedded in your head." A day earlier, she bawled watching Sterling's son cry.

While the video allows people to bear witness, many resisted. April Reign, managing editor of Broadway Black, a website about black stage artists, wrote in The Washington Post that she refused to spread copies of the Sterling video online. She called it a "sick sort of voyeurism."

Zelda Owens, a legal consultant from Randolph, New Jersey, said that ever since the Rodney King beating in 1991, video has given the public a view of what many black Americans have experienced all their lives. She said she is dubious any new videos — even the one out of Minnesota — will change things for the better.

"I don't see how this is going to change unless we have a change in behavior," she said.

Emory students killed in Bangladesh remembered as leaders

KATHLEEN FOODY, Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Friends remembered two Emory University students as campus leaders Thursday during a vigil on the Atlanta campus, days after they were killed in an attack on a restaurant in Bangladesh's capital by armed extremists that claimed more than 20 lives.

About 200 people filled the university's Cannon Chapel to pay tribute to Faraaz Hossain and Abinta Kabir, sharing stories of their friendships and prayers for healing.

Emory officials have said Kabir was entering Emory's Oxford College as a sophomore. She was visiting family and friends in Bangladesh at the time of Friday's attack. Hossain was a student at the university's Goizueta Business School in Atlanta and a graduate of Oxford College. The vacationing friends met up at the restaurant, joined by 18-year-old Tarishi Jain, an undergraduate at the University of California at Berkeley. Jain also died.

Both Hossain and Kabir held leadership roles on the Student Activities Committee at Oxford College, earning reputations as kind, sensitive and helpful while planning campus-wide events.

Chase Jackson, another student member of the committee, said in a statement read aloud Thursday that people in need of advice "would flock" to Kabir and her "loving personality." Hossain greeted everyone with a broad smile, and "his heart was bigger than anyone else's," Jackson wrote.

The ceremony included prayers led by representatives of various faiths, including Buddhist monks participating in the schools partnership with Tibet. Speakers urged those attending to resist anger or fear of people with different faiths or backgrounds and instead embrace them.

"To honor Faraaz and others, we must not be afraid in times like this," said Rifat Mursalin, a recent Emory graduate who grew up in Dhaka. "Being afraid of others is surrendering, admitting defeat to evil."

The ceremony also honored the other 18 people who were held hostage during the attack, represented by white Gerbera daisies placed in vases by Emory students to the beat of drums. Administrators carrying yellow daisies for Hossain and Kabir completed the bouquets in silence. Two police officers and six attackers also died.

Salma Soliman, a sophomore at Oxford College who knew both students, read a poem by Hannah Senesh comparing the memory of people who have died to stars still visible from Earth — years after burning out.

"Abinta and Faraaz, you are my light," Soliman added emotionally. "I will strive to reach the level of patience, dedication and kindness you both possessed."

Stocks end mixed as crude oil dives and safety stocks fall

MARLEY JAY, AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks swerved between gains and losses Thursday and wound up with a muddled finish as the price of oil plunged. Investors also sold utility and phone company stocks. They have favored those companies all year, especially in the wake of Britain's vote to leave the European Union last month.

Stocks started higher, building on gains from the previous day. But they fell after a government report that showed oil stockpiles did not shrink as much as investors had hoped. Investors sold government bonds after buying them at a rapid clip earlier this week, and precious metals prices also slid. Energy companies were hammered as the price of oil dropped almost 5 percent.

Nate Thooft, head of global asset allocation for Manulife Asset Management, noted that stocks and oil

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prices have often traded in tandem this year.

"Where oil goes, stocks go," he said. "Oil fell dramatically pretty quickly."

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 22.74 points, or 0.1 percent, to 17,895.88. The Standard & Poor's 500 index slid 1.83 points, or 0.1 percent, at 2,097.90. The Nasdaq composite rose 17.65 points, or 0.4 percent, to 4,876.81. The Dow rose as much as 66 points in the morning and fell as much as 102 points in the afternoon.

The price of oil fell after the Energy Information Administration said crude oil inventories shrank by 2.2 million barrels last week. Analysts expected a bigger drop of 2.6 million barrels, according to S&P Global Platts. Inventories have been at historically high levels lately as the supply of oil outstrips demand.

Investors sold some of the safest groups of stocks.

Duke Energy shed \$1.94, or 2.2 percent, to \$85.29. Xcel Energy lost \$1.01, or 2.2 percent, to \$44.32. AT&T fell 80 cents, or 1.9 percent, to \$42.30. The S&P 500's utility and phone company indexes have both climbed 20 percent this year. Bond prices dipped. The yield on the 10-year U.S. Treasury note rose to 1.39 percent from 1.37 percent. The yield on the 30-year Treasury note remained around 2.14 percent. Both notes have set all-time lows over recent days.

Gold, which is trading at its highest price in more than two years, lost \$5 to \$1,362.10 an ounce. Silver lost 37 cents, or 1.8 percent, to \$19.84 an ounce. Copper shed 3 cents to \$2.12 a pound.

