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## 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

## Monday, July 11

Couples Golf Night at Olive Grove  
**Senior Menu:** Goulash, green beans, apple crisp, whole wheat bread.  
**Anniversaries:** Roger & Marjorie Overacker •  
**Anniv:** Rick & Sherry Koehler  
**Birthdays:** Rebecca Clocksene • Rhonda Fliehs • Richard Nehls  
6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study  
6:00pm: Amateurs at Claremont (DH)  
6:00pm: Legion hosts Northville (2)

## Manager Wanted

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

## Apts for Rent

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

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

## The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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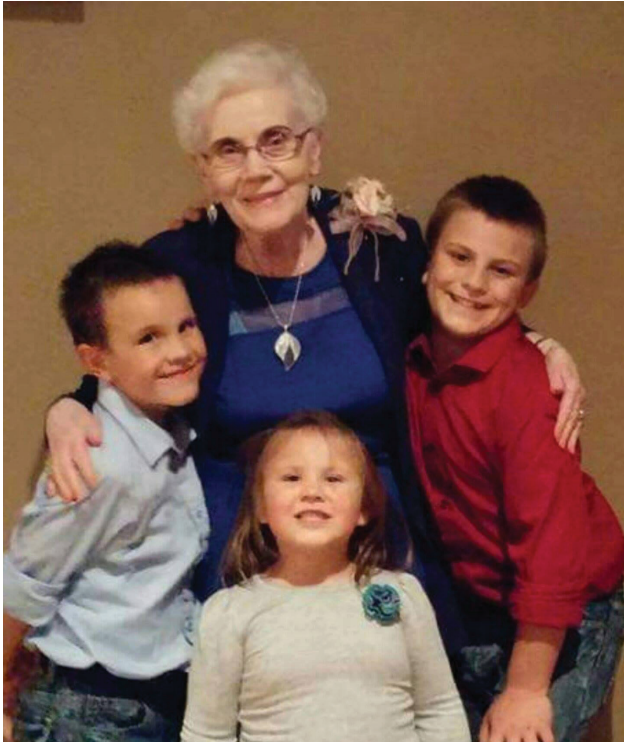


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## Death Notice: Audrey Padfield

Audrey Padfield, 91, of Groton passed away Friday, July 8, 2016 at Golden Living Center, Groton. Services are pending with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

## 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.

**MAJOR**  
**Inventory**  
**REDUCTION**

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**Thurs., July 7, 9-5**  
**Fri., July 8, 10-3**  
**Sat., July 9, 10-3**



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## Ordinance No. 705

An Ordinance entitled: "An Ordinance Amending Revised Ordinance for the City of Groton as it Pertains to Yard Waste Removal."

Be it ordained by the City of Groton that the following paragraph be amended in Section 4-1-11 to read as follows:

4-1-11 Yard Waste Removal. The person, firm, corporation or business responsible for disposal of yard waste shall not place or leave on any public street, road, alley or sidewalk or other public ground in the City of Groton, any yard waste which may obstruct the free use of said street, road, alley, or sidewalk of public ground or which could obstruct storm water, gutters, or inlands. For a first violation of this ordinance, a fine of \$25 shall be imposed; for a second violation a fine of \$50 shall be imposed; for a third violation a fine of \$100 shall be imposed; for a fourth violation of this ordinance a fine of up to \$500 shall be imposed. The city finance office shall notify the violator of any such violation and the amount of fine to be imposed for that violation as described above, and if the violator remits payment for that fine directly to the City Finance Office, no further action will follow on that violation. If the violator refuses to remit payment for that amount demanded within 30 days from the date of the written notice, the case can then be prosecuted as a criminal offense.

Passed First Reading – 6/20/16

Passed Second Reading – 7/5/16

Published – 7/13/16

Effective Date – 8-2-16

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Attest:

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer

## Groton City Council July 5 Meeting Minutes

July 5, 2016

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

At 7pm Betty Breck addressed the Council on parliamentary procedure, minutes, open meeting laws, and proposed a public participation policy.

At 7:05pm the last paragraph of the minutes from June 20, 2016 was amended to read: At 8:07pm the Council adjourned into executive session on a motion by Opp and seconded by Peterson. Council reconvened at 9:03pm. The minutes were approved as corrected on a motion by Opp and seconded by Fliehs. All members present voted aye.

The financial report was approved on a motion by McGannon and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

The following bills were approved for payment on a motion by Blackmun and seconded by McGannon. All members present voted aye.

Executive Payroll 369.40 salaries; Administrative Payroll 6,165.52 salaries; Public Safety Payroll 14,060.43 salaries; Public Works Payroll 19,928.96 salaries; Cultural & Recreational Payroll 12,975.11 salaries; First State Bank 10,595.79 ss & wh; First State Bank 30.00 NSF fees; City of Groton 854.80 dep ref, postage, bus util; Kathy Bjerke 805.00 umpires; Thomas Cranford 20.00 umpiring; Peyton Johnson 50.00 umpiring; Austin Jones 35.00 umpiring; Jackson Oliver 35.00 umpiring; Truitt Rogers 35.00 umpiring; Garrett Schroeder 70.00 umpiring; Aaron Severson 35.00 umpiring; Mason Madsen 400.00 umpires; Dare 500.00 refund; Groton BB/SB Foundation 10,369.00 refund; US Post Office 201.56 postage; Redfield Baseball 150.00 tourn fee; Ellendale Softball Tourn 25.00 tourn fee; Brennen Borah 202.15 dep refund; Catalina Garcia 199.73 dep refund; Key Contracting 500.00 dep refund; Bobbie Lerew 195.12 dep refund; Blake Ronning 95.49 dep refund; Tina Two Hearts 29.24 dep refund; 1st National Bank 6,975.69 west sewer loan; 1st National

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Bank 4,344.69 RR sewer loan; April Abeln 24.00 med flex; Associated Supply Co 565.25 pump; Border States 233.42 line materials; Chase Visa 10,569.18 pool chairs, pool umbrella, bb equip, bb pad, ink, batteries; Chris & Dan's Tarp 15.00 repair; Clark Engineering 932.40 engineering; Ecolab 98.96 pest control; Farmers Union 206.40 gas; Fire Safety First 285.85 exting insp, 1st aid; Galls 262.44 uniforms, light; Groton Independent 192.73 publishing; HD Supply 3,028.29 fittings; Heartland Waste 6,773.34 garbage hauling; Terry Herron 1,036.20 med flex; IMT Group 50.00 notary bond; James Valley Telecomm 709.62 phone, internet; JGE Rental 750.00 backhoe rent; Drew Johnson 3,000.00 legal services; Lien Trans 3,065.05 hot mix; Locators & Supplies 307.14 cones, lens; Anita Lowary 80.00 med flex; NW Energy 879.00 natural gas; Pepsi Cola 279.30 pop; Runnings Supply 80.96 battery, bolts; S & S Lumber 614.12 supplies; SD Retirement 8,242.80 retirement; SD State Treasurer 9,456.21 sales tax; Share Corp 261.10 cleaner, wax; Verizon Wireless 41.81 dump comm.; WEB Water 12,605.99 water

Stacy Mayou, Terry Herron and Dwight Zerr enter the meeting at this point.

Department reports were given by Police Chief Mayou, Terry Herron, Public Works Supt., and Dwight Zerr, Wastewater Supt. Mayou discussed body cameras, firearms training, and vehicle repairs. Herron discussed capping Railroad Well, street repairs, the start of 6th St manhole and street repairs in mid July, aging water valves, water restrictions, boring 2 service lines, and chip/seal. Zerr had quotations for manhole repairs, sewer televising, and cleaning sanitary and storm mains. Council also reviewed the street light change out project and discussed load management operations. Breck left the meeting during this report.

The Capitol Improvement 5 year plan was reviewed and street reconstruction was raised to 35 blocks.

Delinquent utility customers were discussed. Shut offs will be scheduled this month, Mayou, Herron, and Zerr left the meeting at this point.

Charges collected through the finance office were reviewed. Moved by Peterson and seconded by Glover to raise copy prices to \$.25 per page and keep all other charges the same as before. All members present voted aye.

The condition of the Community Center floor was observed and prices for refinishing will be sought.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Blackmun to give second reading to Ordinance 705, Yard Waste Removal Fines. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Opp to table Ordinance 706, Water Tower Reserve Funding indefinitely. All members present voted aye.

Newspaper publishing quotes were opened and read aloud:

Groton Dakota Press: \$.25/legal line, \$3/column inch for display ads, and \$3 for classified ads up to 20 words and \$.10 per word over 20 words.

Groton Independent: \$.24/legal line, \$3/column inch for display ads, and \$3 for classified ads.

Moved by Fliehs to accept Groton Dakota Press bid and declare it to be the only official newspaper. Motion died for lack of second. Moved by Glover and seconded by McGannon to amend the motion to accept the low quote from Groton Independent, ask Dakota Press to accept these rates, and declare Groton Independent and Groton Dakota Press as the official newspapers. Members voting aye were: Glover, McGannon, Peterson, Blackmun, and Opp. Fliehs voted nay. Motion carried. Groton Dakota Press accepted the low rates.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Opp to name 1st State Bank of Groton, Wells Fargo, Groton, and SD Public Funds Investment Trust as the official banks for Groton City. All members present voted aye.

Lowary presented the semi-annual expense and budget report and outlined the budget time table.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by McGannon to move the following cash fund balances: from Electric Fund - \$61,940.00; from Sewer Fund - \$19,220.00, from General Fund - \$285,420.00, and to Debt Service - \$366,580. All members present voted aye.

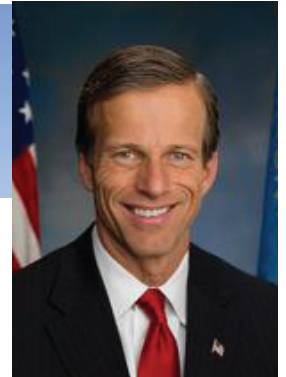
Moved by Opp and seconded by Peterson to adjourn into executive session on personnel and legal matters at 8.30pm. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 9:12pm.

Meeting adjourned.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer

**John Thune**  
U.S. SENATOR - SOUTH DAKOTA



## National Security Must Be Our Top Priority

By now, most Americans have seen in chilling detail what happened late last month in Istanbul, Turkey. A group of terrorists casually walked into one of Ataturk Airport's public terminals and proceeded to open fire before detonating suicide vests among fleeing travelers. In the wake of this attack, 45 people were left dead, and more than 200 were injured. Although no group has formally claimed responsibility, the Turkish government says all signs point to ISIS.

The list of cities outside the Middle East impacted by ISIS-related terrorist attacks is steadily growing: Paris, Brussels, and now Istanbul. While an ocean separated us from the latest attack, Americans have seen radical Islamic terrorism on our shores in San Bernardino, and most recently in Orlando. These attacks are a warning sign that ISIS-inspired attacks aren't contained to certain borders, and in response we must do everything we can to protect Americans around the world.

The Republican-led Senate is committed to defeating ISIS, but I am concerned some Democrats, President Obama included, don't entirely share that priority. John Brennan, the Obama-appointed director of the CIA, recently conceded that "our efforts have not reduced the group's terrorism capability and global reach." Part of that bleak assessment is likely due to the fact that President Obama has never – despite all of the ISIS-created carnage around the world – laid out a comprehensive plan to defeat the terrorist group. While the Republican-led Senate can't force President Obama to take this threat seriously, we can work hard to pursue policies that will increase our national security, and that's exactly what we're doing.

One of the best ways to combat terrorism is by ensuring the military has the resources it needs to fulfill its mission. It's unfortunate, though, that for the second year in a row, Senate Democrats have decided to put their interests ahead of our troops by playing politics with the Department of Defense appropriations bill. Passing this essential bill is a key part of meeting our obligations to the men and women in uniform who fight to keep us safe. My hope is that my Democrat colleagues drop their unnecessary objections and let this bill move forward without delay.

Another key aspect to protecting our nation from terrorist threats is controlling our borders, which is why I'm disappointed Senate Democrats recently blocked a bill that would have discouraged sanctuary city policies, which have resulted in the release of thousands of criminals who could otherwise have been picked up by federal authorities and deported. That debate is far from over, though.

The Senate will also soon take up several important airport security measures that I authored, which will keep air travelers in South Dakota and around the country safer and more secure. Included is a provision that improves the vetting of airport employees to address the risk that an insider might give a terrorist access to secure areas of an airport.

Although I'm not holding out much hope, I'd like to think the president and his allies on Capitol Hill will develop a greater seriousness about ISIS in the coming months. But whatever they do – or fail to do – Republicans will do everything we can to protect our country and keep Americans safe from terrorists.

KRISTI NOEM  
REPRESENTATIVE FROM SOUTH DAKOTA



## Breaking Barriers to Mental Healthcare

You often times don't have to look far to find a family that's been failed by our broken mental healthcare system – and with nearly 30,000 adults and about 9,000 children living with serious mental health conditions in South Dakota, it's a challenge I'd guess most families can, to some degree, relate to.

