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Manager Wanted

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

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

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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Sunday, July 10

Amateurs at Jamestown Tourney
Legion at Brookings Tourney
Birthday: 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)
6:00pm: U12 Softball hosts Warner (DH)
6:00pm: U8 Softball hosts Warner
7:00pm: U10 Softball hosts Warner
7:30pm: Groton School Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 12

Senior Menu: Baked pork chop, mixed veggies, pineapple strawberry ambrosia, whole wheat bread

Apts for Rent

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

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There was a red glow in the northeastern sky this morning. It was short lived as the sun got closer to the horizon. Rain amounts overnight are varied from .20 to .25 around town.

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Service Notice: Audrey Padfield

Services for Audrey Padfield, 91, of Groton will be 11 a.m., Tuesday, July 12th at the United Methodist Church, Groton. Rev. Derek Baum will officiate. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery.

Visitation will be held at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel from 5-7 p.m. on Monday with a prayer service at 7 p.m.

Audrey fell asleep July 8, 2016 at Golden Living Center, Groton.



By Richard P. Holm M.D.

Pain essay

The word pain has many definitions. In general, pain represents an unpleasant and harmful physical or emotional experience with a purpose. It is something to be avoided, helping us withdraw from destructive circumstances, protecting our bodies while we are healing, or encouraging us to avoid from danger. Helping people deal with pain is the most common reason people go to the doctor and I should add is also the most common reason people use alternative medicine.

It is important to realize that people have different kinds of pain.

A 50 something year old man came into my office this week with abdominal pain. It was dull, cramping, nauseating, and drove the man to stand up from his chair and walk around the room ineffectively trying to find a comfortable position. The differential diagnosis included gallstones, pancreatitis, appendicitis, or an intestinal obstruction. With testing I defined the diagnosis in order to eventually give him relief.

A 20 something year old blond woman came into the Emergency room with severe sun burn. She forgot to put on the sunscreen before she climbed into the boat, and three hours later after all that beer and fun she realized she was in trouble. Her bright red color and blisters indicated the extensive first and second degree burns and it didn't take a medical degree to tell that she was miserable. Pain medicines and salve helped.

A 30 something year old with a ten year history of migraine headaches presented to the office with another pounding one-sided headache, and as I entered the room she was curled up on my examining table, the light was off, blinds were pulled, and her eyes were squinting and watering. I gave her a combination of pills, which helped put her to sleep, allowing the vessels and muscles in spasm to let go and give her relief.

A 70 something woman lost her husband to a month long struggle with multi-system failure starting with heart, then brain, and then the tough decision to stop life support and let go. I watched how she deeply suffered, dove back into work for distraction, and finally came to relief of pain through connectedness with family, spirit, and friendship.

The word pain has many definitions.

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South Dakota's Wildland Fire Crew

It has been a dry year in parts of South Dakota. Sixty percent of the land in South Dakota is abnormally dry and counties west of the river and in the northeast are experiencing moderate to extreme drought. Drought is most severe in the Lawrence County area where the fire at Crow Peak burned more than 2,700 acres over the course of two weeks.

As I write this, the Crow Peak fire has just reached 100 percent containment. Under the lead of an Incident Management Team from Colorado, no structures were lost and no one was seriously injured or killed. The team had help from local, volunteer and municipal fire departments from across the state that put in many hours and sacrificed their Fourth of July weekend to assist the Incident Management team.

Our state fire crew, the South Dakota Department of Agriculture's Division of Wildland Fire, also played a critical role in managing the Crow Peak fire. They offered air support, equipment and hand crews to assist the Black Hills National Forest and the Incident Management Team with containment.

Created by Gov. Bill Janklow in 2001 to assume the duties of wildland fire management in South Dakota, our Wildland Fire Division assists in large fire suppression efforts by sending personnel and equipment. Wildland Fire has its own fleet of fire engines with full-time and seasonal firefighters who are stationed at four locations around the Black Hills. Division employees also work with the South Dakota National Guard which lends military heavy lift helicopters, pilots and crews to fight wildfires. Wildland Fire's efforts aren't limited to South Dakota. They help fight fires in Canada and across the United States.

When they are not on the ground fighting fires, Wildland Fire employees are engaging in fire prevention efforts. Agency hand crews are involved in fuel reduction activities that include tree thinning and brush disposal through chipping and burning at various locations in the Black Hills. They also have a fire prevention program called "One Less Spark."

South Dakota is fortunate to have a well-operating fire crew. Wildland Fire division director Jay Esperance and his employees work very hard to limit the damage from wildfires. We are also lucky to have so many volunteer firefighters in our state who are willing to dedicate their time to help with fire suppression efforts. They routinely put their lives on the line to keep us safe.

For our part, we must not add to their workload. Respect county burn bans when they're in place. Where fires are permitted, never leave a fire unattended, completely extinguish fires before leaving the area and remind others to be cautious. Also, be mindful when operating equipment in dry areas.

South Dakota weather is anything but predictable. We can't prevent lightning strikes or control how much moisture we receive. But we should do all that is within our power to prevent fires, especially this year.



An Audit of IHS is Necessary to Improve Health Care of Tribal Members

Over the past year, my office has been looking into the financial, structural and administrative problems at Indian Health Service (IHS) so that we can better understand how to reform the agency and provide better health care for tribal members. As our tribal members know all too well, the IHS has been failing to live up to its trust responsibility to provide health care to Native Americans. Its shortcomings have been documented in a number of Government Accountability Office (GAO) reports, yet there has never been a systemic review of IHS to address the health care crisis currently going on in the Great Plains Area, which includes South Dakota. Furthermore, IHS fails to adequately consult with the tribes when making decisions about their health care.

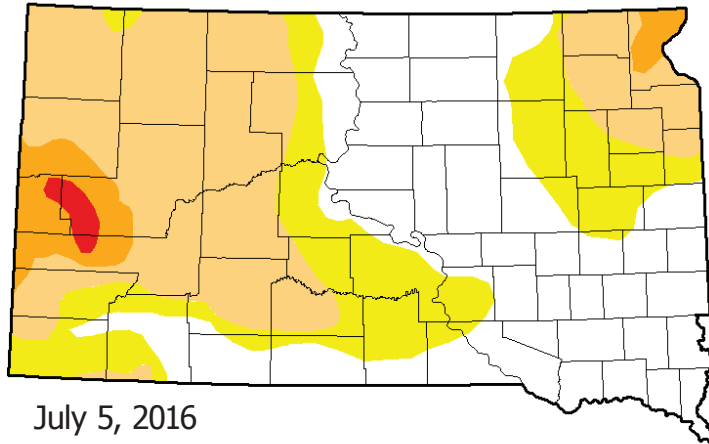
I recently requested an audit by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to review the financial aspects of hospital and health care, medical services and overall financial management at IHS. Based on my office's discussions with tribal leaders, we believe an audit is the appropriate first step toward identifying areas of concern and finding solutions to fix the ongoing problems at the agency.

The audit is supported by both tribal members and officials within HHS. The Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association recently passed a resolution calling upon Congress to demand an audit of IHS. Additionally, during the Senate Indian Affairs Committee field hearing in Rapid City on June 17, 2016, that I participated in, HHS Acting Deputy Secretary Mary Wakefield said that HHS "would welcome" an audit of IHS.

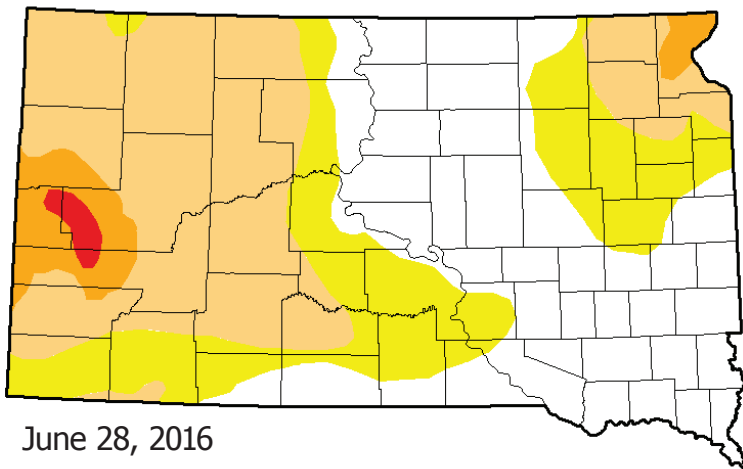
As I wrote in my request, despite the agency's well-documented history of failing to meet trust obligations by not providing quality health care, there has never been a systemic review of IHS to address and ultimately reform these issues in attempt to improve health outcomes for tribal members. Furthermore, there has been a continuing lack of consultation with the tribes. I believe an audit - similar to what was recently conducted at the Veterans Health Administration, which identified shortfalls and recommended solutions - is a potential model for addressing these critical financial and quality issues within IHS.

The problems at IHS are serious. The Great Plains Area IHS has the second highest mortality rate among all IHS regions. We also have the highest diabetes death rate, more than triple the average among IHS facilities. Our life expectancy rate is the lowest of all IHS regions, at 68.1 years. The U.S. average life expectancy is nearly a decade longer at 77.7 years. It is clear the IHS is failing our tribal members, who are suffering and in some cases dying due to this inadequate and disgraceful care. We are hopeful that the audit will show us specific areas we can focus on to begin making significant changes.

Drought Monitor Update



July 5, 2016



June 28, 2016

A stationary front located over the central U.S., along with several systems dropping southeastward out of the Canadian Prairies, triggered widespread moderate to heavy (2 to 6 inches, locally up to 10 inches) showers and thunderstorms from eastern Colorado eastward into Kentucky. The wet and cool weather quickly dashed any thoughts of a possible July flash drought in the central Plains and Midwest. Decent rains (1-3 inches) also fell on parts of the north-central and south-central Plains, along the Gulf and Atlantic Coasts, the central Appalachians, parts of northern New England, and in southeastern Arizona as the monsoon commenced. Temperatures averaged much below normal (4 to 10 degF) in the Midwest, and subnormal in most of the Northeast, northern half of the Plains, and the Four Corners region. In contrast, seasonably dry and warm conditions enveloped the Far West, while portions of the southern Plains, Delta, and Southeast received little or no rain. Similarly, most of the upper Midwest, north-central Great Plains, Great Lakes region, and coastal New England saw minimal rainfall. Elsewhere, conditions were wet in interior Alaska, the windward sides of the Hawaiian Islands, and eastern Puerto Rico.