Benchmark U.S. crude lost \$2.29, or 4.8 percent, to \$45.14 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, used to price international oils, lost \$2.40, or 4.9 percent, to \$46.40 a barrel in London. In the morning oil prices rose almost 2 percent.

Exxon Mobil fell \$1.13, or 1.2 percent, to \$92.96 and Chevron retreated \$1.53, or 1.5 percent, to \$103.05.

Organic food maker WhiteWave Foods jumped after French yogurt giant Danone agreed to buy the company for \$56.25 a share, or about \$10 billion. The deal would expand Danone's range of health foods and the U.S. market. WhiteWave gained \$8.80, or 18.6 percent, to \$56.23.

Dutch anti-virus software company AVG Technologies surged after rival Avast Software agreed to buy it for \$25 a share, or \$1.3 billion. AVG stock advanced \$5.79, or 30.8 percent, to \$24.58.

Health insurers Aetna and Humana slumped as investors worried that the government will stop the companies from combining. Aetna, the third-largest U.S. health insurer, agreed to buy Humana last year for about \$35 billion in cash and stock. But the companies can't complete the deal without approval from the Department of Justice.

Humana stock dropped \$17.24, or 9.6 percent, to \$162.74 and Aetna skidded \$4.77, or 4 percent, to \$115.47.

Investors are looking at reports showing healthy hiring. A survey by payroll processor ADP said private U.S. companies added 172,000 jobs in June, a sign hiring may have picked up again after it slowed down in April and May. Meanwhile the U.S. government said weekly applications for unemployment benefits fell last week, another sign employers continue to hire more workers. The government will release its own jobs report on Friday.

"There's a general consensus that there's going to be a bounce-back for June," Thooft said. He said stocks could trade lower if the results are disappointing, but added that if the report is solid or better than expected, investors might wonder if that will encourage the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates.

Costco stock gained \$7.69, or 4.9 percent, to \$163.70 after investors were pleased with the warehouse club operator's June sales.

Hard drive maker Western Digital forecast stronger results for its fiscal fourth quarter after it acquired flash memory chip maker SanDisk in May. Western Digital stock rose \$2.20, or 4.8 percent, to \$47.66.

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In other energy trading, wholesale gasoline lost 7 cents, or 4.9 percent, to \$1.36 a gallon. Heating oil fell 6 cents, or 4.1 percent, to \$1.41 a gallon. Natural gas lost 1 cent to \$2.78 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Britain's FTSE 100 rose 1.1 percent, France's CAC 40 added 0.8 percent and Germany's DAX increased 0.5 percent. Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 index slipped 0.7 percent. South Korea's Kospi climbed 1.1 percent and Hong Kong's Hang Seng rose 1 percent.

The dollar declined to 100.76 yen from 101.40 yen. The euro fell to \$1.1055 from \$1.1105. The British pound declined to \$1.2896 from \$1.2922. It's been trading at 30-year lows over the last few days.

Woman finds lottery ticket worth \$470K while doing taxes

CLIFTON, N.J. (AP) — Officials say a New Jersey woman found a winning lottery ticket worth more than \$470,000 while preparing to file her taxes.

The state lottery announced on Thursday that Yokasta Boyer, of Clifton, found the Jersey Cash 5 ticket from an April 2015 drawing and was able to file her claim about two weeks before the ticket expired in April.

Boyer says she had her brother verify the winning numbers after finding the ticket.

Boyer, who has a full-time and part-time job, says she plans to pay off her debts and spend more time with family and friends during the coming Christmas holiday season.

The ticket was bought at the Quick Mart in Clifton.

Post Tony, Leslie Odom Jr. to 'pour energy into my music'

MARK KENNEDY, AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Many theater-lovers are looking at Saturday with dread. That's the day key members of the Broadway cast of "Hamilton" play their last performance. But Leslie Odom Jr. can hardly wait.

Odom, who just won a best leading man Tony Award in the show, is ready for the next chapter in his life to start. It'll be filled with his songs, choreography and costumes.

While acknowledging his last show will be "bittersweet for sure," Odom added: "I'm very excited to go out and find something new and to pour energy into my music; to go around the country and around the world with this music and meet people and connect with people, which is what I love to do most."

Odom, who has signed a four-album deal with S-Curve Records/BMG, this summer released his first, a self-titled collection of 10 classic songs including Jerome Kern's "Look for the Silver Lining," Jule Styne's "The Party's Over" and "Joey Joey Joey" from Frank Loesser.

Odom whittled the list down from some 200 possibilities, picking tunes he felt right singing with his warm, expressive voice. He even learned to sing in Portuguese for the song "Brazil."

"We wanted to create a 10-track experience that was pleasurable, that was something you could put on for a dinner party or something you could put on for a long drive — that was certainly in our minds," he said. "But also I wanted to sing songs that might encourage you, that might make you smile."