As many know, our healthcare system isn't adequately prepared to help those who face mental illness – especially chronic or severe mental illnesses. As a result, many are falling through the cracks, landing in a jail cell, homeless shelter, or worse, instead of a hospital bed.

The reasons for this are numerous. Some can't afford the costs. Others can't find or easily get to a facility for help. Others are fearful of what their friends or family may think. In broadly bipartisan legislation passed by the House of Representatives earlier this month, we have worked to mitigate as many of these barriers as possible.

To date, the federal government's approach to mental health has been a patchwork of outdated programs and ineffective policies that span across numerous federal agencies at the cost of about \$130 billion annually. At its core, the Helping Families with Mental Health Crisis Act, which I cosponsored, looks to streamline the system and refocus our efforts on providing efficient and effective care.

More specifically, this legislation breaks down barriers for families to work with healthcare providers, helping ensure they can be meaningful partners in caring for those with serious mental illnesses. We also made advances in tele-psychiatry to better reach underserved and rural communities, and we offered more tools for suicide prevention. Other provisions were included to fix the shortage of crisis mental health beds, improve the transition from one level of care to another, and even offer alternatives to institutionalization for those with serious mental illnesses.

I also worked closely with the bill's author, psychologist and Pennsylvania Representative Tim Murphy, on several provisions aimed at helping tribal communities – even bringing him to South Dakota to meet with folks in Pine Ridge who are fighting a devastating suicide epidemic. Because of our work, new provisions were included to help support and prioritize Native American suicide programs.

Today's mental healthcare system is inefficient at best; at worst, it's unable to intervene and seclude an individual who could cause harm to themselves or others. Changes need to be made and made urgently. This legislation offers the most significant reforms to our nation's mental healthcare system that we've seen in decades. It's thoughtful, thorough and bipartisan, so I'm hopeful we can see it become law soon.

One more thing: if you or someone you love is facing a mental health crisis, I encourage you to call the National Helpline at 1-800-662-HELP (4357). This is a free and confidential, 24-hour-a-day, 365-day-a-year information service. They can provide referrals to local treatment facilities, support groups, and community-based organizations. Please don't wait to find help.

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## Today in Weather History

July 9, 1938: A deadly, estimated F4 tornado moved ESE across the eastern edge of Andover to the north of Bristol. Seventeen buildings were destroyed at Andover, and at least one home was completely swept away. Seven homes and a church also suffered damage. An elderly person was killed at the western edge of Andover, and a couple died in a home at the southern edge of town. About two hours later, another estimated F4 tornado moved ENE from 2 miles northeast of White, South Dakota in Brookings County to Hendricks, Minnesota. Only one person was injured from this storm.

July 9, 1972: Wind gusts up to 89 mph caused considerable damage in the Pierre and Oahe Dam area. A drive in movie screen was destroyed. A camper trailer was turned over pinning seven members of a family inside. Five of them were hospitalized. Numerous trees were uprooted at the Oahe Dam campground. A tourist information building was caved in. Hail broke out car windows on ten vehicles.

July 9, 2009: Severe storms developed over Fall River County and moved eastward across southwestern and south central South Dakota. The storms produced large hail and strong wind gusts. Two tornadoes were observed in Todd County, and two tornadoes touched down in southern Tripp County. A small EF-1 tornado tracked across Dog Ear Township from 311th Avenue to near the intersection of 289th Street and 312th Avenue, or a little over a one-mile track. The tornado blew down large cottonwood trees.

July 9, 2013: A pair of severe storms moved across northeastern South Dakota during the evening hours of the 9th. These storms caused extensive damage to crops, especially west of Frederick in Brown County where beans and corn fields were destroyed. As the storms moved from Barnard, through Columbia, and into the Groton area, the hail increased to baseball size. There was also some structural damage to siding along with broken windows.

1979: Hurricane Bob was born in the Gulf of Mexico, becoming the first Atlantic Hurricane to be given a male name.

1997: Torrential rains in the Carpathian Mountains cause serious flooding in the Czech Republic, Poland, and German. In all, 104 people died as a result of the deluge. In the aftermath, authorities from each country blamed the others for the extent of the disaster.

2007: The Argentine capital experiences its first major snowfall since June 22, 1918, as a wet snow spreads a thin white mantle over the area. The storm hits on Argentina's Independence Day holiday thus adding to a festive air. Thousands of Argentines cheer the event, throwing snowballs in the streets. Local radio stations dust off an old tango song inspired by the 1918 snowfall: What a night!

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Today	Tonight	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday
						
Mostly Sunny then Mostly Sunny and Breezy	Chance T-storms and Breezy	Slight Chance T-storms then Mostly Sunny and Breezy	Partly Cloudy and Breezy	Slight Chance T-storms	Mostly Clear	Sunny
High: 89 °F	Low: 71 °F	High: 95 °F	Low: 76 °F	High: 90 °F	Low: 60 °F	High: 85 °F

**Practice HEAT SAFETY Wherever You Are**

Heat related deaths are preventable. Protect yourself and others from the impacts of heat waves.

 [weather.gov/heat](http://weather.gov/heat)

 <b>Job Sites</b> Stay hydrated and take breaks in the shade as often as possible.	 <b>Indoors</b> Check up on the elderly, sick and those without AC.
 <b>Vehicles</b> Never leave kids or pets unattended - LOOK before you LOCK	 <b>Outdoors</b> Limit strenuous outdoor activities, find shade, and stay hydrated.

**Heat Indices of 90 to 105 This Weekend Highest on Sunday**

**A few opportunities for thunderstorms, but widespread severe weather not expected**

**National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD** Updated: 7/9/2016 3:43 AM Central

Published on: 07/09/2016 at 3:51AM

Hot and Humid conditions are expected this weekend, so make sure to practice heat safety wherever you are. Heat indices will likely exceed 100 degrees over much of the region on Sunday.



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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 80.2 F at 6:14 PM**

**Low Outside Temp: 53.4 F at 6:19 AM**

**High Gust: 13.0 Mph at 12:38 PM**

Precip: 0.10

## Today's Info

**Record High: 115° in 1936**

**Record Low: 42 in 1905**

**Average High: 83°F**

**Average Low: 59°F**

**Average Precip in July: 0.96**

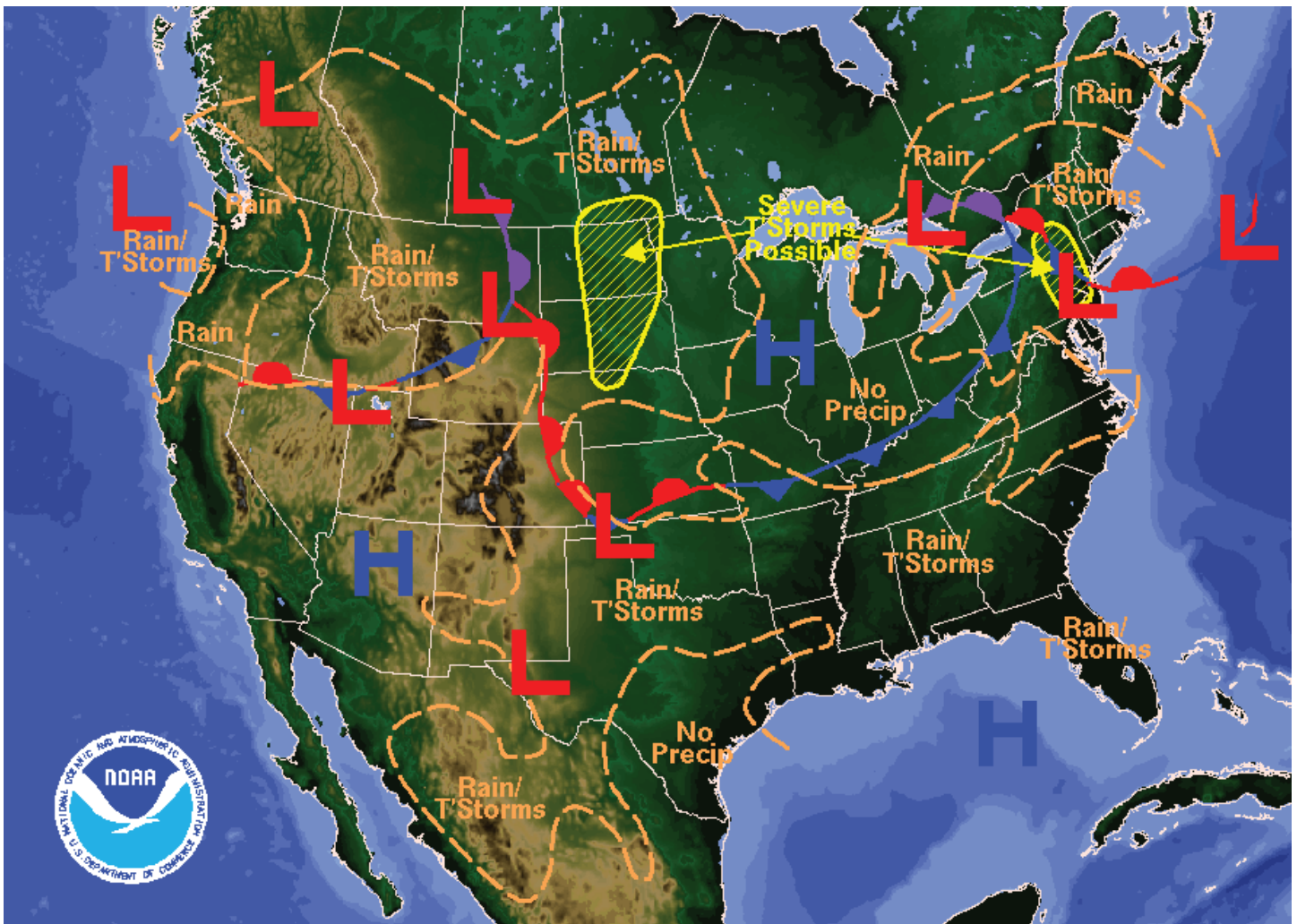
**Precip to date in July: 0.53**

**Average Precip to date: 11.80**

**Precip Year to Date: 7.19**

**Sunset Tonight: 9:22 p.m.**

**Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:55 a.m.**



Weather Forecast for Sat, Jul 09, 2016, issued 4:48 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Tate based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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## **GOD LEADS US ALL THE DAY LONG!**

It seemed that every day was a struggle for George Long. The more he did to serve the Lord the worse things got. He was the pastor of a small country church and it was necessary for him to work as a carpenter in order to provide for the needs of his family.

For months he and his family lived in a borrowed tent while he built a small home for them. The day finally came when they moved into their new dwelling.

One night while the Longs were worshiping together with their friends from the surrounding communities, a group of men decided to destroy their home by fire. They resented the positive influence that the church was having on their families. The men thought that if they destroyed their home the Longs would leave.

Returning from church that evening they found their home going up in flames. The Longs were stunned. In a state of fear and shock they gathered together and cried out in prayer to the Lord. All of their personal belongings were destroyed. But not their faith in God. It was undisturbed.

When they finished crying, George Long took a piece of paper and a pencil and wrote:

"Some through the waters, Some through the flood;  
Some through the fire, But all through the blood;  
Some through great sorrow, But God gives a song;  
In the night season and all the day long!"

Prayer: Father, when days are difficult and painful and the hopelessness and sorrows of dark nights never seem to end may our faith in You bring a song to our hearts. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want...my cup overflows...I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Psalm 23

## News from the Associated Press

### **10 states sue over restrooms transgender students can use**

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Ten states sued the federal government Friday over rules requiring public schools to allow transgender students to use restrooms conforming to their gender identity, joining a dozen other states in the latest fight over LGBT rights.

The lawsuit was filed in federal court in Nebraska and included nine other states: Arkansas, Kansas, Michigan, Montana, North Dakota, Ohio, South Carolina, South Dakota and Wyoming.

The filing comes after 11 states sued in May over the same Obama administration directive. North Carolina officials also sued the federal government in May over the same issue. Vast sums of federal funding are at stake: Money could be withheld from public schools that refuse to comply with the federal directive.

Nebraska Attorney General Doug Peterson said the U.S. Education Department and Justice Department have circumvented established law and the process for changing existing laws.

"It also supersedes local school districts' authority to address student issues on an individualized, professional and private basis," Peterson said in a written statement.

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette accused the Obama administration of "another ... federal overreach" that bypasses parents, schools and Congress.

"This lawsuit is about children and our schools," he said.

The battle began to take shape when officials in Charlotte passed a sweeping anti-discrimination ordinance that included a provision allowing transgender people to use restrooms corresponding to their gender identity. North Carolina lawmakers passed a law nullifying that ordinance and banning others like it.

Soon after, the Justice Department said the law violated the federal Civil Rights Act and said it couldn't be enforced. U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch has said North Carolina's law requiring transgender people to use public restrooms and showers corresponding to the gender on their birth certificate amounts to "state-sponsored discrimination" and is aimed at "a problem that doesn't exist."

Jay Kaplan, a lawyer who specializes in LGBT issues at the American Civil Liberties Union in Detroit, said the lawsuit is a waste of tax dollars "as well as an assault on the dignity of transgender youth."