Midwest

Widespread, beneficial rains (2-6 inches, locally to 10 inches) fell on the central Plains and the middle Mississippi and lower Ohio Valleys, quickly ending speculation about a possible July flash drought developing in the Nation's mid-section. With D0 and D1 expanding last week during critical crop growth stages, ample rains quickly erased the abnormal dryness across much of eastern Kansas, Missouri, southern Illinois, and western Kentucky, and shrunk some of the D0 in central Nebraska, western Iowa, and central Indiana as showers were more scattered in these areas. Where D0 and D1 remained (southern Nebraska, southeastern Iowa, western Illinois, northern Indiana), amounts were not great enough to make improvements, but were also not severe enough for degradation. An exception was in central Iowa (Story and Marshall Counties) where little or no rain and increasing deficiencies were enough for D1. In contrast, the past few weeks have been quite dry in the upper Midwest (central and northern Minnesota) and north-central Great Plains (northeastern South Dakota and southeastern North Dakota). With low stream flows and 90-days indices justifying additional dryness, D0 expanded into north-central and east-central Minnesota, D1 increased into southwestern North Dakota and west-central Minnesota, and D2 stretched into Grant and Douglas Counties. However, a localized thunderstorm dropped 4-5 inches of rain on Stevens County, diminishing the D1 there. In addition, the worsening conditions in Michigan were covered in the New England and eastern Great Lakes region summary.

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Today in Weather History

July 10, 1998: Flash flooding occurred from Keldron, in Corson County, and areas south, during the late afternoon and evening as a result of up seven inches of rain that had fallen from slow moving thunderstorms. Willow Creek and several small tributaries went out of their banks causing the inundation of low areas and county roads. Many county roads were damaged with one farmer losing several pigs and cows as a result of the flooding.

1913 - The mercury hit 134 degrees at Greenland Ranch in Death Valley, CA, the hottest reading of record for the North American continent. Sandstorm conditions accompanied the heat. The high the previous day was 129 degrees, following a morning low of 93 degrees. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1926 - A lightning bolt struck an ammunition magazine in northern New Jersey, and a big red ball of fire leaped into the air triggering a series of explosions. All buildings within a half mile radius were destroyed, and debris fell as far as twenty-two miles away. Sixteen persons were killed, and property damage was seventy million dollars. (David Ludlum)

1936 - Afternoon highs of 112 degrees at Martinsburg, WV, 109 degrees at Cumberland, MD, and Frederick, MD, 110 degrees at Runyon, NJ, and 111 degrees at Phoenixville, PA, established all-time record highs for those four states. It was the hottest day of record for the Middle Atlantic Coast Region. (The Weather Channel)

1979 - The temperature at El Paso, TX, hit 112 degrees, an all-time record for that location. The next day was 110 degrees. (The Weather Channel)

1980 - The temperature in downtown Kansas City, MO, hit 109 degrees, following a sultry overnight low of 89 degrees. The daily low of 89 degrees was the warmest of record for Kansas City, and overall it was the hottest July day of record. It was the seventh of a record seventeen consecutive days of 100 degree heat, and the mean temperature for the month of 90.2 degrees was also an all-time record for Kansas City.

1987 - An early morning thunderstorm in Minnesota produced wind gusts to 91 mph at Waseca. Later that day, thunderstorms in South Dakota produced wind gusts to 81 mph at Ipswitch, and baseball size hail near Hayes and Capa. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)









1988 - Thunderstorms brought welcome rains to parts of the central U.S., but produced severe weather along the New England coast, in the Great Lakes Region, in North Carolina, and in the Southern Plateau Region. Strong thunderstorm winds gusting to 80 mph at Bullfrog, UT, sank three boats on Lake Powell. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Severe thunderstorms spawned seventeen tornadoes in the northeastern U.S. A powerful (F-4) tornado struck Hamden CT and New Haven, CT, causing 100 million dollars damage at Hamden, and another 20 million dollars damage around New Haven. Forty persons were injured in the tornado. Seventy persons were injured in a tornado which traveled from Watertown, CT, to Waterbury, CT, and another powerful (F-4) tornado touched down near Ames NY injuring twenty persons along its 43.5 mile track. It was the strongest tornado of record for eastern New York State. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

2005 - Hurricane Dennis landed near Pensacola, Florida as a category 3 storm. Maximum sustained winds at the time of landfall were near 120 mph. There were nine hurricane-related fatalities in the U.S. and preliminary estimates of insured losses ranged from \$1 to \$1.5 billion.

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Today	Tonight	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday
						
						
Scattered T-storms then Mostly Sunny and Breezy	Partly Cloudy and Breezy	Mostly Sunny then Slight Chance T-storms and Breezy	Mostly Clear	Sunny and Breezy	Mostly Clear and Breezy then Mostly Clear	Sunny
High: 102 °F	Low: 75 °F	High: 91 °F	Low: 61 °F	High: 83 °F	Low: 59 °F	High: 81 °F



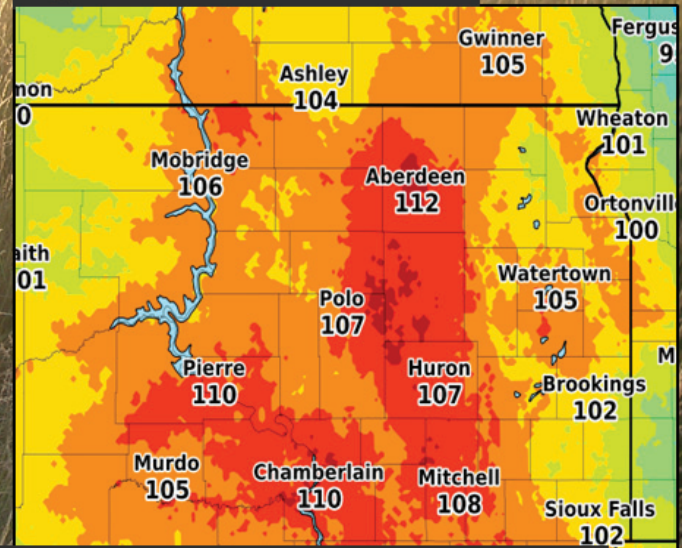
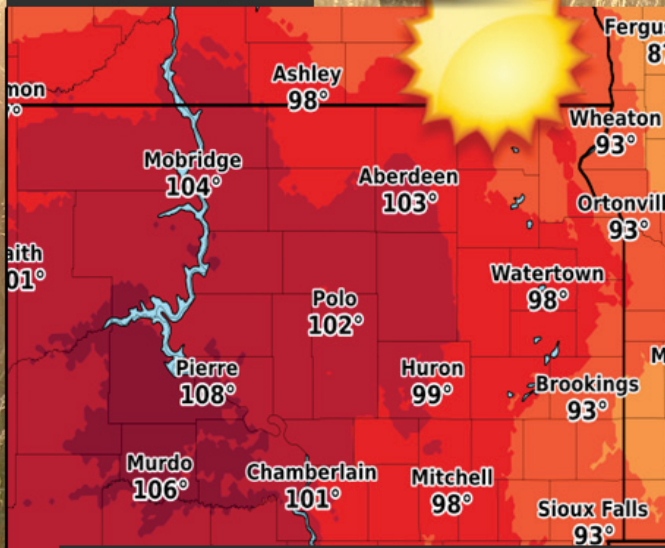
Very Hot Today!



Today's Highs

HOT!

Afternoon Heat Index



Dangerous heat index values today, ranging from 100 to 110 degrees. Critical fire danger western and central SD this afternoon due to the combination of low humidity and gusty southerly winds.



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National Weather Service Aberdeen



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Very hot air will spread across the region today with highs ranging from the upper 90s east, to as high as 105 to 110 degrees over central and south central South Dakota. Humid conditions will also be felt, especially in eastern portions of the area. The highest heat index values this afternoon will range from 100 to 110 degrees for most areas. Please use caution in the heat today and remember that excessive exposure can lead to heat related illness. Also, very high fire danger will develop across western and central South Dakota as humidity drops to between 15 and 20 percent this afternoon. Gusty south winds will also be felt across the area.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 87.1 F at 3:31 PM