One of his favorite tracks is "Nobody Knows You When You're Down and Out," a blues standard by Jimmy Cox that's been performed by Bessie Smith, B.B. King and Eric Clapton.

"I loved singing it now because I'm so far from down and out. But I remember being down and out so well, so it was really a pleasure to sing from the other side of it, encouraging someone who might be in that place that there's hope. It could all turn around."

Odom's fortunes have certainly taken an upward turn since he was cast as Aaron Burr in Lin-Manuel Miranda's "Hamilton," the hip-hop-flavored biography about the first U.S. treasury secretary. Odom now

has a Grammy for the cast album as well as a Tony.

"It is deeply satisfying. We don't do it for trophies. We don't do it for awards. You can't because they so often don't come. They never come," he said. "Listen, I don't need 12 Tonys, honestly. That would be wonderful, but if this is the only time it ever happens, great."

Odom was raised in Philadelphia and made his Broadway debut at 17 in "Rent" before heading to Carnegie Mellon University's prestigious School of Drama. He was on TV in "Smash" and "CSI: Miami" and on Broadway in "Leap of Faith," but "Hamilton" showed how good all his skills are.

As Burr, Odom plays a rival to Hamilton, singing the tender "Dear Theodosia," the electric "Wait for It" and leaping onto a table for the smashing "The Room Where It Happens." His Burr is watchful and haunted.

"Leslie brings a sense of yearning and I think we all can relate to. The yearning to have something that I can't have, the yearning to go somewhere I can't go, the yearning to be someone I am not," said producer Jeffrey Seller. "No one has ever played jealousy and envy with so much empathy."

Odom makes way for Brandon Victor Dixon in August and said he's looking forward to other people taking on his old role, especially all the actors of color who have been frustrated that there are few places to show their training.

"Now there's a place for you to go and flex and use your training and discover what you're capable of," he said. "I think it's fantastic. It is not going to be mine forever. It shouldn't be mine forever. I'm so excited to see other people get their hands on it."

Jury convicts dad of involuntary manslaughter in son's death

DETROIT (AP) — A Detroit father has been convicted of involuntary manslaughter in the death of his son who was shot by an older sister with a loaded gun found unsecured in a bedroom closet.

Prosecutors say a jury on Thursday also found the man guilty of child abuse and several weapons charges. He was acquitted of a more serious second-degree murder charge. He'll be sentenced July 21.

The 9-year-old boy was shot Nov. 9. He and his 11-year-old sister were visiting their father. The girl testified Wednesday that the siblings were acting out a video game and she had the shotgun when it fired.

She was granted immunity from prosecution in exchange for her testimony. The Associated Press isn't naming the family members so as not to identify the girl.

Triple sunrises, sunsets at this strange new world

MARCIA DUNN, AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Imagine a planet with triple sunrises and sunsets every day for part of the year, and nonstop daylight at other times.

Astronomers revealed such a place Thursday: a strange new world in the Constellation Centaurus that has not one, not two, but three suns. What's more, a year there lasts half a millennium from Earth's perspective.

Discoverer and lead author Kevin Wagner said he's thrilled "to have seen such a beautiful part of nature that nobody else has seen."

As amazing as three sunsets and sunrises are, "I think nature will have some other surprises in store for us as we continue exploring," Wagner, a doctoral student at the University of Arizona at Tucson, said via email.

Triple-star systems with detected planets are rare enough; this is believed to be just the fifth such

discovery. But the giant gassy world in this one — formally known as Planet HD 131399Ab — has the biggest known orbit in a multi-star system.

Its orbit is double Pluto's — or roughly 550 Earth years. That's how long it takes to orbit its system's brightest star, a super-size sun. The two smaller stars orbit one another and, as a pair, orbit with their big stellar brother.

Planet HD 131399Ab has four times the mass of our own Jupiter. With such a wide orbit and companion stars, scientists would expect a planet like this to be kicked out in a tug of stellar war. Yet that's not the case.

During part of the planet's orbit, all three stars are visible on the same day, offering triple sunrises and sunsets and allowing for day and night. For about one-fourth of its year — around 100 to 140 Earth years — there's continuous daylight. That's because as the big sun is rising, the two smaller ones are setting.

"With three suns, the planet will see different weird combinations of sunrises and sunsets," said co-author Daniel Apai, a University of Arizona astronomer.

He added: "This is a system for which I would not want to design a calendar."

The astronomers used the European Southern Observatory's Very Large Telescope in Chile to spot the planet 320 light-years away. It is one of the few exoplanets — planets outside our own solar system — to be directly imaged. Most exoplanets are identified by periodic dips in starlight as the planets pass between us and their stars.

The team reported the discovery Thursday in the journal *Science*.

As for the planet's alphabet-soup label, "I wish we had a better name," Wagner noted. There is an official protocol for naming planets and their surface features. The International Astronomical Union, in fact, has a relatively new group to handle public naming campaigns.