Danielle Conrad, director of the ACLU in Nebraska, said students in her state have been using gender-appropriate bathrooms for decades without a problem.

The Nebraska lawsuit hinges on the terms "sex" and "gender identity," saying federal law uses only the term "sex."

"Neither the text nor the legislative history of Title IX supports an interpretation of the term 'sex' as meaning anything other than one's sex as determined by anatomy and genetics," the lawsuit says.

### **Police: Rapid City car show postponed due to violence threat**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Police in Rapid City say a car show scheduled for Sunday has been postponed after an individual called a local media outlet and threatened police officers who would be at the planned event.

Police on Friday said the media outlet immediately contacted police after receiving the threat. Police didn't immediately identify the outlet.

Police Chief Karl Jegeris in a statement says the department is working to identify the individual who made the threat. He says that the safety of the public and officers is his department's "top priority."

The police department's decision comes a day after five police officers were killed and seven others wounded in a shooting in downtown Dallas during a protest over the recent killings by police of black men in Louisiana and Minnesota.

## **NTSB says Delta plane landed at wrong airport**

**JOAN LOWY, Associated Press**

**REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Delta Air Lines jetliner with 130 passengers on board landed at the wrong airport in South Dakota Thursday evening, said a spokesman for the National Transportation Safety Board, which is investigating the incident.

The Delta A320 landed at Ellsworth Air Force Base at 8:42 p.m. Central Time Thursday, when its destination was an airport in Rapid City, board spokesman Peter Knudson said Friday.

Ellsworth is about 10 miles due north of Rapid City Regional Airport. The two airports have runways that are oriented nearly identically to the compass, from northwest to southeast.

Delta Flight 2845 had departed from Minneapolis. A passenger interviewed by the Rapid City Journal said she and her fellow passengers waited about 2½ hours in the plane at Ellsworth, where they were ordered to pull down their window shades as military personnel walked through the cabin with at least one firearm and a dog.

This was not the first time airline pilots have mistaken the Air Force base for the Rapid City airport. In 2004, a Northwest Airlines flight carrying 117 passengers to Rapid City landed at Ellsworth. The plane remained on the ground for more than three hours as the pilots explained to Air Force security officers what went wrong, and a new crew was dispatched to continue the flight to Rapid City.

Northwest and Delta merged 2008.

Delta has contacted the passengers "and offered a gesture of apology for the inconvenience," the airline said in a statement.

The crew has been taken off-duty while NTSB investigates, the statement said. "Delta will fully cooperate with that investigation and has already begun an internal review of its own," it added.

The Air Force said in a statement that the base officials "followed the proper procedures to address the situation" and ensured the safety of those at the base and passengers.

Citing security reasons, base officials declined to answer questions from The Associated Press regarding the specific procedures followed during the incident and whether air traffic controllers at the base were in contact with the pilot and authorized the landing.

Landings at wrong airports by commercial pilots, while unusual, are still more common than many passengers may realize or airlines would like to acknowledge.

An Associated Press search two years ago of government safety data and news reports since the early 1990s found at least 150 flights in which U.S. commercial passenger and cargo planes have either landed at the wrong airport or started to land and realized their mistake in time.

Of the 35 documented wrong landings, at least 23 occurred at airports with shorter runways, creating potential safety issues.

In most cases, the pilots were cleared by controllers to fly based on what they could see rather than relying on automation. Many incidents occurred at night, with pilots reporting they were attracted by the runway lights of the first airport they saw during descent. Some pilots said they disregarded navigation equipment that showed their planes slightly off course because the information didn't match what they were seeing out their windows — a runway straight ahead.

On Jan. 12, 2014, the pilots of a Southwest Airlines Boeing 737-700 stopped their plane just short of

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a ravine at the end of a short runway in Hollister, Missouri, when they had meant to land on a runway twice as long at nearby Branson.

A few months earlier, an Atlas Air Boeing 747 freighter landed at the tiny Jabara Airport in Wichita, Kansas, instead of McConnell Air Force Base about eight miles away. The runway is considered 3,000 feet less than ideal for the plane, one of the largest in the world. It took about 10 hours to turn the plane around and ready it for takeoff again. A nearby highway was shut down as a safety precaution.

## **Report: No foul play in May deaths of 3 Pine Ridge men**

PINE RIDGE, S.D. (AP) — A federal investigation into the deaths of three Pine Ridge men whose bodies were found in May has concluded that they died as a result of a car crash, ruling out foul play.

U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler announced the results of the investigation Friday.

The bodies of 24-year-old Juan Lamont, 21-year-old Tevin Tyon and 23-year-old Tyrell Wilson were found May 23 in a steep ravine on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. The men's families had been reported them missing more than two weeks before they were found.

Investigators say the car the men were riding plunged down about 60 feet and came to rest near a creek bed. Authorities say the men were found inside the vehicle amid numerous open and closed containers of alcohol and personal belongings.

## **South Dakota flags lowered in honor of slain Dallas officers**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard has directed flags at state facilities to be flown at half-staff beginning immediately in honor of the slain law enforcement officers in Dallas.

The order directs the flags to remain at half-mast until sunset on Tuesday.

The attack on the officers began Thursday at a downtown Dallas protest over the recent killings by police of black men in Louisiana and Minnesota. Five officers were killed and seven others were wounded. Two civilians were also wounded.

Daugaard's order Friday follows a similar federal proclamation by Barack Obama.

## **SDSU hopes to have beer, wine sales for new stadium opening**

**JAMES NORD, Associated Press**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota State University plans to have beer and wine sales at special events in venues on campus under a new law that took effect earlier this month, SDSU President Barry Dunn said Friday.

The school hopes to offer sales for the first time at the September opening celebration of the new Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium, Dunn said. The move comes after lawmakers this year relaxed a prohibition against alcohol sales on public university campuses.

Past state law didn't ban serving alcohol, but on-campus sales were prohibited. Boosters say the changes are narrow and will help with fundraising and make school facilities more attractive venues for outside groups to book for conferences or other events.

"I think it'll create another opportunity for establishing good relationships with donors and alumni and other supporters of the institutions," said Mike Rush, executive director and CEO of the South Dakota Board of Regents.

The regents late last month approved rules governing beer and wine sales at South Dakota's six public universities allowed during sporting events, artistic performances, fundraisers, conferences and other

occasions. The policy allows but doesn't require potential sales.

It also specifies that beer and wine access must be controlled and restricts the beverage sales to premium seating at student athletic events. A university that decides to allow the sales has to create rules for an institutional permit process, and the new regulations require universities to report annually to the regents describing events where alcohol sales were allowed on campus.

"It does open up a lot of possibilities for us to build relationships and increase fundraising and also enhance the experience at those venues for certain audiences," Dunn said.

Sales have to be approved by local municipalities. The changes will hopefully help the visitor industry in Brookings, home of South Dakota State University, said Mayor Tim Reed.

Northern State University officials plan to meet next week to discuss the new rules, while Black Hills State University isn't planning to alter its policy. University of South Dakota officials also plan to review the changes in the future. The South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and Dakota State University didn't immediately comment.

## **North Dakota, South Dakota join transgender bathroom lawsuit**

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Top law enforcement officials in North Dakota and South Dakota say the two states are joining in a federal lawsuit over the Obama administration's directive that public schools allow transgender students to use the restroom of their choice.

North Dakota Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem and South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley announced Friday that the two states are adding their names to the suit filed by Nebraska. Other states participating in the litigation are Arkansas, Kansas, Michigan, Montana, Ohio, South Carolina and Wyoming.

Stenehjem calls the bathroom initiative "another example of federal overreach." Jackley says the directive by Obama and his ensuing threat to withhold education funding is a "solution that goes beyond his authority."

A separate complaint filed by Texas has 13 states on board.

## **Delta Airlines flight lands at Air Force base by mistake**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A Delta Airlines flight from Minneapolis to Rapid City landed by mistake at an Air Force base instead of the airport.

The flight landed Thursday night at Ellsworth Air Force Base instead of the Rapid City Regional Airport.

Military personnel walked through the cabin while the airplane was at the base. Passengers were ordered keep their window shades down. The flight eventually took off from the base and arrived at the airport at 11:31 p.m.

Delta Airlines in a statement says the crew has been taken off duty while the National Transportation Safety Board investigates the incident. The airline says it is also conducting an internal investigation.

## **Man travels from Wisconsin to Mount Rushmore in 1941 tractor**

**JANELLE ATYEO, Tri-State Neighbor**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Wisconsin man kicked off his summer with a particularly meaningful road trip across South Dakota, spending almost 200 hours behind the wheel of his late father's 75-year-old tractor to visit Mount Rushmore.

Dewey Brooks, 64, who owns a body shop in the southeastern Wisconsin town of Wonewoc, said the road trip was a longtime goal from when he first set out to restore his dad's 1941 B John Deere tractor.

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"If God wills this is going to run again, I'm going to drive it to Mount Rushmore because they're the same age," he said, recalling his proclamation decades ago.

His dad's reaction? Brooks recalled: "He said, 'Dewey, you are crazy.'"

The crazy journey prompted many inquiries along the way, and Brooks gathered a following of tractor collectors and news crews who wanted to share his story.

After about 2,000 miles round-trip, traveling 100 miles a day at 12 mph, it was the experience that counted, and Brooks said it far exceeded his expectations, thanks to the people he met along the way. "America still has many friendly folks living down the road," he said. "I met many of them."

Tractor was farm workhorse

The John Deere belonged to his dad and uncle, Grayson and Kenneth Brooks, who bought the tractor in Tomah, Wisconsin, in 1941. They traded a team of mismatched dark work horses and settled up with cash.

The brothers farmed at Brookside Farms near Sparta, Wisconsin. The B ran the Farmers Valley threshing machine, helped cut oak logs to build a corn crib and a new barn, and pulled 4H kids on hayrides. "Dad said the tractor never cooled off during the summer months," Brooks said.

To him, the tractor is a symbol of his family's long history on the farm. His dad was born on the dairy farm in 1915 and died there in 2001. He was the oldest registered breeder of Clydesdales in the country when he died. Now, Dewey's brother, Marvin Brooks, keeps Clydesdales and milks cows.

The tractor served the farm for decades but gave out in the winter of 1966-67 while sawing firewood with a buzz saw. The crew didn't notice the oil pressure reading, and condensation in the oil sump froze and seized the pump. Repairs didn't hold, and the tractor eventually ended up in the woods as junk.

Repairs begin, dream takes hold

The old B sat for more than 25 years until Brooks and his brother pulled it out of the woods and hauled it to his shop near Wonewoc where he has a collection of classic cars. "The condition of it was unreal," Brooks said.

He repairs cars and machinery by trade, but the hobby project took a back seat to everyday work and raising a family of four.

Still, Brooks kept the story alive, making known his plans of driving the old tractor to Mount Rushmore. It became a running joke at family reunions.

Brooks rebuilt the B from a 1943 tractor of the same model, using as many original parts as he could. The restored tractor might not be in pristine condition, but it's full of memories. There's a dent in the hood from a 1947 accident that sent the tractor and his dad into the farm creek when a bridge plank gave way. It has bullet holes from when the junked-out tractor was used for target practice. The steering wheel is cracked and roughed up where squirrels gnawed on it.

Brooks wouldn't have it any other way. "When I was driving that tractor, I was pretty much looking over the same stuff dad was seeing when he drove it," he said.

Road trip draws attention

Brooks made his trip over two weeks in late May, battling windy conditions and torrential rains from the open cab. He pulled a camper trailer, in which he spent his nights and took shelter from storms.

Leaving his home in Wonewoc at 7:30 a.m. May 16, Brooks expected a quiet journey. But two drivers stopped to take his picture before he was out of town, and he didn't get much farther before he was stopped by a small-town newspaper reporter and a curious highway patrolman. "So much for trying to sneak away," he said.

The route Brooks planned took him across Iowa on Highway 9, and in South Dakota he stuck to Highway 44.

He kept a journal of each day's happenings. In it, he noted the cost of gas (\$405 total) and the people

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he met along the way.

One of them was Glennis Stern, a tractor collector who lives along Highway 44 north of Armour, South Dakota. He is a member of the Twin Rivers Old Iron Association, and Brooks stopped for a roadside visit at his driveway.

People want to know what it's like to travel cross-country on a tractor, Stern said. "That isn't an everyday occurrence," he said. "It's quite a trek to take that on."

The tractor didn't give Brooks any problems, but Day 2 of the trip saw him stop for a welding job because the trailer was shaking.

Upon entering South Dakota, his biggest trouble was the wind. It made his face raw no matter what he tried for protection. The wind also took his John Deere cap down the Missouri River as he crossed.

### A monumental reception

Brooks made it to Mount Rushmore on what would have been his dad's 101st birthday, May 23.

On the way to the monument, he thought of his dad and uncle buying the tractor in 1941, of their farm near Sparta, the years the tractor sat junked in the trees and the 23-year dream of making the trip.