Heat Index: 94.0 at 6:04 PM

Low Outside Temp: 59.7 F at 4:05 AM

High Gust: 33.0 Mph at 5:16 PM

Precip: 0.20

Today's Info

Record High: 114° in 1936

Record Low: 42 in 1945

Average High: 83°F

Average Low: 59°F

Average Precip in July: 1.07

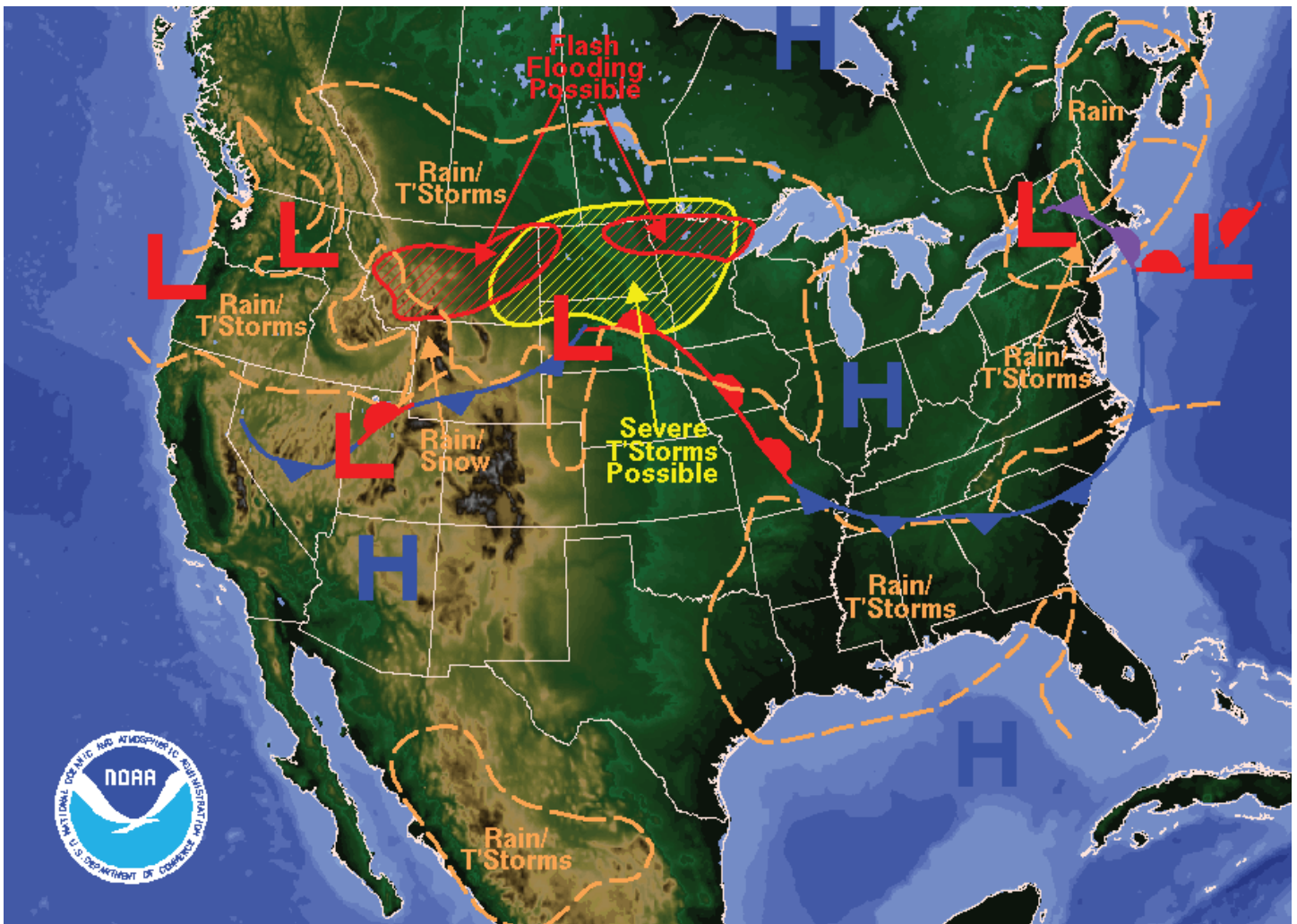
Precip to date in July: 0.73

Average Precip to date: 11.91

Precip Year to Date: 7.39

Sunset Tonight: 9:22 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:56 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sun, Jul 10, 2016, issued 4:49 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Tate based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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GOOD FOR SOMETHING

Pat Kelly was an infielder who played for several major league baseball teams in the 90s. Once, while having a conversation with his manager he said, "Aren't you glad that I walk with the Lord?"

"I certainly am," came the reply. "But I'd much rather you walked with the bases loaded."

Sometimes Christians think that the most important thing that they can do is to "be good." But that is not enough. Christians must do good. It is not enough that we strive to be holy, we must also be helpful. More important than simply wanting to be grateful, we must also be generous.

We read in Acts that "God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him."

Jesus not only lived a perfect life but lived the life of a servant. His sermons were powerful and transformed the lives of individuals everywhere He went. But He also fed the hungry, comforted the grieving, consoled the brokenhearted, gave water to the thirsty and food to the hungry. He did simple things for simple people having simple needs. But He did not stop there.

When He saw a need He met the need. And after He met their physical needs He always reached out and met their spiritual needs. What a great example for us!

Prayer: Lord, trouble our hearts with the things that troubled Your heart. May we never be so comfortable with what we have that we fail to see the needs of others. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. Acts 10:38

Dakota Wesleyan University creates new innovation labs

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — Dakota Wesleyan University is in the process of phasing out computer labs and implementing innovation labs.

The Daily Republic (<http://bit.ly/29kllmq>) reports that the walls in each innovation lab are covered in a special paint that creates dry-erase surfaces to allow students and teachers to use dry erase markers and erasers on the walls. The chairs in the innovation labs are mobile and flexible so students are able to move around and talk to each other in group settings.

Each innovation lab also features an 80-inch television screen that's controlled through a wireless keyboard and mouse, as well as a camera that allows the class to video chat with anyone in the world.

The first innovation lab was created in January and the school is currently creating a third.

South Dakota man gets 10 years in prison for dealing meth

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota man has been sentenced to 10 years in federal prison for his involvement in a methamphetamine ring.

The 37-year-old Darrick Bessman, of Hill City, was also ordered to follow his prison term with five years of supervised release. Bessman pleaded guilty in April to one count of conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance.

Federal authorities in court records say Bessman received "distributable quantities of methamphetamine" from Washington state beginning in the fall of 2013. They say Bessman distributed more than 500 grams — over 17 ounces — of the drug in South Dakota through September 2015.

U.S. District Court Chief Judge Jeffrey Viken ordered Bessman to serve his federal sentence at the same that he serves a sentence imposed by a state court for a drug-related conviction.

Officials recover body of teenager who drowned at state park

GARRETSON, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have recovered the body of a teenage boy who drowned at Pali-sades State Park in South Dakota.

The Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office is investigating the Friday drowning. KSFY-TV reports that authorities say the teenager is from Omaha.

Officials say that the victim was underwater for over an hour.

Huron man charged in kidnapping, domestic violence case

HURON, S.D. (AP) — A Huron man accused of assaulting a woman and detaining her and a child faces kidnapping and domestic violence charges.

Huron police say that 27-year-old Dustin Wilken was arrested and the woman and her child were taken to safety.

Authorities say they responded after police received information Friday that the woman had been assaulted and that she and her child weren't able to leave a house in Huron.

Police say they found weapons used in the alleged assault, drugs and paraphernalia at the residence. Wilken also faces drug charges.

It wasn't immediately clear if Wilken has an attorney who could comment on his case.

Case of hepatitis A reported in worker at Custer pizza place

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The state Department of Health says a hepatitis A case has been reported in a food worker at a pizza restaurant in Custer.

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The department says people who ate at Pizza Works from June 19 to July 5 should contact their health care provider to see if they need a vaccination or a shot of immune globulin.

Hepatitis A can be spread by direct contact or through consuming food or a beverage handled by a person who has it. Symptoms of the virus-caused liver disease potentially include fatigue, abdominal discomfort, dark urine and jaundice.

Washing hands after using the bathroom is a key way to avoid spreading hepatitis A, which is rarely fatal. The agency says the restaurant is cooperating in the investigation.

Japan ruling coalition appears headed to clear election win

YURI KAGEYAMA, AP Business Writer

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's ruling coalition was a clear winner in Sunday's parliamentary elections, Japanese media exit polls indicated, paving the way for Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to push ahead with his economic revival policies, but also possibly changing the nation's postwar pacifist constitution.

Several major TV news shows and the Kyodo News agency reported almost as soon as voting ended that the ruling coalition, headed by Abe's Liberal Democratic Party, had kept its majority and increased its number of seats in the upper house of parliament. The opposition lost many of its seats, they said, citing exit polls.

Half of the seats of the less powerful upper house were up for grabs. There had been no possibility for a change of power because the ruling coalition already controls the more powerful lower house, but the balloting was a key gauge of how much support Abe's coalition has among the public. The opposition had called on voters to show their rejection of Abe's position to have a more assertive military role for Japan.

According to the exit polls, the Liberal Democrats won 57 to 59 seats among the 121 that were contested. Its coalition partner Komeito won about 14 seats. Combined with other conservative politicians, the coalition may win a two-thirds majority in the upper house, which would be critical to propose a referendum needed to change the constitution. NHK TV reported that the Liberal Democrats may clinch the majority on their own.

Final results of the balloting aren't expected until early Monday.

Abe showed up before TV cameras at party headquarters, all smiles, to pin red flowers, indicating confirmed wins, next to his candidates' names written on a big board.

With their pro-business policies, the Liberal Democrats have ruled Japan almost continuously since World War II, and until recently enjoyed solid support from rural areas. The few years the opposition held power coincided with the 2011 earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disasters that devastated north-eastern Japan. The opposition, however, fell out of favor after being heavily criticized over its reconstruction efforts.

Robert Dujarric, professor and director of the Institute of Contemporary Asian Studies at Temple University Japan in Tokyo, said the win reflected voters' disenchantment with the opposition, rather than their excitement about Abe's policies.

"The public is old. It doesn't want change," he said. "It doesn't want what Japan really needs — more structural reform, less money for the old and more funding for families and children."

The Japanese constitution, written by the United States after Japan's defeat in World War II, limits its military to a self-defense role, although Japan has a well-equipped modern army, navy and air force that work closely with the U.S., Japan's most important ally. Many members of Japan's military don't anticipate becoming involved in overseas wars, expecting that their work will be limited to disaster relief.

But some Japanese agree with Abe's views on security because of growing fears about terrorism, the

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recent missile launches by North Korea and China's military assertiveness.

Sunday's was the first major election since Japan lowered the voting age from 20 to 18, potentially adding 2.4 million voters. Although "manga" animation and other events were used to woo young voters, results from early and absentee voting pointed to a low turnout. Many young people are disillusioned with mainstream politics.

Masses of people have come out against nuclear power since the March 2011 Fukushima catastrophe. But that has not weakened Abe in recent elections, although he has made clear that he is eager to restart reactors that were idled after the nuclear disaster, the worst since Chernobyl, and make atomic energy a Japanese export.

Abe had repeatedly stressed during his campaign that his "Abenomics" program to bolster economic growth is still unfinished, and that patience is needed for results.

"I voted hoping the economy of the country gets better," Jiro Yonehara, a "salaryman," as company employees are called, said after emerging from a voting booth. "I think the economy is still hitting bottom, and I hope it gets better even just a bit so that my life gets easier."

Yukio Edano, the legislator who ran the campaign for the main opposition Democratic Party, acknowledged that winning back people's trust has been difficult, but said the public agreed with his party's message that Abenomics wasn't working for regular people.

"But people felt we did not offer enough of an alternative," he told NHK TV.

18 dead in Indian Kashmir protests after top rebel killed

AIJAZ HUSSAIN, Associated Press

SRINAGAR, India (AP) — The death toll in Kashmir rose to 18 on Sunday as clashes between Indian troops and protesters continued despite a curfew imposed in the disputed Himalayan region to suppress anti-India anger following the killing of a popular rebel commander.

Anti-India protests have been reported from many places across Kashmir since Burhan Wani, chief of operations of Hizbul Mujahideen, Kashmir's largest rebel group, was killed Friday in fighting with Indian troops.

The dead included 17 civilians killed in two days of clashes between angry, rock-pelting protesters who defied the curfew and Indian troops, a police official said. The other fatality was a policeman who was killed Sunday after protesters pushed the armored vehicle he was driving into a river during clashes in the southern Anantnag area, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to speak to reporters.

After the protests erupted, Indian troops used live ammunition, pellet guns and tear gas to try and control the angry crowds, police said. More than 150 civilians have so far been injured in the clashes.

Police intelligence chief Shiv M. Sahai said that protesters attacked several police and paramilitary posts in the region. Around 90 government troops were also injured, he said. Thousands of government forces in riot gear have fanned out across towns and villages in Kashmir.