"Informally, we called it 'The Planet,'" Apai said in an email. "But with more possible planet candidates in sight, we will have to change this soon."

Providence, St. Joseph hospital chains announce merger

Two Catholic hospital chains are merging to create the nation's third-largest nonprofit health system, with more than 100,000 employees in seven states

IRVINE, Calif. (AP) — Two Catholic hospital chains are merging to create the nation's third-largest nonprofit health system, with more than 100,000 employees in seven states.

Providence Health & Services of Renton, Washington, is merging with St. Joseph Health of Irvine, California, to create Providence St. Joseph Health.

The new entity has 50 hospitals in Alaska, California, Montana, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas and Washington state.

The merger was approved by California's attorney general last month. The agreement required Providence St. Joseph to invest \$30 million in providing mental health services in California.

On Wednesday, the new chain announced it will invest \$100 million in a foundation and institute to look into mental health research, prevention and care around the country.

Florida homeowner slashes would-be robber with machete

CLEARWATER, Fla. (AP) — Investigators say a would-be burglar died after a homeowner repeatedly hit him with a machete and police shocked him with a stun gun.

The Tampa Bay Times (<http://bit.ly/29qIjWB>) reports that Heather and Steven Aiosa woke up early

Tuesday and saw 31-year-old Robert James Alcalde in their bedroom.

The newspaper quotes Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri as saying Alcalde was acting paranoid, and crouched in the corner before throwing things off shelves. Steven Aiosa grabbed a .22-caliber rifle and walked with his wife outside to load it. The gun malfunctioned and he went back inside to get the machete.

The report says Alcalde went outside and tackled Heather Aiosa, and that's when her husband struck the man with the machete. Arriving deputies fired a stun gun at him six times. Alcalde was declared dead at the hospital.

Embattled Maryland university meets accreditation standards

EMMITSBURG, Md. (AP) — A Maryland Catholic college has met its accreditation standards after a national controversy in which its former president likened struggling freshmen to bunnies that should be killed.

Mount St. Mary's University spokesman Richard Pokrass told The Frederick News-Post (<http://bit.ly/29xt4vu>) Wednesday that the Middle States Commission on Higher Education determined the school was in compliance with all the commission's standards.

Meeting accreditation standards is a key requirement for higher education institutions to receive federal aid.

Interim Provost Jennie Hunter-Cevera says there was never concern the school wouldn't meet the commission's standards.

The university's chairman and five other trustees resigned in March, weeks after president Simon Newman resigned Feb. 29. Newman was widely scorned by academic leaders after the student newspaper reported his comments, and the faculty voted for his resignation.

Wal-Mart will now let you pay with your phone at all 4,600 stores nationwide

**By MAE ANDERSON
AP Technology Writer**

ATLANTA (AP) — Wal-Mart will now let you pay with its phone app at all 4,600 stores nationwide.

The effort is part of Wal-Mart's strategy to make shopping easier and faster, while learning more about consumer behavior.

With Wal-Mart Pay, the customer uses the phone's camera to scan a QR code that's displayed at the register to charge a credit, debit or Wal-Mart gift card linked with the account. It differs from Apple, Samsung and Android Pay, which involves tapping your phone next to a payment machine with a wireless technology called NFC.

In December, Wal-Mart said it would develop its own digital wallet rather than honor existing systems from Apple and others, though Wal-Mart said it isn't ruling out third-party wallets in the future.

Retailers have been pushing their own systems in part because they retain control. Daniel Eckert, senior vice president of services at Wal-Mart U.S., says data from the app will be used to improve the shopping experience. One way, he said, would be to use past shopping behavior to build a personalized shopping list. The customer could then delete or add items. He said such features would be done only with a customer's permission.

Wal-Mart joined other retailers in backing CurrentC, a system that was also based on scanning codes rather than NFC. But the beta test of the system faltered as Apple Pay became more popular. The

consortium last week suspended its launch indefinitely, saying it plans to focus on other aspects of its business.

Apple Pay, in particular, has been credited with boosting interest in mobile payments, though many consumers still use traditional plastic cards because it's not difficult to pull one out. Although the number of stores accepting NFC payments has grown, it's still relatively low, and the stores with the right equipment still need cashiers familiar with it.

Wal-Mart says no payment information is stored on users' phones or at registers. Rather, card information is stored on Wal-Mart servers. By contrast, Apple, Samsung and Android Pay use alternative card numbers for added security, so if hackers break into a merchant's system, they wouldn't be able to go on a buying spree. Wal-Mart uses regular card numbers, but it insists it keeps the information secure.

Wal-Mart Pay is built into Wal-Mart's app, which has 20 million active users. The Bentonville, Arkansas, company finished upgrading stores in 25 states last week to complete the national rollout. Eckert said 88 percent of Walmart Pay transactions are from repeat users.