"What if he knew this (was happening) now?" Brooks said of his dad.

He had to bring the old B down to fifth gear to make the final hill leading to Mount Rushmore. At the monument, he was greeted by staff members who had blocked off a spot in front of the main entrance for him to park. They had gifts prepared to mark the occasion, and news media personnel were at the ready.

The attention was embarrassing, Brooks said, given that he looked pretty weathered from the open-air journey, but he was also very proud.

"It just blew me away," he said.

He heard many encouraging words about his journey. According to Brooks, several commented, "What is more American than driving an old John Deere to Rushmore?"

### Keeping it running

Brooks' dad never got a chance to hear his old tractor running again. But his son plans to keep the old B on the road. He'll travel to tractor shows and pull his trailer to camp in state parks. But he plans to stay a little closer to home, within 200 miles, he said.

He also uses the B to haul logs, the same task it had on the farm in Sparta. Brooks said his dad would be happy to know the tractor is still at work.

As for the 2,000-mile journey, he said his dad probably would shake his head. "He would have been proud but still said I was crazy," Brooks said.

### Heading back home

The day after he reached Rushmore, he began the journey back home. Before hitting the road, he reversed the front tires on the old B and added a quart and a half of gear lube.

His return journey got just as much attention. He heard people say they saw him on TV, and one man wanted him to autograph a picture.

As car collector, Brooks took an extra day on the way home to visit the Pioneer Auto Museum in Murdo, South Dakota.

The worst of the weather hit on Memorial Day in Forrest City, Iowa. Heavy rain poured down, and the gutters filled up with water. With no fenders, the water sprayed off the tractor's back tires, four or five feet high. "I could hardly see to drive," Brooks said.

The next day, Brooks had to take shelter in his trailer as a storm passed through Saratoga, Iowa. He was running out of clean, dry clothes.



"Basically I was soaked, but I laughed about it," he said. "What thrill is staying dry?"

## **Rapid City-based National Guard unit to deploy to Romania**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A unit of the South Dakota Army National Guard has been ordered to mobilize for deployment to Romania to support U.S. and international operations in Europe.

The Rapid City-based 216th is a three-member unit that oversees fire protection of aviation assets, facilities and installations. The deployment is scheduled for July 2017.

The military says the unit will report to Fort Bliss, Texas, to complete several weeks of training prior to deployment overseas.

It's the second mobilization for the 216th, which was deployed in Iraq from December 2003 to June 2005.

## **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 Schaeffer 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... 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.

## **Indian troops, Kashmir protesters clash as top rebel killed**

**AIJAZ HUSSAIN, Associated Press**

SRINAGAR, India (AP) — Indian troops fired on protesters in Kashmir on Saturday, killing at least

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seven as tens of thousands of people defied a curfew and participated in the funeral of a top rebel commander a day after he was killed by Indian forces in the disputed Himalayan region, officials said.

Burhan Wani, chief of operations of Hizbul Mujahideen, Indian-controlled Kashmir's largest rebel group, was killed in fighting Friday after Indian troops, acting on a tip, cordoned a forested village in southern Kashmir's Kokernag area, said Police Director-General K. Rajendra.

As news of the killing spread on Saturday, widespread clashes erupted in several neighborhoods in southern Kashmir as thousands of residents hurled rocks at Indian troops, who responded by using live ammunition, pellet guns and tear gas, two police officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity in keeping with department policy. They said at least 60 civilians were wounded in the clashes.

Local police intelligence chief Shiv M. Sahai said that seven men were killed in "retaliatory action" by government troops. Another man drowned as he tried to flee government troops.

Sahai said that protesters attacked several police and paramilitary posts in the region. Some 90 government troops were injured, he said.

Street clashes spread to Indian Kashmir's main city of Srinagar and at least a dozen places in central and northern Kashmir.

Muslim-majority Kashmir is divided between India and Pakistan and claimed in entirety by both. On India's side, separatist politicians and rebels reject Indian rule over the region and have been fighting for independence or merger with Pakistan since 1989.

After separatist leaders asked people to march to southern Tral town for Wani's funeral on Saturday, police warned that only local residents would be allowed to participate. But tens of thousands of mourners joined the funeral procession in defiance of the restrictions, chanting "Go India! Go back!" and "We want freedom!"

Wani's body was buried in the late afternoon amid mass wailing and angry chants of anti-India slogans. Witnesses said at least two militants fired pistol rounds in the air to salute their fallen commander.

Earlier in the day, thousands of armed police and paramilitary soldiers in riot gear fanned out across most towns and villages in the region and drove through neighborhoods, warning residents to stay indoors.

Two rebel comrades of Wani were also killed in Friday's gunbattle.

Wani, in his early 20s, had become the iconic face of militancy in Kashmir over the last five years. He was a household name and his video clips and pictures were widely circulated among young people in Kashmir.

Unlike the rebel leaders of the early 1990s, Wani did not cover his face in videos widely circulated on cellphones.

Inspector-General Syed Javaid Mujtaba Gillani described his killing as the "biggest success against militants" in recent years.

Indian officials, fearing that the killing could lead to violent protests in the already troubled region, suspended an annual Hindu pilgrimage to a mountain cave which draws about half a million people each year.

Officials also suspended cellphone services in southern parts of Kashmir and blocked mobile internet in rest of the region to prevent anti-India demonstrators from mobilizing.

Shops, businesses and government offices were shut following the security lockdown and a general strike called by anti-India separatists. Authorities also postponed school and college examinations and suspended rail services.

Wani was a small-town boy and the son of a school principal. Handsome and media savvy, he was widely credited for reviving armed militancy in Indian Kashmir in recent years, using social media like

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Facebook to reach out to young Kashmiri men.

Noor Ahmed Baba, a political scientist at Central University of Kashmir, said Wani "rose to become the symbol of resistance and defiance against the Indian state, mainly because he was politically sharp in his messages."

"He revived militancy at a time when people were waning away from armed struggle and became a youthful face of the rebellion, a hero for not just young men but even so many older people," he said.

Most people in Kashmir have long resented the Indian presence, and support rebel demands for an independent Kashmir or a merging with Pakistan.

More than 68,000 people have been killed in the uprising and the subsequent Indian military crack-down.

## Russian, American, Japanese astronauts board space station

MOSCOW (AP) — Three astronauts from the United States, Russia and Japan boarded the International Space Station on Saturday after a two-day journey aboard a Russian Soyuz space capsule.

The capsule docked smoothly with the space station at 0406 GMT (12:06 a.m. EDT) Saturday at a height of 412 kilometers (254 miles) above the Earth. Russia's space agency Roscosmos said the crew entered the station about two hours later.

Russian Anatoly Ivanishin, NASA's Kathleen Rubins and Takuya Onishi of the Japanese space agency JAXA are beginning a four-month stay on the orbiting space laboratory. They joined American Jeff Williams and Russians Oleg Skripochka and Alexey Ovchinin, who have been aboard since mid-March.

The capsule blasted off from Russia's manned space complex in Baikonur, Kazakhstan, on Thursday.

## AP Exclusive: Big drop in Islamic State's Twitter traffic

**BRADLEY KLAPPER, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Islamic State group's Twitter traffic has plunged 45 percent in the past two years, the Obama administration says, as the U.S. and its allies have countered messages of jihadi glorification with a flood of online images and statements about suffering and enslavement at the hands of the extremist organization.

Among the images: A teddy bear with Arabic writing and messages saying IS "slaughters childhood," "kills innocence," "lashes purity" or "humiliates children." A male hand covering a female's mouth, saying IS "deprives woman her voice." A woman in a black niqab (veil), bloody tears coming from a bruised eye, and the caption: "Women under ISIS. Enslaved. Battered. Beaten. Humiliated. Flogged."

U.S. officials cite the drop in Twitter traffic as a sign of progress toward eliminating propaganda they blame for inspiring attacks around the world.

When the U.S. formed an international coalition in September 2014 to fight IS, the administration outlined multiple goals: military action and cutting off foreign fighters and finances, confronting the group's extremist ideology and stemming the militants' growing popularity in the Arab world and beyond.

The messaging element of the campaign struggled early on. Much of the anti-IS content put online was in English, limiting its effectiveness. At the time, social media networks were only getting started with new technological approaches to the challenge of disabling accounts that were recruiting and radicalizing prospective IS members.

These shortcomings have been fixed, American officials believe. Memes and images depicting the group's treatment of women, children and others are presented almost entirely in Arabic. Whereas

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the U.S. previously blasted the information out itself, it disseminates messages now through Muslim governments, religious leaders, schools, youth leaders and advocacy groups with credibility in local communities. Data show the proliferation of IS propaganda decreasing.

"We're denying ISIL the ability to operate uncontested online, and we're seeing their social media presence decline," said Michael Lumpkin, head of the Global Engagement Center, which coordinates the U.S. government's approach to fighting extremist messaging. Using an alternate acronym for the group, he said "anti-ISIL audiences are increasingly vocal on social media. This only weakens ISIL's ability to recruit, a key aim of our messaging efforts."

Data obtained by The Associated Press show a 6-1 ratio of anti-IS content online compared with pro-IS content — an improvement from last year. When pro-IS Twitter accounts are discovered today, they have about 300 followers each. In 2014, such accounts had 1,500 followers each, according to the data.

Among social networks, the administration has primarily focused on Twitter. The platform has been most heavily used by IS to crowdsource supporters and potential attackers, though it also has used YouTube and Facebook.

As IS emerged from al-Qaida's shadow and began seizing cities and large swaths of territory in Syria and Iraq in 2013, pro-IS accounts started firing out tens of thousands of tweets each day, rapidly and repeatedly opening new accounts as others were suspended.

The group's enhanced use of social media quickly set it apart from al-Qaida and previous jihadi militant groups. Counterterrorism and law enforcement officials have pointed to IS' online presence for inspiring deadly attacks in Europe and the United States, including some by individuals who never had physical contact with any of its leaders or fighters in the Middle East. These include the attackers who killed 14 in San Bernardino, California, last December.

The U.S. messages attempt to undermine many of IS' most oft-cited claims. These include the group's supposed invincibility on the battlefield or that its caliphate is good for Muslims. American partners have flooded social media with messages highlighting the group's territorial losses and inability to effectively govern or provide basic services to areas under its control.

Although the U.S. government has no formal arrangement with Twitter, its information campaign has dovetailed with new approaches by the company to identify and eliminate tweets supporting terrorism. Until recently, child pornography was the only abuse automatically flagged for human review on social media. Terrorist messaging is now also included and Twitter announced earlier this year it was using a spam-fighting technology as well.

Since mid-2015, the company has suspended more than 125,000 such accounts.

Officials accept that the focus on Twitter may be driving some of IS' traffic to secure message platforms such as WhatsApp and Telegram. But such a shift means the group's propaganda is reaching a smaller audience. On these networks, it is the job of intelligence and law enforcement officials to root out any clues about future terrorist activity.

The Global Engagement Center was created in March to replace a previous State Department entity for fighting IS messaging, the widely criticized Center for Strategic Counterterrorism Communications. In addition to shifting to Arabic content and proxy messengers, the new formation harmonizes the on-line campaign with military and intelligence efforts, and uses data analytics from the private and public sector to gauge IS' changing online tactics and what counterstrategies are working best.

For measuring pro-IS versus anti-IS accounts, data analysts use several dozen search strings and hashtags. For example, #Caliphate is more likely used on pro-IS accounts. #Daesh, a pejorative acronym for the group, is primarily found on anti-IS accounts.

## College-educated whites put hole in Trump coalition

**BILL BARROW, Associated Press**

ATLANTA (AP) — Wanda Melton has voted for every Republican presidential nominee since Ronald Reagan in 1980, but now the Georgia grandmother plans to cross over to support Democrat Hillary Clinton.

“I’m not a real fan of Hillary,” Melton says from her office in Atlanta. “But I think it would just be awful to have Donald Trump.” She adds: “I cannot in good conscience let that happen.”

Melton is among a particular group of voters, whites with college degrees, who are resistant to Trump. Their skepticism comes as an ominous warning as Trump struggles to rebuild even the losing coalition that Mitt Romney managed four years ago.

College-educated whites made up more than one-third of the electorate in 2012. Polls suggest Trump trails Clinton with those voters, especially women.

“Donald Trump simply cannot afford to lose ground in any segment of the electorate” that supported Romney, said Florida pollster Fernand Amandi. Romney’s strength with that group, for example, made for a close race in Florida, where President Barack Obama won by less than 75,000 votes out of more than 8.4 million cast.

Some Republicans worry Trump’s approach — his unvarnished, sometimes uncouth demeanor and his nationalist and populist arguments — guarantees his defeat, because the same outsider appeal that attracts many working class and even college-educated white men alienates other voters with a college degree.

Ann Robinson, 64, is a lifelong Republican in a Trump’s home state of New York, a Democratic stronghold that the real estate tycoon cites as an example of where he can “expand the map.” Robinson sneers at the proposition and says she’ll vote for Clinton.

“It’s just not a reasonable movement,” she says of Trump’s populist pitch. “I’m not sure he can actually be their savior. She has so much more experience. Trump has nothing.”