Officials at the region's main hospital, in the city of Srinagar, said Sunday that they were dealing with a medical emergency as they tried to attend to at least 80 civilians admitted with bullet and pellet injuries, local media reported.

Coalition of Civil Society, a prominent local rights group, said in a statement Sunday that government forces "assaulted the patients and attendants" at four hospitals in the region and also attacked ambulances carrying patients.

Indian paramilitary spokesman K.K. Sharma said the complaint would be investigated, but called the allegations "baseless."

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Wani, in his early 20s, had become the iconic face of militancy in Kashmir over the last five years, using social media like Facebook to reach out to young Kashmiri men.

Kashmir is evenly divided between India and Pakistan, but claimed in its entirety by both. Most people in Kashmir have long resented India's 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 crackdown.

Inspector-General Syed Javid Mujtaba Gillani described Wani's 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, have also indefinitely suspended an annual Hindu pilgrimage to a mountain cave that draws about half a million people each year.

Cellphone services in southern parts of Kashmir remained suspended for a second day and mobile internet services were blocked in the rest of the region to prevent anti-India demonstrators from mobilizing.

Shops, businesses and government offices remained closed. Authorities also postponed school and college examinations and suspended rail services.

Australian leader claims election win, but questions remain

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SYDNEY (AP) — Eight days after Australia's general election ended in uncertainty, the prime minister finally claimed victory Sunday for his conservative coalition, bringing an end to the country's political paralysis — at least for the moment.

Though the question of who won the July 2 election was answered, the question of exactly how the conservatives will rule the fractured Parliament was not. With official results still days or even weeks away, it was unclear whether Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull's Liberal Party-led coalition had won enough votes to govern in its own right, or whether it would need the support of independent and minor party lawmakers to form a minority government.

Either way, Turnbull faces a rough road ahead with a divided party, a splintered Senate and a politically weary public that has endured five changes of prime minister in as many years.

Though millions of votes still need to be counted, there was no way for the opposition center-left Labor Party to win a majority of seats in the House of Representatives, where parties form governments. That prompted opposition leader Bill Shorten to formally concede the race on Sunday, which in turn triggered Turnbull to announce that the coalition had won a second three-year term.

"We have resolved this election and done so peacefully," Turnbull told reporters.

Yet the election was not entirely resolved. Parties are required to hold at least 76 seats in the 150-seat House of Representatives to form a majority government, and the coalition has not yet reached that number. With around a quarter of the votes still left to be counted, the Australian Electoral Commission said the coalition was leading in 74 seats, the center-left Labor Party in 71 seats and minor parties and independents in five. It could take weeks to determine the final tally.

There are two possibilities: Either the coalition will form a majority government by a slim margin, or the country will have a hung Parliament. If that happens, Turnbull's coalition will forge an alliance with independent and minor party lawmakers to form a minority government. Three independent lawmakers have already pledged their support to the coalition if such a situation arises.

Asked whether he thought his party would win a majority, Turnbull replied simply, "We've won the election."

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The coalition entered the race with a comfortable majority of 90 seats, and few had predicted it would suffer such steep losses. The result has raised the prospect that Turnbull could face a leadership challenge from colleagues unhappy with the party's weak showing.

Even if Turnbull manages to hang onto his job, he has a slew of problems to contend with. The moderate leader needs to face the more conservative lawmakers in his party who are angry about his performance and upset that he ousted his predecessor, Tony Abbott, in an internal leadership ballot less than a year ago.

He will also need to deal with a fragmented Senate that could make it tough for him to pass laws. Though the final makeup of Parliament's upper house is unlikely to be known for weeks, no party will win a majority of seats. That means even if Turnbull gets contentious legislation passed by the House, he would still have to try and strike deals with the opposition or a disparate group of Senate independents and minor parties to get it signed into law.

The turbulence has already caused other problems. Uncertainty surrounding the election prompted rating agency Standard & Poor's to downgrade Australia's coveted AAA credit rating last week from "stable" to "negative." The agency said Australia needs "more forceful fiscal policy decisions" to rein in debt and believes such tough measures could be postponed by the new Parliament.

The chaos follows one of the closest elections in Australian history, which failed to deliver an immediate victor. In several seats, just a few hundred votes were separating the coalition from Labor.

Despite the tight race, it became clear in recent days that Labor would not be able to win enough seats to form a government, prompting the opposition leader to formally concede on Sunday.

"I hope for our nation's sake the coalition does a good job," Shorten told reporters in Melbourne. "I hope they run a good government."

Shorten said that his party would work with the coalition to find common ground, saying he understood Australia's need for a functioning Parliament.

He also said it was time Australia considered ditching its pencil-and-paper ballots for a speedier electronic system. That is one area in which he and Turnbull are aligned; the prime minister has long advocated for a move to electronic voting.

"We're a grown-up democracy," Shorten said. "It shouldn't be taking eight days to find out who has won."

Women more likely than men to face poverty during retirement

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CHICAGO (AP) — During their working years, women tend to earn less than men, and when they retire, they're more likely to live in poverty.

These are women who raised children and cared for sick and elderly family members, often taking what savings and income they do have and spending it on things besides their own retirement security.

The National Institute on Retirement Security, a nonprofit research center, reports that women are 80 percent more likely than men to be impoverished at age 65 and older. Women age 75 to 79 are three times more likely.

While experts cite a pay gap as a major cause for retirement insecurity, other factors play a role, from single parenthood and divorce to the fact that women typically live longer than men.

For Marsha Hall, 60, the process of trying to save for retirement has been nearly impossible.

"I've had jobs that included a 401(k) and I was able to put some money aside, every month," she says. "But then I would get laid off and have to cash out the 401(k) to have money to live on."

Born and raised in Detroit, Hall is divorced and doesn't have any children. She works part time as a file

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clerk. She and her siblings pitch in to care for their 75-year old mother. Hall says she tries not to think about what her situation will be like at that age.

"My bills are current, I have food," she says, "but I'm still living paycheck to paycheck, if it wasn't for Section 8 (a housing subsidy), I don't know where I'd be living."

Joan Entmacher, vice president for family economic security at the National Women's Law Center, says "the solution to the retirement (funding) crisis starts with the earnings and wage gap."

That gap narrowed between the 1970s and 1990s, but stopped shrinking in 2001. Women earn about 76 cents to 79 cents on the dollar, compared with men.

Women are more likely to report that Social Security is the biggest source of income — 50 percent to 38 percent for men, according to a recent poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. Women are 14 percentage points less likely to say they will receive a pension.

Entmacher says women are more likely to take on caregiving responsibilities, which increases the likelihood they will end up working part-time jobs, often for lower wages, and without benefits such as pensions, sick leave and health care.

"The bulk of stay-at-home moms are not these high income, well-educated women that you read about," she says.

Over a 40-year career, the pay gap between men and women adds up to an average of \$430,480, according to the Census Bureau. For minorities and women of color, the number is much higher.

"If we are talking about a 65-year-old black woman, she was born before desegregation," says Karen Lincoln, a professor at the University of Southern California and director of a center for geriatric social work.

"This has a huge impact on things like the quality of education they receive, the employment opportunities available to them, and their ability to accumulate wealth," Lincoln says.

Lincoln points to additional census data showing African-American women are paid 64 percent that of white men, compared with 54 percent for Hispanic and Latina women. In addition to making less, women are much more likely to be single parents, putting additional economic strains on them. In 2013, almost 83 percent of custodial parents were mothers, according to the census.

Starting with the Johnson administration's "War on Poverty" in 1964, and the creation of safety-net programs such as Medicare and Medicaid, poverty rates among both men and women have been falling steadily. In 1966 the percentage of women over 65 living below the federal poverty line stood at 32 percent, compared with 12.1 percent in 2014. For men over 65, the numbers are 23.5 percent and 7.4 percent, respectively.

Yet some analysts say the poverty rate is a poor gauge to assess the quality of life for aging seniors.

"The poverty rate is a deceptive number, it doesn't reflect the money they (men and women) need to actually exist," says Jennifer Brown, manager of research at the National Institute on Retirement Security.

Brown says that increasing life spans mean a woman in the United States today will live five years longer than the average man, and about four years longer than her grandmother.

"Those increases in longevity come with huge increases in medical costs," Brown says. "Especially if you're taking about things like long-term care or treatment for mental disabilities such as dementia and Alzheimer's."

Medicare does not cover long-term care. To get some subsidized coverage, seniors would need to spend down their assets to qualify for Medicaid or have a long-term care insurance policy.

In 2016, the census poverty threshold for a single person is \$11,880. According to UCLA's Elder Index, a measure of the cost for housing, food, transport and health care, for a 65-year-old renter, the base

cost pay for these needs is \$24,024 and growing.

Obama rushes through first presidential visit to Spain

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MADRID (AP) — It took the White House more than seven years to lock in Spain on President Barack Obama's foreign travel schedule. But events beyond Obama's control have turned his first and only visit to Spain, the largest European country that had yet to welcome the president, into a rushed one.

Instead of spending two days sightseeing in southern Spain and tending to more official business in the capital of Madrid, the White House scrapped some of Obama's events — including a staple of his foreign travels, a question-and-answer forum with young adults — and crammed the rest of his schedule into Sunday.

Deadly shootings last week of black men by police in Louisiana and Minnesota, followed by the sniper killings of five police officers in Dallas, led Obama to make the unusual choice to return to the White House late Sunday, a day earlier than originally planned.

Obama has been loath to tear up his schedule in response to previous acts of violence, saying repeatedly that altering his plans would be tantamount to giving in to terrorists. But terrorists didn't strike in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, near St. Paul, Minnesota, or Dallas. The assaults followed June's deadly shooting at an Orlando, Florida, nightclub and the rise in so-called lone-wolf terrorism, heightening fears about public safety.

Obama noted the "difficult week" as he made small talk Sunday with King Felipe VI after arriving at Spain's Royal Palace for a meeting.

The king thanked Obama for visiting under the circumstances. The stop in Spain is the last leg of what is likely Obama's final trip to Europe before he leaves office in January. He arrived late Saturday from Poland, where he attended a NATO summit.

The White House said the visit will highlight security cooperation between the trans-Atlantic allies, as well as political and economic ties.

Obama was also meeting with acting Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy before heading to Naval Station Rota, in the south. He planned to tour the USS Ross, one of four guided-missile destroyers based there, and address troops there before the flight home.

Spain has been gripped by a political stalemate for months, with Rajoy unable to garner the necessary support to form a new coalition government following a late-June election. It was the country's second round of inconclusive balloting in the past year.