2 ex-Baltimore handymen charged in sex-for-repairs case

BALTIMORE (AP) Two former Baltimore City Housing Authority maintenance workers are facing criminal charges in connection with accusations that handymen demanded sexual favors for basic repairs.

Baltimore State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby said in a statement that 48-year-old Charles Coleman and 61-year-old Doug Hussy were charged last week with second-degree assault, fourth-degree sexual offense, harassment and misconduct in office. Online court records list a June 2015 date for the offenses.

The charges come after the housing authority reached a settlement worth up to \$8 million with female tenants who filed a lawsuit alleging that workers sexually abused or harassed them.

The Baltimore Sun reported that Hussy denied the allegations and said he was unaware of the charges. Coleman didn't respond to a message from the newspaper. A housing authority spokeswoman declined to comment.

Snoop Dogg gives Kobe Bryant a Lakers-themed convertible

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kobe Bryant has received a one-of-a-kind retirement gift from rapper Snoop Dogg: a Los Angeles Lakers-themed convertible.

Bryant retired from the Lakers in April after 20 seasons in L.A. He posted a picture on Twitter of him and Snoop standing by the purple and gold car Wednesday.

Snoop Dogg put up some shots of the car on Instagram. Its hood features pictures of Bryant alongside other Lakers greats like Magic Johnson, James Worthy and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. But the biggest picture is one of Snoop himself in a Lakers jersey.

The rapper is a well-known Lakers fanatic. He once showed off his personal Lakers-themed basketball court during a tour of his home on "MTV Cribs."

Woman pleads guilty in loud sex case, sentenced to jail

YORK, Pa. (AP) — A Pennsylvania woman has pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct for having sex so loudly it shook her neighbor's furniture, then threatening her row house neighbors for complaining.

Twenty-five-year-old Amanda Marie Warfel has been jailed since March 22.

The York Daily Record (<http://bit.ly/29sNmFY>) reports the woman pleaded guilty Wednesday and was sentenced to 45 to 90 days in jail, which she's already served but remained jailed for another case.

Warfel said during the hearing that she just wanted to go home and regretted her neighbors weren't in court because she wanted to apologize to them.

Warfel had pleaded guilty previously to disorderly conduct and harassment charges based on the same complaints.

Police say Warfel's neighbor has dealt with the issues for two years.

Trump hats show challenge of proving products are USA made

JEFF HORWITZ, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump's "Make America Great Again" hats proudly tout they are "Made in USA." Not necessarily always the case, an Associated Press review found.

The iconic, baseball-style hats are indeed stitched together at a small factory in the Los Angeles area. But at least one of the hats in a small sample tested by AP and an outside expert did not contain the specific type of American-made fabric the hats' manufacturer insists his factory always uses to make each one.

The true origin of the fabric in that hat remains a mystery — whether U.S.- or foreign-made and by whom — and a striking example of how difficult and murky it can be to verify something is actually "Made in USA." The Republican presidential candidate has made it a cornerstone of his campaign that U.S. companies and individuals should aim for that standard to bring back American jobs, even if it means paying more.

Informed of the AP's findings, Trump said any misrepresentation would be unacceptable. "I pay a good price for that hat. If it's not made in the USA, we'll bring a lawsuit."

The AP review included a microscopic analysis of five hats bought from Trump's campaign website, which showed the fabric in one was of a different type than that made by the supplier the manufacturer told the AP provides all his hat fabric.

In addition to the fabric analysis, two of the manufacturer's employees, including a top sales agent, said the hats' fabric, bills and stiffeners were imported from overseas.

The factory's owner, Brian Kennedy of Cali-Fame of Los Angeles Inc., said the two employees were wrong, but he refused to explain the fabric discrepancy. Federal law requires that items labeled "Made in USA" be made from materials "all or virtually all" from the United States.

"I'm not using imported materials," Kennedy told the AP. "We're playing by the rules."

On a broad level, the tale of Trump's hats shows the challenge of revitalizing U.S. manufacturing, which has been ravaged by cheap competition from overseas. Trump has accused Asian countries of unfairly manipulating their currencies to boost exports.

Labor costs in Asia are so low that hats or other clothing can cost less than half the price of products made in the United States. Asian fabric prices are also lower, though less dramatically. While Trump has tried to get Made in USA hats for his campaign, knockoffs of those hats, clearly made in China, do a brisk business for other vendors. And Trump's private companies and the clothing line run by his daughter, Ivanka, routinely sell clothes and other products made in China and other Asian countries.

Trump has warned Ford Motor Co. that he would place a 35 percent tax on cars sent to the U.S. from a planned plant in Mexico, and he has pledged to "get Apple to start building their damn computers and things in this country."

"All it takes is a commitment to winning and making 'Made in America' a badge of honor like it used to be," Trump wrote last year.

But the Trump campaign's experience shows how difficult it can be to be utterly certain of a product's

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provenance. Trump told the AP that his staff had visited Cali-Fame's factory and reviewed paperwork guaranteeing the hats qualified for Made in the USA labeling. "It was very important to us that these hats be made in the USA," he said.