Mary Darling, 59, is an Illinois Republican who said she won’t vote for Trump or Clinton. “If they could just soften his edges, people would flock to him, but that’s just not going to happen,” she said.

Lew Oliver, chairman of the Orange County Republican Party in Florida, says he’s prepared for an uphill fight in no small part because of Trump’s struggle among more educated voters. “The fundamentals aren’t in our favor, and some of his comments aren’t helping,” Oliver said.

Romney drew support from 56 percent of white voters with college degrees, according to 2012 exit polls. Obama notched just 42 percent, but still cruised to a second term.

A Washington Post-ABC News poll taken in June found Clinton leading Trump among college-educated whites 50 percent to 42 percent.

Polling from the nonpartisan Pew Research Center pointed to particularly stark numbers among white women with at least a bachelor’s degree. At this point in 2008 and 2012, that group of voters was almost evenly divided between Obama and the Republican nominee. This June, Pew found Clinton with a 62-31 advantage. Conversely, Pew found Trump still leads, albeit by a slightly narrower margin than did Romney at this point, among white women with less than a bachelor’s degree.

Should Trump fail to even replicate Romney’s coalition, he has little hope of flipping many of the most contested states that Obama won twice, particularly Florida, Colorado and Virginia. Trump’s struggles among college whites have Democrats eyeing North Carolina, which Obama won in 2008 before it reverted back to Republicans, and even GOP-leaning Arizona and Georgia.

The education gap for Trump isn’t new.

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Exit polls in the Republican primaries found him faring better among less educated groups. Trump particularly struggled with better educated Republicans when Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., was in the presidential race.

Republican pollster Greg Strimple of Idaho says the gap is understandable. Voters without a college education, he said, are more likely to be struggling financially, to feel alienated from the political class Trump rails against and to find solace in his promise to stop illegal immigration.

College educated voters "may have had relatively stagnant incomes, but they can still look at their 401(k)s and think about the future," Strimple said. "They're free to care more about things like tone."

Clinton's campaign sees the persuadable portion of the electorate as being made up largely of women, many with college degrees. It has tried to reach them by hammering Trump as "dangerous" and "temperamentally unfit" for the job, while her initial general election advertising blitz focuses on her achievements in public life.

Strimple said Trump must counter that with a constant "indictment of the last eight years, an indictment of Hillary Clinton. That can get some of those voters back."

The question for Trump, though, is how many Wanda Meltons are already lost. "He's just not in control of himself," she says. "That personality type is not suited either to leadership or protecting the country."

## **NATO leaders resume key summit; Afghanistan, Iraq on agenda**

**LOLITA C. BALDOR, Associated Press**

**JOHN-THOR DAHLBURG, Associated Press**

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — NATO allies agreed Saturday to maintain a stable military presence in Afghanistan, bolstered by President Barack Obama's decision to make a smaller cut in U.S. troop levels than he had initially planned.

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said the allies also made commitments to continue to fund the Afghan security forces through 2020, and are "close to" the needed \$5 billion per year.

"We are very close and I am certain we will reach that level," Stoltenberg told reporters following a meeting on Afghanistan on the second day of a NATO summit.

Obama has been urging NATO leaders gathered in Warsaw to expand their support for that war against the Taliban. Meanwhile, violence in the U.S. led him to cut his Europe trip short so that he can return home Sunday.

The U.S. has pledged to provide \$3.5 billion annually to fund Afghan forces, and the government in Kabul is expected to contribute as much as \$500 million. Allies would provide the remaining \$1 billion, and those are the commitments that Stoltenberg said are nearly complete. The funding would maintain a total of 352,000 Afghan Army troops and police officers.

Stoltenberg said it's too soon to say exactly how many troops allies will agree to keep in Afghanistan under NATO's Resolute Support training and advisory mission. But he said he believed that, based on commitments made Saturday, force levels will remain largely stable at about 12,000. Specific numbers will be finalized this fall, he said.

Earlier this week, Obama announced he would keep 8,400 U.S. troops in the country, rather than cut their numbers to 5,500 as he had once planned.

The Warsaw summit, NATO's first in two years, is considered by many to be the alliance's most important since the Cold War.

Stoltenberg says NATO, founded in 1949, needs to adapt to confront an array of new threats to its member nations' security, including cyberattacks and violent extremism sparked by radical Muslim or-

ganizations like the Islamic State group.

On Friday, NATO leaders approved the deployment of four multinational battalions to Poland and the Baltic states to deter Russia, as well as a Romanian-Bulgarian brigade for the Black Sea region. Germany will lead a multinational battalion in Lithuania, with similar battalions to be led by the United States in Poland, Britain in Estonia and Canada in Latvia.

Those moves were strongly criticized Saturday by Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet president during the Cold War.

"NATO has begun preparations for escalating from the Cold War into a hot one," Gorbachev was quoted as saying by the Interfax news agency. "All the rhetoric in Warsaw just yells of a desire almost to declare war on Russia. They only talk about defense, but actually are preparing for offensive operations."

The White House, meanwhile, announced Obama would cut his Europe trip short by one day in the wake of the attack in Dallas that killed five police officers and wounded seven others during protests over fatal police shootings of black men in Minnesota and Louisiana.

Obama will attend meetings in Warsaw on Saturday before heading to Spain for meetings with Spanish leaders and a visit with U.S. troops.

He returns to Washington on Sunday and will visit Dallas early next week at the request of Mayor Mike Rawlings.

## 'Gentle' Georgia man accused of using 911 to ambush officer

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VALDOSTA, Ga. (AP) — Police say a Georgia police officer and his assailant should survive a shootout that began with an ambush only hours after a sniper in Dallas killed five officers and wounded seven more.

Stephen Paul Beck, a 22-year-old recovering drug addict, is accused of calling 911 to lure police to his apartment complex in Valdosta and then opening fire.

Officer Randall Hancock's protective vest took some of the bullets, but he was hit once just below it, in the abdomen, Georgia Bureau of Investigation spokesman Scott Dutton said.

It's been a tense week between white police officers and black civilians. In this case, the suspect is Asian, and the officer is white.

Dutton said there's no evidence to support a connection with the shootings in Dallas. Investigators are looking into whether Beck might be angry at police in general, but Dutton said "there's nothing that indicates he's got that type of an issue."

Beck shot Hancock multiple times after making a 911 call about a car break-in outside the Three Oaks Apartments just after 8 a.m. Friday, Valdosta Police Chief Brian Childress said at a news conference.

Hancock underwent surgery at a local hospital and was stable Friday as he rested with his family by his side, the chief said. The suspect was also considered stable, he said.

"I'm relieved that my officer is fine," Childress said. "I am also equally relieved that the offender is going to make it."

The police chief said Hancock was wearing a body camera, and its video footage had been turned over to the GBI.

Friends and neighbors of Beck said they were stunned. He had moved to Valdosta years ago from metro Atlanta to check into a live-in treatment center for people with chemical dependencies, but several people who knew Beck said he had turned his life around.

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"He's one of the kindest, most gentle people — just genuinely so," said Taki Zambaras, who ran the treatment center.

When Beck arrived at the treatment center, he was "an angry, insubordinate, very confused kid who wanted to leave every day," Zambaras said, but he worked hard in the kitchen and at maintaining the long clay road leading to its doors.

"He left us in pretty good shape emotionally, physically and spiritually," Zambaras said. "He kept in touch with us after he left and even came back and volunteered his time with guys who were going through the program."

Residents at the apartment complex where the gunfire erupted Friday recalled seeing Beck smoke on his balcony or chatting with neighbors.

Darius Sheffield said they recently talked about the NBA finals and current movies. "It doesn't seem like him," he said. "The entire thing is kind of weird."

Steven Bowers, 21, said he thought he was hearing firecrackers until a bullet ripped through the siding of his unit, whizzed by his roommate's head, bounced off the wall and landed on a bed.

Bowers said he grabbed his own gun and looked outside when the shooting stopped. He saw the officer on the ground, but didn't see Beck until he was carried away on a stretcher with blood on his face.

Beck had been a roommate of Jason Sobczak's at a different Valdosta apartment. Sobczak said he last saw Beck at a meeting about three months ago and he seemed happier and healthier than ever.

"He was adopted, but he came from a good family," Sobczak said. "At heart he's a teddy bear. Stephen had really turned his life around. He was very active, pro-active and he looked good."

J.C. Cunningham, who owns a Valdosta painting business, said he hired Beck for several months while he was in treatment.

"He was a good kid ... and really remorseful, I think, about some of the troubles he had gotten into in the past," Cunningham said. "One thing I do remember him saying a couple of times is he didn't want to go back home because he didn't want to be back around the same crowds."

It was not immediately known if Beck had an attorney.

There was no answer Friday evening at the door of an address listed for Beck's parents in Kennesaw north of Atlanta. A message left at a home phone listing for the family was not immediately returned.

## Nearly half a million evacuated as tropical storm hits China

BEIJING (AP) — Typhoon Nepartak weakened to a strong tropical storm Saturday as it lashed China's east coast, bringing powerful winds and heavy rains that toppled houses and inundated roads.

Fujian province's water resources department said authorities evacuated more than 422,000 people living in risky areas and suspended or canceled several hundred flights and bullet train services.

China's meteorological center said the storm made landfall around 1:45 p.m. in the municipality of Quanzhou, packing winds of 90 kilometers (55 miles) an hour.

State broadcaster China Central Television said the storm triggered waves 4-5 meters (13-16 feet) high.

The typhoon had left two people dead and 72 injured in Taiwan.

China is already contending with some of the worst flooding the country has experienced in recent years. Since June 30, torrential rain, floods, landslides and hailstorms have killed 164 people and left 26 missing in 11 provinces, according to the civil affairs ministry.



## Overseas lawyers' groups decry China rights crackdown

GILLIAN WONG, Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — Overseas bar associations and lawyers' groups issued an open letter to Chinese President Xi Jinping on Saturday criticizing China's detention of lawyers and activists exactly one year after the crackdown was launched. The letter adds to international expressions of concern over the unprecedented sweep.

The letter called on Xi to release all lawyers and others it said were unlawfully detained, and ensure that the detainees can pick the lawyers who represent them and are provided medical treatment and visitation rights.

Saturday marked the first anniversary of a crackdown in China on human rights lawyers and activists in which more than 200 were detained or questioned. Around two dozen are still detained, including several who could face life imprisonment after being charged with subverting state power.

The open letter said the lawyers' groups sought to improve the situation for Chinese lawyers and human rights defenders.

"It is in this light that we wish to remind you of your continuous pledges, Mr. President, to uphold the rule of law in China," the letter said.

The letter was signed by more than a dozen groups, including the Hong Kong-based China Human Rights Lawyers Concern Group, the Amsterdam Bar Association, the Australian branch of the International Association of People's Lawyers and the International Commission of Jurists. It was posted on the Facebook page of the Hong Kong group.

Separately, the American Bar Association, or ABA, said in a statement that it has named a Chinese human rights lawyer, Wang Yu, recipient of a newly created "ABA International Human Rights Award."

The ABA said Wang, who is among the lawyers and activists currently held in the crackdown, was being honored for "her dedication to human rights, justice and the rule of law in China." The lawyers' association had come under pressure in the past year from critics for not being as strident as other lawyers' groups in its criticism of the crackdown.

The ministries of justice and public security did not immediately respond to faxed requests for comment.

State media have accused the lawyers and activists of disrupting public order. Rights groups say the lawyers are being targeted for waging social media campaigns and organizing protests outside courthouses to draw attention to cases involving hot-button social issues.

On Friday, the German Embassy in China issued a statement on its website saying "the situation of the persons affected by the crackdown remains an issue of grave concern."

It reissued an earlier European Union statement calling for China to act with greater transparency and observe due process in handling these cases. It said that the embassy's frequent attempts to "gain clarity on these issues" through diplomatic channels have remained unanswered.

Earlier in the week, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on one of his last visits to Beijing as U.N. leader told China's leaders that a flourishing civil society and free media are key to the country's development.

## North Korea test-fires submarine-launched ballistic missile

KIM TONG-HYUNG, Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea on Saturday fired what appeared to be a submarine-launched ballistic missile off its east coast, the U.S. and South Korea said, the latest in a string of tests that are part of efforts by the North to advance technology capable of delivering nuclear warheads.

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The missile was fired from a location near the North Korean coastal town of Sinpo, where analysts have previously detected efforts by the North to develop submarine-launched ballistic missile systems, said an official from Seoul's Defense Ministry. The official, who didn't want to be named because of office rules, couldn't immediately confirm how far the missile traveled or where it landed.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement that it presumed the missile successfully ejected from the submarine's launch tube, but failed in its early stage of flight. South Korea's Yonhap news agency said that the missile likely flew only a few kilometers (miles) before exploding in midair, but the Defense Ministry official couldn't confirm the report.

The U.S. Strategic Command also said that the missile was tracked over the sea between the Korean Peninsula and Japan, where it apparently fell.