Rajoy's party also won an election in December, but no other major party was willing to help him form a government.

Obama addressed the political situation in an interview Saturday with the El Pais newspaper, saying he hopes Spain's next government will be just as committed to strong relations with the U.S. and Europe. He said the world needs Spain's contributions to the campaign against the Islamic State group, to counterterrorism efforts that prevent attacks and to its fellow NATO members.

"The relationship between Spaniards and Americans goes back centuries," he said. "We're connected by the ties of family and culture, including millions of Americans who celebrate their Hispanic heritage. Spain is a strong NATO ally, we're grateful for Spain's many decades of hosting U.S. forces, and we're major trading partners."

"That's why the United States is deeply committed to maintaining our relationship with a strong, uni-

fied Spain," Obama said.

He said he has longed to return to Spain ever since he passed through while backpacking across Europe decades ago, during his 20s, a point he underscored just before his private meeting with the king. He said he could not have imagined that he'd return years later and be greeted by royalty.

"I wish I was staying longer," Obama said Sunday. His wife, Michelle, and their daughters, Malia and Sasha, stopped in Spain in late June during the first lady's three-country trip to promote education for adolescent girls in developing countries.

Dallas gunman learned tactics at Texas self-defense school

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DALLAS (AP) — The gunman who killed five police officers at a protest march had practiced military-style drills in his yard and trained at a private self-defense school that teaches special tactics, including "shooting on the move," a maneuver in which an attacker fires and changes position before firing again.

Micah Johnson, an Army veteran, received instruction at the Academy of Combative Warrior Arts in the Dallas suburb of Richardson about two years ago, said the school's founder and chief instructor, Justin J. Everman.

Everman's statement was corroborated by a police report from May 8, 2015, when someone at a business a short distance away called in a report of several suspicious people in a parked SUV.

The investigating officer closed the case just minutes after arriving at a strip mall. While there, the officer spoke to Johnson, who said he "had just gotten out of a class at a nearby self-defense school."

Johnson told the officer he was "waiting for his dad to arrive" and pick up his brother. No one else was apparently questioned.

On Friday, Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings described Johnson as "a mobile shooter" who had written manifestos on how to "shoot and move."

Authorities have said the 25-year-old gunman kept a journal of combat tactics and had amassed a personal arsenal at his home, including bomb-making materials, rifles and ammunition.

The academy website refers to one of its courses as a "tactical applications program," or TAP.

"Reality is highly dynamic, you will be drawing your firearm, moving, shooting on the move, fixing malfunctions, etc. all under high levels of stress," the website says. "Most people never get to train these skills as they are not typically allowed on the static gun range."

The TAP training includes "shooting from different positions," "drawing under stress" and "drawing from concealment." Everman declined to specify which classes Johnson took.

"I don't know anything about Micah. I'm sorry. He's gone. He's old to us. I have thousands of people," Everman told The Associated Press on Saturday.

The two men, however, were friendly and talked in Facebook conversations in August 2014. Everman knew Johnson had been out of the country. Army officials said he had been deployed in Afghanistan around that time.

Everman suggested that Johnson "let me know when you make it down this way."

"Will be great to get you back in the academy," Everman said, according to a comment thread saved by the AP before Johnson's Facebook profile was taken down.

"I concur!" Johnson replied.

More recently, a neighbor reported to investigators that Johnson had been seen practicing some sort of military drill in his backyard in the Dallas suburb of Mesquite, said Clay Jenkins, the Dallas County judge, the county's most senior elected official.

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Tensions were still high Saturday in Dallas, where 20 square blocks of downtown remained cordoned off as a crime scene. The police department tightened security Saturday evening after receiving an anonymous threat.

Earlier in the day, President Barack Obama called Johnson a "demented individual" who does not represent black Americans any more than a white man accused of killing blacks at a church in Charleston, South Carolina, represents whites.

"So we cannot let the actions of a few define all of us," Obama said from Warsaw, Poland, where he attended a NATO summit.

The president planned to visit Dallas in a few days and to convene a White House meeting next week with police officers and community and civil rights activists.

It was the third time in as many days that Obama has spoken about the fatal police shootings of black men in Louisiana and Minnesota that were immediately followed by the sniper attack in Dallas.

Johnson, who donned a protective vest and used a military-style semi-automatic rifle, was killed by a robot-delivered bomb Thursday after the shootings, which marked the deadliest day for U.S. law enforcement since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

In all, 12 officers were shot just a few blocks from where President John F. Kennedy was slain in 1963.

Johnson was a private first class with a specialty in carpentry and masonry. He served in the Army Reserve for six years starting in 2009 and did one tour in Afghanistan from November 2013 to July 2014, the military said.

The attack began Thursday evening while hundreds of people were gathered to protest the police killings of Philando Castile, who was fatally shot near St. Paul, Minnesota, and Alton Sterling, who was shot in Louisiana after being pinned to the pavement by two white officers.

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

Marcus Carter, 33, was in the area when people started running toward him, yelling about gunshots. Carter said the first shot sounded like a firecracker. But then they proceeded in quick succession, with brief pauses between spurts of gunfire.

"It was breaks in the fire," he said. "It was a single shot and then after that single shot, it was a brief pause," followed by many shots in quick succession.

After shooting at the Dallas officers, Johnson tried to take refuge in a parking garage and exchanged gunfire with police, authorities said.

During negotiations, he said he wanted to exterminate whites, "especially white officers," the police chief said.

NAFTA a sore spot for some Democrats on Clinton in Michigan

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MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. (AP) — Michigan is trickier than it may appear for Hillary Clinton, a Democrat whose party's presidential nominees have carried the struggling manufacturing hub for decades.

Bernie Sanders beat her in the state's Democratic primary by railing against the North American Free Trade Agreement. Republican Donald Trump is more popular with Michigan's working-class white voters than past GOP candidates, and has pledged to back out of the treaty some blame for the loss of countless Rust Belt jobs.

While Clinton's history of supporting free trade may not cost her the state, it is costing campaign staff and money to defend its 16 electoral votes.

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"It's an issue that Sanders used to his advantage in the primary and obviously was successful," said Michigan Democratic organizer Amy Chapman, who was Barack Obama's state director in 2008 and a senior adviser in 2012. "Obviously, it's something they need to figure out as they figure out what it takes to win Michigan."

Trump last week blasted the pact signed by President Bill Clinton and predicted that backing out would restore millions of vanished factory jobs.

At stake is the white, working-class vote, which Trump says he can turn out in droves, thereby putting upper Midwestern battlegrounds long carried by Democrats into competition in his quest for the 270 electoral votes needed to win the presidency.

Trump says his appeal to disaffected workers has taken hold, and can put in play Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, states carried by Democratic presidential candidates since the 1980s.

Hillary Clinton supports renegotiating NAFTA, signed in 1992 and in effect since 1994, with Canada and Mexico. She also has said she opposes the Trans-Pacific Partnership, an ambitious agreement with Asian nations.

But she also has demonstrated that Trump's argument is worth her time to rebut. Last week, Clinton criticized Trump's business practices and sought the help of U.S. Rep. Brenda Lawrence, D-Mich., to argue Trump's practice as a real estate mogul contradicts his talk.

"What happened in the Trump Casino in Atlantic City was the fact that he did not honor contracts," Lawrence told Michigan reporters after Clinton spoke in Atlantic City, New Jersey. "He did not pay for services."

Trump's trade position, a sharp departure from Republican orthodoxy, has the appearance of moving to Clinton's left on trade, and sounds an alarm for her to address the treaty in Michigan, say Democratic activists in the state.

"She has to admit that NAFTA hurt people here tremendously," said Ed Bruley, Democratic chairman in Macomb County, a largely white, working-class suburban area stretching northeast from Detroit.

Clinton can still carry Michigan, he added. "But she needs to really emote with people here and recognize that there is a problem."

Although it's not Michigan's only example, Macomb County represents the heart of this voting bloc.

The county northeast of Detroit is a frayed series of suburbs epitomized by county seat Mount Clemens. The once-thriving automakers' bedroom community is marked by shuttered buildings, including the 15-story former courthouse, an art deco monument to more prosperous days.

Less than 20 miles away, the Mexican and Canadian flags fly alongside the stars and stripes outside General Motors' Technical Center in Warren.

Michigan has lost a net of more than 500,000 manufacturing jobs since 2000, according to federal labor statistics, a dive that steepened during the recession that infected the rest of the nation in 2008.

A solid third of union members typically vote Republican in presidential elections. But Clinton's advantage among union members in surveys over Trump is the same as Obama's was in over Arizona Sen. John McCain at the same point in the 2008 campaign, said Michael Podhorzer, political director with the American Federation of Labor.

He acknowledges Trump is stronger than past GOP nominees, at least with nonunion, working-class whites.

Podhorzer and Michigan union leaders say they are working hard to keep union members from falling into that category.

In the chase of 270, Trump can afford to lose Florida's 29 electoral votes, if he can make up for it by winning, say Michigan's 16 and Ohio's 18, or Wisconsin's 10 and Pennsylvania's 20.

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Internal Clinton campaign polls suggest she is receiving as much support among other groups, such as African Americans, in Michigan as Obama did in carrying the state by 9 percentage points four years ago, said her director of battleground data, Michael Halle.

Trump would need to make up that deficit with a huge swing in the white vote, Halle said.

"That seems very difficult and would be a huge shift from the 2012 vote," he said. "We believe we have a strong line of attack that will resonate."

Clinton has not begun advertising in Michigan, but she has roughly 200 employees working the state.

Trump has struggled to get started in Michigan, but has now named former senior state Republican Party organizers to run his campaign in the state.

Migrants face torture, rape in journey from Libya to Europe

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ABOARD THE AQUARIUS ON THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA (AP) — The young Liberian man went through hell, but when he reached Libya he hoped that there he'd be able to make a living and get an education. Instead, he entered another hell of imprisonment, then near death at sea.

The ordeal of Laye Donzo is a cautionary story for the tens of thousands of Africans each year who take the migrant road to Libya, seeing it as the gateway to life and prosperity in Europe. Instead, for many the war-torn country has meant only torture, imprisonment, rape or death.

It also illustrates the problem for European countries trying to stop the stream of migrants to their shores. By trying to prevent them from taking the dangerous sea journey across the Mediterranean, they are dooming the migrants to prolonged abuse in Libya at the hands of authorities and the country's many militias, rights groups warn.

Donzo was among dozens of Italy-bound, would-be migrants rescued off the coast of Libya on June 23 by the Aquarius, a boat chartered by the charity Doctors Without Borders and the rescue group SOS Mediterranee.