The fabric tells a complicated tale.

Kennedy, the factory owner, provided the AP with a copy of a certificate dated March 24, 2016. It shows the purchase of 1,488 yards of U.S.-origin, red polyester-cotton blended fabric, called Saxtwill, from Carr Textile Corp. of Fenton, Missouri. Kennedy later provided copies of three other certificates from Carr Textile, dated September 2015, for components of black and white hats of U.S. origin.

Kennedy declined to comment further after the AP told him that a microscopic analysis of the fabric in a red cap the AP purchased directly from Trump's campaign website did not match the red Saxtwill material that the AP obtained directly from Carr Textile. He said providing any further detail would reveal proprietary information.

To do the microscopic analysis, the AP obtained samples directly from Carr of the same red polyester-cotton blended fabric that Kennedy said was in the hats: one type imported and one U.S.-made. The AP asked Deborah Young, a professor of textiles and clothing at the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in Los Angeles, to compare two Trump hats that the AP had purchased from the campaign website with the fabric samples. The AP did not identify the fabric samples to prevent bias.

Her conclusion: The material in one Trump hat was inconsistent with either Carr sample. The pattern of the weave was noticeably different, later confirmed by the AP using a school-grade microscope: All Carr-made Saxtwill fabric is a 2/1 weave; the other Trump hat was a 3/1 pattern weave.

"I am completely confident of this outcome," Young said. "There's no way this hat was made out of either (Carr) sample."

The analysis was not able to determine where the fabric in that hat actually came from.

Young said the other "Make America Great Again" hat that the AP had also purchased from Trump's campaign could have come from either the U.S.-made Carr fabric, from Carr's cheaper imported fabric, or from an entirely different source.

After receiving Young's opinion, the AP bought an additional three hats from the Trump campaign for review. Those were also compatible with either Carr's Saxtwill or the cheaper fabric that Carr imports.

In addition to the fabric analysis, two of Cali-Fame's employees, Andy Meade and Angela Olague, told the AP and a product distributor, separately, that the hats were made from imported fabric and other components.

The AP asked Kevin O'Brien, the president of Ethix Ventures Inc. of Boston, a distributor specializing in U.S.-produced, sweatshop-free merchandise, to call Meade, Cali-Fame's top sales agent, on the AP's behalf to ask about the company's hat prices and the origin of the hats' materials. The AP asked O'Brien to call so that the company's employees would respond as they would to a regular industry customer.

"It's domestic made of imported," Meade said.

An AP reporter separately called Olague in the company's sales department to ask which materials were imported, disclosing that he worked for The Associated Press when asked.

The hats "are made in the USA, but all the materials are not," Olague told the AP of the company's Made in America product line. Pressed further, she said the factory could hypothetically produce hats from American-made fabric — but only if the customer supplied domestic fabric with the same specifications of the material Cali-Fame used.

Meade and Olague declined subsequently to speak to the AP. Kennedy, the factory owner, said the two employees had their facts wrong.

Closely policing all U.S.-made claims would take considerable bureaucracy and expense.

The Federal Trade Commission considers a product made in the U.S. only when “all or virtually all” the product is U.S.-made. It defines that as cases where “all significant parts and processing that go into the product are of U.S. origin.”

The FTC generally requires Made-in-USA labeled products to be assembled or “substantially transformed” in the U.S. and to contain “negligible” foreign content.

Under the FTC rules, if a hat were made from imported fabrics, the maker could comply with the law by using a different, more qualified label, such as “Made of U.S. and imported fabric” or “Made in U.S. of imported fabric.”

The FTC can punish violators in an administrative process that prohibits unfair or deceptive practices. The agency can and sometimes does investigate such cases when it receives a formal complaint.

Through a spokeswoman, the FTC declined to comment on Trump’s hats specifically, referring the AP to its guidelines requiring all significant components to be domestically made.

State law also regulates Made in USA claims. Under California law, 95 percent of a “Made in the USA” product’s value must come from U.S. sources unless key components are unavailable domestically. Foreign fabric is often in greater supply, but domestic fabric is available.

Ironically, even as the Trump campaign strives to provide Made in USA hats, unofficial knock-offs of Trump hats, made in China and not endorsed by Trump’s campaign, are widely available.

Trump’s campaign sells its hats for \$25 to \$30 each on its website. It was unclear how many it has sold, but the campaign has paid Cali-Fame nearly \$1.5 million for hats through the end of last month. The knockoffs, sometimes worn by Trump supporters at his rallies, can be had for as little as \$6 on Amazon.com.

Trump acknowledged there appeared to be a demand for the cheaper, foreign hats. He said he was unsure whether supporters buying those hats ever checked the tags. “I don’t know if they know,” he said.

Trump said his organization has been writing letters trying to force the knockoff makers to stop. “Maybe we’ll end up suing companies,” he said. “Who knows where they are.”