"We strongly condemn this and North Korea's other recent missile tests, which violate U.N. Security Council resolutions explicitly prohibiting North Korea's launches using ballistic missile technology," said Cmdr. Gary Ross, a Pentagon spokesman.

North Korea acquiring the ability to launch missiles from submarines would be an alarming development for rivals and neighbors because missiles from submerged vessels are harder to detect in advance. While security experts say it's unlikely that North Korea possesses an operational submarine capable of firing missiles, they acknowledge that the North is making progress on such technology.

North Korea already has a considerable arsenal of land-based ballistic missiles and is believed to be advancing its efforts to miniaturize nuclear warheads mounted on missiles through nuclear and rocket tests.

North Korea last test-fired a submarine-launched ballistic missile in April, calling it as a success that strengthened its ability to attack enemies with "dagger of destruction." South Korean defense officials said then that the missile flew about 30 kilometers (19 miles) before likely exploding in midair.

The North also test-fired a submarine-launched ballistic missile on Dec. 25, but that test was seen as a failure, the South's Joint Chiefs of Staff said. The North first claimed a successful submarine-launched missile test in May last year.

Saturday's launch came a day after U.S. and South Korean military officials said they were ready to deploy an advanced U.S. missile defense system in South Korea to cope with North Korean threats.

Seoul and Washington launched formal talks on deploying the Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense, or THAAD, after North Korea conducted a nuclear test and a long-range rocket launch earlier this year. China, Russia and North Korea all say the THAAD deployment could help U.S. radars spot missiles in their countries.

The deployment decision for THAAD was announced hours after North Korea angrily reacted to new U.S. sanctions on leader Kim Jong Un and other top officials for human rights abuses, with Pyongyang's Foreign Ministry saying such measures were tantamount to declaring war.

North Korea has already been sanctioned heavily because of its nuclear weapons program. However, the action by the Obama administration on Wednesday marked the first time Kim has been personally targeted, and also the first time that any North Korean official has been blacklisted by the U.S. Treasury in connection with reports of rights abuses.

The United States stations about 28,500 troops in South Korea as deterrence against potential aggression from North Korea.

## The Open, or British Open? Depends on who's talking

DOUG FERGUSON, AP Golf Writer

In the foreword to a book celebrating the 150-year anniversary of the oldest championship in golf, Arnold Palmer refers to the event as "The Open Championship." In his autobiography, Palmer refers to the major he won twice as the "British Open."

So which is it?

That depends on the source. And it depends on the audience.

The Open Championship began in 1860 when Willie Park Sr. defeated seven other golfers at Prestwick. It was 35 years until another big championship came along at Newport Country Club in Rhode Island known as the U.S. Open. That was followed by the South African Open, the Canadian Open and the Australian Open.

When the "British Open" began is a little more unclear.

According to an Associated Press account in 1900, J.H. Taylor "won the open golf championship" at St. Andrews. Two paragraphs later, however, the story noted that Taylor scored "his third triumph in the English championships," even though it was held in Scotland.

In 1910, the AP reported from St. Andrews that "the open golf championship tournament" ended in victory for James Braid. Just four years later, however, an AP story in The Los Angeles Times said that Harry Vardon won for the sixth time "the British open golf championship."

The R&A has never referred to it as anything but The Open Championship, and in recent years it has made a stronger case for the name of golf's oldest major to go by one name — the proper name — in any country.

The USGA in its official U.S. Open entry form for years noted that players were exempt from qualifying if they had won the British Open in the last five years. This year, the language was changed to refer to a five-year exemption for winning "The Open conducted by the R&A."

William McGirt, headed over to Scotland for the first time, said he received a packet in the mail reminding players that it's called The Open Championship.

"I'm sure I'll call it the British Open and get pounded for it," McGirt said. "But hey, it's in Britain."

The R&A has never referred to its premier championship as anything but "The Open." It just happens to be held on links courses in Britain, with an exception in 1951 at Portrush in Northern Ireland, where it will return in three years.

"The name of the championship hasn't changed in 155 years," said Malcolm Booth, communications director for the R&A. "The reason we think 155 years on there is legitimacy in calling it 'The Open Championship' is it really was the birthplace of open competition."

It was the first. It was the original. It was the template. It is The Open.

But not to Jack Nicklaus.

Nicklaus was asked in late February about how he decided which sons would caddie for him in the majors. He recalled one year when Jackie, his oldest son, caddied in the Masters and "I think he had the Open." And then he mentioned his second-oldest son, Steve, had "the British Open and the PGA."

The British Open?

"That's what it is," Nicklaus said.

Has he ever referred to the major he won three times The Open?

"Sure, when I'm over there," he said. "Over here, people don't know what The Open Championship is. It's 'The Open Championship of the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews.' If it's The Open Championship, it could be the U.S. Open, the Australian Open, the Japanese Open."

That's where the R&A might beg to differ.

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When championship golf began in 1860, the golfing world was defined by Scotland. The Open was not held anywhere else until it went to Royal St. George's in England in 1894, one year before the U.S. Open began.

"We don't consider ourselves a national championship," Booth said. "The Open remit is to identify the champion golfer of the year."

Three years ago, that champion golfer was Phil Mickelson, who grew up in San Diego referring to it as "the British."

"Now that I've won it, and the R&A strongly prefers it to be called just 'The Open' or 'The Open Championship,' I try hard to call it that," Mickelson said. "But it's not comfortable to me because it's not what I referred to it as growing up in the United States."

He's not alone. And it's not just Americans.

Russell Knox of Scotland says he goes by British Open, though he has been in Florida the last 15 years. Branden Grace of South Africa grew up calling it the British Open. So did Jason Day of Australia.

Adam Scott, however, was adamant that it is The Open and nothing else. That national championship in his home country? The Australian Open.

"I understand that when you say the 'British Open' you mean 'The Open Championship,'" Scott said. "When you call it the 'Open' and you mean the U.S. Open, then I'm confused. Because that's called the United States Open."

Jim Furyk simply goes by the calendar.

A runner-up at Oakmont last month, he said people came up to him at the Bridgestone Invitational and congratulated him for his performance at the "Open" and it stopped him. His mind already was on the next Open, the one at Royal Troon that starts next week.

"If I were ever lucky enough to win the claret jug, I would definitely call it 'The Open' to show respect," he said. "But when I'm not thinking about it, then it comes out as 'British Open' because that's the way I grew up hearing it.

"And," he added with a smile, "I might have fun with some folks when I know it will rub them the wrong way, just to watch them cringe."

## **Dallas sniper was loner; Army sent him home from Afghanistan**

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MESQUITE, Texas (AP) — The Dallas sniper had been sent home from Afghanistan after being accused of sexually harassing a female, and was described as a loner who followed black militant groups on social media.

Micah Xavier Johnson, who fatally shot five officers and wounded seven more before police killed him with a remote-controlled bomb on Friday, lived with family members in the blue-collar suburb of Mesquite, where he played basketball for hours at a time.

Friends there said the 25-year-old black man didn't seem interested in politics, but his Facebook page suggests otherwise: He "liked" black militant groups including the African American Defense League and the New Black Panther Party, which was founded in Dallas.

His photo showed him wearing a dashiki and raising his fist over the words "Black Power," and his cover shot carried the red, black and green Pan-African flag.

For six years starting in 2009, Johnson served in the Army Reserve as a private first class with a spe-

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cialty in carpentry and masonry, the military said.

In May 2014, six months into his Afghanistan tour, he was accused of sexual harassment by a female soldier. The Army sent him stateside, recommending an "other than honorable discharge," said Bradford Glendening, the military lawyer who represented him.

That recommendation was "highly unusual," Bradford said, since counseling is usually ordered before more drastic steps are taken.

"In his case, it was apparently so egregious, it was not just the act itself," Glendening told The Associated Press. "I'm sure that this guy was the black sheep of his unit."

According to a court filing Glendening read over the phone Friday, the victim said she wanted Johnson to "receive mental help," while also seeking a protective order to keep him away from her and her family, wherever they went. Johnson was ordered to avoid all contact with her.

Glendening said Johnson was set to be removed from the Army in September 2014 because of the incident, but instead got an honorable discharge months later — for reasons he can't understand.

"Someone really screwed up," he said. "But to my client's benefit."

When authorities searched Johnson's home Friday they found bomb-making materials, ballistic vests, rifles, ammunition, and a personal journal of combat tactics.

Dallas Police Chief David O. Brown said Johnson told negotiators before he was killed that he was acting alone and was unaffiliated with any group.

The chief said Johnson cited the fatal shootings of black men by police officers in Louisiana and Minnesota, which prompted the protest march in Dallas and many other cities.

"The suspect said he was upset with white people and wanted to kill white people, especially white officers," Brown said.

Activists with Black Lives Matter, whose peaceful march police were guarding as he opened fire, repudiated the shootings, and it wasn't immediately clear if Johnson had any connection to the movement, which has disavowed violence.

But one of the groups Johnson "liked" on Facebook, the African American Defense League, posted a message earlier in the week encouraging violence against police in response to the killing in Louisiana.

"The Pig has shot and killed Alton Sterling in Baton Rouge, Louisiana! You and I know what we must do and I don't mean marching, making a lot of noise, or attending conventions. We must 'Rally The Troops!' It is time to visit Louisiana and hold a barbeque." The message was attributed to Dr. Maurice-Mei Millere, a leader in the organization.

Another group Johnson "liked" was the New Black Panther Party, whose leaders have "long expressed virulently anti-white and anti-Semitic opinions," according to the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Johnson also "liked" the Nation of Islam and the Black Riders Liberation Party, which the center described as "hate groups."

Among Johnson's other social media likes were groups that focus on the history and accomplishments of African-Americans, such as Black Love Matters, the Nubian Rootz Cultural Center, and I Love Black Archaeologist, a web series whose main character uses a time machine to visit famous black people.

The Dallas Police Department said Johnson's Facebook account also included information about Richard Griffin, also known as Professor Griff, who "embraces a radical form of Afrocentrism."

On his Facebook page Friday afternoon, Griffin, a member of Public Enemy — an influential hip hop group known for its politically charged lyrics — said he does "not advocate killing Cops."

Johnson had no criminal history, according to authorities. Local court records show his parents were divorced in 1996.

He was believed to have shared a two-story tan brick home in Mesquite with family members. He

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graduated from John Horn High School in Mesquite, where he was a ROTC member, school district officials said.

Sharon Carter, who works in the district's registrar's office and lives near Johnson's home, said she saw him occasionally wearing military fatigues as he left for Army reservist training, but never saw him armed.

"They say he was standoffish in high school," Carter said. "I never really spoke to him. He kept to himself."

A relative had praised Johnson on his birthday in 2014 as "definitely Army strong" on his Facebook page, calling him an "entertaining, loving, understanding, not to mention handsome friend, brother (and) son."

After Johnson was killed, a relative posted on her Facebook page, "I keep saying its not true...my eyes hurt from crying. Y him??? And why was he downtown." She did not respond to Facebook messages.

Friend Israel Cooper said Johnson went by "Xavier," his middle name, had a "cool vibe," wasn't really political and seemed educated.

Cooper said he and Johnson played basketball at a park near his home. "He would be out there for eight hours. Like it was his job. Just hoopin'," he said.

Cooper said that when he heard the suspect was Johnson, he "was in disbelief because he's just not like a violent or rough dude."

"So I was, 'Nah, it's probably another Xavier somewhere, you know,'" Cooper said. "But then, with pictures on the internet and stuff, I'm like 'OK.'"

Cooper added: "It's the quiet ones that just do the most devastating stuff. You never see it coming. But then it's more expected, like 'I should have known.'"

## Protesters nationwide denounce police shootings of blacks

The Associated Press

A look at protests and related events nationwide and in the United Kingdom on Friday following the police shootings of black men in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and suburban St. Paul, Minnesota, and the deadly sniper attack on police officers in Dallas.

### ARKANSAS

About 300 people gathered in front of the state Capitol to seek solutions to racial strife, which Little Rock knows so well.

The pastor of the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in North Little Rock said Friday everyone should be working to end the nation's unsettled time.

"The question remains, 'When will enough be enough?'" Earl Graham Jr. asked.

The crowd chanted the question back to him.

Little Rock was the scene of one of the nation's first desegregation battles in 1957, when President Dwight D. Eisenhower sent troops into the city to escort nine black children into Central High School.

### ARIZONA

Freeway ramps were closed and pepper spray and tear gas were used during a protest in downtown Phoenix.

Police deployed the deterrents as demonstrators moved toward a freeway.

The Arizona Department of Transportation tweeted that multiple Interstate 10 ramps were closed.

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About 1,000 people chanted "black lives matter" and "hands up, don't shoot" as they marched. The few dozen officers initially escorting marchers mostly wore plain clothes.

Later, officers wore uniforms and riot gear.

Minor scuffles broke out when a man wearing a "Make America Great Again" T-shirt and holding a Donald Trump campaign sign interrupted the protest. Police pulled the man aside to let the marchers continue.

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## CALIFORNIA

Rappers Snoop Dogg and The Game led a peaceful march to Los Angeles police headquarters, where they met with the mayor and police chief and urged improved relations between authorities and minority communities.