On that day, the Aquarius rescued two boats, one of them after nightfall when the captain happened to spy it in the spotlight just as he was giving up the search. Then it took on hundreds more from an Italian navy ship so it could deliver them to shore while the navy vessel continued the search.

So as it headed back to Sicily, the Aquarius was swelling with more than 650 migrants, well over its official capacity of 400. The exhausted migrants — men, women and young children — crowded on the ship's decks and in the halls, wearing white overalls distributed by the aid group and wrapping themselves in gray blankets.

After the initial shock from days on open water subsided, the tales of trauma and torture they endured in Libya poured out.

Donzo and his family had fled the civil war in his homeland Liberia to neighboring Sierra Leone. There, many in his family died in an Ebola outbreak. So Donzo made his way to Libya, where he did various jobs, mostly construction.

Early this year, he was detained by armed men at a checkpoint.

He spent the next five months imprisoned in a house with hundreds of other Africans, eating a single meal every three days. He's not even sure who detained him. In lawless Libya, the lines between criminal gangs, militias and the security forces of rival governments are often blurry.

"They beat you like animals," he said. "As long as you're in prison they would beat you. I don't know how many times they beat me. They beat everyone." He showed scars running along his back, legs and arms from being bound and hit with rubber tubes.

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Then one day they blindfolded him, took him to the coast and forced him into a boat. He has no idea why.

After the fall of Moammar Gadhafi in 2011, Libya was plunged into chaos, with rebel groups evolving into militias loosely aligned with various competing governments or operating on their own and carving out fiefdoms around the country. The collapse of state control and enforcement of borders proved a draw for migrants. Some militias use smuggling as a revenue source.

But the chaos has also made Africans vulnerable to abuse, whether they are working in Libya or seeking to head on to Europe. Armed groups often detain Africans, ostensibly claiming to be enforcing the laws but really just to extort money or labor. Various factions run detention centers largely on their own without answering to central authorities.

On the Aquarius, Baba Ali, from Mali, said he was detained by local fighters in the town of Bani Walid, east of Tripoli. He was held captive in a factory-turned-prison along with 1,500 other Africans. He sat down and hugged his knees to show how tightly they were squeezed in.

"It was packed," he said. "We couldn't sleep, we had to sleep sitting down."

Ali said he and the others were forced to work in construction and menial labor and were beaten regularly. Their captors fired in the air to intimidate them. Ali escaped during the holy month of Ramadan. Others had to pay to get out.

"We were looking for a job and got kidnapped by people with police uniforms," says Mostafa Dumbia, a native of the Ivory Coast. He said he was held in a prison for six weeks. His captors only released him and piled him onto a boat after his family sent payment of \$1,000.

Erna Rijniere of Doctors Without Borders says the accounts are consistent from dozens of survivors who passed through Libya. The scars on many survivors, including the combination of fresh and older scars, amount to evidence of "long-term torturing."

"I see a lot of bruises on places it's impossible to bruise yourself," she told The Associated Press.

For the past year, EU naval vessels in the Mediterranean have been working to intercept smuggling boats in a program called Operation Sophia. In June, the operation was extended for another year and expanded, with the EU now training the Libyan coast guard and navy in stopping smuggling. The EU also asked NATO to get involved, a request that will be discussed at the alliance's summit in Warsaw that began Friday.

The aim is in part to save lives. In 2015, at least 3,771 would-be migrants died in the Mediterranean, according to the International Organization for Migration. So far, 2016 is looking as bad if not worse. The IOM has so far documented nearly 2,920 deaths, the vast majority of them from African nations.

Operation Sophia is also aimed at deterring migrants from coming by shutting down the smuggling routes. Europe absorbed more than a million irregular migrants in 2015, a five-fold increase compared to 2014.

But in a report released Wednesday, Human Rights Watch said the effort "risks condemning migrants and asylum-seekers to violent abuse."

"It's unacceptable to save or intercept people at sea and then send them back for abuse on land," said Judith Sunderland, associate Europe and Central Asia director at Human Rights Watch. "The EU — soon perhaps with NATO's help — is basically outsourcing the dirty work and deputizing Libyan forces to help seal Europe's border."

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg told NATO leaders meeting in Warsaw that the organization had decided to launch a new security operation in the Mediterranean, Operation Sea Guardian, which will have a broad range of missions including counterterrorism.

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"We intend to work closely with the European Union's Operation Sophia in the central Mediterranean, building on our swift and effective cooperation with the EU to cut the lines of international human smuggling in the Aegean," Stoltenberg said Saturday.

The Human Rights Watch report and another issued in June by Amnesty International include accounts from dozens of migrants that document rampant torture, beatings and sexual abuse in Libya. HRW's Associate Program Director Fred Abrahams noted that Sudanese women migrants take contraceptives before reaching Libya because the problem has become so well-known.

A 26-year-old Ivorian woman interviewed by Human Rights Watch said she was detained in June and July 2015 at an official facility in the Libyan city of Tajoura. She spoke of being forced to give oral sex to a Libyan guard almost daily. A failed attempt to escape by a group of women only led to further sexual violence.

"Seven girls got away but they caught the rest of us," she said. "The guards stripped one of us, a Nigerian girl, and raped her in front of us in the courtyard."

On the morning of June 26, the Aquarius pulled along the Sicilian coast and into the port of Messina. The migrants are given medical checks and registered and housed in so-called 'hotspot' migration centers so authorities can process their asylum applications. Some, however, leave the centers and head elsewhere in Europe as undocumented migrants.

As the ship cruised past the Sicilian hills, women looked curiously out the portholes as others went up on deck to get a view.

Like others, one man from Mali who gave his name only as Suleiman was weeping.

"I'm thinking about everything I've been through," he said. And he was thinking of his parents and siblings left behind in his homeland. "My brothers and sisters, that's why I'm crying."

Cambodian government critic shot dead over money, police say

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PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — A well-known critic of Cambodia's government who was a known voice in the country's independent media was shot dead Sunday morning in what police said was a personal dispute over money.

Kem Ley, 45, was killed at a gas station mini-mart complex in Phnom Penh and his attacker was arrested shortly after, said national police spokesman Gen. Kirth Chantharith. He said the suspect claimed to have shot Kem Ley, a high-profile political analyst, because he failed to pay him back for a loan.

Hundreds of people gathered at the site of the killing, including the victim's widow and at least one of their four children. They set up makeshift memorials with flowers and refused to let ambulances take away the body, instead carrying it in a procession to a Buddhist temple. Some onlookers said they feared the authorities would try to cremate the body without having a proper investigation, or even without a funeral.

The killing comes at a time of political tension that began last year with legal and other pressures on the opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party by the government of Prime Minister Hun Sen.

Kem Ley was often critical of the government, and was widely known because he was frequently heard on the popular Cambodian-language services of Radio Free Asia and Voice of America, U.S. government-funded services that are among the few independent news sources in Cambodia. He was also frequently quoted in the country's handful of independent newspapers.

One of his most recent commentaries was about a report issued last week by the London-based research and advocacy group Global Witness that alleged that Hun Sen and his family have enriched themselves and kept power through corruption.

"We are calling for a thorough and independent investigation into Ley's murder that will ensure that the real perpetrators are brought to justice, not just the hitmen," Global Witness said in a statement. "Cambodia has a long history of political, human rights and labour activists being killed, with murderers rarely brought to justice."

A statement from the Interior Ministry condemned the killing and identified the attacker as Chuob Samlap, 38, one of the many migrant Cambodian farm workers in neighboring Thailand. It promised a serious investigation to determine whether the attack was part of a conspiracy, and pleaded with the public to refrain from premature speculation on the motive.

In a Facebook posting, Hun Sen condemned the killing and said he had ordered a thorough investigation.

Video of the police questioning the suspect, posted on the pro-government Fresh News website, shows the man claiming that Kem Ley borrowed \$3,000 from him to help poor people, but that he failed to return it. It was not clear whether his assertion was related to Kem Ley's involvement in grass-roots political organizing in rural areas.

The suspect also said that he purchased the pistol he used to kill Kem Ley in Thailand.

Violence has long played a prominent part in Cambodian politics, though it often is carried out in the countryside, where it gets little attention. Activists and members of the political opposition are frequent targets, and attackers are rarely brought to justice.

Kem Ley is the most prominent Cambodian government critic to be killed since trade union leader Chea Vichea in 2004. In 2012, conservation activist Chut Wutty was gunned down by a soldier.

In 1997, a grenade attack on a rally held by opposition leader Sam Rainsy killed at least 16 people and wounded more than 100, with no one brought to trial. Last year, two opposition lawmakers were dragged from their cars and badly beaten by members of a pro-government mob. In both cases, critics charged that members of Hun Sen's personal bodyguard unit were involved in the attacks.

Rainsy is currently in exile to avoid what he asserts is a politically motivated prosecution, and his deputy, Kem Sokha, has been living for weeks at party headquarters trying to avoid what he also says is a specious case against him.

Rainsy's party issued a statement mourning the death of Kem Ley, lauding him as someone who worked to promote Cambodia's economy and democratic system.

Black Lives Matter activist arrested at Baton Rouge protest

REBECCA SANTANA, Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — A prominent Black Lives Matter activist was one of several people arrested Saturday night during an often-tense protest in Louisiana that included a contingent of hundreds of people who took to the streets to call for justice and voice anger over the fatal shooting of a black man by two white police officers.

Demonstrators gathered at the convenience store where 37-year-old Alton Sterling was shot before fanning out to the Baton Rouge police department and the state Capitol for another day of demonstrations.

Meanwhile, in Minnesota police used smoke bombs to clear demonstrators who blocked Interstate 94 in St. Paul late Saturday night and gathered to voice their growing concern about Sterling's death and the fatal police shooting on Wednesday of Philando Castile in suburban St. Paul.

The gatherings in Baton Rouge came after overnight demonstrations produced tense moments resulting in 30 arrests. The demonstration Saturday outside the Baton Rouge Police Department was at times tense again, as protesters faced off against police dressed in riot gear.

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The Department of Justice has opened an investigation into Sterling's death, which has angered many in the black community.

Shouting "No justice! No peace!" roughly 1,000 protesters gathered outside the police department, waving homemade signs as passing cars honked their support. Some drivers stopped by with bottles of water.

The protests lasted well into the evening but died down a little after midnight.