No double standard for Clinton, FBI director tells GOP

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Under an onslaught of Republican criticism, FBI Director James Comey vigorously defended the government’s decision not to prosecute Hillary Clinton over her private email setup, rejecting angry accusations that the Democratic presidential candidate was given special treatment.

To criminally charge Clinton based on the facts his agency’s yearlong probe had found would have been unwarranted and mere “celebrity hunting,” Comey told a congressional investigative committee Thursday.

In nearly five hours of testimony, he sought to explain the Justice Department’s decision ending an investigation that has dogged Clinton’s presidential campaign and raised fresh questions among voters about her trustworthiness.

Republicans’ hard, skeptical questioning made it clear that settling the legal issue will not end the matter as a political issue as Clinton campaigns against Republican Donald Trump, who scornfully refers to her as “Crooked Hillary.”

Republicans on the panel, voices sometimes raised in apparent frustration and irritation, said they

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were mystified by the decision not to prosecute because they felt that Comey, in a remarkably detailed and critical public statement on Tuesday, had laid out a sufficient basis for charges.

"I totally get people's questions," he said, but the FBI was obliged to follow the law.

Comey said investigators found no evidence that Clinton or her aides intended to break the law, even though they mishandled classified information. A misdemeanor statute requires the mishandling to be intentional, Comey said. A law that permits felony prosecution due to gross negligence has been used only once in the 99 years since it was enacted — and that was in a case involving espionage.

"We don't want to put people in jail unless we prove that they knew they were doing something they shouldn't do," Comey said. "That is the characteristic of all the prosecutions involving mishandling of classified information."

Later Thursday, State Department spokesman John Kirby said the department was reopening its internal investigation of possible mishandling of classified information by Clinton and top aides. The internal review was suspended in April to avoid interfering with the FBI inquiry, Kirby said. Earlier this week he said former officials could face loss of security clearances or other administrative sanctions.

Comey's appearance before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee marked his first public statements since his announcement that removed the threat of criminal charges against Clinton but also revived public scrutiny of her email behavior as secretary of state in President Barack Obama's first term.

Committee chairman Jason Chaffetz, R-Utah, told Comey that the FBI's decision showed a "double standard" for powerful people. Had the "average Joe" done what she had done, he said, that person would go to prison.

"If your name isn't Clinton, or you're not part of the powerful elite, then Lady Justice will act differently," Chaffetz said, adding that the FBI had set a "dangerous precedent" in letting her off the hook.

Chaffetz said lawmakers would now ask the FBI to investigate whether Clinton lied to the committee.

One by one, Comey rebutted a litany of GOP charges including that the FBI had been biased, ignored the law, applied it unjustly or coordinated the decision with Clinton's campaign. "We try very hard to apply the same standard whether you are rich or poor, white or black, old or young, famous or not known at all," he said.

The committee's top Democrat, Elijah Cummings of Maryland, accused Republicans of politicizing the investigation. But he suggested Comey had contributed to that by leaving "a perceived gap" between his public criticism of Clinton and his conclusion not to prosecute.

"I beg you to fill the gap. Because when the gap is not filled by you, it will be filled by others," Cummings said.

As he had on Tuesday, Comey left no doubt about the FBI's contention that Clinton's email practices were careless and left government secrets exposed to hostile nations. He said three of the emails in question bore classification markings in the body despite Clinton's assertions that nothing she had sent or received was marked classified. And he said government workers who negligently handled classified information, including FBI agents, could be subject to firing and administrative sanctions.

But he also said it was possible Clinton didn't even understand what the classification markings were, saying the investigation suggested she was not "particularly sophisticated with respect to classified information."

And he repeated his earlier contention that "no reasonable prosecutor" would have pursued criminal charges, saying at one point, "We went at this very hard to see if we could make a case."

Comey, for years a registered Republican who said he's no longer registered with a political party, was deputy attorney general in the George W. Bush administration and was appointed in 2013 to a 10-year term as FBI director by President Obama. He would still be on the job if Clinton were elected president.

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He drew distinctions between the Clinton probe and last year's prosecution of former CIA Director David Petraeus, who pleaded guilty to sharing classified information with his biographer. Petraeus, Comey said, retained a "vast quantity" of classified information and lied to the FBI about it.

"He admitted he knew that was the wrong thing to do," Comey said. "That is a perfect illustration of the kind of cases that get prosecuted. In my mind, it illustrates importantly the distinction to this case."

Despite the no-prosecution decision, Comey had rebuked Clinton and her aides on Tuesday as being "extremely careless" in their handling of classified information and contradicted many of the explanations she's put forward.

The investigation formally ended Wednesday when Attorney General Loretta Lynch announced that no charges would be filed.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Friday, July 8, the 190th day of 2016. There are 176 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 8, 1947, a New Mexico newspaper, the Roswell Daily Record, quoted officials at Roswell Army Air Field as saying they had recovered a "flying saucer" that had crashed onto a ranch; officials then changed the object's description, saying it was actually a weather balloon. To this day, however, there are those who believe what fell to Earth was an alien spaceship that carried extra-terrestrial beings.