In San Francisco, about 2,000 protesters marched across downtown to a rally outside City Hall under a huge banner that read, "Stop the Racist Police Terror in the U.S." An organizer urged the crowd to remain peaceful.

"Our anger must be controlled and strategic," Lawrence Shine said. "Love will overcome hate."

In Sacramento, guards closed the Capitol early in expectation of a protest Friday evening. Several dozen demonstrators marched around the Capitol carrying posters demanding justice for black men killed by police across the country.

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## COLORADO

Black Lives Matter supporters said they plan to continue a sit-in in Denver in response to the police shootings of black men in Minnesota and Louisiana through Tuesday for a total of 135 hours. That's an hour for each of the black people they say have been killed by police across the country this year.

The gathering, across from the City and County Building, began Thursday afternoon, several hours before police officers were killed in Dallas.

People have been dropping off food and water for those camped out on chairs and blankets in Civic Center Park.

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## GEORGIA

Several thousand people flooded the streets of downtown Atlanta to protest recent police shootings of African-Americans.

Marchers brought traffic to a standstill downtown after gathering at the National Center for Civil and Human Rights near Centennial Olympic Park. Drivers in cars honked their horns as protesters holding signs and chanting "hands up, don't shoot" streamed beside them.

Police Chief George Turner and Democratic Mayor Kasim Reed urged protesters to cooperate with law enforcement. The march appeared peaceful.

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## ILLINOIS

Members of Chicago's Black Lives Matter movement and other groups played dead outside President Barack Obama's home in an effort to push the president to act on the violence occurring between police officers and black people.

Activist Jedidiah Brown said there is more the president can do than just speak about the violence.

In another demonstration, activist priest the Rev. Michael Pfleger and actor-comedian Nick Cannon led 100 people through the city's violence-plagued Auburn-Gresham neighborhood.

"It's very apparent that we're all in pain and we're frustrated," Cannon said.

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## LOUISIANA

Hundreds of demonstrators in New Orleans gathered under a towering statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee to demand an end to police brutality Friday night.

The crowd blocked traffic as participants chanted slogans, held signs and listened to speeches. One group of protesters sang "We Shall Overcome."

Earlier on Friday, more than two dozen protesters briefly lay down in front of the New Orleans Police Department headquarters in a symbolic "die-in."

In Baton Rouge, a protest over the shooting death of a black man by white officers has drawn hundreds of people across the street from police headquarters.

Rashad Rusk, 23, said the protesters intended to stay peaceful, but he vowed the protests won't stop until the two officers accused in Alton Sterling's death are charged with murder.

## MASSACHUSETTS

Religious leaders gathered at an interfaith service in Boston to pray for an end to the racially tinged violence racking the nation.

Nancy Taylor, senior pastor of Old South Church, told the gathering she was weary of the mounting death toll.

"I'm here to say that I'm tired of praying," she said. "Tired of praying over dead bodies, the young dead. Sick and tired of praying over those killed by gun violence."

The Rev. Laura Everett, of the Massachusetts Council of Churches, called on people "to do the work of dismantling the systemic racism that pervades our American society."

## MICHIGAN

A peaceful protest against police brutality drew more than 1,000 people to Campus Martius Park in Detroit.

Nickell Young, 25, a black student at Central Michigan University, said she wasn't surprised by the fatal attacks on police officers in Dallas.

"They put on the uniform, and that represents brutality," she said. "The police who say they are good and they are not speaking up" against the officers who violate the rights of blacks.

## NEBRASKA

About 300 people gathered in southwest Omaha to protest the recent fatal police shootings in Minnesota and Louisiana.

Protest organizer Rene Harper said the Dallas shooting kept some people away.

The group discussed how to conduct a peaceful protest before moving with signs to all four corners of an intersection.

Police were present. Several police cruisers were in the area, and police officers were stationed on the roofs of nearby businesses.

## NEW YORK

About 300 people took to the streets of New York City to protest the recent police shootings in Louisiana and Minnesota.

The protesters gathered in Manhattan's Union Square Friday night for speeches before splitting into small groups escorted by police.

One group marched across the Williamsburg Bridge into Brooklyn while another went uptown and



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marched through Grand Central Terminal, chanting "black lives matter." The protesters mostly kept to the sidewalks.

## PENNSYLVANIA

Pittsburgh's police chief walked along with protesters at an activist march downtown on Friday and said it was peaceful.

Organizers billed the march as a protest against "growing inequality and a toxic atmosphere of hate." Police Chief Cameron McLay shook marchers' hands and chatted with them.

In Philadelphia, about 150 people marched for the third consecutive night to protest the deadly shootings of black men by police in Louisiana and Minnesota.

The demonstrators, ranging from young children to seniors who recalled marches by civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., held signs and chanted.

## UTAH

Two of Utah's top law enforcement leaders say they won't change the way their agencies patrol or handle protests following the shooting of police officers in Dallas but want the community to work with police to break down barriers of mistrust.

Salt Lake County Sheriff Jim Winder said that happened in Dallas was "a classic ambush."

Salt Lake City police Chief Mike Brown said residents need to remember officers are mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters, not just uniforms.

## WASHINGTON, D.C.

A few dozen people rallied peacefully outside the U.S. Department of Justice headquarters, holding candles and quietly singing "We Shall Not Be Moved" amid a heavy local and federal police presence.

Howard University student George Wyche, who's from Houston, said he was worn out emotionally from the racially tinged violence of this week. He said he believes there are no easy answers to the tensions plaguing the country.

"It's a time for belief in the greater good of humanity," Wyche said.

## UNITED KINGDOM

Hundreds of people took part in a Black Lives Matter protest in London on Friday.

Large crowds of people marched through busy streets in the central part of the city as drivers honked their horns and passers-by pumped their fists.

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Contributing to this report were Associated Press writers Rodrique Ngowi in Boston; Kelly P. Kissel in Little Rock; Cain Burdeau in New Orleans; Corey Williams in Detroit; Jonathan Landrum Jr. in Atlanta; and Ross D. Franklin in Phoenix.

## **Apple, Microsoft, HP among companies shunning GOP convention**

**BRANDON BAILEY, AP Technology Writer**

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Donald Trump has promised to liven up this year's Republican National Convention. But some of America's biggest corporations are bailing on the party.

Apple recently became the latest company to give the GOP's presumptive nominee the cold shoulder; it won't contribute money or products to the Republicans' big shindig in Cleveland this month. HP Inc.

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is also withholding support, while Microsoft is giving products only, not cash. Beyond the tech industry, Ford, JPMorgan Chase and United Parcel Service have opted to withhold support.

Most of these companies are also taking a pass on donating to the 2016 Democratic convention. In previous election cycles, though, several of them have given Republican organizers more — sometimes far more — in cash or donated products than they have the Democrats, making their pullback from the Republican gathering this year more dramatic.

## WHY COMPANIES ARE UNEASY

The reasons aren't completely clear. None of these companies publicly described its decisions as a repudiation of Trump. Several declined to discuss their thinking, while others said their sponsorship plans were decided months before Trump emerged as the front-runner for the GOP nomination.

In many cases, however, their decisions became known after civil rights groups launched a public effort — including billboards, letters and online messages — aimed at persuading companies to withhold support for an event celebrating a candidate who's campaigned with incendiary proposals, racial rhetoric and harsh comments about immigrants and women.

"Of course it's because of Trump," said Larry Sabato, a University of Virginia political scientist who has studied party conventions for more than 30 years. Business executives, he said, don't want to alienate customers who may be offended by Trump's statements. "Just as candidates don't get votes from people they insult," he said, "corporations don't get business from people they insult."

Even so, Republican convention organizers say their fundraising is going well. More than 100 donors have contributed a total of \$57.5 million, or about 90 percent of what's needed, said Emily Lauer of the Cleveland 2016 Host Committee. She declined to provide a list of sponsors. Trump's campaign did not respond to requests for comment.

## APPLE AND THE REPUBLICANS

Apple made headlines after Politico reported the tech giant won't support the GOP convention because of Trump's divisive statements. Apple declined to comment on its plans for either convention this year, although Lauer confirmed to The Associated Press that the company isn't a sponsor for the GOP gathering. A spokeswoman for Democratic organizers declined to comment.

Apple CEO Tim Cook has publicly supported diversity and fair treatment of immigrants. Trump, meanwhile, has publicly blasted the company for manufacturing its products abroad and for resisting FBI demands to help unlock an encrypted iPhone used by an extremist killer in San Bernardino, California.

As if to underscore that Apple's dispute is with Trump, but not the GOP, Cook hosted a California fundraiser for House Speaker Paul Ryan and other congressional Republicans last week. Ryan has endorsed Trump, but opposed his call to temporarily ban foreign Muslims from entering the country and criticized a Trump remark as "the textbook definition of a racist comment."

Apple hasn't been a big cash donor to past conventions, although it gave \$165,000 in computers and other tech gear for the 2008 GOP gathering and \$140,000 worth of products to that year's Democratic event. It also loaned iPhones to organizers of the 2012 Republican convention.

## DOWN IN THE VALLEY

Another well-known tech company, Hewlett-Packard, gave a total of \$1 million in cash and tech gear for the two previous GOP conventions. While organizers of the 2012 Democratic convention didn't accept corporate cash, HP gave \$100,000 to the Democrats' gathering in 2008.

HP has since split into two corporations; neither is donating to either convention this year. Meg Whitman, the chairman of HP Inc. and CEO of spinoff Hewlett Packard Enterprise, has been a prominent Republican fundraiser over the years. But she has called Trump "a dishonest demagogue" and said his nomination would be disastrous for the party.

Not every Silicon Valley company has followed suit. Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg has criticized Trump's proposal for a wall on the Mexican border to block illegal immigration. But his company said it's providing "financial and other support" to both conventions. Google said it will be the official "livestream provider" of online video from both events.

Microsoft said in April that it's providing tech products to both party conventions this year but will give cash — it hasn't said how much — only to the Democratic event. Microsoft has made hefty donations to past Republican conventions. It gave \$815,000 in cash and more than \$700,000 in products in 2012, while providing \$1.3 million in cash and products to the Republican gathering in 2008.

By contrast, Microsoft has given less support to previous Democratic gatherings. It provided \$71,000 in software for the 2012 Democratic convention and \$640,000 worth of products in 2008.

#### ELSEWHERE IN THE FORTUNE 100

Several other companies said they're not supporting either party's event this year. UPS donated more than \$400,000 in cash and services to the GOP convention in 2012 and a similar amount to the Republicans in 2008, while providing \$125,000 worth of donated services to the Democrats in 2012 and far less in 2008. Spokeswoman Kara Ross said her company decided last year that it wouldn't give to either event in 2016, citing budgetary reasons unrelated to Trump's candidacy.

Similarly, Ford Motor Co. says it decided to sit out both conventions last year, well before Trump emerged as the front-runner. JPMorgan Chase says it decided near the start of 2016 to donate money instead to youth employment programs in this year's host cities. Both companies gave cash to the Republican convention in 2012 and equal amounts to both party gatherings in 2008.

Coca-Cola has also reconsidered its support. The soft-drink maker donated \$666,000 in cash and another \$100,000 worth of beverages to the Republican event in 2012, while donating \$70,000 worth of products to the Democrats that year, after giving equal gifts of \$150,000 to each party gathering in 2008. It gave \$75,000 to each party's host committee in 2015, but said in late March that it won't give any more this year. The company declined to comment further.

Activists had urged Coca-Cola and other companies to withhold support for the GOP convention, citing what they called Trump's "hatred and violent rhetoric."

"We don't run this campaign every four years," said Rashad Robinson, executive director for the activist group Color of Change. "This is a moment where corporations should be saying this is not something they want their brand connected to."

## **Stopped 52 times by police: Was it racial profiling?**

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MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — When Philando Castile saw the flashing lights in his rearview mirror, it wasn't unusual. He had been pulled over at least 52 times in recent years in and around the Twin Cities and given citations for minor offenses including speeding, driving without a muffler and not wearing a seat belt.

He was assessed at least \$6,588 in fines and fees, although more than half of the total 86 violations were dismissed, court records show.

Was Castile an especially bad driver or just unlucky? Or was he targeted by officers who single out black motorists like him for such stops, as several of his family members have alleged?

The answer may never be known, but Castile's stop for a broken tail light Wednesday ended with him fatally shot by a suburban St. Paul police officer and his girlfriend livestreaming the chilling aftermath.

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The shooting has added a new impetus to a national debate on racial profiling.

"The video is pretty horrific," said Gavin Kearney, who in 2003 co-authored a report to the Minnesota Legislature on racial profiling in the state. "There are things we don't know about it. But we know there are certain assumptions and biases — whether explicit or implicit — about black men that affect how police officers interpret their actions. And we know white drivers are less likely to be pulled over."

Court records dating to 2002 show Castile, a 32-year-old school cafeteria supervisor, averaged more than three traffic stops per year and received citations for misdemeanors or petty misdemeanors.