Police in riot gear came out numerous times as the demonstration wore on into the evening, facing off against the crowd that yelled slogans and waved signs. At one point early in the protest, a police officer on a microphone told the crowd that as long as they stayed on the grass and not on the road they could remain, and then police eventually pulled back and traffic reopened. But officers came out again after the demonstration moved to a different area of the street. At one point numerous police cars, with their blue lights flashing, sped off down the street where a smaller group of protesters had walked.

A police spokesman said two firearms were confiscated and several arrests made. Authorities said they pulled in officers from nearby parishes to buttress their numbers.

DeRay Mckesson was among those arrested Saturday night, according to an Associated Press reporter who was at the scene. It was not immediately clear what prompted Mckesson's arrest. Video posted on Periscope shows footage taken by Mckesson in the moments leading up to his arrest. The video shows Mckesson walking alongside Airline Highway on his way back to the main area where the protests were going on when he was arrested.

On the video, Mckesson can be heard talking with fellow protesters and describing what he said was provocative police behavior against protesters.

"The police in Baton Rouge have been truly awful tonight," Mckesson said on the video. "They have provoked people, they chase people just for kicks. The police have been violent tonight. The protesters have not."

Moments later, someone shouts, "This is the police, you're under arrest! Don't fight me! Don't fight me!"

Mckesson responds: "I'm under arrest, y'all!" before the camera is knocked to the ground.

Photo images captured by The Associated Press show police apprehending Mckesson, who at one point was on his knees before being pulled to his feet by police and led away with his hands secured behind his back.

Mckesson is one of the most recognizable faces to emerge from the Black Lives Matter movement. The former educator built a national following after he left his then-home and job in Minneapolis in August 2014 for Ferguson, Missouri, to document the rising anger over race relations after the police shooting of Michael Brown.

The local public radio station, WWNO, said on Twitter that one of their reporters was also arrested, and that they had little information on why.

Jade Flint was one of the protesters out on the street late Saturday.

"I feel if I'm not out here 'Who is?' This is stuff that I talk about daily with my friends and on Twitter. I can't say that I feel a certain way about a cause and not have my body out here representing for the community," said Flint. She said she would like to see the two officers involved in Sterling's death arrested.

Baton Rouge resident Marie Flowers came to the protest with her three children. She said people in the north Baton Rouge neighborhood where the shooting happened are frustrated.

Pointing to the crowds shouting along a fence surrounding the police department she said: "To me, this is just a snapshot of north Baton Rouge and how frustrated they are. They are so frustrated with this bull crap."

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At one point, she gestured to her 12-year-old son and said they were there to protect men like him. "Black boys are being killed and this is just the culmination of what has been going on for decades," Flowers said.

Lael Montgomery of Baton Rouge was at the convenience store where Sterling was shot.

"I've been in active in the community for years. We have been suffering police brutality for a long time. A lot of racism has been going on here for a long time," he said. "I have kids. They need to be raised in a better environment than they're in."

Members of the New Black Panther Party for Self Defense called for the arrest and indictment of the officers involved in Sterling's shooting, shouting "Black Power" and raising their fists.

"These are human rights violations," Krystal Muhammad shouted to the crowd at the convenience store before heading over to the police department. "They are not operating as human beings. They are being predators on our communities across America."

Montgomery said he didn't want protesters to go to the police station, saying he knows that police are on edge following the Thursday shooting deaths of five officers in Dallas.

Those safety concerns were also on the mind of Baton Rouge resident Eugene Collins, also at the convenience store. He said he was at the demonstrations Friday as well to help keep demonstrators away from police.

"We don't need to go around here tearing up our communities. We don't want young people getting arrested. We don't want anyone getting arrested. And we definitely don't want any of these folks tear gassed, stun gunned or getting shot in the process. Peace is the most important," he said.

Baton Rouge police said in a written statement they are investigating a newspaper website's video that appears to show an officer with his weapon temporarily drawn at one point early Saturday morning as angry protesters confronted police.

Typhoon Nepartak batters China's coast, killing at least 2

BEIJING (AP) — At least two people were dead and 17 others missing after Typhoon Nepartak battered China's coast with heavy rain and strong winds that toppled homes and triggered landslides, officials in southeastern Fujian province said Sunday.

Fujian's water resources department said that more than 438,000 people had been relocated. Hundreds of flights and trains were canceled, while damaged power stations left swaths of the province without electricity.

Nepartak, the first typhoon of the season, first struck Taiwan on Friday with even greater power, leaving two people dead and 72 injured.

It weakened into a strong tropical storm after making landfall in Fujian on Saturday, but continued to soak the region, where emergency workers scrambled to reach residents trapped on the upper floors of submerged buildings and collapsed homes.

The Fujian water resources department's website said that two people were killed and 17 others missing, but did not give more details.

Unusually heavy rain has pounded southern China in recent months, triggering severe flooding along rivers, including the Yangtze. Meteorologists blame the floods on a particularly intense El Nino weather pattern that has resulted in up to a 50 percent increase in rainfall in certain areas.

The government said Friday that 164 people have been killed by floods, hail and landslides since June 30, while 32 million people across 26 provinces have been affected.

Dramatic pictures have emerged of people pushing cars through waist-high water and a soccer sta-

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dium with rainwater filled to its upper rafters in Wuhan, a central Chinese city that has been particularly hard hit.

G20 ministers reiterate calls for free trade

SHANGHAI (AP) — Trade ministers from the G20 nations have called on their governments to roll back anti-trade measures that have become more pervasive than any time since 2009.

Following a two-day meeting in Shanghai, the ministers said in a joint statement on Sunday that they were “concerned” about rising protectionism around the world and “significantly slowed” trade growth figures. They backed a set of nine core principles for global investment policymaking ahead of the September G20 summit in Hangzhou.

The ministers also said they recognized that excess steel capacity is a global issue that requires “collective response” and pointed to government support of producers that have led to “market distortions.”

China, among other producers, has been accused by the U.S. and U.K. of dumping cheap steel and driving down global prices.

Creator of the Broadway hit ‘Hamilton’ says goodbye, quietly

MARK KENNEDY, AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Lin-Manuel Miranda, the creator and star of the Broadway smash “Hamilton,” made a subdued final bow Saturday alongside two other departing stars in the show that has become a cultural phenomenon.

The performance Saturday at the Richard Rodgers Theatre was also the last for Leslie Odom Jr., who won a Tony Award as Aaron Burr, and Phillipa Soo, a Tony nominee who portrayed Eliza Schuyler. The three — plus an ensemble member — took their bows together but none said anything.

Miranda made a solo bow, with his hand to his heart before actor Christopher Jackson pushed him to the lip of the stage to receive the full blessings from the audience. The cast left after a few minutes to the theme from the TV series “West Wing,” an apparently presidential choice.

Among those in attendance were U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, Jennifer Lopez, Jane Fonda, Rosie O’Donnell, Spike Lee, Charlie Rose and Mariska Hargitay.

Rose called it “a majestic moment in the history of theater” and historian Ron Chernow, who supplied the Hamilton biography that Miranda transformed into a musical, seemed still stunned by the course of events.

“Well, I think it’s safe to say that when I was writing the book I never imagined that it would be turned into a musical, much less a hip-hop musical, much less this extraordinary hip-hop musical,” he said. “The show has such universal appeal, it really delights me how he’s taken the book and really amplified it and appealed to such a mass audience. It’s just astounding.”

Afterward, Miranda appeared waving on the balcony outside the theater under an umbrella and also opened a window to say thank you to the crowds standing in the pouring rain outside.

The show, naturally, was interrupted numerous times by standing ovations, including ones for Miranda’s opening song, Odom’s “The Room Where It Happens” and Jackson’s “One Last Time.” Rory O’Malley, who plays King George III, broke character to blow a kiss to Odom during his last song. The 1,320-seat theater was completely filled, with patrons sitting on the stairs and standing in the back to witness theatrical history.

Soo will next lead a musical stage version of the film “Amelie” that hopes to land on Broadway in 2017. Odom wants to focus on his music and has a four-CD deal with S-Curve Records. Miranda will next star opposite Emily Blunt in Disney’s sequel to “Mary Poppins” and he wrote music for the upcoming

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"Moana," an animated film with a Polynesian princess at its heart.

Many long-running Broadway shows including "Jersey Boys," "The Phantom of the Opera" and "Chicago" have gone through numerous cast changes without losing momentum and experts say "Hamilton" will manage the transition well because it's never been a star-driven show.

"Hamilton" has already survived the loss of original cast member Jonathan Groff and other key actors are staying, including Tony-winners Daveed Diggs, who plays both the Marquis de Lafayette and Thomas Jefferson, and Renee Elise Goldsberry as Angelica Schuyler, as well as Tony-nominee Jackson as George Washington.

"Hamilton," which won 11 Tony Awards last month, has been praised by politicians and rap stars, influenced the debate over the nation's currency and burst through the Broadway bubble like none other.

This year, it has won the Pulitzer Prize for drama, a Grammy, the Edward M. Kennedy Prize for Drama Inspired by American History and Miranda earned a MacArthur Foundation "genius" grant.

A Chicago production of "Hamilton" will open this fall and a touring production begins a 21-week run in San Francisco in 2017 before moving to Los Angeles. A London production is slated for 2017.

Illinois reporter shaves 'budget beard' grown during impasse

PEORIA, Ill. (AP) — It's gone. A political reporter in Illinois has finally had his beard shaved after more than 13 months of growing the bushy facial hair to bring attention to the state's budget impasse.

Chris Kaergard of the Journal Star newspaper in Peoria promised not to shave until Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner and the Democrat-dominated Legislature reached a deal.

After an entire fiscal year without a budget, Rauner signed into law last week a stopgap spending plan to keep state government operating for six months.

It was enough of a compromise for Kaergard to go under a barber's blade Saturday.

Friends, colleagues and residents helped clip chunks of his beard with a pair of scissors in spectacle livestreamed on Facebook to raise money for social service organizations hurt by the budget impasse.

Protesters shut down Interstate 94 near downtown St. Paul

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SKIP FOREMAN, Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Police used smoke bombs to clear demonstrators blocking Interstate 94 in St. Paul late Saturday night during a protest sparked by the recent police killings of black men in Minnesota and Louisiana.

The smoke was used after about 200 protesters refused to leave the roadway just after midnight as police in riot gear slowly moved in. The St. Paul Police Department tweeted that arrests were made, but didn't indicate how many, and said at least five officers suffered non-serious injuries when hit by rocks, firecrackers and bottles thrown by protesters.

Mike Martin, who wore a guitar on his back and said he was trying to promote peace, was pepper sprayed by a police officer on a pedestrian bridge overlooking the interstate. He said he was trying to move the crowd along and keep the peace.