On this date:

In 1663, King Charles II of England granted a Royal Charter to Rhode Island.

In 1776, Col. John Nixon gave the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence, outside the State House (now Independence Hall) in Philadelphia.

In 1889, The Wall Street Journal was first published.

In 1891, Warren G. Harding married Florence Kling DeWolfe in Marion, Ohio.

In 1907, Florenz Ziegfeld staged his first "Follies," on the roof of the New York Theater.

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson received a tumultuous welcome in New York City after his return from the Versailles (vehr-SY') Peace Conference in France.

In 1950, President Harry S. Truman named Gen. Douglas MacArthur commander-in-chief of United Nations forces in Korea. (Truman ended up sacking MacArthur for insubordination nine months later.)

In 1965, Canadian Pacific Air Lines Flight 21, a Douglas DC-6B, crashed in British Columbia after the tail separated from the fuselage; all 52 people on board were killed in what authorities said was the result of an apparent bombing.

In 1975, President Gerald R. Ford announced he would seek a second term of office.

In 1986, Kurt Waldheim was inaugurated as president of Austria despite controversy over his alleged ties to Nazi war crimes. Admiral Hyman G. Rickover, widely regarded as father of the nuclear navy, died in Arlington, Virginia.

In 1994, Kim Il Sung, North Korea's communist leader since 1948, died at age 82.

In 2000, Venus Williams beat Lindsay Davenport 6-3, 7-6 (3) for her first Grand Slam title, becoming the first black female champion at Wimbledon since Althea Gibson in 1957-58.

Ten years ago: Four more U.S. soldiers were charged with rape and murder and a fifth with dereliction of duty in the rape-slaying of a 14-year-old Iraqi girl and the killings of her family in Mahmouidiya (mahk-moo-DEE'-ah). (The soldiers received sentences ranging from five to 110 years based on their

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acknowledged roles in the attack.) Discovery astronauts Piers Sellers and Michael Fossum went on a 7-1/2-hour spacewalk to test a repair technique for space shuttles. Amelie Mauresmo beat Justine Henin (EH'-nen)-Hardenne, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 at Wimbledon to win her second Grand Slam championship. Actress June Allyson died in Ojai (OH'-hy), California, at age 88.

Five years ago: Former first lady Betty Ford died in Rancho Mirage, California, at age 93. Atlantis thundered into orbit on a cargo run that would close out the three-decade U.S. space shuttle program. Ohio State vacated its wins from the 2010 football season, including its share of the Big Ten championship and a victory over Arkansas in the Sugar Bowl, as it responded to the NCAA's investigation of a memorabilia-for-cash scandal.

One year ago: On a rough day for tech, a "router issue" at United Airlines suspended all of the company's flights for nearly two hours, leading to 800 flight delays and 60 cancellations; a "technical problem" at the New York Stock Exchange halted trading; and the Wall Street Journal's website, WSJ.com, had "technical difficulties." (Government officials said it did not appear that the incidents were related, or the result of sabotage.) Medicare said it planned to pay doctors to counsel patients about end-of-life care, the same idea that sparked accusations of "death panels" and fanned a political furor around President Barack Obama's health care law.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Steve Lawrence is 81. Actor Jeffrey Tambor is 72. Ballerina Cynthia Gregory is 70. Actress Kim Darby is 69. Actress Jonelle Allen is 68. Children's performer Raffi is 68. Celebrity chef Wolfgang Puck is 67. Actress Anjelica Huston is 65. Writer Anna Quindlen is 64. Actor Kevin Bacon is 58. Actor Robert Knepper is 57. Rock musician Andy Fletcher (Depeche Mode) is 55. Country singer Toby Keith is 55. Rock musician Graham Jones (Haircut 100) is 55. Rock singer Joan Osborne is 54. Writer-producer Rob Burnett is 54. Actor Rocky Carroll is 53. Actor Corey Parker is 51. Actor Lee Tergesen is 51. Actor Billy Crudup is 48. Actor Michael Weatherly is 48. Singer Beck is 46. Country singer Drew Womack (Sons of the Desert) is 46. Comedian Sebastian Maniscalco is 43. Actress Kathleen Robertson is 43. Christian rock musician Stephen Mason (Jars of Clay) is 41. Actor Milo Ventimiglia (MEE'-loh vehn-tih-MEEL'-yuh) is 39. Rock musician Tavis Werts is 39. Singer Ben Jelen (YEL'-in) is 37. Actor Lance Gross is 35. Actress Sophia Bush is 34. Rock musician Jamie Cook (Arctic Monkeys) is 31. Actor Jake McDorman is 30. Actor Jaden Smith is 18.

Thought for Today: "America is not just a power, it is a promise." — Nelson A. Rockefeller, American politician and businessman (born this date in 1908, died 1979).