Many charges were dismissed, but Castile pleaded guilty to some, mostly for driving after his license was revoked and driving with no proof of insurance. However, those two charges also were the most frequently dismissed, along with failing to wear a seat belt.

The records show no convictions for more serious crimes.

No recent information is available on the racial breakdown of drivers stopped or ticketed by police in Falcon Heights, the mostly white suburb where the shooting occurred, or in other Minnesota towns. Minnesota is not among the handful of states that require police to keep such data.

But in 2001, the Legislature asked for a racial profiling study and it fell to Kearney, then at the Institute on Race & Poverty at the University of Minnesota Law School, to conduct it. His study, using information supplied voluntarily by 65 law enforcement jurisdictions in the state, found a strong likelihood that racial and ethnic bias played a role in traffic stop policies and practices. Overall, officers stopped minority drivers at greater rates than whites and searched them at greater rates, but found contraband in those searches at lower rates than whites.

The analysis found the pattern was more pronounced in suburban areas. In Fridley, New Hope, Plymouth, Sauk Rapids and Savage combined, blacks were stopped about 310 percent more often than expected.

The St. Anthony Police Department, which employs the officer who shot Castile, did not participate in the study. St. Anthony officials have not commented on Castile's stop since shortly after the shooting.

It was not immediately clear how much money governments in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area generate from traffic violations. A U.S. Department of Justice investigation following the 2014 police shooting death of Michael Brown, a black, unarmed 18-year-old, in Ferguson, Missouri, found law enforcement efforts were focused on generating revenue for that city. Most of the tickets and fines were going to blacks.

Castile's girlfriend, Diamond Reynolds, a passenger in the car, said the two officers who stopped them said the vehicle had a broken tail light. She said one of the officers shot him "for no apparent reason" after he reached for his ID.

Valerie Castile said she thinks her son "was just black in the wrong place." Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton said he did not believe it would have happened to a white motorist.

The officers' races are not known.

"Police understand the concerns about choices made about who gets stopped and what happens when they get stopped," said Darrel Stephens, executive director of the Major Cities Chiefs Association.

But the statistics can't simply be attributed to racial bias among police.

"When people call the police, they provide a description of somebody engaged in a crime. The police respond to those descriptions," said Stephens, a former Charlotte, North Carolina, police chief. "That counts for part of the disproportionality that we see in those numbers."

Last year, the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing recommended police departments collect and analyze demographic data on all stops, searches and seizures.

Nationally, 13 percent of black drivers were pulled over at least once in 2011, compared with 10 percent of the white drivers, according to a survey by the U.S. Justice Department's Bureau of Justice

Statistics.

The survey shows 68 percent of black drivers considered the stops legitimate compared with 84 percent of white drivers.

The precise reasons why certain motorists are pulled over more than others are difficult to identify, said Lorie Fridell, an associate professor of criminology at the University of South Florida, who trains police departments through a program called Fair and Impartial Policing.

"Our implicit biases are most likely to impact us when we're facing ambiguous situations," Fridell said. "A person reaching into a pocket is ambiguous. If I, as a white, middle-aged woman, reach into my pocket most people aren't going to experience fear. For a black male with dreadlocks, that ambiguous action would produce fear in many people."

## 5 things to know about Japan's upper house election

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TOKYO (AP) — Japan holds an election Sunday for the upper house of parliament that could affect the country's direction. While Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's ruling party is seeking a mandate for his leadership by emphasizing his economic revitalization policies, several opposition parties are coordinating a negative campaign, cautioning voters that a landslide for Abe would give him an upper hand to revise the pacifist post-World War II constitution.

Here are five main points about the election:

### A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY

A main focus is whether Abe's ruling party and its junior partner Komeito can secure a two-thirds majority — a key benchmark toward constitutional revision — which they already have in the lower house. Media surveys suggest it may be possible with the help of fringe supporters of amendment. Up for grabs in Sunday's vote are 121 seats, or half of the upper house. Abe's coalition and their supporters need to win 78 seats to secure a two-thirds majority of 162. If that happens, they would have the votes in both houses to propose a revision and call a national referendum, though polls suggest voters might not support revision.

### ABENOMICS VS. CONSTITUTION

Abe's party says the focus of the election is the economy and his "Abenomics" program is on track to pull Japan out of deflation. Opposition parties say Abenomics has failed to improve the lives of ordinary people, and urge voters to pay more attention to Abe's security policy giving Japan's military a larger global role, as well as his intention to revise the pacifist constitution. Abe said earlier this year he would make constitutional revision a campaign issue, but the topic is mentioned only as the last item in the party's 26-page campaign pamphlet.

### ABE'S AMBITIONS

As a grandson of Nobusuke Kishi, a former prime minister and ruling party co-founder who despised the U.S.-drafted postwar constitution, rewriting the charter is a long-cherished goal for Abe. While opposition parties mainly focus on a war-renouncing provision, experts say the ruling party's true concern is to restore pre-war traditions and family values centered on the emperor. They add, though, that Abe is pragmatic, and would tackle the economy first. He is expected to compile a major package to make up for the lost tax revenue due to a postponement of a sales tax increase that would have funded

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child and elderly care support and other projects. A summit with Russian President Vladimir Putin for a possible breakthrough in a territorial dispute that dates to the end of World War II is another political goal for this year. Longer term, there is a growing speculation that Abe, whose second term as party president will expire in two years, may seek to stay in power for a rare third term until 2021, which would give him more time for constitutional revision and the honor of hosting the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

## OPPOSITION ALLIANCE

The main opposition Democratic Party disappointed the public when it was in power over what was seen as a fumbling response to the 2011 quake, tsunami and nuclear disaster in northeastern Japan. Its rule lasted just over three years, ending in a major defeat in 2012. Following infighting and re-groupings, there are eight opposition parties, making it hard for voters to keep track of party names and platforms. Four of the center to liberal-leaning parties — the Democrats, the Communist Party, the Social Democratic Party and the People's Life Party — have formed a rare coalition for this election, running just one unified candidate in each of the 32 single-seat districts to maximize their chances. Their mutual interest is to stop "reckless Abe politics" and block constitutional revision, but a post-election alliance is unclear. Abe harshly criticizes the alliance as lacking principles, since their views differ widely on some policies.

## TEENAGE VOTERS

Sunday's vote is the first nationwide election since the voting age was lowered to 18 from 20, a step aimed at encouraging voting by younger generations, whose turnout has been extremely low. Japan is a fast-aging country where politics has long been taboo at public schools and shunned at homes, while old-style loyalties are key in elections. The addition of 2.4 million younger voters — about 2 percent of Japan's total voter population if they all turn out — is still negligible, experts say. Lowering the voter age was also to keep it in line with a national referendum law, but some experts speculate that a deeper motive is to bring in a younger generations who may be more open to constitutional change compared with senior citizens.

## Dustin Johnson to skip Olympics to due to concern about Zika

DALLAS (AP) — U.S. Open champion Dustin Johnson withdrew from the Rio Games on Friday because of concerns over the Zika virus, costing golf three of the world's top four players for its return to the Olympics after a 112-year absence.

Jordan Spieth is the only player from the top four who has not said if he is going to Brazil. A decision could come as early as this weekend ahead of the British Open. Rickie Fowler also is undecided.

Johnson, No. 2 in the world after his U.S. Open title and another World Golf Championship victory last week, is the 13th player to pull out of the Rio Games. Eight of them, including world No. 1 Jason Day and world No. 4 Rory McIlroy, specifically have cited Zika as the reason.

Patrick Reed, who said earlier this week at the Scottish Open he wants to play in the Olympics, would replace Johnson. The United States is allowed four players, the most of any country in golf, because they are in the top 15 in the world.

"This was not an easy decision for me," Johnson said in a statement released by his management company. "But my concerns about the Zika virus cannot be ignored."

Johnson said he and his fiancée, Paulina Gretzky, plan to have more children. They have an 18-month-old son, Tatum.

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"I feel it would be irresponsible to put myself, her or our family at risk," Johnson said. "I believe I am making the right decision for me and most importantly, my family. While I am sure some will be critical of my decision, my hope is that most will understand and support it."

The decision follows a meeting at the Bridgestone Invitational with USA Golf in which the leading four Americans were briefed on Zika and security concerns. Johnson had called it a productive meeting and that he was planning to play, though he still wanted a few more answers.

Of the top four Americans, only two-time Masters champion Bubba Watson said he is going.

Golf was last an Olympic sport in 1904 in St. Louis.

Nine of the 13 players who have withdrawn are among the top 30 in the world — Day, Johnson, McIlroy, Adam Scott, Branden Grace, Louis Oosthuizen, Hideki Matsuyama and Shane Lowry.

## Today in History The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Saturday, July 9, the 191st day of 2016. There are 175 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 9, 1816, Argentina declared independence from Spain.

On this date:

In 1540, England's King Henry VIII had his 6-month-old marriage to his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves, annulled.

In 1776, the Declaration of Independence was read aloud to Gen. George Washington's troops in New York.

In 1850, the 12th president of the United States, Zachary Taylor, died after serving only 16 months of his term. (He was succeeded by Millard Fillmore.)

In 1896, William Jennings Bryan delivered his famous "cross of gold" speech at the Democratic national convention in Chicago.

In 1918, 101 people were killed in a train collision in Nashville, Tennessee. The Distinguished Service Cross was established by an Act of Congress.

In 1938, Supreme Court Justice Benjamin Cardozo, 68, died in Port Chester, New York.

In 1945, architect Frank Lloyd Wright unveiled his design for the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, a spiral structure on Manhattan's Upper East Side that was completed in 1959.

In 1951, President Harry S. Truman asked Congress to formally end the state of war between the United States and Germany. (An official end to the state of war was declared in October 1951.)

In 1962, pop artist Andy Warhol's exhibit of 32 paintings of Campbell's soup cans opened at the Ferus Gallery in Los Angeles.

In 1974, former U.S. Chief Justice Earl Warren died in Washington at age 83.

In 1986, Attorney General Edwin Meese's Commission on Pornography released the final draft of its report, which linked hard-core porn to sex crimes.

In 1995, Jerry Garcia performed for the final time as frontman of the Grateful Dead during a concert at Chicago's Soldier Field (Garcia died a month later).

Ten years ago: S7 Airlines Flight 778, a Russian Airbus A310, crashed in the Siberian city of Irkutsk, killing 125 of 203 people on board. In a penalty-plagued final, Italy won the World Cup soccer title with a penalty shootout over France after a 1-1 draw. Roger Federer ended a five-match losing streak to Rafael Nadal, winning 6-0, 7-6 (5), 6-7 (2), 6-3 to earn his fourth straight Wimbledon title.

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Five years ago: South Sudan became the world's newest nation, officially breaking away from Sudan after two civil wars over five decades that had cost millions of lives. During his first visit to Afghanistan as Pentagon chief, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said that al-Qaida's defeat was "within reach." Derek Jeter homered for his 3,000th hit, making him the first player to reach the mark with the New York Yankees, who defeated the Tampa Bay Rays, 5-4.

One year ago: South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley relegated the Confederate flag to the state's "relic room" after the legislature passed a measure removing the flag from the grounds of the Statehouse in the wake of the slaughter of nine African-Americans at a church Bible study. The Obama administration said hackers had stolen Social Security numbers, health histories and other highly sensitive data from more than 21 million people, acknowledging that the breach of U.S. government computer systems was far more severe than previously disclosed. Saudi Arabia's Prince Saud al-Faisal, who had been the world's longest-serving foreign minister with 40 years in the post until his retirement earlier in the year, died at age 75.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-singer Ed Ames is 89. Former Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld is 84. Actor James Hampton is 80. Actor Brian Dennehy is 78. Actor Richard Roundtree is 74. Author Dean Koontz is 71. Football Hall-of-Famer O.J. Simpson is 69. Actor Chris Cooper is 65. TV personality John Tesh is 64. Country singer David Ball is 63. Business executive/TV personality Kevin O'Leary (TV: "Shark Tank") is 62. Rhythm-and-blues singer Debbie Sledge (Sister Sledge) is 62. Actor Jimmy Smits is 61. Actress Lisa Banes is 61. Actor Tom Hanks is 60. Singer Marc Almond is 59. Actress Kelly McGillis is 59. Rock singer Jim Kerr (Simple Minds) is 57. Actress-rock singer Courtney Love is 52. Rock musician Frank Bello (Anthrax) is 51. Actor David O'Hara is 51. Actress Pamela Adlon is 50. Rock musician Xavier Muriel (Buckcherry) is 48. Actor Scott Grimes is 45. Actor Enrique Murciano is 43. Rock singer-musician Isaac Brock (Modest Mouse) is 41. Musician/producer Jack White is 41. Rock musician Dan Estrin (Hoobastank) is 40. Actor-director Fred Savage is 40. Country musician Pat Allingham is 38. Actress Linda Park is 38. Actress Megan Parlen is 36. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kiely Williams (3lw) is 30. Actor Mitchel (cq) Musso is 25. Actress Georgie Henley is 21.

Thought for Today: "They always say that time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself." — Andy Warhol (1928-1987).