"I guess I wasn't moving fast enough for him," said Martin, who estimated the officer was six feet away and sprayed without warning. "He just got it out and bam, I saw a cloud. It's burning pretty bad."

A leader on a loudspeaker urged the group to march to the governor's mansion, where protesters have gathered since the fatal police shooting on Wednesday of Philando Castile in suburban St. Paul. The 32-year-old school cafeteria supervisor was shot during a traffic stop while reaching for his wallet,

according to his girlfriend, who live-streamed video of the shooting's immediate aftermath on Facebook.

Tyree Johnson, who said he was Castile's cousin, said officers on the highway fired pellets and gas in his direction.

Misty Macon, 20, of St. Paul, said the protest was mostly peaceful, even as at least one protester aimed a firework at an officer. She said she saw about 30 people being peacefully taken away by officers, who said they warned protesters they would be subject to arrest if they didn't disassemble.

Police said the interstate reopened early Sunday morning.

The protest, which started with a march from the governor's mansion around 8 p.m., was among several demonstrations nationwide following the deaths of Castile and 37-year-old Alton Sterling in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Sterling, who was also black, was shot after a scuffle with officers outside a convenience store.

The night after Castile was killed, five police officers were fatally shot and others were wounded during protests in Dallas. Authorities identified the Dallas shooter as an Army veteran who was later killed by police.

Sterling's and Castile's families denounced the attack on the Dallas officers.

Police agencies on edge, on guard amid heightened threats

GREG SCHREIER, Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Police agencies across the U.S. are on edge and on guard after receiving threats and calls for violence against them on social media in the aftermath of the killings of two black men and the sniper attack that left five officers dead in Dallas. Some departments ordered officers to pair up or more generally said they were heightening security.

Authorities have said the Dallas gunman, who also wounded seven other officers and two civilians, wanted to "exterminate" whites in the aftermath of the killings of Philando Castile in Minnesota and Alton Sterling in Louisiana. And a man who killed one person and wounded three others — including an officer — in Tennessee apparently told investigators he was motivated by the recent killings of black men by police.

Since then, threats ranging from generic promises of violence to specific video postings have been made, only heightening fears of further attacks. In Dallas, authorities received an anonymous threat Saturday, prompting police to tighten up security. Officers swarmed the department's headquarters, searching for a reported suspicious person in a garage before finally issuing an all-clear.

While some threats have been unspecific and not credible, other promises of violence have been more targeted. In Louisiana, a man was accused of posting a video online showing him in his vehicle behind a police car, saying he wanted to shoot and kill an officer. Police say Kemonte Gilmore flashes a handgun in the video and talks about the slayings of Castile and Sterling.

Police also say a Wisconsin man posted calls on social media for black men to gun down white officers, and a woman in Illinois is accused of threatening in an online video to shoot and kill any officer who pulled her over.

In Mississippi, Waveland Police Chief David Allen told The Sun Herald newspaper threats had come via phone and social media and involved possible gunfire attacks over the weekend. Extra police were to be on duty.

Mawuli Davis, an African-American attorney and activist in Atlanta, said what's happening is a continuation of events in recent years because there has been no serious dialogue over issues of race and police encounters with black people.

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Davis and his associates insist on peaceful protests as a means to an end, and indeed, most protests across the U.S. have gone on without a hint of violence. But until that serious discussion happens, he said he fears "we're going to continue to see this kind of tragic incident" like the Dallas attack.

"From an activist perspective, you're seeing a level of frustration and anger that very well may be at a tipping point," he said.

Tensions between police and African-Americans have been on the rise in recent years amid the high-profile deaths of several black men at the hands of law enforcement. The deaths have fomented unrest from Ferguson, Missouri, to Baltimore and heightened calls for greater accountability of police, particularly in the urban, majority-black neighborhoods they patrol.

While race has not necessarily been a factor in every case, the deaths have become a rallying cry for groups such as Black Lives Matter who are calling for solutions to problems that plague African-American communities, from poor educational opportunities to joblessness to high incarceration rates.

Organizations that monitor hate groups condemned the Dallas attack, with the Southern Poverty Law Center calling it "an act of domestic terrorism." The gunman, Micah Johnson, followed black militant groups on social media.

Ryan Lenz, online editor and senior writer at the SPLC, told The Associated Press that the number of black separatist groups nearly doubled in 2015, mirroring a similar increase among white hate groups that has come against the backdrop of police killings that make frequent headlines.

While some committing violence may be influenced by hate groups, many who become radicalized do so without direct ties to the groups. Instead, they surf the web and allow their anger to grow in private at home, Lenz said.

"In the last couple of years we've seen this violence become an ever-present reality in our lives," Lenz said. "We are in a polarized political climate right now where the 'us-versus-them' mentality has started to reign supreme."

Prominent Cambodian political analyst shot dead

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — Police in Cambodia say a dispute over money led to the shooting death of a prominent political analyst at a shopping mall in the capital Phnom Penh.

National police spokesman Gen. Kirth Chantharith says Kem Lay was shot dead Sunday morning and his attacker arrested shortly after. He says the suspect claimed to have carried out the shooting because Kem Lay allegedly failed to pay him back for a loan.

The killing comes at a time of political tension that began last year with the pressure on the opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party by the government of Prime Minister Hun Sen.

Kem Lay was often critical of the government in comments made on popular radio stations and in the few independent Cambodian newspapers.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Sunday, July 10, the 192nd day of 2016. There are 174 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 10, 1962, AT&T's Telstar 1 communications satellite, capable of relaying television signals and telephone calls, was launched by NASA from Cape Canaveral.

On this date:

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In 1509, theologian John Calvin, a key figure of the Protestant Reformation, was born in Noyon, Picardy, France.

In 1890, Wyoming became the 44th state.

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson personally delivered the Treaty of Versailles (vehr-SY') to the Senate and urged its ratification. (However, the Senate rejected it.)

In 1925, jury selection took place in Dayton, Tennessee, in the trial of John T. Scopes, charged with violating the law by teaching Darwin's Theory of Evolution. (Scopes was convicted and fined, but the verdict was overturned on a technicality.)

In 1929, American paper currency was reduced in size as the government began issuing bills that were approximately 25 percent smaller.

In 1940, during World War II, the Battle of Britain began as the Luftwaffe started attacking southern England. (The Royal Air Force was ultimately victorious.)

In 1943, during World War II, U.S. and British forces invaded Sicily.

In 1951, armistice talks aimed at ending the Korean War began at Kaesong.

In 1973, the Bahamas became fully independent after three centuries of British colonial rule. John Paul Getty III, the teenage grandson of the oil tycoon, was abducted in Rome by kidnappers who cut off his ear when his family was slow to meet their ransom demands; young Getty was released in December 1973 for nearly \$3 million.

In 1985, the Greenpeace protest ship Rainbow Warrior was sunk with explosives in Auckland, New Zealand, by French intelligence agents; one activist was killed. Bowing to pressure from irate customers, the Coca-Cola Co. said it would resume selling old-formula Coke, while continuing to sell New Coke.

In 1991, Boris N. Yeltsin took the oath of office as the first elected president of the Russian republic. President George H.W. Bush lifted economic sanctions against South Africa.

In 1999, the United States women's soccer team won the World Cup, beating China 5-4 on penalty kicks after 120 minutes of scoreless play at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California.

Ten years ago: A Manhattan town house was leveled by an explosion; authorities say a suicidal doctor set off the blast to avoid selling the \$4 million mansion in a divorce settlement. (The doctor, Nicholas Bartha, died five days later.) A section of ceiling in Boston's Big Dig tunnel collapsed, killing a car passenger. A Pakistani passenger plane crashed, killing all 45 people on board. Chechen rebel leader Shamil Basayev (shah-MEEL' buh-SY'-ehv) was killed when a dynamite-laden truck in his convoy exploded.

Five years ago: The space shuttle Atlantis docked with the International Space Station, the final such hookup in orbit. An overloaded cruise vessel sank in Russia's Volga River, killing 122 people. Some 70 people were killed when a train derailed in northern India. Britain's best-selling Sunday tabloid the News of the World, brought down by a phone-hacking scandal, signed off with a simple front page message: "THANK YOU & GOODBYE." Acclaimed French choreographer Roland Petit, 87, died in Geneva.

One year ago: Katherine Archuleta, the embattled head of the government's Office of Personnel Management, abruptly stepped down, bowing to mounting pressure following the unprecedented breach of private information her agency was entrusted to protect. To the cheers of thousands, South Carolina pulled the Confederate flag from its place of honor at the Statehouse after more than 50 years. Actor Omar Sharif, 83, died in Cairo. Actor Roger Rees, 71, died in New York. Opera singer Jon Vickers, 88, died in Ontario, Canada.

Today's Birthdays: Former boxer Jake LaMotta is 95. Former New York City Mayor David N. Dinkins is 89. Actor William Smithers is 89. Broadway composer Jerry Herman is 85. Director Ivan Passer is 83. Actor Lawrence Pressman is 77. Singer Mavis Staples is 77. Actor Mills Watson is 76. Actor Robert Pine is 75. Rock musician Jerry Miller (Moby Grape) is 73. International Tennis Hall of Famer Virginia Wade

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is 71. Actor Ron Glass is 71. Actress Sue Lyon is 70. Folk singer Arlo Guthrie is 69. Rock musician Dave Smalley is 67. Country-folk singer-songwriter Cheryl Wheeler is 65. Rock singer Neil Tennant (Pet Shop Boys) is 62. Banjo player Bela Fleck is 58. Country musician Shaw Wilson (BR549) is 56. Actor Alec Mapa is 51. Country singer-songwriter Ken Mellons is 51. Rock musician Peter DiStefano (Porno for Pyros) is 51. Actor Gale Harold is 47. Country singer Gary LeVox (leh-VOH') (Rascal Flatts) is 46. Actor Aaron D. Spears is 45. Actress Sofia Vergara is 44. Rockabilly singer Imelda May is 42. Actor Adrian Grenier (grehn-YAY') is 40. Actor Chiwetel Ejiofor (CHOO'-ih-tehl EHJ'-ee-oh-for) is 39. Actress Gwendoline Yeo is 39. Actor Thomas Ian Nicholas is 36. Singer-actress Jessica Simpson is 36. Rock musician John Spiker is 35. Actress Heather Hemmens is 32. Rapper/singer Angel Haze is 25. Pop singer Perrie Edwards (Little Mix) is 23.

Thought for Today: "One must choose in life between boredom and suffering." — Germaine de Stael, French author (1766-1817).